

# **Programming Guide**

## **(With Remote Operation and File Downloads)**

### **Agilent Technologies**

### **Signal Generators**

This guide applies to the following signal generator models:

**N5181A/82A MXG RF Signal Generators**

**N5183A MXG Microwave Analog Signal Generator**

**E4428C/38C ESG RF Signal Generators**

**E8663B RF Analog Signal Generator**

**E8257D/67D PSG Microwave Signal Generators**

Due to our continuing efforts to improve our products through firmware and hardware revisions, signal generator design and operation may vary from descriptions in this guide. We recommend that you use the latest revision of this guide to ensure you have up-to-date product information. Compare the print date of this guide (see bottom of page) with the latest revision, which can be downloaded from the following websites:

*<http://www.agilent.com/find/mxg>*

*<http://www.agilent.com/find/esg>*

*<http://www.agilent.com/find/psg>*

*<http://www.agilent.com/find/e8663b>*



**Agilent Technologies**

**Manufacturing Part Number: E8663-90005**

**Printed in USA**

**December 2007**

© Copyright 2006, 2007 Agilent Technologies, Inc.

---

## **Notice**

The material contained in this document is provided "as is", and is subject to being changed, without notice, in future editions.

Further, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, Agilent disclaims all warranties, either express or implied with regard to this manual and to any of the Agilent products to which it pertains, including but not limited to the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Agilent shall not be liable for errors or for incidental or consequential damages in connection with the furnishing, use, or performance of this document or any of the Agilent products to which it pertains. Should Agilent have a written contract with the User and should any of the contract terms conflict with these terms, the contract terms shall control.

### **Trademarks**

Throughout this book, trademarked names are used. Rather than put a trademark symbol in every occurrence of a trademarked name, we state that we are using the names in an editorial fashion only and to the benefit of the trademark owner with no intention of infringement of the trademark.

**1 Getting Started with Remote Operation**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Programming and Software/Hardware Layers. . . . .                           | 2  |
| Interfaces . . . . .  | 3  |
| IO Libraries and Programming Languages. . . . .                             | 5  |
| Agilent IO Libraries Suite . . . . .  | 5  |
| Windows NT and Agilent IO Libraries M (and Earlier) . . . . .               | 6  |
| Selecting IO Libraries for GPIB. . . . .                                    | 7  |
| Selecting IO Libraries for LAN . . . . .                                    | 8  |
| Programming Languages. . . . .  | 9  |
| Using the Web Browser. . . . .  | 10 |
| Enabling the Signal Generator Web Server . . . . .                          | 11 |
| Preferences . . . . .   | 16 |
| Configuring the Display for Remote Command Setups (Agilent MXG). . . . .    | 17 |
| Configuring the Display for Remote Command Setups (ESG/PSG/E8663B). . . . . | 17 |
| Getting Help (Agilent MXG) . . . . .  | 18 |
| Getting Help (ESG/PSG/E8663B) . . . . .                                     | 18 |
| Setting the Help Mode (ESG/PSG/E8663B) . . . . .                            | 18 |
| Error Messages . . . . .  | 19 |
| Error Message File . . . . .  | 19 |
| Error Message Types. . . . .  | 20 |

**2 Using IO Interfaces**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Using GPIB . . . . .                              | 22 |
| Installing the GPIB Interface . . . . .           | 22 |
| Set Up the GPIB Interface . . . . .               | 24 |
| Verify GPIB Functionality. . . . .                | 25 |
| GPIB Interface Terms . . . . .                    | 25 |
| GPIB Programming Interface Examples . . . . .     | 26 |
| Before Using the GPIB Examples. . . . .           | 26 |
| Interface Check using HP Basic and GPIB. . . . .  | 26 |
| Interface Check Using NI-488.2 and C++. . . . .   | 26 |
| Using LAN . . . . .                               | 28 |
| Setting Up the LAN Interface . . . . .            | 29 |
| Setting up Private LAN . . . . .                  | 34 |
| Verifying LAN Functionality . . . . .             | 34 |
| Using VXI-11 . . . . .                            | 37 |
| Using Sockets LAN . . . . .                       | 39 |
| Using Telnet LAN . . . . .                        | 39 |
| Using FTP . . . . .                               | 43 |
| Using RS-232 (ESG, PSG, and E8663B Only). . . . . | 45 |

---

# Contents

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Selecting IO Libraries for RS-232 . . . . .     | 45 |
| Setting Up the RS-232 Interface . . . . .       | 46 |
| Verifying RS-232 Functionality . . . . .        | 48 |
| Character Format Parameters . . . . .           | 49 |
| If You Have Problems . . . . .                  | 49 |
| RS-232 Programming Interface Examples . . . . . | 50 |
| Before Using the Examples . . . . .             | 50 |
| Interface Check Using HP BASIC . . . . .        | 50 |
| Interface Check Using VISA and C . . . . .      | 51 |
| Queries Using HP Basic and RS-232 . . . . .     | 51 |
| Queries for RS-232 Using VISA and C . . . . .   | 52 |
| Using USB (Agilent MXG) . . . . .               | 53 |
| Selecting I/O Libraries for USB . . . . .       | 54 |
| Setting Up the USB Interface . . . . .          | 55 |

## 3 Programming Examples

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Using the Programming Interface Examples . . . . .                               | 58 |
| Programming Examples Development Environment . . . . .                           | 58 |
| Running C++ Programs . . . . .   | 59 |
| Running C# Examples . . . . .  | 60 |
| Running Basic Examples . . . . .   | 60 |
| Running Java Examples . . . . .  | 61 |
| Running MATLAB Examples . . . . .  | 61 |
| Running Perl Examples . . . . .  | 61 |
| Using GPIB . . . . .   | 62 |
| Installing the GPIB Interface Card . . . . .                                     | 62 |
| GPIB Programming Interface Examples . . . . .                                    | 62 |
| Before Using the GPIB Examples . . . . .   | 62 |
| GPIB Function Statements (Command Messages) . . . . .                            | 63 |
| Interface Check using HP Basic and GPIB . . . . .                                | 66 |
| Interface Check Using NI-488.2 and C++ . . . . .                                 | 67 |
| Interface Check for GPIB Using VISA and C . . . . .                              | 68 |
| Local Lockout Using HP Basic and GPIB . . . . .                                  | 69 |
| Local Lockout Using NI-488.2 and C++ . . . . .                                   | 71 |
| Queries Using HP Basic and GPIB . . . . .  | 72 |
| Queries Using NI-488.2 and Visual C++ . . . . .                                  | 73 |
| Queries for GPIB Using VISA and C . . . . .                                      | 75 |
| Generating a CW Signal Using VISA and C . . . . .                                | 77 |
| Generating an Externally Applied AC-Coupled FM Signal Using VISA and C . . . . . | 79 |
| Generating an Internal FM Signal Using VISA and C . . . . .                      | 81 |
| Generating a Step-Swept Signal Using VISA and C++ . . . . .                      | 83 |

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Generating a Swept Signal Using VISA and Visual C++ . . . . .            | 84  |
| Saving and Recalling States Using VISA and C. . . . .                    | 88  |
| Reading the Data Questionable Status Register Using VISA and C . . . . . | 90  |
| Reading the Service Request Interrupt (SRQ) Using VISA and C . . . . .   | 94  |
| Using 8757D Pass-Thru Commands (PSG with Option 007 Only). . . . .       | 98  |
| LAN Programming Interface Examples . . . . .                             | 101 |
| VXI-11 Programming. . . . .  | 101 |
| VXI-11 Programming Using SICL and C++. . . . .                           | 102 |
| VXI-11 Programming Using VISA and C++. . . . .                           | 103 |
| Sockets LAN Programming and C . . . . .                                  | 105 |
| Queries for Lan Using Sockets . . . . .                                  | 107 |
| Sockets LAN Programming Using Java . . . . .                             | 128 |
| Sockets LAN Programming Using PERL . . . . .                             | 130 |
| RS-232 Programming Interface Examples (ESG/PSG/E8663B Only) . . . . .    | 131 |
| Before Using the Examples. . . . .                                       | 131 |
| Interface Check Using HP BASIC . . . . .                                 | 131 |
| Interface Check Using VISA and C . . . . .                               | 132 |
| Queries Using HP Basic and RS-232 . . . . .                              | 134 |
| Queries for RS-232 Using VISA and C . . . . .                            | 135 |

#### **4 Programming the Status Register System**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Overview . . . . .                                 | 138 |
| Overall Status Byte Register Systems . . . . .     | 139 |
| Status Register Bit Values . . . . .               | 148 |
| Example: Enable a Register . . . . .               | 148 |
| Example: Query a Register . . . . .                | 148 |
| Accessing Status Register Information . . . . .    | 149 |
| Determining What to Monitor . . . . .              | 149 |
| Deciding How to Monitor. . . . .                   | 149 |
| Status Register SCPI Commands . . . . .            | 151 |
| Status Byte Group . . . . .                        | 154 |
| Status Byte Register . . . . .                     | 155 |
| Service Request Enable Register . . . . .          | 155 |
| Status Groups . . . . .                            | 156 |
| Standard Event Status Group . . . . .              | 157 |
| Standard Operation Status Group . . . . .          | 159 |
| Baseband Operation Status Group . . . . .          | 162 |
| Data Questionable Status Group . . . . .           | 165 |
| Data Questionable Power Status Group. . . . .      | 168 |
| Data Questionable Frequency Status Group . . . . . | 171 |

---

# Contents

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Data Questionable Modulation Status Group . . . . .                            | 174 |
| Data Questionable Calibration Status Group . . . . .                           | 177 |
| Data Questionable BERT Status Group. . . . .                                   | 180 |
| <b>5 Creating and Downloading Waveform Files</b>                               |     |
| Overview of Downloading and Extracting Waveform Files . . . . .                | 184 |
| Waveform Data Requirements. . . . .  | 185 |
| Understanding Waveform Data . . . . .  | 185 |
| Bits and Bytes. . . . .  | 185 |
| LSB and MSB (Bit Order) . . . . .  | 186 |
| Little Endian and Big Endian (Byte Order). . . . .                             | 186 |
| Byte Swapping . . . . .  | 188 |
| DAC Input Values. . . . .  | 188 |
| 2's Complement Data Format. . . . .  | 191 |
| I and Q Interleaving. . . . .  | 191 |
| Waveform Structure . . . . .   | 193 |
| File Header. . . . .   | 193 |
| Marker File. . . . .   | 193 |
| I/Q File . . . . .   | 194 |
| Waveform . . . . .   | 195 |
| Waveform Phase Continuity . . . . .  | 195 |
| Phase Discontinuity, Distortion, and Spectral Regrowth. . . . .                | 195 |
| Avoiding Phase Discontinuities . . . . .                                       | 196 |
| Waveform Memory . . . . .  | 198 |
| Memory Allocation . . . . .  | 200 |
| Memory Size . . . . .  | 202 |
| Commands for Downloading and Extracting Waveform Data. . . . .                 | 204 |
| Waveform Data Encryption . . . . .   | 204 |
| File Transfer Methods. . . . .   | 205 |
| SCPI Command Line Structure . . . . .  | 205 |
| Commands and File Paths for Downloading and Extracting Waveform Data . . . . . | 206 |
| FTP Procedures . . . . .   | 210 |
| Creating Waveform Data . . . . .   | 212 |
| Code Algorithm . . . . .   | 213 |
| Downloading Waveform Data . . . . .  | 218 |
| Using Simulation Software. . . . .   | 219 |
| Using Advanced Programming Languages . . . . .                                 | 221 |
| Loading, Playing, and Verifying a Downloaded Waveform. . . . .                 | 224 |
| Loading a File from Non-Volatile Memory. . . . .                               | 224 |
| Playing the Waveform . . . . .   | 225 |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Verifying the Waveform . . . . .                                      | 226 |
| Building and Playing Waveform Sequences . . . . .                     | 226 |
| Using the Download Utilities . . . . .                                | 227 |
| Downloading E443xB Signal Generator Files . . . . .                   | 228 |
| E443xB Data Format. . . . .   | 228 |
| Storage Locations for E443xB ARB files . . . . .                      | 229 |
| SCPI Commands. . . . .  | 231 |
| Programming Examples . . . . .  | 231 |
| C++ Programming Examples . . . . .                                    | 232 |
| MATLAB Programming Examples. . . . .                                  | 255 |
| Visual Basic Programming Examples . . . . .                           | 262 |
| HP Basic Programming Examples . . . . .                               | 267 |
| Troubleshooting Waveform Files . . . . .                              | 276 |
| Configuring the Pulse/RF Blank (Agilent MXG) . . . . .                | 277 |
| Configuring the Pulse/RF Blank (ESG/PSG) . . . . .                    | 277 |
| <b>6 Creating and Downloading User-Data Files</b>                     |     |
| Overview . . . . .  | 280 |
| Signal Generator Memory . . . . .                                     | 281 |
| Memory Allocation . . . . .   | 283 |
| Memory Size . . . . .   | 284 |
| Checking Available Memory . . . . .                                   | 285 |
| User File Data (Bit/Binary) Downloads (E4438C and E8267D) . . . . .   | 286 |
| User File Bit Order (LSB and MSB). . . . .                            | 288 |
| Bit File Type Data . . . . .  | 288 |
| Binary File Type Data. . . . .  | 291 |
| User File Size . . . . .  | 292 |
| Determining Memory Usage for Custom and TDMA User File Data . . . . . | 293 |
| Downloading User Files . . . . .                                      | 296 |
| Command for Bit File Downloads . . . . .                              | 299 |
| Commands for Binary File Downloads . . . . .                          | 300 |
| Selecting a Downloaded User File as the Data Source. . . . .          | 301 |
| Modulating and Activating the Carrier . . . . .                       | 302 |
| Modifying User File Data . . . . .                                    | 302 |
| Understanding Framed Transmission For Real-Time TDMA . . . . .        | 304 |
| Real-Time Custom High Data Rates . . . . .                            | 307 |
| Pattern RAM (PRAM) Data Downloads (E4438C and E8267D) . . . . .       | 309 |
| Understanding PRAM Files. . . . .                                     | 310 |
| PRAM File Size . . . . .  | 313 |
| SCPI Command for a List Format Download . . . . .                     | 314 |

---

## Contents

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| SCPI Command for a Block Data Download . . . . .                                      | 315        |
| >Selecting a Downloaded PRAM File as the Data Source. . . . .                         | 318        |
| Modulating and Activating the Carrier . . . . .                                       | 319        |
| Storing a PRAM File to Non-Volatile Memory and Restoring to Volatile Memory . . . . . | 319        |
| Extracting a PRAM File. . . . .   | 319        |
| Modifying PRAM Files. . . . .   | 321        |
| <b>FIR Filter Coefficient Downloads (N5182A, E4438C and E8267D) . . . . .</b>         | <b>322</b> |
| Data Requirements . . . . .   | 322        |
| Data Limitations . . . . .  | 322        |
| Downloading FIR Filter Coefficient Data . . . . .                                     | 323        |
| Selecting a Downloaded User FIR Filter as the Active Filter . . . . .                 | 323        |
| Save and Recall Instrument State Files . . . . .                                      | 325        |
| Save and Recall SCPI Commands . . . . .   | 325        |
| Save and Recall Programming Example Using VISA and C#. . . . .                        | 326        |
| User Flatness Correction Downloads Using C++ and VISA . . . . .                       | 336        |
| Data Transfer Troubleshooting (N5182A, E4438C and E8267D Only) . . . . .              | 340        |
| User File Download Problems. . . . .  | 340        |
| PRAM Download Problems. . . . .   | 341        |
| User FIR Filter Coefficient File Download Problems . . . . .                          | 343        |

# Documentation Overview

## Installation Guide

- Safety Information
- Receiving the Instrument
- Environmental & Electrical Requirements
- Basic Setup
- Accessories
- Operation Verification
- Regulatory Information

## User's Guide

- Instrument Overview
- Front Panel Operation
- Security
- Basic Troubleshooting

## Programming Guide

- Remote Operation
- Status Registers
- Creating & Downloading Files

## SCPI Reference

- SCPI Basics
- Command Descriptions
- Programming Command Compatibility

## Service Guide

- Troubleshooting
- Replaceable Parts
- Assembly Replacement
- Post-Repair Procedures and Performance Verification
- Safety and Regulatory Information

## Key Help<sup>a</sup>

- Key function description
- Related SCPI commands

a. Press the **Help** hardkey, and then the key for which you wish help.



---

# 1 Getting Started with Remote Operation

- “Programming and Software/Hardware Layers” on page 2
- “Interfaces” on page 3
- “IO Libraries and Programming Languages” on page 5
- “Using the Web Browser” on page 10
- “Preferences” on page 16
- “Error Messages” on page 19

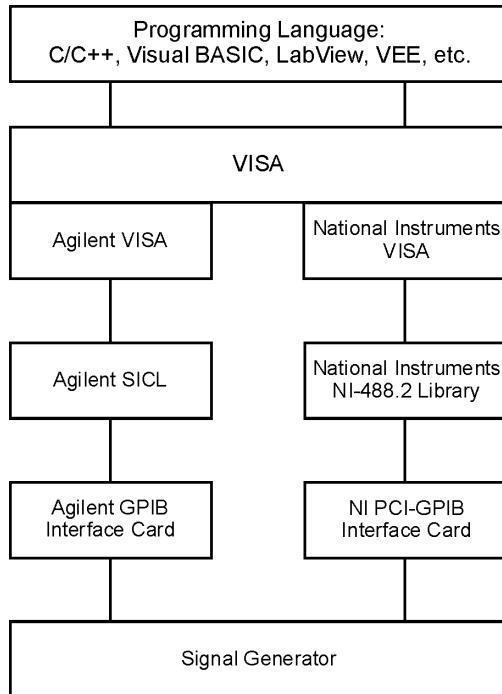
## Programming and Software/Hardware Layers

Agilent MXG, ESG, PSG, and E8663B signal generators support the following interfaces:

| Instrument                  | Interfaces Supported                                  |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Agilent MXG                 | GPIB, LAN, and USB 2.0                                |
| Agilent E8663B <sup>a</sup> | GPIB, LAN, and ANSI/EIA232 (RS-232) serial connection |
| Agilent ESG                 | GPIB, LAN, and ANSI/EIA232 (RS-232) serial connection |
| Agilent PSG <sup>a</sup>    | GPIB, LAN, and ANSI/EIA232 (RS-232) serial connection |

a. The PSG and E8663B's **AUXILIARY INTERFACE** connector is compatible with ANSI/EIA232 (RS-232) serial connection but GPIB and LAN are recommended for making faster measurements and when downloading files. Refer to "[Using RS-232 \(ESG, PSG, and E8663B Only\)](#)" on page 45 and the *User's Guide*.

Use these interfaces, in combination with IO libraries and programming languages, to remotely control a signal generator. [Figure 1-1](#) uses GPIB as an example of the relationships between the interface, IO libraries, programming language, and signal generator.

**Figure 1-1 Software/Hardware Layers**

## Interfaces

### GPIB

GPIB is used extensively when a dedicated computer is available for remote control of each instrument or system. Data transfer is fast because GPIB handles information in bytes with data transfer rates of up to 8 MBps. GPIB is physically restricted by the location and distance between the instrument/system and the computer; cables are limited to an average length of two meters per device with a total length of 20 meters.

For more information on configuring the signal generator to communicate over the GPIB, refer to [“Using GPIB” on page 22](#).

## LAN

Data transfer using the LAN is fast as the LAN handles packets of data. The single cable distance between a computer and the signal generator is limited to 100 meters (100Base-T and 10Base-T).

The Agilent MXG is capable of 100Base-T LAN communication. The ESG, PSG and E8663B are designed to connect with a 10Base-T LAN. Where auto-negotiation is present, the ESG, PSG, and E8663B can connect to a 100Base-T LAN, but communicate at 10Base-T speeds. For more information on LAN communication refer to <http://www.ieee.org>.

The following protocols can be used to communicate with the signal generator over the LAN:

- VXI-11 (recommended)
- Sockets
- TELNET
- FTP

The Agilent MXG is LXI Class C compliant. For more information on the LXI standards, refer to <http://www.lxistandard.org/home>.

For more information on configuring the signal generator to communicate over the LAN, refer to “[Using LAN](#)” on page 28.

## RS-232<sup>a</sup> (ESG/PSG/E8663B Only)

RS-232 is an older method used to communicate with a single instrument; its primary use is to control printers and external disk drives, and connect to a modem.

Communication over RS-232 is much slower than with GPIB, USB, or LAN because data is sent and received one bit at a time. It also requires that certain parameters, such as baud rate, be matched on both the computer and signal generator.

For more information on configuring the signal generator to communicate over the RS-232, refer to “[Using RS-232 \(ESG, PSG, and E8663B Only\)](#)” on page 45.

## USB (Agilent MXG Only)

- The rear panel Mini-B 5 pin connector is a device USB and can be used to connect a controller for remote operation.
- The Type-A front panel connector is a host USB and can be used to connect a mouse, a keyboard, or a USB 1.1/2.0 flash drive.

USB 2.0's 64 MBps communication speed is faster than GPIB (for data transfers, >1 KB) or RS-232. (For additional information, refer to the Agilent SICL or VISA User's Guide.) But, the latency for small transfers is longer.

For more information on connecting the signal generator to the USB, refer to the “[Agilent IO Libraries Suite](#)” on page 5 and the Agilent Connection Expert in the Agilent IO Libraries Help.

For more information on configuring the signal generator to communicate over the USB, refer to “[Using USB \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on page 53.

a. The ESG, PSG, and E8663B's **AUXILIARY INTERFACE** connector is compatible with ANSI/EIA232 (RS-232) serial connection but GPIB and LAN are recommended for making faster measurements and when downloading files. Refer to “[Using RS-232 \(ESG, PSG, and E8663B Only\)](#)” on page 45 and the *User's Guide*.

## 10 Libraries and Programming Languages

The IO libraries is a collection of functions used by a programming language to send instrument commands and receive instrument data. Before you can communicate and control the signal generator, you must have an IO library installed on your computer. The Agilent IO libraries are included on an Automation-Ready CD with your signal generator and Agilent GPIB interface board, or they can be downloaded from the Agilent website: <http://www.agilent.com>.

---

**NOTE** To learn about using IO libraries with Windows XP or newer operating systems, refer to the Agilent IO Libraries Suite's help located on the Automation-Ready CD that ships with your signal generator. Other sources of this information, can be found with the Agilent GPIB interface board's CD, or downloaded from the Agilent website: <http://www.agilent.com>.

To better understand setting up Windows XP operating systems and newer, using PC LAN port settings, refer to [Chapter 2](#).

---

### Agilent IO Libraries Suite

The Agilent IO Libraries Suite replaces earlier versions of the Agilent IO Libraries. Agilent IO Libraries Suite does not support Windows NT. If you are using the Windows NT platform, you must use Agilent IO Libraries version M or earlier.

Windows 98 and Windows ME are not supported in the Agilent IO Libraries Suite version 14.1 and higher.

---

**CAUTION** The Agilent MXG's USB interface requires Agilent IO Libraries Suite 14.1 or newer. For more information on connecting instruments to the USB, refer to the Agilent Connection Expert in the Agilent IO Libraries Help.

---

---

**NOTE** The signal generator ships with an Automation-Ready CD that contains the Agilent IO Libraries Suite 14.0 for users who use Windows 98 and Windows ME. These older systems are no longer supported.

---

Once the libraries are loaded, you can use the Agilent Connection Expert, Interactive IO, or VISA Assistant to configure and communicate with the signal generator over different IO interfaces. Follow instructions in the setup wizard to install the libraries.

---

Windows NT and XP are registered trademarks of Microsoft Corporation.

**NOTE** Before setting the LAN interface, the signal generator must be configured for VXI-11 SCPI. Refer to “Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN (Agilent MXG)” on page 29 or “Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN (ESG/PSG/E8663B)” on page 30.

---

Refer to the Agilent IO Libraries Suite Help documentation for details about this software.

## Windows NT and Agilent IO Libraries M (and Earlier)

---

**NOTE** Windows NT is not supported on Agilent IO Libraries 14.0 and newer.

The following sections are specific to Agilent IO Libraries versions M and earlier and apply only to the Windows NT platform.

For additional information on older versions of Agilent IO libraries, refer to the Agilent Connection Expert in the Agilent IO Libraries Help. The Agilent IO libraries are included with your signal generator or Agilent GPIB interface board, or they can be downloaded from the Agilent website: <http://www.agilent.com>.

---

### Using IO Config for Computer-to-Instrument Communication with VISA (Automatic or Manually)

After installing the Agilent IO Libraries version M or earlier, you can configure the interfaces available on your computer by using the IO Config program. This program can setup the interfaces that you want to use to control the signal generator. The following steps set up the interfaces.

1. Install GPIB interface boards before running IO Config.
- 

**NOTE** You can also connect GPIB instruments using the Agilent 82357A USB/GPIB Interface Converter, which eliminates the need for a GPIB card. For more information, go to <http://www.agilent.com/find/gpib>.

---

2. Run the IO Config program. The program automatically identifies available interfaces.
  3. Click on the interface type you want to configure, such as GPIB, in the Available Interface Types text box.
  4. Click the **Configure** button. Set the Default Protocol to AUTO.
  5. Click **OK** to use the default settings.
  6. Click **OK** to exit the IO Config program.
- 

### VISA Assistant

VISA is an industry standard IO library API. It allows the user to send SCPI commands to instruments and to read instrument data in a variety of formats. You can use the VISA Assistant,

available with the Agilent IO Libraries versions M and earlier, to send commands to the signal generator. If the interface you want to use does not appear in the VISA Assistant then you must manually configure the interface. See the Manual VISA Configuration section below. Refer to the VISA Assistant Help menu and the Agilent VISA User's Manual (available on Agilent's website) for more information.

### VISA Configuration (Automatic)

1. Run the VISA Assistant program.
2. Click on the interface you want to use for sending commands to the signal generator.
3. Click the **Formatted I/O** tab.
4. Select **SCPI** in the **Instr. Lang.** section.

You can enter SCPI commands in the text box and send the command using the **viPrintf** button.

### VISA Configuration (Manual)

Perform the following steps to use IO Config and VISA to manually configure an interface.

1. Run the **IO Config** Program.
2. Click on **GPIB** in the **Available Interface Types** text box.
3. Click the **Configure** button. Set the **Default Protocol** to **AUTO** and then click **OK** to use the default settings.
4. Click on **GPIBO** in the **Configured Interfaces** text box.
5. Click **Edit...**.
6. Click the **Edit VISA Config...** button.
7. Click the **Add device** button.
8. Enter the GPIB address of the signal generator.
9. Click the **OK** button in this form and all other forms to exit the IO Config program.

### Selecting IO Libraries for GPIB

The IO libraries are included with the GPIB interface card, and can be downloaded from the National Instruments website or the Agilent website. See also, “[IO Libraries and Programming Languages](#)” on page 5 for information on IO libraries. The following is a discussion on these libraries.

---

**CAUTION** Because of the potential for portability problems, running Agilent SICL without the VISA overlay is *not* recommended by Agilent Technologies.

---

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| VISA     | VISA is an IO library used to develop IO applications and instrument drivers that comply with industry standards. It is recommended that the VISA library be used for programming the signal generator. The NI-VISA and Agilent VISA libraries are similar implementations of VISA and have the same commands, syntax, and functions. The differences are in the lower level IO libraries; NI-488.2 and SICL respectively. It is best to use the Agilent VISA library with the Agilent GPIB interface card or NI-VISA with the NI PCI-GPIB interface card. |
| SICL     | Agilent SICL can be used without the VISA overlay. The SICL functions can be called from a program. However, if this method is used, executable programs will not be portable to other hardware platforms. For example, a program using SICL functions will not run on a computer with NI libraries (PCI-GPIB interface card).   |
| NI-488.2 | NI-488.2 can be used without the VISA overlay. The NI-488.2 functions can be called from a program. However, if this method is used, executable programs will not be portable to other hardware platforms. For example, a program using NI-488.2 functions will not run on a computer with Agilent SICL (Agilent GPIB interface card).   |

## Selecting IO Libraries for LAN

The TELNET and FTP protocols do not require IO libraries to be installed on your computer. However, to write programs to control your signal generator, an IO library must be installed on your computer and the computer configured for instrument control using the LAN interface.

The Agilent IO libraries Suite is available on the Automation-Ready CD, which was shipped with your signal generator. The libraries can also be downloaded from the Agilent website. The following is a discussion on these libraries.

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Agilent VISA | VISA is an IO library used to develop IO applications and instrument drivers that comply with industry standards. Use the Agilent VISA library for programming the signal generator over the LAN interface. |
| SICL         | Agilent SICL is a lower level library that is installed along with Agilent VISA.  |

## Programming Languages

Along with Standard Commands for Programming Instructions (SCPI) and IO library functions, you use a programming language to remotely control the signal generator. Common programming languages include:

- C/C++
- C#
- MATLAB® (MATLAB is a registered trademark of The MathWorks.)
- HP Basic
- LabView
- Java (Java is a U.S. trademark of Sun Microsystems, Inc.)
- Visual Basic® (Visual Basic is a registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation.)
- PERL
- Agilent VEE

For examples, using some of these languages, refer to [Chapter 3](#).

## Using the Web Browser

The instrument can be accessed through a standard web browser, when it is connected to the LAN. To access through the web browser, enter the instrument IP address as the URL in your browser.

The signal generator web page, shown at right and [page 13](#), provides general information on the signal generator, FTP access to files stored on the signal generator, and a means to control the instrument using either a remote front-panel interface or SCPI commands. The web page also has links to Agilent's products, support, manuals, and website. For additional information on memory catalog access (file storing), and FTP, refer to the User's Guide and "[Waveform Memory](#)" on page 198 and for FTP, see "[Using FTP](#)" on page 43 and "[FTP Procedures](#)" on page 210.

The Web Server service is compatible with the Microsoft® Internet Explorer (6.0 and newer) web browser and operating systems Windows 2000, Windows XP, and newer. For more information on using the Web Server, refer to "[Enabling the Signal Generator Web Server](#)" on page 11.



The Agilent MXG is LXI Class C compliant. For more information on the LXI standards, refer to <http://www.lxistandard.org/home>.

To operate the signal generator, click the keys.



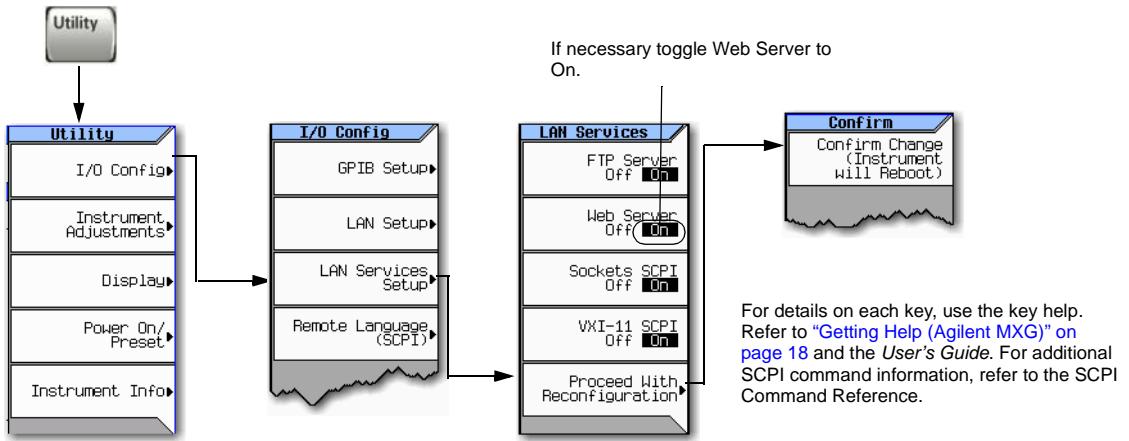
Note: If you do *not* see this window, check to see if the window is hidden behind your browser window or your web browser settings are set to block pop-ups. To use this feature, you need to set your web browser to allow pop-ups for your instrument's IP address.

## Enabling the Signal Generator Web Server

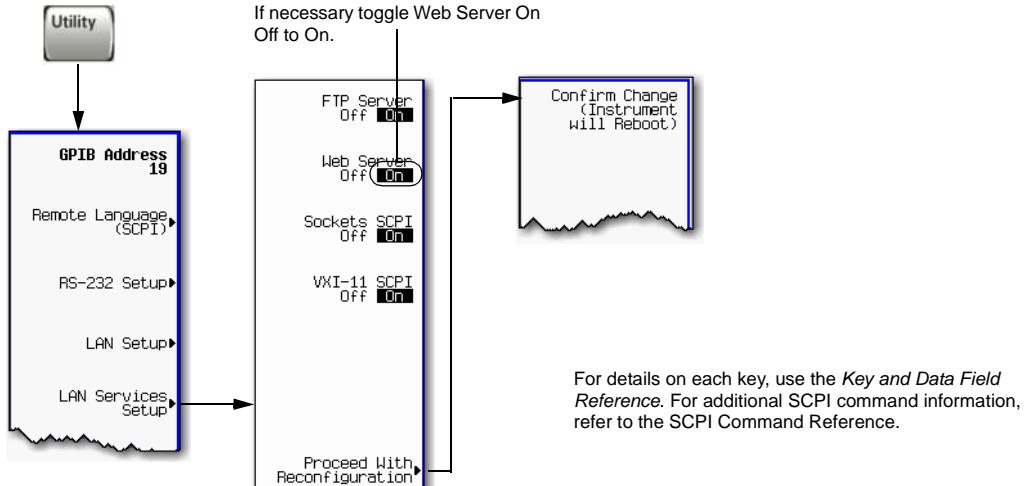
**NOTE** Javascript or Active Scripts must be enabled to use the web front panel controls.

1. Turn on the Web server as shown below.

### Agilent MXG Web Server On



### ESG/PSG/E8663B Web Server On



2. Launch the PC or workstation web browser.
3. In the web browser address field, enter the signal generator's IP address. For example, `http://101.101.101.101` (where `101.101.101.101` is the signal generator's IP address).  
The IP (internet protocol) address can change depending on the LAN configuration (see "[Using LAN](#)" on page 28).
4. On the computer's keyboard, press **Enter**. The web browser displays the signal generator's homepage.
5. Click the Signal Generator Web Control menu button on the left of the page. The front panel web page displays.

---

**NOTE** If you are experiencing problems with opening the signal generator's remote front panel web page, verify that the pop-up blocker is turned off on your web browser.

In some cases the Web-Enabled front panel may appear behind the main browser window, so you must move the browser window to see the Web-Enabled front panel.

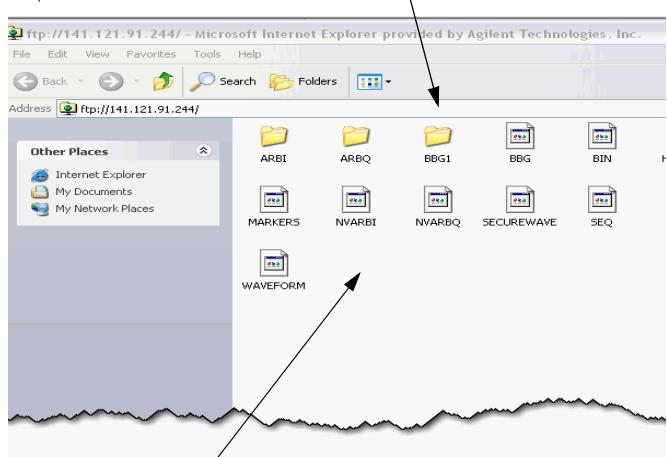
---

To control the signal generator, either click the front panel keys or enter SCPI commands.

FTP enables the transfer of files between the instrument and a computer. The FTP access button provides drag-and-drop file capability.



The FTP access softkey opens to show the folders containing the signal generator's memory catalog files.



Use the FTP window to drag and drop files from the FTP page to your computer.

## LAN Configuration System Defaults (Agilent MXG)

---

**NOTE** The instrument's LAN configuration system information can be found on the signal generator's homepage and on the signal generator. Refer to "Enabling the Signal Generator Web Server" on page 11 and to "Displaying the LAN Configuration Summary (Agilent MXG)" on page 15.

---

If the instrument has been restored to the factory defaults from the LAN Setup menu the signal generator will revert to the values displayed in Table 1-1 on page 14. Refer to "Displaying the LAN Configuration Summary (Agilent MXG)" on page 15.

To reset the instrument LXI password to "agilent" and the LAN settings to their factory default values, press the following key sequence on the signal generator:

Utility > I/O Config > LAN Setup > Advanced Settings > Restore LAN Settings to Default Values > Restore LAN Settings to Default Values

---

**NOTE** There are no SCPI commands associated with this LXI password factory reset.

---

For more information, refer to the signal generator's Web Server Interface Help.

**Table 1-1 LAN Configuration Summary Values**

| Parameter                                  | Default  |
|--|--|
| Signal Generator LAN Configuration Summary |  |
| Hostname:                                  | Agilent-<model number>-<last_5_chars_of_serial_number> |
| Config Type:                               | AUTO   |
| IP Address:                                | 127.0.0.1  |
| Connection Monitoring:                     | On   |
| Subnet:                                    | 255.255.255.0  |
| DNS Server Override:                       | Off  |
| Gateway:                                   | 0.0.0.0  |
| Dynamic DNS Naming:                        | On   |
| RFC NETBIOS Naming:                        | On   |
| DNS Server:                                | 0.0.0.0  |

**Table 1-1 LAN Configuration Summary Values**

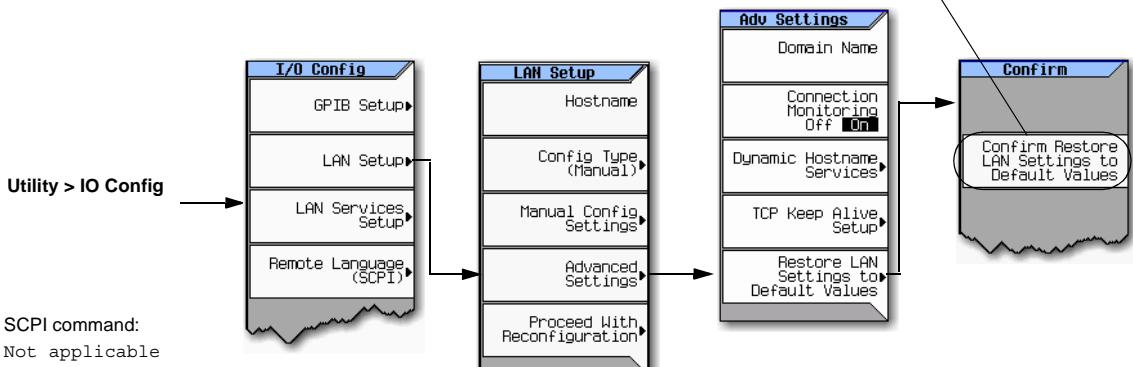
| Parameter                             | Default                                 |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| TCP Keep Alive:                       | On                                      |
| Domain Name: <sup>a</sup>             | <empty>                                 |
| TCP Keep Alive Timeout:               | 1800.0 sec                              |
| Signal Generator Web Server Interface |   |
| Description:                          | Agilent <model_number>(<serial_number>) |
| SICL Interface Name <sup>b</sup> :    | gpib0                                   |
| Web Password:                         | agilent                                 |

a. The Domain Name defaults to a null field.

b. This information is part of the "Advanced Information about this Web-Enabled <signal generator model number>"

### Displaying the LAN Configuration Summary (Agilent MXG)

Confirm Restore Settings to Factory Defaults: Confirming this action configures the signal generator to its original factory default settings. For information regarding those default settings, refer to [Table 1-1 on page 14](#).



For details on each key, use the key help (described in the *User's Guide*).

## Preferences

The following commonly-used manual command sections are included here:

[“Configuring the Display for Remote Command Setups \(Agilent MXG\)” on page 17](#)

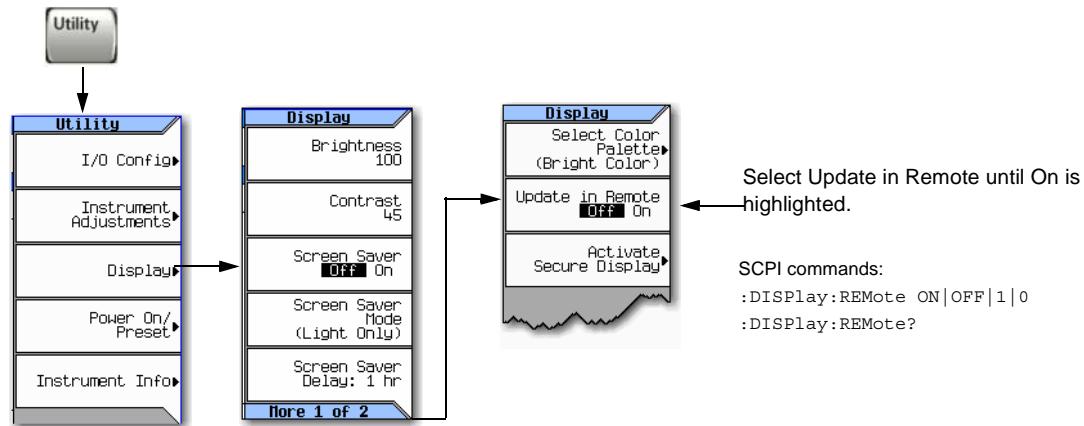
[“Configuring the Display for Remote Command Setups \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)” on page 17](#)

[“Getting Help \(Agilent MXG\)” on page 18](#)

[“Setting the Help Mode \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)” on page 18](#)

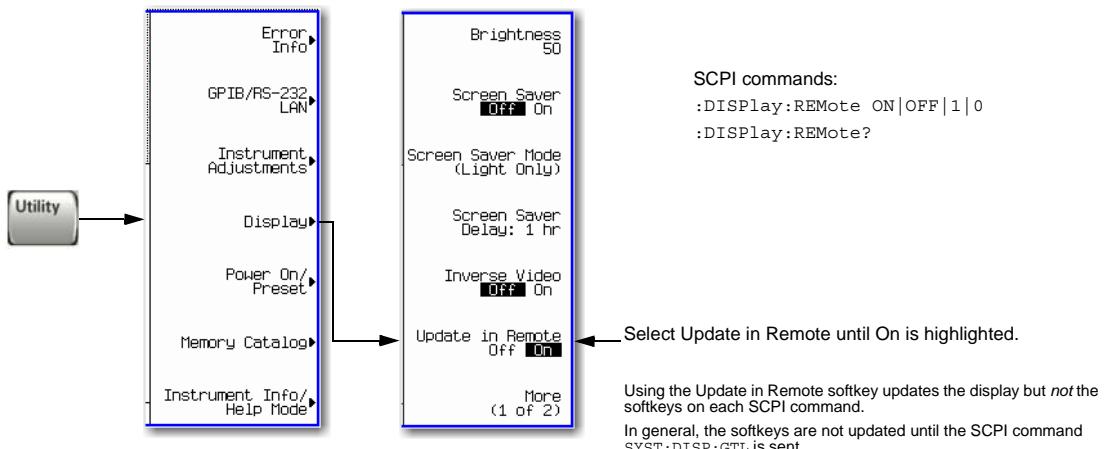
[“Setting the Help Mode \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)” on page 18](#)

## Configuring the Display for Remote Command Setups (Agilent MXG)



For details on each key, use the key help (described in *User's Guide*).

## Configuring the Display for Remote Command Setups (ESG/PSG/E8663B)



For details on each key, use the *Key and Data Field Reference*. For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

## Getting Help (Agilent MXG)

When you press **Help**:



Help displays for the next key you press. Use the cursor keys, Page Up, Page Down, and the RPG knob to scroll the help text. Then press Cancel to close the help window or press any other key to close the help window and execute that key.

For details on each key, use the key help (described in *User's Guide*).

## Getting Help (ESG/PSG/E8663B)

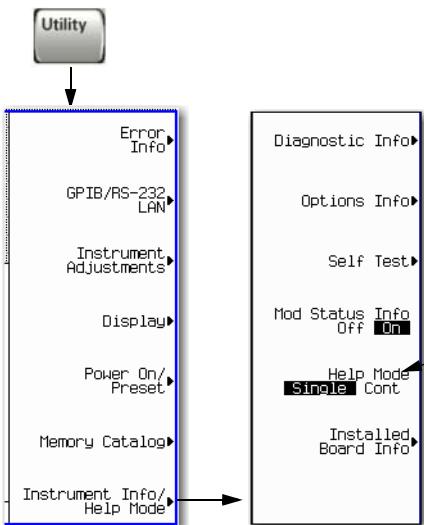
When you press **Help**:



Help displays for the next key you press or you see help for the next key or for every key, depending on the Help mode.

For details on each key, use the key help (described in *User's Guide*).

## Setting the Help Mode (ESG/PSG/E8663B)



SCPI commands:  
`:SYSTem:HELP:MODE SINGLE|CONTinuous`  
`:SYSTem:HELP:MODE?`

When you press **Help**:

**Single:** Help displays only for the next key you press.

**Cont:** Help displays for each key you press *and* that key's function activates.  
To turn off the function, press **Help**.

For details on each key, use the *Key and Data Field Reference*. For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

## Error Messages

If an error condition occurs in the signal generator, it is reported to both the SCPI (remote interface) error queue and the front panel display error queue. These two queues are viewed and managed separately; for information on the front panel display error queue, refer to the *User's Guide*.

---

**NOTE** For additional general information on troubleshooting problems with your connections, refer to the Help in the Agilent IO Libraries and documentation.

---

When accessing error messages using the SCPI (remote interface) error queue, the error numbers and the <error\_description> portions of the error query response are displayed on the host terminal.

| Characteristic                  | SCPI Remote Interface Error Queue  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Capacity (#errors)              | 30   |
| Overflow Handling               | Linear, first-in/first-out.<br>Replaces newest error with: -350, Queue overflow  |
| Viewing Entries <sup>a</sup>    | Use SCPI query SYSTem:ERRor[:NEXT] ?   |
| Clearing the Queue <sup>b</sup> | Power up<br>Send a *CLS command<br>Read last item in the queue   |
| Unresolved Errors <sup>c</sup>  | Re-reported after queue is cleared.  |
| No Errors                       | When the queue is empty (every error in the queue has been read, or the queue is cleared), the following message appears in the queue:<br>+0, "No error" |

- a.On the Agilent MXG, using this SCPI command to read out the error messages clears the display of the ERR annunciator and the error message at the bottom of the screen.
- b.On the Agilent MXG, executing the SCPI command \*CLS clears the display of the ERR annunciator and the error message at the bottom of the screen.
- c.Errors that still exist after clearing the error queue. For example, unlock.

## Error Message File

A complete list of error messages is provided in the file *errormessages.pdf*, on the CD-ROM supplied with your instrument. In the error message list, an explanation is generally included with each error to further clarify its meaning. The error messages are listed numerically. In cases where there are multiple listings for the same error number, the messages are in alphabetical order.

## Error Message Types

Events generate only one type of error. For example, an event that generates a query error will not generate a device-specific, execution, or command error.

**Query Errors (-499 to -400)** indicate that the instrument's output queue control has detected a problem with the message exchange protocol described in IEEE 488.2, Chapter 6. Errors in this class set the query error bit (bit 2) in the event status register (IEEE 488.2, section 11.5.1). These errors correspond to message exchange protocol errors described in IEEE 488.2, 6.5. In this case:

- Either an attempt is being made to read data from the output queue when no output is either present or pending, or
- data in the output queue has been lost.

**Device Specific Errors (-399 to -300, 201 to 703, and 800 to 810)** indicate that a device operation did not properly complete, possibly due to an abnormal hardware or firmware condition. These codes are also used for self-test response errors. Errors in this class set the device-specific error bit (bit 3) in the event status register (IEEE 488.2, section 11.5.1).

The <error\_message> string for a *positive* error is not defined by SCPI. A positive error indicates that the instrument detected an error within the GPIB system, within the instrument's firmware or hardware, during the transfer of block data, or during calibration.

**Execution Errors (-299 to -200)** indicate that an error has been detected by the instrument's execution control block. Errors in this class set the execution error bit (bit 4) in the event status register (IEEE 488.2, section 11.5.1). In this case:

- Either a <PROGRAM DATA> element following a header was evaluated by the device as outside of its legal input range or is otherwise inconsistent with the device's capabilities, or
- a valid program message could not be properly executed due to some device condition.

Execution errors are reported *after* rounding and expression evaluation operations are completed. Rounding a numeric data element, for example, is not reported as an execution error.

**Command Errors (-199 to -100)** indicate that the instrument's parser detected an IEEE 488.2 syntax error. Errors in this class set the command error bit (bit 5) in the event status register (IEEE 488.2, section 11.5.1). In this case:

- Either an IEEE 488.2 syntax error has been detected by the parser (a control-to-device message was received that is in violation of the IEEE 488.2 standard. Possible violations include a data element that violates device listening formats or whose type is unacceptable to the device.), or
- an unrecognized header was received. These include incorrect device-specific headers and incorrect or unimplemented IEEE 488.2 common commands.

---

## 2 Using IO Interfaces

Using the programming examples with GPIB, LAN, RS-232, and USB interfaces:

- “[Using GPIB](#)” on page 22
- “[Using LAN](#)” on page 28
- “[Using RS-232 \(ESG, PSG, and E8663B Only\)](#)” on page 45
- “[Using USB \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on page 53

## Using GPIB

GPIB enables instruments to be connected together and controlled by a computer. GPIB and its associated interface operations are defined in the ANSI/IEEE Standard 488.1-1987 and ANSI/IEEE Standard 488.2-1992. See the IEEE website, <http://www.ieee.org>, for details on these standards.

The following sections contain information for installing a GPIB interface card or NI-GPIB interface card for your PC or UNIX-based system.

- “[Installing the GPIB Interface](#)” on page 22
- “[Set Up the GPIB Interface](#)” on page 24
- “[Verify GPIB Functionality](#)” on page 25

### Installing the GPIB Interface

---

**NOTE** You can also connect GPIB instruments to a PC USB port using the Agilent 82357A USB/GPIB Interface Converter, which eliminates the need for a GPIB card. For more information, refer to table on [page 22](#) or go to <http://www.agilent.com/find/gpib>.

---

A GPIB interface card can be installed in a computer. Two common GPIB interface cards are the Agilent GPIB interface card and the National Instruments (NI) PCI-GPIB card. Follow the interface card instructions for installing and configuring the card. The following table provide lists on some of the available interface cards. Also, see the Agilent website, <http://www.agilent.com> for details on GPIB interface cards.

| Interface Type   | Operating System                               | IO Library  | Languages  | Backplane/ BUS           | Max IO (kB/sec) | Buffering |
|--|--|-------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| <i>Agilent USB/GPIB Interface Converter for PC-Based Systems</i> |  |             |  |                          |                 |           |
| Agilent 82357A Converter   | Windows <sup>a</sup><br>98(SE)/ME/<br>2000®/XP | VISA / SICL | C/C++, Visual Basic, Agilent VEE, HP Basic for Windows, NI Labview | USB 2.0 (1.1 compatible) | 850             | Built-in  |
| <i>Agilent GPIB Interface Card for PC-Based Systems</i>          |  |             |  |                          |                 |           |
| Agilent 82341C for ISA bus computers                             | Windows <sup>b</sup><br>95/98/NT<br>/2000®     | VISA / SICL | C/C++, Visual Basic, Agilent VEE, HP Basic for Windows             | ISA/EISA, 16 bit         | 750             | Built-in  |
| Agilent 82341D Plug&Play for PC                                  | Windows 95                                     | VISA / SICL | C/C++, Visual Basic, Agilent VEE, HP Basic for Windows             | ISA/EISA, 16 bit         | 750             | Built-in  |
| Agilent 82350A for PCI bus computers                             | Windows 95/98/NT<br>/2000                      | VISA / SICL | C/C++, Visual Basic, Agilent VEE, HP Basic for Windows             | PCI 32 bit               | 750             | Built-in  |

| Interface Type   | Operating System           | IO Library  | Languages  | Backplane/ BUS | Max IO (kB/sec) | Buffering |
|--|----------------------------|-------------|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| <i>Agilent USB/GPIB Interface Converter for PC-Based Systems</i> |                            |             |  |                |                 |           |
| Agilent 82350B for PCI bus computers                             | Windows 98(SE)/ME/2000 /XP | VISA / SICL | C/C++, Visual Basic, Agilent VEE, HP Basic for Windows | PCI 32 bit     | > 900           | Built-in  |

| NI-GPIB Interface Card for PC-Based Systems               |                           |                               |   |            |          |          |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------|----------|----------|
| National Instruments PCI-GPIB                             | Windows 95/98/2000/ ME/NT | VISA NI-488.2 <sup>TM</sup> C | C/C++, Visual BASIC, LabView              | PCI 32 bit | 1.5 MBps | Built-in |
| National Instruments PCI-GPIB+                            | Windows NT                | VISA NI-488.2                 | C/C++, Visual BASIC, LabView              | PCI 32 bit | 1.5 MBps | Built-in |
| <i>Agilent-GPIB Interface Card for HP-UX Workstations</i> |                           |                               |   |            |          |          |
| Agilent E2071C  | HP-UX 9.x, HP-UX 10.01    | VISA/SICL                     | ANSI C, Agilent VEE, Agilent BASIC, HP-UX | EISA       | 750      | Built-in |
| Agilent E2071D  | HP-UX 10.20               | VISA/SICL                     | ANSI C, Agilent VEE, Agilent BASIC, HP-UX | EISA       | 750      | Built-in |
| Agilent E2078A  | HP-UX 10.20               | VISA/SICL                     | ANSI C, Agilent VEE, Agilent BASIC, HP-UX | PCI        | 750      | Built-in |

a.Windows 95, 98(SE), NT, 2000, and XP are registered trademarks of Microsoft Corporation.

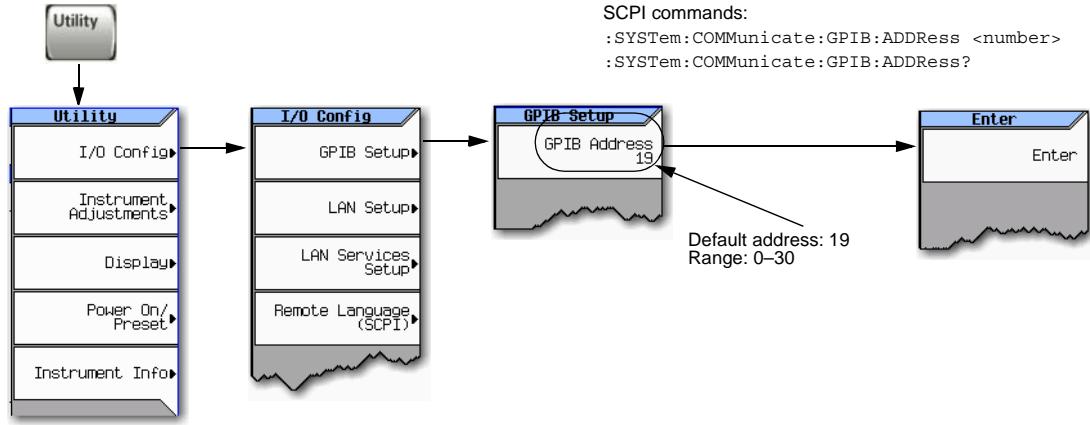
b.Windows 98 and ME are registered trademarks of Microsoft Corporation.

c.NI-488.2 is a trademark of National Instruments Corporation.

## Set Up the GPIB Interface

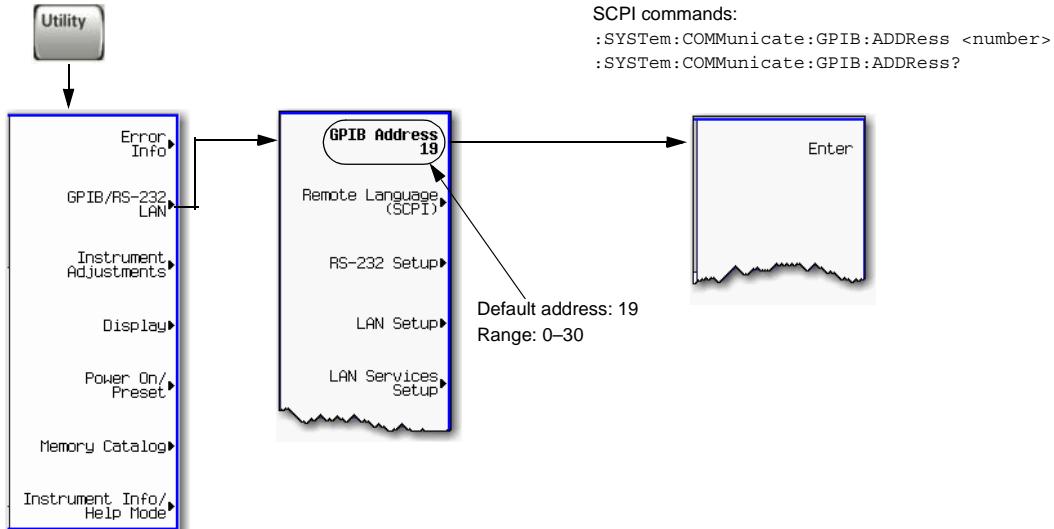
For the Agilent MXG refer to [Figure 2-1](#) and for the ESG, PSG, and E8663B, [Figure 2-2 on page 24](#).

**Figure 2-1** Setting the GPIB Address on the Agilent MXG



For details on each key, use the key help. Refer to ["Getting Help \(Agilent MXG\)" on page 18](#) and the *User's Guide*. For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

**Figure 2-2** Setting the GPIB Address on the ESG/PSG/E8663B



For details on each key, use the *Key and Data Field Reference*. For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

Connect a GPIB interface cable between the signal generator and the computer. (The following table lists cable part numbers.)

|               |         |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Model</b>  | 10833A  | 10833B   | 10833C   | 10833D   | 10833F   | 10833G   |
| <b>Length</b> | 1 meter | 2 meters | 4 meters | .5 meter | 6 meters | 8 meters |

## Verify GPIB Functionality

To verify GPIB functionality, use the VISA Assistant, available with the Agilent IO Library or the Getting Started Wizard available with the National Instrument IO Library. These utility programs enable you to communicate with the signal generator and verify its operation over GPIB. For information and instructions on running these programs, refer to the Help menu available in each utility.

### If You Have Problems

1. Verify that the signal generator's address matches the address declared in the program (example programs in Chapter 2 use address 19).
2. Remove all other instruments connected via GPIB and rerun the program.
3. Verify that the GPIB card's name or id number matches the GPIB name or id number configured for your PC.

## GPIB Interface Terms

An instrument that is part of a GPIB network is categorized as a listener, talker, or controller, depending on its current function in the network.

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| listener   | A listener is a device capable of receiving data or commands from other instruments. Several instruments in the GPIB network can be listeners simultaneously.                   |
| talker     | A talker is a device capable of transmitting data. To avoid confusion, a GPIB system allows only one device at a time to be an active talker.                                   |
| controller | A controller, typically a computer, can specify the talker and listeners (including itself) for an information transfer. Only one device at a time can be an active controller. |

## GPIB Programming Interface Examples

---

**NOTE** The portions of the programming examples discussed in this section are taken from the full text of these programs that can be found in [Chapter 3, “Programming Examples.”](#)

---

- “[Interface Check using HP Basic and GPIB](#)” on page 26
- “[Interface Check Using NI-488.2 and C++](#)” on page 26

### Before Using the GPIB Examples

If the Agilent GPIB interface card is used, the Agilent VISA library should be installed along with Agilent SICL. If the National Instruments PCI-GPIB interface card is used, the NI-VISA library along with the NI-488.2 library should be installed. Refer to [“Selecting IO Libraries for GPIB” on page 7](#) and the documentation for your GPIB interface card for details.

HP Basic addresses the signal generator at 719. The GPIB card is addressed at 7 and the signal generator at 19. The GPIB address designator for other libraries is typically GPIB0 or GPIB1.

The following sections contain HP Basic and C++ lines of programming removed from the programming interface examples in [Chapter 3, “Programming Examples.”](#) these portions of programming demonstrate the important features to consider when developing programming for use with the GPIB interface.

### Interface Check using HP Basic and GPIB

This portion of the example program [“Interface Check using HP Basic and GPIB” on page 26](#), causes the signal generator to perform an instrument reset. The SCPI command \*RST places the signal generator into a pre-defined state and the remote annunciator (R) appears on the front panel display.

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as basicex1.txt. For the full text of this program, refer to [“Interface Check using HP Basic and GPIB” on page 66](#) or to the signal generator’s documentation CD-ROM.

```
160  Sig_gen=719      ! Declares a variable to hold the signal generator's address
170  LOCAL Sig_gen   ! Places the signal generator into Local mode
180  CLEAR Sig_gen   ! Clears any pending data I/O and resets the parser
190  REMOTE 719       ! Puts the signal generator into remote mode
200  CLEAR SCREEN    ! Clears the controllers display
210  REMOTE 719
220  OUTPUT Sig_gen;""*RST"  ! Places the signal generator into a defined state
```

### Interface Check Using NI-488.2 and C++

This portion of the example program [“Interface Check Using NI-488.2 and C++” on page 26](#), uses the NI-488.2 library to verify that the GPIB connections and interface are functional.

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as niex1.cpp. For the full text of this program, refer to [“Interface Check Using NI-488.2 and C++” on page 67](#) or to the signal generator’s documentation CD-ROM.

```
#include "stdafx.h"
#include <iostream>
#include "windows.h"
#include "Decl-32.h"
using namespace std;

int GPIB0= 0;           // Board handle
Addr4882_t Address[31]; // Declares an array of type Addr4882_t

int main(void)

{
    int sig;                  // Declares a device descriptor variable
    sig = ibdev(0, 19, 0, 13, 1, 0); // Aquires a device descriptor
    ibclr(sig);               // Sends device clear message to signal generator
    ibwrt(sig, "*RST", 4);   // Places the signal generator into a defined state
```

## Using LAN

The Agilent MXG is capable of 100Base-T LAN communication. The ESG, PSG, and E8663B are designed to connect with a 10Base-T LAN. Where auto-negotiation is present, the ESG, PSG, and E8663B can connect to a 100Base-T LAN, but communicate at 10Base-T speeds. For more information refer to <http://www.ieee.org>.

The signal generator can be remotely programmed via a 100Base-T LAN interface or 10Base-T LAN interface and LAN-connected computer using one of several LAN interface protocols. The LAN allows instruments to be connected together and controlled by a LAN-based computer. LAN and its associated interface operations are defined in the IEEE 802.2 standard. For more information refer to <http://www.ieee.org>.

---

**NOTE** For more information on configuring your signal generator for LAN, refer to the *User's Guide* for your signal generator. Also, for the Agilent MXG, refer to [www.agilent.com](http://www.agilent.com) and search on the *FAQs: Hardware Configurations and Installation*.

---

The signal generator supports the following LAN interface protocols:

- VXI-11 (See [page 37](#))
- Sockets LAN (See [page 39](#))
- Telephone Network (TELNET) (See [page 39](#))
- File Transfer Protocol (FTP) (See [page 43](#))

VXI-11 and sockets LAN are used for general programming using the LAN interface, TELNET is used for interactive, one command at a time instrument control, and FTP is for file transfer.

The Agilent MXG is LXI Class C compliant. For more information on the LXI standards, refer to <http://www.lxistandard.org/home>.

---

**NOTE** For more information on configuring the signal generator to communicate over the LAN, refer to ["Using VXI-11" on page 37](#).

---

The following sections contain information on selecting and connecting IO libraries and LAN interface hardware that are required to remotely program the signal generator via LAN to a LAN-based computer and combining those choices with one of several possible LAN interface protocols.

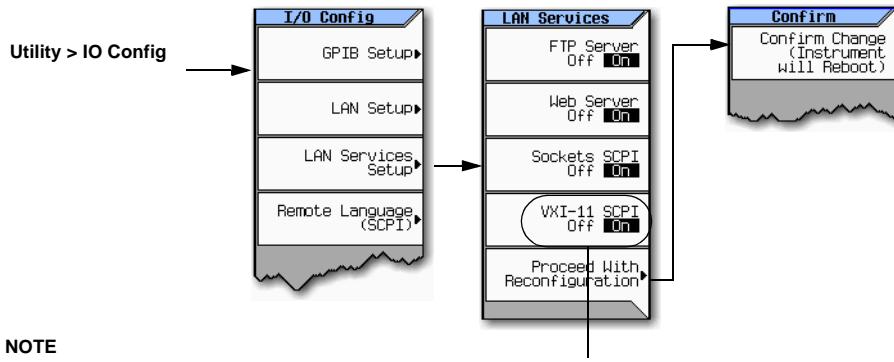
- ["Setting Up the LAN Interface" on page 29](#)
- ["Verifying LAN Functionality" on page 34](#)

## Setting Up the LAN Interface

For LAN operation, the signal generator must be connected to the LAN, and an IP address must be assigned to the signal generator either manually or by using DHCP client service. Your system administrator can tell you which method to use. (Most modern LAN networks use DHCP.)

**NOTE** Verify that the signal generator is connected to the LAN using a 100Base-T LAN or 10Base-T LAN cable.

### Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN (Agilent MXG)



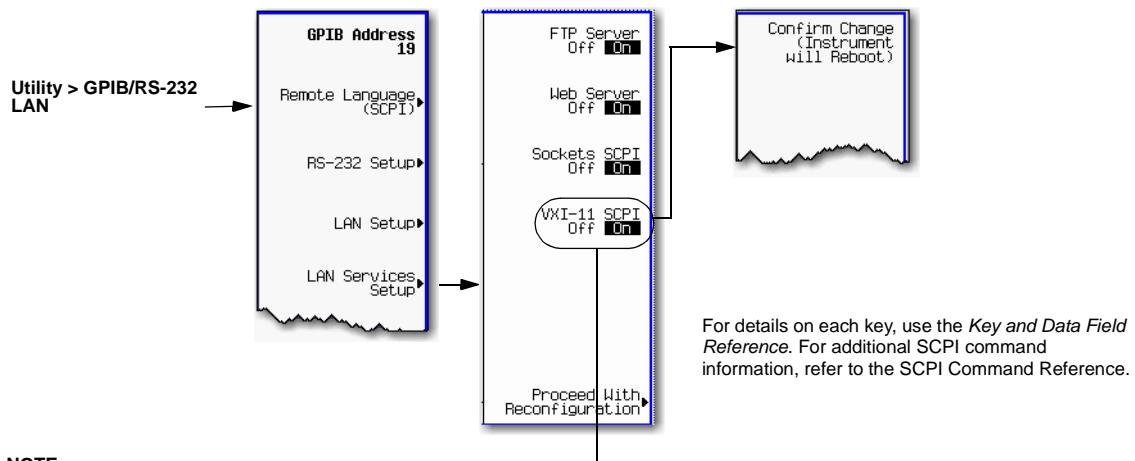
**NOTE**

To communicate with the signal generator over the LAN, you must enable the VXI-11 SCPI service. Select VXI-11 until On is highlighted. (Default condition is On.)

For optimum performance, use a 100Base-T LAN cable to connect the signal generator to the LAN.

For details on each key, use the key help. For information describing the key help, refer to "Getting Help (Agilent MXG)" on page 18 and the *User's Guide*. For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

## Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN (ESG/PSG/E8663B)



### NOTE

To communicate with the signal generator over the LAN, you must enable the VXI-11 SCPI service. Select VXI-11 until On is highlighted. (Default condition is On.)

Use a 10Base-T LAN cable to connect the signal generator to the LAN. Where auto-negotiation is present, the ESG, PSG, or E8663B can connect to 100Base-T LAN, but will communicate at 10Base-T speeds. For more information refer to <http://www.ieee.org>.

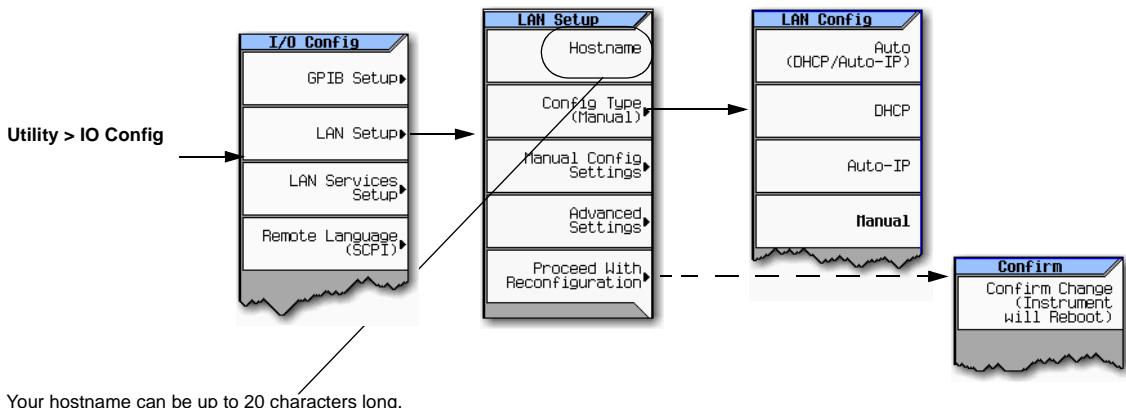
## Manual Configuration

The **Hostname** softkey is only available when **LAN Config Manual DHCP** is set to **Manual**.

To remotely access the signal generator from a different LAN subnet, you must also enter the subnet mask and default gateway. See your system administrator for more information.

For more information on the manual configuration, refer to “[Manually Configuring the Agilent MXG LAN](#)” on page 31 or to “[Manually Configuring the ESG/PSG/E8663B LAN](#)” on page 31.

## Manually Configuring the Agilent MXG LAN



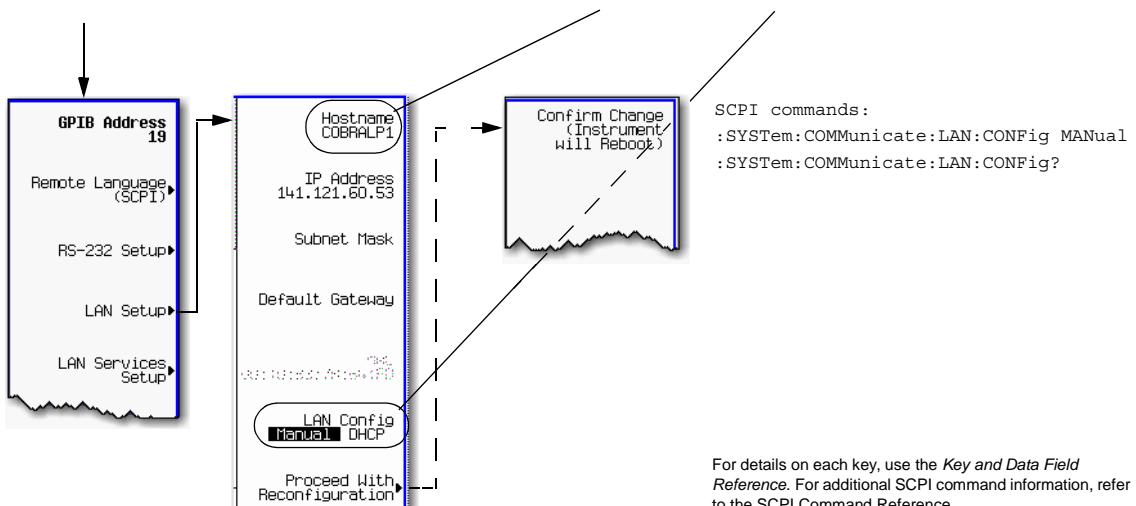
SCPI commands:

```
:SYSTem:COMMunicate:LAN:CONFIG MANUAL
:SYSTem:COMMunicate:LAN:CONFIG?
```

For details on each key, use the key help (described in *User's Guide*). For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

## Manually Configuring the ESG/PSG/E8663B LAN

The Hostname softkey is available only when LAN Config Manual DHCP is set to Manual. Your hostname can be up to 20 characters long.



SCPI commands:

```
:SYSTem:COMMunicate:LAN:CONFIG MANUAL
:SYSTem:COMMunicate:LAN:CONFIG?
```

For details on each key, use the *Key and Data Field Reference*. For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

## DHCP Configuration

If the DHCP server uses dynamic DNS to link the hostname with the assigned IP address, the hostname may be used in place of the IP address. Otherwise, the hostname is not usable.

For more information on the DHCP configuration, refer to “[Configuring the DHCP LAN \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on page 33 or “[Configuring the DHCP LAN \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)](#)” on page 33.

## AUTO (DHCP/Auto-IP) Configuration (Agilent MXG)

DHCP and Auto-IP are used together to make automatic (AUTO) mode for IP configuration. Automatic mode attempts DHCP first and then if that fails Auto-IP is used to detect a private network. If neither is found, Manual is the final choice.

If the DHCP server uses dynamic DNS to link the hostname with the assigned IP address, the hostname may be used in place of the IP address. Otherwise, the hostname is not usable.

Auto-IP provides automatic TCP/IP set-up for instruments on any manually configured networks.

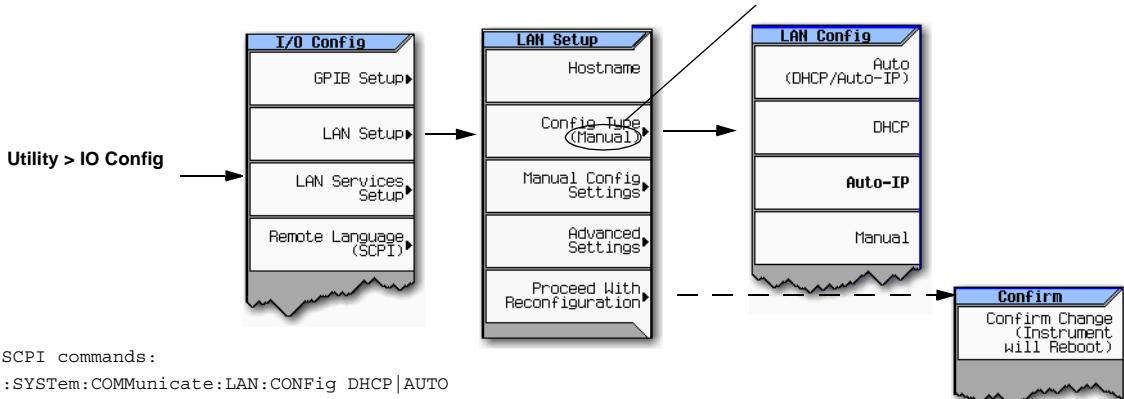
For more information on the AUTO (DHCP/Auto-IP) configuration, refer to “[Configuring the DHCP LAN \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on page 33.

## Configuring the DHCP LAN (Agilent MXG)

**AUTO (DHCP/Auto-IP):** Request a new IP address in the following sequence: 1) from the DHCP (server-based LAN), 2) Auto-IP (private network without a network administrator) or if neither is available, 3) Manual setting is selected.

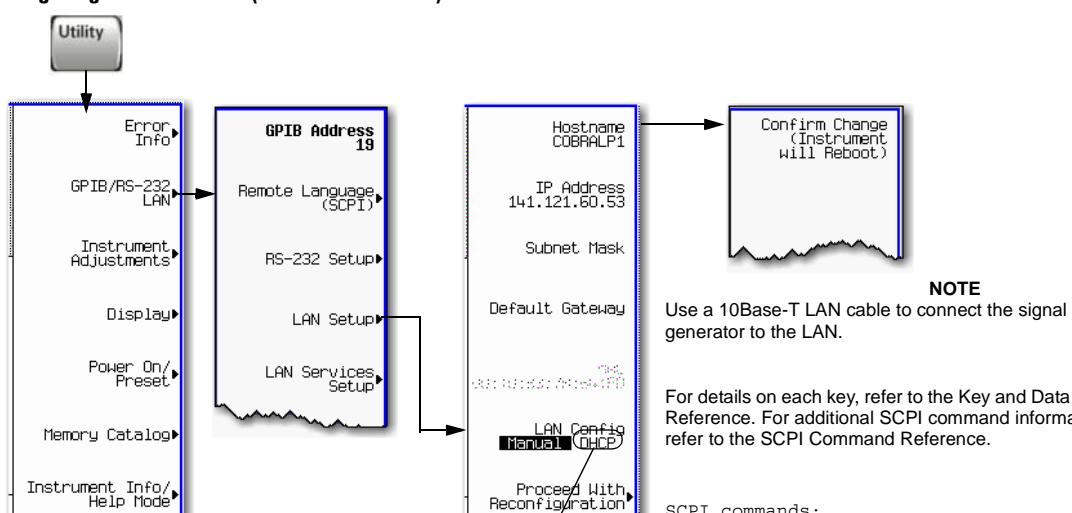
**DHCP:** Request a new IP address from the DHCP server each power cycle.

Confirming this action configures the signal generator as a DHCP client. In DHCP mode, the signal generator will request a new IP address from the DHCP server upon rebooting to determine the assigned IP address.



For details on each key, use the key help (described in *User's Guide*). For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

## Configuring the DHCP LAN (ESG/PSG/E8663B)



For details on each key, refer to the Key and Data Field Reference. For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

SCPI commands:

```
:SYSTem:COMMUnicatE:LAN:CONFig DHCP
:SYSTem:COMMUnicatE:LAN:CONFig?
```

**DHCP:** Request a new IP address from the DHCP server each power cycle.

Confirming this action configures the signal generator as a DHCP client. In DHCP mode, the signal generator will request a new IP address from the DHCP server upon rebooting to determine the assigned IP address.

## Setting up Private LAN

You can connect the Agilent MXG, ESG, PSG or E8663B directly to a PC using a crossover cable. To do this, you should either choose to set IP addresses of the PC and signal generator to differ only in the last digit (example: PC's IP: 1.1.1.1 and Signal generator's IP: 1.1.1.2); or you can use the DHCP feature or Auto-IP feature if your PC supports them. For more information go to [www.agilent.com](http://www.agilent.com), and search on the *Connectivity Guide* (E2094-90009) or use the Agilent Connection Expert's Help to see the *Connection Guide*.

## Verifying LAN Functionality

Verify the communications link between the computer and the signal generator remote file server using the ping utility. Compare your ping response to those described in [Table 2-1 on page 35](#).

---

**NOTE** For additional information on troubleshooting your LAN connection, refer to [“If You Have Problems” on page 25](#) and to the Help in the Agilent IO Libraries and documentation for LAN connections and problems.

---

From a UNIX® workstation, type (UNIX is a registered trademark of the Open Group):

```
ping <hostname or IP address> 64 10
```

where <hostname or IP address> is your instrument's name or IP address, 64 is the packet size, and 10 is the number of packets transmitted. Type `man ping` at the UNIX prompt for details on the ping command.

From the MS-DOS® Command Prompt or Windows environment, type:

```
ping -n 10 <hostname or IP address>
```

where <hostname or IP address> is your instrument's name or IP address and 10 is the number of echo requests. Type `ping` at the command prompt for details on the ping command.

---

**NOTE** In DHCP mode, if the DHCP server uses dynamic DNS to link the hostname with the assigned IP address, the hostname may be used in place of the IP address. Otherwise, the hostname is not usable and you must use the IP address to communicate with the signal generator over the LAN.

---

## If You Have Problems

If you are experiencing problems with the LAN connection on the signal generator, verify the rear panel LAN connector green LED is on.

---

MS-DOS, and Visual Basic are registered trademarks of Microsoft.

For additional information on troubleshooting your LAN connection, refer to the Help in the Agilent IO Libraries and documentation for LAN connections and problems.

**Table 2-1 Ping Responses**

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Normal Response for UNIX           | A normal response to the ping command will be a total of 9 or 10 packets received with a minimal average round-trip time. The minimal average will be different from network to network. LAN traffic will cause the round-trip time to vary widely.  |
| Normal Response for DOS or Windows | A normal response to the ping command will be a total of 9 or 10 packets received if 10 echo requests were specified.  |
| Error Messages                     | If error messages appear, then check the command syntax before continuing with troubleshooting. If the syntax is correct, resolve the error messages using your network documentation or by consulting your network administrator.<br><br>If an unknown host error message appears, try using the IP address instead of the hostname. Also, verify that the host name and IP address for the signal generator have been registered by your IT administrator.<br><br>Check that the hostname and IP address are correctly entered in the node names database. To do this, enter the nslookup <hostname> command from the command prompt.  |
| No Response                        | If there is no response from a ping, no packets were received. Check that the typed address or hostname matches the IP address or hostname assigned to the signal generator in the System <b>LAN Setup</b> menu. For more information, refer to “ <a href="#">Configuring the DHCP LAN (Agilent MXG)</a> ” on page 33 or “ <a href="#">Configuring the DHCP LAN (ESG/PSG/E8663B)</a> ” on page 33.<br><br>Ping each node along the route between your workstation and the signal generator, starting with your workstation. If a node doesn't respond, contact your IT administrator.<br><br>If the signal generator still does not respond to ping, you should suspect a hardware problem. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the signal generator LAN connector lights</li><li>• Verify the hostname is not being used with DHCP addressing</li></ul> |
| Intermittent Response              | If you received 1 to 8 packets back, there maybe a problem with the network. In networks with switches and bridges, the first few pings may be lost until these devices ‘learn’ the location of hosts. Also, because the number of packets received depends on your network traffic and integrity, the number might be different for your network. Problems of this nature are best resolved by your IT department.  |

### Using Interactive IO

Use the VISA Assistant utility available in the Agilent IO Libraries Suite to verify instrument communication over the LAN interface. Refer to the section on the “[IO Libraries and Programming Languages](#)” on page 5 for more information.

The Agilent IO Libraries Suite is supported on all platforms except Windows NT. If you are using Windows NT, refer to section below on using the VISA Assistant to verify LAN communication. See the section on “[Windows NT and Agilent IO Libraries M \(and Earlier\)](#)” on page 6 for more information.

**NOTE** The following sections are specific to Agilent IO Libraries versions M and earlier and apply only to the Windows NT platform.

---

### Using VISA Assistant

Use the VISA Assistant, available with the Agilent IO Library versions M and earlier, to communicate with the signal generator over the LAN interface. However, you must manually configure the VISA LAN client. Refer to the Help menu for instructions on configuring and running the VISA Assistant program.

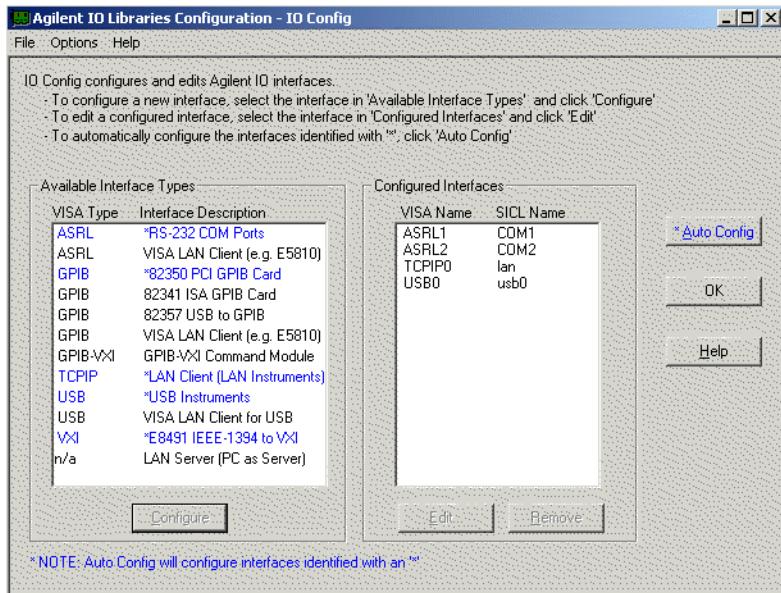
1. Run the IO Config program.
2. Click on TCPIP0 in the Available Interface Types text box.
3. Click the **Configure** button. Then Click **OK** to use the default settings.
4. Click on TCPIP0 in the Configured Interfaces text box.
5. Click **Edit...**
6. Click the **Edit VISA Config...** button.
7. Click the **Add device** button.
8. Enter the TCPIP address of the signal generator. Leave the Device text box empty.
9. Click the **OK** button in this form and all subsequent forms to exit the IO Config program.

### If You Have Problems

1. Verify the signal generator's IP address is valid and that no other instrument is using the IP address.
  2. Switch between manual LAN configuration and DHCP using the front-panel **LAN Config** softkey and run the ping program using the different IP addresses.
- 

**NOTE** For Agilent IO Libraries versions M and earlier, you must manually configure the VISA LAN client in the IO Config program if you want to use the VISA Assistant to verify LAN configuration. Refer to the IO Libraries Installation Guide for information on configuring IO interfaces. The IO Config program interface is shown in [Figure 2-4 on page 38](#).

---

**Figure 2-3 IO Config Form (Windows NT)**

Check to see that the Default Protocol is set to Automatic.

1. Run the IO Config program
2. Click on TCPIP in the Configured Interfaces text box. If there is no TCPIO in the box, follow the steps shown in the section “[Using VISA Assistant](#)” on page 36
3. Click the **Edit** button.
4. Click the radio button for AUTO (automatically detect protocol).
5. Click **OK, OK** to end the IO Config program.

## Using VXI-11

The signal generator supports the LAN interface protocol described in the VXI-11 standard. VXI-11 is an instrument control protocol based on Open Network Computing/Remote Procedure Call (ONC/RPC) interfaces running over TCP/IP. It is intended to provide GIB capabilities such as SRQ (Service Request), status byte reading, and DCAS (Device Clear State) over a LAN interface. This protocol is a good choice for migrating from GPIB to LAN as it has full Agilent VISA/SICL support.

---

**NOTE** It is recommended that the VXI-11 protocol be used for instrument communication over the LAN interface.

---

## Configuring for VXI-11

The Agilent IO library has a program, IO Config, that is used to setup the computer/signal generator interface for the VXI-11 protocol. Download the latest version of the Agilent IO library from the Agilent website. Refer to the Agilent IO library user manual, documentation, and Help menu for information on running the IO Config program and configuring the VXI-11 interface.

Use the IO Config program to configure the LAN client. Once the computer is configured for a LAN client, you can use the VXI-11 protocol and the VISA library to send SCPI commands to the signal generator over the LAN interface. Example programs for this protocol are included in “[LAN Programming Interface Examples](#)” on page 101 of this programming guide.

---

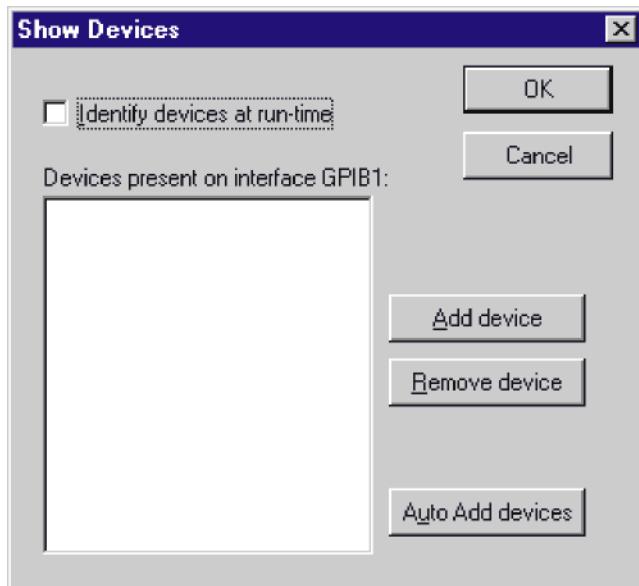
**NOTE** To communicate with the signal generator over the LAN interface you must enable the VXI-11 SCPI service. For more information, refer to “[Configuring the DHCP LAN \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on page 33 and “[Configuring the DHCP LAN \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)](#)” on page 33.

If you are using the Windows NT platform, refer to “[Windows NT and Agilent IO Libraries M \(and Earlier\)](#)” on page 6 for information on using Agilent IO Libraries versions M or earlier to configure the interface.

For Agilent IO library version J.01.0100, the “Identify devices at run-time” check box must be unchecked. Refer to [Figure 2-4](#).

---

**Figure 2-4 Show Devices Form (Agilent IO Library version J.01.0100)**



## Using Sockets LAN

---

**NOTE** Users with Windows XP operating systems and newer can use this section to better understand how to use the signal generator with port settings. For more information, refer to the help software of the IO libraries being used.

---

Sockets LAN is a method used to communicate with the signal generator over the LAN interface using the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP). A socket is a fundamental technology used for computer networking and allows applications to communicate using standard mechanisms built into network hardware and operating systems. The method accesses a port on the signal generator from which bidirectional communication with a network computer can be established.

Sockets LAN can be described as an internet address that combines Internet Protocol (IP) with a device port number and represents a single connection between two pieces of software. The socket can be accessed using code libraries packaged with the computer operating system. Two common versions of socket libraries are the Berkeley Sockets Library for UNIX systems and Winsock for Microsoft operating systems.

Your signal generator implements a sockets Applications Programming Interface (API) that is compatible with Berkeley socket for UNIX systems, and Winsock for Microsoft systems. The signal generator is also compatible with other standard sockets APIs. The signal generator can be controlled using SCPI commands that are output to a socket connection established in your program.

Before you can use sockets LAN, you must select the signal generator's sockets port number to use:

- Standard mode. Available on port 5025. Use this port for simple programming.
- TELNET mode. The telnet SCPI service is available on port 5023.

---

**NOTE** For backward compatibility, on the E8663B, ESG, and PSG, the signal generator also accepts references to the Telnet SCPI service at port 7777 and sockets SCPI service at port 7778.

Ports 7777 and 7778 are disabled on the Agilent MXG.

---

An example using sockets LAN is given in “[LAN Programming Interface Examples](#)” on page 101 of this programming guide.

## Using Telnet LAN

Telnet provides a means of communicating with the signal generator over the LAN. The Telnet client, run on a LAN connected computer, will create a login session on the signal generator. A connection, established between computer and signal generator, generates a user interface display screen with SCPI> prompts on the command line.

Using the Telnet protocol to send commands to the signal generator is similar to communicating with the signal generator over GPIB. You establish a connection with the signal generator and then send or receive information using SCPI commands. Communication is interactive: one command at a time.

**NOTE** The Windows 2000 operating systems use a command prompt style interface for the Telnet client. Refer to the [Figure 2-7 on page 42](#) for an example of this interface.

Windows XP operating systems and newer can use this section to better understand how to use the signal generator with port settings. For more information, refer to the help software of the IO libraries being used.

The following telnet LAN connections are discussed:

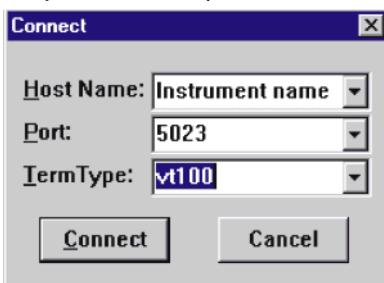
- “[Using Telnet and MS-DOS Command Prompt](#)” on page 40
- “[Using Telnet On a PC With a Host/Port Setting Menu GUI](#)” on page 41
- “[Using Telnet On Windows 2000](#)” on page 41
- “[The Standard UNIX Telnet Command](#)” on page 42

A Telnet example is provided in “[Unix Telnet Example](#)” on page 42.

#### Using Telnet and MS-DOS Command Prompt

1. On your PC, click **Start > Programs > Command Prompt**.
2. At the command prompt, type in **telnet**.
3. Press the **Enter** key. The Telnet display screen will be displayed.
4. Click on the **Connect** menu then select **Remote System**. A connection form ([Figure 2-5](#)) is displayed.

**Figure 2-5 Connect Form (Agilent IO Library version J.01.0100)**

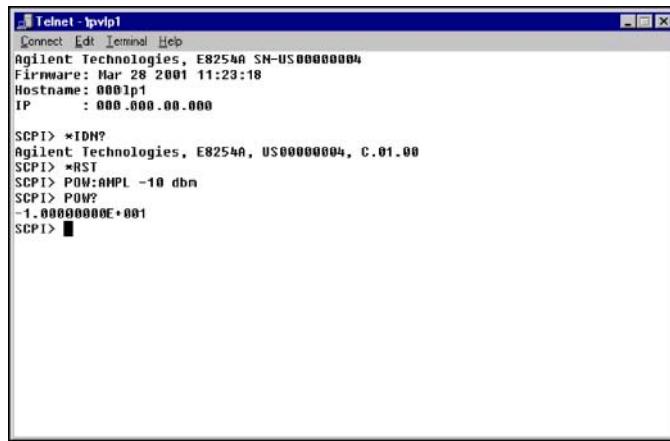


5. Enter the **hostname**, **port number**, and **TermType** then click **Connect**.
  - Host Name—IP address or hostname
  - Port—5023
  - Term Type—vt100
6. At the SCPI> prompt, enter SCPI commands. Refer to [Figure 2-6 on page 41](#).
7. To signal device clear, press **Ctrl-C** on your keyboard.
8. Select **Exit** from the **Connect** menu and type **exit** at the command prompt to end the Telnet session.

### Using Telnet On a PC With a Host/Port Setting Menu GUI

1. On your PC, click **Start > Run**.
2. Type **telnet** then click the **OK** button. The Telnet connection screen will be displayed.
3. Click on the **Connect** menu then select **Remote System**. A connection form is displayed. See [Figure 2-5](#).
4. Enter the **hostname**, **port number**, and **TermType** then click **Connect**.
  - Host Name—signal generator's IP address or hostname
  - Port—5023
  - Term Type—vt100
5. At the **SCPI>** prompt, enter SCPI commands. Refer to [Figure 2-6 on page 41](#).
6. To signal device clear, press **Ctrl-C**.
7. Select **Exit** from the **Connect** menu to end the Telnet session.

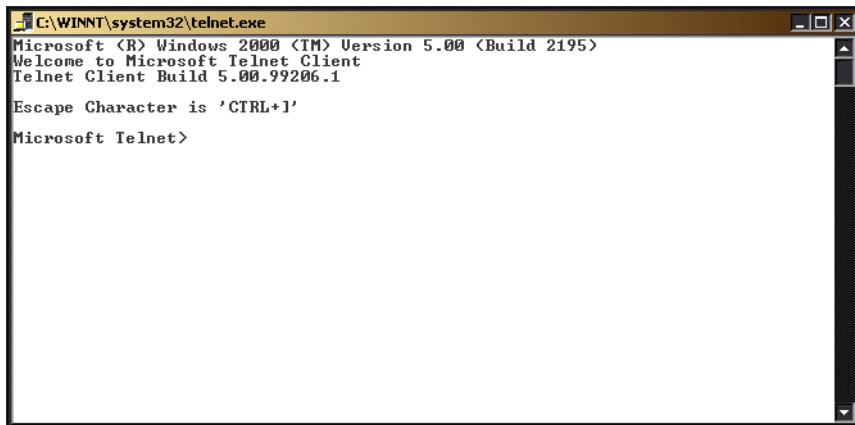
**Figure 2-6 Telnet Window (Windows 2000)**



### Using Telnet On Windows 2000

1. On your PC, click **Start > Run**.
2. Type **telnet** in the run text box, then click the **OK** button. The Telnet connection screen will be displayed. See [Figure 2-7 on page 42](#) (Windows 2000).
3. Type **open** at the prompt and then press the **Enter** key. The prompt will change to **(to)**.
4. At the **(to)** prompt, enter the signal generator's IP address followed by a space and 5023, which is the Telnet port associated with the signal generator.
5. At the **SCPI>** prompt, enter SCPI commands. Refer to commands shown in [Figure 2-6 on page 41](#).
6. To escape from the **SCPI>** session type **Ctrl-[**.
7. Type **quit** at the prompt to end the Telnet session.

**Figure 2-7 Telnet 2000 Window**



### The Standard UNIX Telnet Command

#### Synopsis

`telnet [host [port]]`

#### Description

This command is used to communicate with another host using the Telnet protocol. When the command `telnet` is invoked with `host` or `port` arguments, a connection is opened to the host, and input is sent from the user to the host.

#### Options and Parameters

The command `telnet` operates in character-at-a-time or line-by-line mode. In line-by-line mode, typed text is echoed to the screen. When the line is completed (by pressing the **Enter** key), the text line is sent to host. In character-at-a-time mode, text is echoed to the screen and sent to host as it is typed. At the UNIX prompt, type `man telnet` to view the options and parameters available with the `telnet` command.

---

**NOTE** If your Telnet connection is in line-by-line mode, there is no local echo. This means you cannot see the characters you are typing until you press the **Enter** key. To remedy this, change your Telnet connection to character-by-character mode. Escape out of Telnet, and at the `telnet>` prompt, type `mode char`. If this does not work, consult your Telnet program's documentation.

---

#### Unix Telnet Example

To connect to the instrument with host name `myInstrument` and port number 5023, enter the following command on the command line: `telnet myInstrument 5023`.

When you connect to the signal generator, the UNIX window will display a welcome message and a SCPI command prompt. The instrument is now ready to accept your SCPI commands. As you type SCPI commands, query results appear on the next line. When you are done, break the Telnet connection using an escape character. For example, **Ctrl]-**, where the control key and the ] are pressed at the same time. The following example shows Telnet commands:

```
$ telnet myinstrument 5023
Trying....
Connected to signal generator
Escape character is '^]'.
Agilent Technologies, E44xx SN-US00000001
Firmware:
Hostname: your instrument
IP :xxx.xx.xxx.xxx
SCPI>
```

## Using FTP

FTP allows users to transfer files between the signal generator and any computer connected to the LAN. For example, you can use FTP to download instrument screen images to a computer. When logged onto the signal generator with the FTP command, the signal generator's file structure can be accessed. [Figure 2-8](#) shows the FTP interface and lists the directories in the signal generator's user level directory.

---

**NOTE**

File access is limited to the signal generator's /user directory.

---

Figure 2-8 FTP Screen

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Command Prompt window titled "Command Prompt - ftp 000.000.00.00.000". The window displays the following text:

```
C:\>ftp 000.000.00.000
connected to 000.000.00.000.
220- Agilent Technologies. E8254A SN-US00000004
220- Firmware: Mar.28.2001 11:23:18
220- Hostname: 000lp1
220- IP    : 000.000.00.000
220- FTP server <Version 1.0> ready.
User <000.000.00.000:<none>>:
331 Password required
Password:
230 Successful login
ftp> ls
200 Port command successful.
150 Opening data connection.
USER
226 Transfer complete.
35 bytes received in 0.00 seconds <35000.00 Kbytes/sec>
ftp> _
```

ce917a

The following steps outline a sample FTP session from the MS-DOS Command Prompt:

1. On the PC click **Start > Programs > Command Prompt**.
2. At the command prompt enter:  
`ftp < IP address > or < hostname >`
3. At the user name prompt, press **enter**.
4. At the password prompt, press **enter**.

You are now in the signal generator's user directory. Typing `help` at the command prompt will show you the FTP commands that are available on your system.

5. Type `quit` or `bye` to end your FTP session.
6. Type `exit` to end the command prompt session.

## Using RS-232 (ESG, PSG, and E8663B Only)

**NOTE** The RS-232 serial interface is available on the ESG signal generators.

The PSG and E8663B's **AUXILIARY INTERFACE** connector is compatible with ANSI/EIA232 (RS-232) serial connection but GPIB and LAN are recommended for making faster measurements and when downloading files. Refer to the *User's Guide*.

The RS-232 serial interface can be used to communicate with the signal generator. The RS-232 connection was once standard on most PCs but has now been replaced by USB. RS-232 can be connected to the signal generator's rear-panel connector using the cable described in [Table 2-2 on page 47](#). Many functions provided by GPIB, with the exception of indefinite blocks, parallel polling, serial polling, GET, non-SCPI remote languages, SRQ, and remote mode are available using the RS-232 interface.

The serial port sends and receives data one bit at a time, therefore RS-232 communication is slow. The data transmitted and received is usually in ASCII format with SCPI commands being sent to the signal generator and ASCII data returned.

The following sections contain information on selecting and connecting IO libraries and RS-232 interface hardware on the signal generator to a computer's RS-232 connector.

- “[Selecting IO Libraries for RS-232](#)” on page 45
- “[Setting Up the RS-232 Interface](#)” on page 46
- “[Verifying RS-232 Functionality](#)” on page 48

### Selecting IO Libraries for RS-232

The IO libraries can be downloaded from the National Instrument website, <http://www.ni.com>, or Agilent's website, <http://www.agilent.com>. The following is a discussion on these libraries.

**CAUTION** Because of the potential for portability problems, running Agilent SICL without the VISA overlay is *not* recommended by Agilent Technologies.

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| HP Basic | The HP Basic language has an extensive IO library that can be used to control the signal generator over the RS-232 interface. This library has many low level functions that can be used in BASIC applications to control the signal generator over the RS-232 interface.  |
| VISA     | VISA is an IO library used to develop IO applications and instrument drivers that comply with industry standards. It is recommended that the VISA library be used for programming the signal generator. The NI-VISA and Agilent VISA libraries are similar implementations of VISA and have the same commands, syntax, and functions. The differences are in the lower level IO libraries used to communicate over the RS-232; NI-488.2 and SICL respectively. |
| NI-488.2 | NI-488.2 IO libraries can be used to develop applications for the RS-232 interface. See National Instrument's website for information on NI-488.2.   |

## Using IO Interfaces

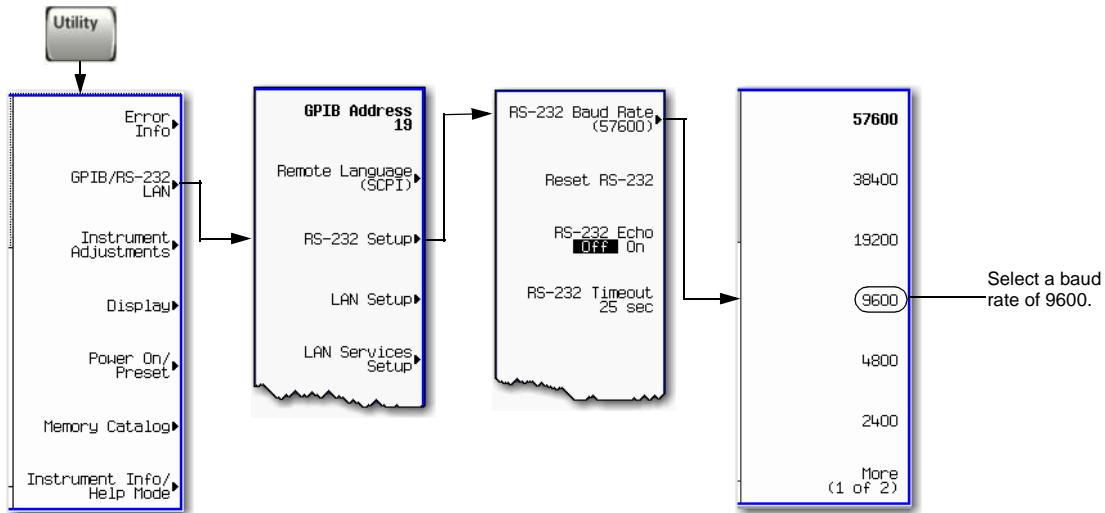
### Using RS-232 (ESG, PSG, and E8663B Only)

#### SICL

Agilent SICL can be used to develop applications for the RS-232 interface. See Agilent's website for information on SICL.

## Setting Up the RS-232 Interface

### 1. Setting the RS-232 Interface Baud Rate (ESG/PSG/E8663B)



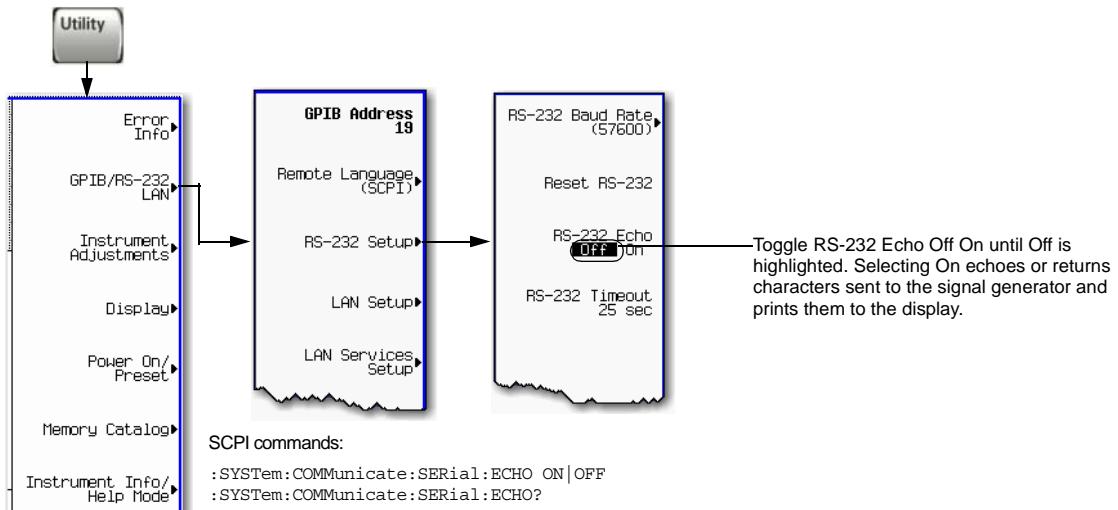
#### SCPI commands:

```
:SYSTem:COMMUnicate:SERial:BAUD <number>  
:SYSTem:COMMUnicate:SERial:BAUD?
```

For details on each key, use the key help (described in *User's Guide*). For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

- 
- NOTE** Configure your computer to use baud rates 57600 or lower only. Select the signal generator's baud rate to match the baud rate of your computer or UNIX workstation or adjust the baud rate settings on your computer to match the baud rate setting of the signal generator.
- The default baud rate for VISA is 9600. This baud rate can be changed with the "VI\_ATTR\_ASRL\_BAUD" VISA attribute.
-

## 2. Setting the RS-232 Echo Softkey



For details on each key, use the key help (described in *User's Guide*). For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

3. Connect an RS-232 cable from the computer's serial connector to the ESG signal generator's **RS-232** connector or the PSG or E8663B's **AUXILIARY INTERFACE** connector. Refer to [Table 2-2](#) for RS-232 cable information.

**Table 2-2 RS-232 Serial Interface Cable**

| Quantity | Description  | Agilent Part Number |
|----------|--|---------------------|
| 1        | Serial RS-232 cable 9-pin (male) to 9-pin (female) | 8120-6188           |

---

**NOTE** Any 9 pin (male) to 9 pin (female) straight-through cable that directly wires pins 2, 3, 5, 7, and 8 may be used.

---

## Verifying RS-232 Functionality

You can use the HyperTerminal program available on your computer to verify the RS-232 interface functionality. To run the HyperTerminal program, connect the RS-232 cable between the computer and the signal generator and perform the following steps:

1. On the PC click **Start > Programs > Accessories > Communications > HyperTerminal**.
2. Select **HyperTerminal**.
3. Enter a name for the session in the text box and select an icon.
4. Select **COM1** (COM2 can be used if COM1 is unavailable).
5. In the COM1 (or COM2, if selected) properties, set the following parameters:
  - Bits per second: 9600 must match signal generator's baud rate; for more information, refer to "[Setting Up the RS-232 Interface](#)" on page 46.
  - Data bits: 8
  - Parity: None
  - Stop bits: 1
  - Flow Control: None

---

**NOTE** Flow control, via the RTS line, is driven by the signal generator. For the purposes of this verification, the controller (PC) can ignore this if flow control is set to None. However, to control the signal generator programmatically or download files to the signal generator, you *must* enable RTS-CTS (hardware) flow control on the controller. Note that only the RTS line is currently used.

Software Flow Control using XON and XOFF is not supported. Only RTS-CTS hardware flow is supported.

---

6. Go to the HyperTerminal window and select **File > Properties**.
7. Go to **Settings > Emulation** and select **VT100**.
8. Leave the **Backscroll buffer lines** set to the default value.
9. Go to **Settings > ASCII Setup**.
10. Check the first two boxes and leave the other boxes as default values.

Once the connection is established, enter the SCPI command \*IDN? followed by <Ctrl j> in the HyperTerminal window. The <Ctrl j> is the new line character (on the keyboard press the **Ctrl** key and the **j** key simultaneously).

The signal generator should return a string similar to the following, depending on model:

Agilent Technologies <*instrument model name and number*>, US40000001, C.02.00

## Character Format Parameters

The signal generator uses the following character format parameters when communicating via RS-232:

- Character Length: Eight data bits are used for each character, excluding start, stop, and parity bits.
- Parity Enable: Parity is disabled (absent) for each character.
- Stop Bits: One stop bit is included with each character.

## If You Have Problems

1. Verify that the baud rate, parity, and stop bits are the same for the computer and signal generator.
2. Verify that the RS-232 cable is identical to the cable specified in [Table 2-2](#).
3. Verify that the application is using the correct computer COM port and that the RS-232 cable is properly connected to that port.
4. Verify that the controller's flow control is set to RTS-CTS.

## RS-232 Programming Interface Examples

---

**NOTE** The portions of the programming examples discussed in this section are taken from the full text of these programs that can be found in [Chapter 3, “Programming Examples.”](#)

---

- “Interface Check Using HP BASIC” on page 50
- “Interface Check Using VISA and C” on page 51
- “Queries Using HP Basic and RS-232” on page 51
- “Queries for RS-232 Using VISA and C” on page 52

### Before Using the Examples

Before using the examples: On the signal generator select the following settings:

- Baud Rate - 9600 must match computer’s baud rate
- RS-232 Echo - Off

The following sections contain HP Basic and C lines of programming removed from the programming interface examples in [Chapter 3, Programming Examples.](#), these portions of programming demonstrate the important features to consider when developing programming for use with the RS-232 interface.

---

**NOTE** For RS-232 programming examples, refer to [“RS-232 Programming Interface Examples \(ESG/PSG/E8663B Only\)” on page 131.](#)

---

### Interface Check Using HP BASIC

This portion of the example program [“Interface Check Using HP BASIC” on page 50](#), causes the signal generator to perform an instrument reset. The SCPI command \*RST will place the signal generator into a pre-defined state.

The serial interface address for the signal generator in this example is 9. The serial port used is COM1 (Serial A on some computers). Refer to [“Using RS-232 \(ESG, PSG, and E8663B Only\)” on page 45](#) for more information.

The following program example is available on the signal generator’s Documentation CD-ROM as rs232ex1.txt. For the full text of this program, refer to [“Interface Check Using HP BASIC” on page 131](#) or to the signal generator’s documentation CD-ROM.

```
170  CONTROL 9,0;1      ! Resets the RS-232 interface
180  CONTROL 9,3;9600   ! Sets the baud rate to match the sig gen
190  STATUS 9,4;Stat    ! Reads the value of register 4
200  Num=BINAND(Stat,7) ! Gets the AND value
210  CONTROL 9,4;Num    ! Sets parity to NONE
220  OUTPUT 9;"*RST"    ! Outputs reset to the sig gen
```

## Interface Check Using VISA and C

This portion of the example program “[Interface Check Using VISA and C](#)” on page 51, uses VISA library functions to communicate with the signal generator. The program verifies that the RS-232 connections and interface are functional. In this example the COM2 port is used. The serial port is referred to in the VISA library as ‘ASRL1’ or ‘ASRL2’ depending on the computer serial port you are using.

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as rs232ex1.cpp. For the full text of this program, refer to “[Interface Check Using VISA and C](#)” on page 132 or to the signal generator’s documentation CD-ROM.

```
int baud=9600;// Set baud rate to 9600

ViSession defaultRM, vi;// Declares a variable of type ViSession
// for instrument communication on COM 2 port
ViStatus viStatus = 0;
           // Opens session to RS-232 device at serial port 2
viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);
viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "ASRL2::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);

viStatus=viEnableEvent(vi, VI_EVENT_IO_COMPLETION, VI_QUEUE,VI_NULL);

viClear(vi);// Sends device clear command
// Set attributes for the session
viSetAttribute(vi,VI_ATTR_ASRL_BAUD,baud);
viSetAttribute(vi,VI_ATTR_ASRL_DATA_BITS,8);
```

## Queries Using HP Basic and RS-232

This portion of the example program “[Queries Using HP Basic and RS-232](#)” on page 51, example program demonstrates signal generator query commands over RS-232. Query commands are of the type \*IDN? and are identified by the question mark that follows the mnemonic.

Start HP Basic, type in the following commands, and then RUN the program:

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as rs232ex2.txt. For the full text of this program, refer to “[Queries Using HP Basic and RS-232](#)” on page 134 or to the signal generator’s documentation CD-ROM.

```
190  OUTPUT 9;"*IDN?"          ! Querys the sig gen ID
200  ENTER 9;Str$            ! Reads the ID
210  WAIT 2                  ! Waits 2 seconds
220  PRINT "ID =",Str$       ! Prints ID to the screen
230  OUTPUT 9;"POW:AMPL -5 dbm" ! Sets the the power level to -5 dbm
240  OUTPUT 9;"POW?"         ! Querys the power level of the sig gen
```

## Queries for RS-232 Using VISA and C

This portion of the example program “[Queries for RS-232 Using VISA and C](#)” on page 52, uses VISA library functions to communicate with the signal generator. The program verifies that the RS-232 connections and interface are functional.

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as rs232ex2.cpp. For the full text of this program, refer to “[Queries for RS-232 Using VISA and C](#)” on page 135 or to the signal generator’s documentation CD-ROM.

```
status = viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM); // Initializes the system
// Open communication with Serial Port 2
status = viOpen(defaultRM, "ASRL2::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &instr);
```

## Using USB (Agilent MXG)

---

**CAUTION** USB cables are not industrial graded and potentially allows data loss in noisy environments.

USB cables do not have a latching mechanism and the cables can be pulled out of the PC or instrument relatively easily.

The maximum length for USB cables is 30 m, including the use of inline repeaters.

---

**NOTE** The USB interface is available only on the Agilent MXG signal generator.

The Agilent MXG's USB 2.0 interface supports USBTMC or USBTMC-USB488 specifications.

For more information on connecting instruments to the USB, refer to the Agilent Connection Expert in the Agilent IO Libraries Help.

---

USB 2.0 connectors can be used to communicate with the signal generator. The N5181A/82A is equipped with a Mini-B 5 pin rear panel connector (device USB). Use a Type-A to Mini-USB 5 pin cable to connect the signal generator to the computer (Refer to “[Setting Up the USB Interface](#)” on page 55). Connect the Type-A front panel connector (host USB) can be used to connect a mouse, a keyboard, or a USB 1.1/2.0 flash drive (USB media). (Refer to the *User’s Guide*.) ARB waveform encryption of proprietary information is supported. Many functions provided by GPIB, including GET, non-SCPI remote languages, and remote mode are available using the USB interface.

**NOTE** For a list of compatible flash drives to use with the USB external interface. Refer to <http://www.agilent.com/find/mxg>.

Do not use the Type A front panel USB to connect to a computer.

---

The following sections contain information on selecting and connecting I/O libraries and the USB interface that are required to remotely program the signal generator via computer and combining those choices with one of several possible USB interface protocols.

- “[Selecting I/O Libraries for USB](#)” on page 54
- “[Setting Up the USB Interface](#)” on page 55
- “[Verifying USB Functionality](#)” on page 56

## Selecting I/O Libraries for USB

---

**CAUTION** The Agilent MXG's USB interface requires Agilent IO Libraries Suite 14.1 or newer to run properly. For more information on connecting instruments to the USB, refer to the Agilent Connection Expert in the Agilent IO Libraries Help.

---

The I/O libraries can be downloaded from the National Instrument website, <http://www.ni.com>, or Agilent's website, <http://www.agilent.com>. The following is a discussion on these libraries.

---

**NOTE** I/O applications such as IVI-COM or VXI*plug&play* can be used in place of VISA.

---

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| VISA     | VISA is an I/O library used to develop I/O applications and instrument drivers that comply with industry standards. It is recommended that the VISA library be used for programming the signal generator. The NI-VISA and Agilent VISA libraries are similar implementations of VISA and have the same commands, syntax, and functions. The differences are in the lower level I/O libraries used to communicate over the USB; NI-488.2 and SICL respectively. |
| NI-488.2 | NI-488.2 I/O libraries can be used to develop applications for the USB interface. See National Instrument's website for information on NI-488.2.   |
| SICL     | Agilent SICL can be used to develop applications for the USB interface. See Agilent's website for information on SICL.   |

---

**CAUTION** Because of the potential for portability problems, running Agilent SICL without the VISA overlay is *not* recommended by Agilent Technologies.

---

## Setting Up the USB Interface

### Rear Panel Interface (Mini-B 5 pin)

To use USB, connect the USB cable (Refer to [Table 2-3, “USB Interface Cable,” on page 55](#), for USB cable information.) between the computer and the signal generator's rear panel Mini-B 5-pin USB connector.

**Table 2-3 USB Interface Cable**

| Quantity | Description                      | Agilent Part Number |
|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1        | USB cable Mini-B 5 pin to Type-A | 82357-61601         |

### Front Panel USB (Type-A)

For details on using the front panel USB (Type-A) and the front panel USB Media operation, refer to the *User’s Guide*.

### Using the Internal Storage and USB Media (Non-volatile Memories)

For details on using the internal storage and the front panel USB Media operation, refer to the *User’s Guide*.

## Verifying USB Functionality

### Mini-B 5 Pin Rear Panel Connector

---

**NOTE** For information on verifying your Mini-B 5 pin USB (rear panel) functionality, refer to the Agilent Connection Expert in the Agilent IO Libraries Help. The Agilent IO libraries are included with your signal generator or Agilent GPIB interface board, or they can be downloaded from the Agilent website: <http://www.agilent.com>.

---

### Type-A Front Panel USB Connector

For details on using the front panel USB (Type-A) and the front panel USB Media operation, refer to the *User's Guide*.

---

## **3 Programming Examples**

- “Using the Programming Interface Examples” on page 58
- “GPIB Programming Interface Examples” on page 62
- “LAN Programming Interface Examples” on page 101
- “RS-232 Programming Interface Examples (ESG/PSG/E8663B Only)” on page 131

## Using the Programming Interface Examples

The programming examples for remote control of the signal generator use the GPIB, LAN, and RS-232 interfaces and demonstrate instrument control using different IO libraries and programming languages. Many of the example programs in this chapter are interactive; the user will be prompted to perform certain actions or verify signal generator operation or functionality. Example programs are written in the following languages:

|          |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
| HP Basic | C#                         |
| C/C++    | Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0 |
| Java     | MATLAB                     |
| Perl     |                            |

These example programs are also available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM, enabling you to cut and paste the examples into a text editor.

---

**NOTE** The example programs set the signal generator into remote mode; front panel keys, except the Agilent MXG **Local/Esc/Cancel** or the ESG, PSG, and E8663B's **Local** key, are disabled. Press the Agilent MXG **Local/Esc/Cancel** or the ESG, PSG, and E8663B's **Local** key to revert to manual operation.

---

To have the signal generator's front panel update with changes caused by remote operations, enable the signal generator's Update in Remote function.

---

**NOTE** The Update in Remote function will slow test execution. For faster test execution, disable the Update in Remote function. (For more information, refer to or ["Configuring the Display for Remote Command Setups \(Agilent MXG\)" on page 17.](#) or ["Configuring the Display for Remote Command Setups \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)" on page 17.](#)

---

## Programming Examples Development Environment

The C/C++ examples were written using an IBM-compatible personal computer (PC), configured as follows:

- Pentium® processor (Pentium is a registered trademark of Intel Corporation.)
- Windows NT 4.0 operating system or later
- C/C++ programming language with the Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0 IDE
- National Instruments PCI-GPIB interface card or Agilent GPIB interface card
- National Instruments VISA Library or Agilent VISA library
- COM1 or COM2 serial port available
- LAN interface card

The HP Basic examples were run on a UNIX 700 series workstation.

## Running C++ Programs

When using Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0 to run the example programs, include the following files in your project.

When using the VISA library:

- add the visa32.lib file to the Resource Files
- add the visa.h file to the Header Files

When using the NI-488.2 library:

- add the GPIB-32.OBJ file to the Resource Files
- add the windows.h file to the Header Files
- add the Deci-32.h file to the Header Files

For information on the NI-488.2 library and file requirements refer to the National Instrument website. For information on the VISA library see the Agilent website or National Instrument's website.

---

**NOTE** To communicate with the signal generator over the LAN interface you must enable the VXI-11 SCPI service. For more information, refer to “[Configuring the DHCP LAN \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on page 33 and “[Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)](#)” on page 30.

---

## C/C++ Examples

- “[Interface Check for GPIB Using VISA and C](#)” on page 68
- “[Queries for RS-232 Using VISA and C](#)” on page 135
- “[Local Lockout Using NI-488.2 and C++](#)” on page 71
- “[Queries Using NI-488.2 and Visual C++](#)” on page 73
- “[Queries for GPIB Using VISA and C](#)” on page 75
- “[Generating a CW Signal Using VISA and C](#)” on page 77
- “[Generating an Externally Applied AC-Coupled FM Signal Using VISA and C](#)” on page 79
- “[Generating an Internal FM Signal Using VISA and C](#)” on page 81
- “[Generating a Step-Swept Signal Using VISA and C++](#)” on page 83
- “[Reading the Data Questionable Status Register Using VISA and C](#)” on page 90
- “[Reading the Service Request Interrupt \(SRQ\) Using VISA and C](#)” on page 94
- “[VXI-11 Programming Using SICL and C++](#)” on page 102
- “[VXI-11 Programming Using VISA and C++](#)” on page 103
- “[Sockets LAN Programming and C](#)” on page 105
- “[Interface Check Using VISA and C](#)” on page 132
- “[Queries for RS-232 Using VISA and C](#)” on page 135

## Running C# Examples

To run the example program *State\_Files.cs* on [page 326](#), you must have the .NET framework installed on your computer. You must also have the Agilent IO Libraries installed on your computer. The .NET framework can be downloaded from the Microsoft website. For more information on running C# programs using .NET framework, see [Chapter 6](#).

---

**NOTE** To communicate with the signal generator over the LAN interface you must enable the VXI-11 SCPI service. For more information, refer to “[Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on [page 29](#) and “[Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)](#)” on [page 30](#).

---

## Running Basic Examples

The BASIC programming interface examples provided in this chapter use either HP Basic or Visual Basic 6.0 languages.

### Visual Basic 6.0 Programming Examples

To run the example programs written in Visual Basic 6.0 you must include references to the IO Libraries. For more information on VISA and IO libraries, refer to the Agilent VISA User’s Manual, available on Agilent’s website: <http://www.agilent.com>. In the Visual Basic IDE (Integrated Development Environment) go to Project–References and place a check mark on the following references:

- Agilent VISA COM Resource Manager 1.0
- VISA COM 1.0 Type Library

---

**NOTE** If you want to use VISA functions such as viWrite, then you must add the visa32.bas module to your Visual Basic project.

---

The signal generator’s VXI-11 SCPI service must be on before you can run the Download Visual Basic 6.0 programming example.

---

**NOTE** To communicate with the signal generator over the LAN interface you must enable the VXI-11 SCPI service. For more information, refer to “[Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on [page 29](#) and “[Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)](#)” on [page 30](#).

---

You can start a new Standard EXE project and add the required references. Once the required references are included, you can copy the example programs into your project and add a command button to Form1 that will call the program.

The example Visual Basic 6.0 programs are available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM, enabling you to cut and paste the examples into your project.

### **Visual Basic Examples**

The Visual Basic examples enable the use of waveform files and are located in [Chapter 5](#).

- “[Creating I/Q Data—Little Endian Order](#)” on page 262
- “[Downloading I/Q Data](#)” on page 265

### **HP Basic Examples**

- “[Interface Check using HP Basic and GPIB](#)” on page 66
- “[Local Lockout Using HP Basic and GPIB](#)” on page 69
- “[Queries Using HP Basic and GPIB](#)” on page 72
- “[Queries Using HP Basic and RS-232](#)” on page 134
- “[Using 8757D Pass-Thru Commands \(PSG with Option 007 Only\)](#)” on page 98

### **Running Java Examples**

The Java program “[Sockets LAN Programming Using Java](#)” on page 128, connects to the signal generator via sockets LAN. This program requires Java version 1.1 or later be installed on your PC. For more information on sockets LAN programming with Java, refer to “[Sockets LAN Programming Using Java](#)” on page 128.

### **Running MATLAB Examples**

For information regarding programming examples and files required to create and play waveform files, refer to [Chapter 5](#).

---

**NOTE** To communicate with the signal generator over the LAN interface you must enable the VXI-11 SCPI service. For more information, refer to “[Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on page 29 and “[Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)](#)” on page 30.

---

### **Running Perl Examples**

The Perl example “[Sockets LAN Programming Using PERL](#)” on page 130, uses PERL script to control the signal generator over the sockets LAN interface.

## Using GPIB

GPIB enables instruments to be connected together and controlled by a computer. GPIB and its associated interface operations are defined in the ANSI/IEEE Standard 488.1-1987 and ANSI/IEEE Standard 488.2-1992. See the IEEE website, <http://www.ieee.org>, for details on these standards.

The following sections contain information for installing a GPIB interface card or NI-GPIB interface card for your PC or UNIX-based system.

- “[Installing the GPIB Interface Card](#)” on page 62

For more information on setting up a GPIB interface card or NI-GPIB interface card, refer to:

- “[Set Up the GPIB Interface](#)” on page 24
- “[Verify GPIB Functionality](#)” on page 25

---

**NOTE** You can also connect GPIB instruments to a PC USB port using the Agilent 82357A USB/GPIB Interface Converter, which eliminates the need for a GPIB card. For more information, go to <http://www.agilent.com/find/gpib>.

---

### Installing the GPIB Interface Card

Refer to “[Installing the GPIB Interface](#)” on page 22.

### GPIB Programming Interface Examples

- “[Interface Check using HP Basic and GPIB](#)” on page 66
- “[Interface Check Using NI-488.2 and C++](#)” on page 67
- “[Interface Check for GPIB Using VISA and C](#)” on page 68
- “[Local Lockout Using HP Basic and GPIB](#)” on page 69
- “[Local Lockout Using NI-488.2 and C++](#)” on page 71
- “[Queries Using HP Basic and GPIB](#)” on page 72
- “[Queries Using NI-488.2 and Visual C++](#)” on page 73
- “[Queries for GPIB Using VISA and C](#)” on page 75
- “[Generating a CW Signal Using VISA and C](#)” on page 77
- “[Generating an Externally Applied AC-Coupled FM Signal Using VISA and C](#)” on page 79
- “[Generating an Internal FM Signal Using VISA and C](#)” on page 81
- “[Generating a Step-Swept Signal Using VISA and C++](#)” on page 83
- “[Generating a Swept Signal Using VISA and Visual C++](#)” on page 84
- “[Saving and Recalling States Using VISA and C](#)” on page 88
- “[Reading the Data Questionable Status Register Using VISA and C](#)” on page 90
- “[Reading the Service Request Interrupt \(SRQ\) Using VISA and C](#)” on page 94
- “[Using 8757D Pass-Thru Commands \(PSG with Option 007 Only\)](#)” on page 98

### Before Using the GPIB Examples

HP Basic addresses the signal generator at 719. The GPIB card is addressed at 7 and the signal generator at 19. The GPIB address designator for other libraries is typically GPIB0 or GPIB1.

## GPIB Function Statements (Command Messages)

Function statements are the basis for GPIB programming and instrument control. These function statements, combined with SCPI, provide management and data communication for the GPIB interface and the signal generator.

This section describes functions used by different IO libraries. For more information, refer to the NI-488.2 Function Reference Manual for Windows, Agilent Standard Instrument Control Library reference manual, and Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0 documentation.

### Abort Function

The HP Basic function ABORT and the other listed IO library functions terminate listener/talker activity on the GPIB and prepare the signal generator to receive a new command from the computer. Typically, this is an initialization command used to place the GPIB in a known starting condition.

| Library      | Function Statement  | Initialization Command       |
|--------------|---|------------------------------|
| HP Basic     | The ABORT function stops all GPIB activity.   | 10 ABORT 7                   |
| VISA Library | In VISA, the viTerminate command requests a VISA session to terminate normal execution of an asynchronous operation. The parameter list describes the session and job id. | viTerminate (parameter list) |
| NI-488.2     | The NI-488.2 library function aborts any asynchronous read, write, or command operation that is in progress. The parameter ud is the interface or device descriptor.      | ibstop(int ud)               |
| SICL         | The Agilent SICL function aborts any command currently executing with the session id. This function is supported with C/C++ on Windows 3.1 and Series 700 HP-UX.          | iabort (id)                  |

### Remote Function

The HP Basic function REMOTE and the other listed IO library functions change the signal generator from local operation to remote operation. In remote operation, the front panel keys are disabled except for the **Local** key and the line power switch. Pressing the **Local** key restores manual operation.

| Library      | Function Statement   | Initialization Command        |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------|
| HP Basic     | The REMOTE 719 function disables the front panel operation of all keys with the exception of the <b>Local</b> key.   | 10 REMOTE 719                 |
| VISA Library | The VISA library, at this time, does not have a similar command.   | N/A                           |
| NI-488.2     | The NI-488.2 library function asserts the Remote Enable (REN) GPIB line. All devices listed in the parameter list are put into a listen-active state although no indication is generated by the signal generator. The parameter list describes the interface or device descriptor. | EnableRemote (parameter list) |

| Library | Function Statement   | Initialization Command    |
|---------|--|---------------------------|
| SICL    | The Agilent SICL function puts an instrument, identified by the <code>id</code> parameter, into remote mode and disables the front panel keys. Pressing the <b>Local</b> key on the signal generator front panel restores manual operation. The parameter <code>id</code> is the session identifier. | <code>iremote (id)</code> |

### Local Lockout Function

The HP Basic function LOCAL LOCKOUT and the other listed IO library functions disable the front panel keys including the **Local** key. With the **Local** key disabled, only the controller (or a hard reset of line power) can restore local control.

| Library      | Function Statement  | Initialization Command     |
|--------------|---|----------------------------|
| HP Basic     | The LOCAL LOCKOUT function disables all front-panel signal generator keys. Return to local control can occur only by cycling power on the instrument, when the LOCAL command is sent or if the Preset key is pressed.   | 10 LOCAL LOCKOUT 719       |
| VISA Library | The VISA library, at this time, does not have a similar command.  | N/A                        |
| NI-488.2     | The LOCAL LOCKOUT function disables all front-panel signal generator keys. Return to local control can occur only by cycling power on the instrument, when the LOCAL command is sent or if the Preset key is pressed.   | SetRWLS (parameter list)   |
| SICL         | The Agilent SICL igpibllo prevents function prevents user access to front panel keys operation. The function puts an instrument, identified by the <code>id</code> parameter, into remote mode with local lockout. The parameter <code>id</code> is the session identifier and instrument address list. | <code>igpibllo (id)</code> |

### Local Function

The HP Basic function LOCAL and the other listed functions return the signal generator to local control with a fully enabled front panel.

| Library      | Function Statement   | Initialization Command |
|--------------|--|------------------------|
| HP Basic     | The LOCAL 719 function returns the signal generator to manual operation, allowing access to the signal generator's front panel keys. | 10 LOCAL 719           |
| VISA Library | The VISA library, at this time, does not have a similar command.   | N/A                    |

| <b>Library</b> | <b>Function Statement</b>   | <b>Initialization Command</b> |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| NI-488.2       | The NI-488.2 library function places the interface in local mode and allows operation of the signal generator's front panel keys. The ud parameter in the parameter list is the interface or device descriptor. | ibloc (int ud)                |
| SICL           | The Agilent SICL function puts the signal generator into Local operation; enabling front panel key operation. The id parameter identifies the session.  | iloc(id)                      |

### **Clear Function**

The HP Basic function CLEAR and the other listed IO library functions clear the signal generator.

| <b>Library</b> | <b>Function Statement</b>  | <b>Initialization Command</b> |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| HP Basic       | The CLEAR 719 function halts all pending output-parameter operations, resets the parser (interpreter of programming codes) and prepares for a new programming code, stops any sweep in progress, and turns off continuous sweep. | 10 CLEAR 719                  |
| VISA Library   | The VISA library uses the viClear function. This function performs an IEEE 488.1 clear of the signal generator.  | viClear(ViSession vi)         |
| NI-488.2       | The NI-488.2 library function sends the GPIB Selected Device Clear (SDC) message to the device described by ud.  | ibclr(int ud)                 |
| SICL           | The Agilent SICL function clears a device or interface. The function also discards data in both the read and write formatted IO buffers. The id parameter identifies the session.  | iclear (id)                   |

### **Output Function**

The HP Basic IO function OUTPUT and the other listed IO library functions put the signal generator into a listen mode and prepare it to receive ASCII data, typically SCPI commands.

| <b>Library</b> | <b>Function Statement</b>   | <b>Initialization Command</b> |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| HP Basic       | The function OUTPUT 719 puts the signal generator into remote mode, makes it a listener, and prepares it to receive data.   | 10 OUTPUT 719                 |
| VISA Library   | The VISA library uses the above function and associated parameter list to output data. This function formats according to the format string and sends data to the device. The parameter list describes the session id and data to send. | viPrintf(parameter list)      |

| Library  | Function Statement   | Initialization Command   |
|----------|--|--------------------------|
| NI-488.2 | The NI-488.2 library function addresses the GPIB and writes data to the signal generator. The parameter list includes the instrument address, session id, and the data to send.  | ibwrt (parameter list)   |
| SICL     | The Agilent SICL function converts data using the format string. The format string specifies how the argument is converted before it is output. The function sends the characters in the format string directly to the instrument. The parameter list includes the instrument address, data buffer to write, and so forth. | iprintf (parameter list) |

### Enter Function

The HP Basic function ENTER reads formatted data from the signal generator. Other IO libraries use similar functions to read data from the signal generator.

| Library      | Function Statement  | Initialization Command   |
|--------------|---|--------------------------|
| HP Basic     | The function ENTER 719 puts the signal generator into remote mode, makes it a talker, and assigns data or status information to a designated variable.  | 10 ENTER 719;            |
| VISA Library | The VISA library uses the viScanf function and an associated parameter list to receive data. This function receives data from the instrument, formats it using the format string, and stores the data in the argument list. The parameter list includes the session id and string argument. | viScanf (parameter list) |
| NI-488.2     | The NI-488.2 library function addresses the GPIB, reads data bytes from the signal generator, and stores the data into a specified buffer. The parameter list includes the instrument address and session id.   | ibrd (parameter list)    |
| SICL         | The Agilent SICL function reads formatted data, converts it, and stores the results into the argument list. The conversion is done using conversion rules for the format string. The parameter list includes the instrument address, formatted data to read, and so forth.                  | iscanf (parameter list)  |

### Interface Check using HP Basic and GPIB

This simple program causes the signal generator to perform an instrument reset. The SCPI command \*RST places the signal generator into a pre-defined state and the remote annunciator (R) appears on the front panel display.

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as basicex1.txt.

```
10 !*****
```

```
20 !
30 ! PROGRAM NAME: basicex1.txt
40 !
50 ! PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program verifies that the GPIB connections and
60 ! interface are functional.
70 !
80 ! Connect a controller to the signal generator using a GPIB cable.
90 !
100 !
110 ! CLEAR and RESET the controller and type in the following commands and then
120 ! RUN the program:
130 !
140 !*****!
150 !
160 Sig_gen=719 ! Declares a variable to hold the signal generator's address
170 LOCAL Sig_gen ! Places the signal generator into Local mode
180 CLEAR Sig_gen ! Clears any pending data I/O and resets the parser
190 REMOTE 719 ! Puts the signal generator into remote mode
200 CLEAR SCREEN ! Clears the controllers display
210 REMOTE 719
220 OUTPUT Sig_gen;"*RST" ! Places the signal generator into a defined state
230 PRINT "The signal generator should now be in REMOTE."
240 PRINT
250 PRINT "Verify that the remote [R] annunciator is on. Press the `Local' key, "
260 PRINT "on the front panel to return the signal generator to local control."
270 PRINT
280 PRINT "Press RUN to start again."
290 END ! Program ends
```

## Interface Check Using NI-488.2 and C++

This example uses the NI-488.2 library to verify that the GPIB connections and interface are functional. Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file.

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as niex1.cpp.

```
// ****!
// 
// PROGRAM NAME: niex1.cpp
//
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program verifies that the GPIB connections and
// interface are functional.
//
```

```
// Connect a GPIB cable from the PC GPIB card to the signal generator
// Enter the following code into the source .cpp file and execute the program
//
// ****
#include "stdafx.h"
#include <iostream>
#include "windows.h"
#include "Decl-32.h"
using namespace std;

int GPIB0= 0;           // Board handle
Addr4882_t Address[31]; // Declares an array of type Addr4882_t

int main(void)

{
    int sig;                  // Declares a device descriptor variable
    sig = ibdev(0, 19, 0, 13, 1, 0); // Aquires a device descriptor
    ibclr(sig);               // Sends device clear message to signal generator
    ibwrt(sig, "*RST", 4);   // Places the signal generator into a defined state

                    // Print data to the output window
    cout << "The signal generator should now be in REMOTE. The remote indicator" << endl;
    cout << "annunciator R should appear on the signal generator display" << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

## Interface Check for GPIB Using VISA and C

This program uses VISA library functions and the C language to communicate with the signal generator. The program verifies that the GPIB connections and interface are functional. Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file. visaex1.cpp performs the following functions:

- verifies the GPIB connections and interface are functional
- switches the signal generator into remote operation mode

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as visaex1.cpp.

```
//**
// PROGRAM NAME:visaex1.cpp
// ****
```

```

// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:This example program verifies that the GPIB connections and
// and interface are functional.
// Turn signal generator power off then on and then run the program
//
//*****
#include <visa.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "StdAfx.h"
#include <stdlib.h>

void main ()
{
ViSession defaultRM, vi;           // Declares a variable of type ViSession
                                    // for instrument communication

ViStatus viStatus = 0;            // Opens a session to the GPIB device
                                    // at address 19

viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);
viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB::19::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);
if(viStatus){
printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");
printf("Check instruments and connections\n");
printf("\n");
exit(0);}

viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n");          // initializes signal generator
                                    // prints to the output window
printf("The signal generator should now be in REMOTE. The remote
indicator\n");
printf("annunciator R should appear on the signal generator display\n");
printf("\n");

viClose(vi);                     // closes session
viClose(defaultRM);             // closes default session
}

```

## **Local Lockout Using HP Basic and GPIB**

This example demonstrates the Local Lockout function. Local Lockout disables the front panel signal generator keys. basicex2.txt performs the following functions:

- resets instrument
- places signal generator into local
- places signal generator into remote

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as basicex2.txt.

```
10 !*****
20 !
30 ! PROGRAM NAME:      basicex2.txt
40 !
50 ! PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: In REMOTE mode, access to the signal generators
60 ! functional front panel keys are disabled except for
70 ! the Local and Contrast keys. The LOCAL LOCKOUT
80 ! command will disable the Local key.
90 !
100 ! The LOCAL command, executed from the controller, is then
110 ! the only way to return the signal generator to front panel,
110 ! Local, control.
120 *****
130 Sig_gen=719      ! Declares a variable to hold signal generator address
140 CLEAR Sig_gen    ! Resets signal generator parser and clears any output
150 LOCAL Sig_gen    ! Places the signal generator in local mode
160 REMOTE Sig_gen   ! Places the signal generator in remote mode
170 CLEAR SCREEN     ! Clears the controllers display
180 OUTPUT Sig_gen;!*RST"      ! Places the signal generator in a defined state
190 ! The following print statements are user prompts
200 PRINT "The signal generator should now be in remote."
210 PRINT "Verify that the 'R' and 'L' annunciators are visable"
220 PRINT "..... Press Continue"
230 PAUSE
240 LOCAL LOCKOUT 7    ! Puts the signal generator in LOCAL LOCKOUT mode
250 PRINT           ! Prints user prompt messages
260 PRINT "Signal generator should now be in LOCAL LOCKOUT mode."
270 PRINT
280 PRINT "Verify that all keys including 'Local' (except Contrast keys) have no effect."
290 PRINT
300 PRINT "..... Press Continue"
310 PAUSE
320 PRINT
330 LOCAL 7          ! Returns signal generator to Local control
340 ! The following print statements are user prompts
350 PRINT "Signal generator should now be in Local mode."
360 PRINT
370 PRINT "Verify that the signal generator's front-panel keyboard is functional."
380 PRINT
390 PRINT "To re-start this program press RUN."
400 END
```

## Local Lockout Using NI-488.2 and C++

This example uses the NI-488.2 library to set the signal generator local lockout mode. Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file. niex2.cpp performs the following functions:

- all front panel keys, except the contrast key
- places the signal generator into remote
- prompts the user to verify the signal generator is in remote
- places the signal generator into local

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as niex2.cpp.

```
// ****
// PROGRAM NAME: niex2.cpp
//
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program will place the signal generator into
// LOCAL LOCKOUT mode. All front panel keys, except the Contrast key, will be disabled.
// The local command, 'ibloc(sig)' executed via program code, is the only way to
// return the signal generator to front panel, Local, control.
// ****

#include "stdafx.h"
#include <iostream>
#include "windows.h"
#include "Decl-32.h"
using namespace std;

int GPIB0=    0;                                // Board handle
Addr4882_t Address[31];                         // Declares a variable of type Addr4882_t

int main()

{
    int sig;                                     // Declares variable to hold interface descriptor
    sig = ibdev(0, 19, 0, 13, 1, 0);             // Opens and initialize a device descriptor
    ibclr(sig);                                  // Sends GPIB Selected Device Clear (SDC) message
    ibwrt(sig, "*RST", 4);                      // Places signal generator in a defined state
    cout << "The signal generator should now be in REMOTE. The remote mode R " << endl;
    cout << "annunciator should appear on the signal generator display." << endl;
    cout << "Press Enter to continue" << endl;
    cin.ignore(10000, '\n');

    SendIFC(GPIB0);                            // Resets the GPIB interface
    Address[0]=19;                             // Signal generator's address
    Address[1]=NOADDR;                          // Signifies end element in array. Defined in
                                                // DECL-32.H
```

```
SetRWLS(GPIB0, Address);           // Places device in Remote with Lockout State.

cout<< "The signal generator should now be in LOCAL LOCKOUT. Verify that all
keys"<<endl;
cout<< "including the 'Local' key are disabled (Contrast keys are not
affected)"<<endl;
cout <<"Press Enter to continue"<<endl;
cin.ignore(10000,'\'n');
ibloc(sig);                      // Returns signal generator to local control
cout<<endl;
cout <<"The signal generator should now be in local mode\n";
return 0;
}
```

## Queries Using HP Basic and GPIB

This example demonstrates signal generator query commands. The signal generator can be queried for conditions and setup parameters. Query commands are identified by the question mark as in the identify command \*IDN? basicex3.txt performs the following functions:

- clears the signal generator
- queries the signal generator's settings

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as basicex3.txt.

```
10 !*****
20 !
30 ! PROGRAM NAME:      basicex3.txt
40 !
50 ! PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: In this example, query commands are used with response
60 !                   data formats.
70 !
80 ! CLEAR and RESET the controller and RUN the following program:
90 !
100 !*****
110 !
120 DIM A$(10),C$(100),D$(10)    ! Declares variables to hold string response data
130 INTEGER B                    ! Declares variable to hold integer response data
140 Sig_gen=719                  ! Declares variable to hold signal generator address
150 LOCAL Sig_gen               ! Puts signal generator in Local mode
160 CLEAR Sig_gen               ! Resets parser and clears any pending output
170 CLEAR SCREEN                ! Clears the controller's display
180 OUTPUT Sig_gen;"*RST"       ! Puts signal generator into a defined state
190 OUTPUT Sig_gen;"FREQ:CW?"   ! Querys the signal generator CW frequency setting
200 ENTER Sig_gen;F             ! Enter the CW frequency setting
210 ! Print frequency setting to the controller display
```

```
220 PRINT "Present source CW frequency is: ";F/1.E+6;"MHz"
230 PRINT
240 OUTPUT Sig_gen;"POW:AMPL?" ! Querys the signal generator power level
250 ENTER Sig_gen;W ! Enter the power level
260 ! Print power level to the controller display
270 PRINT "Current power setting is: ";W;"dBm"
280 PRINT
290 OUTPUT Sig_gen;"FREQ:MODE?" ! Querys the signal generator for frequency mode
300 ENTER Sig_gen;A$ ! Enter in the mode: CW, Fixed or List
310 ! Print frequency mode to the controller display
320 PRINT "Source's frequency mode is: ";A$
330 PRINT
340 OUTPUT Sig_gen;"OUTP OFF" ! Turns signal generator RF state off
350 OUTPUT Sig_gen;"OUTP?" ! Querys the operating state of the signal generator
360 ENTER Sig_gen;B ! Enter in the state (0 for off)
370 ! Print the on/off state of the signal generator to the controller display
380 IF B>0 THEN
390     PRINT "Signal Generator output is: on"
400 ELSE
410     PRINT "Signal Generator output is: off"
420 END IF
430 OUTPUT Sig_gen;"*IDN?" ! Querys for signal generator ID
440 ENTER Sig_gen;C$ ! Enter in the signal generator ID
450 ! Print the signal generator ID to the controller display
460 PRINT
470 PRINT "This signal generator is a ";C$
480 PRINT
490 ! The next command is a query for the signal generator's GPIB address
500 OUTPUT Sig_gen;"SYST:COMM:GPIB:ADDR?"
510 ENTER Sig_gen;D$ ! Enter in the signal generator's address
520 ! Print the signal generator's GPIB address to the controllers display
530 PRINT "The GPIB address is ";D$
540 PRINT
550 ! Print user prompts to the controller's display
560 PRINT "The signal generator is now under local control"
570 PRINT "or Press RUN to start again."
580 END
```

## Queries Using NI-488.2 and Visual C++

This example uses the NI-488.2 library to query different instrument states and conditions. Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file. niex3.cpp performs the following functions:

- resets the signal generator
- queries the signal generator for various settings
- reads the various settings

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as niex3.cpp.

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
// PROGRAM NAME: niex3.cpp
//
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This example demonstrates the use of query commands.
//
// The signal generator can be queried for conditions and instrument states.
// These commands are of the type "*IDN?" where the question mark indicates
// a query.
//
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

#include "stdafx.h"
#include <iostream>
#include "windows.h"
#include "Decl-32.h"
using namespace std;

int GPIB0= 0;                                // Board handle
Addr4882_t Address[31];                      // Declare a variable of type Addr4882_t

int main()

{
    int sig;                                  // Declares variable to hold interface descriptor
    int num;
    char rdVal[100];                         // Declares variable to read instrument responses
    sig = ibdev(0, 19, 0, 13, 1, 0);          // Open and initialize a device descriptor
    ibloc(sig);                             // Places the signal generator in local mode
    ibclr(sig);                             // Sends Selected Device Clear( SDC ) message
    ibwrt(sig, "*RST", 4);                  // Places signal generator in a defined state
    ibwrt(sig, ":FREQuency:CW?", 14);        // Querys the CW frequency
    ibrd(sig, rdVal,100);                   // Reads in the response into rdVal
    rdVal[ibcntl] = '\0';                    // Null character indicating end of array
    cout<<"Source CW frequency is "<<rdVal;   // Print frequency of signal generator
    cout<<"Press any key to continue"<<endl;
    cin.ignore(10000,'\'n\');
    ibwrt(sig, "POW:AMPL?",10);             // Querys the signal generator
    ibrd(sig, rdVal,100);                   // Reads the signal generator power level
```

```
rdVal[ibcntl] = '\0';           // Null character indicating end of array
                                // Prints signal generator power level
cout<<"Source power (dBm) is : "<<rdVal;
cout<<"Press any key to continue"<<endl;
cin.ignore(10000,'\\n');
ibwrt(sig, ":FREQ:MODE?",11);   // Querys source frequency mode
ibrd(sig, rdVal,100);          // Enters in the source frequency mode
rdVal[ibcntl] = '\0';           // Null character indicating end of array
cout<<"Source frequency mode is "<<rdVal; // Print source frequency mode
cout<<"Press any key to continue"<<endl;
cin.ignore(10000,'\\n');
ibwrt(sig, "OUTP OFF",12);      // Turns off RF source
ibwrt(sig, "OUTP?",5);          // Querys the on/off state of the instrument
ibrd(sig,rdVal,2);              // Enter in the source state
rdVal[ibcntl] = '\0';
num = (int (rdVal[0]) -('0'));
if (num > 0){
    cout<<"Source RF state is : On"<<endl;
}else{
    cout<<"Source RF state is : Off"<<endl;}
cout<<endl;
ibwrt(sig, "*IDN?",5);         // Querys the instrument ID
ibrd(sig, rdVal,100);          // Reads the source ID
rdVal[ibcntl] = '\0';           // Null character indicating end of array
cout<<"Source ID is : "<<rdVal; // Prints the source ID
cout<<"Press any key to continue"<<endl;
cin.ignore(10000,'\\n');
ibwrt(sig, "SYST:COMM:GPIB:ADDR?",20); //Querys source address
ibrd(sig, rdVal,100);            // Reads the source address
rdVal[ibcntl] = '\0';           // Null character indicates end of array
                                // Prints the signal generator address
cout<<"Source GPIB address is : "<<rdVal;
cout<<endl;
cout<<"Press the 'Local' key to return the signal generator to LOCAL control"<<endl;      cout<<endl;
return 0;
}
```

## Queries for GPIB Using VISA and C

This example uses VISA library functions to query different instrument states and conditions. Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file. visaex3.cpp performs the following functions:

- verifies the GPIB connections and interface are functional

- resets the signal generator
- queries the instrument (CW frequency, power level, frequency mode, and RF state)
- reads responses into the rdBuffer (CW frequency, power level, and frequency mode)
- turns signal generator RF state off
- verifies RF state off

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as visaex3.cpp.

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
// PROGRAM FILE NAME:visaex3.cpp
//
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:This example demonstrates the use of query commands. The signal
// generator can be queried for conditions and instrument states. These commands are of
// the type "*IDN?"; the question mark indicates a query.
//
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

#include <visa.h>
#include "StdAfx.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <conio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
using namespace std;

void main ()
{
ViSession defaultRM, vi;      // Declares variables of type ViSession
                            // for instrument communication
ViStatus viStatus = 0;        // Declares a variable of type ViStatus
                            // for GPIB verifications
char rdBuffer [256];         // Declares variable to hold string data
int num;                      // Declares variable to hold integer data
                            // Initialize the VISA system
viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);
                            // Open session to GPIB device at address 19
viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB::19::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);
if(viStatus){                // If problems, then prompt user
    printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");
    printf("Check instruments and connections\n");
    printf("\n");
    exit(0);}
viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n");       // Resets signal generator
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ:CW?\n");   // Querys the CW frequency
```

```
viScanf(vi, "%t", rdBuffer);      // Reads response into rdBuffer
                                    // Prints the source frequency
printf("Source CW frequency is : %s\n", rdBuffer);
printf("Press any key to continue\n");
printf("\n");                      // Prints new line character to the display
getch();
viPrintf(vi, "POW:AMPL?\n");     // Querys the power level
viScanf(vi, "%t", rdBuffer);      // Reads the response into rdBuffer
                                    // Prints the source power level
printf("Source power (dBm) is : %s\n", rdBuffer);
printf("Press any key to continue\n");
printf("\n");                      // Prints new line character to the display
getch();
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ:MODE?\n");    // Querys the frequency mode
viScanf(vi, "%t", rdBuffer);      // Reads the response into rdBuffer
                                    // Prints the source freq mode
printf("Source frequency mode is : %s\n", rdBuffer);
printf("Press any key to continue\n");
printf("\n");                      // Prints new line character to the display
getch();
viPrintf(vi, "OUTP OFF\n");       // Turns source RF state off
viPrintf(vi, "OUTP?\n");          // Querys the signal generator's RF state
viScanf(vi, "%i", &num);         // Reads the response (integer value)
                                    // Prints the on/off RF state
if (num > 0 ) {
printf("Source RF state is : on\n");
} else{
printf("Source RF state is : off\n");
}
                                    // Close the sessions
viClose(vi);
viClose(defaultRM);
}
```

## Generating a CW Signal Using VISA and C

This example uses VISA library functions to control the signal generator. The signal generator is set for a CW frequency of 500 kHz and a power level of -2.3 dBm. Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the code into your .cpp source file. visaex4.cpp performs the following functions:

- verifies the GPIB connections and interface are functional
- resets the signal generator
- queries the instrument (CW frequency, power level, frequency mode, and RF state)
- reads responses into the rdBuffer (CW frequency, power level, and frequency mode)

- turns signal generator RF state off
- verifies RF state off

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as visaex4.cpp.

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////  
// PROGRAM FILE NAME:    visaex4.cpp  
//  
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This example demonstrates query commands. The signal generator  
// frequency and power level.  
// The RF state of the signal generator is turn on and then the state is queried. The  
// response will indicate that the RF state is on. The RF state is then turned off and  
// queried. The response should indicate that the RF state is off. The query results are  
// printed to the to the display window.  
//  
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////  
  
#include "StdAfx.h"  
#include <visa.h>  
#include <iostream>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
#include <conio.h>  
  
void main ()  
{  
    ViSession    defaultRM, vi;      // Declares variables of type ViSession  
                                    // for instrument communication  
    ViStatus viStatus = 0;          // Declares a variable of type ViStatus  
                                    // for GPIB verifications  
    char rdBuffer [256];           // Declare variable to hold string data  
    int num;                      // Declare variable to hold integer data  
  
    viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);      // Initialize VISA system  
                                              // Open session to GPIB device at address 19  
    viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB::19::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);  
    if(viStatus){                  // If problems then prompt user  
        printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");  
        printf("Check instruments and connections\n");  
        printf("\n");  
        exit(0);  
  
    viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n");        // Reset the signal generator  
    viPrintf(vi, "FREQ 500 kHz\n"); // Set the source CW frequency for 500 kHz
```

```
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ:CW?\n");      // Query the CW frequency
viScanf(vi, "%t", rdBuffer);    // Read signal generator response
printf("Source CW frequency is : %s\n", rdBuffer); // Print the frequency
viPrintf(vi, "POW:AMPL -2.3 dBm\n"); // Set the power level to -2.3 dBm
viPrintf(vi, "POW:AMPL?\n");     // Query the power level
viScanf(vi, "%t", rdBuffer);    // Read the response into rdBuffer
printf("Source power (dBm) is : %s\n", rdBuffer); // Print the power level
viPrintf(vi, "OUTP:STAT ON\n");   // Turn source RF state on
viPrintf(vi, "OUTP?\n");         // Query the signal generator's RF state
viScanf(vi, "%i", &num);        // Read the response (integer value)

// Print the on/off RF state
if (num > 0 ) {
printf("Source RF state is : on\n");
} else{
printf("Source RF state is : off\n");
}
printf("\n");
printf("Verify RF state then press continue\n");
printf("\n");
getch();
viClear(vi);

viPrintf(vi,"OUTP:STAT OFF\n"); // Turn source RF state off
viPrintf(vi, "OUTP?\n");       // Query the signal generator's RF state
viScanf(vi, "%i", &num);      // Read the response

// Print the on/off RF state
if (num > 0 ) {
printf("Source RF state is now: on\n");
} else{
printf("Source RF state is now: off\n");
}

// Close the sessions

printf("\n");
viClear(vi);
viClose(vi);
viClose(defaultRM);
}
```

## Generating an Externally Applied AC-Coupled FM Signal Using VISA and C

In this example, the VISA library is used to generate an ac-coupled FM signal at a carrier frequency of 700 MHz, a power level of -2.5 dBm, and a deviation of 20 kHz. Before running the program:

- Connect the output of a modulating signal source to the signal generator's EXT 2 input connector.
- Set the modulation signal source for the desired FM characteristics.

Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the code into your .cpp source file. visaex5.cpp performs the following functions:

- error checking
- resets the signal generator
- sets up the EXT 2 connector on the signal generator for FM
- sets up FM path 2 coupling to AC
- sets up FM path 2 deviation to 20 kHz
- sets carrier frequency to 700 MHz
- sets the power level to -2.5 dBm
- turns on frequency modulation and RF output

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as visaex5.cpp.

```
*****  
// PROGRAM FILE NAME:visaex5.cpp  
//  
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:This example sets the signal generator FM source to External 2,  
// coupling to AC, deviation to 20 kHz, carrier frequency to 700 MHz and the power level  
// to -2.5 dBm. The RF state is set to on.  
//  
*****  
  
#include <visa.h>  
#include "StdAfx.h"  
#include <iostream>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
#include <conio.h>  
  
void main ()  
{  
    ViSession defaultRM, vi;           // Declares variables of type ViSession  
                                    // for instrument communication  
    ViStatus viStatus = 0;            // Declares a variable of type ViStatus  
                                    // for GPIB verifications  
                                    // Initialize VISA session  
    viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);  
                                    // open session to gpib device at address 19  
    viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB::19::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);  
    if(viStatus){  
        // If problems, then prompt user  
        printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");  
        printf("Check instruments and connections\n");  
        printf("\n");  
        exit(0);  
    }  
}
```

```
printf("Example program to set up the signal generator\n");
printf("for an AC-coupled FM signal\n");
printf("Press any key to continue\n");
printf("\n");
getch();
printf("\n");

viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n");           // Resets the signal generator
viPrintf(vi, "FM:SOUR EXT2\n");   // Sets EXT 2 source for FM
viPrintf(vi, "FM:EXT2:COUP AC\n"); // Sets FM path 2 coupling to AC
viPrintf(vi, "FM:DEV 20 kHz\n");  // Sets FM path 2 deviation to 20 kHz
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ 700 MHz\n");   // Sets carrier frequency to 700 MHz
viPrintf(vi, "POW:AMPL -2.5 dBm\n"); // Sets the power level to -2.5 dBm
viPrintf(vi, "FM:STAT ON\n");     // Turns on frequency modulation
viPrintf(vi, "OUTP:STAT ON\n");   // Turns on RF output
                                // Print user information

printf("Power level : -2.5 dBm\n");
printf("FM state : on\n");
printf("RF output : on\n");
printf("Carrier Frequency : 700 MHZ\n");
printf("Deviation : 20 kHz\n");
printf("EXT2 and AC coupling are selected\n");
printf("\n");                      // Prints a carriage return
                                // Close the sessions

viClose(vi);
viClose(defaultRM);
}
```

## Generating an Internal FM Signal Using VISA and C

In this example the VISA library is used to generate an internal FM signal at a carrier frequency of 900 MHz and a power level of -15 dBm. The FM rate will be 5 kHz and the peak deviation will be 100 kHz. Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file. visaex6.cpp performs the following functions:

- error checking
- resets the signal generator
- sets up the signal generator for FM path 2 and internal FM rate of 5 kHz
- sets up FM path 2 deviation to 100 kHz
- sets carrier frequency to 900 MHz
- sets the power level to -15 dBm
- turns on frequency modulation and RF output

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as visaex6.cpp.

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
```

```
// PROGRAM FILE NAME:visaex6.cpp
//
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:This example generates an internal FM signal at a 900
// MHz carrier frequency and a power level of -15 dBm. The FM rate is 5 kHz and the peak
// deviation 100 kHz
//
//*****
#include <visa.h>
#include "StdAfx.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <conio.h>

void main ()
{
ViSession defaultRM, vi;           // Declares variables of type ViSession
                                    // for instrument communication
ViStatus viStatus = 0;           // Declares a variable of type ViStatus
                                    // for GPIB verifications

viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM); // Initialize VISA session
                                    // open session to gpib device at address 19
viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB::19::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);
if(viStatus){                     // If problems, then prompt user
printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");
printf("Check instruments and connections\n");
printf("\n");
exit(0);}

printf("Example program to set up the signal generator\n");
printf("for an AC-coupled FM signal\n");
printf("\n");
printf("Press any key to continue\n");
getch();

viClear(vi);                     // Clears the signal generator
viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n");          // Resets the signal generator
viPrintf(vi, "FM2:INT:FREQ 5 kHz\n"); // Sets FM path 2 to internal at a modulation rate of 5 kHz
viPrintf(vi, "FM2:DEV 100 kHz\n"); // Sets FM path 2 modulation deviation rate of 100 kHz
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ 900 MHz\n");   // Sets carrier frequency to 900 MHz
viPrintf(vi, "POW -15 dBm\n");    // Sets the power level to -15 dBm
viPrintf(vi, "FM2:STAT ON\n");    // Turns on frequency modulation
```

```
viPrintf(vi, "OUTP:STAT ON\n");           // Turns on RF output
printf("\n");                            // Prints a carriage return
                                         // Print user information

printf("Power level : -15 dBm\n");
printf("FM state : on\n");
printf("RF output : on\n");
printf("Carrier Frequency : 900 MHZ\n");
printf("Deviation : 100 kHz\n");
printf("Internal modulation : 5 kHz\n");
printf("\n");                           // Print a carriage return
                                         // Close the sessions

viClose(vi);
viClose(defaultRM);
}
```

## Generating a Step-Swept Signal Using VISA and C++

In this example the VISA library is used to set the signal generator for a continuous step sweep on a defined set of points from 500 MHz to 800 MHz. The number of steps is set for 10 and the dwell time at each step is set to 500 ms. The signal generator will then be set to local mode which allows the user to make adjustments from the front panel. Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file. visaex7.cpp performs the following functions:

- clears and resets the signal generator
- sets up the instrument for continuous step sweep
- sets up the start and stop sweep frequencies
- sets up the number of steps
- sets the power level
- turns on the RF output

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as visaex7.cpp.

```
*****  
// PROGRAM FILE NAME:visaex7.cpp  
//  
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:This example will program the signal generator to perform a step  
// sweep from 500-800 MHz with a .5 sec dwell at each frequency step.  
//  
*****  
  
#include <visa.h>  
#include "StdAfx.h"  
#include <iostream>  
  
void main ()
```

```
{  
ViSession defaultRM, vi; // Declares variables of type ViSession  
// vi establishes instrument communication  
ViStatus viStatus = 0; // Declares a variable of type ViStatus  
// for GPIB verifications  
  
viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM); // Initialize VISA session  
// Open session to GPIB device at address 19  
viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB::19::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);  
if(viStatus){// If problems, then prompt user  
printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");  
printf("Check instruments and connections\n");  
printf("\n");  
exit(0);  
  
viClear(vi); // Clears the signal generator  
viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n"); // Resets the signal generator  
viPrintf(vi, "*CLS\n"); // Clears the status byte register  
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ:MODE LIST\n"); // Sets the sig gen freq mode to list  
viPrintf(vi, "LIST:TYPE STEP\n"); // Sets sig gen LIST type to step  
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ:STAR 500 MHz\n"); // Sets start frequency  
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ:STOP 800 MHz\n"); // Sets stop frequency  
viPrintf(vi, "SWE:POIN 10\n"); // Sets number of steps (30 mHz/step)  
viPrintf(vi, "SWE:DWEL .5 S\n"); // Sets dwell time to 500 ms/step  
viPrintf(vi, "POW:AMPL -5 dBm\n"); // Sets the power level for -5 dBm  
viPrintf(vi, "OUTP:STAT ON\n"); // Turns RF output on  
viPrintf(vi, "INIT:CONT ON\n"); // Begins the step sweep operation  
// Print user information  
printf("The signal generator is in step sweep mode. The frequency range  
is\n");  
printf("500 to 800 mHz. There is a .5 sec dwell time at each 30 mHz  
step.\n");  
printf("\n"); // Prints a carriage return/line feed  
viPrintf(vi, "OUTP:STAT OFF\n"); // Turns the RF output off  
printf("Press the front panel Local key to return the\n");  
printf("signal generator to manual operation.\n");  
// Closes the sessions  
printf("\n");  
viClose(vi);  
viClose(defaultRM);  
}  
}
```

## Generating a Swept Signal Using VISA and Visual C++

This example sets up the signal generator for a frequency sweep from 1 to 2 GHz with 101 points

and a .01 second dwell period for each point. A loop is used to generator 5 sweep operations. The signal generator triggers each sweep with the :INIT command. There is a wait introduced in the loop to allow the signal generator to complete all operations such as set up and retrace before the next sweep is generated. visaex11.cpp performs the following functions:

- sets up the signal generator for a 1 to 2 GHz frequency sweep
- sets up the signal generator to have a dwell time of .01 seconds and 101 points in the sweep
- sleep function is used to allow the instrument to complete its sweep operation

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as visaex11.cpp.

```
*****  
// PROGRAM FILE NAME: visaex11.cpp  
  
//  
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program sets up the signal generator to  
// sweep from 1-2 GHz. A loop and counter are used to generate 5 sweeps.  
// Each sweep consists of 101 points with a .01 second dwell at each point.  
  
//  
// The program uses a Sleep function to allow the signal generator to  
// complete it's sweep operation before the INIT command is sent.  
// The Sleep function is available with the windows.h header file which is  
// included in the project.  
  
//  
// NOTE: Change the TCPIP0 address in the instOpenString declaration to  
// match the IP address of your signal generator.  
  
//  
*****  
  
#include "stdafx.h"  
#include "visa.h"  
#include <iostream>  
#include <windows.h>  
  
void main ()  
{  
    ViStatus stat;  
    ViSession defaultRM,inst;  
  
    int nPoints = 101;  
    double dwell = 0.01;  
    int intCounter=5;  
  
    char* instOpenString = "TCPIP0::141.121.93.101::INSTR";  
  
    stat = viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);  
    stat = viOpen(defaultRM,instOpenString,VI_NULL,VI_NULL, &inst);  
    // preset to start clean  
  
    stat = viPrintf( inst, "*RST\n" );  
    // set power level for -10dBm  
    stat = viPrintf(inst, "POW -10DBM\n");
```

```
// set the start and stop frequency for the sweep
stat = viPrintf(inst, "FREQ:START 1GHZ\n");
stat = viPrintf(inst, "FREQ:STOP 2GHZ\n");
// setup dwell per point
stat = viPrintf(inst, "SWEEP:DWELL %e\n", dwell);
// setup number of points
stat = viPrintf(inst, "SWEEP:POINTS %d\n", npoints);

// set interface timeout to double the expected sweep time
// sweep takes (~15ms + dwell) per point * number of points
// the timeout should not be shorter then the sweep, set it
// longer
long timeoutMS = long(2*npoints*(.015+dwell)*1000);
// set the VISA timeout
stat = viSetAttribute(inst, VI_ATTR_TMO_VALUE, timeoutMS);

// set continuous trigger mode off
stat = viPrintf(inst, "INIT:CONT OFF\n");
// turn list sweep on
stat = viPrintf(inst, "FREQ:MODE LIST\n");

int sweepNo = 0;
while(intCounter>0 )
{
    // start the sweep (initialize)
    stat = viPrintf(inst, "INIT\n");
    printf("Sweep %d started\n",++sweepNo);
    // wait for the sweep completion with *OPC?
    int res ;
    stat = viPrintf(inst, "*OPC?\n");
    stat = viScanf(inst, "%d", &res);
    // handle possible errors here (most likely a timeout)
    // err_handler( inst, stat );
    puts("Sweep ended");
    // delay before sending next INIT since instrument
    // may not be ready to receive it yet
    Sleep(15);

    intCounter = intCounter-1;

}
printf("End of Program\n\n");
```

}

## Saving and Recalling States Using VISA and C

In this example, instrument settings are saved in the signal generator's save register. These settings can then be recalled separately; either from the keyboard or from the signal generator's front panel. Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file. visaex8.cpp performs the following functions:

- error checking
- clears the signal generator
- resets the status byte register
- resets the signal generator
- sets up the signal generator frequency, ALC off, power level, RF output on
- checks for operation complete
- saves to settings to instrument register number one
- recalls information from register number one
- prompts user input to put instrument into Local and checks for operation complete

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as visaex8.cpp.

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////  
// PROGRAM FILE NAME:visaex8.cpp  
  
//  
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:In this example, instrument settings are saved in the signal  
// generator's registers and then recalled.  
// Instrument settings can be recalled from the keyboard or, when the signal generator  
// is put into Local control, from the front panel.  
// This program will initialize the signal generator for an instrument state, store the  
// state to register #1. An *RST command will reset the signal generator and a *RCL  
// command will return it to the stored state. Following this remote operation the user  
// will be instructed to place the signal generator in Local mode.  
  
//  
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////  
  
#include <visa.h>  
#include "StdAfx.h"  
#include <iostream>  
#include <conio.h>  
  
void main ()  
{  
    ViSession defaultRM, vi;// Declares variables of type ViSession  
    // for instrument communication  
    ViStatus viStatus = 0;// Declares a variable of type ViStatus
```

```

        // for GPIB verifications
long lngDone = 0;           // Operation complete flag

viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);      // Initialize VISA session
// Open session to gpib device at address 19
viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB::19::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);
if(viStatus){// If problems, then prompt user
    printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");
    printf("Check instruments and connections\n");
    printf("\n");
    exit(0);}
printf("\n");
viClear(vi);                // Clears the signal generator
viPrintf(vi, "*CLS\n");     // Resets the status byte register
                            // Print user information
printf("Programming example using the *SAV,*RCL SCPI commands\n");
printf("used to save and recall an instrument's state\n");
printf("\n");
viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n");     // Resets the signal generator
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ 5 MHz\n"); // Sets sig gen frequency
viPrintf(vi, "POW:ALC OFF\n"); // Turns ALC Off
viPrintf(vi, "POW:AMPL -3.2 dBm\n"); // Sets power for -3.2 dBm
viPrintf(vi, "OUTP:STAT ON\n"); // Turns RF output On
viPrintf(vi, "*OPC?\n");     // Checks for operation complete
while (!lngDone)
    viScanf (vi ,"%d",&lngDone);   // Waits for setup to complete
viPrintf(vi, "*SAV 1\n");     // Saves sig gen state to register #1
                            // Print user information
printf("The current signal generator operating state will be saved\n");
printf("to Register #1. Observe the state then press Enter\n");
printf("\n");                  // Prints new line character
getch();                     // Wait for user input
lngDone=0;                   // Resets the operation complete flag
viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n");     // Resets the signal generator
viPrintf(vi, "*OPC?\n");     // Checks for operation complete
while (!lngDone)
    viScanf (vi ,"%d",&lngDone);   // Waits for setup to complete
                                    // Print user infromation
printf("The instrument is now in it's Reset operating state. Press the\n");
printf("Enter key to return the signal generator to the Register #1          state\n");
printf("\n");                  // Prints new line character
getch();                     // Waits for user input

```

```
lngDone=0;                                // Reset the operation complete flag
viPrintf(vi, "*RCL 1\n");                  // Recalls stored register #1 state
viPrintf(vi, "*OPC?\n");                   // Checks for operation complete
while (!lngDone)
    viScanf (vi ,"%d",&lngDone);          // Waits for setup to complete
                                            // Print user information
printf("The signal generator has been returned to it's Register #1
      state\n");
printf("Press Enter to continue\n");
printf("\n");                            // Prints new line character
getch();                                // Waits for user input
lngDone=0;                                // Reset the operation complete flag
viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n");                   // Resets the signal generator
viPrintf(vi, "*OPC?\n");                   // Checks for operation complete
while (!lngDone)
    viScanf (vi ,"%d",&lngDone);          // Waits for setup to complete
                                            // Print user information
printf("Press Local on instrument front panel to return to manual mode\n");
printf("\n");                            // Prints new line character
                                         // Close the sessions
viClose(vi);
viClose(defaultRM);
}
```

## Reading the Data Questionable Status Register Using VISA and C

In this example, the signal generator's data questionable status register is read. You will be asked to set up the signal generator for error generating conditions. The data questionable status register will be read and the program will notify the user of the error condition that the setup caused. Follow the user prompts presented when the program runs. Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file. visaex9.cpp performs the following functions:

- error checking
- clears the signal generator
- resets the signal generator
- the data questionable status register is enabled to read an unleveled condition
- prompts user to manually set up the signal generator for an unleveled condition
- queries the data questionable status register for any set bits and converts the string data to numeric
- based on the numeric value, program checks for a corresponding status check value
- similarly checks for over or undermodulation condition

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as visaex9.cpp.

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
// PROGRAM NAME:visaex9.cpp
//
```

```

// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:In this example, the data questionable status register is read.
// The data questionable status register is enabled to read an unleveled condition.
// The signal generator is then set up for an unleveled condition and the data
// questionable status register read. The results are then displayed to the user.
// The status questionable register is then setup to monitor a modulation error condition.
// The signal generator is set up for a modulation error condition and the data
// questionable status register is read.
// The results are displayed to the active window.
//
//*****
#include <visa.h>
#include "StdAfx.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <conio.h>

void main ()
{
ViSession defaultRM, vi;// Declares a variables of type ViSession
                    // for instrument communication
ViStatus viStatus = 0;// Declares a variable of type ViStatus
// for GPIB verifications
int num=0;// Declares a variable for switch statements

char rdBuffer[256]={0};           // Declare a variable for response data

viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);      // Initialize VISA session
                                         // Open session to GPIB device at address 19

viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB::19::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);
if(viStatus){                      // If problems, then prompt user
printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");
printf("Check instruments and connections\n");
printf("\n");
exit(0);
printf("\n");
viClear(vi);// Clears the signal generator
// Prints user information
printf("Programming example to demonstrate reading the signal generator's
      Status Byte\n");
printf("\n");
printf("Manually set up the sig gen for an unleveled output condition:\n");
printf("* Set signal generator output amplitude to +20 dBm\n");

```

## Programming Examples

### GPIB Programming Interface Examples

```
printf("* Set frequency to maximum value\n");
printf("* Turn On signal generator's RF Output\n");
printf("* Check signal generator's display for the UNLEVEL annunciator\n");
printf("\n");
printf("Press Enter when ready\n");
printf("\n");
getch();                                // Waits for keyboard user input
viPrintf(vi, "STAT:QUES:POW:ENAB 2\n");   // Enables the Data Questionable
                                            // Power Condition Register Bits
                                            // Bits '0' and '1'
viPrintf(vi, "STAT:QUES:POW:COND?\n");    // Querys the register for any
                                            // set bits
viScanf(vi, "%s", rdBuffer);             // Reads the decimal sum of the
                                            // set bits
num=(int (rdBuffer[1]) -('0'));          // Converts string data to
                                            // numeric

switch (num)                                // Based on the decimal value
{
    case 1:
printf("Signal Generator Reverse Power Protection
printf("\n");
break;
    case 2:
printf("Signal Generator Power is Unleveled\n");
printf("\n");
break;
    default:
printf("No Power Unleveled condition detected\n");
printf("\n");
}
viClear(vi);                                // Clears the signal generator
                                            // Prints user information
printf("-----\n");
printf("\n");
printf("Manually set up the sig gen for an unleveled output condition:\n");
printf("\n");
printf("* Select AM modulation\n");
printf("* Select AM Source Ext 1 and Ext Coupling AC\n");
printf("* Turn On the modulation.\n");
printf("* Do not connect any source to the input\n");
printf("* Check signal generator's display for the EXT1 LO annunciator\n");
```

```
printf("\n");
printf("Press Enter when ready\n");
printf("\n");
getch();                                // Waits for keyboard user input
viPrintf(vi, "STAT:QUES:MOD:ENAB 16\n"); // Enables the Data Questionable
                                         // Modulation Condition Register
                                         // bits '0','1','2','3' and '4'
viPrintf(vi, "STAT:QUES:MOD:COND?\n");    // Querys the register for any
                                         // set bits
viScanf(vi, "%s", rdBuffer);             // Reads the decimal sum of the
                                         // set bits
num=(int (rdBuffer[1]) -('0')); // Converts string data to numeric

switch (num)                            // Based on the decimal value
{
    case 1:
printf("Signal Generator Modulation 1 Undermod\n");
printf("\n");
break;
    case 2:
printf("Signal Generator Modulation 1 Overmod\n");
printf("\n");
break;
    case 4:
printf("Signal Generator Modulation 2 Undermod\n");
printf("\n");
break;
    case 8:
printf("Signal Generator Modulation 2 Overmod\n");
printf("\n");
break;
    case 16:
printf("Signal Generator Modulation Uncalibrated\n");
printf("\n");
break;
    default:
printf("No Problems with Modulation\n");
printf("\n");
}
// Close the sessions
viClose(vi);
viClose(defaultRM);
```

}

## Reading the Service Request Interrupt (SRQ) Using VISA and C

This example demonstrates use of the Service Request (SRQ) interrupt. By using the SRQ, the computer can attend to other tasks while the signal generator is busy performing a function or operation. When the signal generator finishes its operation, or detects a failure, then a Service Request can be generated. The computer will respond to the SRQ and, depending on the code, can perform some other operation or notify the user of failures or other conditions.

This program sets up a step sweep function for the signal generator and, while the operation is in progress, prints out a series of asterisks. When the step sweep operation is complete, an SRQ is generated and the printing ceases.

Launch Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file. visaex10.cpp performs the following functions:

- error checking
- clears the signal generator
- resets the signal generator
- prompts user to manually begin the step sweep and waits for response
- clears the status register
- sets up the operation status group to respond to an end of sweep
- the data questionable status register is enabled to read an unleveled condition
- prompts user to manually set up the signal generator for an unleveled condition
- queries the data questionable status register for any set bits and converts the string data to numeric
- based on the numeric value, program checks for a corresponding status check value
- similarly checks for over or undermodulation condition

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as visaex10.cpp.

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// PROGRAM FILE NAME:visaex10.cpp  
//  
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This example demonstrates the use of a Service Request (SRQ)  
// interrupt. The program sets up conditions to enable the SRQ and then sets the signal  
// generator for a step mode sweep. The program will enter a printing loop which prints  
// an * character and ends when the sweep has completed and an SRQ received.  
//  
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
```

```
#include "visa.h"  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include "StdAfx.h"
```

```
#include "windows.h"
#include <conio.h>

#define MAX_CNT 1024

int sweep=1; // End of sweep flag

/* Prototypes */

ViStatus _VI_FUNCH interrupt(ViSession vi, ViEventType eventType, ViEvent event, ViAddr addr);

int main ()
{
ViSession defaultRM, vi;// Declares variables of type ViSession
// for instrument communication
ViStatus viStatus = 0;// Declares a variable of type ViStatus
// for GPIB verifications
char rdBuffer[MAX_CNT];// Declare a block of memory data

viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);// Initialize VISA session
if(viStatus < VI_SUCCESS){// If problems, then prompt user
printf("ERROR initializing VISA... exiting\n");
printf("\n");
return -1;
}
// Open session to gpib device at address 19
viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB::19::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);
if(viStatus){
// If problems then prompt user
printf("ERROR: Could not open communication with
instrument\n");
printf("\n");
return -1;
}

viClear(vi); // Clears the signal generator
viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n"); // Resets signal generator
// Print program header and information
printf("** End of Sweep Service Request **\n");
printf("\n");
printf("The signal generator will be set up for a step sweep mode
operation.\n");
printf("An '*' will be printed while the instrument is sweeping. The end of
\n");
printf("sweep will be indicated by an SRQ on the GPIB and the program will
end.\n");
printf("\n");
}
```

```
printf("Press Enter to continue\n");
printf("\n");
getch();

viPrintf(vi, "*CLS\n");// Clears signal generator status byte
viPrintf(vi, "STAT:OPER:NTR 8\n");// Sets the Operation Status Group // Negative Transition Filter to
// indicate a // negative transition in Bit 3 (Sweeping)
// which will set a corresponding event in // the Operation Event Register. This occurs // at the end
// of a sweep.
viPrintf(vi, "STAT:OPER:PTR 0\n");// Sets the Operation Status Group // Positive Transition Filter so
that no
// positive transition on Bit 3 affects the // Operation Event Register. The positive // transition
occurs at the start of a sweep.
viPrintf(vi, "STAT:OPER:ENAB 8\n");// Enables Operation Status Event Bit 3 // to report the event to
Status Byte // Register Summary Bit 7.
viPrintf(vi, "*SRE 128\n");// Enables Status Byte Register Summary Bit 7
// The next line of code indicates the // function to call on an event
viStatus = viInstallHandler(vi, VI_EVENT_SERVICE_REQ, interrupt, rdBuffer);
// The next line of code enables the // detection of an event
viStatus = viEnableEvent(vi, VI_EVENT_SERVICE_REQ, VI_HNDLR, VI_NULL);

viPrintf(vi, "FREQ:MODE LIST\n");// Sets frequency mode to list
viPrintf(vi, "LIST:TYPE STEP\n");// Sets sweep to step
viPrintf(vi, "LIST:TRIG:SOUR IMM\n");// Immediately trigger the sweep
viPrintf(vi, "LIST:MODE AUTO\n");// Sets mode for the list sweep
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ:STAR 40 MHZ\n");// Start frequency set to 40 MHz
viPrintf(vi, "FREQ:STOP 900 MHZ\n");// Stop frequency set to 900 MHz
viPrintf(vi, "SWE:POIN 25\n");// Set number of points for the step sweep
viPrintf(vi, "SWE:DWEL .5 S\n");// Allow .5 sec dwell at each point
viPrintf(vi, "INIT:CONT OFF\n");// Set up for single sweep
viPrintf(vi, "TRIG:SOUR IMM\n");// Triggers the sweep
viPrintf(vi, "INIT\n");// Takes a single sweep
printf("\n");

// While the instrument is sweeping have the
// program busy with printing to the display.
// The Sleep function, defined in the header
// file windows.h, will pause the program
// operation for .5 seconds
while (sweep==1){
printf("*");
Sleep(500);
printf("\n");
// The following lines of code will stop the
// events and close down the session
```

```
viStatus = viDisableEvent(vi, VI_ALL_ENABLED_EVENTS,VI_ALL_MECH);
viStatus = viUninstallHandler(vi, VI_EVENT_SERVICE_REQ, interrupt,
                             rdBuffer);

viStatus = viClose(vi);
viStatus = viClose(defaultRM);
return 0;

}

// The following function is called when an SRQ event occurs. Code specific to your
// requirements would be entered in the body of the function.

ViStatus _VI_FUNCH interrupt(ViSession vi, ViEventType eventType, ViEvent event, ViAddr
                             addr)
{
ViStatus status;
ViUInt16 stb;

status = viReadSTB(vi, &stb); // Reads the Status Byte
sweep=0; // Sets the flag to stop the '*' printing
printf("\n"); // Print user information
printf("An SRQ, indicating end of sweep has occurred\n");
viClose(event); // Closes the event
return VI_SUCCESS;
}
```

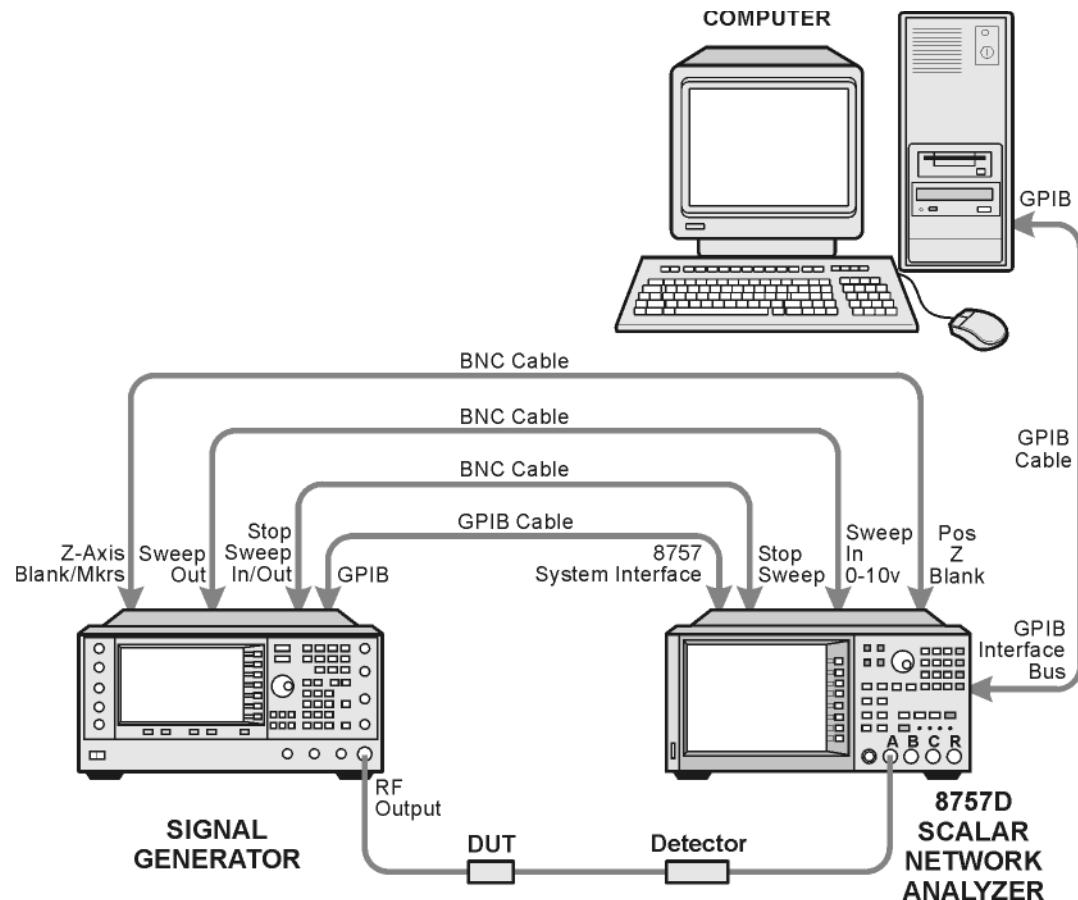
## Using 8757D Pass-Thru Commands (PSG with Option 007 Only)

Pass-thru commands enable you to send operating instructions to a PSG that is connected to a 8757D scalar analyzer system. This section provides setup information and an example program for using pass-thru commands in a ramp sweep system.

### Equipment Setup

To send pass-thru commands, set up the equipment as shown in [Figure 3-1](#). Notice that the GPIB cable from the computer is connected to the GPIB interface bus of the 8757D. The GPIB cable from the PSG is connected to the system interface bus of the 8757D.

**Figure 3-1**



scalar netwk pc

**GPIB Address Assignments**

[Figure 3-1](#) describes how GPIB addresses should be assigned for sending pass-thru commands. These are the same addresses used in [Example 3-1](#).

**Table 3-1**

| Instrument      | GPIB Address | Key Presses/Description  |
|-----------------|--------------|--|
| PSG/E8663B      | 19           | Press <b>Utility &gt; GPIB/RS-232 LAN &gt; GPIB Address &gt; 19 &gt; Enter.</b>  |
| 8757D           | 16           | Press <b>LOCAL &gt; 8757 &gt; 16 &gt; Enter.</b>   |
| 8757D (Sweeper) | 19           | This address must match the PSG.<br>Press <b>LOCAL &gt; SWEEPER &gt; 19 &gt; Enter.</b>  |
| Pass Thru       | 17           | The pass thru address is automatically selected by the 8757D by inverting the last bit of the 8757D address. Refer to the 8757D documentation for more information. Verify that no other instrument is using this address on the GPIB bus. |

**Example Pass-Thru Program**

[Example 3-1 on page 99](#) is a sample Agilent BASIC program that switches the 8757D to pass-thru mode, allowing you to send operating commands to the PSG. After the program runs, control is given back to the network analyzer. The following describes the command lines used in the program.

- Line 30            PT is set to equal the source address. C1 is added, but not needed, to specify the channel.
- Lines 40, 90       The END statement is required to complete the language transition.
- Lines 50, 100      A WAIT statement is recommended after a language change to allow all instrument changes to be completed before the next command.
- Lines 70, 80        This is added to ensure that the instrument has completed all operations before switching languages. Lines 70 and 80 can only be used when the signal generator is in single sweep mode.
- Line 110           This takes the network analyzer out of pass-thru command mode, and puts it back in control. Any analyzer command can now be entered.

**NOTE** Verify the signal generator is in single sweep mode. Refer to the *SCPI Reference* or the *User's Guide*, as required.

**Example 3-1 Pass-Thru Program**

```
10 ABORT 7
20 CLEAR 716
30 OUTPUT 716;"PT19;C1"
```

```
40 OUTPUT 717;"SYST:LANG SCPI";END
50 WAIT .5
60 OUTPUT 717;"OUTP:STAT OFF"
70 OUTPUT 717;"+OPC?"
80 ENTER 717; Reply
90 OUTPUT 717;"SYST:LANG COMP";END
100 WAIT .5
110 OUTPUT 716;"C2"
120 END
```

#### **Setting the PSG Sweep Time Requirements (PSG with Firmware ≥4.92)**

By default, the PSG sweep time is automatically adjusted to the fastest possible sweep when exiting Pass-Thru mode. To disable this feature and retain specific time selection, set the 8757D system time to Manual.

The front panel key sequence is:

**Sweep > Sweep Type > 8757D System Sweep Time** to Manual

The SCPI command sequence is:

```
[ :SOURce] :SWEep:TIME:COMP:AUTO OFF
```

---

**NOTE** The changes to sweep time mode are persistent. For more information on persistent memory, refer to the *User's Guide*.

---

The SCPI command to set up sweep time is: `:SWE:TIME <val><units>`.

For more on SCPI commands, refer to the *SCPI Command Reference*.

#### **Setting the PSG Sweep Time Requirements (PSG with Firmware ≤4.91)**

By default, the PSG sweep time is automatically adjusted to the fastest possible sweep when exiting Pass-Thru mode. To select a different sweep time, these additional steps are required:

1. Insert line 25, that saves state 1 (SV1).

```
25 OUTPUT 716;"SV1"
```

2. Insert line 55, that sets the sweep-time of the source, `:SWE:TIME <val>`.

```
55 OUTPUT 717;"SWE:TIME .200S"
```

3. Insert line 56, that saves the state into the register, sequence 0, register 1, `*SAV <reg_num>[,<seq_num>], (*SAV 1, 0)`.

```
56 OUTPUT 717;"*SAV 1,0"
```

4. Insert line 115, that recalls state 1, (RC1).

115 OUTPUT 717;"RC1"

## LAN Programming Interface Examples

**NOTE** The LAN programming examples in this section demonstrate the use of VXI-11 and Sockets LAN to control the signal generator.

To use these programming examples you must change references to the IP address and hostname to match the IP address and hostname of your signal generator.

- “[VXI-11 Programming Using SICL and C++](#)” on page 102
- “[VXI-11 Programming Using VISA and C++](#)” on page 103
- “[Sockets LAN Programming and C](#)” on page 105
- “[Sockets LAN Programming Using Java](#)” on page 128
- “[Sockets LAN Programming Using PERL](#)” on page 130

For additional LAN programming examples that work with user-data files, refer to:

- “[Save and Recall Instrument State Files](#)” on page 325

## VXI-11 Programming

The signal generator supports the VXI-11 standard for instrument communication over the LAN interface. Agilent IO Libraries support the VXI-11 standard and must be installed on your computer before using the VXI-11 protocol. Refer to “[Using VXI-11](#)” on page 37 for information on configuring and using the VXI-11 protocol.

The VXI-11 examples use TCPIPO as the board address.

### Using VXI-11 with GPIB Programs

The GPIB programming examples that use the VISA library, and are listed in “[GPIB Programming Interface Examples](#)” on page 62, can be easily changed to use the LAN VXI-11 protocol by changing the address string. For example, change the “GPIB::19::INSTR” address string to “TCPIP::hostname::INSTR” where hostname is the IP address or hostname of the signal generator. The VXI-11 protocol has the same capabilities as GPIB. See the section “[Setting Up the LAN Interface](#)” on page 29 for more information.

**NOTE** To communicate with the signal generator over the LAN interface you must enable the VXI-11 SCPI service. For more information, refer to “[Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on page 29 and “[Configuring the VXI-11 for LAN \(ESG/PSG/E8663B\)](#)” on page 30.

## VXI-11 Programming Using SICL and C++

The following program uses the VXI-11 protocol and SICL to control the signal generator. Before running this code, you must set up the interface using the Agilent IO Libraries IO Config utility. vxisiscl.cpp performs the following functions:

- sets signal generator to 1 GHz CW frequency
- queries signal generator for an ID string
- error checking

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as vxisiscl.cpp.

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//  

// PROGRAM NAME:vxisiscl.cpp  

//  

// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:Sample test program using SICL and the VXI-11 protocol  

//  

// NOTE: You must have the Agilent IO Libraries installed to run this program.  

//  

// This example uses the VXI-11 protocol to set the signal generator for a 1 gHz CW // frequency. The  

// signal generator is queried for operation complete and then queried  

// for its ID string. The frequency and ID string are then printed to the display.  

//  

// IMPORTANT: Enter in your signal generators hostname in the instrumentName declaration  

// where the "xxxxx" appears.  

//  

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

#include "stdafx.h"
#include <sicl.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    INST id;                                // Device session id
    int opcResponse;                         // Variable for response flag

    char instrumentName[] = "xxxxx"; // Put your instrument's hostname here
    char instNameBuf[256];// Variable to hold instrument name
    char buf[256];// Variable for id string
    ionerror(I_ERROR_EXIT);// Register SICL error handler
```

```
// Open SICL instrument handle using VXI-11 protocol

sprintf(instNameBuf, "lan[%s]:inst0", instrumentName);
id = iopen(instNameBuf); // Open instrument session
itimeout(id, 1000); // Set 1 second timeout for operations
printf("Setting frequency to 1 Ghz...\n");
iprintf(id, "freq 1 GHz\n"); // Set frequency to 1 GHz

printf("Waiting for source to settle...\n");
iprintf(id, "*opc?\n"); // Query for operation complete
iscanf(id, "%d", &opcResponse); // Operation complete flag
if (opcResponse != 1) // If operation fails, prompt user
{
    printf("Bad response to 'OPC?'\n");
    iclose(id);
    exit(1);
}
iprintf(id, "FREQ?\n"); // Query the frequency
iscanf(id, "%t", &buf); // Read the signal generator frequency
printf("\n"); // Print the frequency to the display
printf("Frequency of signal generator is %s\n", buf);
ipromptf(id, "*IDN?\n", "%t", buf); // Query for id string
printf("Instrument ID: %s\n", buf); // Print id string to display
iclose(id); // Close the session

return 0;
}
```

## VXI-11 Programming Using VISA and C++

The following program uses the VXI-11 protocol and the VISA library to control the signal generator. The signal generator is set to a -5 dBm power level and queried for its ID string. Before running this code, you must set up the interface using the Agilent IO Libraries IO Config utility. vxivisa.cpp performs the following functions:

- sets signal generator to a -5 dBm power level
- queries signal generator for an ID string
- error checking

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as vxivisa.cpp.

```
*****  
// PROGRAM FILE NAME:vxivisa.cpp  
// Sample test program using the VISA libraries and the VXI-11 protocol  
//
```

[Programming Examples](#)  
[LAN Programming Interface Examples](#)

```
// NOTE: You must have the Agilent Libraries installed on your computer to run
// this program
//
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:This example uses the VXI-11 protocol and VISA to query
// the signal generator for its ID string. The ID string is then printed to the
// screen. Next the signal generator is set for a -5 dBm power level and then
// queried for the power level. The power level is printed to the screen.
//
// IMPORTANT: Set up the LAN Client using the IO Config utility
//
//*********************************************************************
```

```
#include <visa.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "StdAfx.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <conio.h>

#define MAX_COUNT 200

int main (void)

{

ViStatus status;// Declares a type ViStatus variable
ViSession defaultRM, instr;// Declares a type ViSession variable
ViUInt32 retCount;// Return count for string I/O
ViChar buffer[MAX_COUNT];// Buffer for string I/O

status = viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);      // Initialize the system
                                              // Open communication with Serial
                                              // Port 2
status = viOpen(defaultRM, "TCPIP0::19::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &instr);

if(status){                                // If problems then prompt user
printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");
printf("Check instruments and connections\n");
printf("\n");
exit(0);}

                                              // Set timeout for 5 seconds
viSetAttribute(instr, VI_ATTR_TMO_VALUE, 5000);
                                              // Ask for sig gen ID string
```

```
status = viWrite(instr, (ViBuf) "*IDN?\n", 6, &retCount);

                                // Read the sig gen response
status = viRead(instr, (ViBuf)buffer, MAX_COUNT, &retCount);
buffer[retCount] = '\0';           // Indicate the end of the string
printf("Signal Generator ID = "); // Print header for ID
printf(buffer);                  // Print the ID string
printf("\n");                    // Print carriage return
                                // Flush the read buffer
                                // Set sig gen power to -5dbm
status = viWrite(instr, (ViBuf) "POW:AMPL -5dbm\n", 15, &retCount);
                                // Query the power level
status = viWrite(instr, (ViBuf) "POW?\n", 5, &retCount);
                                // Read the power level
status = viRead(instr, (ViBuf)buffer, MAX_COUNT, &retCount);
buffer[retCount] = '\0';           // Indicate the end of the string
printf("Power level = ");        // Print header to the screen
printf(buffer);                  // Print the queried power level
printf("\n");
status = viClose(instr);         // Close down the system
status = viClose(defaultRM);
return 0;
}
```

## Sockets LAN Programming and C

The program listing shown in [“Queries for Lan Using Sockets” on page 107](#) consists of two files; lanio.c and getopt.c. The lanio.c file has two main functions; int main() and an int main1().

The int main() function allows communication with the signal generator interactively from the command line. The program reads the signal generator's hostname from the command line, followed by the SCPI command. It then opens a socket to the signal generator, using port 5025, and sends the command. If the command appears to be a query, the program queries the signal generator for a response, and prints the response.

The int main1(), after renaming to int main(), will output a sequence of commands to the signal generator. You can use the format as a template and then add your own code.

This program is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as lanio.c.

### Sockets on UNIX

In UNIX, LAN communication via sockets is very similar to reading or writing a file. The only difference is the openSocket() routine, which uses a few network library routines to create the TCP/IP network connection. Once this connection is created, the standard fread() and fwrite() routines are used for network communication. The following steps outline the process:

1. Copy the lanio.c and getopt.c files to your home UNIX directory. For example, /users/mydir/.

2. At the UNIX prompt in your home directory type: cc -Aa -O -o lanio lanio.c
3. At the UNIX prompt in your home directory type: ./lanio xxxxx "\*IDN?" where xxxxx is the hostname for the signal generator. Use this same format to output SCPI commands to the signal generator.

The int main1() function will output a sequence of commands in a program format. If you want to run a program using a sequence of commands then perform the following:

1. Rename the lanio.c int main1() to int main() and the original int main() to int main1().
2. In the main(), openSocket() function, change the “your hostname here” string to the hostname of the signal generator you want to control.
3. Re-save the lanio.c program.
4. At the UNIX prompt type: cc -Aa -O -o lanio lanio.c
5. At the UNIX prompt type: ./lanio

The program will run and output a sequence of SCPI commands to the signal generator. The UNIX display will show a display similar to the following:

```
unix machine: /users/mydir
$ ./lanio
ID: Agilent Technologies, E4438C, US70000001, C.02.00

Frequency: +2.500000000000E+09
Power Level: -5.0000000E+000
```

## Sockets on Windows

In Windows, the routines send() and recv() must be used, since fread() and fwrite() may not work on sockets. The following steps outline the process for running the interactive program in the Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0 environment:

1. Rename the lanio.c to lanio.cpp and getopt.c to getopt.cpp and add them to the Source folder of the Visual C++ project.

---

**NOTE** The int main() function in the lanio.cpp file will allow commands to be sent to the signal generator in a line-by-line format; the user types in SCPI commands. The int main1() function can be used to output a sequence of commands in a “program format.” See [Programming Using main1\(\) Function](#) below.

---

2. Click **Rebuild All** from **Build** menu. Then Click **Execute Lanio.exe**. The Debug window will appear with a prompt “Press any key to continue.” This indicates that the program has compiled and can be used to send commands to the signal generator.
3. Click **Start**, click **Programs**, then click **Command Prompt**. The command prompt window will appear.
4. At the command prompt, cd to the directory containing the lanio.exe file and then to the Debug folder. For example C:\SocketIO\Lanio\Debug.

5. After you cd to the directory where the lanio.exe file is located, type in the following command at the command prompt: lanio xxxx "\*IDN?". For example:  
C:\SocketIO\Lanio\Debug>lanio xxxx "\*IDN?" where the xxxx is the hostname of your signal generator. Use this format to output SCPI commands to the signal generator in a line by line format from the command prompt.
6. Type exit at the command prompt to quit the program.

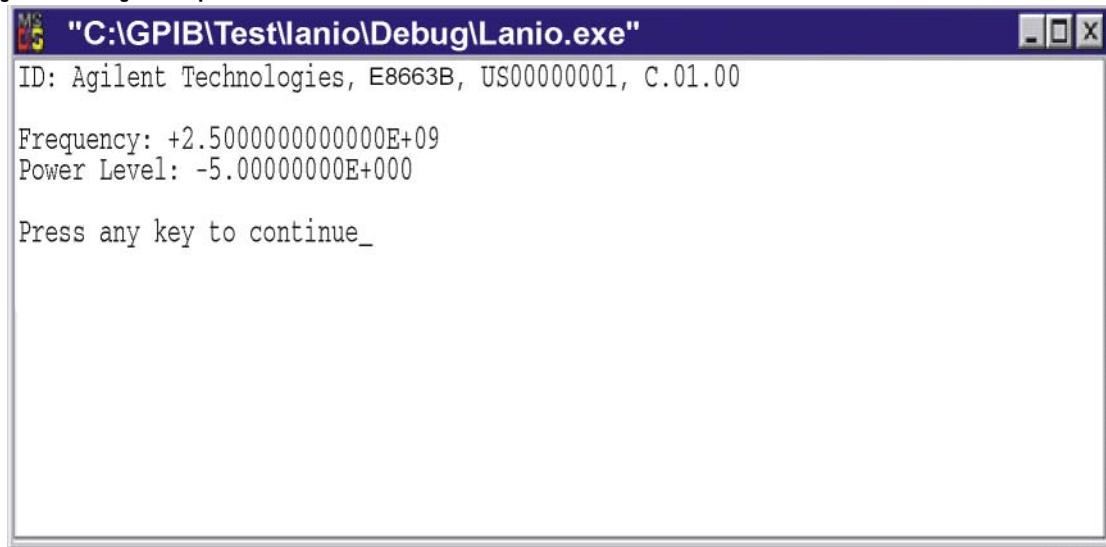
### Programming Using main1() Function

The int main1() function will output a sequence of commands in a program format. If you want to run a program using a sequence of commands then perform the following:

1. Enter the hostname of your signal generator in the openSocket function of the main1() function of the lanio.cpp program.
2. Rename the lanio.cpp int main1() function to int main() and the original int main() function to int main1().
3. Select **Rebuild All** from **Build** menu. Then select **Execute Lanio.exe**.

The program will run and display results similar to those shown in [Figure 3-2](#).

**Figure 3-2 Program Output Screen**



### Queries for Lan Using Sockets

lanio.c and getopt.c perform the following functions:

- establishes TCP/IP connection to port 5025
- resultant file descriptor is used to “talk” to the instrument using regular socket I/O mechanisms
- maps the desired hostname to an internal form

- error checks
- queries signal generator for ID
- sets frequency on signal generator to 2.5 GHz
- sets power on signal generator to -5 dBm
- gets option letter from argument vector and checks for end of file (EOF)

The following programming examples are available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as lanio.c and getopt.c.

```
*****
* $Header: lanio.c 04/24/01
* $Revision: 1.1 $
* $Date: 10/24/01
* PROGRAM NAME:    lanio.c
*
* $Description:      Functions to talk to an Agilent signal generator
*                    via TCP/IP.  Uses command-line arguments.
*
*                    A TCP/IP connection to port 5025 is established and
*                    the resultant file descriptor is used to "talk" to the
*                    instrument using regular socket I/O mechanisms. $
*
*
*
* Examples:
*
* Query the signal generator frequency:
*     lanio xx.xxxx.xx.x 'FRQ?'"
*
* Query the signal generator power level:
*     lanio xx.xxxx.xx.x 'POW?'
*
* Check for errors (gets one error):
*     lanio xx.xxxx.xx.x 'syst:err?'
*
* Send a list of commands from a file, and number them:
*     cat scpi_cmds | lanio -n xx.xxxx.xx.x
*
*****
*
* This program compiles and runs under
*     - HP-UX 10.20 (UNIX), using HP cc or gcc:
*         + cc -Aa -O -o lanio lanio.c
*         + gcc -Wall -O -o lanio lanio.c
*
```

```
*      - Windows 95, using Microsoft Visual C++ 4.0 Standard Edition
*      - Windows NT 3.51, using Microsoft Visual C++ 4.0
*          + Be sure to add WSOCK32.LIB to your list of libraries!
*          + Compile both lanio.c and getopt.c
*          + Consider re-naming the files to lanio.cpp and getopt.cpp
*
* Considerations:
*      - On UNIX systems, file I/O can be used on network sockets.
*          This makes programming very convenient, since routines like
*          getc(), fgets(), fscanf() and fprintf() can be used. These
*          routines typically use the lower level read() and write() calls.
*
*      - In the Windows environment, file operations such as read(), write(),
*          and close() cannot be assumed to work correctly when applied to
*          sockets. Instead, the functions send() and recv() MUST be used.
*****
/* Support both Win32 and HP-UX UNIX environment */

#ifndef _WIN32      /* Visual C++ 6.0 will define this */
#define WINSOCK
#endif

#ifndef WINSOCK
# ifndef _HPUX_SOURCE
#  define _HPUX_SOURCE
# endif
#endif

#include <stdio.h>          /* for fprintf and NULL */
#include <string.h>          /* for memcpy and memset */
#include <stdlib.h>          /* for malloc(), atol() */
#include <errno.h>           /* for strerror */

#ifndef WINSOCK

#include <windows.h>

# ifndef _WINSOCKAPI_
#  include <winsock.h> // BSD-style socket functions
# endif
```

[Programming Examples](#)  
[LAN Programming Interface Examples](#)

```
#else                                /* UNIX with BSD sockets */

# include <sys/socket.h>    /* for connect and socket*/
# include <netinet/in.h>      /* for sockaddr_in          */
# include <netdb.h>           /* for gethostbyname        */

#define SOCKET_ERROR (-1)
#define INVALID_SOCKET (-1)

typedef int SOCKET;

#endif /* WINSOCK */

#ifndef WINSOCK
/* Declared in getopt.c. See example programs disk. */
extern char *optarg;
extern int optind;
extern int getopt(int argc, char * const argv[], const char* optstring);
#else
# include <unistd.h>           /* for getopt(3C) */
#endif

#define COMMAND_ERROR (1)
#define NO_CMD_ERROR (0)

#define SCPI_PORT 5025
#define INPUT_BUF_SIZE (64*1024)

 *****
 * Display usage
 *****
static void usage(char *basename)
{
    fprintf(stderr,"Usage: %s [-nq] <hostname> [<command>]\n", basename);
    fprintf(stderr,"%s [-nq] <hostname> < stdin\n", basename);
    fprintf(stderr," -n, number output lines\n");
    fprintf(stderr," -q, quiet; do NOT echo lines\n");
    fprintf(stderr," -e, show messages in error queue when done\n");
}
```

```
#ifdef WINSOCK
int init_winsock(void)
{
    WORD wVersionRequested;
    WSADATA wsaData;
    int err;
    wVersionRequested = MAKEWORD(1, 1);
    wVersionRequested = MAKEWORD(2, 0);

    err = WSAStartup(wVersionRequested, &wsaData);

    if (err != 0) {
        /* Tell the user that we couldn't find a useable */
        /* winsock.dll.      */
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot initialize Winsock 1.1.\n");
        return -1;
    }
    return 0;
}

int close_winsock(void)
{
    WSACleanup();
    return 0;
}
#endif /* WINSOCK */

*****  

*  

> $Function: openSocket$  

*  

* $Description: open a TCP/IP socket connection to the instrument $  

*  

* $Parameters: $  

*     (const char *) hostname . . . Network name of instrument.  

*                                         This can be in dotted decimal notation.  

*     (int) portNumber . . . . . The TCP/IP port to talk to.  

*                                         Use 5025 for the SCPI port.
```

[Programming Examples](#)  
[LAN Programming Interface Examples](#)

```
*  
* $Return:      (int) . . . . . A file descriptor similar to open(1).$  
*  
* $Errors:      returns -1 if anything goes wrong $  
*  
*****  
SOCKET openSocket(const char *hostname, int portNumber)  
{  
    struct hostent *hostPtr;  
    struct sockaddr_in peeraddr_in;  
    SOCKET s;  
  
    memset(&peeraddr_in, 0, sizeof(struct sockaddr_in));  
  
    /* map the desired host name to internal form. */  
    hostPtr = gethostbyname(hostname);  
    if (hostPtr == NULL)  
    {  
        fprintf(stderr,"unable to resolve hostname '%s'\n", hostname);  
        return INVALID_SOCKET;  
    }  
  
    /* create a socket */  
    s = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);  
    if (s == INVALID_SOCKET)  
    {  
        fprintf(stderr,"unable to create socket to '%s': %s\n",  
               hostname, strerror(errno));  
        return INVALID_SOCKET;  
    }  
  
    memcpy(&peeraddr_in.sin_addr.s_addr, hostPtr->h_addr, hostPtr->h_length);  
    peeraddr_in.sin_family = AF_INET;  
    peeraddr_in.sin_port = htons((unsigned short)portNumber);  
  
    if (connect(s, (const struct sockaddr*)&peeraddr_in,  
               sizeof(struct sockaddr_in)) == SOCKET_ERROR)
```

```
{  
    fprintf(stderr,"unable to create socket to '%s': %s\n",  
           hostname, strerror(errno));  
    return INVALID_SOCKET;  
}  
  
return s;  
}  
  
/******  
*  
*> $Function: commandInstrument$  
*  
* $Description: send a SCPI command to the instrument.$  
*  
* $Parameters: $  
*     (FILE *) . . . . . file pointer associated with TCP/IP socket.  
*     (const char *command) . . SCPI command string.  
* $Return: (char *) . . . . a pointer to the result string.  
*  
* $Errors: returns 0 if send fails $  
*  
*****/  
int commandInstrument(SOCKET sock,  
                      const char *command)  
{  
    int count;  
  
    /* fprintf(stderr, "Sending \"%s\".\n", command); */  
    if (strchr(command, '\n') == NULL) {  
        fprintf(stderr, "Warning: missing newline on command %s.\n", command);  
    }  
  
    count = send(sock, command, strlen(command), 0);  
    if (count == SOCKET_ERROR) {  
        return COMMAND_ERROR;  
    }  
  
    return NO_CMD_ERROR;  
}
```

```
*****
* recv_line(): similar to fgets(), but uses recv()
*****
char * recv_line(SOCKET sock, char * result, int maxLength)
{
#ifndef WINSOCK
    int cur_length = 0;
    int count;
    char * ptr = result;
    int err = 1;

    while (cur_length < maxLength) {
        /* Get a byte into ptr */
        count = recv(sock, ptr, 1, 0);

        /* If no chars to read, stop. */
        if (count < 1) {
            break;
        }
        cur_length += count;

        /* If we hit a newline, stop. */
        if (*ptr == '\n') {
            ptr++;
            err = 0;
            break;
        }
        ptr++;
    }

    *ptr = '\0';

    if (err) {
        return NULL;
    } else {
        return result;
    }
#else
    *****

```

```
* Simpler UNIX version, using file I/O.  recv() version works too.  
* This demonstrates how to use file I/O on sockets, in UNIX.  
*****  
FILE * instFile;  
instFile = fdopen(sock, "r+");  
if (instFile == NULL)  
{  
    fprintf(stderr, "Unable to create FILE * structure : %s\n",  
           strerror(errno));  
    exit(2);  
}  
return fgets(result, maxLength, instFile);  
#endif  
}  
  
*****  
*  
> $Function: queryInstrument$  
*  
* $Description: send a SCPI command to the instrument, return a response.$  
*  
* $Parameters: $  
*     (FILE *) . . . . . file pointer associated with TCP/IP socket.  
*     (const char *command) . . SCPI command string.  
*     (char *result) . . . . where to put the result.  
*     (size_t) maxLength . . . maximum size of result array in bytes.  
*  
* $Return: (long) . . . . . The number of bytes in result buffer.  
*  
* $Errors: returns 0 if anything goes wrong. $  
*  
*****  
long queryInstrument(SOCKET sock,  
                     const char *command, char *result, size_t maxLength)  
{  
    long ch;  
    char tmp_buf[8];  
    long resultBytes = 0;  
    int command_err;  
    int count;
```

```
*****
 * Send command to signal generator
 ****
command_err = commandInstrument(sock, command);
if (command_err) return COMMAND_ERROR;

*****
 * Read response from signal generator
 ****
count = recv(sock, tmp_buf, 1, 0); /* read 1 char */
ch = tmp_buf[0];

if ((count < 1) || (ch == EOF) || (ch == '\n'))
{
    *result = '\0'; /* null terminate result for ascii */
    return 0;
}

/* use a do-while so we can break out */
do
{
    if (ch == '#')
    {
        /* binary data encountered - figure out what it is */
        long numDigits;
        long numBytes = 0;
        /* char length[10]; */

        count = recv(sock, tmp_buf, 1, 0); /* read 1 char */
        ch = tmp_buf[0];
        if ((count < 1) || (ch == EOF)) break; /* End of file */

        if (ch < '0' || ch > '9') break; /* unexpected char */
        numDigits = ch - '0';

        if (numDigits)
        {
            /* read numDigits bytes into result string. */
            count = recv(sock, result, (int)numDigits, 0);
            result[count] = 0; /* null terminate */
        }
    }
}
```

```

        numBytes = atol(result);
    }

    if (numBytes)
    {
        resultBytes = 0;
        /* Loop until we get all the bytes we requested. */
        /* Each call seems to return up to 1457 bytes, on HP-UX 9.05 */
        do {
            int rcount;
            rcount = recv(sock, result, (int)numBytes, 0);
            resultBytes += rcount;
            result      += rcount; /* Advance pointer */
        } while ( resultBytes < numBytes );

        /*****
         * For LAN dumps, there is always an extra trailing newline
         * Since there is no EOI line. For ASCII dumps this is
         * great but for binary dumps, it is not needed.
         *****/
        if (resultBytes == numBytes)
        {
            char junk;
            count = recv(sock, &junk, 1, 0);
        }
    }
    else
    {
        /* indefinite block ... dump til we can an extra line feed */
        do
        {
            if (recv_line(sock, result, maxLength) == NULL) break;
            if (strlen(result)==1 && *result == '\n') break;
            resultBytes += strlen(result);
            result += strlen(result);
        } while (1);
    }
}
else
{
    /* ASCII response (not a binary block) */
    *result = (char)ch;
}

```

```
    if (recv_line(sock, result+1, maxLength-1) == NULL) return 0;

    /* REMOVE trailing newline, if present. And terminate string. */
    resultBytes = strlen(result);
    if (result[resultBytes-1] == '\n') resultBytes -= 1;
    result[resultBytes] = '\0';
}

} while (0);

return resultBytes;
}
```

```
*****
*
*> $Function: showErrors$
*
* $Description: Query the SCPI error queue, until empty. Print results. $
*
* $Return: (void)
*
*****
void showErrors(SOCKET sock)
{
    const char * command = "SYST:ERR?\n";
    char result_str[256];

    do {
        queryInstrument(sock, command, result_str, sizeof(result_str)-1);

        *****
        * Typical result_str:
        *      -221,"Settings conflict; Frequency span reduced."
        *      +0,"No error"
        * Don't bother decoding.
        *****
        if (strncmp(result_str, "+0,", 3) == 0) {
            /* Matched +0,"No error" */
            break;
    }
}
```

```
    puts(result_str);
} while (1);

}

/*********************  

*  

*> $Function: isQuery$  

*  

* $Description: Test current SCPI command to see if it a query. $  

*  

* $Return: (unsigned char) . . . non-zero if command is a query. 0 if not.  

*  

*****  

unsigned char isQuery( char* cmd )
{
    unsigned char q = 0 ;
    char *query ;

    /* if the command has a '?' in it, use queryInstrument. */
    /* otherwise, simply send the command. */
    /* Actually, we must be a more specific so that */
    /* marker value querys are treated as commands. */
    /* Example: SENS:FREQ:CENT (CALC1:MARK1:X?) */
    /* *****

if ( (query = strchr(cmd,'?')) != NULL)
{
    /* Make sure we don't have a marker value query, or
     * any command with a '?' followed by a ')' character.
     * This kind of command is not a query from our point of view.
     * The signal generator does the query internally, and uses the result.
    */
    query++ ;      /* bump past '?' */
    while (*query)
    {
        if (*query == ' ') /* attempt to ignore white spc */
            query++ ;
        else break ;
    }
}
```

## Programming Examples

### LAN Programming Interface Examples

```
if ( *query != ' ' )  
{  
    q = 1 ;  
}  
}  
return q ;  
}  
  
*****  
*  
> $Function: main$  
*  
* $Description: Read command line arguments, and talk to signal generator.  
    Send query results to stdout. $  
*  
* $Return: (int) . . . non-zero if an error occurs  
*  
*****  
  
int main(int argc, char *argv[])  
{  
  
    SOCKET instSock;  
    char *charBuf = (char *) malloc(INPUT_BUF_SIZE);  
    char *basename;  
    int chr;  
    char command[1024];  
    char *destination;  
    unsigned char quiet = 0;  
    unsigned char show_errs = 0;  
    int number = 0;  
  
    basename = strrchr(argv[0], '/');  
    if (basename != NULL)  
        basename++ ;  
    else  
        basename = argv[0];  
  
    while ( ( chr = getopt(argc, argv, "qune") ) != EOF )  
        switch (chr)  
        {  
            case 'q': quiet = 1; break;
```

```
        case 'n':  number = 1; break ;
        case 'e':  show_errs = 1; break ;
        case 'u':
        case '?':  usage(basename); exit(1) ;
    }

/* now look for hostname and optional <command>*/
if (optind < argc)
{
    destination = argv[optind++];
    strcpy(command, "");
    if (optind < argc)
    {
        while (optind < argc) {
            /* <hostname> <command> provided; only one command string */
            strcat(command, argv[optind++]);
            if (optind < argc) {
                strcat(command, " ");
            } else {
                strcat(command, "\n");
            }
        }
    }
    else
    {
        /*Only <hostname> provided; input on <stdin> */
        strcpy(command, "");

        if (optind > argc)
        {
            usage(basename);
            exit(1);
        }
    }
}
else
{
    /* no hostname! */
    usage(basename);
    exit(1);
}
```

**Programming Examples**  
**LAN Programming Interface Examples**

```
*****  
/* open a socket connection to the instrument  
*****  
  
#ifdef WINSOCK  
    if (init_winsock() != 0) {  
        exit(1);  
    }  
#endif /* WINSOCK */  
  
instSock = openSocket(destination, SCPI_PORT);  
if (instSock == INVALID_SOCKET) {  
    fprintf(stderr, "Unable to open socket.\n");  
    return 1;  
}  
/* fprintf(stderr, "Socket opened.\n"); */  
  
if (strlen(command) > 0)  
{  
*****  
/* if the command has a '?' in it, use queryInstrument. */  
/* otherwise, simply send the command. */  
*****  
    if ( isQuery(command) )  
    {  
        long bufBytes;  
        bufBytes = queryInstrument(instSock, command,  
                                    charBuf, INPUT_BUF_SIZE);  
        if (!quiet)  
        {  
            fwrite(charBuf, bufBytes, 1, stdout);  
            fwrite("\n", 1, 1, stdout) ;  
            fflush(stdout);  
        }  
        else  
        {  
            commandInstrument(instSock, command);  
        }  
    }  
    else  
    {  
        commandInstrument(instSock, command);  
    }  
}
```

```
/* read a line from <stdin> */
while ( gets(charBuf) != NULL )
{
    if ( !strlen(charBuf) )
        continue ;

    if ( *charBuf == '#' || *charBuf == '!' )
        continue ;

    strcat(charBuf, "\n");

    if (!quiet)
    {
        if (number)
        {
            char num[10];
            sprintf(num,"%d: ",number);
            fwrite(num, strlen(num), 1, stdout);
        }
        fwrite(charBuf, strlen(charBuf), 1, stdout) ;
        fflush(stdout);
    }

    if ( isQuery(charBuf) )
    {
        long bufBytes;

        /* Put the query response into the same buffer as the*/
        /* command string appended after the null terminator.*/

        bufBytes = queryInstrument(instSock, charBuf,
                                   charBuf + strlen(charBuf) + 1,
                                   INPUT_BUF_SIZE -strlen(charBuf) );

        if (!quiet)
        {
            fwrite(" ", 2, 1, stdout) ;
            fwrite(charBuf + strlen(charBuf)+1, bufBytes, 1, stdout);
            fwrite("\n", 1, 1, stdout) ;
            fflush(stdout);
        }
    }
    else
```

```
{  
    commandInstrument(instSock, charBuf);  
}  
if (number) number++;  
}  
}  
  
if (show_errs) {  
    showErrors(instSock);  
}  
  
#ifdef WINSOCK  
    closesocket(instSock);  
    close_winsock();  
#else  
    close(instSock);  
#endif /* WINSOCK */  
  
    return 0;  
}  
  
/* End of lanio.cpp */  
  
*****  
/* $Function: main1$ */  
/* $Description: Output a series of SCPI commands to the signal generator */  
/*             Send query results to stdout. $ */  
/* */  
/* $Return: (int) . . . non-zero if an error occurs */  
/* */  
*****  
/* Rename this int main1() function to int main(). Re-compile and the */  
/* execute the program */  
*****  
  
int main1()  
{  
  
    SOCKET instSock;  
    long bufBytes;
```

```
char *charBuf = (char *) malloc(INPUT_BUF_SIZE);

/*****************/
/* open a socket connection to the instrument*/
/*****************/

#ifndef WINSOCK
    if (init_winsock() != 0) {
        exit(1);
    }
#endif /* WINSOCK */

instSock = openSocket("xxxxxx", SCPI_PORT); /* Put your hostname here */
if (instSock == INVALID_SOCKET) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Unable to open socket.\n");
    return 1;
}
/* fprintf(stderr, "Socket opened.\n"); */

bufBytes = queryInstrument(instSock, "*IDN?\n", charBuf, INPUT_BUF_SIZE);
printf("ID: %s\n",charBuf);
commandInstrument(instSock, "FREQ 2.5 GHz\n");
printf("\n");
bufBytes = queryInstrument(instSock, "FREQ:CW?\n", charBuf, INPUT_BUF_SIZE);
printf("Frequency: %s\n",charBuf);
commandInstrument(instSock, "POW:AMPL -5 dBm\n");
bufBytes = queryInstrument(instSock, "POW:AMPL?\n", charBuf, INPUT_BUF_SIZE);
printf("Power Level: %s\n",charBuf);
printf("\n");

#endif WINSOCK
closesocket(instSock);
close_winsock();
#else
close(instSock);
#endif /* WINSOCK */

return 0;
}
/*****************/
```

getopt (3C)

getopt (3C)

PROGRAM FILE NAME: getopt.c  
getopt - get option letter from argument vector

SYNOPSIS

```
int getopt(int argc, char * const argv[], const char *optstring);  
extern char *optarg;  
extern int optind, opterr, optopt;
```

PRORGAM DESCRIPTION:

getopt returns the next option letter in argv (starting from argv[1]) that matches a letter in optstring. optstring is a string of recognized option letters; if a letter is followed by a colon, the option is expected to have an argument that may or may not be separated from it by white space. optarg is set to point to the start of the option argument on return from getopt.

getopt places in optind the argv index of the next argument to be processed. The external variable optind is initialized to 1 before the first call to the function getopt.

When all options have been processed (i.e., up to the first non-option argument), getopt returns EOF. The special option -- can be used to delimit the end of the options; EOF is returned, and -- is skipped.

\*\*\*\*\*/\*

```
#include <stdio.h>      /* For NULL, EOF */  
#include <string.h>      /* For strchr() */  
  
char    *optarg;        /* Global argument pointer. */  
int     optind = 0;      /* Global argv index. */  
  
static char    *scan = NULL;   /* Private scan pointer. */  
  
int getopt( int argc, char * const argv[], const char* optstring)  
{  
    char c;  
    char *posn;
```

```
optarg = NULL;

if (scan == NULL || *scan == '\0') {
    if (optind == 0)
        optind++;

    if (optind >= argc || argv[optind][0] != '-' || argv[optind][1] == '\0')
        return(EOF);
    if (strcmp(argv[optind], "--") == 0) {
        optind++;
        return(EOF);
    }

    scan = argv[optind]+1;
    optind++;
}

c = *scan++;
posn = strchr(optstring, c);           /* DDP */

if (posn == NULL || c == ':') {
    fprintf(stderr, "%s: unknown option -%c\n", argv[0], c);
    return('?');
}

posn++;
if (*posn == ':') {
    if (*scan != '\0') {
        optarg = scan;
        scan = NULL;
    } else {
        optarg = argv[optind];
        optind++;
    }
}

return(c);
}
```

## Sockets LAN Programming Using Java

In this example the Java program connects to the signal generator via sockets LAN. This program requires Java version 1.1 or later be installed on your PC. To run the program perform the following steps:

1. In the code example below, type in the hostname or IP address of your signal generator. For example, String instrumentName = (your signal generator's hostname).
2. Copy the program as ScpiSockTest.java and save it in a convenient directory on your computer. For example save the file to the C:\jdk1.3.0\_2\bin\javac directory.
3. Launch the Command Prompt program on your computer. Click **Start > Programs > Command Prompt**.
4. Compile the program. At the command prompt type: javac ScpiSockTest.java. The directory path for the Java compiler must be specified. For example:  
C:\>jdk1.3.0\_02\bin\javac ScpiSockTest.java
5. Run the program by typing java ScpiSockTest at the command prompt.
6. Type exit at the command prompt to end the program.

## Generating a CW Signal Using Java

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as javaex.txt.

```
*****  
// PROGRAM NAME: javaex.txt                                         // Sample java  
program to talk to the signal generator via SCPI-over-sockets  
  
// This program requires Java version 1.1 or later.  
  
// Save this code as ScpiSockTest.java  
  
// Compile by typing: javac ScpiSockTest.java  
// Run by typing: java ScpiSockTest  
// The signal generator is set for 1 GHz and queried for its id string  
*****  
  
import java.io.*;  
import java.net.*;  
class ScpiSockTest  
{  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
    {  
        String instrumentName = "xxxxx";           // Put instrument hostname here  
try  
    {  
        Socket t = new Socket(instrumentName,5025); // Connect to instrument  
                                // Setup read/write mechanism  
        BufferedWriter out =  
            new BufferedWriter(
```

```
new OutputStreamWriter(t.getOutputStream()));
BufferedReader in =
new BufferedReader(
new InputStreamReader(t.getInputStream()));
System.out.println("Setting frequency to 1 GHz...");
out.write("freq 1GHz\n");           // Sets frequency
out.flush();
System.out.println("Waiting for source to settle...");
out.write("*opc?\n");             // Waits for completion
out.flush();
String opcResponse = in.readLine();
if (!opcResponse.equals("1"))
{
    System.err.println("Invalid response to '*OPC?'!");
    System.exit(1);
}
System.out.println("Retrieving instrument ID...");
out.write("*idn?\n");           // Querys the id string
out.flush();
String idnResponse = in.readLine(); // Reads the id string
                                    // Prints the id string
System.out.println("Instrument ID: " + idnResponse);
}
catch (IOException e)
{
    System.out.println("Error" + e);
}
}
```

## Sockets LAN Programming Using PERL

This example uses PERL to control the signal generator over the sockets LAN interface. The signal generator frequency is set to 1 GHz, queried for operation complete and then queried for it's identify string. This example was developed using PERL version 5.6.0 and requires a PERL version with the IO::Socket library.

1. In the code below, enter your signal generator's hostname in place of the `xxxxx` in the code line:  
`my $instrumentName= "xxxxx"; .`
2. Save the code listed below using the filename lanperl.
3. Run the program by typing `perl lanperl` at the UNIX term window prompt.

### Setting the Power Level and Sending Queries Using PERL

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as `perl.txt`.

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
# PROGRAM NAME: perl.txt
# Example of talking to the signal generator via SCPI-over-sockets
#
use IO::Socket;
# Change to your instrument's hostname
my $instrumentName = "xxxxx";

# Get socket
$sock = new IO::Socket::INET ( PeerAddr => $instrumentName,
                               PeerPort => 5025,
                               Proto => 'tcp',
                               );
die "Socket Could not be created, Reason: $!\n" unless $sock;

# Set freq
print "Setting frequency...\n";
print $sock "freq 1 GHz\n";

# Wait for completion
print "Waiting for source to settle...\n";
print $sock "*opc?\n";
my $response = <$sock>;
chomp $response;           # Removes newline from response
if ($response ne "1")
{
    die "Bad response to '*OPC?' from instrument!\n";
}
```

```
# Send identification query
print $sock "*IDN?\n";
$response = <$sock>;
chomp $response;
print "Instrument ID: $response\n";
```

## RS-232 Programming Interface Examples (ESG/PSG/E8663B Only)

- “Interface Check Using HP BASIC” on page 131
- “Interface Check Using VISA and C” on page 132
- “Queries Using HP Basic and RS-232” on page 134
- “Queries for RS-232 Using VISA and C” on page 135

### Before Using the Examples

Before using the examples: On the signal generator select the following settings:

- Baud Rate - 9600 must match computer's baud rate
- RS-232 Echo - Off

Use an RS-232 cable, that is compatible with [Table 2-2 on page 47](#).

### Interface Check Using HP BASIC

This example program causes the signal generator to perform an instrument reset. The SCPI command \*RST will place the signal generator into a pre-defined state.

The serial interface address for the signal generator in this example is 9. The serial port used is COM1 (Serial A on some computers). Refer to [“Using RS-232 \(ESG, PSG, and E8663B Only\)” on page 45](#) for more information.

Watch for the signal generator's Listen annunciator (L) and the ‘remote preset...’ message on the front panel display. If there is no indication, check that the RS-232 cable is properly connected to the computer serial port and that the manual setup listed above is correct.

If the compiler displays an error message, or the program hangs, it is possible that the program was typed incorrectly. Press the signal generator's **Reset RS-232** softkey and re-run the program. Refer to [“If You Have Problems” on page 49](#) for more help.

The following program example is available on the signal generator's Documentation CD-ROM as rs232ex1.txt.

```
10 ! ****
20 !
30 ! PROGRAM NAME:      rs232ex1.txt
40 !
50 ! PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program verifies that the RS-232 connections and
60 !                      interface are functional.
70 !
80 ! Connect the UNIX workstation to the signal generator using an RS-232 cable
90 !
100 !
```

## Programming Examples

### RS-232 Programming Interface Examples (ESG/PSG/E8663B Only)

```
110 ! Run HP BASIC, type in the following commands and then RUN the program
120 !
130 !
140 !*****
150 !
160 INTEGER Num
170 CONTROL 9,0;1      ! Resets the RS-232 interface
180 CONTROL 9,3;9600   ! Sets the baud rate to match the sig gen
190 STATUS 9,4;Stat    ! Reads the value of register 4
200 Num=BINAND(Stat,7) ! Gets the AND value
210 CONTROL 9,4;Num    ! Sets parity to NONE
220 OUTPUT 9;"*RST"    ! Outputs reset to the sig gen
230 END                ! End the program
```

## Interface Check Using VISA and C

This program uses VISA library functions to communicate with the signal generator. The program verifies that the RS-232 connections and interface are functional. In this example the COM2 port is used. The serial port is referred to in the VISA library as 'ASRL1' or 'ASRL2' depending on the computer serial port you are using. Launch Microsoft Visual C++, add the required files, and enter the following code into the .cpp source file. rs232ex1.cpp performs the following functions:

- prompts the user to set the power on the signal generator to 0 dBm
- error checking
- resets the signal generator to power level of -135 dBm

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as rs232ex1.cpp.

```
//*****
// PROGRAM NAME:          rs232ex1.cpp
//
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This code example uses the RS-232 serial interface to
// control the signal generator.
//
// Connect the computer to the signal generator using an RS-232 serial cable.
// The user is asked to set the signal generator for a 0 dBm power level
// A reset command *RST is sent to the signal generator via the RS-232
// interface and the power level will reset to the -135 dBm level.The default
// attributes e.g. 9600 baud, no parity, 8 data bits,1 stop bit are used.
// These attributes can be changed using VISA functions.
//
// IMPORTANT: Set the signal generator BAUD rate to 9600 for this test
//*****
```

```
#include <visa.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include "StdAfx.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <conio.h>

void main ()
{
    int baud=9600;// Set baud rate to 9600
    printf("Manually set the signal generator power level to 0 dBm\n");
    printf("\n");
    printf("Press any key to continue\n");
    getch();
    printf("\n");
    ViSession defaultRM, vi;// Declares a variable of type ViSession
    // for instrument communication on COM 2 port
    ViStatus viStatus = 0;
    // Opens session to RS-232 device at serial port 2
    viStatus=viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);
    viStatus=viOpen(defaultRM, "ASRL2::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);

    if(viStatus){// If operation fails, prompt user
        printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");
        printf("Check instruments and connections\n");
        printf("\n");
        exit(0);}
    // initialize device
    viStatus=viEnableEvent(vi, VI_EVENT_IO_COMPLETION, VI_QUEUE,VI_NULL);

    viClear(vi);// Sends device clear command
    // Set attributes for the session
    viSetAttribute(vi,VI_ATTR_ASRL_BAUD,baud);
    viSetAttribute(vi,VI_ATTR_ASRL_DATA_BITS,8);

    viPrintf(vi, "*RST\n");// Resets the signal generator
    printf("The signal generator has been reset\n");
    printf("Power level should be -135 dBm\n");
    printf("\n");// Prints new line character to the display
    viClose(vi);// Closes session
    viClose(defaultRM);// Closes default session
}
```

## Queries Using HP Basic and RS-232

This example program demonstrates signal generator query commands over RS-232. Query commands are of the type \*IDN? and are identified by the question mark that follows the mnemonic. rs232ex2.txt performs the following functions:

- resets the RS-232 interface
- sets the baud rate to match the signal generator rate
- reads the value of register 4
- queries the signal generator ID
- sets and queries the power level

Start HP Basic, type in the following commands, and then RUN the program:

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as rs232ex2.txt.

```
10 !*****
20 !
30 ! PROGRAM NAME:      rs232ex2.txt
40 !
50 ! PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: In this example, query commands are used to read
60 !                     data from the signal generator.
70 !
80 ! Start HP Basic, type in the following code and then RUN the program.
90 !
100 !*****
110 !
120 INTEGER Num
130 DIM Str$[200],Str1$[20]
140 CONTROL 9,0;1          ! Resets the RS-232 interface
150 CONTROL 9,3;9600        ! Sets the baud rate to match signal generator rate
160 STATUS 9,4;Stat         ! Reads the value of register 4
170 Num=BINAND(Stat,7)      ! Gets the AND value
180 CONTROL 9,4;Num         ! Sets the parity to NONE
190 OUTPUT 9;"*IDN?"        ! Querys the sig gen ID
200 ENTER 9;Str$            ! Reads the ID
210 WAIT 2                  ! Waits 2 seconds
220 PRINT "ID =",Str$       ! Prints ID to the screen
230 OUTPUT 9;"POW:AMPL -5 dbm" ! Sets the the power level to -5 dbm
240 OUTPUT 9;"POW?"          ! Querys the power level of the sig gen
250 ENTER 9;Str1$            ! Reads the queried value
260 PRINT "Power = ",Str1$   ! Prints the power level to the screen
270 END                      ! End the program
```

## Queries for RS-232 Using VISA and C

This example uses VISA library functions to communicate with the signal generator. The program verifies that the RS-232 connections and interface are functional. Launch Microsoft Visual C++, add the required files, and enter the following code into your .cpp source file. rs232ex2.cpp performs the following functions:

- error checking
- reads the signal generator response
- flushes the read buffer
- queries the signal generator for power
- reads the signal generator power

The following program example is available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM as rs232ex2.cpp.

```
*****  
//  
// PROGRAM NAME:      rs232ex2.cpp  
//  
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This code example uses the RS-232 serial interface to control  
// the signal generator.  
//  
// Connect the computer to the signal generator using the RS-232 serial cable  
// and enter the following code into the project .cpp source file.  
// The program queries the signal generator ID string and sets and queries the power  
// level. Query results are printed to the screen. The default attributes e.g. 9600 baud,  
// parity, 8 data bits,1 stop bit are used. These attributes can be changed using VISA  
// functions.  
//  
// IMPORTANT: Set the signal generator BAUD rate to 9600 for this test  
*****  
  
#include <visa.h>  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include "StdAfx.h"  
#include <stdlib.h>  
#include <conio.h>  
  
#define MAX_COUNT 200  
  
int main (void)  
{  
  
    ViStatusstatus; // Declares a type ViStatus variable
```

## Programming Examples

### RS-232 Programming Interface Examples (ESG/PSG/E8663B Only)

```
ViSession defaultRM, instr; // Declares type ViSession variables
ViUInt32 retCount; // Return count for string I/O
ViChar buffer[MAX_COUNT]; // Buffer for string I/O

status = viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM); // Initializes the system
// Open communication with Serial Port 2
status = viOpen(defaultRM, "ASRL2::INSTR", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &instr);

if(status){ // If problems, then prompt user
printf("Could not open ViSession!\n");
printf("Check instruments and connections\n");
printf("\n");
exit(0);
}

// Set timeout for 5 seconds
viSetAttribute(instr, VI_ATTR_TMO_VALUE, 5000);
// Asks for sig gen ID string
status = viWrite(instr, (ViBuf) "*IDN?\n", 6, &retCount);

// Reads the sig gen response
status = viRead(instr, (ViBuf) buffer, MAX_COUNT, &retCount);
buffer[retCount] = '\0'; // Indicates the end of the string
printf("Signal Generator ID: "); // Prints header for ID
printf(buffer); // Prints the ID string to the screen
printf("\n"); // Prints carriage return
// Flush the read buffer
// Sets sig gen power to -5dbm
status = viWrite(instr, (ViBuf) "POW:AMPL -5dbm\n", 15, &retCount);
// Queries the sig gen for power level
status = viWrite(instr, (ViBuf) "POW?\n", 5, &retCount);
// Read the power level
status = viRead(instr, (ViBuf) buffer, MAX_COUNT, &retCount);
buffer[retCount] = '\0'; // Indicates the end of the string
printf("Power level = "); // Prints header to the screen
printf(buffer); // Prints the queried power level
printf("\n");
status = viClose(instr); // Close down the system
status = viClose(defaultRM);
return 0;
}
```

---

## 4 Programming the Status Register System

This chapter provides the following major sections:

- “Overview” on page 138
- “Status Register Bit Values” on page 148
- “Accessing Status Register Information” on page 149
- “Status Byte Group” on page 154
- “Status Groups” on page 156

## Overview

**NOTE** Some of the status bits and register groups only apply to select signal generators with certain options. For more specific information on each exception, refer to the following:

- Standard Operation Condition Register bits (see [Table 4-5 on page 160](#))
- Baseband Operation Status Group (see [page 162](#))
- Data Questionable Condition Register bits (see [Table 4-7 on page 166](#))
- Data Questionable Power Condition Register bits (see [Table 4-8 on page 169](#))
- Data Questionable Frequency Condition Register bits (see [Table 4-9 on page 172](#))
- Data Questionable Modulation Condition Register bits (see [Table 4-10 on page 175](#))
- Data Questionable Calibration Condition Register bit (see [Table 4-11 on page 178](#))
- Data Questionable Bert Status Group (see [page 180](#))

During remote operation, you may need to monitor the status of the signal generator for error conditions or status changes. You can use the signal generator's status register system to monitor error conditions, or condition changes, or both. In general, the error queue is easier to use than the status registers, but the status registers provide some additional information not found in the error queue. For more information on using the signal generator's SCPI commands to query the signal generator's error queue, refer to signal generator's SCPI command reference guide, to see if any errors have occurred.

The signal generator's status register system provides two major advantages:

- You can monitor the settling of the signal generator using the settling bit of the Standard Operation Status Group's condition register.
- You can use the service request (SRQ) interrupt technique to avoid status polling, therefore giving a speed advantage.

The signal generator's instrument status system provides complete SCPI compliant data structures for reporting instrument status using the register model.

The SCPI register model of the status system has multiple registers that are arranged in a hierarchical order. The lower-priority status registers propagate their data to the higher-priority registers using summary bits. The Status Byte Register is at the top of the hierarchy and contains the status information for lower level registers. The lower level registers monitor specific events or conditions.

The lower level status registers are grouped according to their functionality. For example, the Data Questionable Frequency Status Group consists of five registers. This chapter may refer to a group as a register so that the cumbersome longer description is avoided. For example, the Standard Operation Status Group's Condition Register can be referred to as the Standard Operation Status register. Refer to ["Status Groups" on page 156](#) for more information.

[Figure 4-1](#), [Figure 4-2](#), [Figure 4-3](#), [Figure 4-4](#), [Figure 4-5](#), [Figure 4-6](#), [Figure 4-7](#), and [Figure 4-8](#) shows each signal generator model's status byte register system and hierarchy.

The status register systems use IEEE 488.2 commands (those beginning with \*) to access the higher-level summary registers (refer to the *SCPI Reference*). Access Lower-level registers by using STATus commands.

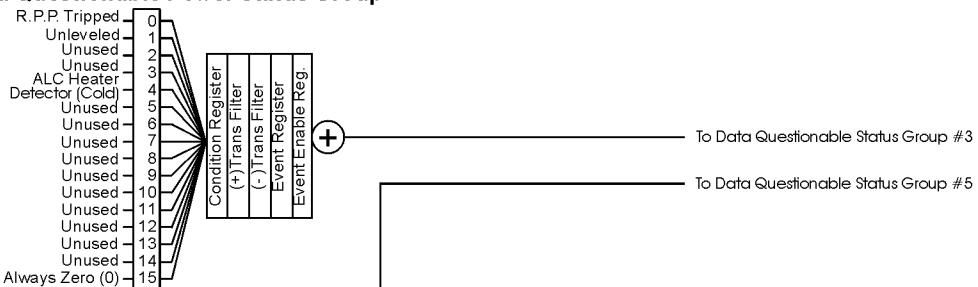
## Overall Status Byte Register Systems

- “N5181A/82A/83A: Overall Status Byte Register System (1 of 2)” on page 140
- “N5 181A/82A/83A: Overall Status Byte Register System (2 of 2)” on page 141
- “E8663B: Overall Status Byte Register System (1 of 2)” on page 142
- “E8663B: Overall Status Byte Register System (2 of 2)” on page 143
- “E4428C/38C: Overall Status Byte Register System (1 of 2)” on page 144
- “E4428C/38C: Overall Status Byte Register System (2 of 2)” on page 145
- “E8257D/67D: Overall Status Byte Register System (1 of 2)” on page 146
- “E8257D/67D: Overall Status Byte Register System (2 of 2)” on page 147

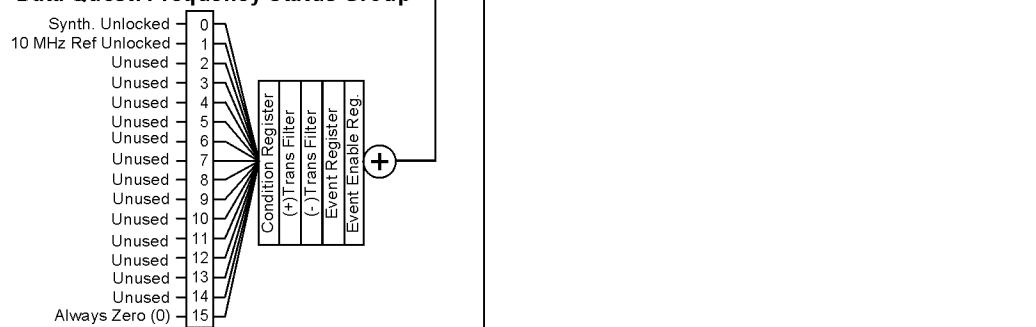
**Figure 4-1**

**N5181A/82A/83A: Overall Status Byte Register System (1 of 2)**

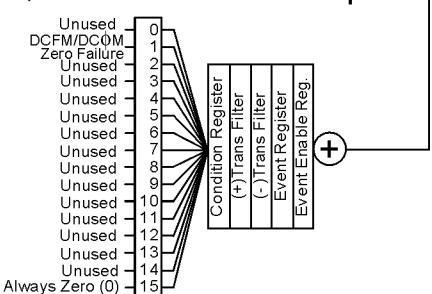
**Data Questionable Power Status Group**



**Data Quest. Frequency Status Group**

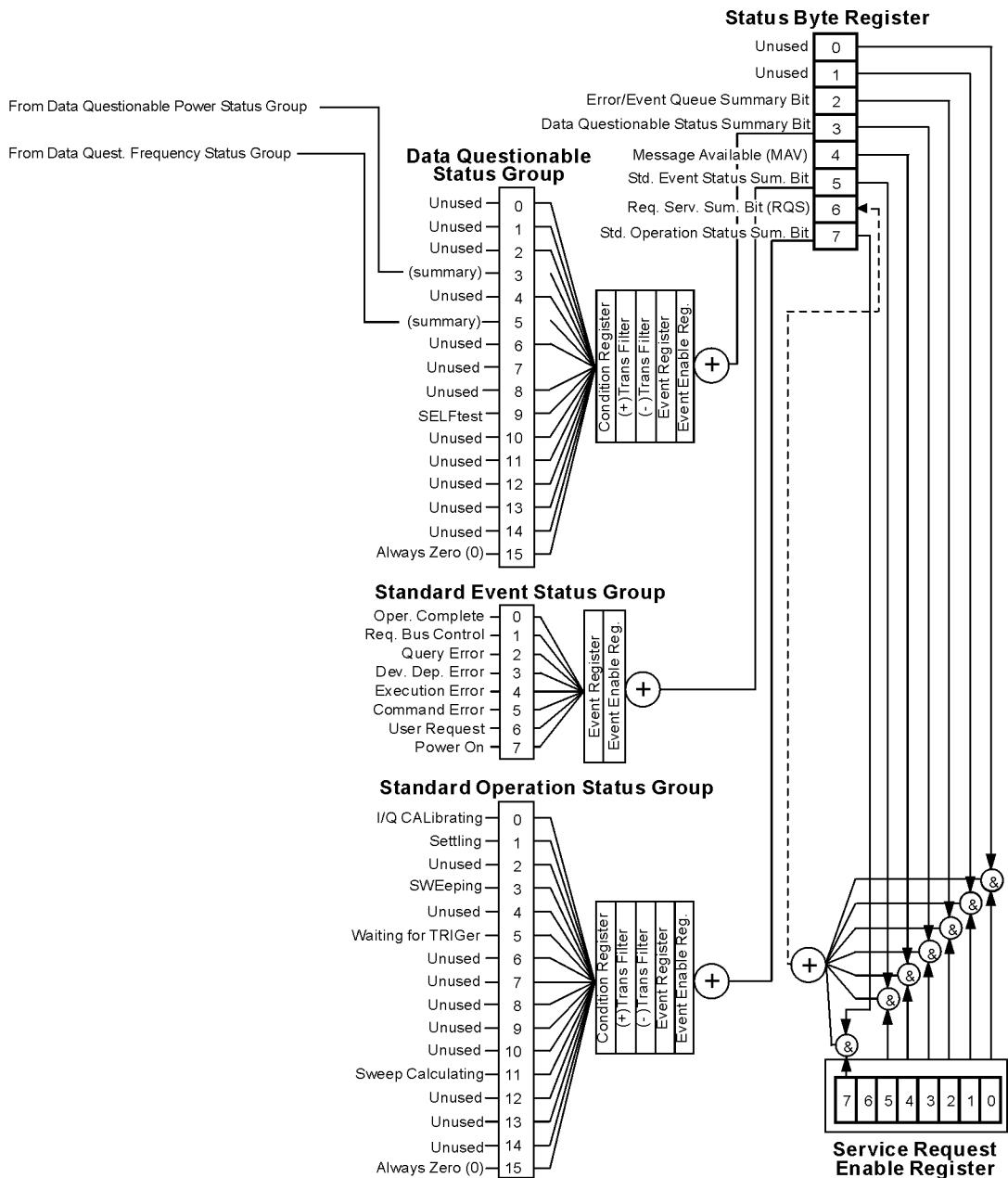


**Data Quest. Calibration Status Group**



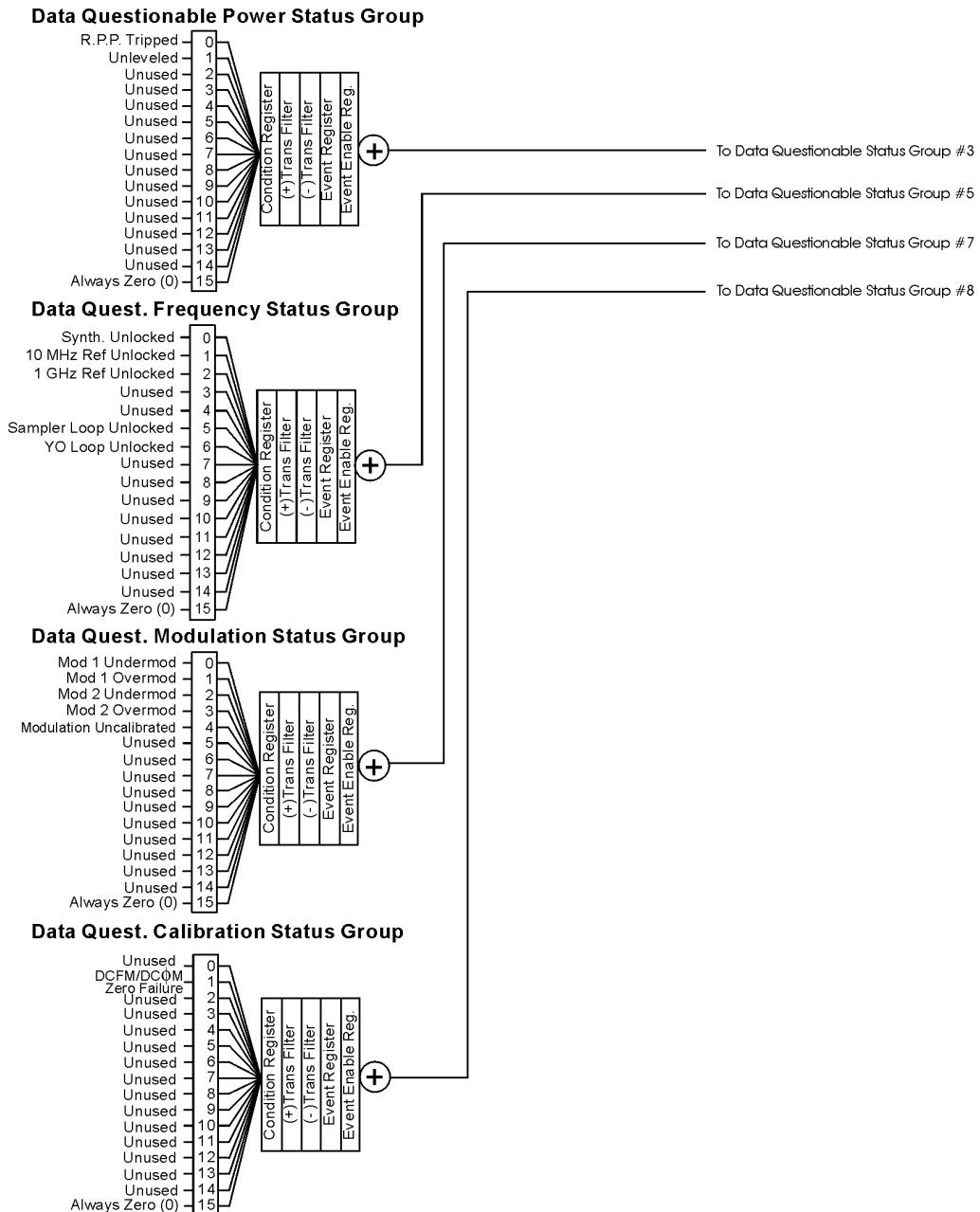
**Figure 4-2**

**N5181A/82A/83A: Overall Status Byte Register System (2 of 2)**



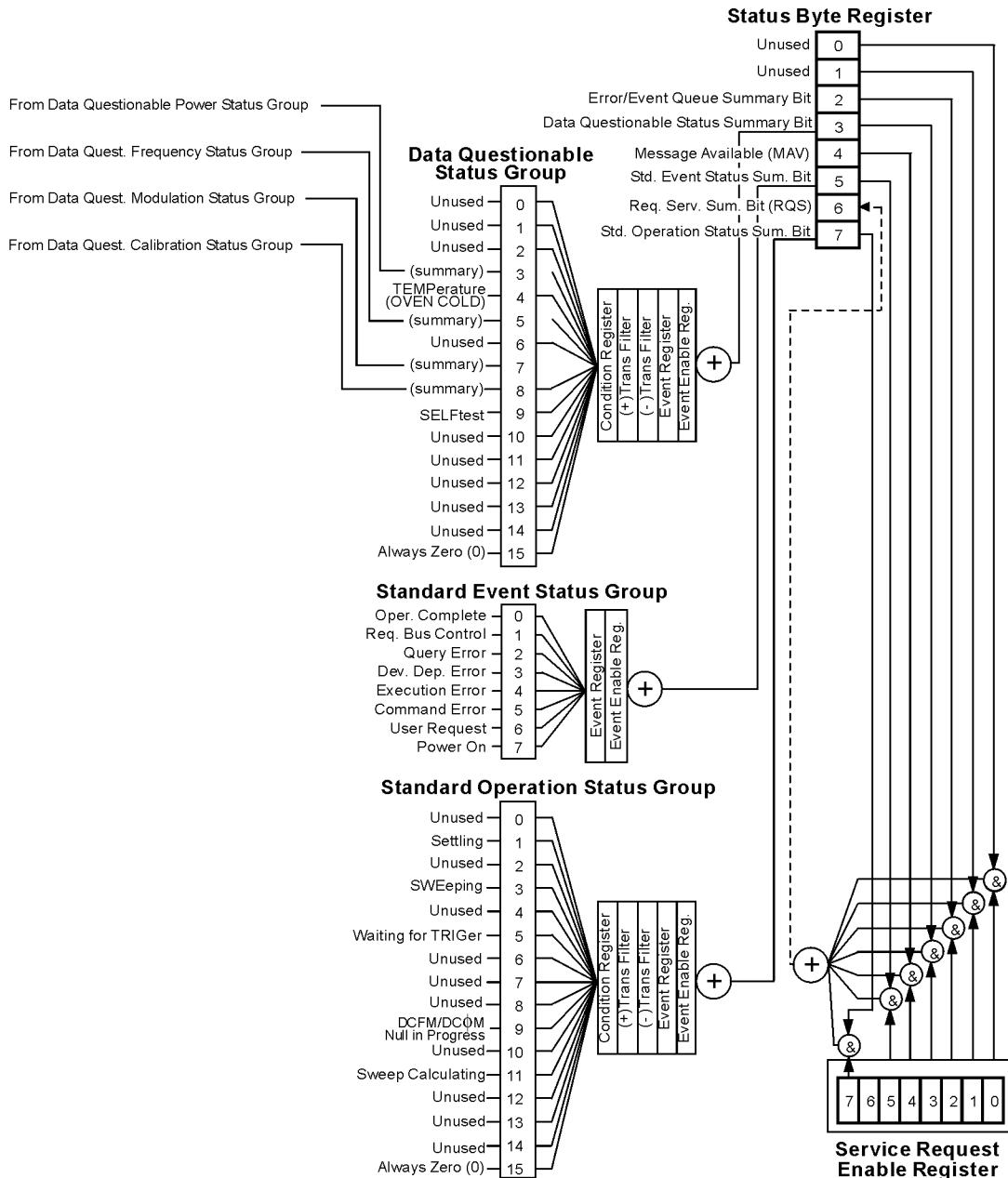
**Figure 4-3**

**E8663B: Overall Status Byte Register System (1 of 2)**

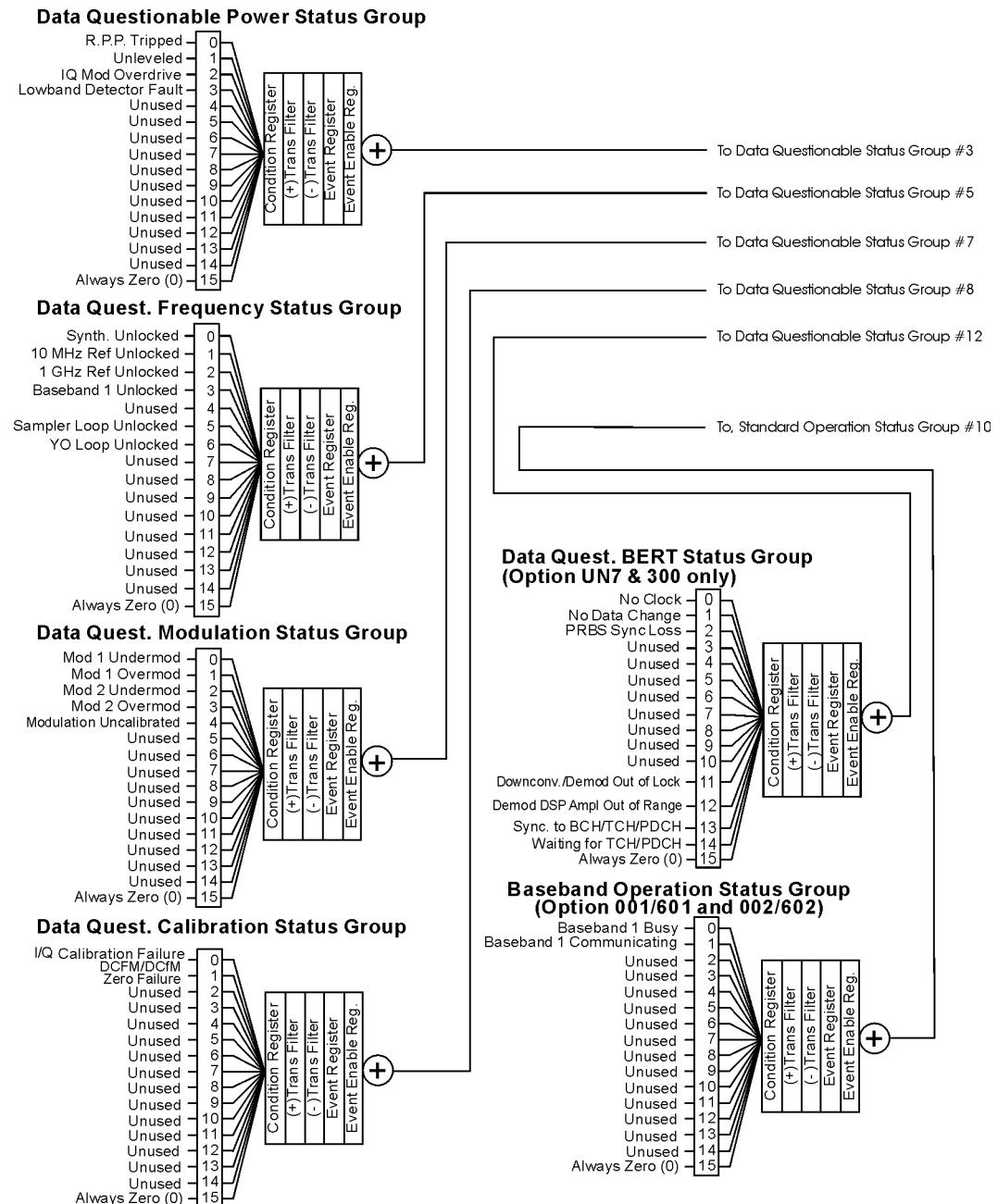


**Figure 4-4**

**E8663B: Overall Status Byte Register System (2 of 2)**

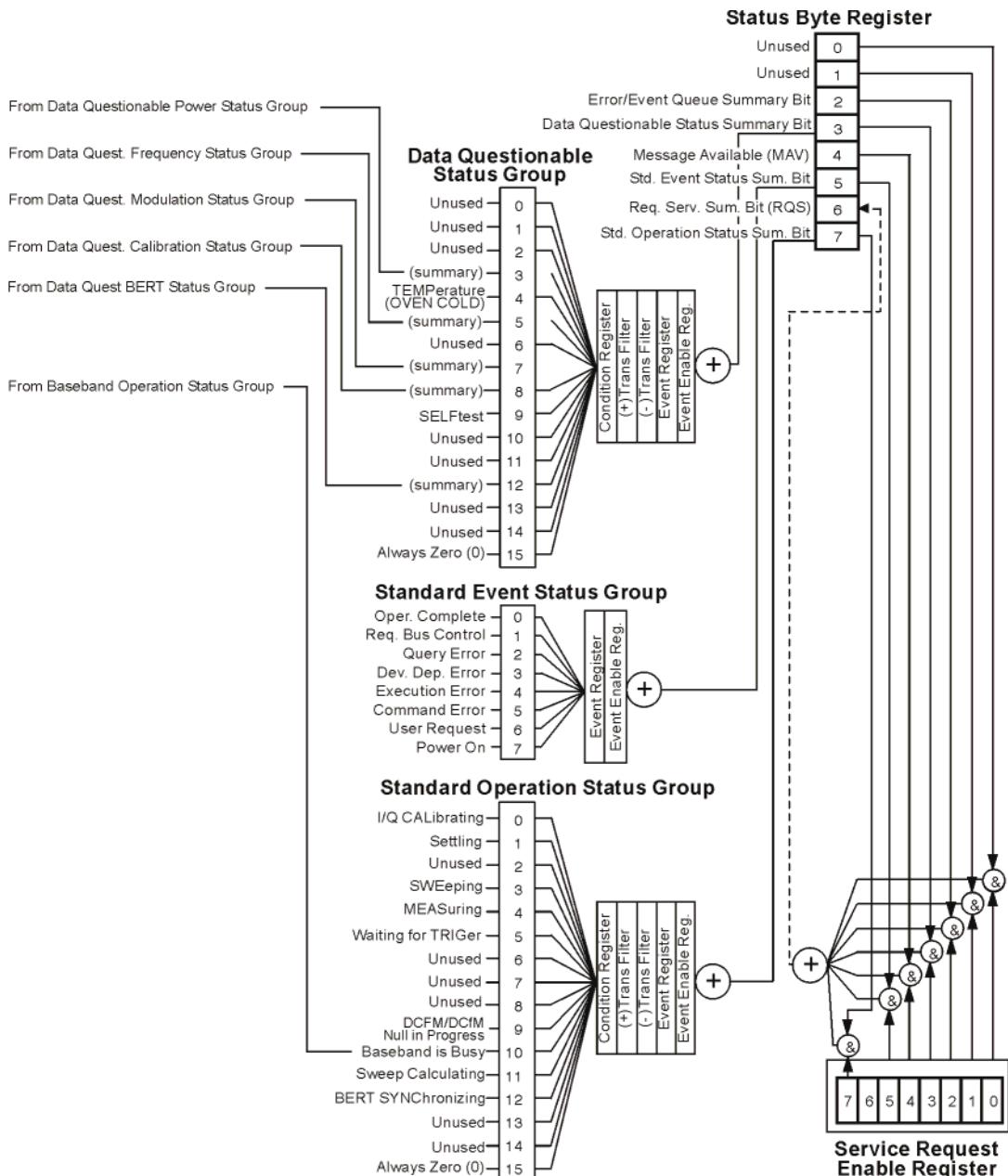


**Figure 4-5 E4428C/38C: Overall Status Byte Register System (1 of 2)**

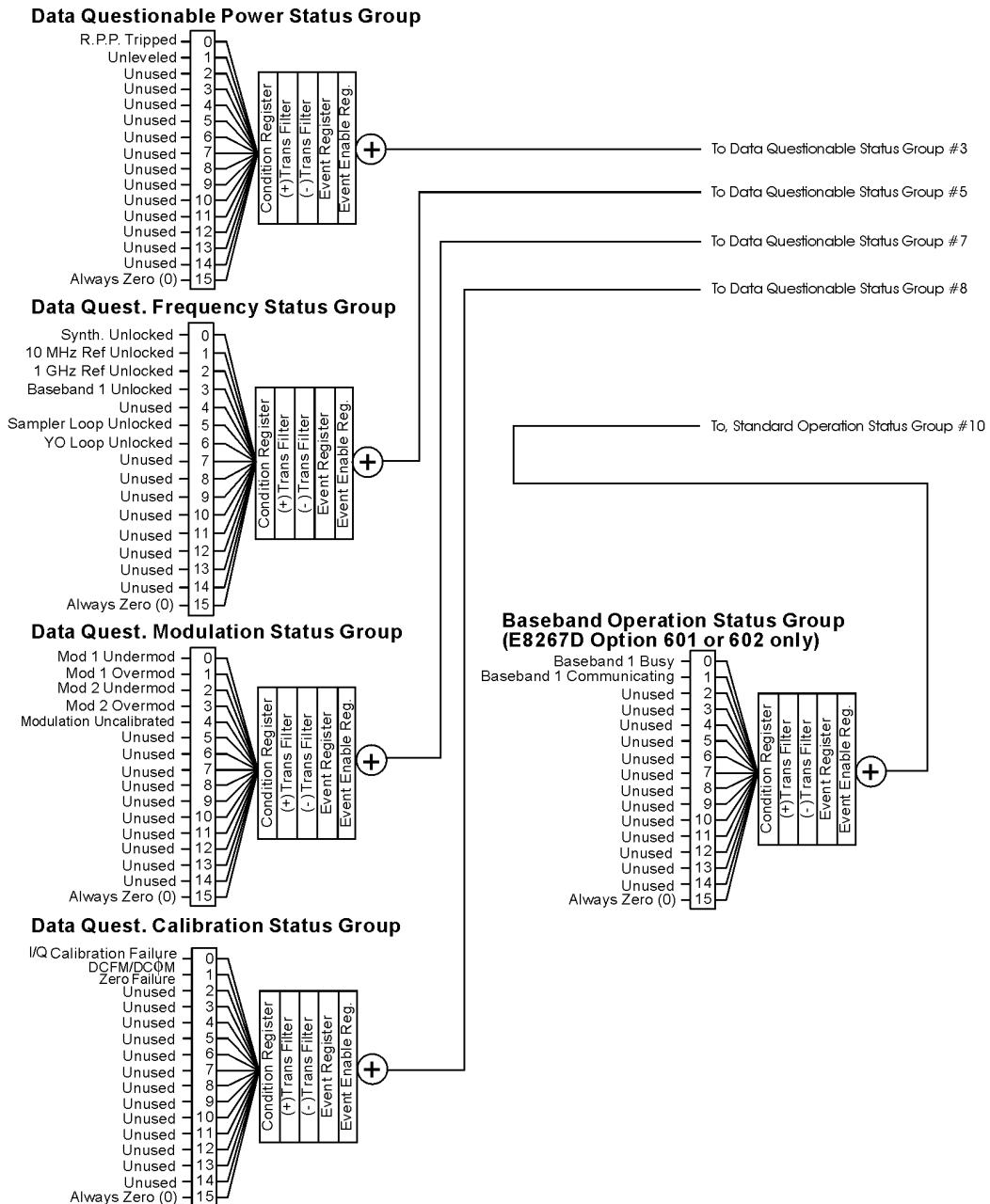


**Figure 4-6**

**E4428C/38C: Overall Status Byte Register System (2 of 2)**

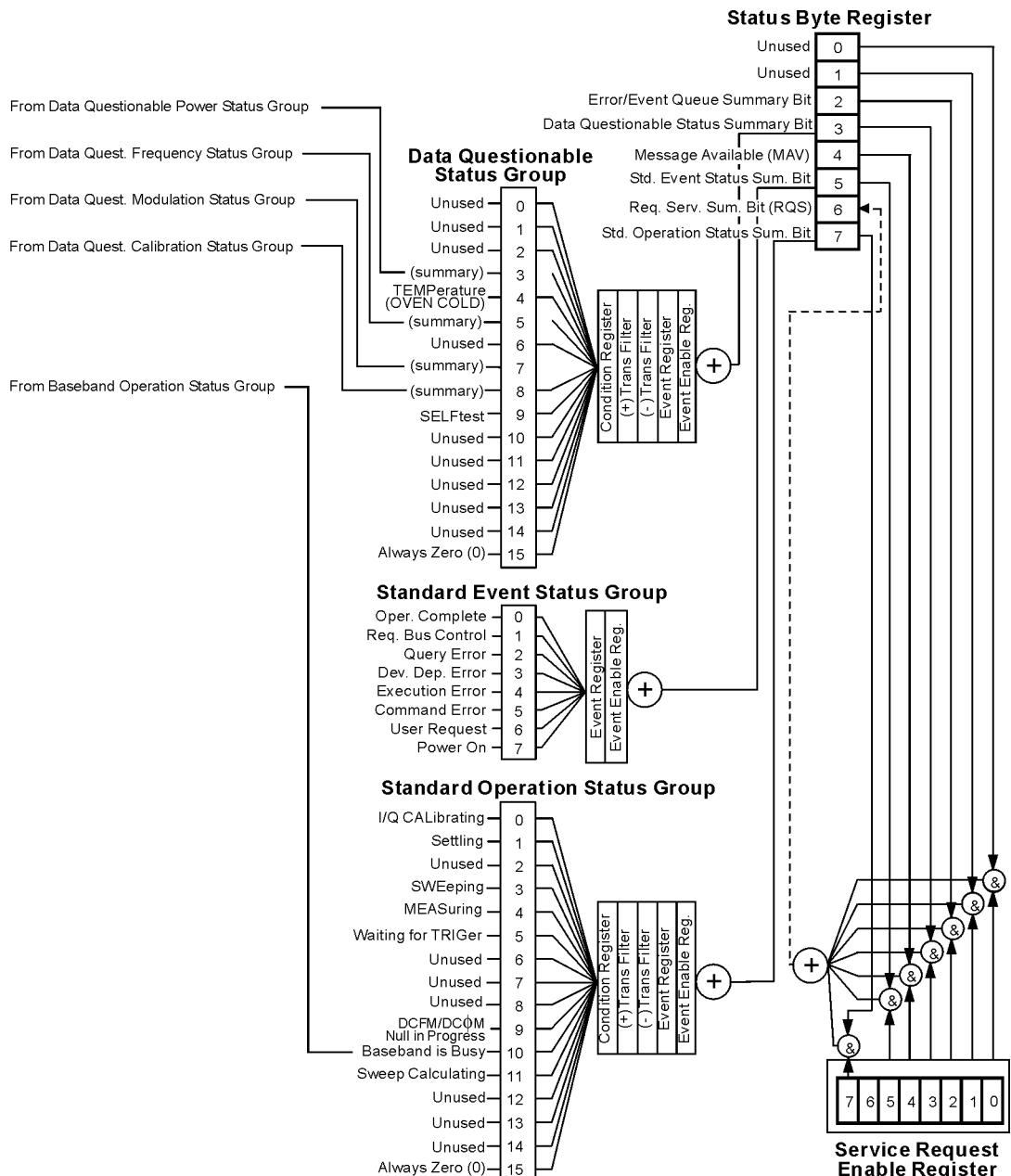


**Figure 4-7 E8257D/67D: Overall Status Byte Register System (1 of 2)**



**Figure 4-8**

**E8257D/67D: Overall Status Byte Register System (2 of 2)**



## Status Register Bit Values

Each bit in a register is represented by a decimal value based on its location in the register (see [Table 4-1](#)).

- To enable a particular bit in a register, send its value with the SCPI command. Refer to the signal generator's SCPI command listing for more information.
- To enable more than one bit, send the sum of all the bits that you want to enable.
- To verify the bits set in a register, query the register.

### Example: Enable a Register

To enable bit 0 and bit 6 of the Standard Event Status Group's Event Register:

1. Add the decimal value of bit 0 (1) and the decimal value of bit 6 (64) to give a decimal value of 65.
2. Send the sum with the command: \*ESE 65.

### Example: Query a Register

To query a register for a condition, send a SCPI query command. For example, if you want to query the Standard Operation Status Group's Condition Register, send the command:

STATUs:OPERation:CONDITION?

If bit 7, bit 3 and bit 2 in this register are set (bits = 1) then the query will return the decimal value 140. The value represents the decimal values of bit 7, bit 3 and bit 2:  $128 + 8 + 4 = 140$ .

**Table 4-1 Status Register Bit Decimal Values**

| Decimal Value | Always 0 | 16384 | 8192 | 4096 | 2048 | 1024 | 512 | 256 | 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
|---------------|----------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| Bit Number    | 15       | 14    | 13   | 12   | 11   | 10   | 9   | 8   | 7   | 6  | 5  | 4  | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

---

**NOTE** Bit 15 is not used and is always set to zero.

---

## Accessing Status Register Information

1. Determine which register contains the bit that reports the condition. Refer to [Figure 4-1 on page 140](#) through [Figure 4-8 on page 147](#) for register location and names.
2. Send the unique SCPI query that reads that register.
3. Examine the bit to see if the condition has changed.

## Determining What to Monitor

You can monitor the following conditions:

- current signal generator hardware and firmware status
- whether a particular condition (bit) has occurred

### Monitoring Current Signal Generator Hardware and Firmware Status

To monitor the signal generator's operating status, you can query the condition registers. These registers represent the current state of the signal generator and are updated in real time. When the condition monitored by a particular bit becomes true, the bit sets to 1. When the condition becomes false, the bit resets to 0.

### Monitoring Whether a Condition (Bit) has Changed

The transition registers determine which bit transition (condition change) should be recorded as an event. The transitions can be positive to negative, negative to positive, or both. To monitor a certain condition, enable the bit associated with the condition in the associated positive and negative registers.

Once you have enabled a bit via the transition registers, the signal generator monitors it for a change in its condition. If this change in condition occurs, the corresponding bit in the event register will be set to 1. When a bit becomes true (set to 1) in the event register, it stays set until the event register is read or is cleared. You can thus query the event register for a condition even if that condition no longer exists.

To clear the event register, query its contents or send the \*CLS command, which clears *all* event registers.

### Monitoring When a Condition (Bit) Changes

Once you enable a bit, the signal generator monitors it for a change in its condition. The transition registers are preset to register positive transitions (a change going from 0 to 1). This can be changed so the selected bit is detected if it goes from true to false (negative transition), or if either transition occurs.

## Deciding How to Monitor

You can use either of two methods described below to access the information in status registers (both methods allow you to monitor one or more conditions).

- **The polling method**

In the polling method, the signal generator has a passive role. It tells the controller that conditions have changed only when the controller asks the right question. This is accomplished by a program loop that continually sends a query.

The polling method works well if you do not need to know about changes the moment they occur. Use polling in the following situations:

- when you use a programming language/development environment or IO interface that does not support SRQ interrupts
- when you want to write a simple, single-purpose program and don't want the added complexity of setting up an SRQ handler

- **The service request (SRQ) method**

In the SRQ method (described in the following section), the signal generator takes a more active role. It tells the controller when there has been a condition change without the controller asking. Use the SRQ method to detect changes using the polling method, where the program must repeatedly read the registers.

Use the SRQ method if you must know immediately when a condition changes. Use the SRQ method in the following situations:

- when you need time-critical notification of changes
- when you are monitoring more than one device that supports SRQs
- when you need to have the controller do something else while waiting
- when you can't afford the performance penalty inherent to polling

### Using the Service Request (SRQ) Method

The programming language, I/O interface, and programming environment must support SRQ interrupts (for example: BASIC or VISA used with GPIB and VXI-11 over the LAN). Using this method, you must do the following:

1. Determine which bit monitors the condition.
2. Send commands to enable the bit that monitors the condition (transition registers).
3. Send commands to enable the summary bits that report the condition (event enable registers).
4. Send commands to enable the status byte register to monitor the condition.
5. Enable the controller to respond to service requests.

The controller responds to the SRQ as soon as it occurs. As a result, the time the controller would otherwise have used to monitor the condition, as in a loop method, can be used to perform other tasks. The application determines how the controller responds to the SRQ.

When a condition changes and that condition has been enabled, the request service summary (RQS) bit in the status byte register is set. In order for the controller to respond to the change, the Service Request Enable Register needs to be enabled for the bit(s) that will trigger the SRQ.

### Generating a Service Request

The Service Request Enable Register lets you choose the bits in the Status Byte Register that will trigger a service request. Send the \*SRE <num> command where <num> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

For example, to enable bit 7 on the Status Byte Register (so that whenever the Standard Operation Status register summary bit is set to 1, a service request is generated) send the command \*SRE 128. Refer to [Figure 4-1 on page 140](#) through [Figure 4-8 on page 147](#) for bit positions and values.

The query command \*SRE? returns the decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the \*SRE <num> command.

To query the Status Byte Register, send the command \*STB?. The response will be the decimal sum of the bits which are set to 1. For example, if bit 7 and bit 3 are set, the decimal sum will be 136 (bit 7 = 128 and bit 3 = 8).

---

**NOTE** Multiple Status Byte Register bits can assert an SRQ, however only one bit at a time can set the RQS bit. All bits that are asserting an SRQ will be read as part of the status byte when it is queried or serial polled.

---

The SRQ process asserts SRQ as true and sets the status byte's RQS bit to 1. Both actions are necessary to inform the controller that the signal generator requires service. Asserting SRQ informs the controller that some device on the bus requires service. Setting the RQS bit allows the controller to determine which signal generator requires service.

This process is initiated if both of the following conditions are true:

- The corresponding bit of the Service Request Enable Register is also set to 1.
- The signal generator does not have a service request pending.

A service request is considered to be pending between the time the signal generator's SRQ process is initiated and the time the controller reads the status byte register.

If a program enables the controller to detect and respond to service requests, it should instruct the controller to perform a serial poll when SRQ is true. Each device on the bus returns the contents of its status byte register in response to this poll. The device whose request service summary (RQS) bit is set to 1 is the device that requested service.

---

**NOTE** When you read the signal generator's Status Byte Register with a serial poll, the RQS bit is reset to 0. Other bits in the register are not affected.

---

If the status register is configured to SRQ on end-of-sweep or measurement and the mode set to continuous, restarting the measurement (INIT command) can cause the measuring bit to pulse low. This causes an SRQ when you have not actually reached the “end-of-sweep” or measurement condition. To avoid this, do the following:

1. Send the command INITiate:CONTinuous OFF.
2. Set/enable the status registers.
3. Restart the measurement (send INIT).

## Status Register SCPI Commands

Most monitoring of signal generator conditions is done at the highest level using the IEEE 488.2 common commands listed below. You can set and query individual status registers using the commands in the STATus subsystem.

\*CLS (clear status) clears the Status Byte Register by emptying the error queue and clearing all the event registers.

\*ESE, \*ESE? (event status enable) sets and queries the bits in the Standard Event Enable Register which is part of the Standard Event Status Group.

\*ESR? (event status register) queries and clears the Standard Event Status Register which is part of the Standard Event Status Group.

\*OPC, \*OPC? (operation complete) sets bit #0 in the Standard Event Status Register to 1 when all commands have completed. The query stops any new commands from being processed until the current processing is complete, then returns a 1.

\*PSC, \*PSC? (power-on state clear) sets the power-on state so that it clears the Service Request Enable Register, the Standard Event Status Enable Register, and device-specific event enable registers at power on. The query returns the flag setting from the \*PSC command.

\*SRE, \*SRE? (service request enable) sets and queries the value of the Service Request Enable Register.

\*STB? (status byte) queries the value of the status byte register without erasing its contents.

:STATus:PRESet presets all transition filters, non-IEEE 488.2 enable registers, and error/event queue enable registers. (Refer to [Table 4-2](#).)

**Table 4-2 Effects of :STATus:PRESet**

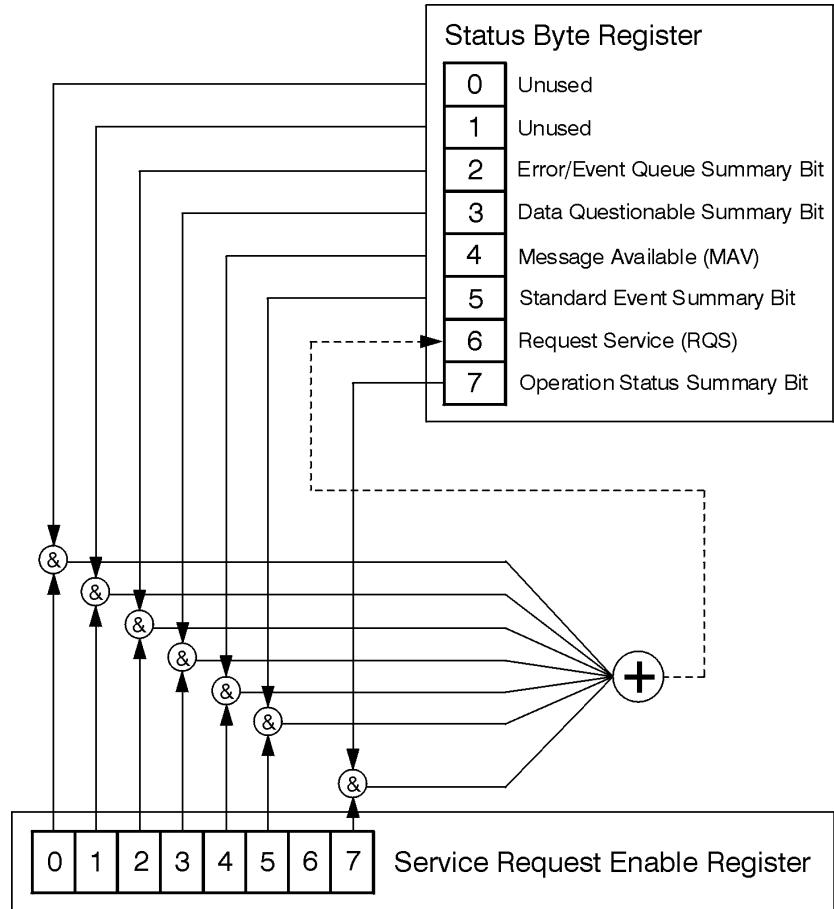
| Register <sup>a</sup>                         | Value after :STATus:PRESet |
|---|----------------------------|
| :STATus:OPERation:ENABLE                      | 0                          |
| :STATus:OPERation:NTRansition                 | 0                          |
| :STATus:OPERation:PTRransition                | 32767                      |
| :STATus:OPERation:BASEband:ENABLE             | 0                          |
| :STATus:OPERation:BASEband:NTRansition        | 0                          |
| :STATus:OPERation:BASEband:PTRransition       | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:ENABLE       | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:NTRansition  | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:PTRransition | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:ENABLE                   | 0                          |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:NTRansition              | 0                          |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:PTRransition             | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:ENABLE         | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:NTRansition    | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:PTRransition   | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:ENABLE        | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:NTRansition   | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:PTRransition  | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:POWER:ENABLE             | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:POWER:NTRansition        | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:POWER:PTRransition       | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:BERT:ENABLE              | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:BERT:NTRansition         | 32767                      |
| :STATus:QUESTIONable:BERT:PTRransition        | 32767                      |

a. Table reflects :STAT:PRES values for an E4438C with options 001, 002, 601, or 602 and UN7. To determine the registers that apply to your signal generator, refer to [Figure 4-1 on page 140](#) through [Figure 4-8 on page 147](#) and [Table 4-3 on page 155](#) through [Table 4-12 on page 181](#).

## Status Byte Group

The Status Byte Group includes the [Status Byte Register](#) and the [Service Request Enable Register](#).

This is the named status register for the E4438C. However, not all signal generator models use all of the shown events (i.e. some use only a subset of the E4438C's status registers).



ck721a

## **Status Byte Register**

**Table 4-3      Status Byte Register Bits**

| Bit | Description   |
|-----|---|
| 0,1 | <b>Unused.</b> These bits are always set to 0.  |
| 2   | <b>Error/Event Queue Summary Bit.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the SCPI error queue is not empty. The SCPI error queue contains at least one error message.  |
| 3   | <b>Data Questionable Status Summary Bit.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the Data Questionable summary bit has been set. The Data Questionable Event Register can then be read to determine the specific condition that caused this bit to be set.  |
| 4   | <b>Message Available.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the signal generator has data ready in the output queue. There are no lower status groups that provide input to this bit.   |
| 5   | <b>Standard Event Status Summary Bit.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the Standard Event summary bit has been set. The Standard Event Status Register can then be read to determine the specific event that caused this bit to be set.  |
| 6   | <b>Request Service (RQS) Summary Bit.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the signal generator has at least one reason to require service. This bit is also called the Master Summary Status bit (MSS). The individual bits in the Status Byte are individually ANDed with their corresponding service request enable register, then each individual bit value is ORed and input to this bit. |
| 7   | <b>Standard Operation Status Summary Bit.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the Standard Operation Status Group's summary bit has been set. The Standard Operation Event Register can then be read to determine the specific condition that caused this bit to be set.  |

Query:                \*STB?

Response:          The *decimal* sum of the bits set to 1 including the master summary status bit (MSS) bit 6.

Example:            The decimal value 136 is returned when the MSS bit is set low (0).

                      Decimal sum = 128 (bit 7) + 8 (bit 3)

                      The decimal value 200 is returned when the MSS bit is set high (1).

                      Decimal sum = 128 (bit 7) + 8 (bit 3) + 64 (MSS bit)

## **Service Request Enable Register**

The Service Request Enable Register lets you choose which bits in the Status Byte Register trigger a service request.

\*SRE <data>        <data> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable except bit 6. Bit 6 cannot be enabled on this register. Refer to [Figure 4-1 on page 140](#) through [Figure 4-8 on page 147](#).

Example:            To enable bits 7 and 5 to trigger a service request when either corresponding status group register summary bit sets to 1, send the command \*SRE 160 (128 + 32).

Query:               \*SRE?

Response:           The decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the \*SRE <data> command.

## Status Groups

The [Standard Operation Status Group](#) and the [Data Questionable Status Group](#) consist of the registers listed below. The [Standard Event Status Group](#) is similar but does *not* have negative or positive transition filters or a condition register.

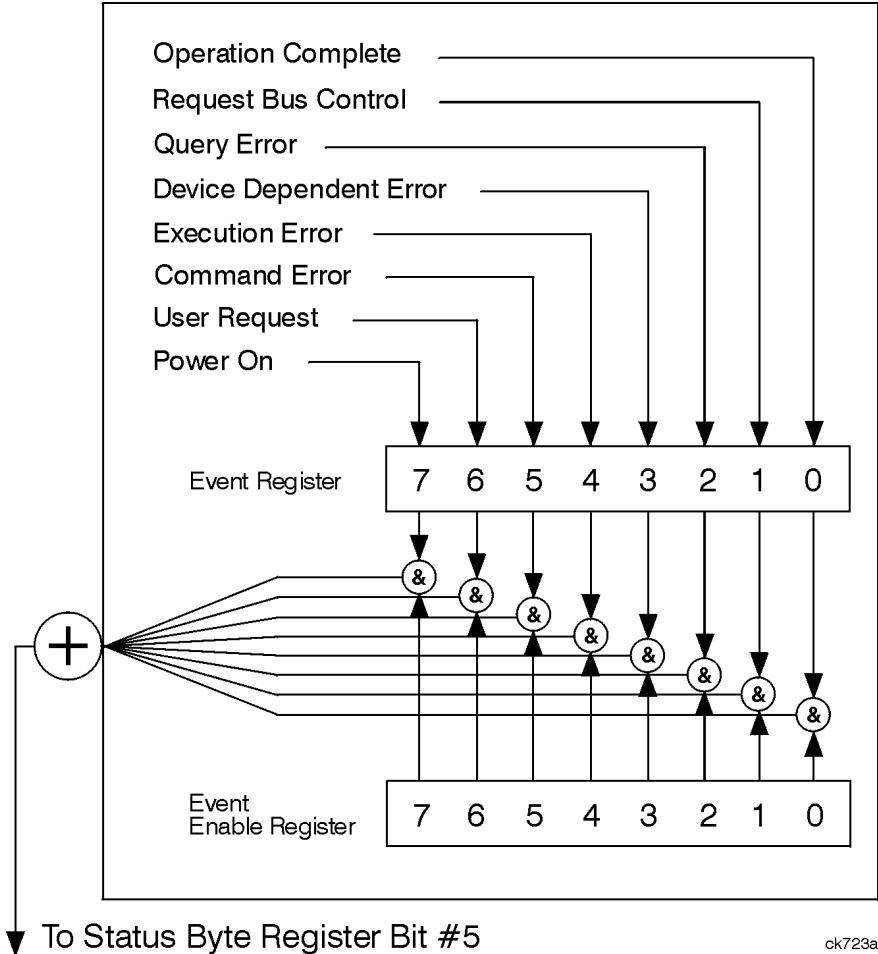
|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Condition Register         | A condition register continuously monitors the hardware and firmware status of the signal generator. There is no latching or buffering for a condition register; it is updated in real time.   |
| Negative Transition Filter | A negative transition filter specifies the bits in the condition register that will set corresponding bits in the event register when the condition bit changes from 1 to 0.   |
| Positive Transition Filter | A positive transition filter specifies the bits in the condition register that will set corresponding bits in the event register when the condition bit changes from 0 to 1.   |
| Event Register             | An event register latches transition events from the condition register as specified by the positive and negative transition filters. Once the bits in the event register are set, they remain set until cleared by either querying the register contents or sending the *CLS command.                                     |
| Event Enable Register      | An enable register specifies the bits in the event register that generate the summary bit. The signal generator logically ANDs corresponding bits in the event and enable registers and ORs all the resulting bits to produce a summary bit. Summary bits are, in turn, used by the <a href="#">Status Byte Register</a> . |

A status group is a set of related registers whose contents are programmed to produce status summary bits. In each status group, corresponding bits in the condition register are filtered by the negative and positive transition filters and stored in the event register. The contents of the event register are logically ANDed with the contents of the enable register and the result is logically ORed to produce a status summary bit in the [Status Byte Register](#).

## Standard Event Status Group

The Standard Event Status Group is used to determine the specific event that set bit 5 in the Status Byte Register. This group consists of the [Standard Event Status Register](#) (an event register) and the [Standard Event Status Enable Register](#).

This is the named status register for the E4438C. However, not all signal generator models use all of the shown events (i.e. some use only a subset of the E4438C's status registers).



ck723a

## Standard Event Status Register

Table 4-4 Standard Event Status Register Bits

| Bit | Description   |
|-----|---|
| 0   | <b>Operation Complete.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that all pending signal generator operations were completed following execution of the *OPC command.                                    |
| 1   | <b>Request Control.</b> This bit is always set to 0. (The signal generator does not request control.)   |
| 2   | <b>Query Error.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that a query error has occurred. Query errors have instrument error numbers from -499 to -400.   |
| 3   | <b>Device Dependent Error.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that a device dependent error has occurred. Device dependent errors have instrument error numbers from -399 to -300 and 1 to 32767. |
| 4   | <b>Execution Error.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that an execution error has occurred. Execution errors have instrument error numbers from -299 to -200.                                    |
| 5   | <b>Command Error.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that a command error has occurred. Command errors have instrument error numbers from -199 to -100.   |
| 6   | <b>User Request Key (Local).</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the <b>Local</b> key has been pressed. This is true even if the signal generator is in local lockout mode.                   |
| 7   | <b>Power On.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the signal generator has been turned off and then on.  |

Query: \*ESR?

Response: The *decimal* sum of the bits set to 1

Example: The decimal value 136 is returned. The decimal sum = 128 (bit 7) + 8 (bit 3).

## Standard Event Status Enable Register

The Standard Event Status Enable Register lets you choose which bits in the Standard Event Status Register set the summary bit (bit 5 of the Status Byte Register) to 1.

\*ESE <data> <data> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Example: To enable bit 7 and bit 6 so that whenever either of those bits are set to 1, the Standard Event Status summary bit of the Status Byte Register is set to 1. Send the command \*ESE 192 (128 + 64).

Query: \*ESE?

Response: Decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the \*ESE <data> command.

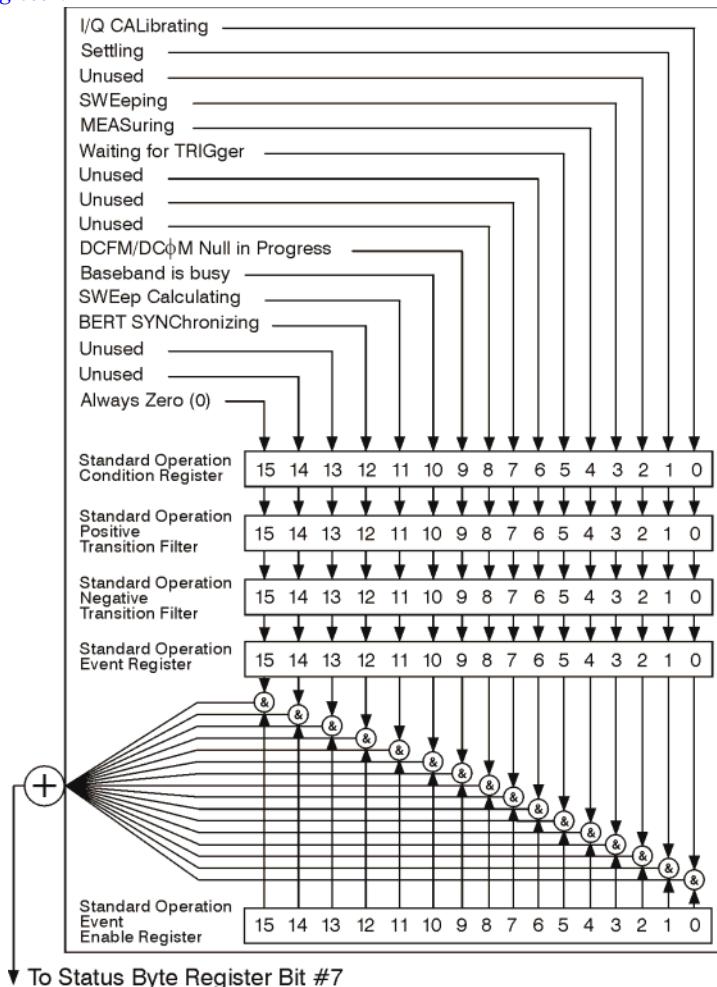
## Standard Operation Status Group

**NOTE** Some of the bits in this status group do not apply to the E4428C, E8257D, E8267D, E8663B, and the N5181A/82A/83A, and returns zero when queried. See [Table 4-5 on page 160](#) for more information.

The Agilent MXG SCPI command :STAT:OPER:SUPP, can suppress the managing of this status group and save 50 us from the switching time. Refer to the *SCPI Command Reference*.

The Operation Status Group is used to determine the specific event that set bit 7 in the [Status Byte Register](#). This group consists of the [Standard Operation Condition Register](#), the [Standard Operation Transition Filters \(negative and positive\)](#), the [Standard Operation Event Register](#), and the [Standard Operation Event Enable Register](#).

This is the named status register for the E4438C. However, not all signal generator models use all of the shown events (i.e. some use only a subset of the E4438C's status registers).



### Standard Operation Condition Register

The Standard Operation Condition Register continuously monitors the hardware and firmware status of the signal generator. Condition registers are read only.

**Table 4-5 Standard Operation Condition Register Bits**

| Bit             | Description   |
|-----------------|---|
| 0 <sup>a</sup>  | <b>I/Q Calibrating.</b> A 1 in this position indicates an I/Q calibration is in process.  |
| 1               | <b>Settling.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the signal generator is settling.  |
| 2               | <b>Unused.</b> This bit position is always set to 0.  |
| 3               | <b>Sweeping.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that a sweep is in progress.  |
| 4 <sup>b</sup>  | <b>Measuring.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that a bit error rate test is in progress.   |
| 5 <sup>c</sup>  | <b>Waiting for Trigger.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the source is in a “wait for trigger” state. When option 300 is enabled, a 1 in this bit position indicates that TCH/PDCH synchronization is established and waiting for a trigger to start measurements. |
| 6,7,8           | <b>Unused.</b> These bits are always set to 0.  |
| 9 <sup>d</sup>  | <b>DCFM/DCΦM Null in Progress.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the signal generator is currently performing a DCFM/DCΦM zero calibration.   |
| 10 <sup>c</sup> | <b>Baseband is Busy.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the baseband generator is communicating or processing. This is a summary bit. See the “ <a href="#">Baseband Operation Status Group</a> ” on page 162 for more information.                                  |
| 11 <sup>e</sup> | <b>Sweep Calculating.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the signal generator is currently doing the necessary pre-sweep calculations.   |
| 12 <sup>b</sup> | <b>BERT Synchronizing.</b> A 1 in this bit position is set while the BERT is synchronizing to ‘BCH’, then ‘TCH’ and then to ‘PRBS’.   |
| 13, 14          | <b>Unused.</b> These bits are always set to 0.  |
| 15              | <b>Always 0.</b>  |

a.In the N5181A, E4428C, E8257D, and E8663B, this bit is always set to 0.

b.Always set to 0 if Option UN7 not present (E4438C only).

c.Option 300 is only available on the E4438C.

d.This bit is always set to 0.

e.In the N5181A and N5182A this bit is always set to 0.

Query: STATus:OPERation:CONDITION?

Response: The *decimal* sum of the bits set to 1

Example: The decimal value 520 is returned. The decimal sum = 512 (bit 9) + 8 (bit 3).

### Standard Operation Transition Filters (negative and positive)

The Standard Operation Transition Filters specify which types of bit state changes in the condition register set corresponding bits in the event register. Changes can be positive (0 to 1) or negative (1 to 0).

Commands:      STATus:OPERation:NTRansition <value> (negative transition), or  
                  STATus:OPERation:PTRansition <value> (positive transition), where  
                  <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Queries:        STATus:OPERation:NTRansition?  
                  STATus:OPERation:PTRansition?

### Standard Operation Event Register

The Standard Operation Event Register latches transition events from the condition register as specified by the transition filters. Event registers are destructive read only. Reading data from an event register clears the content of that register.

Query:          STATus:OPERation[:EVENT] ?

### Standard Operation Event Enable Register

The Standard Operation Event Enable Register lets you choose which bits in the Standard Operation Event Register set the summary bit (bit 7 of the Status Byte Register) to 1.

Command:        STATus:OPERation:ENABLE <value>, where  
                  <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Example:        To enable bit 9 and bit 3 so that whenever either of those bits are set to 1, the Standard Operation Status summary bit of the Status Byte Register is set to 1. Send the command STAT:OPER:ENAB 520 (512 + 8).

Query:          STATus:OPERation:ENABLE?

Response:       Decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the STATus:OPERation:ENABLE <value> command.

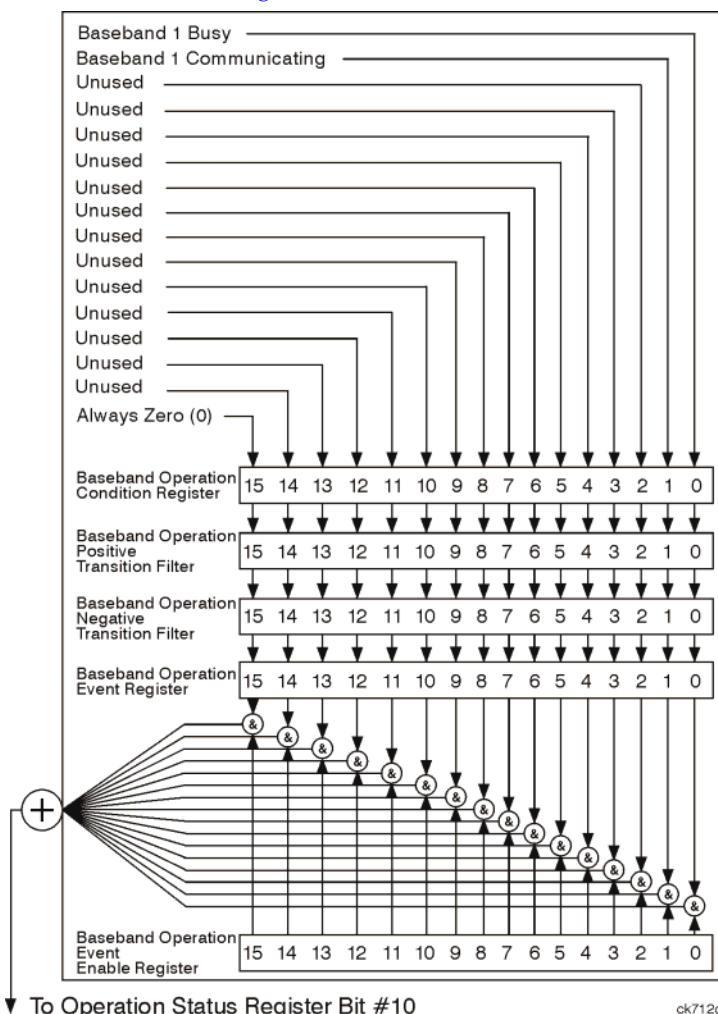
## Baseband Operation Status Group

**NOTE** This status group does not apply to the E4428C, E8257D, and the E8663B, and if queried, returns zero. See [Table 4-6 on page 163](#) for more information.

This status group does not apply to the N5181A/82A/83A. (If queried, the signal generator will not respond.)

The Baseband Operation Status Group is used to determine the specific event that set bit 10 in the [Standard Operation Status Group](#). This group consists of the [Baseband Operation Condition Register](#), the [Baseband Operation Transition Filters \(negative and positive\)](#), the [Baseband Operation Event Register](#), and the [Baseband Operation Event Enable Register](#).

This is the named status register for the E4438C. However, not all signal generator models use all of the shown events (i.e. some use only a subset of the E4438C's status registers).



**Baseband Operation Condition Register**

The Baseband Operation Condition Register continuously monitors the hardware and firmware status of the signal generator. Condition registers are read only.

**Table 4-6 Baseband Operation Condition Register Bits**

| Bit  | Description   |
|------|---|
| 0    | <b>Baseband 1 Busy.</b> A 1 in this position indicates the signal generator baseband is active.                                       |
| 1    | <b>Baseband 1 Communicating.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the signal generator baseband generator is handling data IO. |
| 2-14 | <b>Unused.</b> This bit position is always set to 0.  |
| 15   | <b>Always 0.</b>  |

Query: STATus:OPERation:BASEband:CONDITION?

Response: The *decimal* sum of the bits set to 1

Example: The decimal value 2 is returned. The decimal sum = 2 (bit 1).

**Baseband Operation Transition Filters (negative and positive)**

The Baseband Operation Transition Filters specify which types of bit state changes in the condition register set corresponding bits in the event register. Changes can be positive (0 to 1) or negative (1 to 0).

Commands: STATus:OPERation:BASEband:NTRansition <value> (negative transition), or  
 STATus:OPERation:BASEband:PTRansition <value> (positive transition), where  
 <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Queries: STATus:OPERation:BASEband:NTRansition?  
 STATus:OPERation:BASEband:PTRansition?

### Baseband Operation Event Register

The Baseband Operation Event Register latches transition events from the condition register as specified by the transition filters. Event registers are destructive read only. Reading data from an event register clears the content of that register.

Query: STATus:OPERation:BASeband[:EVENT]?

### Baseband Operation Event Enable Register

The Baseband Operation Event Enable Register lets you choose which bits in the Baseband Operation Event Register can set the summary bit (bit 7 of the Status Byte Register).

Command: STATus:OPERation:BASeband:ENABLE <value>, where  
<value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Example: Enable bit 0 and bit 1 so that whenever either of those bits are set to 1, the Baseband Operation Status summary bit of the Status Byte Register is set to 1. Send the command STAT:OPER:ENAB (2 + 1).

Query: STATus:OPERation:BASeband:ENABLE?

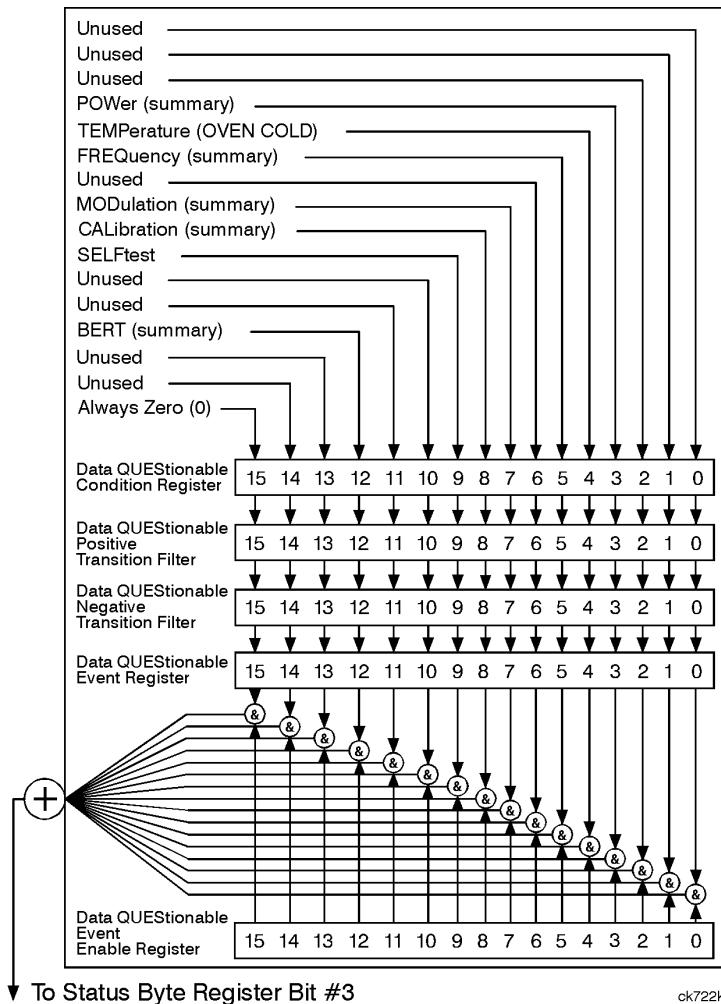
Response: Decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the  
STATus:OPERation:BASeband:ENABLE <value> command.

## Data Questionable Status Group

**NOTE** Some of the bits in this status group do not apply to the E4428C, E8257D, E8267D, E8663B, and the N5181A/82A/83A, and returns zero when queried. Other bits have changed state content. See [Table 4-7 on page 166](#) for more information.

The Data Questionable Status Group is used to determine the specific event that set bit 3 in the Status Byte Register. This group consists of the [Data Questionable Condition Register](#), the [Data Questionable Transition Filters \(negative and positive\)](#), the [Data Questionable Event Register](#), and the [Data Questionable Event Enable Register](#).

This is the named status register for the E4438C. However, not all signal generator models use all of the shown events (i.e. some use only a subset of the E4438C's status registers).



## Data Questionable Condition Register

The Data Questionable Condition Register continuously monitors the hardware and firmware status of the signal generator. Condition registers are read only.

**Table 4-7 Data Questionable Condition Register Bits**

| Bit                         | Description   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 0, 1, 2                     | <b>Unused.</b> These bits are always set to 0.  |
| 3                           | <b>Power (summary).</b> This is a summary bit taken from the QUESTionable:POWer register. A 1 in this bit position indicates that one of the following may have happened: The ALC (Automatic Leveling Control) is unable to maintain a leveled RF output power (i.e., ALC is UNLEVELED), the reverse power protection circuit has been tripped. See the “ <a href="#">Data Questionable Power Status Group</a> ” on page 168 for more information.    |
| 4                           | <b>N5181A/82A/83A: ALC Heater Detector (COLD).</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the ALC detector is cold.<br><b>E4428C/38C, E8257D/67D, and E8663B: Temperature (OVEN COLD).</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the internal reference oscillator (reference oven) is cold.   |
| 5                           | <b>Frequency (summary).</b> This is a summary bit taken from the QUESTionable:FREQuency register. A 1 in this bit position indicates that one of the following may have happened: synthesizer PLL unlocked, 10 MHz reference VCO PLL unlocked, 1 GHz reference unlocked, sampler, YO loop unlocked or baseband 1 unlocked. For more information, see the “ <a href="#">Data Questionable Frequency Status Group</a> ” on page 171.                    |
| 6                           | <b>Unused.</b> This bit is always set to 0.   |
| 7                           | <b>Modulation (summary).</b> This is a summary bit taken from the QUESTionable:MODulation register. A 1 in this bit position indicates that one of the following may have happened: modulation source 1 underrange, modulation source 1 overrange, modulation source 2 underrange, modulation source 2 overrange, or modulation uncalibrated. See the “ <a href="#">Data Questionable Modulation Status Group</a> ” on page 174 for more information. |
| 8 <sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup> | <b>Calibration (summary).</b> This is a summary bit taken from the QUESTionable:CALibration register. A 1 in this bit position indicates that one of the following may have happened: an error has occurred in the DCFM/DCFM zero calibration, or an error has occurred in the I/Q calibration. See the “ <a href="#">Data Questionable Calibration Status Group</a> ” on page 177 for more information.  |
| 9                           | <b>Self Test.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that a self-test has failed during power-up. Reset this bit by cycling the signal generator’s line power. *CLS will not clear this bit.  |
| 10, 11                      | <b>Unused.</b> These bits are always set to 0.  |
| 12 <sup>c</sup>             | <b>BERT (summary).</b> This is a summary bit taken from the QUESTionable:BERT register. A 1 in this bit position indicates that one of the following occurred: no BCH/TCH synchronization, no data change, no clock input, PRBS not synchronized, demod/DSP unlocked, or demod unleveled. See the “ <a href="#">Data Questionable BERT Status Group</a> ” on page 180 for more information.   |
| 13, 14                      | <b>Unused.</b> These bits are always set to 0.  |
| 15                          | <b>Always 0.</b>  |

a.In the N5182A, this bit applies only to the I/Q calibration. In the N5181A/83A, this bit is unused and always set to 0.

b.In the E8257D, and the E8663B this bit applies only to the DCFM/DCFM calibration.

c.In the N5181A, N5182A, N5183A, E4428C, E8257D, E8267D, and the E8663B this bit is always set to 0.

Query: STATus:QUESTionable:CONDition?

Response: The *decimal* sum of the bits set to 1

Example: The decimal value 520 is returned. The decimal sum = 512 (bit 9) + 8 (bit 3).

### Data Questionable Transition Filters (negative and positive)

The Data Questionable Transition Filters specify which type of bit state changes in the condition register set corresponding bits in the event register. Changes can be positive (0 to 1) or negative (1 to 0).

Commands: STATus:QUESTIONable:NTRansition <value> (negative transition), or  
STATus:QUESTIONable:PTRansition <value> (positive transition), where  
<value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Queries: STATus:QUESTIONable:NTRansition?  
STATus:QUESTIONable:PTRansition?

### Data Questionable Event Register

The Data Questionable Event Register latches transition events from the condition register as specified by the transition filters. Event registers are destructive read-only. Reading data from an event register clears the content of that register.

Query: STATus:QUESTIONable[:EVENT]?

### Data Questionable Event Enable Register

The Data Questionable Event Enable Register lets you choose which bits in the Data Questionable Event Register set the summary bit (bit 3 of the Status Byte Register) to 1.

Command: STATus:QUESTIONable:ENABLE <value> where <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Example: Enable bit 9 and bit 3 so that whenever either of those bits are set to 1, the Data Questionable Status summary bit of the Status Byte Register is set to 1. Send the command STAT:QUES:ENAB 520 (512 + 8).

Query: STATus:QUESTIONable:ENABLE?

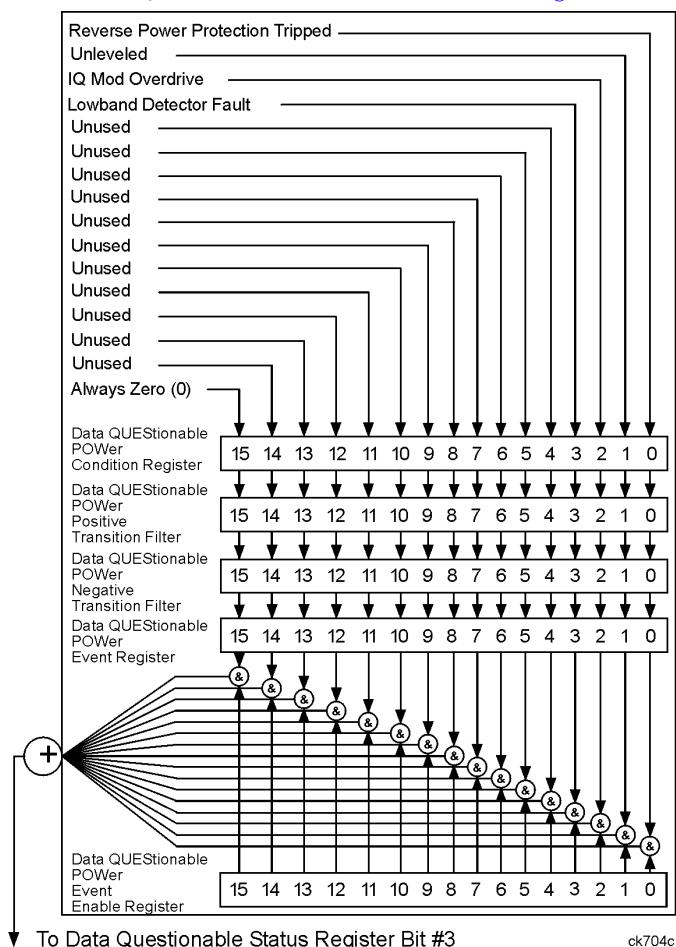
Response: Decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the STATus:QUESTIONable:ENABLE <value> command.

## Data Questionable Power Status Group

**NOTE** Some of the bits in this status group do not apply to the E4428C, E8257D, E8267D, E8663B, and the N5181A/82A/83A, and returns zero when queried. See [Table 4-8 on page 169](#) for more information.

The Data Questionable Power Status Group is used to determine the specific event that set bit 3 in the Data Questionable Condition Register. This group consists of the **Data Questionable Power Condition Register**, the **Data Questionable Power Transition Filters** (negative and positive), the **Data Questionable Power Event Register**, and the **Data Questionable Power Event Enable Register**.

This is the named status register for the E4438C. However, not all signal generator models use all of the shown events (i.e. some use only a subset of the E4438C's status registers).



ck704c

**Data Questionable Power Condition Register**

The Data Questionable Power Condition Register continuously monitors the hardware and firmware status of the signal generator. Condition registers are read only.

**Table 4-8 Data Questionable Power Condition Register Bits**

| Bit            | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| 0 <sup>a</sup> | <b>Reverse Power Protection Tripped.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the reverse power protection (RPP) circuit has been tripped. There is no output in this state. Any conditions that may have caused the problem should be corrected. Reset the RPP circuit by sending the remote SCPI command: OUTput:PROTection:CLEar. Resetting the RPP circuit bit, resets this bit to 0. |
| 1              | <b>Unleveled.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the output leveling loop is unable to set the output power.  |
| 2 <sup>b</sup> | <b>IQ Mod Overdrive.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the signal level into the IQ modulator is too high.   |
| 3 <sup>c</sup> | <b>Lowband Detector Fault.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the lowband detector heater circuit has failed.   |
| 4–14           | <b>Unused.</b> These bits are always set to 0.   |
| 15             | <b>Always 0.</b>   |

a.In the N5181A/82A with Option 506, the N5183A, and the E4428C/38C with Option 506, this bit is set to 0.

b.In the N5181A/82A/83A, E4428C, E8257D/67D, and E8663B, this bit is set to 0.

Query: STATus:QUEStionable:POWer:CONDition?

Response: The *decimal* sum of the bits set to 1.

**Data Questionable Power Transition Filters (negative and positive)**

The Data Questionable Power Transition Filters specify which type of bit state changes in the condition register set corresponding bits in the event register. Changes can be positive (0 to 1) or negative (1 to 0).

Commands: STATus:QUEStionable:POWer:NTRansition <value> (negative transition), or  
STATus:QUEStionable:POWer:PTRansition <value> (positive transition), where  
<value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Queries: STATus:QUEStionable:POWer:NTRansition? STATus:QUEStionable:POWer:PTRansition?

**Data Questionable Power Event Register**

The Data Questionable Power Event Register latches transition events from the condition register as specified by the transition filters. Event registers are destructive read-only. Reading data from an event register clears the content of that register.

Query: STATus:QUEStionable:POWer[:EVENT]?

### Data Questionable Power Event Enable Register

The Data Questionable Power Event Enable Register lets you choose which bits in the Data Questionable Power Event Register set the summary bit (bit 3 of the Data Questionable Condition Register) to 1.

Command: STATus:QUEStionable:POWeR:ENABle <value> where <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable

Example: Enable bit 3 and bit 2 so that whenever either of those bits are set to 1, the Data Questionable Power summary bit of the Data Questionable Condition Register is set to 1. Send the command STAT:QUES:POW:ENAB 520 (8 + 4).

Query: STATus:QUEStionable:POWeR:ENABle?

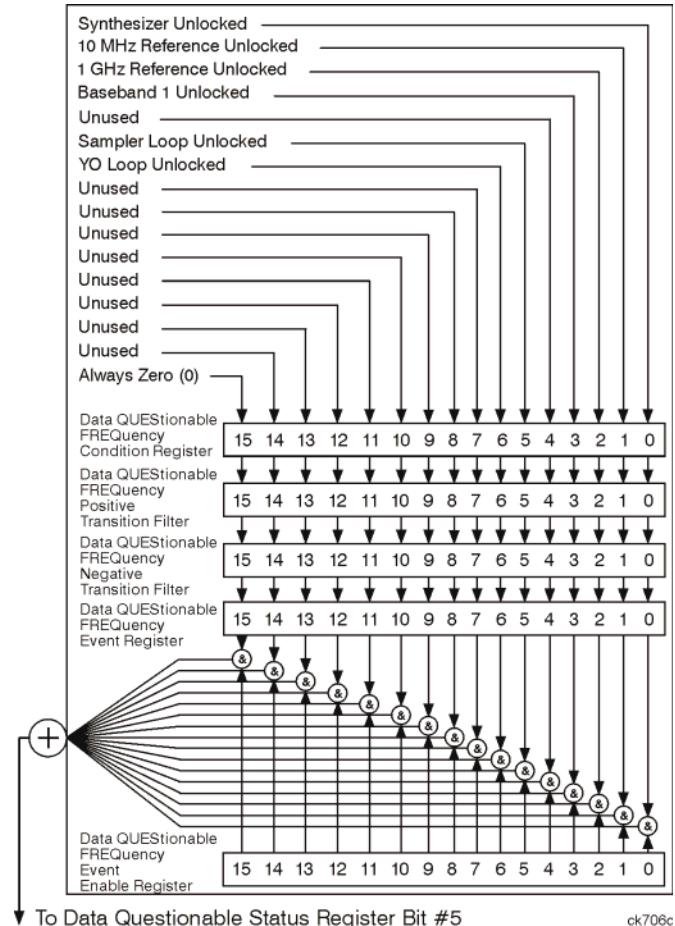
Response: Decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the STATus:QUEStionable:POWeR:ENABle <value> command.

## Data Questionable Frequency Status Group

**NOTE** Some bits in this status group do not apply to the N5181A/82A/83A, E4428C, E8257D, and the E8663B and returns zero when queried. See [Table 4-9 on page 172](#) for more information.

The Data Questionable Frequency Status Group is used to determine the specific event that set bit 5 in the Data Questionable Condition Register. This group consists of the [Data Questionable Frequency Condition Register](#), the [Data Questionable Frequency Transition Filters](#) (negative and positive), the [Data Questionable Frequency Event Register](#), and the [Data Questionable Frequency Event Enable Register](#).

This is the named status register for the E4438C. However, not all signal generator models use all of the shown events (i.e. some use only a subset of the E4438C's status registers).



### Data Questionable Frequency Condition Register

The Data Questionable Frequency Condition Register continuously monitors the hardware and firmware status of the signal generator. Condition registers are read-only.

**Table 4-9 Data Questionable Frequency Condition Register Bits**

| Bit            | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| 0              | <b>Synth. Unlocked.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the synthesizer is unlocked.                 |
| 1              | <b>10 MHz Ref Unlocked.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the 10 MHz reference signal is unlocked. |
| 2 <sup>a</sup> | <b>1 GHz Ref Unlocked.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the 1 GHz reference signal is unlocked.   |
| 3 <sup>b</sup> | <b>Baseband 1 Unlocked.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the baseband generator is unlocked.      |
| 4              | <b>Unused.</b> This bit is always set to 0.  |
| 5 <sup>b</sup> | <b>Sampler Loop Unlocked.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the sampler loop is unlocked.          |
| 6 <sup>b</sup> | <b>YO Loop Unlocked.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the YO loop is unlocked.                    |
| 7–14           | <b>Unused.</b> These bits are always set to 0.   |
| 15             | <b>Always 0.</b>   |

a.In the N5181A and N5182A these bits are always set to 0.

b.In the N5181A/82A/83A, E4428C, E8257D, and the E8663B, this bit is always set to 0.

Query: STATus:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:CONDition?

Response: The *decimal* sum of the bits set to 1.

### Data Questionable Frequency Transition Filters (negative and positive)

Specifies which types of bit state changes in the condition register set corresponding bits in the event register. Changes can be positive (0 to 1) or negative (1 to 0).

Commands: STATus:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:NTRansition <value> (negative transition) or  
STATus:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:PTRansition <value> (positive transition) where <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Queries: STATus:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:NTRansition?  
STATus:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:PTRansition?

### Data Questionable Frequency Event Register

Latches transition events from the condition register as specified by the transition filters. Event registers are destructive read-only. Reading data from an event register clears the content of that register.

Query: STATus:QUESTIONable:FREQuency[:EVENT] ?

### Data Questionable Frequency Event Enable Register

Lets you choose which bits in the Data Questionable Frequency Event Register set the summary bit (bit 5 of the Data Questionable Condition Register) to 1.

Command: STATUs:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:ENABLE <value>, where <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Example: Enable bit 4 and bit 3 so that whenever either of those bits are set to 1, the Data Questionable Frequency summary bit of the Data Questionable Condition Register is set to 1. Send the command STAT:QUES:FREQ:ENAB 520 (16 + 8).

Query: STATUs:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:ENABLE?

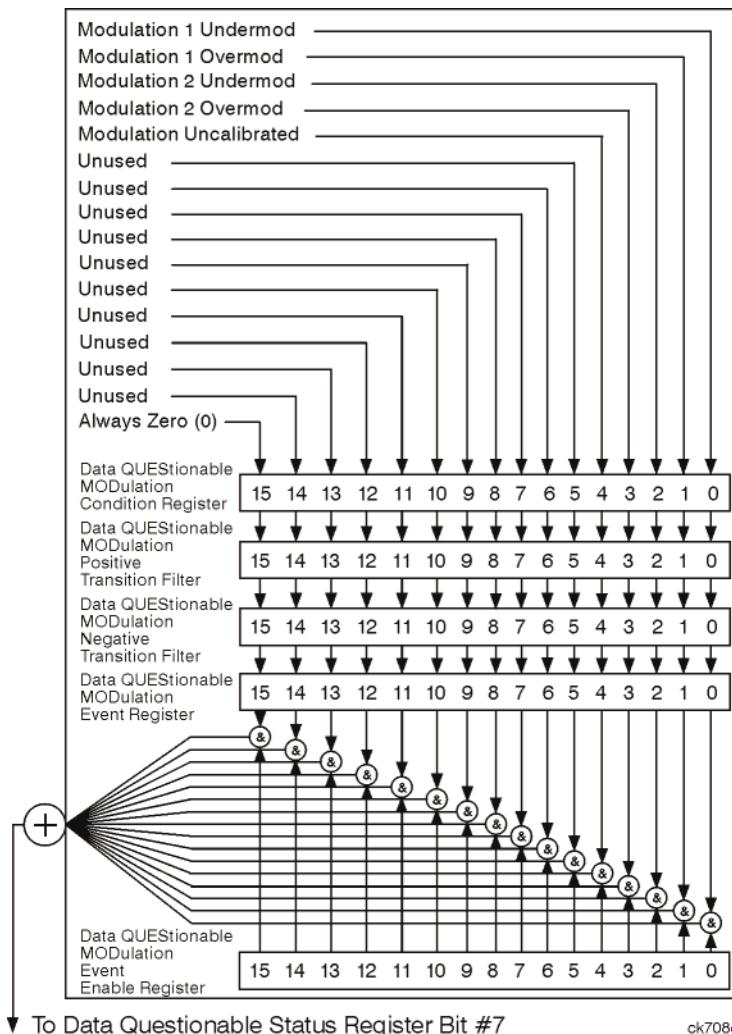
Response: Decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the STATUs:QUESTIONable:FREQuency:ENABLE <value> command.

## Data Questionable Modulation Status Group

**NOTE** This status group does not apply to the N5181A and the N5182A, and returns zero when queried. See [Table 4-10 on page 175](#) for more information.

The Data Questionable Modulation Status Group is used to determine the specific event that set bit 7 in the Data Questionable Condition Register. This group consists of the [Data Questionable Modulation Condition Register](#), the [Data Questionable Modulation Transition Filters](#) (negative and positive), the [Data Questionable Modulation Event Register](#), and the [Data Questionable Modulation Event Enable Register](#).

This is the named status register for the E4438C. However, not all signal generator models use all of the shown events (i.e. some use only a subset of the E4438C's status registers).



ck708c

**Data Questionable Modulation Condition Register**

The Data Questionable Modulation Condition Register continuously monitors the hardware and firmware status of the signal generator. Condition registers are read-only.

**Table 4-10 Data Questionable Modulation Condition Register Bits**

| Bit  | Description  |
|------|--|
| 0    | <b>Modulation 1 Undermod.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the External 1 input, ac coupling on, is less than 0.97 volts. |
| 1    | <b>Modulation 1 Overmod.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the External 1 input, ac coupling on, is more than 1.03 volts.  |
| 2    | <b>Modulation 2 Undermod.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the External 2 input, ac coupling on, is less than 0.97 volts. |
| 3    | <b>Modulation 2 Overmod.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the External 2 input, ac coupling on, is more than 1.03 volts.  |
| 4    | <b>Modulation Uncalibrated.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that modulation is uncalibrated.                                  |
| 5–14 | <b>Unused.</b> This bit is always set to 0.  |
| 15   | <b>Always 0.</b>   |

Query: STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:CONDITION?

Response: The *decimal* sum of the bits set to 1

**Data Questionable Modulation Transition Filters (negative and positive)**

The Data Questionable Modulation Transition Filters specify which type of bit state changes in the condition register set corresponding bits in the event register. Changes can be positive (0 to 1) or negative (1 to 0).

Commands: STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:NTRansition <value> (negative transition), or  
 STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:PTRansition <value> (positive transition), where <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Queries: STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:NTRansition?  
 STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:PTRansition?

**Data Questionable Modulation Event Register**

The Data Questionable Modulation Event Register latches transition events from the condition register as specified by the transition filters. Event registers are destructive read-only. Reading data from an event register clears the content of that register.

Query: STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation[:EVENT]?

### Data Questionable Modulation Event Enable Register

The Data Questionable Modulation Event Enable Register lets you choose which bits in the Data Questionable Modulation Event Register set the summary bit (bit 7 of the Data Questionable Condition Register) to 1.

Command: STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:ENABLE <value> where <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Example: Enable bit 4 and bit 3 so that whenever either of those bits are set to 1, the Data Questionable Modulation summary bit of the Data Questionable Condition Register is set to 1. Send the command STAT:QUES:MOD:ENAB 520 (16 + 8).

Query: STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:ENABLE?

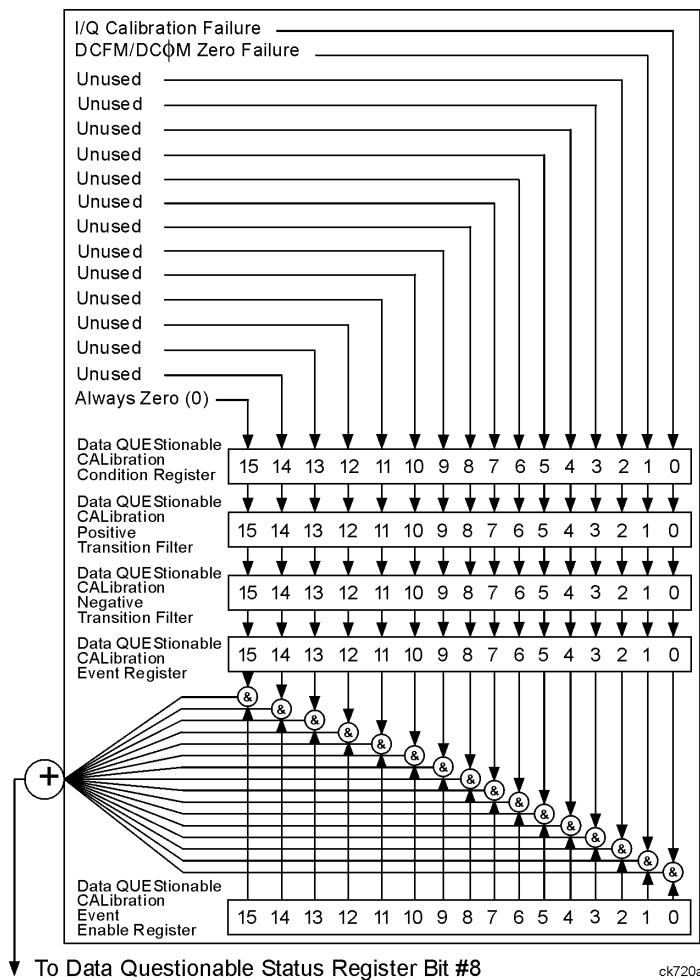
Response: Decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the STATus:QUESTIONable:MODulation:ENABLE <value> command.

## Data Questionable Calibration Status Group

**NOTE** Some bits in this status group do not apply to the N5181A/82A/83A, E4428C, E8257D, and the E8663B, and return zero when queried. See [Table 4-11 on page 178](#) for more information.

The Data Questionable Calibration Status Group is used to determine the specific event that set bit 8 in the Data Questionable Condition Register. This group consists of the [Data Questionable Calibration Condition Register](#), the [Data Questionable Calibration Transition Filters](#) (negative and positive), the [Data Questionable Calibration Event Register](#), and the [Data Questionable Calibration Event Enable Register](#).

This is the named status register for the E4438C. However, not all signal generator models use all of the shown events (i.e. some use only a subset of the E4438C's status registers).



ck720a

### Data Questionable Calibration Condition Register

The Data Questionable Calibration Condition Register continuously monitors the calibration status of the signal generator. Condition registers are read only.

**Table 4-11 Data Questionable Calibration Condition Register Bits**

| Bit            | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| 0 <sup>a</sup> | <b>I/Q Calibration Failure.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the I/Q modulation calibration experienced a failure.  |
| 1 <sup>b</sup> | <b>DCFM/DCΦM Zero Failure.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that the DCFM/DCΦM zero calibration routine has failed. This is a critical error. The output of the source has no validity until the condition of this bit is 0. |
| 2–14           | <b>Unused.</b> These bits are always set to 0.   |
| 15             | <b>Always 0.</b>   |

a.In the N5181A, E4428C, E8257D, and the E8663B, this bit is set to 0.

b.In the N5181A and N5182A, this bit is set to 0.

Query: STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:CONDITION?

Response: The *decimal* sum of the bits set to 1.

### Data Questionable Calibration Transition Filters (negative and positive)

The Data Questionable Calibration Transition Filters specify which type of bit state changes in the condition register set corresponding bits in the event register. Changes can be positive (0 to 1) or negative (1 to 0).

Commands: STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:NTRansition <value> (negative transition), or  
STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:PTRansition <value> (positive transition), where <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Queries: STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:NTRansition?  
STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:PTRansition?

### Data Questionable Calibration Event Register

The Data Questionable Calibration Event Register latches transition events from the condition register as specified by the transition filters. Event registers are destructive read-only. Reading data from an event register clears the content of that register.

Query: STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration[:EVENT]?

### Data Questionable Calibration Event Enable Register

The Data Questionable Calibration Event Enable Register lets you choose which bits in the Data Questionable Calibration Event Register set the summary bit (bit 8 of the Data Questionable Condition register) to 1.

Command: STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:ENABLE <value>, where <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Example: Enable bit 1 and bit 0 so that whenever either of those bits are set to 1, the Data Questionable Calibration summary bit of the Data Questionable Condition Register is set to 1. Send the command STAT:QUES:CAL:ENAB 520 (2 + 1).

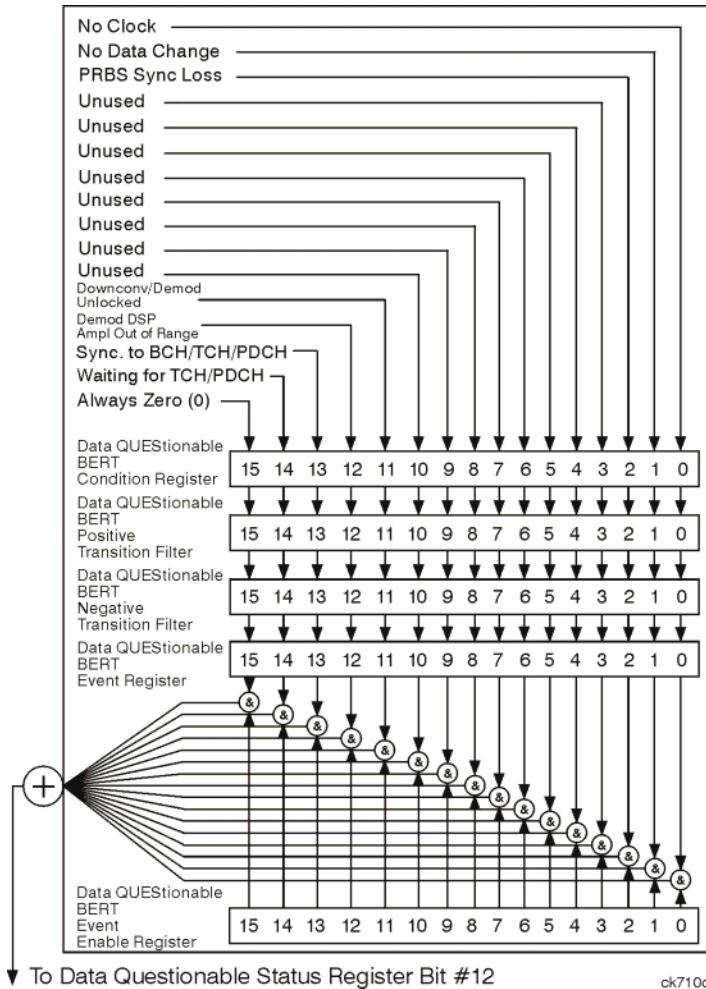
Query: STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:ENABLE?

Response: Decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the STATus:QUESTIONable:CALibration:ENABLE <value> command.

## Data Questionable BERT Status Group

**NOTE** This status group applies only to the E4438C with Option UN7.

The Data Questionable BERT Status Group is used to determine the specific event that set bit 12 in the Data Questionable Condition Register. The Data Questionable Status group consists of the [Data Questionable BERT Condition Register](#), the [Data Questionable BERT Transition Filters](#) (negative and positive), the [Data Questionable BERT Event Register](#), and the [Data Questionable BERT Event Enable Register](#).



ck710c

**Data Questionable BERT Condition Register**

The Data Questionable BERT Condition Register continuously monitors the hardware and firmware status of the signal generator. Condition registers are read only.

**Table 4-12 Data Questionable BERT Condition Register Bits**

| Bit  | Description   |
|------|---|
| 0    | <b>No Clock.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates no clock input for more than 3 seconds.   |
| 1    | <b>No Data Change.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates no data change occurred during the last 200 clock signals.  |
| 2    | <b>PRBS Sync Loss.</b> A 1 is set while PRBS synchronization is not established. *RST sets the bit to zero.   |
| 3–10 | <b>Unused.</b> These bits are always set to 0.  |
| 11   | <b>Down conv. / Demod Unlocked.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that either the demodulator or the down converter is out of lock.  |
| 12   | <b>Demod DSP Ampl out of range.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates the demodulator amplitude is out of range. The *RST command sets this bit to zero (0).   |
| 13   | <b>Sync. to BCH/TCH/PDCH.</b> If the synchronization source is BCH, a 1 in this bit position indicates BCH synchronization is not established; it does not indicate the TCH/PDCH synchronization status. If the sync source is TCH or PDCH, a 1 in this bit position indicates that TCH or PDCH synchronization is not established. *RST sets this bit to zero. |
| 14   | <b>Waiting for TCH/PDCH.</b> A 1 in this bit position indicates that a TCH or PDCH midamble has not been received. This bit is set when bit 13 is set. The bit is also set when the TCH or PDCH synchronization was once locked and then lost (in this case the front panel displays "WAITING FOR TCH (or PDCH)"). *RST sets this bit to zero.                  |
| 15   | <b>Always 0.</b>  |

Query: STATus:QUEStionable:BERT:CONDITION?

Response: The *decimal* sum of the bits set to 1.

### Data Questionable BERT Transition Filters (negative and positive)

The Data Questionable BERT Transition Filters specify which type of bit state changes in the condition register set corresponding bits in the event register. Changes can be positive (0 to 1) or negative (1 to 0).

Commands:      STATUs:QUESTIONable:BERT:NTRansition <value> (negative transition), or  
                  STATUs:QUESTIONable:BERT:PTRansition <value> (positive transition), where  
                  <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable.

Queries:        STATUs:QUESTIONable:BERT:NTRansition?    STATUs:QUESTIONable:BERT:PTRansition?

### Data Questionable BERT Event Register

The Data Questionable BERT Event Register latches transition events from the condition register as specified by the transition filters. Event registers are destructive read-only. Reading data from an event register clears the content of that register.

Query:          STATUs:QUESTIONable:BERT[:EVENT] ?

### Data Questionable BERT Event Enable Register

The Data Questionable BERT Event Enable Register lets you choose which bits in the Data Questionable BERT Event Register set the summary bit (bit 3 of the Data Questionable Condition Register) to 1.

Command:        STATUs:QUESTIONable:BERT:ENABLE <value> where <value> is the sum of the decimal values of the bits you want to enable

Example:        Enable bit 11 and bit 2 so that whenever either of those bits are set to 1, the Data Questionable BERT summary bit of the Data Questionable Condition Register is set to 1. Send the command  
                  STAT:QUES:BERT:ENAB 520 (2048 + 4).

Query:          STATUs:QUESTIONable:BERT:ENABLE?

Response:       Decimal value of the sum of the bits previously enabled with the  
                  STATUs:QUESTIONable:BERT:ENABLE <value> command.

---

## 5 Creating and Downloading Waveform Files

---

**NOTE** The ability to play externally created waveform data in the signal generator is available only in the N5182A with Option 651, 652 or 654, E4438C ESG Vector Signal Generators with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602, and E8267D PSG Vector Signal Generators with Option 601 or 602.

On the Agilent MXG, the internal baseband generator speed upgrade Options 670, 671, and 672 are option upgrades that *require* Option 651 and 652 to have been loaded at the factory (refer to the *Data Sheet* for more information). Any references to 651, 652, or 654 are inclusive of 671, 672, and 674.

---

This chapter explains how to create Arb-based waveform data and download it into the signal generator.

- “[Overview of Downloading and Extracting Waveform Files](#)” on page 184
- “[Understanding Waveform Data](#)” on page 185
- “[Waveform Structure](#)” on page 193
- “[Waveform Phase Continuity](#)” on page 195
- “[Waveform Memory](#)” on page 198
- “[Commands for Downloading and Extracting Waveform Data](#)” on page 204
- “[Creating Waveform Data](#)” on page 212
- “[Downloading Waveform Data](#)” on page 218
- “[Loading, Playing, and Verifying a Downloaded Waveform](#)” on page 224
- “[Using the Download Utilities](#)” on page 227
- “[Downloading E443xB Signal Generator Files](#)” on page 228
- “[Programming Examples](#)” on page 231
- “[Troubleshooting Waveform Files](#)” on page 276

## Overview of Downloading and Extracting Waveform Files

The signal generator lets you download and extract waveform files. You can create these files either external to the signal generator or by using one of the internal modulation formats (ESG/PSG only). The signal generator also accepts waveforms files created for the earlier E443xB ESG signal generator models. For file extractions, the signal generator encrypts the waveform file information. The exception to encrypted file extraction is user-created I/Q data. The signal generator lets you extract this type of file unencrypted. After extracting a waveform file, you can download it into another Agilent signal generator that has the same option or software license required to play it. Waveform files consist of three items:

1. I/Q data
2. Marker data
3. File header

---

**NOTE** This order of download is required, as the I/Q data downloads results in the overwriting of all of these three parts of the file.

---

The signal generator automatically creates the marker file and the file header if the two items are *not* part of the download. In this situation, the signal generator sets the file header information to unspecified (no settings saved) and sets all markers to zero (off).

There are three ways to download waveform files: FTP, programmatically or using one of three available free download utilities created by Agilent Technologies:

- N7622A Signal Studio Toolkit 2  
<http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio>
- Agilent Waveform Download Assistant for use only with MATLAB  
<http://www.agilent.com/find/downloadassistant>
- Intuilinear for Agilent PSG/ESG Signal Generators  
<http://www.agilent.com/find/intuilinear>

---

**NOTE** Agilent Intuilinear is *not* available for the Agilent MXG.

---

## Waveform Data Requirements

To be successful in downloading files, you must first create the data in the required format.

- Signed 2's complement
- 2-byte integer values
- Input data range of -32768 to 32767
- Minimum of 60 samples per waveform (60 I and 60 Q data points)
- Interleaved I and Q data
- Big endian byte order
- The same name for the marker, header, and I/Q file

This is only a requirement if you create and download a marker file and or file header, otherwise the signal generator automatically creates the marker file and or file header using the I/Q data file name.

---

**NOTE**    FTP can be used without programming commands to transfer files from the PC to the signal generator or from the signal generator to the PC.

---

For more information, see “[Waveform Structure](#)” on page 193.

For more information on waveform data, see “[Understanding Waveform Data](#)” on page 185.

## Understanding Waveform Data

The signal generator accepts binary data formatted into a binary I/Q file. This section explains the necessary components of the binary data, which uses ones and zeros to represent a value.

### Bits and Bytes

Binary data uses the base-two number system. The location of each bit within the data represents a value that uses base two raised to a power ( $2^{n-1}$ ). The exponent is  $n - 1$  because the first position is zero. The first bit position, zero, is located at the far right. To find the decimal value of the binary data, sum the value of each location:

$$\begin{aligned}1101 &= (1 \times 2^3) + (1 \times 2^2) + (0 \times 2^1) + (1 \times 2^0) \\&= (1 \times 8) + (1 \times 4) + (0 \times 2) + (1 \times 1) \\&= 13 \text{ (decimal value)}\end{aligned}$$

Notice that the exponent identifies the bit position within the data, and we read the data from right to left.

The signal generator accepts data in the form of bytes. Bytes are groups of eight bits:

$$\begin{aligned}01101110 &= (0 \times 2^7) + (1 \times 2^6) + (1 \times 2^5) + (0 \times 2^4) + (1 \times 2^3) + (1 \times 2^2) + (1 \times 2^1) + (0 \times 2^0) \\&= 110 \text{ (decimal value)}\end{aligned}$$

The maximum value for a single unsigned byte is 255 (11111111 or  $2^8 - 1$ ), but you can use multiple bytes to represent larger values. The following shows two bytes and the resulting integer value:

01101110 10110011 = 28339 (decimal value)

The maximum value for two unsigned bytes is 65535. Since binary strings lengthen as the value increases, it is common to show binary values using hexadecimal (hex) values (base 16), which are shorter. The value 65535 in hex is FFFF. Hexadecimal consists of the values 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, and F. In decimal, hex values range from 0 to 15 (F). It takes 4 bits to represent a single hex value.

|          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 = 0001 | 2 = 0010 | 3 = 0011 | 4 = 0100 | 5 = 0101 |
| 6 = 0110 | 7 = 0111 | 8 = 1000 | 9 = 1001 | A = 1010 |
| B = 1011 | C = 1100 | D = 1101 | E = 1110 | F = 1111 |

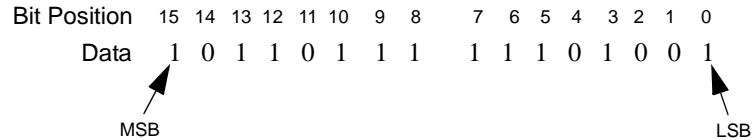
For I and Q data, the signal generator uses two bytes to represent an integer value.

### LSB and MSB (Bit Order)

Within groups (strings) of bits, we designate the order of the bits by identifying which bit has the highest value and which has the lowest value by its location in the bit string. The following is an example of this order.

Most Significant Bit (MSB)      This bit has the highest value (greatest weight) and is located at the far left of the bit string.

Least Significant Bit (LSB)      This bit has the lowest value (bit position zero) and is located at the far right of the bit string.



Because we are using 2 bytes of data, the LSB appears in the second byte.

### Little Endian and Big Endian (Byte Order)

When you use multiple bytes (as required for the waveform data), you must identify their order. This is similar to identifying the order of bits by LSB and MSB. To identify byte order, use the terms little endian and big endian. These terms are used by designers of computer processors.

### Little Endian Order

The lowest order byte that contains bits 0–7 comes first.

| Bit Position | 7    6    5    4    3    2    1    0 | 15    14    13    12    11    10    9    8 | Hex values = E9 B7 |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Data         | 1    1    1    0    1    0    0    1 | 1    0    1    1    0    1    1    1       |                    |

The diagram shows two sets of bit positions: 0-7 and 8-15. Below the first set, an arrow points to the rightmost bit (bit 0) with the label "LSB". Below the second set, an arrow points to the leftmost bit (bit 15) with the label "MSB".

### Big Endian Order

The highest order byte that contains bits 8–15 comes first.

| Bit Position | 15    14    13    12    11    10    9    8 | 7    6    5    4    3    2    1    0 | Hex values = B7 E9 |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Data         | 1    0    1    1    0    1    1    1       | 1    1    1    0    1    0    0    1 |                    |

The diagram shows two sets of bit positions: 8-15 and 0-7. Below the first set, an arrow points to the leftmost bit (bit 15) with the label "MSB". Below the second set, an arrow points to the rightmost bit (bit 0) with the label "LSB".

Notice in the previous figure that the LSB and MSB positioning changes with the byte order. In little endian order, the LSB and MSB are next to each other in the bit sequence.

**NOTE** For I/Q data downloads, the signal generator requires big endian order. For each I/Q data point, the signal generator uses four bytes (two integer values), two bytes for the I point and two bytes for the Q point.

The byte order, little endian or big endian, depends on the type of processor used with your development platform. Intel processors and its clones use little endian. (Intel® is a U.S. registered trademark of Intel Corporation.) Sun™ and Motorola processors use big endian. The Apple PowerPC processor, while big endian oriented, also supports the little endian order. Always refer to the processor's manufacturer to determine the order they use for bytes and if they support both, to understand how to ensure that you are using the correct byte order.

Development platforms include any product that creates and saves waveform data to a file. This includes Agilent Technologies Advanced Design System EDA software, C++, MATLAB, and so forth.

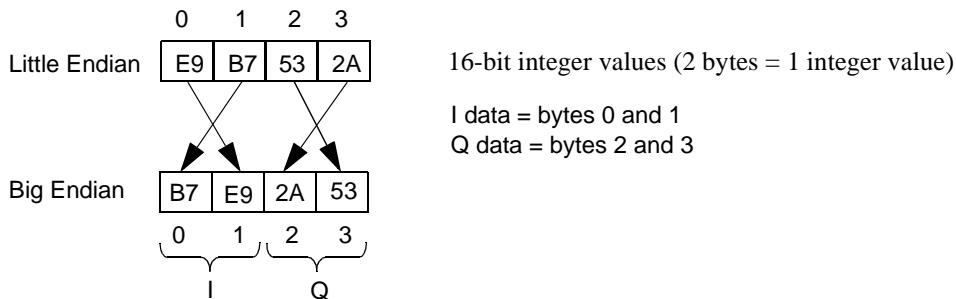
The byte order describes how the system processor stores integer values as binary data in memory. If you output data from a little endian system to a text file (ASCII text), the values are the same as viewed from a big endian system. The order only becomes important when you use the data in binary format, as is done when downloading data to the signal generator.

Sun is a trademark or registered trademark of Sun Microsystems, Inc. in the U.S. and other countries.

## Byte Swapping

While the processor for the development platform determines the byte order, the recipient of the data may require the bytes in the reverse order. In this situation, you must reverse the byte order before downloading the data. This is commonly referred to as byte swapping. You can swap bytes either programmatically or by using either the Agilent Technologies Intualink for ESG/PSG Signal Generator software, or the Signal Studio Toolkit 2 software. For the signal generator, byte swapping is the method to change the byte order of little endian to big endian. For more information on little endian and big endian order, see [“Little Endian and Big Endian \(Byte Order\)” on page 186](#).

The following figure shows the concept of byte swapping for the signal generator. Remember that we can represent data in hex format (4 bits per hex value), so each byte (8 bits) in the figure shows two example hex values.



To correctly swap bytes, you must group the data to maintain the I and Q values. One common method is to break the two-byte integer into one-byte character values (0–255). Character values use 8 bits (1 byte) to identify a character. Remember that the maximum unsigned 8-bit value is 255 ( $2^8 - 1$ ). Changing the data into character codes groups the data into bytes. The next step is then to swap the bytes to align with big endian order.

---

**NOTE** The signal generator always assumes that downloaded data is in big endian order, so there is no data order check. Downloading data in little endian order will produce an undesired output signal.

---

## DAC Input Values

The signal generator uses a 16-bit DAC (digital-to-analog convertor) to process each of the 2-byte integer values for the I and Q data points. The DAC determines the range of input values required from the I/Q data. Remember that with 16 bits we have a range of 0–65535, but the signal generator divides this range between positive and negative values:

- 32767 = positive full scale output
- 0 = 0 volts
- -32768 = negative full scale output

Because the DAC's range uses both positive and negative values, the signal generator requires signed input values. The following list illustrates the DAC's input value range.

| <u>Voltage</u> | <u>DAC Range</u> | <u>Input Range</u> | <u>Binary Data</u> | <u>Hex Data</u> |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 0 Volts        | 65535            | 32767              | 01111111 11111111  | 7FFF            |
|                | 32768            | 1                  | 00000000 00000001  | 0001            |
|                | 32767            | 0                  | 00000000 00000000  | 0000            |
|                | 32766            | -1                 | 11111111 11111111  | FFFF            |
| Vmin           | 0                | -32768             | 10000000 00000000  | 8000            |

Notice that it takes only  $15$  bits ( $2^{15}$ ) to reach the Vmax (positive) or Vmin (negative) values. The MSB determines the sign of the value. This is covered in [“2’s Complement Data Format” on page 191](#).

### Using E443xB ESG DAC Input Values

In this section, the words *signal generator* with or without a model number refer to an N5182A Agilent MXG, E4438C ESG, E8267D PSG. The signal generator input values differ from those of the earlier E443xB ESG models. For the E443xB models, the input values are all positive (unsigned) and the data is contained within 14 bits plus 2 bits for markers. This means that the E443xB DAC has a smaller range:

- 0 = negative full scale output
- 8192 = 0 volts
- 16383 = positive full scale output

Although the signal generator uses signed input values, it accepts unsigned data created for the E443xB and converts it to the proper DAC values. To download an E443xB files to the signal generator, use the same command syntax as for the E443xB models. For more information on downloading E443xB files, see [“Downloading E443xB Signal Generator Files” on page 228](#).

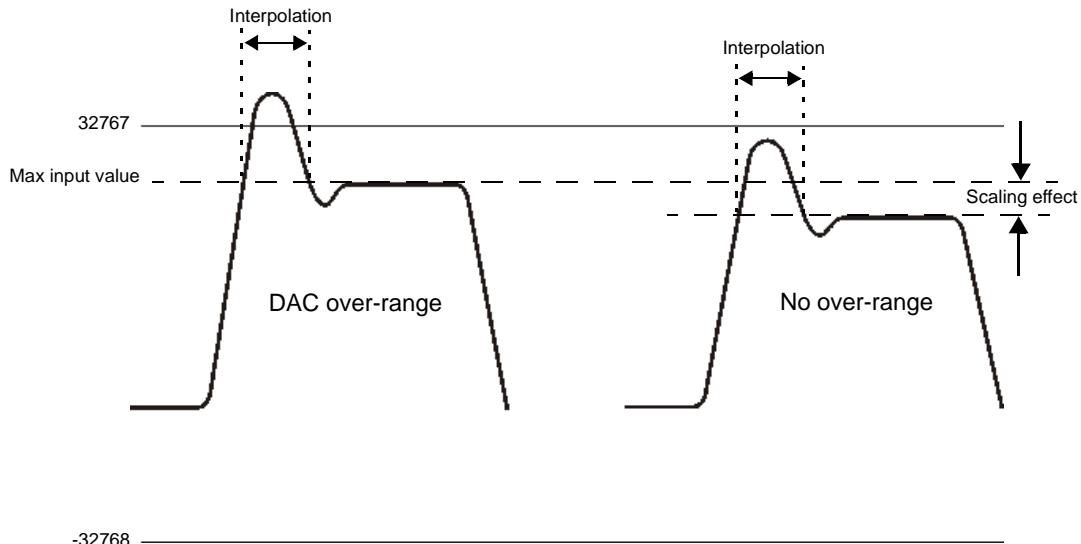
### Scaling DAC Values

The signal generator uses an interpolation algorithm (sampling between the I/Q data points) when reconstructing the waveform. For common waveforms, this interpolation can cause overshoot, which may exceed the limits of the signal process path’s internal number representation, causing arithmetic overload. This will be reported as either a data path overload error (N5182A) or a DAC over-range error condition (E4438C/E8267D). Because of the interpolation, the error condition can occur even when all the I and Q values are within the DAC input range. To avoid the DAC over-range problem, you must scale (reduce) the I and Q input values, so that any overshoot remains within the DAC range.

---

**NOTE** Whenever you interchange files between signal generator models, ensure that all scaling is adequate for that signal generator's waveform.

---



There is no single scaling value that is optimal for all waveforms. To achieve the maximum dynamic range, select the largest scaling value that does not result in a DAC over-range error. There are two ways to scale the I/Q data:

- Reduce the input values for the DAC.
- Use the SCPI command :RADIO:ARB:RSCaling <val> to set the waveform amplitude as a percentage of full scale.

---

**NOTE** The signal generator factory preset for scaling is 70%. If you reduce the DAC input values, ensure that you set the signal generator scaling (:RADIO:ARB:RSCaling) to an appropriate setting that accounts for the reduced values.

---

To further minimize overshoot problems, use the correct FIR filter for your signal type and adjust your sample rate to accommodate the filter response.

---

**NOTE** FIR filter capability is only available on the N5182A with Option 651, 652, or 654, the E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602, and on the E8267D with Option 601 or 602.

---

## 2's Complement Data Format

The signal generator requires signed values for the input data. For binary data, two's complement is a way to represent positive and negative values. The most significant bit (MSB) determines the sign.

- 0 equals a positive value ( $01011011 = 91$  decimal)
- 1 equals a negative value ( $10100101 = -91$  decimal)

Like decimal values, if you sum the binary positive and negative values, you get zero. The one difference with binary values is that you have a carry, which is ignored. The following shows how to calculate the two's complement using 16-bits. The process is the same for both positive and negative values.

Convert the decimal value to binary.

23710 = 01011100 10011110

Notice that 15 bits (0-14) determine the value and bit 16 (MSB) indicates a positive value.  
Invert the bits (1 becomes 0 and 0 becomes 1).

10100011 01100001

Add one to the inverted bits. Adding one makes it a two's complement of the original binary value.

10100011 01100001  
+ 00000000 00000001  
10100011 01100010

The MSB of the resultant is one, indicating a negative value (-23710).

Test the results by summing the binary positive and negative values; when correct, they produce zero.

01011100 10011110  
+ 10100011 01100001  
00000000 00000000

## I and Q Interleaving

When you create the waveform data, the I and Q data points typically reside in separate arrays or files. The signal generator requires a single I/Q file for waveform data playback. The process of interleaving creates a single array with alternating I and Q data points, with the Q data following the I data. This array is then downloaded to the signal generator as a binary file. The interleaved file comprises the waveform data points where each set of data points, one I data point and one Q data point, represents one I/Q waveform point.

---

**NOTE** The signal generator can accept separate I and Q files created for the earlier E443xB ESG models. For more information on downloading E443xB files, see “[Downloading E443xB Signal Generator Files](#)” on page 228.

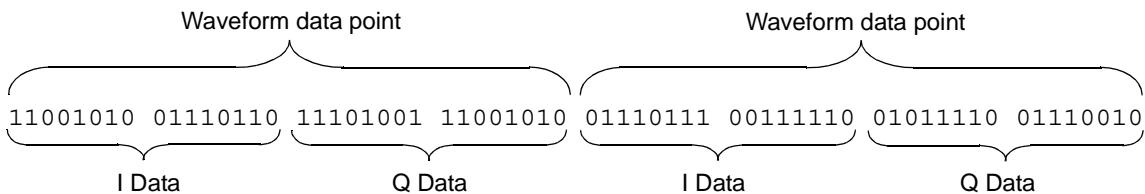
---

The following figure illustrates interleaving I and Q data. Remember that it takes two bytes (16 bits) to represent one I or Q data point.

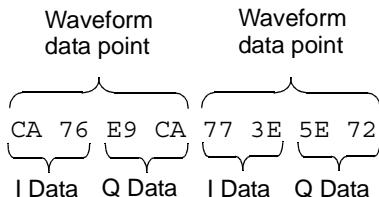
|        |        |                   |     |     |     |     |
|--------|--------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| I Data | Binary | 11001010 01110110 | MSB | LSB | MSB | LSB |
|        | Hex    | CA                | 76  | 77  | 3E  |     |

|        |        |                                     |    |    |    |  |
|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|--|
| Q Data | Binary | 11101001 11001010 01011110 01110010 |    |    |    |  |
|        | Hex    | E9                                  | CA | 5E | 72 |  |

### Interleaved Binary Data



### Interleaved Hex Data



## Waveform Structure

To play back waveforms, the signal generator uses data from the following three files:

- File header
- Marker file
- I/Q file

All three files have the same name, the name of the I/Q data file, but the signal generator stores each file in its respective directory (headers, markers, and waveform). For information on file extractions, see “[Commands for Downloading and Extracting Waveform Data](#)” on page 204.

### File Header

The file header contains settings for the ARB modulation format such as sample rate, marker polarity, I/Q modulation attenuator setting and so forth. When you create and download I/Q data, the signal generator automatically creates a file header with all saved parameters set to unspecified. With unspecified header settings, the waveform either uses the signal generator default settings, or if a waveform was previously played, the settings from that waveform. Ensure that you configure and save the file header settings for each waveform.

---

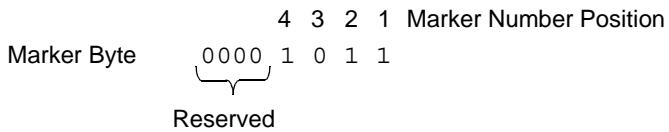
**NOTE** If you have no RF output when you play back a waveform, ensure that the marker RF blanking function has not been set for any of the markers. The marker RF blanking function is a header parameter that can be inadvertently set active for a marker by a previous waveform. To check for and turn RF blanking off manually, refer to “[Configuring the Pulse/RF Blank \(Agilent MXG\)](#)” on page 277 and “[Configuring the Pulse/RF Blank \(ESG/PSG\)](#)” on page 277.

---

### Marker File

The marker file uses one byte per I/Q waveform point to set the state of the four markers either on (1) or off (0) for each I/Q point. When a marker is active (on), it provides an output trigger signal to the rear panel EVENT 1 connector (Marker 1 only) or and the AUX IO, event 2 connector pin (Markers 1, 2, 3, or 4), that corresponds to the active marker number. (For more information on active markers and their output trigger signal location, refer to your signal generator’s *User’s Guide*.) Because markers are set at each waveform point, the marker file contains the same number of bytes as there are waveform points. For example, for 200 waveform points, the marker file contains 200 bytes.

Although a marker point is one byte, the signal generator uses only bits 0–3 to configure the markers; bits 4–7 are reserved and set to zero. The following example shows a marker byte.



### Example of Setting a Marker Byte

Binary 0000 0101

Hex 05

Sets markers 1 and 3 on for a waveform point

The following example shows a marker binary file (all values in hex) for a waveform with 200 points. Notice the first marker point, 0f, shows all four markers on for only the first waveform point.

|                  |           |  |                         |
|------------------|-----------|--|-------------------------|
| <b>00000000:</b> | <b>0f</b> | 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01    | 0f = All markers on     |
| <b>00000010:</b> | 01        | 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 | 01 = Marker 1 on        |
| <b>00000020:</b> | 01        | 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 | 05 = Markers 1 and 3 on |
| <b>00000030:</b> | 01        | 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 | 04 = Marker 3 on        |
| <b>00000040:</b> | 05        | 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 | 00 = No active markers  |
| <b>00000050:</b> | 05        | 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 05 |                         |
| <b>00000060:</b> | 05        | 05 05 05 05 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 |                         |
| <b>00000070:</b> | 04        | 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 |                         |
| <b>00000080:</b> | 04        | 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 04 |                         |
| <b>00000090:</b> | 04        | 04 04 04 04 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |                         |
| <b>000000a0:</b> | 00        | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |                         |
| <b>000000b0:</b> | 00        | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |                         |
| <b>000000c0:</b> | 00        | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ■                       |

If you create your own marker file, its name must be the same as the waveform file. If you download I/Q data without a marker file, the signal generator automatically creates a marker file with all points set to zero. For more information on markers, see the *User's Guide*.

---

**NOTE** Downloading marker data using a file name that currently resides on the signal generator overwrites the existing marker file without affecting the I/Q (waveform) file. However, downloading just the I/Q data with the same file name as an existing I/Q file also overwrites the existing marker file setting all bits to zero.

---

## I/Q File

The I/Q file contains the interleaved I and Q data points (signed 16-bit integers for each I and Q data point). Each I/Q point equals one waveform point. The signal generator stores the I/Q data in the waveform directory.

---

**NOTE** If you download I/Q data using a file name that currently resides on the signal generator, it also overwrites the existing marker file setting all bits to zero and the file header setting all parameters to unspecified.

---

## Waveform

A waveform consists of samples. When you select a waveform for playback, the signal generator loads settings from the file header. When the ARB is on, it creates the waveform samples from the data in the marker and I/Q (waveform) files. The file header, while required, does not affect the number of bytes that compose a waveform sample. One sample contains five bytes:

| I/Q Data               | +                      | Marker Data                                      | = | 1 Waveform Sample |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|---|-------------------|
| 2 bytes I<br>(16 bits) | 2 bytes Q<br>(16 bits) | 1byte (8 bits)<br>Bits 4–7 reserved—Bits 0–3 set |   | 5 bytes           |

To create a waveform, the signal generator requires a minimum of 60 samples. To help minimize signal imperfections, use an even number of samples (for information on waveform continuity, see “[Waveform Phase Continuity](#)” on page 195). When you store waveforms, the signal generator saves changes to the waveform file, marker file, and file header.

## Waveform Phase Continuity

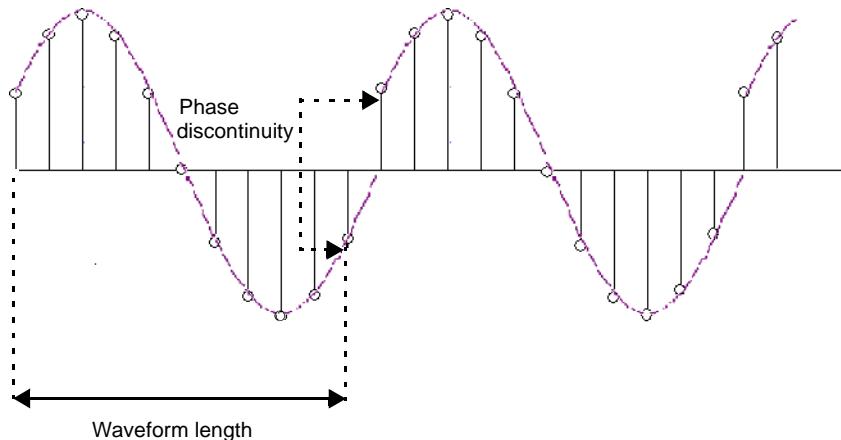
### Phase Discontinuity, Distortion, and Spectral Regrowth

The most common arbitrary waveform generation use case is to play back a waveform that is finite in length and repeat it continuously. Although often overlooked, a phase discontinuity between the end of a waveform and the beginning of the next repetition can lead to periodic spectral regrowth and distortion.

For example, the sampled sinewave segment in the following figure may have been simulated in software or captured off the air and sampled. It is an accurate sinewave for the time period it occupies, however the waveform does not occupy an entire period of the sinewave or some multiple thereof. Therefore, when repeatedly playing back the waveform by an arbitrary waveform generator, a phase discontinuity is introduced at the transition point between the beginning and the end of the waveform.

Repetitions with abrupt phase changes result in high frequency spectral regrowth. In the case of playing back the sinewave samples, the phase discontinuity produces a noticeable increase in distortion components in addition to the line spectra normally representative of a single sinewave.

### Sampled Sinewave with Phase Discontinuity



### Avoiding Phase Discontinuities

You can easily avoid phase discontinuities for periodic waveforms by simulating an integer number of cycles when you create your waveform segment.

---

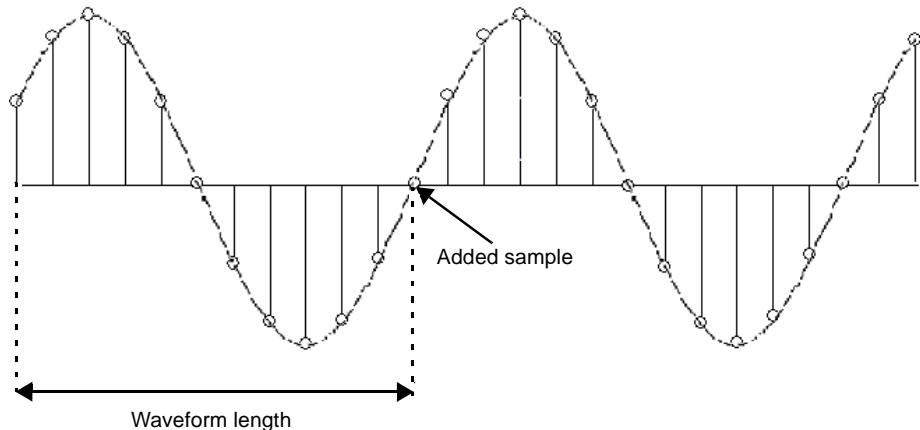
**NOTE** If there are N samples in a complete cycle, only the first N-1 samples are stored in the waveform segment. Therefore, when continuously playing back the segment, the first and Nth waveform samples are always the same, preserving the periodicity of the waveform.

---

By adding off time at the beginning of the waveform and subtracting an equivalent amount of off time from the end of the waveform, you can address phase discontinuity for TDMA or pulsed periodic waveforms. Consequently, when the waveform repeats, the lack of signal present avoids the issue of phase discontinuity.

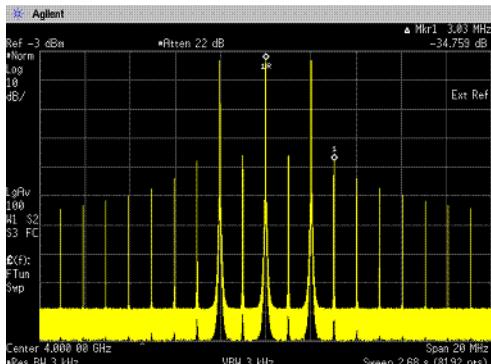
However, if the period of the waveform exceeds the waveform playback memory available in the arbitrary waveform generator, a periodic phase discontinuity could be unavoidable. N5110B Baseband Studio for Waveform Capture and Playback alleviates this concern because it does not rely on the signal generator waveform memory. It streams data either from the PC hard drive or the installed PCI card for N5110B enabling very large data streams. This eliminates any restrictions associated with waveform memory to correct for repetitive phase discontinuities. Only the memory capacity of the hard drive or the PCI card limits the waveform size.

### Sampled Sinewave with No Discontinuity



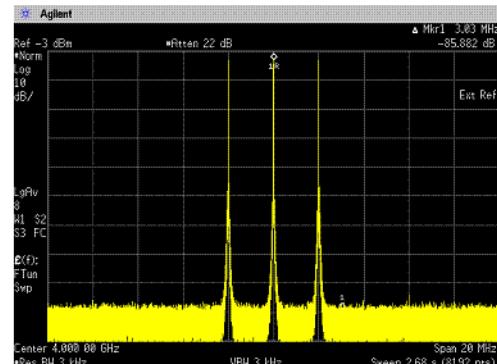
The following figures illustrate the influence a single sample can have. The generated 3-tone test signal requires 100 samples in the waveform to maintain periodicity for all three tones. The measurement on the left shows the effect of using the first 99 samples rather than all 100 samples. Notice all the distortion products (at levels up to  $-35$  dBc) introduced in addition to the wanted 3-tone signal. The measurement on the right shows the same waveform using all 100 samples to maintain periodicity and avoid a phase discontinuity. Maintaining periodicity removes the distortion products.

**Phase Discontinuity**



3-tone - 20 MHz Bandwidth  
Measured distortion = 35 dBc

**Phase Continuity**



3-tone - 20 MHz Bandwidth  
Measured distortion = 86 dBc

## Waveform Memory

The signal generator provides two types of memory, volatile and non-volatile. You can download files to either memory type.

Volatile              Random access memory that does not survive cycling of the signal generator power. This memory is commonly referred to as waveform memory (WFM1) or waveform playback memory. To play back waveforms, they must reside in volatile memory. The following file types share this memory:

**Table 5-1 Signal Generators and Volatile Memory Types**

| Volatile Memory Type | Model of Signal Generator           |  |                          |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
|                      | N5182A with Option 651, 652, or 654 | E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602 | E8267D Option 601 or 602 |
| I/Q                  | x                                   | x  | x                        |
| Marker               | x                                   | x  | x                        |
| File header          | x                                   | x  | x                        |
| User PRAM            | -                                   | x  | x                        |

Non-volatile              Storage memory where files survive cycling the signal generator power. Files remain until overwritten or deleted. To play back waveforms after cycling the signal generator power, you must load waveforms from non-volatile waveform memory (NVWFM) to volatile waveform memory (WFM1). On the Agilent MXG the non-volatile memory is referred to as internal media and external media. The following file types share this memory:

**Table 5-2 Signal Generators and Non-Volatile Memory Types**

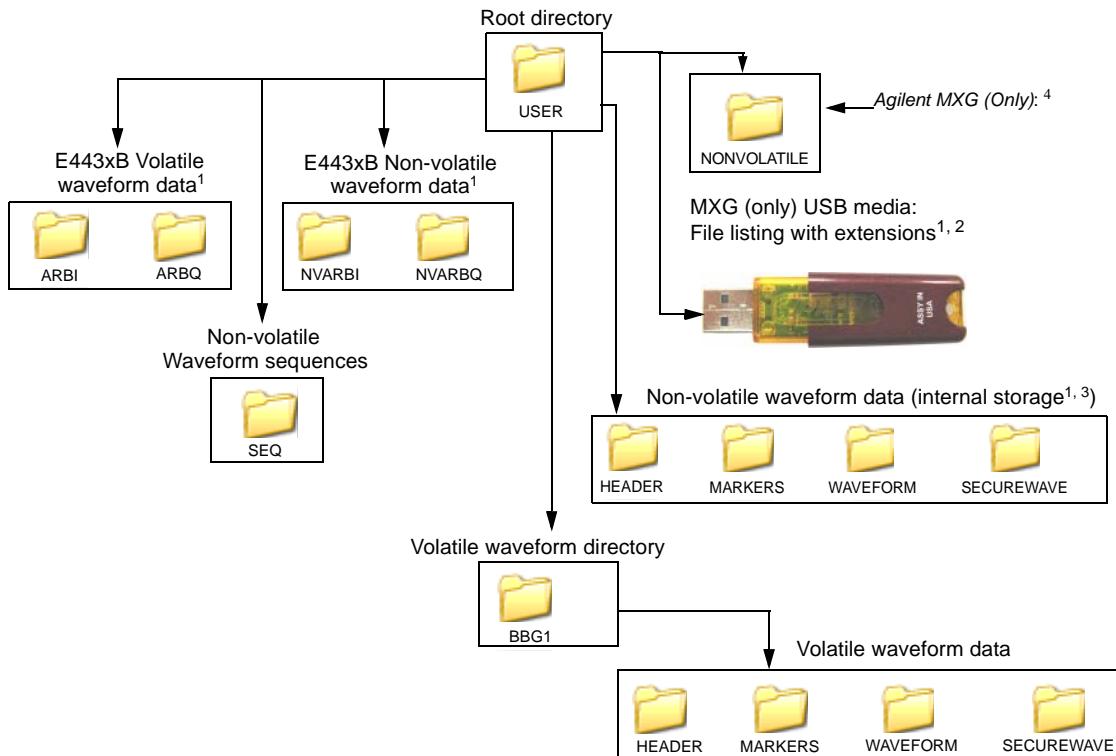
| Non-Volatile Memory Type | Model of Signal Generator           |  |                          |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
|                          | N5182A with Option 651, 652, or 654 | E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602 | E8267D Option 601 or 602 |
| I/Q                      | x                                   | x  | x                        |
| Marker                   | x                                   | x  | x                        |
| File header              | x                                   | x  | x                        |
| Sweep List               | x                                   | x  | x                        |
| User Data                | x                                   | x  | x                        |

**Table 5-2 Signal Generators and Non-Volatile Memory Types**

| Non-Volatile Memory Type                                | Model of Signal Generator           |  |                          |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
|   | N5182A with Option 651, 652, or 654 | E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602 | E8267D Option 601 or 602 |
| User PRAM   | -                                   | x  | x                        |
| Instrument State  | x                                   | x  | x                        |
| Waveform Sequences (multiple I/Q files played together) | x                                   | x  | x                        |

The following figure on [Figure 5-1 on page 200](#) shows the locations within the signal generator for volatile and non-volatile waveform data.

**Figure 5-1**



<sup>1</sup>For information on using the E443xB directories, see “[Downloading E443xB Signal Generator Files](#)” on page 228.

<sup>2</sup>The Agilent MXG uses an optional “USB media” to store non-volatile waveform data.

<sup>3</sup>The Agilent MXG internal non-volatile memory is referred to as “internal storage”.

<sup>4</sup>This NONVOLATILE directory shows the files with the same extensions as the USB media and is useful with ftp.

## Memory Allocation

### Volatile Memory

The signal generator allocates volatile memory in blocks of 1024 bytes. For example, a waveform file with 60 samples (the minimum number of samples) has 300 bytes (5 bytes per sample × 60 samples), but the signal generator allocates 1024 bytes of memory. If a waveform is too large to fit into 1024 bytes, the signal generator allocates additional memory in multiples of 1024 bytes. For example, the signal generator allocates 3072 bytes of memory for a waveform with 500 samples (2500 bytes).

$$3 \times 1024 \text{ bytes} = 3072 \text{ bytes of memory}$$

As shown in the examples, waveforms can cause the signal generator to allocate more memory than what is actually used, which decreases the amount of available memory.

---

**NOTE** In the first block of data of volatile memory that is allocated for each waveform file, the file header requires 512 bytes (N5182A) or 256 bytes (E4438C/E8267D).

---

### Non-Volatile Memory (Agilent MXG)

---

**NOTE** If the Agilent MXG's external USB flash memory port is used, the USB flash memory can provide actual physical storage of non-volatile data in the SECUREWAVE directory versus the "virtual" only data.

ARB waveform encryption of proprietary information is supported on the external non-volatile USB flash memory.

To copy *unencrypted* data files from an external media (i.e. USB memory stick) for playing on a signal generator, the full filename extension is required (i.e. .MARKER, .HEADER, .WAVEFORM, etc.-). For more information on unencrypted data, refer to "[Commands for Downloading and Extracting Waveform Data](#)" on page 204. For more information on how to work with files, refer to the *User's Guide*.

To copy *compatible licensed* encrypted data files (i.e. .SECUREWAVE) from an external media, download (copy) the files to the signal generator (refer to the *User's Guide* for information on how to work with files). When using the external media along with the signal generator's **Use as** or **Copy File to Instrument** softkey menus, encrypted data files can be automatically detected by the Agilent MXG, regardless of the suffix (e.g. .wfm, .wvfm, and *no suffix*, etc.). These various waveform files can be selected and played by the Agilent MXG. For more information on encrypted data, refer to "[Commands for Downloading and Extracting Waveform Data](#)" on page 204. When using the **Copy File to Instrument**, the signal generator prompts the user to select between BBG Memory and Internal Storage memories as locations to copy the files.

---

On the N5182A, non-volatile files are stored on the non-volatile internal signal generator memory (internal storage) or to an USB media, if available.

The Agilent MXG non-volatile internal memory is allocated according to a Microsoft compatible file allocation table (FAT) file system. The Agilent MXG signal generator allocates non-volatile memory in clusters according to the drive size (see [Table 5-3 on page 202](#)). For example, referring to [Table 5-3 on page 202](#), if the drive size is 15 MB and if the file is less than or equal to 4K bytes, the file uses only one 4 KB cluster of memory. For files larger than 4 KB, and with a drive size of 15 MB, the signal generator allocates additional memory in multiples of 4KB clusters. For example, a file that has 21,538 bytes consumes 6 memory clusters (24,000 bytes).

---

Microsoft is a registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation.

For more information on default cluster sizes for FAT file structures, refer to [Table 5-3 on page 202](#) and to <http://support.microsoft.com/>.

**Table 5-3 Drive Size (logical volume)**

| Drive Size (logical volume) | Cluster Size (Bytes)<br>(Minimum Allocation Size) |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 0 MB - 15 MB                | 4K  |
| 16 MB - 127 MB              | 2K  |
| 128 MB - 255 MB             | 4K  |
| 256 MB - 511 MB             | 8K  |
| 512 MB - 1023 MB            | 16K   |
| 1024 MB - 2048 MB           | 32K   |
| 2048 MB - 4096 MB           | 64K   |
| 4096 MB - 8192 MB           | 128K  |
| 8192 MB - 16384 MB          | 256K  |

#### **Non-Volatile Memory (ESG/PSG)**

The ESG/PSG signal generators allocate non-volatile memory in blocks of 512 bytes. For files less than or equal to 512 bytes, the file uses only one block of memory. For files larger than 512 bytes, the signal generator allocates additional memory in multiples of 512 byte blocks. For example, a file that has 21,538 bytes consumes 43 memory blocks (22,016 bytes).

#### **Memory Size**

The amount of available memory, volatile and non-volatile, varies by option and the size of the other files that share the memory. When we refer to waveform files, we state the memory size in samples (one sample equals five bytes). The ESG and PSG baseband generator (BBG) options (001, 002, 601, or 602) and the Agilent MXG baseband generator (BBG) Option (651, 652, and 654) contain the waveform playback memory. Refer to [Tables 5-4 on page 203](#) through [Table 5-6 on page 204](#) for the maximum available memory.

**Volatile and Non-Volatile Memory (N5182A)****Table 5-4 N5182A Volatile (BBG) and Non-Volatile (Internal Storage and USB Media) Memory**

| Volatile (BBG) Memory |                 | Non-Volatile (Internal Storage and USB Media) Memory |                        |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------|
| Option                | Size            | Option   | Size                   |
| N5182A <sup>a</sup>   |                 |  |                        |
| 651/652/654 (BBG)     | 8 MSa (40 MB)   | Standard (N5182A)                                    | 100 MSa (512 MB)       |
| 019                   | 64 MSa (320 MB) | USB memory stick                                     | <i>user determined</i> |

a. On the N5182A, 512 bytes is reserved for each waveform's header file (i.e. The largest waveform that could be played with a N5182A with Option 019 (320 MB) is: 320 MB – 512 = 319,999,488 MB.)

**Volatile Memory and Non-Volatile Memory (E4438C and E8267D Only)**


---

**NOTE** When considering volatile memory, it is not necessary to keep track of marker data, as this memory is consumed automatically and proportionally to the I/Q data created (i.e. 1 marker byte for every 4 bytes of I/Q data).

---

On the E4438C and E8267D, the fixed file system overhead on the signal generator is used to store directory information. When calculating the available volatile memory for waveform files it is important to consider the fixed file system overhead for the volatile memory of your signal generator.

**Table 5-5 Fixed File System Overhead**

| Volatile (WFM1) Memory and Fixed File Overhead |                 |   |   |                                       |
|--|-----------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Option   | Size            | Maximum Number of Files<br><i>(MaxNumFiles)</i> | Memory (Bytes) Used for Fixed File System Overhead <sup>a</sup><br><i>[16 + (44 x MaxNumFiles)]</i> | Memory Available for Waveform Samples |
| E4438C and E8267D                              |                 |   |   |                                       |
| 001, 601 (BBG)                                 | 8 MSa (40 MB)   | 1024  | 46,080  | 8,377,088 Samples                     |
| 002 (BBG)                                      | 32 MSa (160 MB) | 4096  | 181,248   | 33,509,120 Samples                    |
| 602 (BBG)                                      | 64 MSa (320 MB) | 8192  | 361,472   | 67,018,496 Samples                    |

a. The expression  $[16 + (44 \times \text{MaxNumFiles})]$  has been rounded up to nearest memory block (1024 bytes). (To find the I/Q waveform sample size, this resulting value needs to be divided by 4.)

**Table 5-6 E4438C and E8267D Non-Volatile (NVWFM) Memory**

| Non-Volatile (NVWFM) Memory |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Option                      | Size           |
| <b>E4438C and E8267D</b>    |                |
| <b>Standard</b>             | 3 MSa (15 MB)  |
| <b>005 (Hard disk)</b>      | 1.2 GSa (6 GB) |

## Commands for Downloading and Extracting Waveform Data

You can download I/Q data, the associated file header, and marker file information (collectively called waveform data) into volatile or non-volatile memory. For information on waveform structure, see “[Waveform Structure](#)” on page 193.

The signal generator provides the option of downloading waveform data either for extraction or not for extraction. When you extract waveform data, the signal generator may require it to be read out in encrypted form. The SCPI download commands determine whether the waveform data is extractable.

If you use SCPI commands to download waveform data to be extracted later, you must use the `:MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED` command. If you use FTP commands, no special command syntax is necessary.

---

**NOTE** On the N5182A, `:MEM:DATA` enables file extraction. On the N5182A the `:MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED` command is *not* required to enable file extraction. For more information, refer to the *SCPI Command Reference*.

---

You can download or extract waveform data created in any of the following ways:

- with signal simulation software, such as MATLAB or Agilent Advanced Design System (ADS)
- with advanced programming languages, such as C++, VB or VEE
- with Agilent Signal Studio software
- with the signal generator

## Waveform Data Encryption

You can download encrypted waveform data extracted from one signal generator into another signal generator with the same option or software license for the modulation format. You can also extract encrypted waveform data created with software such as MATLAB or ADS, providing the data was downloaded to the signal generator using the proper command.

When you generate a waveform from the signal generator’s internal ARB modulation format (ESG/PSG only), the resulting waveform data is automatically stored in volatile memory and is available for extraction as an encrypted file.

When you download an exported waveform using a Agilent Signal Studio software product, you can use the FTP process and the securewave directory or SCPI commands, to extract the encrypted file to the non-volatile memory on the signal generator. Refer to “[File Transfer Methods](#)” on page 205.

### Encrypted I/Q Files and the Securewave Directory

The signal generator uses the securewave directory to perform file encryption (extraction) and decryption (downloads). The securewave directory is not an actual storage directory, but rather a portal for the encryption and decryption process. While the securewave directory contains file names, these are actually pointers to the true files located in signal generator memory (volatile or non-volatile). When you download an encrypted file, the securewave directory decrypts the file and unpackages the contents into its file header, I/Q data, and marker data. When you extract a file, the securewave directory packages the file header, I/Q data, and marker data and encrypts the waveform data file. When you extract the waveform file (I/Q data file), it includes the other two files, so there is no need to extract each one individually.

The signal generator uses the following securewave directory paths for file extractions and encrypted file downloads:

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Volatile     | /user/bbg1/securewave/file_name or swfm;file_name |
| Non-volatile | /user/securewave or snvwfm1;file_name             |

---

**NOTE** To extract files (other than user-created I/Q files) and to download encrypted files, you *must* use the securewave directory. If you attempt to extract previously downloaded encrypted files (including Signal Studio downloaded files or internally created signal generator files (ESG/PSG only)) *without* using the securewave directory, the signal generator generates an error and displays:

ERROR: 221, Access Denied.

---

### Encrypted I/Q Files and the Securewave Directory (Agilent MXG)

---

**NOTE** Header parameters of files stored on the Agilent MXG's internal or USB media cannot be changed unless the file is copied to the volatile BBG memory. For more information on modifying header parameters, refer to the *User's Guide*.

---

When downloading encrypted files (.SECUREWAVE) from the USB media that have had the file suffix changed to something other than .SECUREWAVE, you must use the **Use As** or **Copy File to Instrument** menus to play an encrypted waveform file in the signal generator.

### File Transfer Methods

- SCPI using VXI-11 (VMEbus Extensions for Instrumentation as defined in VXI-11)
- SCPI over the GPIB or RS 232
- SCPI with sockets LAN (using port 5025)
- File Transfer Protocol (FTP)

### SCPI Command Line Structure

The signal generator expects to see waveform data as block data (binary files). The IEEE standard 488.2-1992 section 7.7.6 defines block data. The following example shows how to structure a SCPI

command for downloading waveform data (#ABC represents the block data):

```
:MMEM:DATA "<file_name>",#ABC
"<file_name>"    the I/Q file name and file path within the signal generator
#
A                indicates the start of the data block
B                the number of decimal digits present in B
C                a decimal number specifying the number of data bytes to follow in C
C                the actual binary waveform data
```

The following example demonstrates this structure:

```
MMEM:DATA "WFM1:my_file",#3|240|12%S!4&07#8g*Y9@7...
           file_name      A   B       C
```

WFM1: the file path  
my\_file the I/Q file name as it will appear in the signal generator's memory catalog  
# indicates the start of the data block  
3 B has three decimal digits  
240 240 bytes of data to follow in C  
12%S!4&07#8g\*Y9@7... the ASCII representation of some of the binary data downloaded to the signal generator, however not all ASCII values are printable

## Commands and File Paths for Downloading and Extracting Waveform Data

---

**NOTE** Filenames should *not* exceed 23 characters.

---

You can download or extract waveform data using the commands and file paths in the following tables:

- [Table 5-7, “Downloading Unencrypted Files for No Extraction \(Extraction allowed on the Agilent MXG Only\),” on page 207](#)
- [Table 5-8, “Downloading Encrypted Files for No Extraction \(Extraction allowed on the Agilent MXG Only\),” on page 207](#)
- [Table 5-9, “Downloading Unencrypted Files for Extraction,” on page 207](#)
- [Table 5-11, “Downloading Encrypted Files for Extraction,” on page 209](#)
- [Table 5-12, “Extracting Encrypted Waveform Data,” on page 209](#)

**Table 5-7 Downloading Unencrypted Files for No Extraction (Extraction allowed on the Agilent MXG<sup>a</sup> Only)**

| Download Method/<br>Memory Type                   | Command Syntax Options  |
|---|---|
| SCPI/volatile memory                              | MMEM:DATA "WFM1:<file_name>",<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA "MKR1:<file_name>",<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA "HDR1:<file_name>",<blockdata>  |
| SCPI/volatile memory with full directory path     | MMEM:DATA "user/bbg1/waveform/<file_name>",<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA "user/bbg1/markers/<file_name>",<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA "user/bbg1/header/<file_name>",<blockdata> |
| SCPI/non-volatile memory                          | MMEM:DATA "NVWFM:<file_name>",<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA "NVMKR:<file_name>",<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA "NVHDR:<file_name>",<blockdata>                                     |
| SCPI/non-volatile memory with full directory path | MMEM:DATA /user/waveform/<file_name>,<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA /user/markers/<file_name>,<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA /user/header/<file_name>,<blockdata>                   |

a. Refer to note on [page 204](#).

**Table 5-8 Downloading Encrypted Files for No Extraction (Extraction allowed on the Agilent MXG<sup>a</sup> Only)**

| Download Method/<br>Memory Type | Command Syntax Options   |
|---------------------------------|--|
| SCPI/volatile memory            | MMEM:DATA "user/bbg1/securewave/<file_name>",<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA "SWFM1:<file_name>",<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA "file_name@SWFM1",<blockdata> |
| SCPI/non-volatile memory        | MMEM:DATA "user/securewave/<file_name>",<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA "SNVWFM:<file_name>",<blockdata><br>MMEM:DATA "file_name@SNVWFM",<blockdata>    |

a. Refer to note on [page 204](#).

**Table 5-9 Downloading Unencrypted Files for Extraction**

| Download Method/<br>Memory Type   | Command Syntax Options   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| SCPI/volatile memory <sup>a</sup> | MEM:DATA:UNPProtected "/user/bbg1/waveform/file_name",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPProtected "/user/bbg1/markers/file_name",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPProtected "/user/bbg1/header/file_name",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPProtected "WFM1:file_name",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPProtected "MKR1:file_name",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPProtected "HDR1:file_name",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPProtected "file_name@WFM1",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPProtected "file_name@MKR1",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPProtected "file_name@HDR1",<blockdata> |

**Table 5-9** Downloading Unencrypted Files for Extraction

| Download Method/<br>Memory Type          | Command Syntax Options  |
|--|---|
| SCPI/non-volatile<br>memory <sup>a</sup> | <pre>MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "/user/waveform/file_name",&lt;blockdata&gt; MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "/user/markers/file_name",&lt;blockdata&gt; MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "/user/header/file_name",&lt;blockdata&gt; MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "NWWFM:file_name",&lt;blockdata&gt; MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "NVMKR:file_name",&lt;blockdata&gt; MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "NVHDR:file_name",&lt;blockdata&gt; MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "file_name@NWWFM",&lt;blockdata&gt; MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "file_name@NVMKR",&lt;blockdata&gt; MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "file_name@NVHDR",&lt;blockdata&gt;</pre> |
| FTP/volatile memory <sup>b</sup>         | <pre>put &lt;file_name&gt; /user/bbg1/waveform/&lt;file_name&gt; put &lt;file_name&gt; /user/bbg1/markers/&lt;file_name&gt; put &lt;file_name&gt; /user/bbg1/header/&lt;file_name&gt;</pre>   |
| FTP/non-volatile<br>memory <sup>b</sup>  | <pre>put &lt;file_name&gt; /user/waveform/&lt;file_name&gt; put &lt;file_name&gt; /user/markers/&lt;file_name&gt; put &lt;file_name&gt; /user/header/&lt;file_name&gt;</pre>  |

a. On the N5182A the :MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED command is *not* required to be able to extract files (i.e. use :MEM:DATA). For more information, refer to the *SCPI Command Reference*.

b. See “[FTP Procedures](#)” on page 210.

**Table 5-10** Extracting Unencrypted I/Q Data

| Download<br>Method/Memory<br>Type       | Command Syntax Options  |
|---|---|
| SCPI/volatile<br>memory                 | <pre>MMEM:DATA? "/user/bbg1/waveform/&lt;file_name&gt;" MMEM:DATA? "WFM1:&lt;file_name&gt;"</pre>                                     |
| SCPI/non-volatile<br>memory             | <pre>MMEM:DATA? "/user/waveform/&lt;file_name&gt;" MMEM:DATA? "NWWFM:&lt;file_name&gt;"</pre>   |
| FTP/volatile<br>memory <sup>a</sup>     | <pre>get /user/bbg1/waveform/&lt;file_name&gt; get /user/bbg1/markers/&lt;file_name&gt; get /user/bbg1/header/&lt;file_name&gt;</pre> |
| FTP/non-volatile<br>memory <sup>a</sup> | <pre>get /user/waveform/&lt;file_name&gt; get /user/markers/&lt;file_name&gt; get /user/header/&lt;file_name&gt;</pre>                |

a. See “[FTP Procedures](#)” on page 210.

**Table 5-11 Downloading Encrypted Files for Extraction**

| Download Method/Memory Type           | Command Syntax Options   |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| SCPI/volatile <sup>a</sup> memory     | MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "/user/bbg1/securewave/file_name",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "SWFM1:file_name",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "file_name@SWFM1",<blockdata> |
| SCPI/non-volatile memory <sup>a</sup> | MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "/user/securewave/file_name",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "SNVWFM:file_name",<blockdata><br>MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "file_name@SNVWFM",<blockdata>    |
| FTP/volatile memory <sup>b</sup>      | put <file_name> /user/bbg1/securewave/<file_name>  |
| FTP/non-volatile memory <sup>b</sup>  | put <file_name> /user/securewave/<file_name>   |

a. On the N5182A the :MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED command is *not* required to be able to extract files (i.e. use :MEM:DATA). For more information, refer to the *SCPI Command Reference*.

b. See “[FTP Procedures](#)” on page 210.

**Table 5-12 Extracting Encrypted Waveform Data**

| Download Method/Memory Type          | Command Syntax Options   |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| SCPI/volatile memory                 | MMEM:DATA? "/user/bbg1/securewave/file_name"<br>MMEM:DATA? "SWFM1:file_name"<br>MMEM:DATA? "file_name@SWFM1" |
| SCPI/non-volatile memory             | MMEM:DATA? "/user/securewave/file_name"<br>MMEM:DATA? "SNVWFM:file_name"<br>MMEM:DATA? "file_name@SNVWFM"    |
| FTP/volatile memory <sup>a</sup>     | get /user/bbg1/securewave/<file_name>  |
| FTP/non-volatile memory <sup>a</sup> | get /user/securewave/<file_name>   |

a. See “[FTP Procedures](#)” on page 210.

## FTP Procedures

There are three ways to FTP files:

- use Microsoft's® Internet Explorer FTP feature
- use the PC's or UNIX command window
- use the signal generator's internal web server following the firmware requirements in the table below

| Signal Generator | Firmware Version (Required for Web Server Compatibility) |
|------------------|--|
| N518xA           | All  |
| E44x8C           | ≥ C.03.10  |
| E82x7D, E8663B   | All  |

### Using Microsoft's Internet Explorer

1. Enter the signal generator's hostname or IP address as part of the FTP URL.

*ftp://<host name> or*

*ftp://<IP address>*

2. Press **Enter** on the keyboard or **Go** from the Internet Explorer window.

The signal generator files appear in the Internet Explorer window.

3. Drag and drop files between the PC and the Internet Explorer window

### Using the Command Window (PC or UNIX)

This procedure downloads to non-volatile memory. To download to volatile memory, change the file path.

---

**CAUTION** Get and Put commands write over existing files by the same name in destination directories. Remember to change remote and local filenames to avoid the loss of data.

---

**NOTE** If a filename has a space, quotations are required around the filename.

Always transfer the waveform file before transferring the marker file.

For additional information on FTP commands, refer to the operating system's command window help.

- 
1. From the PC command prompt or UNIX command line, change to the destination directory for the file you intend to download.

2. From the PC command prompt or UNIX command line, type **ftp <instrument name>**. Where **instrument name** is the signal generator's hostname or IP address.
3. At the **User:** prompt in the **ftp** window, press **Enter** (no entry is required).
4. At the **Password:** prompt in the **ftp** window, press **Enter** (no entry is required).
5. At the **ftp** prompt, either **put** a file or **get** a file:

**To put a file, type:**

```
put <file_name> /user/waveform/<file_name1>
```

where **<file\_name>** is the name of the file to download and **<file\_name1>** is the name designator for the signal generator's **/user/waveform/** directory.

If **<filename1>** is unspecified, **ftp** uses the specified **<file\_name>** to name **<file\_name1>**.

- If a marker file is associated with the data file, use the following command to download it to the signal generator:

```
put <marker_file_name> /user/markers/<file_name1>
```

where **<marker\_file\_name>** is the name of the file to download and **<file\_name1>** is the name designator for the file in the signal generator's **/user/markers/** directory. Marker files and the associated I/Q waveform data have the same name.

For more examples of **put** command usage refer to [Table 5-13](#).

**Table 5-13 Put Command Examples**

| Command Results  | Local                                    | Remote  | Notes   |
|------------------|--|---|---|
| <i>Incorrect</i> | put <filename.wfm><br>put <filename.mkr> | /user/waveform/<filename1.wfm><br>/user/markers/<filename1.mkr> | Produces two separate and incompatible files.         |
| <i>Correct</i>   | put <filename.wfm><br>put <filename.mkr> | /user/waveform/<filename1><br>/user/markers/<filename1>         | Creates a waveform file and a compatible marker file. |

**To get a file, type:**

```
get /user/waveform/<file_name1> <file_name>
```

where **<file\_name1>** is the file to download from the signal generator's **/user/waveform/** directory and **<file\_name>** is the name designator for the local PC/UNIX.

- If a marker file is associated with the data file, use the following command to download it to the local PC/UNIX directory:

```
get /user/markers/<file_name1> <marker_file_name>
```

where **<marker\_file\_name>** is the name of the marker file to download from the signal generator's **/user/markers/** directory and **<marker\_file\_name>** is the name of the file to be downloaded to the local PC/UNIX.

For more examples of get command usage refer to [Table 5-14](#).

**Table 5-14 Get Command Examples**

| Command Results  | Local  | Remote                 | Notes   |
|------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| <i>Incorrect</i> | get /user/waveform/file<br>get /user/marker/file | file1<br>file1         | Results in file1 containing only the marker data.   |
| <i>Correct</i>   | get /user/waveform/file<br>get /user/marker/file | file1.wfm<br>file1.mkr | Creates a waveform file and a compatible marker file. It is easier to keep files associated by varying the extenders. |

6. At the `ftp` prompt, type: `bye`
7. At the command prompt, type: `exit`

### Using the Signal Generator's Internal Web Server

1. Enter the signal generator's hostname or IP address in the URL.

`http://<host name> or <IP address>`

2. Click the **Signal Generator FTP Access** button located on the left side of the window.  
The signal generator files appear in the web browser's window.
3. Drag and drop files between the PC and the browser's window

For more information on the web server feature, see [Chapter 1](#).

## Creating Waveform Data

This section examines the C++ code algorithm for creating I/Q waveform data by breaking the programming example into functional parts and explaining the code in generic terms. This is done to help you understand the code algorithm in creating the I and Q data, so you can leverage the concept into your programming environment. The *SCPI Command Reference*, contains information on how to use SCPI commands to define the markers (polarity, routing, and other marker settings). If you do not need this level of detail, you can find the complete programming examples in [“Programming Examples” on page 231](#).

You can use various programming environments to create ARB waveform data. Generally there are two types:

- **Simulation software**— this includes MATLAB, Agilent Technologies EESof Advanced Design System (ADS), Signal Processing WorkSystem (SPW), and so forth.
- **Advanced programming languages**—this includes, C++, VB, VEE, MS Visual Studio.Net, Labview, and so forth.

No matter which programming environment you use to create the waveform data, make sure that the data conforms to the data requirements shown on [page 185](#). To learn about I/Q data for the signal generator, see [“Understanding Waveform Data” on page 185](#).

## Code Algorithm

This section uses code from the C++ programming example “[Importing, Byte Swapping, Interleaving, and Downloading I and Q Data—Big and Little Endian Order](#)” on page 249 to demonstrate how to create and scale waveform data.

There are three steps in the process of creating an I/Q waveform:

1. Create the I and Q data.
2. Save the I and Q data to a text file for review.
3. Interleave the I and Q data to make an I/Q file, and swap the byte order for little-endian platforms.

For information on downloading I/Q waveform data to a signal generator, refer to “[Commands and File Paths for Downloading and Extracting Waveform Data](#)” on page 206 and “[Downloading Waveform Data](#)” on page 218.

### 1. Create I and Q data.

The following lines of code create scaled I and Q data for a sine wave. The I data consists of one period of a sine wave and the Q data consists of one period of a cosine wave.

| Line | Code—Create I and Q data  |
|------|---|
| 1    | <code>const int NUMSAMPLES=500;</code>                                    |
| 2    | <code>main(int argc, char* argv[])</code>                                 |
| 3    | <code>{</code>  |
| 4    | <code>    short idata[NUMSAMPLES];</code>                                 |
| 5    | <code>    short qdata[NUMSAMPLES];</code>                                 |
| 6    | <code>    int numsamples = NUMSAMPLES;</code>                             |
| 7    | <code>    for(int index=0; index&lt;numsamples; index++)</code>           |
| 8    | <code>    {</code>  |
| 9    | <code>        idata[index]=23000 * sin((2*3.14*index)/numsamples);</code> |
| 10   | <code>        qdata[index]=23000 * cos((2*3.14*index)/numsamples);</code> |
| 11   | <code>    }</code>  |

```

1   const int NUMSAMPLES=500;
2   main(int argc, char* argv[] )
3   {
4       short idata[NUMSAMPLES];
5       short qdata[NUMSAMPLES];
6       int numsamples = NUMSAMPLES;
7       for(int index=0; index<numsamples; index++)
8       {
9           idata[index]=23000 * sin((2*3.14*index)/numsamples);
10          qdata[index]=23000 * cos((2*3.14*index)/numsamples);
11      }

```

| Line | Code Description—Create I and Q data  |
|------|---|
| 1    | Define the number of waveform points. Note that the maximum number of waveform points that you can set is based on the amount of available memory in the signal generator. For more information on signal generator memory, refer to “ <a href="#">Waveform Memory</a> ” on page 198. |
| 2    | Define the main function in C++.  |
| 4    | Create an array to hold the generated I values. The array length equals the number of the waveform points. Note that we define the array as type <i>short</i> , which represents a 16-bit signed integer in most C++ compilers.   |
| 5    | Create an array to hold the generated Q values (signed 16-bit integers).  |
| 6    | Define and set a temporary variable, which is used to calculate the I and Q values.   |

| Line | Code Description—Create I and Q data  |
|------|---|
| 7–11 | <p>Create a loop to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate and scale the I data (DAC values). This example uses a simple sine equation, where <math>2^{*}3.14</math> equals one waveform cycle. Change the equation to fit your application.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The array pointer, <i>index</i>, increments from 0–499, creating 500 I data points over one period of the sine waveform.</li> <li>— Set the scale of the DAC values in the range of –32768 to 32767, where the values –32768 and 32767 equal full scale negative and positive respectively. This example uses 23000 as the multiplier, resulting in approximately 70% scaling. For more information on scaling, see “<a href="#">Scaling DAC Values</a>” on <a href="#">page 189</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>NOTE</b> The signal generator comes from the factory with I/Q scaling set to 70%. If you reduce the DAC input values, ensure that you set the signal generator scaling (:RADio:ARB:RSCaling) to an appropriate setting that accounts for the reduced values.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate and scale the Q data (DAC value). This example uses a simple cosine equation, where <math>2^{*}3.14</math> equals one waveform cycle. Change the equation to fit your application.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The array pointer, <i>index</i>, increments from 0–499, creating 500 Q data points over one period of the cosine waveform.</li> <li>— Set the scale of the DAC values in the range of –32767 to 32768, where the values –32767 and 32768 equal full scale negative and positive respectively. This example uses 23000 as the multiplier, resulting in approximately 70% scaling. For more information on scaling, see “<a href="#">Scaling DAC Values</a>” on <a href="#">page 189</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

## 2. Save the I/Q data to a text file to review.

The following lines of code export the I and Q data to a text file for validation. After exporting the data, open the file using Microsoft Excel or a similar spreadsheet program, and verify that the I and Q data are correct.

| Line | Code Description—Saving the I/Q Data to a Text File        |
|------|--|
| 12   | char *ofile = "c:\\temp\\iq.txt";                          |
| 13   | FILE *outfile = fopen(ofile, "w");                         |
| 14   | if (outfile==NULL) perror ("Error opening file to write"); |
| 15   | for(index=0; index<numsamples; index++)                    |
| 16   | {  |
| 17   | fprintf(outfile, "%d, %d\n", idata[index], qdata[index]);  |
| 18   | }  |
| 19   | fclose(outfile);   |

```

12 char *ofile = "c:\\temp\\iq.txt";
13 FILE *outfile = fopen(ofile, "w");
14 if (outfile==NULL) perror ("Error opening file to write");
15 for(index=0; index<numsamples; index++)
16 {
17     fprintf(outfile, "%d, %d\n", idata[index], qdata[index]);
18 }
19 fclose(outfile);

```

| Line  | Code Description—Saving the I/Q Data to a Text File   |
|-------|---|
| 12    | Set the absolute path of a text file to a character variable. In this example, <i>iq.txt</i> is the file name and <i>*ofile</i> is the variable name.<br><br>For the file path, some operating systems may not use the drive prefix ('c:' in this example), or may require only a single forward slash (/), or both ("temp/iq.txt") |
| 13    | Open the text file in <i>write</i> format.  |
| 14    | If the text file does not open, print an error message.   |
| 15–18 | Create a loop that prints the array of generated I and Q data samples to the text file.   |
| 19    | Close the text file.  |

## 3. Interleave the I and Q data, and byte swap if using little endian order.

This step has two sets of code:

- Interleaving and byte swapping I and Q data for little endian order
- Interleaving I and Q data for big endian order

For more information on byte order, see [“Little Endian and Big Endian \(Byte Order\)” on page 186](#).

**Line      Code—Interleaving and Byte Swapping for Little Endian Order**

```

20    char iqbuffer[NUMSAMPLES*4];
21    for(index=0; index<numsamples; index++)
22    {
23        short ivalue = idata[index];
24        short qvalue = qdata[index];
25        iqbuffer[index*4]    = (ivalue >> 8) & 0xFF;
26        iqbuffer[index*4+1]  = ivalue & 0xFF;
27        iqbuffer[index*4+2]  = (qvalue >> 8) & 0xFF;
28        iqbuffer[index*4+3]  = qvalue & 0xFF;
29    }
30    return 0;

```

| Line  | Code Description—Interleaving and Byte Swapping for Little Endian Order   |
|-------|---|
| 20    | Define a character array to store the interleaved I and Q data. The character array makes byte swapping easier, since each array location accepts only 8 bits (1 byte). The array size increases by four times to accommodate two bytes of I data and two bytes of Q data.  |
| 21-29 | <p>Create a loop to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Save the current I data array value to a variable.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>NOTE</b> In rare instances, a compiler may define <i>short</i> as larger than 16 bits. If this condition exists, replace <i>short</i> with the appropriate object or label that defines a 16-bit integer.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Save the current Q data array value to a variable.</li> <li>Swap the low bytes (bits 0–7) of the data with the high bytes of the data (done for both</li> </ul> |

| Line  | Code Description—Interleaving and Byte Swapping for Little Endian Order   |
|-------|---|
| 21-29 | <p>the I and Q data), and interleave the I and Q data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— shift the data pointer right 8 bits to the beginning of the high byte (<i>ivalue</i> &gt;&gt; 8)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Little Endian Order</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bit Position<br/>7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0      15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8<br/>1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1      1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1<br/>Data<br/>Data pointer      Data pointer shifted 8 bits<br/>Hex values = E9 B7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— AND (boolean) the high I byte with 0xFF to make the high I byte the value to store in the IQ array—(<i>ivalue</i> &gt;&gt; 8) &amp; 0xFF</li> </ul> $  \begin{array}{ccccccccc}  & 15 & 14 & 13 & 12 & 11 & 10 & 9 & 8 \\  & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \text{Hex value = B7} \\  & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \text{Hex value = FF} \\  & & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \text{Hex value = B7}  \end{array}  $ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— AND (boolean) the low I byte with 0xFF (<i>ivalue</i> &amp; 0xFF) to make the low I byte the value to store in the I/Q array location just after the high byte [<i>index</i> * 4 + 1]</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>I Data in I/Q Array after Byte Swap (Big Endian Order)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bit Position<br/>15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0<br/>1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1<br/>Data<br/>Hex value = B7 E9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Swap the Q byte order within the same loop. Notice that the I and Q data interleave with each loop cycle. This is due to the I/Q array shifting by one location for each I and Q operation [<i>index</i> * 4 + n].</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interleaved I/Q Array in Big Endian Order</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bit Position<br/>15.....8 7.....0 15.....8 7.....0<br/>1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 1<br/>I Data      Q Data<br/>Data</p> |

**Line      Code—Interleaving I and Q data for Big Endian Order**

```
20    short iqbuffer [NUMSAMPLES*2] ;
21    for(index=0; index<numsamples; index++)
22    {
23        iqbuffer [index*2] = idata [index] ;
24        iqbuffer [index*2+1] = qdata [index] ;
25    }
26    return 0 ;
```

| Line  | Code Description—Interleaving I and Q data for Big Endian Order   |
|-------|---|
| 20    | <p>Define a 16-bit integer (<i>short</i>) array to store the interleaved I and Q data. The array size increases by two times to accommodate two bytes of I data and two bytes of Q data.</p> <p><b>NOTE</b> In rare instances, a compiler may define <i>short</i> as larger than 16 bits. If this condition exists, replace <i>short</i> with the appropriate object or label that defines a 16-bit integer.</p>  |
| 21–25 | <p>Create a loop to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Store the I data values to the I/Q array location [<i>index</i>*2].</li><li>• Store the Q data values to the I/Q array location [<i>index</i>*2+1].</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interleaved I/Q Array in Big Endian Order</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">15.....8 7.....0 15.....8 7.....0   Bit Position<br/>1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 1      1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1   Data<br/>                I Data                         Q Data</p> |

To download the data created in the above example, see “[Using Advanced Programming Languages](#)” on page 221.

## Downloading Waveform Data

This section examines methods of downloading I/Q waveform data created in MATLAB (a simulation software) and C++ (an advanced programming language). For more information on simulation and advanced programming environments, see “[Creating Waveform Data](#)” on page 212.

To download data from simulation software environments, it is typically easier to use one of the free download utilities (described on [page 227](#)), because simulation software usually saves the data to a file. In MATLAB however, you can either save data to a .mat file or create a complex array. To facilitate downloading a MATLAB complex data array, Agilent created the Agilent Waveform Download Assistant (one of the free download utilities), which downloads the complex data array from within the MATLAB environment. This section shows how to use the Waveform Download Assistant.

For advanced programming languages, this section closely examines the code algorithm for downloading I/Q waveform data by breaking the programming examples into functional parts and explaining the code in generic terms. This is done to help you understand the code algorithm in downloading the interleaved I/Q data, so you can leverage the concept into your programming environment. While not discussed in this section, you may also save the data to a binary file and use one of the download utilities to download the waveform data (see “[Using the Download Utilities](#)” on page 227).

If you do not need the level of detail this section provides, you can find complete programming examples in “[Programming Examples](#)” on page 231. Prior to downloading the I/Q data, ensure that it conforms to the data requirements shown on [page 185](#). To learn about I/Q data for the signal generator, see “[Understanding Waveform Data](#)” on page 185. For creating waveform data, see “[Creating Waveform Data](#)” on page 212.

---

**NOTE** To avoid overwriting the current waveform in volatile memory, before downloading files into volatile memory (WFM1), change the file name or turn off the ARB. For more information, on manually turning off the ARB, refer to the *User’s Guide*.

To turn off the ARB remotely, send: :SOURce:RADio:ARB:STATe OFF.

---

## Using Simulation Software

This procedure uses a complex data array created in MATLAB and uses the Agilent Waveform Download Assistant to download the data. To obtain the Agilent Waveform Download Assistant, see “[Using the Download Utilities](#)” on page 227.

There are two steps in the process of downloading an I/Q waveform:

1. Open a connection session.
2. Download the I/Q data.

### 1. Open a connection session with the signal generator.

The following code establishes a LAN connection with the signal generator, sends the IEEE SCPI command \*idn?, and if the connection fails, displays an error message.

| Line | Code—Open a Connection Session  |
|------|---|
| 1    | io = agt_newconnection('tcpip','IP address');<br>%io = agt_newconnection('gpib',<primary address>,<secondary address>); |
| 2    | [status,status_description,query_result] = agt_query(io,'*idn?');   |
| 3    | if status == -1   |
| 4    | display 'fail to connect to the signal generator';  |
| 5    | end;  |

```
1     io = agt_newconnection('tcpip','IP address');  
2     %io = agt_newconnection('gpib',<primary address>,<secondary address>);  
3     [status,status_description,query_result] = agt_query(io,'*idn?');  
4     if status == -1  
5         display 'fail to connect to the signal generator';  
6     end;
```

| Line | Code Description—Open a Connection Session with the Signal Generator  |
|------|---|
| 1    | Sets up a structure (indicated above by <i>io</i> ) used by subsequent function calls to establish a LAN connection to the signal generator. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>agt_newconnection()</i> is the function of Agilent Waveform Download Assistant used in MATLAB to build a connection to the signal generator.</li> <li>• If you are using GPIB to connect to the signal generator, provide the board, primary address, and secondary address: <i>io = agt_newconnection('gpiib',0,19);</i><br/>Change the GPIB address based on your instrument setting.</li> </ul> |
| 2    | Send a query to the signal generator to verify the connection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>agt_query()</i> is an Agilent Waveform Download Assistant function that sends a query to the signal generator.</li> <li>• If signal generator receives the query <i>*idn?</i>, <i>status</i> returns zero and <i>query_result</i> returns the signal generator's model number, serial number, and firmware version.</li> </ul>   |
| 3–5  | If the query fails, display a message.  |

## 2. Download the I/Q data

The following code downloads the generated waveform data to the signal generator, and if the download fails, displays a message.

### Line      Code—Download the I/Q data

```

6      [status, status_description] = agt_waveformload(io, IQwave,
7          'waveformfile1', 2000, 'no_play','norm_scale');
8      if status == -1
9          display 'fail to download to the signal generator';
end;

```

| Line | Code Description—Download the I/Q data  |
|------|---|
| 6    | <p>Download the I/Q waveform data to the signal generator by using the function call (<i>agt_waveformload</i>) from the Agilent Waveform Download Assistant. Some of the arguments are optional as indicated below, but if one is used, you must use all arguments previous to the one you require.</p> <p>Notice that with this function, you can perform the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• download complex I/Q data</li> <li>• name the file (optional argument)</li> <li>• set the sample rate (optional argument)<br/>If you do not set a value, the signal generator uses its preset value of 125 MHz (N5182A) or 100 MHz (E4438C/E8267D), or if a waveform was previously play, the value from that waveform.</li> <li>• start or not start waveform playback after downloading the data (optional argument)<br/>Use either the argument <i>play</i> or the argument <i>no_play</i>.</li> <li>• whether to normalize and scale the I/Q data (optional argument)<br/>If you normalize and scale the data within the body of the code, then use <i>no_normscale</i>, but if you need to normalize and scale the data, use <i>norm_scale</i>. This normalizes the waveform data to the DAC values and then scales the data to 70% of the DAC values.</li> <li>• download marker data (optional argument)<br/>If there is no marker data, the signal generator creates a default marker file, all marker set to zero.</li> </ul> <p>To verify the waveform data download, see “<a href="#">Loading, Playing, and Verifying a Downloaded Waveform</a>” on page 224.</p> |
| 7–9  | If the download fails, display an error message.  |

## Using Advanced Programming Languages

This procedure uses code from the C++ programming example “[Importing, Byte Swapping, Interleaving, and Downloading I and Q Data—Big and Little Endian Order](#)” on page 249.

For information on creating I/Q waveform data, refer to “[Creating Waveform Data](#)” on page 212.

There are two steps in the process of downloading an I/Q waveform:

1. Open a connection session.
2. Download the I/Q data.

### 1. Open a connection session with the signal generator.

The following code establishes a LAN connection with the signal generator or prints an error message if the session is not opened successfully.

#### Line      Code Description—Open a Connection Session

```

1   char* instOpenString ="lan[hostname or IP address]";
2   //char* instOpenString ="gpib<primary addr>,<secondary addr>";
3   INST id=iopen(instOpenString);
4   if (!id)
5   {
6       fprintf(stderr, "iopen failed (%s)\n", instOpenString);
7   }

```

| Line | Code Description—Open a Connection Session  |
|------|---|
| 1    | <p>Assign the signal generator's LAN hostname, IP address, or GPIB address to a character string.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This example uses the Agilent IO library's <i>iopen()</i> SICL function to establish a LAN connection with the signal generator. The input argument, <i>lan/hostname or IP address</i> contains the device, interface, or commander address. Change it to your signal generator host name or just set it to the IP address used by your signal generator. For example: "lan/999.137.240.9"</li> <li>If you are using GPIB to connect to the signal generator, use the commented line in place of the first line. Insert the GPIB address based on your instrument setting, for example "gpib0,19".</li> <li>For the detailed information about the parameters of the SICL function <i>iopen()</i>, refer to the online "Agilent SICL User's Guide for Windows."</li> </ul> |
| 2    | <p>Open a connection session with the signal generator to download the generated I/Q data.</p> <p>The SICL function <i>iopen()</i> is from the Agilent IO library and creates a session that returns an identifier to <i>id</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If <i>iopen()</i> succeeds in establishing a connection, the function returns a valid session <i>id</i>. The valid session <i>id</i> is not viewable, and can only be used by other SICL functions.</li> <li>If <i>iopen()</i> generates an error before making the connection, the session identifier is always set to zero. This occurs if the connection fails.</li> <li>To use this function in C++, you must include the standard header #include &lt;sicl.h&gt; before the main() function.</li> </ul>  |
| 3–7  | If <i>id</i> = 0, the program prints out the error message and exits the program.   |

## 2. Download the I/Q data.

The following code sends the SCPI command and downloads the generated waveform data to the signal generator.

### Line      CodeDescription—Download the I/Q Data

```

8     int bytesToSend;
9     bytesToSend = numsamples*4;
10    char s[20];
11    char cmd[200];
12    sprintf(s, "%d", bytesToSend);
13    sprintf(cmd, ":MEM:DATA \"WFM1:FILE1\"", "%d%d", strlen(s), bytesToSend);
14    iwrite(id, cmd, strlen(cmd), 0, 0);
15    iwrite(id, iqbuffer, bytesToSend, 0, 0);
16    iwrite(id, "\n", 1, 1, 0);

```

| Line | Code Description—Download the I/Q data  |
|------|---|
| 8    | Define an integer variable ( <i>bytesToSend</i> ) to store the number of bytes to send to the signal generator. |

| Line | Code Description—Download the I/Q data  |
|------|---|
| 9    | <p>Calculate the total number of bytes, and store the value in the integer variable defined in line 8.</p> <p>In this code, <i>numsamples</i> contains the number of waveform points, not the number of bytes. Because it takes four bytes of data, two I bytes and two Q bytes, to create one waveform point, we have to multiply <i>numsamples</i> by four. This is shown in the following example:</p> <pre> numsamples = 500 waveform points numsamples × 4 = 2000 (four bytes per point) bytesToSend = 2000 (numsamples × 4) </pre> <p>For information on setting the number of waveform points, see “<a href="#">1. Create I and Q data.</a>” on page 213.</p>  |
| 10   | Create a string large enough to hold the <i>bytesToSend</i> value as characters. In this code, string <i>s</i> is set to 20 bytes (20 characters—one character equals one byte)   |
| 11   | Create a string and set its length ( <i>cmd[200]</i> ) to hold the SCPI command syntax and parameters. In this code, we define the string length as 200 bytes (200 characters).   |
| 12   | Store the value of <i>bytesToSend</i> in string <i>s</i> . For example, if <i>bytesToSend</i> = 2000; <i>s</i> = "2000"<br><i>sprintf()</i> is a standard function in C++, which writes string data to a string variable.   |
| 13   | Store the SCPI command syntax and parameters in the string <i>cmd</i> . The SCPI command prepares the signal generator to accept the data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>strlen()</i> is a standard function in C++, which returns length of a string.</li> <li>• If <i>bytesToSend</i> = 2000, then <i>s</i> = "2000", <i>strlen(s)</i> = 4, so<br/> <i>cmd</i> = :MEM:DATA "WFM1:FILE1\" #42000.</li> </ul>   |
| 14   | Send the SCPI command stored in the string <i>cmd</i> to the signal generator, which is represented by the session <i>id</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>iwrite()</i> is a SICL function in Agilent IO library, which writes the data (block data) specified in the string <i>cmd</i> to the signal generator (<i>id</i>).</li> <li>• The third argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, <i>strlen(cmd)</i>, informs the signal generator of the number of bytes in the command string. The signal generator parses the string to determine the number of I/Q data bytes it expects to receive.</li> <li>• The fourth argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 0, means there is no END of file indicator for the string. This lets the session remain open, so the program can download the I/Q data.</li> </ul> |

| Line | Code Description—Download the I/Q data  |
|------|---|
| 15   | <p>Send the generated waveform data stored in the I/Q array (<i>iqbuffer</i>) to the signal generator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>iwrite()</i> sends the data specified in <i>iqbuffer</i> to the signal generator (session identifier specified in <i>id</i>).</li><li>• The third argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, <i>bytesToSend</i>, contains the length of the <i>iqbuffer</i> in bytes. In this example, it is 2000.</li><li>• The fourth argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 0, means there is no END of file indicator in the data.</li></ul> <p>In many programming languages, there are two methods to send SCPI commands and data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— Method 1 where the program stops the data download when it encounters the first zero (END indicator) in the data.</li><li>— Method 2 where the program sends a fixed number of bytes and ignores any zeros in the data. This is the method used in our program.</li></ul> <p>For your programming language, you must find and use the equivalent of method two. Otherwise you may only achieve a partial download of the I and Q data.</p> |
| 16   | <p>Send the terminating carriage (\n) as the last byte of the waveform data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>iwrite()</i> writes the data “\n” to the signal generator (session identifier specified in <i>id</i>).</li><li>• The third argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 1, sends one byte to the signal generator.</li><li>• The fourth argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 1, is the END of file indicator, which the program uses to terminate the data download.</li></ul> <p>To verify the waveform data download, see “<a href="#">Loading, Playing, and Verifying a Downloaded Waveform</a>” on page 224.</p>  |

## Loading, Playing, and Verifying a Downloaded Waveform

The following procedures show how to perform the steps using SCPI commands. For front panel key commands, refer to the *User’s Guide* or to the Key help in the signal generator.

### Loading a File from Non-Volatile Memory

Select the downloaded I/Q file in non-volatile waveform memory (NVWFM) and load it into volatile waveform memory (WFM1). The file comprises three items: I/Q data, marker file, and file header information.

Send one of the following SCPI command to copy the I/Q file, marker file and file header information:

```
:MEMORY:COPY:NAME "<NVWFM:file_name>","<WFM1:file_name>"  
:MEMORY:COPY:NAME "<NVMKR:file_name>","<MKR1:file_name>"  
:MEMORY:COPY:NAME "<,<HDR:file_name>"
```

- NOTE** When you copy a waveform file, marker file, or header file information from volatile or non-volatile memory, the waveform and associated marker and header files are all copied. Conversely, when you delete an I/Q file, the associated marker and header files are deleted. It is not necessary to send separate commands to copy or delete the marker and header files.
- 

## Playing the Waveform

---

- NOTE** If you would like to build and play a waveform *sequence*, refer to “[Building and Playing Waveform Sequences](#)” on page 226.
- 

Play the waveform and use it to modulate the RF carrier.

1. List the waveform files from the volatile memory waveform list:

Send the following SCPI command:

```
:MMEMory:CATalog? "WFM1:"
```

2. Select the waveform from the volatile memory waveform list:

Send the following SCPI command:

```
:SOURce:RADIO:ARB:WAVeform "WFM1:<file_name>"
```

3. Play the waveform:

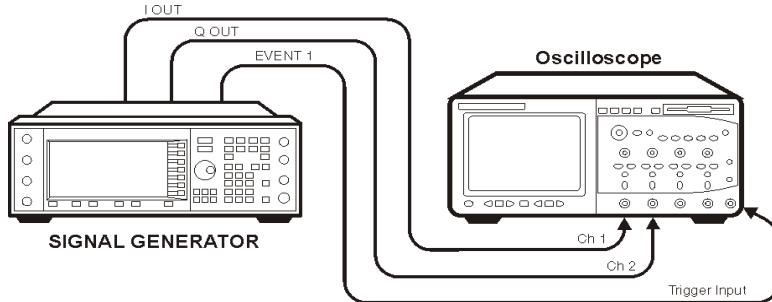
Send the following SCPI commands:

```
:SOURce:RADIO:ARB:STATE ON  
:OUTPut:MODulation:STATE ON  
:OUTPut:STATE ON
```

## Verifying the Waveform

Perform this procedure after completing the steps in the previous procedure, “[Playing the Waveform](#)” on page 225.

1. Connect the signal generator to an oscilloscope as shown in the figure.



2. Set an active marker point on the first waveform point for marker one.

---

**NOTE** Select the same waveform selected in “[Playing the Waveform](#)” on page 225.

---

Send the following SCPI commands:

```
:SOURce:RADIo:ARB:MARKer:CLEar:ALL "WFM1:<file_name>",1  
:SOURce:RADIo:ARB:MARKer:SET "WFM1:<file_name>",1,1,1,0.
```

3. Compare the oscilloscope display to the plot of the I and Q data from the text file you created when you generated the data.

If the oscilloscope display, and the I and Q data plots differ, recheck your code. For detailed information on programmatically creating and downloading waveform data, see “[Creating Waveform Data](#)” on page 212 and “[Downloading Waveform Data](#)” on page 218. For information on the waveform data requirements, see “[Waveform Data Requirements](#)” on page 185.

## Building and Playing Waveform Sequences

The signal generator can be used to build waveform sequences. This section assumes you have created the waveform segment file(s) and have the waveform segment file(s) in volatile memory. The following SCPI commands can be used to generate and work with a waveform sequence. For more information refer to the signal generator’s *SCPI Command Reference* and *User’s Guide*.

---

**NOTE** If you would like to verify the waveform sequence, refer to “[Verifying the Waveform](#)” on page 226.

---

1. List the waveform files from the volatile memory waveform list:

Send the following SCPI command:

```
:MMEMory:CATalog? "WFM1:"
```

2. Select the waveform segment file(s) from the volatile memory waveform list:

Send the following SCPI command:

```
:SOURce:RADio:ARB:WAveform "WFM1:<file_name>"
```

3. Save the waveform segment(s) ("<waveform1>", "<waveform2>", ...), to non-volatile memory as a waveform sequence ("<file\_name>"), define the number of repetitions (<reps>), each waveform segment plays, and enable/disable markers (M1|M2|M3|M4|...), for each waveform segment:

Send the following SCPI command:

```
:SOURce:RADio:ARB:SEQuence  
"<file_name>","<waveform1>",<reps>,M1|M2|M3|M4,{ "<waveform2>",<reps>,ALL}
```

```
:SOURce:RADio:ARB:SEQuence? "<file_name>"
```

---

**NOTE** M1|M2|M3|M4 represent the number parameter of the marker selected (i.e. 1|2|3|4). Entering M1|M2|M3|M4 causes the signal generator to display an error. For more information on this SCPI command, refer to the signal generator's *SCPI Command Reference*.

---

4. Play the waveform sequence:

Send the following SCPI commands:

```
:SOURce:RADio:ARB:STATE ON  
:OUTPut:MODulation:STATE ON  
:OUTPut:STATE ON
```

## Using the Download Utilities

Agilent provides free download utilities to download waveform data into the signal generator. The table in this section describes the capabilities of three such utilities.

For more information and to install the utilities, refer to the following URLs:

- Agilent Signal Studio Toolkit 2: <http://www.agilent.com/find/signalstudio>  
This software provides a graphical interface for downloading files.
- Agilent IntuiLink for Agilent PSG/ESG/E8663B Signal Generators:  
<http://www.agilent.com/find/intuilink>

This software places icons in the Microsoft Excel and Word toolbar. Use the icons to connect to the signal generator and open a window for downloading files.

---

**NOTE** Agilent IntuiLink is *not* available for the Agilent MXG.

---

- Agilent Waveform Download Assistant: <http://www.agilent.com/find/downloadassistant>

This software provides functions for the MATLAB environment to download waveform data.

| Features   | Agilent Signal Studio Toolkit 2 | Agilent IntuiLink <sup>a</sup> | Agilent Waveform Download Assistant |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Downloads encrypted waveform files   | X                               |                                |                                     |
| Downloads complex MATLAB waveform data                                     |                                 |                                | X                                   |
| Downloads MATLAB files (.mat)  | X                               |                                |                                     |
| Downloads unencrypted interleaved 16-bit I/Q files <sup>b</sup>            | X                               | X                              |                                     |
| Interleaves and downloads earlier 14-bit E443xB I and Q files <sup>b</sup> | X                               | X                              |                                     |
| Swaps bytes for little endian order  |                                 | X                              |                                     |
| Manually select big endian byte order for 14-bit and 16-bit I/Q files      | X                               |                                |                                     |
| Downloads user-created marker files  | X                               | X                              | X                                   |
| Performs scaling   | X                               | X                              | X                                   |
| Starts waveform play back  | X                               |                                | X                                   |
| Sends SCPI Commands and Queries  | X                               |                                | X                                   |
| Builds a waveform sequence   | X                               |                                | X                                   |

a. Agilent IntuiLink is *not* available for the Agilent MXG.

b. ASCII or binary format.

## Downloading E443xB Signal Generator Files

To download earlier E443xB model I and Q files, use the same SCPI commands as if downloading files to an E443xB signal generator. The signal generator automatically converts the E443xB files to the proper file format as described in “[Waveform Structure](#)” on page 193 and stores them in the signal generator’s memory. This conversion process causes the signal generator to take more time to download the earlier file format. To minimize the time to convert earlier E443xB files to the proper file format, store E443xB file downloads to volatile memory, and then transfer them over to non-volatile (NVWFM) memory.

---

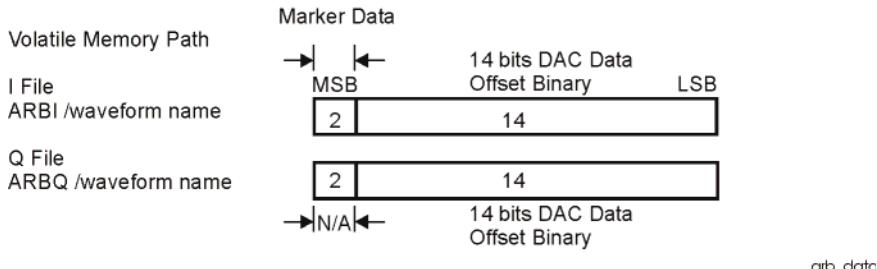
**NOTE** You cannot extract waveform data downloaded as E443xB files.

---

## E443xB Data Format

The following diagram describes the data format for the E443xB waveform files. This file structure can be compared with the new style file format shown in “[Waveform Structure](#)” on page 193. If you create new waveform files for the signal generator, use the format shown in “[Waveform Data Requirements](#)” on page 185.

### E443xB ARB Data Format



## Storage Locations for E443xB ARB files

Place waveforms in either volatile memory or non-volatile memory. The signal generator supports the E443xB directory structure for waveform file downloads (i.e. “ARBI:”, “ARBQ:”, “NVARBI:”, and “NVARBQ:”, see also [“SCPI Commands” on page 231](#)).

### Volatile Memory Storage Locations

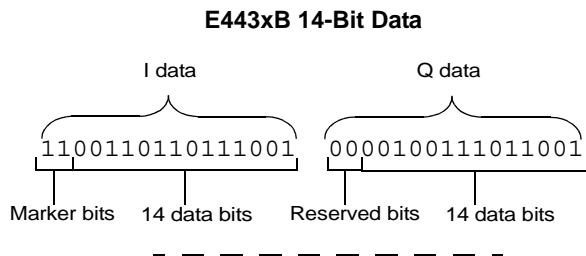
- /user/arbi/
- /user/arbzq/

### Non-Volatile Memory Storage Locations

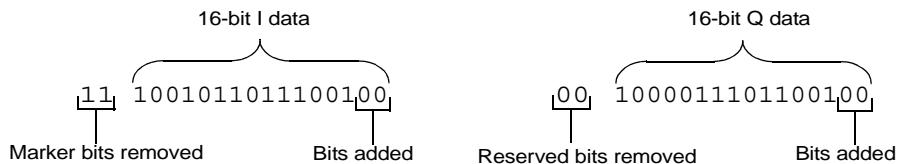
- /user/nvarbi/
- /user/nvarbzq/

Loading files into the above directories (volatile or non-volatile memory) does not actually store them in those directories. Instead, these directories function as “pipes” to the format translator. The signal generator performs the following functions on the E443xB data:

- Converts the 14-bit I and Q data into 16-bit data (the format required by the signal generator). Subtract 8192, left shifts the data, and appends two bits (zeros) before the least significant bit (i.e. the offset binary values are converted to 2's complement values by the signal generator).

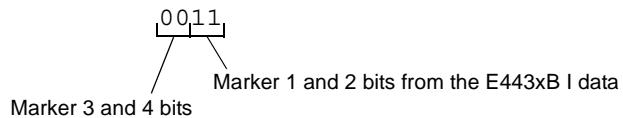


**Subtracts 8192, Left Shifts, and Adds Zeros—Removes Marker and Reserved Bits  
(16-Bit Data Format)**



- Creates a marker file and places the marker information, bits 14 and 15 of the E443xB I data, into the marker file for markers one and two. Markers three and four, within the new marker file, are set to zero (off).

**Places the I Marker Bits into the Signal Generator Marker File**



- Interleaves the 16-bit I and Q data creating one I/Q file.
- Creates a file header with all parameters set to unspecified (factory default file header setting).

## SCPI Commands

Use the following commands to download E443xB waveform files into the signal generator.

---

**NOTE** To avoid overwriting the current waveform in volatile memory, before downloading files into volatile memory (WFM1), change the file name or turn off the ARB. For more information, on manually turning off the ARB, refer to the *User's Guide*.

To turn off the ARB remotely, send: :SOURce:RADio:ARB:STATE OFF.

---

| Extraction Method/<br>Memory Type | Command Syntax Options   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| SCPI/<br>volatile memory          | :MMEM:DATA "ARBI:<file_name>", <I waveform block data><br>:MMEM:DATA "ARBQ:<file_name>", <Q waveform data>           |
| SCPI/<br>non-volatile memory      | :MMEM:DATA "NVARBI:<file_name>", <I waveform block data><br>:MMEM:DATA "NVARBQ:<file_name>", <Q waveform block data> |

The variables <I waveform block data> and <Q waveform block data> represents data in the E443xB file format. The string variable <file\_name> is the name of the I and Q data file. After downloading the data, the signal generator associates a file header and marker file with the I/Q data file.

## Programming Examples

---

**NOTE** The programming examples contain instrument-specific information. However, users can still use these programming examples by substituting in the instrument-specific information for your signal generator. Model specific exceptions for programming use, will be noted at the top of each programming section.

---

The programming examples use GPIB or LAN interfaces and are written in the following languages:

- C++ ([page 232](#))
- MATLAB ([page 255](#))
- Visual Basic ([page 262](#))
- HP Basic ([page 267](#))

See [Chapter 2](#) of this programming guide for information on interfaces and IO libraries.

The example programs are also available on the signal generator Documentation CD-ROM, which allows you to cut and paste the examples into an editor.

## C++ Programming Examples

This section contains the following programming examples:

- “[Creating and Storing Offset I/Q Data—Big and Little Endian Order](#)” on page 232
- “[Creating and Storing I/Q Data—Little Endian Order](#)” on page 236
- “[Creating and Downloading I/Q Data—Big and Little Endian Order](#)” on page 238
- “[Importing and Downloading I/Q Data—Big Endian Order](#)” on page 242
- “[Importing and Downloading Using VISA—Big Endian Order](#)” on page 245
- “[Importing, Byte Swapping, Interleaving, and Downloading I and Q Data—Big and Little Endian Order](#)” on page 249

### **Creating and Storing Offset I/Q Data—Big and Little Endian Order**

On the documentation CD, this programming example’s name is “*offset\_iq\_c++.txt*.”

This C++ programming example (compiled using Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0) follows the same coding algorithm as the MATLAB programming example “[Creating and Storing I/Q Data](#)” on page 255 and performs the following functions:

- error checking
- data creation
- data normalization
- data scaling
- I/Q signal offset from the carrier (single sideband suppressed carrier signal)
- byte swapping and interleaving for little endian order data
- I and Q interleaving for big endian order data
- binary data file storing to a PC or workstation
- reversal of the data formatting process (byte swapping, interleaving, and normalizing the data)

After creating the binary file, you can use FTP, one of the download utilities, or one of the C++ download programming examples to download the file to the signal generator.

```
// This C++ example shows how to
// 1.) Create a simple IQ waveform
// 2.) Save the waveform into the ESG/PSG Internal Arb format
//      This format is for the E4438C, E8267C, E8267D
//      This format will not work with the ESG E443xB or the Agilent MXG N518xA
// 3.) Load the internal Arb format file into an array

#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <math.h>

const int POINTS = 1000; // Size of waveform
const char *computer = "PCWIN";

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
```

```

// 1.) Create Simple IQ Signal ****
// This signal is a single tone on the upper
// side of the carrier and is usually referred to as
// a Single Side Band Suppressed Carrier (SSBSC) signal.
// It is nothing more than a cosine waveform in I
// and a sine waveform in Q.

int points = POINTS; // Number of points in the waveform
int cycles = 101; // Determines the frequency offset from the carrier
double Iwave[POINTS]; // I waveform
double Qwave[POINTS]; // Q waveform
short int waveform[2*POINTS]; // Holds interleaved I/Q data
double maxAmp = 0; // Used to Normalize waveform data
double minAmp = 0; // Used to Normalize waveform data
double scale = 1;
char buf; // Used for byte swapping
char *pChar; // Used for byte swapping
bool PC = true; // Set flag as appropriate

double phaseInc = 2.0 * 3.141592654 * cycles / points;
double phase = 0;
int i = 0;
for( i=0; i<points; i++ )
{
    phase = i * phaseInc;
    Iwave[i] = cos(phase);
    Qwave[i] = sin(phase);
}

// 2.) Save waveform in internal format ****
// Convert the I and Q data into the internal arb format
// The internal arb format is a single waveform containing interleaved IQ
// data. The I/Q data is signed short integers (16 bits).
// The data has values scaled between +-32767 where
//    DAC Value   Description
//      32767      Maximum positive value of the DAC
//        0         Zero out of the DAC
//     -32767      Maximum negative value of the DAC
// The internal arb expects the data bytes to be in Big Endian format.
// This is opposite of how short integers are saved on a PC (Little Endian).
// For this reason the data bytes are swapped before being saved.

```

## Creating and Downloading Waveform Files Programming Examples

```
// Find the Maximum amplitude in I and Q to normalize the data between +-1
maxAmp = Iwave[0];
minAmp = Iwave[0];
for( i=0; i<points; i++)
{
    if( maxAmp < Iwave[i] )
        maxAmp = Iwave[i];
    else if( minAmp > Iwave[i] )
        minAmp = Iwave[i];

    if( maxAmp < Qwave[i] )
        maxAmp = Qwave[i];
    else if( minAmp > Qwave[i] )
        minAmp = Qwave[i];
}
maxAmp = fabs(maxAmp);
minAmp = fabs(minAmp);
if( minAmp > maxAmp )
    maxAmp = minAmp;

// Convert to short integers and interleave I/Q data
scale = 32767 / maxAmp;      // Watch out for divide by zero.
for( i=0; i<points; i++)
{
    waveform[2*i] = (short)floor(Iwave[i]*scale + 0.5);
    waveform[2*i+1] = (short)floor(Qwave[i]*scale + 0.5);
}
// If on a PC swap the bytes to Big Endian
if( strcmp(computer,"PCWIN") == 0 )
//if( PC )
{
    pChar = (char *)&waveform[0];    // Character pointer to short int data
    for( i=0; i<2*points; i++ )
    {
        buf = *pChar;
        *pChar = *(pChar+1);
        *(pChar+1) = buf;
        pChar+= 2;
    }
}
// Save the data to a file
// Use FTP or one of the download assistants to download the file to the
```

```
// signal generator
char *filename = "C:\\Temp\\PSGTestFile";
FILE *stream = NULL;
stream = fopen(filename, "w+b");// Open the file
if (stream==NULL) perror ("Cannot Open File");
int numwritten = fwrite( (void *)waveform, sizeof( short ), points*2, stream );
fclose(stream);// Close the file

// 3.) Load the internal Arb format file *****
// This process is just the reverse of saving the waveform
// Read in waveform as unsigned short integers.
// Swap the bytes as necessary
// Normalize between +-1
// De-interleave the I/Q Data
// Open the file and load the internal format data
stream = fopen(filename, "r+b");// Open the file
if (stream==NULL) perror ("Cannot Open File");
int numread = fread( (void *)waveform, sizeof( short ), points*2, stream );
fclose(stream);// Close the file
// If on a PC swap the bytes back to Little Endian
if( strcmp(computer,"PCWIN") == 0 )
{
    pChar = (char *)&waveform[0]; // Character pointer to short int data
    for( i=0; i<2*points; i++ )
    {
        buf = *pChar;
        *pChar = *(pChar+1);
        *(pChar+1) = buf;
        pChar+= 2;
    }
}
// Normalize De-Interleave the IQ data
double IwaveIn[POINTS];
double QwaveIn[POINTS];
for( i=0; i<points; i++)
{
    IwaveIn[i] = waveform[2*i] / 32767.0;
    QwaveIn[i] = waveform[2*i+1] / 32767.0;
}
return 0;
}
```

### Creating and Storing I/Q Data—Little Endian Order

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is "CreateStore\_Data\_c++.txt."

This C++ programming example (compiled using Metrowerks CodeWarrior 3.0) performs the following functions:

- error checking
- data creation
- byte swapping and interleaving for little endian order data
- binary data file storing to a PC or workstation

After creating the binary file, you can use FTP, one of the download utilities, or one of the C++ download programming examples to download the file to the signal generator.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <math.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

using namespace std;

int main ( void )
{
    ofstream out_stream;          // write the I/Q data to a file
    const unsigned int SAMPLES =200;      // number of sample pairs in the waveform
    const short AMPLITUDE = 32000;        // amplitude between 0 and full scale dac value
    const double two_pi = 6.2831853;

    //allocate buffer for waveform
    short* iqData = new short[2*SAMPLES];// need two bytes for each integer
    if (!iqData)
    {
        cout << "Could not allocate data buffer." << endl;
        return 1;
    }

    out_stream.open("IQ_data");// create a data file
    if (out_stream.fail())
    {
        cout << "Input file opening failed" << endl;
        exit(1);
    }
    //generate the sample data for I and Q. The I channel will have a sine
    //wave and the Q channel will a cosine wave.
```

```
for (int i=0; i<SAMPLES; ++i)
{
    iqData[2*i] = AMPLITUDE * sin(two_pi*i/(float)SAMPLES);
    iqData[2*i+1] = AMPLITUDE * cos(two_pi*i/(float)SAMPLES);
}
// make sure bytes are in the order MSB(most significant byte) first. (PC only).

char* cptr = (char*)iqData;// cast the integer values to characters

for (int i=0; i<(4*SAMPLES); i+=2)// 4*SAMPLES
{
    char temp = cptr[i];// swap LSB and MSB bytes
    cptr[i]=cptr[i+1];
    cptr[i+1]=temp;
}

// now write the buffer to a file

out_stream.write((char*)iqData, 4*SAMPLES);
return 0;
}
```

### Creating and Downloading I/Q Data—Big and Little Endian Order

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is "CreateDwnLd\_Data\_c++.txt."

This C++ programming example (compiled using Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0) performs the following functions:

- error checking
- data creation
- data scaling
- text file creation for viewing and debugging data
- byte swapping and interleaving for little endian order data
- interleaving for big endian order data
- data saving to an array (data block)
- data block download to the signal generator

```
// This C++ program is an example of creating and scaling
// I and Q data, and then downloading the data into the
// signal generator as an interleaved I/Q file.
// This example uses a sine and cosine wave as the I/Q
// data.
//
// Include the standard headers for SICL programming
#include <sicl.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <math.h>

// Choose a GPIB, LAN, or RS-232 connection
char* instOpenString ="lan[galqaDhcp1]";
//char* instOpenString ="gpib0,19";

// Pick some maximum number of samples, based on the
// amount of memory in your computer and the signal generator.
const int NUMSAMPLES=500;

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    // Create a text file to view the waveform
    // prior to downloading it to the signal generator.
    // This verifies that the data looks correct.

    char *ofile = "c:\\temp\\iq.txt";
```

```
// Create arrays to hold the I and Q data

int idata[NUMSAMPLES];
int qdata[NUMSAMPLES];

// save the number of samples into numsamples
int numsamples = NUMSAMPLES;

// Fill the I and Q buffers with the sample data
for(int index=0; index<numsamples; index++)
{
    // Create the I and Q data for the number of waveform
    // points and Scale the data (20000 * ...) as a percentage
    // of the DAC full scale (-32768 to 32767). This example
    // scales to approximately 70% of full scale.
    idata[index]=23000 * sin((4*3.14*index)/numsamples);
    qdata[index]=23000 * cos((4*3.14*index)/numsamples);
}

// Print the I and Q values to a text file. View the data
// to see if its correct and if needed, plot the data in a
// spreadsheet to help spot any problems.
FILE *outfile = fopen(ofile, "w");

if (outfile==NULL) perror ("Error opening file to write");
for(index=0; index<numsamples; index++)
{
    fprintf(outfile, "%d, %d\n", idata[index], qdata[index]);
}
fclose(outfile);

// Little endian order data, use the character array and for loop.
// If big endian order, comment out this character array and for loop,
// and use the next loop (Big Endian order data).

// We need a buffer to interleave the I and Q data.
// 4 bytes to account for 2 I bytes and 2 Q bytes.

char iqbuffer[NUMSAMPLES*4];

// Interleave I and Q, and swap bytes from little
// endian order to big endian order.
for(index=0; index<numsamples; index++)
{
```

```
int ivalue = idata[index];
int qvalue = qdata[index];
iqbuffer[index*4] = (ivalue >> 8) & 0xFF; // high byte of i
iqbuffer[index*4+1] = ivalue & 0xFF;           // low byte of i
iqbuffer[index*4+2] = (qvalue >> 8) & 0xFF; // high byte of q
iqbuffer[index*4+3] = qvalue & 0xFF;           // low byte of q
}

// Big Endian order data, uncomment the following lines of code.
// Interleave the I and Q data.

// short iqbuffer[NUMSAMPLES*2];           // Big endian order, uncomment this line
// for(index=0; index<numsamples; index++) // Big endian order, uncomment this line
// {
//     iqbuffer[index*2] = idata[index]; // Big endian order, uncomment this line
//     iqbuffer[index*2+1] = qdata[index]; // Big endian order, uncomment this line
// }

// Open a connection to write to the instrument
INST id=iopen(instOpenString);
if (!id)
{
    fprintf(stderr, "iopen failed (%s)\n", instOpenString);
    return -1;
}

// Declare variables to hold portions of the SCPI command
int bytesToSend;
char s[20];
char cmd[200];

bytesToSend = numsamples*4;           // calculate the number of bytes
sprintf(s, "%d", bytesToSend); // create a string s with that number of bytes

// The SCPI command has four parts.
// Part 1 = :MEM:DATA "filename",#
// Part 2 = length of Part 3 when written to a string
// Part 3 = length of the data in bytes. This is in s from above.
// Part 4 = the buffer of data

// Build parts 1, 2, and 3 for the I and Q data.
sprintf(cmd, ":MEM:DATA \"WFM1:FILE1\"", %d, strlen(s), bytesToSend);
```

```
// Send parts 1, 2, and 3
iwrite(id, cmd, strlen(cmd), 0, 0);
// Send part 4. Be careful to use the correct command here. In many
// programming languages, there are two methods to send SCPI commands:
//   Method 1 = stop at the first '0' in the data
//   Method 2 = send a fixed number of bytes, ignoring '0' in the data.
// You must find and use the correct command for Method 2.
iwrite(id, iqbuffer, bytesToSend, 0, 0);
// Send a terminating carriage return
iwrite(id, "\n", 1, 1, 0);

printf("Loaded file using the E4438C, E8267C and E8267D format\n");
return 0;
}
```

### Importing and Downloading I/Q Data—Big Endian Order

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is "*impDwnLd\_c++.txt*."

This C++ programming example (compiled using Metrowerks CodeWarrior 3.0) assumes that the data is in big endian order and performs the following functions:

- error checking
- binary file importing from the PC or workstation.
- binary file download to the signal generator.

```
// Description: Send a file in blocks of data to a signal generator
//
#include <sicl.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

// ATTENTION:
// - Configure these three lines appropriately for your instrument
//   and use before compiling and running
//
char* instOpenString = "gpib7,19"; //for LAN replace with "lan[<hostname or IP address>]"
const char* localSrcFile = "D:\\home\\\\TEST_WAVE"; //enter file location on PC/workstation
const char* instDestFile = "/USER/BBG1/WAVEFORM/TEST_WAVE"; //for non-volatile memory
//remove BBG1 from file path

// Size of the copy buffer
const int BUFFER_SIZE = 100*1024;

int
main()
{
    INST id=fopen(instOpenString);
    if (!id)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "iopen failed (%s)\n", instOpenString);
        return -1;
    }

    FILE* file = fopen(localSrcFile, "rb");
    if (!file)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "Could not open file: %s\n", localSrcFile);
        return 0;
    }
```

```
if( fseek( file, 0, SEEK_END ) < 0 )
{
    fprintf(stderr,"Cannot seek to the end of file.\n" );
    return 0;
}

long lenToSend = ftell(file);
printf("File size = %d\n", lenToSend);

if (fseek(file, 0, SEEK_SET) < 0)
{
    fprintf(stderr,"Cannot seek to the start of file.\n");
    return 0;
}

char* buf = new char[BUFFER_SIZE];
if (buf && lenToSend)
{
    // Prepare and send the SCPI command header
    char s[20];
    sprintf(s, "%d", lenToSend);
    int lenLen = strlen(s);
    char s2[256];
    sprintf(s2, "mmem:data \"%s\", #%d%d", instDestFile, lenLen, lenToSend);
    iwrite(id, s2, strlen(s2), 0, 0);

    // Send file in BUFFER_SIZE chunks
    long numRead;
    do
    {
        numRead = fread(buf, sizeof(char), BUFFER_SIZE, file);
        iwrite(id, buf, numRead, 0, 0);
    } while (numRead == BUFFER_SIZE);

    // Send the terminating newline and EOM
    iwrite(id, "\n", 1, 1, 0);

    delete [] buf;
}
else
{
```

```
    fprintf(stderr, "Could not allocate memory for copy buffer\n");
}

fclose(file);
iclose(id);
return 0;
}
```

## Importing and Downloading Using VISA—Big Endian Order

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is “*DownLoad\_Visa\_c++.txt*.”

This C++ programming example (compiled using Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0) assumes that the data is in big endian order and performs the following functions:

- error checking
- binary file importing from the PC or workstation
- binary file download to the signal generator's non-volatile memory

To load the waveform data to volatile (WFM1) memory, change the instDestfile declaration to: “USER/BBG1/WAVEFORM/”.

```
//*****
// PROGRAM NAME:Download_Visa_c++.cpp
//
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:Sample test program to download ARB waveform data. Send a
// file in chunks of ascii data to the signal generator.
//
// NOTE: You must have the Agilent IO Libraries installed to run this program.
//
// This example uses the LAN/TCPPIP to download a file to the signal generator's
// non-volatile memory. The program allocates a memory buffer on the PC or
// workstation of 102400 bytes (100*1024 bytes). The actual size of the buffer is
// limited by the memory on your PC or workstation, so the buffer size can be
// increased or decreased to meet your system limitations.
//
// While this program uses the LAN/TCPPIP to download a waveform file into
// non-volatile memory, it can be modified to store files in volatile memory
// WFM1 using GPIB by setting the instrOpenString = "TCPIP0::xxxx.xxx.xxx.xxx::INSTR"
// declaration with "GPIB::19::INSTR"
//
// The program also includes some error checking to alert you when problems arise
// while trying to download files. This includes checking to see if the file exists.
//*****
// IMPORTANT: Replace the xxxx.xxx.xxx.xxx IP address in the instOpenString declaration
// in the code below with the IP address of your signal generator. (or you can use the
// instrument's hostname). Replace the localSrcFile and instDestFile directory paths
// as needed.
//*****
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include "visa.h"
```

## Creating and Downloading Waveform Files Programming Examples

```
//  
// IMPORTANT:  
// Configure the following three lines correctly before compiling and running  
  
char* instOpenString ="TCPIPO::xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx::INSTR"; // your instrument's IP address  
  
const char* localSrcFile = "\\\Files\\IQ_DataC";  
  
const char* instDestFile = "/USER/WAVEFORM/IQ_DataC";  
  
const int BUFFER_SIZE = 100*1024;// Size of the copy buffer  
  
int main(int argc, char* argv[])  
{  
    ViSession defaultRM, vi;  
    ViStatus status = 0;  
  
    status = viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM); // Open the default resource manager  
  
    // TO DO: Error handling here  
  
    status = viOpen(defaultRM, instOpenString, VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);  
  
    if (status)// If any errors then display the error and exit the program  
    {  
        fprintf(stderr, "viOpen failed (%s)\n", instOpenString);  
        return -1;  
    }  
  
    FILE* file = fopen(localSrcFile, "rb");// Open local source file for binary reading  
  
    if (!file) // If any errors display the error and exit the program  
    {  
        fprintf(stderr, "Could not open file: %s\n", localSrcFile);  
        return 0;  
    }  
  
    if( fseek( file, 0, SEEK_END ) < 0 )  
    {  
        fprintf(stderr,"Cannot lseek to the end of file.\n");  
        return 0;  
    }
```

```
long lenToSend = ftell(file); // Number of bytes in the file

printf("File size = %d\n", lenToSend);

if (fseek(file, 0, SEEK_SET) < 0)
{
    fprintf(stderr,"Cannot lseek to the start of file.\n");
    return 0;
}

unsigned char* buf = new unsigned char[BUFFER_SIZE]; // Allocate char buffer memory

if (buf && lenToSend)
{
    // Do not send the EOI (end of instruction) terminator on any write except the
    // last one

    viSetAttribute( vi, VI_ATTR_SEND_END_EN, 0 );

    // Prepare and send the SCPI command header

    char s[20];
    sprintf(s, "%d", lenToSend);

    int lenLen = strlen(s);
    unsigned char s2[256];

    // Write the command mmem:data and the header. The number lenLen represents the
    // number of bytes and the actual number of bytes is the variable lenToSend

    sprintf((char*)s2, "mmem:data \"%s\", #%d%d", instDestFile, lenLen, lenToSend);

    // Send the command and header to the signal generator

    viWrite(vi, s2, strlen((char*)s2), 0);

    long numRead;

    // Send file in BUFFER_SIZE chunks to the signal generator

    do
```

```
{  
    numRead = fread(buf, sizeof(char), BUFFER_SIZE, file);  
  
    viWrite(vi, buf, numRead, 0);  
  
} while (numRead == BUFFER_SIZE);  
  
// Send the terminating newline and EOI  
  
viSetAttribute( vi, VI_ATTR_SEND_END_EN, 1 );  
  
char* newLine = "\n";  
  
viWrite(vi, (unsigned char*)newLine, 1, 0);  
  
delete [] buf;  
}  
else  
{  
    fprintf(stderr, "Could not allocate memory for copy buffer\n");  
}  
  
fclose(file);  
viClose(vi);  
viClose(defaultRM);  
  
return 0;  
}
```

**Importing, Byte Swapping, Interleaving, and Downloading I and Q Data—Big and Little Endian Order**

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is “*impDwnLd2\_c++.txt*.”

This C++ programming example (compiled using Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0) performs the following functions:

- error checking
- binary file importing (earlier E443xB or current model signal generators)
- byte swapping and interleaving for little endian order data
- data interleaving for big endian order data
- data scaling
- binary file download for earlier E443xB data or current signal generator formatted data

```
// This C++ program is an example of loading I and Q
// data into an E443xB, E4438C, E8267C, or E8267D signal
// generator.
//
// It reads the I and Q data from a binary data file
// and then writes the data to the instrument.

// Include the standard headers for SICL programming
#include <sicl.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

// Choose a GPIB, LAN, or RS-232 connection
char* instOpenString ="gpib0,19";

// Pick some maximum number of samples, based on the
// amount of memory in your computer and your waveforms.
const int MAXSAMPLES=50000;

int main(int argc, char* argv[])

{
    // These are the I and Q input files.
    // Some compilers will allow '/' in the directory
    // names. Older compilers might need '\\' in the
    // directory names. It depends on your operating system
    // and compiler.
    char *ifile = "c:\\\\SignalGenerator\\\\data\\\\BurstA1I.bin";
    char *qfile = "c:\\\\SignalGenerator\\\\data\\\\BurstA1Q.bin";
```

## Creating and Downloading Waveform Files Programming Examples

```
// This is a text file to which we will write the
// I and Q data just for debugging purposes. It is
// a good programming practice to check your data
// in this way before attempting to write it to
// the instrument.
char *ofile = "c:\\SignalGenerator\\data\\iq.txt";

// Create arrays to hold the I and Q data
int idata[MAXSAMPLES];
int qdata[MAXSAMPLES];

// Often we must modify, scale, or offset the data
// before loading it into the instrument. These
// buffers are used for that purpose. Since each
// sample is 16 bits, and a character only holds
// 8 bits, we must make these arrays twice as long
// as the I and Q data arrays.
char ibuffer[MAXSAMPLES*2];
char qbuffer[MAXSAMPLES*2];

// For the E4438C or E8267C/67D, we might also need to interleave
// the I and Q data. This buffer is used for that
// purpose. In this case, this buffer must hold
// both I and Q data so it needs to be four times
// as big as the data arrays.
char iqbuffer[MAXSAMPLES*4];

// Declare variables which will be used later
bool done;
FILE *infile;
int index, numsamples, il, i2, ivalue;

// In this example, we'll assume the data files have
// the I and Q data in binary form as unsigned 16 bit integers.
// This next block reads those binary files. If your
// data is in some other format, then replace this block
// with appropriate code for reading your format.
// First read I values
done = false;
index = 0;
infile = fopen(infile, "rb");
if (infile==NULL) perror ("Error opening file to read");
```

```
while(!done)
{
    i1 = fgetc(infile); // read the first byte
    if(i1==EOF) break;
    i2 = fgetc(infile); // read the next byte
    if(i2==EOF) break;
    ivalue=i1+i2*256; // put the two bytes together
    // note that the above format is for a little endian
    // processor such as Intel. Reverse the order for
    // a big endian processor such as Motorola, HP, or Sun
    idata[index++]=ivalue;
    if(index==MAXSAMPLES) break;
}
fclose(infile);

// Then read Q values
index = 0;
infile = fopen(qfile, "rb");
if (infile==NULL) perror ("Error opening file to read");
while(!done)
{
    i1 = fgetc(infile); // read the first byte
    if(i1==EOF) break;
    i2 = fgetc(infile); // read the next byte
    if(i2==EOF) break;
    ivalue=i1+i2*256; // put the two bytes together
    // note that the above format is for a little endian
    // processor such as Intel. Reverse the order for
    // a big endian processor such as Motorola, HP, or Sun
    qdata[index++]=ivalue;
    if(index==MAXSAMPLES) break;
}
fclose(infile);

// Remember the number of samples which were read from the file.
numsamples = index;

// Print the I and Q values to a text file. If you are
// having trouble, look in the file and see if your I and
// Q data looks correct. Plot the data from this file if
// that helps you to diagnose the problem.
FILE *outfile = fopen(ofile, "w");
```

## Creating and Downloading Waveform Files Programming Examples

```
if (outfile==NULL) perror ("Error opening file to write");
for(index=0; index<numsamples; index++)
{
    fprintf(outfile, "%d, %d\n", idata[index], qdata[index]);
}
fclose(outfile);

// The E443xB, E4438C, E8267C or E8267D all use big-endian
// processors. If your software is running on a little-endian
// processor such as Intel, then you will need to swap the
// bytes in the data before sending it to the signal generator.

// The arrays ibuffer and qbuffer are used to hold the data
// after any byte swapping, shifting or scaling.

// In this example, we'll assume that the data is in the format
// of the E443xB without markers. In other words, the data
// is in the range 0-16383.
// 0 gives negative full-scale output
// 8192 gives 0 V output
// 16383 gives positive full-scale output
// If this is not the scaling of your data, then you will need
// to scale your data appropriately in the next two blocks.

// ibuffer and qbuffer will hold the data in the E443xB format.
// No scaling is needed, however we need to swap the byte order
// on a little endian computer. Remove the byte swapping
// if you are using a big endian computer.
for(index=0; index<numsamples; index++)
{
    int ivalue = idata[index];
    int qvalue = qdata[index];
    ibuffer[index*2]   = (ivalue >> 8) & 0xFF; // high byte of i
    ibuffer[index*2+1] = ivalue & 0xFF;           // low byte of i
    qbuffer[index*2]   = (qvalue >> 8) & 0xFF; // high byte of q
    qbuffer[index*2+1] = qvalue & 0xFF;           // low byte of q
}

// iqbuffer will hold the data in the E4438C, E8267C, E8267D
// format. In this format, the I and Q data is interleaved.
// The data is in the range -32768 to 32767.
// -32768 gives negative full-scale output
```

```

//      0 gives 0 V output
//      32767 gives positive full-scale output
// From these ranges, it appears you should offset the
// data by 8192 and scale it by 4. However, due to the
// interpolators in these products, it is better to scale
// the data by a number less than four. Commonly a good
// choice is 70% of 4 which is 2.8.
// By default, the signal generator scales data to 70%
// If you scale the data here, you may want to change the
// signal generator scaling to 100%
// Also we need to swap the byte order on a little endian
// computer. This code also works for big endian order data
// since it swaps bytes based on the order.

for(index=0; index<numsamples; index++)
{
    int iscaled = 2.8*(idata[index]-8192); // shift and scale
    int qscaled = 2.8*(qdata[index]-8192); // shift and scale
    iqbuffer[index*4]   = (iscaled >> 8) & 0xFF; // high byte of i
    iqbuffer[index*4+1] = iscaled & 0xFF;           // low byte of i
    iqbuffer[index*4+2] = (qscaled >> 8) & 0xFF; // high byte of q
    iqbuffer[index*4+3] = qscaled & 0xFF; // low byte of q
}

// Open a connection to write to the instrument
INST id=iopen(instOpenString);
if (!id)
{
    fprintf(stderr, "iopen failed (%s)\n", instOpenString);
    return -1;
}

// Declare variables which will be used later
int bytesToSend;
char s[20];
char cmd[200];

// The E4438C, E8267C and E8267D accept the E443xB format.
// so we can use this next section on any of these signal generators.
// However the E443xB format only uses 14 bits.

bytesToSend = numsamples*2;          // calculate the number of bytes
sprintf(s, "%d", bytesToSend); // create a string s with that number of bytes

```

## Creating and Downloading Waveform Files Programming Examples

```
// The SCPI command has four parts.  
// Part 1 = :MEM:DATA "filename",  
// Part 2 = length of Part 3 when written to a string  
// Part 3 = length of the data in bytes. This is in s from above.  
// Part 4 = the buffer of data  
  
// Build parts 1, 2, and 3 for the I data.  
sprintf(cmd, ":MEM:DATA \\"ARBI:FILE1\\", #d%d", strlen(s), bytesToSend);  
// Send parts 1, 2, and 3  
iwrite(id, cmd, strlen(cmd), 0, 0);  
// Send part 4. Be careful to use the correct command here. In many  
// programming languages, there are two methods to send SCPI commands:  
// Method 1 = stop at the first '0' in the data  
// Method 2 = send a fixed number of bytes, ignoring '0' in the data.  
// You must find and use the correct command for Method 2.  
iwrite(id, ibuffer, bytesToSend, 0, 0);  
// Send a terminating carriage return  
iwrite(id, "\n", 1, 1, 0);  
  
// Identical to the section above, except for the Q data.  
sprintf(cmd, ":MEM:DATA \\"ARBQ:FILE1\\", #d%d", strlen(s), bytesToSend);  
iwrite(id, cmd, strlen(cmd), 0, 0);  
iwrite(id, qbuffer, bytesToSend, 0, 0);  
iwrite(id, "\n", 1, 1, 0);  
  
printf("Loaded FILE1 using the E443xB format\n");  
  
// The E4438C, E8267C and E8267D have a newer faster format which  
// allows 16 bits to be used. However this format is not accepted in  
// the E443xB. Therefore do not use this next section for the E443xB.  
  
printf("Note: Loading FILE2 on a E443xB will cause \"ERROR: 208, I/O error\"\n");  
  
// Identical to the I and Q sections above except  
// a) The I and Q data are interleaved  
// b) The buffer of I+Q is twice as long as the I buffer was.  
// c) The SCPI command uses WFM1 instead of ARBI and ARBQ.  
bytesToSend = numsamples*4;  
sprintf(s, "%d", bytesToSend);  
sprintf(cmd, ":mem:data \\"WFM1:FILE2\\", #d%d", strlen(s), bytesToSend);  
iwrite(id, cmd, strlen(cmd), 0, 0);
```

```
iwrite(id, iqbuffer, bytesToSend, 0, 0);
iwrite(id, "\n", 1, 1, 0);
printf("Loaded FILE2 using the E4438C, E8267C and E8267D format\n");
return 0;
}
```

## MATLAB Programming Examples

This section contains the following programming examples:

- “[Creating and Storing I/Q Data](#)” on page 255
- “[Creating and Downloading a Pulse](#)” on page 258

### Creating and Storing I/Q Data

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is “*offset\_iq\_ml.m*.”

This MATLAB programming example follows the same coding algorithm as the C++ programming example “[Creating and Storing Offset I/Q Data—Big and Little Endian Order](#)” on page 232 and performs the following functions:

- error checking
- data creation
- data normalization
- data scaling
- I/Q signal offset from the carrier (single sideband suppressed carrier signal)
- byte swapping and interleaving for little endian order data
- I and Q interleaving for big endian order data
- binary data file storing to a PC or workstation
- reversal of the data formatting process (byte swapping, interleaving, and normalizing the data)

```
function main
% Using MatLab this example shows how to
% 1.) Create a simple IQ waveform
% 2.) Save the waveform into the Agilent MXG/ESG/PSG Internal Arb format
%     This format is for the N5182A, E4438C, E8267C, and E8267D
%     This format will not work with the earlier E443xB ESG
% 3.) Load the internal Arb format file into a MatLab array

% 1.) Create Simple IQ Signal ****
% This signal is a single tone on the upper
% side of the carrier and is usually referred to as
% a Single Side Band Suppressed Carrier (SSBSC) signal.
% It is nothing more than a cosine waveform in I
% and a sine waveform in Q.
%
points = 1000;      % Number of points in the waveform
cycles = 101;       % Determines the frequency offset from the carrier
```

## Creating and Downloading Waveform Files

### Programming Examples

```
phaseInc = 2*pi*cycles/points;
phase = phaseInc * [0:points-1];

Iwave = cos(phase);
Qwave = sin(phase);

% 2.) Save waveform in internal format *****
% Convert the I and Q data into the internal arb format
% The internal arb format is a single waveform containing interleaved IQ
% data. The I/Q data is signed short integers (16 bits).
% The data has values scaled between +-32767 where
%   DAC Value   Description
%   32767       Maximum positive value of the DAC
%   0           Zero out of the DAC
%  -32767      Maximum negative value of the DAC
% The internal arb expects the data bytes to be in Big Endian format.
% This is opposite of how short integers are saved on a PC (Little Endian).
% For this reason the data bytes are swapped before being saved.

% Interleave the IQ data
waveform(1:2:2*points) = Iwave;
waveform(2:2:2*points) = Qwave;
%[Iwave;Qwave];
%waveform = waveform(:)';

% Normalize the data between +-1
waveform = waveform / max(abs(waveform));    % Watch out for divide by zero.

% Scale to use full range of the DAC
waveform = round(waveform * 32767);          % Data is now effectively signed short integer values

% waveform = round(waveform * (32767 / max(abs(waveform))));    % More efficient than previous two
% steps!

% PRESERVE THE BIT PATTERN but convert the waveform to
% unsigned short integers so the bytes can be swapped.
% Note: Can't swap the bytes of signed short integers in MatLab.
waveform = uint16(mod(65536 + waveform,65536)); %

% If on a PC swap the bytes to Big Endian
if strcmp( computer, 'PCWIN' )
    waveform = bitor(bitshift(waveform,-8),bitshift(waveform,8));

```

```
end

% Save the data to a file
% Note: The waveform is saved as unsigned short integers. However,
%       the acual bit pattern is that of signed short integers and
%       that is how the Agilent MXG/ESG/PSG interprets them.
filename = 'C:\Temp\PSGTestFile';
[FID, message] = fopen(filename,'w');% Open a file to write data
if FID == -1 error('Cannot Open File'); end
fwrite(FID,waveform,'unsigned short');% write to the file
fclose(FID); % close the file

% 3.) Load the internal Arb format file *****
% This process is just the reverse of saving the waveform
% Read in waveform as unsigned short integers.
% Swap the bytes as necessary
% Convert to signed integers then normalize between +-1
% De-interleave the I/Q Data

% Open the file and load the internal format data
[FID, message] = fopen(filename,'r');% Open file to read data
if FID == -1 error('Cannot Open File'); end
[internalWave,n] = fread(FID, 'uint16');% read the IQ file
fclose(FID);% close the file

internalWave = internalWave'; % Conver from column array to row array

% If on a PC swap the bytes back to Little Endian
if strcmp( computer, 'PCWIN' ) % Put the bytes into the correct order
    internalWave= bitor(bitshift(internalWave,-8),bitshift(bitand(internalWave,255),8));
end

% convert unsigned to signed representation
internalWave = double(internalWave);
tmp = (internalWave > 32767.0) * 65536;
iqWave = (internalWave - tmp) ./ 32767; % and normalize the data

% De-Interleave the IQ data
IwaveIn = iqWave(1:2:n);
QwaveIn = iqWave(2:2:n);
```

## Creating and Downloading a Pulse

**NOTE** This section applies only to the Agilent MXG and the PSG.

For the Agilent MXG, the maximum frequency is 6 GHz, and the *pulsepat.m* program's SOURce:FREQuency 20000000000 value must be changed as required in the following programs. For more frequency information, refer to the signal generator's *Data Sheet*.

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is "*pulsepat.m*."

This MATLAB programming example performs the following functions:

- I and Q data creation for 10 pulses
- marker file creation
- data scaling
- downloading using Agilent Waveform Download Assistant functions (see ["Using the Download Utilities" on page 227](#) for more information)

```
% Script file: pulsepat.m
%
% Purpose:
%To calculate and download an arbitrary waveform file that simulates a
%simple antenna scan pulse pattern to the Agilent MXG/PSG vector signal generator.
%
```

% Define Variables:

```
% n -- counting variable (no units)
% t -- time (seconds)
% rise -- raised cosine pulse rise-time definition (samples)
% on -- pulse on-time definition (samples)
% fall -- raised cosine pulse fall-time definition (samples)
% i -- in-phase modulation signal
% q -- quadrature modulation signal
```

```
n=4;                                % defines the number of points in the rise-time and fall-time
t=-1:2/n:1-2/n;                      % number of points translated to time
rise=(1+sin(t*pi/2))/2;                % defines the pulse rise-time shape
on=ones(1,120);                       % defines the pulse on-time characteristics
fall=(1+sin(-t*pi/2))/2;               % defines the pulse fall-time shape
off=zeros(1,896);                     % defines the pulse off-time characteristics
```

```
% arrange the i-samples and scale the amplitude to simulate an antenna scan
% pattern comprised of 10 pulses
i = .707*[rise on fall off...
[.9*[rise on fall off]]...
[.8*[rise on fall off]]...
[.7*[rise on fall off]]...
[.6*[rise on fall off]]...
[.5*[rise on fall off]]...
[.4*[rise on fall off]]...
[.3*[rise on fall off]]...
[.2*[rise on fall off]]...
[.1*[rise on fall off]]];

% set the q-samples to all zeroes
q = zeros(1,10240);

% define a composite iq matrix for download to the Agilent MXG/PSG using the
% Waveform Download Assistant
IQData = [i + (j * q)];

% define a marker matrix and activate a marker to indicate the beginning of the waveform
Markers = zeros(2,length(IQData));      % fill marker array with zero, i.e no markers set
Markers(1,1) = 1;          % set marker to first point of playback

% make a new connection to theAgilent MXG/PSG over the GPIB interface
io = agt_newconnection('gpib',0,19);

% verify that communication with the Agilent MXG/PSG has been established
[status, status_description, query_result] = agt_query(io,'*idn?');
if (status < 0) return; end

% set the carrier frequency and power level on the Agilent MXG/PSG using the Agilent
%Waveform Download Assistant
```

```
[status, status_description] = agt_sendcommand(io, 'SOURce:FREQuency 200000000000');
[status, status_description] = agt_sendcommand(io, 'POWer 0');

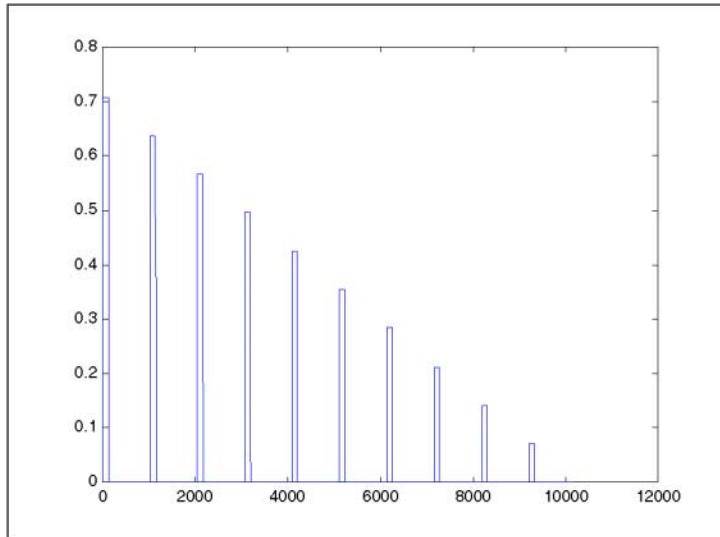
% define the ARB sample clock for playback
sampclk = 40000000;

% download the iq waveform to the PSG baseband generator for playback
[status, status_description] = agt_waveformload(io, IQData, 'pulsepat', sampclk, 'play', 'no_normscale',
Markers);

% turn on RF output power
[status, status_description ] = agt_sendcommand( io, 'OUTPut:STATe ON' )
```

You can test your program by performing a simulated plot of the in-phase modulation signal in Matlab (see [Figure 5-2 on page 260](#)). To do this, enter `plot (i)` at the Matlab command prompt.

**Figure 5-2 Simulated Plot of In-Phase Signal**



The following additional Matlab M-file pulse programming examples are also available on the *Documentation CD-ROM* for your Agilent MXG and PSG signal generator:

---

**NOTE** For the Agilent MXG, the SOURCE:FREQuency 2000000000 value must be changed as required in the following programs. For more information, refer to the *Data Sheet*.

---

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| barker.m     | This programming example calculates and downloads an arbitrary waveform file that simulates a simple 7-bit Barker RADAR signal to the PSG vector signal generator.   |
| chirp.m      | This programming example calculates and downloads an arbitrary waveform file that simulates a simple compressed pulse RADAR signal using linear FM chirp to the PSG vector signal generator.   |
| FM.m         | This programming example calculates and downloads an arbitrary waveform file that simulates a single tone FM signal with a rate of 6 KHz, deviation of =/- 14.3 KHz, Bessel null of dev/rate=2.404 to the Agilent MXG/PSG vector signal generator. |
| nchirp.m     | This programming example calculates and downloads an arbitrary waveform file that simulates a simple compressed pulse RADAR signal using non-linear FM chirp to the PSG vector signal generator.   |
| pulse.m      | This programming example calculates and downloads an arbitrary waveform file that simulates a simple pulse signal to the PSG vector signal generator.  |
| pulsedroop.m | This programming example calculates and downloads an arbitrary waveform file that simulates a simple pulse signal with pulse droop to the PSG vector signal generator.   |

## Visual Basic Programming Examples

### Creating I/Q Data—Little Endian Order

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is "*Create\_IQData\_vb.txt*."

This Visual Basic programming example, using Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0, uses little endian order data, and performs the following functions:

- error checking
- I an Q integer array creation
- I an Q data interleaving
- byte swapping to convert to big endian order
- binary data file storing to a PC or workstation

Once the file is created, you can download the file to the signal generator using FTP (see "[FTP Procedures](#)" on page 210).

```
*****  
' Program Name: Create_IQData  
' Program Description: This program creates a sine and cosine wave using 200 I/Q data  
' samples. Each I and Q value is represented by a 2 byte integer. The sample points are  
' calculated, scaled using the AMPLITUDE constant of 32767, and then stored in an array  
' named iq_data. The AMPLITUDE scaling allows for full range I/Q modulator DAC values.  
' Data must be in 2's complement, MSB/LSB big-endian format. If your PC uses LSB/MSB  
' format, then the integer bytes must be swapped. This program converts the integer  
' array values to hex data types and then swaps the byte positions before saving the  
' data to the IQ_DataVB file.  
*****  
  
Private Sub Create_IQData()  
Dim index As Integer  
Dim AMPLITUDE As Integer  
Dim pi As Double  
Dim loByte As Byte  
Dim hiByte As Byte  
Dim loHex As String  
Dim hiHex As String  
Dim strSrc As String  
Dim numPoints As Integer  
Dim FileHandle As Integer  
Dim data As Byte  
Dim iq_data() As Byte  
Dim strFilename As String  
  
strFilename = "C:\IQ_DataVB"  
  
Const SAMPLES = 200      ' Number of sample PAIRS of I and Q integers for the waveform
```

```

AMPLITUDE = 32767      ' Scale the amplitude for full range of the signal generators
                        ' I/Q modulator DAC

pi = 3.141592

Dim intIQ_Data(0 To 2 * SAMPLES - 1)  'Array for I and Q integers: 400
ReDim iq_data(0 To (4 * SAMPLES - 1)) 'Need MSB and LSB bytes for each integer value: 800

'Create an integer array of I/Q pairs

For index = 0 To (SAMPLES - 1)
    intIQ_Data(2 * index) = CInt(AMPLITUDE * Sin(2 * pi * index / SAMPLES))
    intIQ_Data(2 * index + 1) = CInt(AMPLITUDE * Cos(2 * pi * index / SAMPLES))
Next index

'Convert each integer value to a hex string and then write into the iq_data byte array
'MSB, LSB ordered
For index = 0 To (2 * SAMPLES - 1)
    strSrc = Hex(intIQ_Data(index)) 'convert the integer to a hex value

    If Len(strSrc) <> 4 Then
        strSrc = String(4 - Len(strSrc), "0") & strSrc 'Convert to hex format i.e "800F
    End If
                           'Pad with 0's if needed to get 4
                           'characters i.e '0' to "0000"

    hiHex = Mid$(strSrc, 1, 2)      'Get the first two hex values (MSB)
    loHex = Mid$(strSrc, 3, 2)      'Get the next two hex values (LSB)
    loByte = CByte("&H" & loHex) 'Convert to byte data type LSB
    hiByte = CByte("&H" & hiHex) 'Convert to byte data type MSB

    iq_data(2 * index) = hiByte      'MSB into first byte
    iq_data(2 * index + 1) = loByte  'LSB into second byte

Next index

'Now write the data to the file

FileHandle = FreeFile()      'Get a file number

numPoints = UBound(iq_data) 'Get the number of bytes in the file

Open strFilename For Binary Access Write As #FileHandle Len = numPoints + 1

```

## Creating and Downloading Waveform Files

### Programming Examples

```
On Error GoTo file_error

For index = 0 To (numPoints)
    data = iq_data(index)
    Put #FileHandle, index + 1, data 'Write the I/Q data to the file
Next index

Close #FileHandle

Call MsgBox("Data written to file " & strFilename, vbOKOnly, "Download")

Exit Sub

file_error:
    MsgBox Err.Description
    Close #FileHandle

End Sub
```

## Downloading I/Q Data

On the signal generator's documentation CD, this programming example's name is "Download\_File\_vb.txt."

This Visual Basic programming example, using Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0, downloads the file created in "Creating I/Q Data—Little Endian Order" on page 262 into non-volatile memory using a LAN connection. To use GPIB, replace the instOpenString object declaration with "GPIB::19::INSTR". To download the data into volatile memory, change the instDestfile declaration to "USER/BBG1/WAVEFORM/".

---

**NOTE** The example program listed here uses the VISA COM IO API, which includes the WriteIEEEBlock method. This method eliminates the need to format the download command with arbitrary block information such as defining number of bytes and byte numbers. Refer to "SCPI Command Line Structure" on page 205 for more information.

---

This program also includes some error checking to alert you when problems arise while trying to download files. This includes checking to see if the file exists.

```
'*****
' Program Name: Download_File
' Program Description: This program uses Microsoft Visual Basic 6.0 and the Agilent
' VISA COM I/O Library to download a waveform file to the signal generator.
'
' The program downloads a file (the previously created 'IQ_DataVB' file) to the signal
' generator. Refer to the Programming Guide for information on binary
' data requirements for file downloads. The waveform data 'IQ_DataVB' is
' downloaded to the signal generator's non-volatile memory(NVWFM)
' "/USER/WAVEFORM/IQ_DataVB". For volatile memory(WFM1) download to the
' "/USER/BBG1/WAVEFORM/IQ_DataVB" directory.
'
' You must reference the Agilent VISA COM Resource Manager and VISA COM 1.0 Type
' Library in your Visual Basic project in the Project/References menu.
' The VISA COM 1.0 Type Library, corresponds to VISACOM.tlb and the Agilent
' VISA COM Resource Manager, corresponds to AgtRM.DLL.
' The VISA COM 488.2 Formatted I/O 1.0, corresponds to the BasicFormattedIO.dll
' Use a statement such as "Dim Instr As VisaComLib.FormattedIO488" to
' create the formatted I/O reference and use
' "Set Instr = New VisaComLib.FormattedIO488" to create the actual object.
'*****
' IMPORTANT: Use the TCPIP address of your signal generator in the rm.Open
' declaraion. If you are using the GPIB interface in your project use "GPIB::19::INSTR"
' in the rm.Open declaration.
'*****
```

## Creating and Downloading Waveform Files Programming Examples

```
Private Sub Download_File()
    ' The following four lines declare IO objects and instantiate them.
    Dim rm As VisaComLib.ResourceManager
    Set rm = New AgilentRMLib.SRMCLs
    Dim SigGen As VisaComLib.FormattedIO488
    Set SigGen = New VisaComLib.FormattedIO488

    ' NOTE: Use the IP address of your signal generator in the rm.Open declaration
    Set SigGen.IO = rm.Open("TCPIPO::000.000.000.000")

    Dim data As Byte
    Dim iq_data() As Byte
    Dim FileHandle As Integer
    Dim numPoints As Integer
    Dim index As Integer
    Dim Header As String
    Dim response As String
    Dim hiByte As String
    Dim loByte As String
    Dim strFilename As String

    strFilename = "C:\IQ_DataVB" 'File Name and location on PC
        'Data will be saved to the signal generator's NVWFM
        '/USER/WAVEFORM/IQ_DataVB directory.

    FileHandle = FreeFile()

    On Error GoTo errorhandler

    With SigGen
        'Set up the signal generator to accept a download
        .IO.Timeout = 5000      'Timeout 50 seconds
        .WriteString "*RST"    'Reset the signal generator.
    End With

    numPoints = (FileLen(strFilename))  'Get number of bytes in the file: 800 bytes

    ReDim iq_data(0 To numPoints - 1)      'Dimension the iq_data array to the
                                                'size of the IQ_DataVB file: 800 bytes

    Open strFilename For Binary Access Read As #FileHandle  'Open the file for binary read
    On Error GoTo file_error

    For index = 0 To (numPoints - 1)      'Write the IQ_DataVB data to the iq_data array
```

```
Get #FileHandle, index + 1, data      '(index+1) is the record number
iq_data(index) = data
Next index

Close #FileHandle                      'Close the file

'Write the command to the Header string. NOTE: syntax
Header = "MEM:DATA ""/USER/WAVEFORM/IQ_DataVB"", "

'Now write the data to the signal generator's non-volatile memory (NVWFM)

SigGen.WriteIEEEBlock Header, iq_data

SigGen.WriteString "*OPC?"           'Wait for the operation to complete
response = SigGen.ReadString         'Signal generator reponse to the OPC? query
Call MsgBox("Data downloaded to the signal generator", vbOKOnly, "Download")
Exit Sub
errorhandler:
MsgBox Err.Description, vbExclamation, "Error Occurred", Err.HelpFile, Err.HelpContext
Exit Sub
file_error:
Call MsgBox(Err.Description, vbOKOnly)  'Display any error message
Close #FileHandle
End Sub
```

## HP Basic Programming Examples

This section contains the following programming examples:

- “[Creating and Downloading Waveform Data Using HP BASIC for Windows®](#)” on page 267
- “[Creating and Downloading Waveform Data Using HP BASIC for UNIX](#)” on page 270
- “[Creating and Downloading E443xB Waveform Data Using HP BASIC for Windows](#)” on page 272
- “[Creating and Downloading E443xB Waveform Data Using HP Basic for UNIX](#)” on page 274

### Creating and Downloading Waveform Data Using HP BASIC for Windows®

On the documentation CD, this programming example’s name is “*hpbasicWin.txt*.”

The following program will download a waveform using HP Basic for Windows into volatile ARB memory. The waveform generated by this program is the same as the default SINE\_TEST\_WFM waveform file available in the signal generator’s waveform memory. This code is similar to the code shown for BASIC for UNIX but there is a formatting difference in line 130 and line 140.

To download into non-volatile memory, replace line 190 with:

```
190 OUTPUT @PSG USING "#,K";":MMEM:DATA ""NVWFM:testfile"", #"
```

As discussed at the beginning of this section, I and Q waveform data is interleaved into one file in 2's compliment form and a marker file is associated with this I/Q waveform file.

In the Output commands, USING "#,K" formats the data. The pound symbol (#) suppresses the automatic EOL (End of Line) output. This allows multiple output commands to be concatenated as if they were a single output. The "K" instructs HP Basic to output the following numbers or strings in the default format.

```
10 ! RE-SAVE "BASIC_Win_file"
20 Num_points=200
30 ALLOCATE INTEGER Int_array(1:Num_points*2)
40 DEG
50 FOR I=1 TO Num_points*2 STEP 2
60     Int_array(I)=INT(32767*(SIN(I*360/Num_points)))
70 NEXT I
80 FOR I=2 TO Num_points*2 STEP 2
90     Int_array(I)=INT(32767*(COS(I*360/Num_points)))
100 NEXT I
110 PRINT "Data Generated"
120 Nbytes=4*Num_points
130 ASSIGN @PSG TO 719
140 ASSIGN @PSGb TO 719;FORMAT MSB FIRST
150 Nbytes$=VAL$(Nbytes)
160 Ndigits=LEN(Nbytes$)
```

Windows and MS Windows are U.S registered trademarks of Microsoft Corporation.

```
170 Ndigits$=VAL$(Ndigits)
180 WAIT 1
190 OUTPUT @PSG USING "#,K";":MMEM:DATA ""WFM1:data_file""#,#
200 OUTPUT @PSG USING "#,K";Ndigits$
210 OUTPUT @PSG USING "#,K";Nbytes$
220 WAIT 1
230 OUTPUT @PSGb;Int_array(*)
240 OUTPUT @PSG;END
250 ASSIGN @PSG TO *
260 ASSIGN @PSGb TO *
270 PRINT
280 PRINT "*END*"
290 END
```

#### Program Comments

|     |                   |
|-----|-------------------|
| 10: | Program file name |
|-----|-------------------|

**Program Comments (Continued)**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 20:         | Sets the number of points in the waveform.   |
| 30:         | Allocates integer data array for I and Q waveform points.  |
| 40:         | Sets HP BASIC to use degrees for cosine and sine functions.  |
| 50:         | Sets up first loop for I waveform points.  |
| 60:         | Calculate and interleave I waveform points.  |
| 70:         | End of loop  |
| 80          | Sets up second loop for Q waveform points.   |
| 90:         | Calculate and interleave Q waveform points.  |
| 100:        | End of loop.   |
| 120:        | Calculates number of bytes in I/Q waveform.  |
| 130:        | Opens an IO path to the signal generator using GPIB. 7 is the address of the GPIB card in the computer, and 19 is the address of the signal generator. This IO path is used to send ASCII data to the signal generator.                    |
| 140:        | Opens an IO path for sending binary data to the signal generator.  |
| 150:        | Creates an ASCII string representation of the number of bytes in the waveform.   |
| 160 to 170: | Finds the number of digits in Nbytes.  |
| 190:        | Sends the first part of the SCPI command, MEM:DATA along with the name of the file, <code>data_file</code> , that will receive the waveform data. The name, <code>data_file</code> , will appear in the signal generator's memory catalog. |
| 200 to 210: | Sends the rest of the ASCII header.  |
| 230:        | Sends the binary data. Note that <code>PSGb</code> is the binary IO path.  |
| 240:        | Sends an End-of-Line to terminate the transmission.  |
| 250 to 260: | Closes the connections to the signal generator.  |
| 290:        | End the program.   |

## Creating and Downloading Waveform Data Using HP BASIC for UNIX

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is "*hpbasicUx.txt*."

The following program shows you how to download waveforms using HP Basic for UNIX. The code is similar to that shown for HP BASIC for Windows, but there is a formatting difference in line 130 and line 140.

To download into non-volatile memory, replace line 190 with:

```
190 OUTPUT @PSG USING "#,K";:MMEM:DATA ""NVWFM:testfile"", #"
```

As discussed at the beginning of this section, I and Q waveform data is interleaved into one file in 2's compliment form and a marker file is associated with this I/Q waveform file.

In the Output commands, USING "#,K" formats the data. The pound symbol (#) suppresses the automatic EOL (End of Line) output. This allows multiple output commands to be concatenated as if they were a single output. The "K" instructs HP BASIC to output the following numbers or strings in the default format.

```
10 ! RE-SAVE "UNIX_file"
20 Num_points=200
30 ALLOCATE INTEGER Int_array(1:Num_points*2)
40 DEG
50 FOR I=1 TO Num_points*2 STEP 2
60   Int_array(I)=INT(32767*(SIN(I*360/Num_points)))
70 NEXT I
80 FOR I=2 TO Num_points*2 STEP 2
90   Int_array(I)=INT(32767*(COS(I*360/Num_points)))
100 NEXT I
110 PRINT "Data generated "
120 Nbytes=4*Num_points
130 ASSIGN @PSG TO 719;FORMAT ON
140 ASSIGN @PSGb TO 719;FORMAT OFF
150 Nbytes$=VAL$(Nbytes)
160 Ndigits=LEN(Nbytes$)
170 Ndigits$=VAL$(Ndigits)
180 WAIT 1
190 OUTPUT @PSG USING "#,K";:MMEM:DATA "WFM1:data_file","",#
200 OUTPUT @PSG USING "#,K";Ndigits$
210 OUTPUT @PSG USING "#,K";Nbytes$
220 WAIT 1
230 OUTPUT @PSGb;Int_array(*)
240 WAIT 2
241 OUTPUT @PSG;END
250 ASSIGN @PSG TO *
260 ASSIGN @PSGb TO *
270 PRINT
280 PRINT "*END*"
```

290 END

**Program Comments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 10:         | Program file name  |
| 20:         | Sets the number of points in the waveform.   |
| 30:         | Allocates integer data array for I and Q waveform points.  |
| 40:         | Sets HP BASIC to use degrees for cosine and sine functions.  |
| 50:         | Sets up first loop for I waveform points.  |
| 60:         | Calculate and interleave I waveform points.  |
| 70:         | End of loop  |
| 80          | Sets up second loop for Q waveform points.   |
| 90:         | Calculate and interleave Q waveform points.  |
| 100:        | End of loop.   |
| 120:        | Calculates number of bytes in I/Q waveform.  |
| 130:        | Opens an IO path to the signal generator using GPIB. 7 is the address of the GPIB card in the computer, and 19 is the address of the signal generator. This IO path is used to send ASCII data to the signal generator.        |
| 140:        | Opens an IO path for sending binary data to the signal generator.  |
| 150:        | Creates an ASCII string representation of the number of bytes in the waveform.   |
| 160 to 170: | Finds the number of digits in Nbytes.  |
| 190:        | Sends the first part of the SCPI command, MEM:DATA along with the name of the file, <i>data_file</i> , that will receive the waveform data. The name, <i>data_file</i> , will appear in the signal generator's memory catalog. |
| 200 to 210: | Sends the rest of the ASCII header.  |
| 230:        | Sends the binary data. Note that <i>PSGb</i> is the binary IO path.  |
| 240:        | Sends an End-of-Line to terminate the transmission.  |
| 250 to 260: | Closes the connections to the signal generator.  |
| 290:        | End the program.   |

### Creating and Downloading E443xB Waveform Data Using HP BASIC for Windows

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is "e443xb\_hpbasicWin2.txt."

The following program shows you how to download waveforms using HP Basic for Windows into volatile ARB memory. This program is similar to the following program example as well as the previous examples. The difference between BASIC for UNIX and BASIC for Windows is the way the formatting, for the most significant bit (MSB) on lines 110 and 120, is handled.

To download into non-volatile ARB memory, replace line 160 with:

```
160 OUTPUT @ESG USING "#,K";:MMEM:DATA ""NVARBI:testfile"", #"
```

and replace line 210 with:

```
210 OUTPUT @ESG USING "#,K";:MMEM:DATA ""NVARBQ:testfile"", #"
```

First, the I waveform data is put into an array of integers called `Iwfm_data` and the Q waveform data is put into an array of integers called `Qwfm_data`. The variable `Nbytes` is set to equal the number of bytes in the I waveform data. This should be twice the number of integers in `Iwfm_data`, since an integer is 2 bytes. Input integers must be between 0 and 16383.

In the Output commands, USING "#,K" formats the data. The pound symbol (#) suppresses the automatic EOL (End of Line) output. This allows multiple output commands to be concatenated as if they were a single output. The "K" instructs HP Basic to output the following numbers or strings in the default format.

```
10 ! RE-SAVE "ARB_IQ_Win_file"
20 Num_points=200
30 ALLOCATE INTEGER Iwfm_data(1:Num_points),Qwfm_data(1:Num_points)
40 DEG
50 FOR I=1 TO Num_points
60   Iwfm_data(I)=INT(8191*(SIN(I*360/Num_points))+8192)
70   Qwfm_data(I)=INT(8191*(COS(I*360/Num_points))+8192)
80 NEXT I
90 PRINT "Data Generated"
100 Nbytes=2*Num_points
110 ASSIGN @Esg TO 719
120 !ASSIGN @Esgb TO 719;FORMAT MSB FIRST
130 Nbytes$=VAL$(Nbytes)
140 Ndigits=LEN(Nbytes$)
150 Ndigits$=VAL$(Ndigits)
160 OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";:MMEM:DATA ""ARBI:file_name_1"" ,#
170 OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";Ndigits$
180 OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";Nbytes$
190 OUTPUT @Esgb;Iwfm_data(*)
200 OUTPUT @Esg;END
210 OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";:MMEM:DATA ""ARBQ:file_name_1"" ,#
220 OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";Ndigits$
230 OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";Nbytes$
240 OUTPUT @Esgb;Qwfm_data(*)
```

```
250  OUTPUT @Esg;END
260  ASSIGN @Esg TO *
270  ASSIGN @Esbg TO *
280  PRINT
290  PRINT "*END*"
300  END
```

**Program Comments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 10:          | Program file name.  |
| 20           | Sets the number of points in the waveform.                                  |
| 30:          | Defines arrays for I and Q waveform points. Sets them to be integer arrays. |
| 40:          | Sets HP BASIC to use degrees for cosine and sine functions.                 |
| 50:          | Sets up loop to calculate waveform points.                                  |
| 60:          | Calculates I waveform points.   |
| 70:          | Calculates Q waveform points.   |
| 80:          | End of loop.  |
| 160 and 210: | The I and Q waveform files have the same name                               |
| 90 to 300:   | See the <a href="#">table on page 268</a> for program comments.             |

### Creating and Downloading E443xB Waveform Data Using HP Basic for UNIX

On the documentation CD, this programming example's name is "e443xb\_hpbasicUx2.txt."

The following program shows you how to download waveforms using HP BASIC for UNIX. It is similar to the previous program example. The difference is the way the formatting for the most significant bit (MSB) on lines is handled.

First, the I waveform data is put into an array of integers called `Iwfm_data` and the Q waveform data is put into an array of integers called `Qwfm_data`. The variable `Nbytes` is set to equal the number of bytes in the I waveform data. This should be twice the number of integers in `Iwfm_data`, since an integer is represented 2 bytes. Input integers must be between 0 and 16383.

In the Output commands, USING "#,K" formats the data. The pound symbol (#) suppresses the automatic EOL (End of Line) output. This allows multiple output commands to be concatenated as if they were a single output. The "K" instructs HP BASIC to output the following numbers or strings in the default format.

```
10      ! RE-SAVE "ARB_IQ_file"
20      Num_points=200
30      ALLOCATE INTEGER Iwfm_data(1:Num_points),Qwfm_data(1:Num_points)
40      DEG
50      FOR I=1 TO Num_points
60          Iwfm_data(I)=INT(8191*(SIN(I*360/Num_points))+8192)
70          Qwfm_data(I)=INT(8191*(COS(I*360/Num_points))+8192)
80      NEXT I
90      PRINT "Data Generated"
100     Nbytes=2*Num_points
110     ASSIGN @Esg TO 719;FORMAT ON
120     ASSIGN @Esqb TO 719;FORMAT OFF
130     Nbytes$=VAL$(Nbytes)
140     Ndigits=LEN(Nbytes$)
150     Ndigits$=VAL$(Ndigits)
160     OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";":MMEM:DATA ""ARBI:file_name_1"" ,#
170     OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";Ndigits$
180     OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";Nbytes$
190     OUTPUT @Esqb;Iwfm_data(*)
200     OUTPUT @Esg;END
210     OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";":MMEM:DATA ""ARBQ:file_name_1"" ,#
220     OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";Ndigits$
230     OUTPUT @Esg USING "#,K";Nbytes$
240     OUTPUT @Esqb;Qwfm_data(*)
250     OUTPUT @Esg;END
260     ASSIGN @Esg TO *
270     ASSIGN @Esqb TO *
280     PRINT
290     PRINT "*END*"
```

300 END

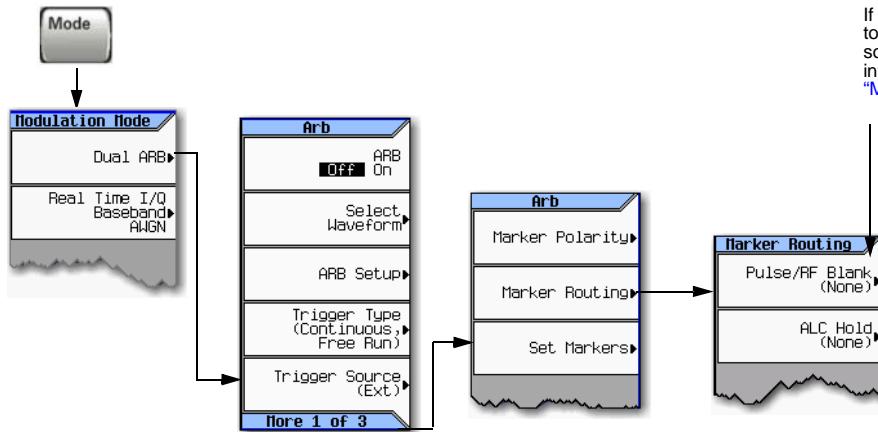
**Program Comments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 10:          | Program file name.  |
| 20           | Sets the number of points in the waveform.                                  |
| 30:          | Defines arrays for I and Q waveform points. Sets them to be integer arrays. |
| 40:          | Sets HP BASIC to use degrees for cosine and sine functions.                 |
| 50:          | Sets up loop to calculate waveform points.                                  |
| 60:          | Calculates I waveform points.   |
| 70:          | Calculates Q waveform points.   |
| 80:          | End of loop.  |
| 160 and 210: | The I and Q waveform files have the same name                               |
| 90 to 300    | See the <a href="#">table on page 271</a> for program comments.             |

## Troubleshooting Waveform Files

| Symptom                        | Possible Cause  |
|--------------------------------|---|
| ERROR 224, Text file busy      | Attempting to download a waveform that has the same name as the waveform currently being played by the signal generator.<br><br>To solve the problem, either change the name of the waveform being downloaded or turn off the ARB.  |
| ERROR 628, DAC over range      | The amplitude of the signal exceeds the DAC input range. The typical causes are unforeseen overshoot (DAC values within range) or the input values exceed the DAC range.<br><br>To solve the problem, scale or reduce the DAC input values. For more information, see <a href="#">“DAC Input Values” on page 188</a> .<br><br>On the Agilent MXG, this error can occur if an encrypted file (.SECUREWAVE) is being downloaded to the signal generator from a PC or USB Media with a different suffix (i.e. <i>not</i> .SECUREWAVE).<br><br>To solve the problem, use the <b>Use as</b> or <b>Copy File to Instrument</b> softkey menus to download the encrypted file to the instrument. For more information, see <a href="#">“Encrypted I/Q Files and the Securewave Directory (Agilent MXG)” on page 205</a> . |
| ERROR 629, File format invalid | The signal generator requires a minimum of 60 samples to build a waveform and the same number of I and Q data points.   |
| ERROR -321, Out of memory      | There is not enough space in the ARB memory for the waveform file being downloaded.<br><br>To solve the problem, either reduce the file size of the waveform file or delete unnecessary files from ARB memory. Refer to <a href="#">“Waveform Memory” on page 198</a> .   |
| No RF Output                   | The marker RF blanking function may be active. To check for and turn RF blanking off, refer to <a href="#">“Configuring the Pulse/RF Blank (Agilent MXG)” on page 277</a> and <a href="#">“Configuring the Pulse/RF Blank (ESG/PSG)” on page 277</a> . This problem occurs when the file header contains unspecified settings and a previously played waveform used the marker RF blanking function.<br><br>For more information on the marker functions, see the <i>User’s Guide</i> .   |
| Undesired output signal        | Check for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The data was downloaded in little endian order. See <a href="#">“Little Endian and Big Endian (Byte Order)” on page 186</a> for more information.</li><li>• The waveform contains an odd number of samples. An odd number of samples can cause waveform discontinuity. See <a href="#">“Waveform Phase Continuity” on page 195</a> for more information.</li></ul>   |

## Configuring the Pulse/RF Blank (Agilent MXG)

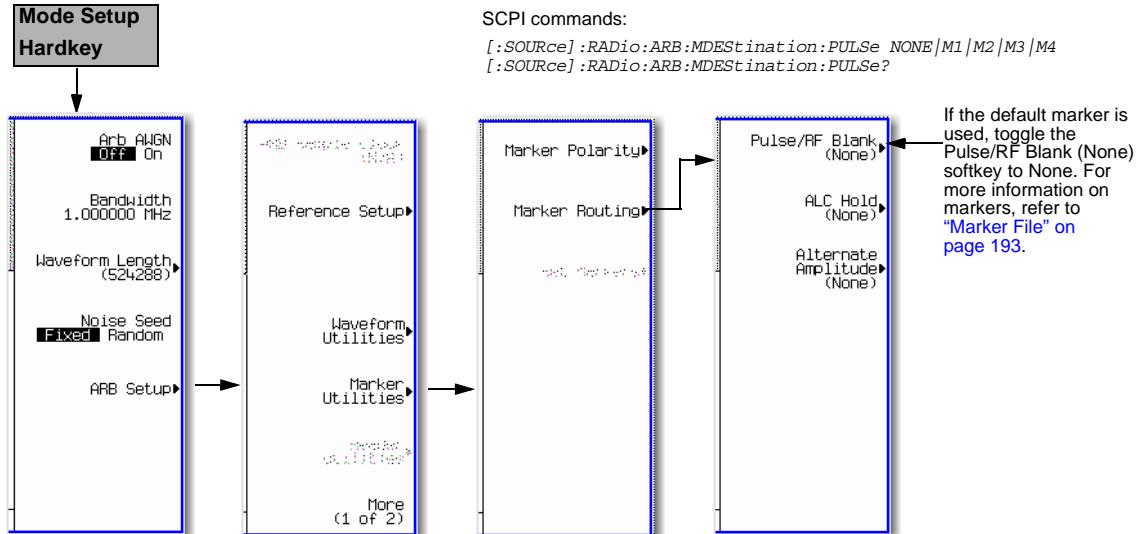


SCPI commands:

`[:SOURce] :RADIO[1] :ARB:MDEStination:PULSe NONE/M1/M2/M3/M4`  
`[:SOURce] :RADIO[1] :ARB:MDEStination:PULSe?`

For details on each key, use the key help. Refer to ["Getting Help \(Agilent MXG\)" on page 18](#) and the *User's Guide*. For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.

## Configuring the Pulse/RF Blank (ESG/PSG)



For details on each key, use the *Key and Data Field Reference*. For additional SCPI command information, refer to the SCPI Command Reference.



---

# 6 Creating and Downloading User-Data Files

---

**NOTE** Some features apply to only the E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602 and E8267D with Option 601 or 602. These exceptions are indicated in the sections.

On the Agilent MXG, the internal baseband generator speed upgrade Options 670, 671, and 672 are option upgrades that *require* Option 651 and 652 to have been loaded at the factory (refer to the *Data Sheet* for more information). Any references to 651, 652, or 654 are inclusive of 671, 672, and 674.

The following sections and procedures contain remote SCPI commands. For front panel key commands, refer to the *User's Guide, Key and Data Field Reference* (ESG, PSG, and E8663B), or to the Key Help in the signal generator.

---

This chapter explains the requirements and processes for creating and downloading user-data, and contains the following sections:

- “User File Data (Bit/Binary) Downloads (E4438C and E8267D)” on page 286
- “Pattern RAM (PRAM) Data Downloads (E4438C and E8267D)” on page 309
- “FIR Filter Coefficient Downloads (N5182A, E4438C and E8267D)” on page 322
- “Save and Recall Instrument State Files” on page 325
- “User Flatness Correction Downloads Using C++ and VISA” on page 336
- “Data Transfer Troubleshooting (N5182A, E4438C and E8267D Only)” on page 340

## Overview

User data is a generic term for various data types created by the user and stored in the signal generator. This includes the following data (file) types:

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Bit                      | This file type lets the user download payload data for use in streaming or framed signals. It lets the user determine how many bits in the file the signal generator uses.   |
| Binary                   | This file type provides payload data for use in streaming or framed signals. It differs from the bit file type in that you cannot specify a set number of bits. Instead the signal generator uses all bits in the file for streaming data and all bits that fill a frame for framed data. If there are not enough bits to fill a frame, the signal generator truncates the data and repeats the file from the beginning. |
| PRAM                     | With this file type, the user provides the payload data along with the bits to control signal attributes such as bursting. This file type is available for only the real-time Custom and TDMA modulation formats.  |
| FIR Filter               | This file type stores user created custom filters.   |
| State                    | This file type lets the user store signal generator settings, which can be recalled. This provides a quick method for reconfiguring the signal generator when switching between different signal setups.   |
| User Flatness Correction | This file type lets the user store amplitude corrections for frequency.  |

Prior to creating and downloading files, you need to take into consideration the file size and the amount of remaining signal generator memory. For more information, see [“Signal Generator Memory” on page 281](#)

## Signal Generator Memory

The signal generator provides two types of memory, volatile and non-volatile.

**NOTE** User BIT, and User PRAM references are only applicable to the E4438C with Options 001, 002, 601, or 602, and E8267D with Options 601 or 602.

User FIR references are only applicable to the N5182A with Options 651, 652, or 654, E4438C with Options 001, 002, 601, or 602, and E8267D with Options 601 or 602.

Volatile Random access memory that does not survive cycling of the signal generator power. This memory is commonly referred to as waveform memory (WFM1) or pattern RAM (PRAM). Refer to [Table 7](#) for the file types that share this memory:

**Table 7 Signal Generators and Volatile Memory File Types**

| Volatile Memory Type                                       | Model of Signal Generator           |  |                          |                               |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | N5182A with Option 651, 652, or 654 | E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602 | E8267D Option 601 or 602 | All Other models <sup>a</sup> |
| I/Q  | x                                   | x  | x                        | -                             |
| Marker   | x                                   | x  | x                        | -                             |
| File header  | x                                   | x  | x                        | -                             |
| User PRAM  | -                                   | x  | x                        | -                             |
| User Binary  | x                                   | x  | x                        | -                             |
| User Bit   | -                                   | x  | x                        | -                             |
| Waveform Sequences<br>(multiple I/Q files played together) | n/a <sup>b</sup>                    | n/a <sup>b</sup>                         | n/a <sup>b</sup>         | -                             |

a. N5181A, N5183A, E8663B, E4428C, and the E8257D.

b. Waveform sequences are always in non-volatile memory.

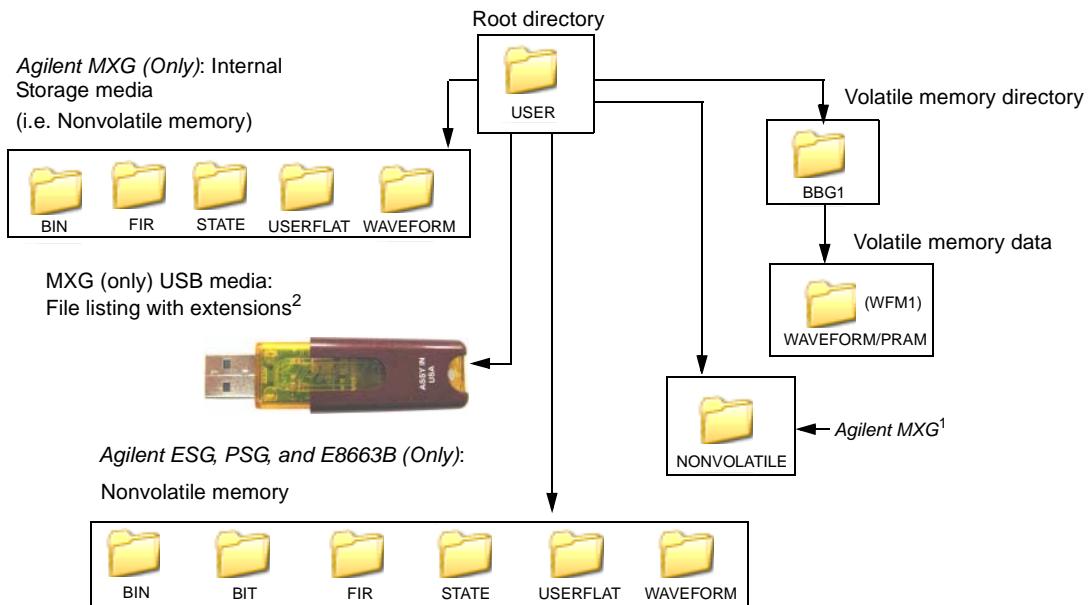
Non-volatile Storage memory where files survive cycling of the signal generator power. Files remain until overwritten or deleted. Refer to [Table 7-1 on page 282](#) for the file types that share this memory:

**Table 7-1 Signal Generators and Non-Volatile Memory Types**

| Non-Volatile Memory Type                                   | Model of Signal Generator           |  |                          |                               |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | N5182A with Option 651, 652, or 654 | E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602 | E8267D Option 601 or 602 | All Other models <sup>a</sup> |
| I/Q  | X                                   | X  | X                        | -                             |
| Marker   | X                                   | X  | X                        | -                             |
| File header  | X                                   | X  | X                        | -                             |
| Sweep List   | X                                   | X  | X                        | -                             |
| User PRAM  | -                                   | X  | X                        | -                             |
| User Binary  | X                                   | X  | X                        | -                             |
| User Bit   | -                                   | X  | X                        | -                             |
| User FIR   | X                                   | X  | X                        | -                             |
| Instrument State   | X                                   | X  | X                        | X                             |
| Waveform Sequences<br>(multiple I/Q files played together) | X                                   | X  | X                        | -                             |

a.N5181A, N5183A, E8663B, E4428C, and the E8257D.

The following figure shows the signal generator's directory structure for the user-data files.



<sup>1</sup>This NONVOLATILE directory shows the files with the same extensions as the USB media and is useful with ftp.

<sup>2</sup>The Agilent MXG uses an optional "USB media" to store non-volatile waveform data.

## Memory Allocation

### Volatile Memory

The signal generator allocates volatile memory in blocks of 1024 bytes. For example, a user-data file with 60 bytes uses 1024 bytes of memory. For a file that is too large to fit into 1024 bytes, the signal generator allocates additional memory in multiples of 1024 bytes. For example, the signal generator allocates 3072 bytes of memory for a file with 2500 bytes.

$$3 \times 1024 \text{ bytes} = 3072 \text{ bytes of memory}$$

As shown in the examples, files can cause the signal generator to allocate more memory than what is actually used, which decreases the amount of available memory.

User-data blocks consist of 1024 bytes of memory. Each user-data file has a file header that uses 512 bytes for the Agilent MXG, or 256 bytes for the ESG/PSG in the first data block for each user-data file.

### Non-Volatile Memory (Agilent MXG)

On the N518xA, non-volatile files are stored on the non-volatile internal signal generator memory (i.e. internal storage) or to the USB media, if available. The Agilent MXG non-volatile internal memory allocated according to a Microsoft compatible file allocation table (FAT) file system. The Agilent MXG signal generator allocates non-volatile memory in clusters according to the drive size

(see [table on page 284](#)). For example, referring to [table on page 284](#), if the drive size is 15 MB and if the file is less than or equal to 4k bytes, the file uses only one 4 KB cluster of memory. For files larger than 4 KB, and with a drive size of 15 MB, the signal generator allocates additional memory in multiples of 4KB clusters. For example, a file that has 21,538 bytes consumes 6 memory clusters (24,000 bytes).

On the Agilent MXG the non-volatile memory is *also* referred to as internal storage and USB media. The Internal and USB media files /USERS/NONVOLATILE Directory contains file names with full extensions (i.e. .marker, .header, etc.-).

For more information on default cluster sizes for FAT file structures, refer to [Table 7-2 on page 284](#) and to <http://support.microsoft.com/>.

**Table 7-2**

| Drive Size (logical volume) | Cluster Size (Bytes)<br>(Minimum Allocation Size) |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 0 MB - 15 MB                | 4K  |
| 16 MB - 127 MB              | 2K  |
| 128 MB - 255 MB             | 4K  |
| 256 MB - 511 MB             | 8K  |
| 512 MB - 1023 MB            | 16K   |
| 1024 MB - 2048 MB           | 32K   |
| 2048 MB - 4096 MB           | 64K   |
| 4096 MB - 8192 MB           | 128K  |
| 8192 MB - 16384 MB          | 256K  |

### Non-Volatile Memory (ESG, PSG, and E8663B)

The signal generator allocates non-volatile memory in blocks of 512 bytes. For files less than or equal to 512 bytes, the file uses only one block of memory. For files larger than 512 bytes, the signal generator allocates additional memory in multiples of 512 byte blocks. For example, a file that has 21,538 bytes consumes 43 memory blocks (22,016 bytes).

### Memory Size

For the E4438C, E8267D, and E8663B, the maximum volatile memory size for user data is less than the maximum size for waveform files. This is because the signal generator permanently allocates a portion of the volatile memory for waveform markers. The values in [Table 8](#) is the total amount of memory after deducting the waveform marker memory allocation.

The amount of available memory, volatile and non-volatile, varies by signal generator option and the size of the other files that share the memory. The baseband generator (BBG) options contain the volatile memory. [Table 8](#) shows the maximum available memory assuming that there are no other files residing in memory.

**Table 8 Maximum Signal Generator Memory**

| Volatile (WFM1/PRAM) Memory         |        | Non-Volatile (NVWFM) Memory |                 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Option                              | Size   | Option                      | Size            |
| <b>N5182A</b>                       |        |                             |                 |
| 651, 652, 654 <sup>a</sup><br>(BBG) | 40 MB  | Standard                    | 512 MB          |
| 019                                 | 320 MB |                             | user determined |
| <b>E4438C and E8267D</b>            |        |                             |                 |
| 001, 601<br>(BBG) <sup>b</sup>      | 32 MB  | Standard                    | 512 MB          |
| 002 (BBG) <sup>b</sup>              | 128 MB |                             | 6 GB            |
| 602 (BBG)                           | 256 MB |                             | ----            |

a. The internal baseband generator speed upgrade Options 670, 671, and 672 are option upgrades that require Option 651 and 652 to have been loaded at the factory (refer to the *Data Sheet* for more information). Any references to 651, 652, or 654 are inclusive of 671, 672, and 674.

b. Options 001 and 002 apply to only the E4438C ESG.

## Checking Available Memory

Whenever you download a user-data file, you must be aware of the amount of remaining signal generator memory. [Table 8-1](#) shows where each user-data file type is downloaded and from which memory type the signal generator accesses the file data. Information on downloading a user-data file is located within each user-data file section.

**NOTE** The Bit, PRAM, and State user-data (file) types only apply to the E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602, and the E8267D with Option 601 or 602.

The FIR filter, (file) types only apply to the N5182A with Option 651, 652, or 654, E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602, and the E8267D with Option 601 or 602.

**Table 8-1 User-Data File Memory Location**

| User-Data File Type | Download Memory | Access Memory |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Bit                 | Non-volatile    | Volatile      |
| Binary              | Non-volatile    | Volatile      |

**Table 8-1 User-Data File Memory Location**

| User-Data File Type | Download Memory | Access Memory |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| PRAM                | Volatile        | Volatile      |
| Instrument State    | Non-volatile    | Non-volatile  |
| FIR                 | Non-volatile    | Non-volatile  |
| Flatness            | Non-volatile    | Non-volatile  |

Bit and binary files increase in size when the signal generator loads the data from non-volatile to volatile memory. For more information, see “[User File Size](#)” on page 292.

Use the following SCPI commands to determine the amount of remaining memory:

Volatile Memory :MMEM:CAT? “WFM1”

The query returns the following information:

<memory used>, <memory remaining>, <“file\_names”>

Non-Volatile Memory :MEM:CAT:ALL?

The query returns the following information:

<memory used>, <memory remaining>, <“file\_names”>

---

**NOTE** The signal generator calculates the memory values based on the number of bytes used by the files residing in volatile or non-volatile memory, and not on the memory block allocation. To accurately determine the available memory, you must calculate the number of blocks of memory used by the files. For more information on memory block allocation, see “[Memory Allocation](#)” on page 283.

---

## User File Data (Bit/Binary) Downloads (E4438C and E8267D)

---

**NOTE** This section applies only to the E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602, and the E8267D with Option 601 or 602.

If you encounter problems with this section, refer to “[Data Transfer Troubleshooting \(N5182A, E4438C and E8267D Only\)](#)” on page 340.

To verify the SCPI parser’s responsiveness when remotely using the :MEM:DATA SCPI command to upload files, the file’s upload should be verified using the \*STB? command. Refer to the *SCPI Command Reference*.

---

The signal generator accepts externally created and downloaded user file data for real-time modulation formats that have user file as a data selection (shown as <“file\_name”> in the data selection SCPI command). When you select a user file, the signal generator incorporates the user file data (payload data) into the modulation format’s data fields. You can create the data using programs such as MATLAB or Mathcad. The following table shows the available real-time modulation formats by signal generator model:

| E4438C ESG          |                     | E2867D PSG |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| CDMA <sup>a</sup>   | TDMA <sup>b</sup>   |            |
| Custom <sup>c</sup> | W-CDMA <sup>d</sup> |            |
| GPS <sup>e</sup>    | ---                 |            |

- a. Requires Option 401.
- b. Real-time TDMA modulation formats require Option 402 and include EDGE, GSM, NADC, PDC, PHS, DECT, and TETRA.
- c. For ESG, requires Option 001, 002, 601, or 602, for PSG requires Option 601 or 602.
- d. Requires Option 400.
- e. Requires Option 409.

The signal generator uses two file types for downloaded user file data: bit and binary. With a bit file, the signal generator views the data up to the number of bits specified when the file was downloaded. For example, if you specify to use 153 bits from a 160 bit (20 bytes) file, the signal generator transmits 153 bits and ignores the remaining 7 bits. This provides a flexible means in which to control the number of transmitted data bits. It is the preferred file type and the easiest one to use.

With a binary file, the signal generator sees all bytes (bits) in a downloaded file and attempts to use them. This can present challenges especially when working with framed data. In this situation, your file needs to contain enough bits to fill a frame or timeslot, or multiple frames or timeslots, to end on the desired boundary. To accomplish this, you may have to remove or add bytes. If there are not enough bits remaining in the file to fill a frame or timeslot, the signal generator truncates the data causing a discontinuity in the data pattern.

You download a user file to either the Bit or Binary memory catalog (directory). Unlike a PRAM file (covered later in this chapter), user file data does not contain control bits, it is just data. The signal generator adds control bits to the user file data when it generates the signal. There are two ways that the signal generator uses the data, either in a continuous data pattern (unframed) or within framed boundaries. Real-time Custom uses only unframed data, real-time TDMA modulation formats use both types, and the others use only framed data.

---

**NOTE** For unframed data transmission, the signal generator requires a minimum of 60 symbols. For more information, see “[Determining Memory Usage for Custom and TDMA User File Data](#)” on page [293](#).

---

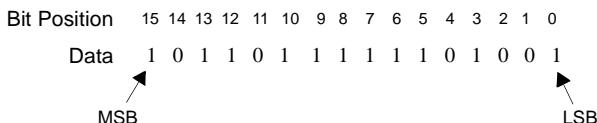
You create the user file to either fill a single timeslot/frame or multiple timeslots/frames. To create multiple timeslots/frames, simply size the file with enough data to fill the number of desired

timeslots/frames

## User File Bit Order (LSB and MSB)

The signal generator views the data from the most significant bit (MSB) to the least significant bit (LSB). When you create your user file data, it is important that you organize the data in this manner. Within groups (strings) of bits, a bit's value (significance) is determined by its location in the string. The following shows an example of this order using two bytes.

- Most Significant Bit (MSB) This bit has the highest value (greatest weight) and is located at the far left of the bit string.
- Least Significant Bit (LSB) This bit has the lowest value (bit position zero) and is located at the far right of the bit string.

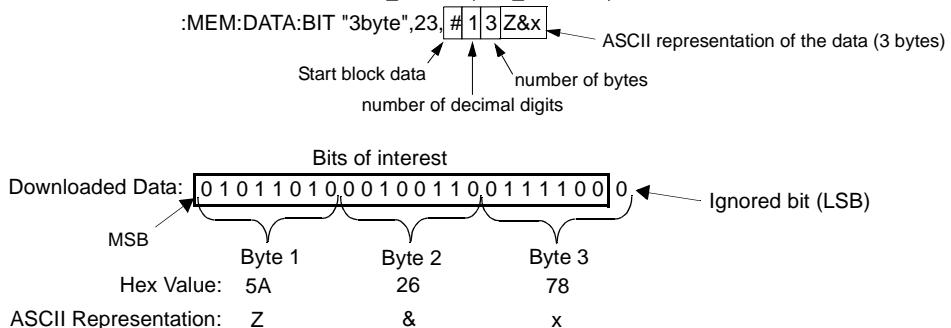


## Bit File Type Data

The bit file is the preferred file type and the easiest to use. When you download a bit file, you designate how many bits in the file the signal generator can modulate onto the signal. During the file download, the signal generator adds a 10-byte file header that contains the information on the number of bits the signal generator is to use.

Although you download the data in bytes, when the signal generator uses the data, it recognizes only the bits of interest that you designate in the SCPI command and ignores the remaining bits. This provides greater flexibility in designing a data pattern without the concern of using an even number of bytes as is needed with the binary file data format. The following figure illustrates this concept. The example in the figure shows the bit data SCPI command formatted to download three bytes of data, but only 23 bits of the three bytes are designated as the bits of interest. (For more information on the bit data SCPI command format, see “[Downloading User Files](#)” on page 296 and “[Command for Bit File Downloads](#)” on page 299.)

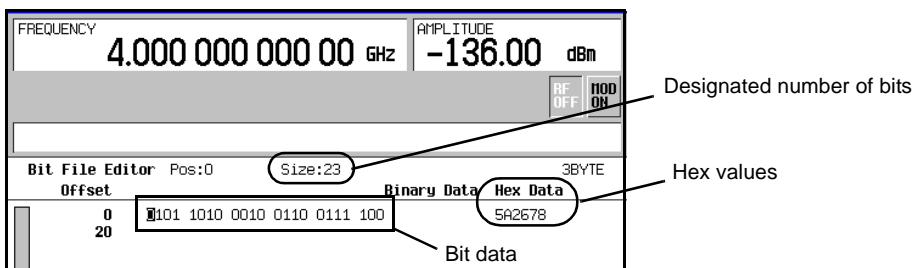
SCPI Command :MEM:DATA:BIT <"file\_name">,<bit\_interest>,<datablock>



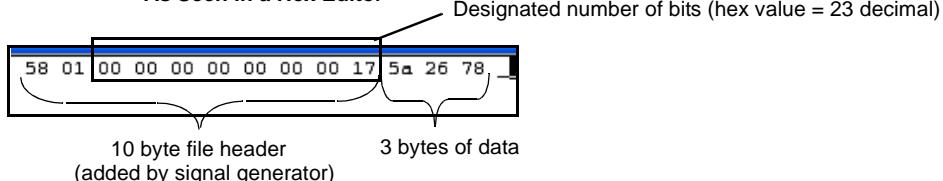
The following figure shows the same downloaded data from the above example as viewed in the signal generator's bit file editor (see the *User's Guide* for more information) and with using an external hex editor program.

SCPI command to download the data :MEM:DATA:BIT "3byte",23,#13Z&x

#### As Seen in the Signal Generator's Bit File Editor



#### As Seen in a Hex Editor

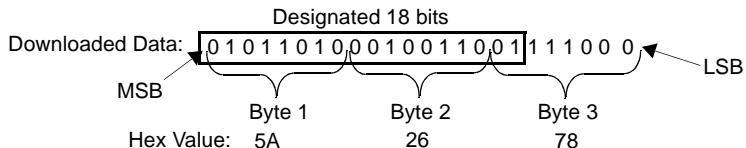


In the bit editor, notice that the ignored bit of the bit-data is not displayed, however the hex value still shows all three bytes. This is because bits 1 through 7 are part of the first byte, which is shown as ASCII character x in the SCPI command line. The view from the hex editor program confirms that the downloaded three bytes of data remains unchanged. To view a downloaded bit file with an external hex editor program, FTP the file to your PC/UNIX workstation. For information on how to FTP a file, see ["FTP Procedures" on page 303](#).

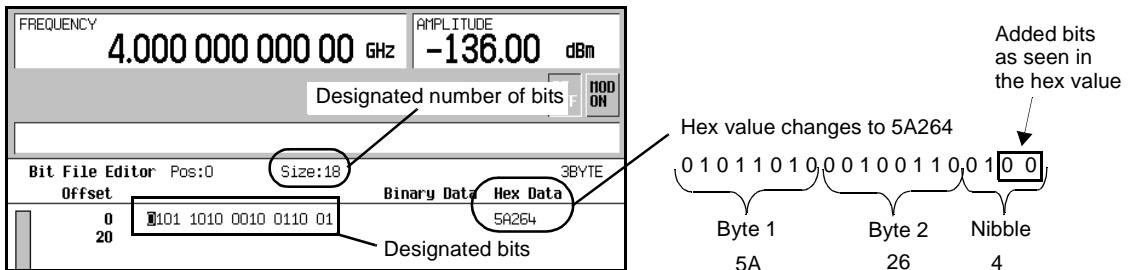
Even though the signal generator views the downloaded data on a bit basis, it groups the data into bytes, and when the designated number of bits is not a multiple of 8 bits, the last byte into one or

more 4-bit nibbles. To make the last nibble, the signal generator adds bits with a value of zero. The signal generator does not show the added bits in the bit editor and ignores the added bits when it modulates the data onto the signal, but these added bits do appear in the hex value displayed in the bit file editor. The following example, which uses the same three bytes of data, further demonstrates how the signal generator displays the data when only two bits of the last byte are part of the bits of interest.

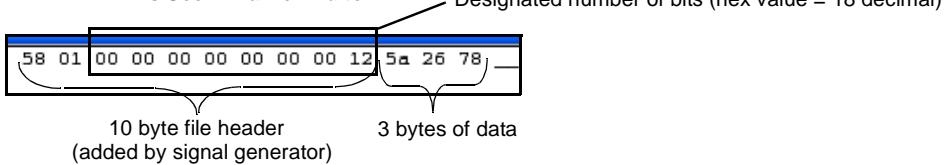
SCPI command to download the data :MEM:DATA:BIT "3byte",18,#13Z&x



#### As Seen in the Signal Generator's Bit File Editor



#### As Seen in a Hex Editor



Notice that the bit file editor shows only two bytes and one nibble. In addition, the signal generator shows the nibble as hex value 4 instead of 7 (78 is byte 3-ASCII character x in the SCPI command line). This is because the signal generator sees bits 17 and 18, and assumes bits 19 and 20 are 00. As viewed by the signal generator, this makes the nibble 0100. Even though the signal generator extrapolates bits 19 and 20 to complete the nibble, it ignores these bits along with bits 21 through 24. As seen with the hex editor program, the signal generator does not actually change the three bytes of data in the downloaded file.

For information on editing a file after downloading, see “[Modifying User File Data](#)” on page 302.

## Binary File Type Data

With the Binary file type, the signal generator sees all of the bytes within the downloaded file and attempts to use all of the data bits. When using this file type, the biggest challenge is creating the data, so that the signal generator uses all of the bits (bytes) contained within the file. This is referred to as using an even number of bytes. The method of creating the user file data pattern depends on whether you are using unframed or framed data. The following two sections illustrate the complexities of using the binary file format. You can eliminate these complexities by using the bit file format (see “[Bit File Type Data](#)” on page 288).

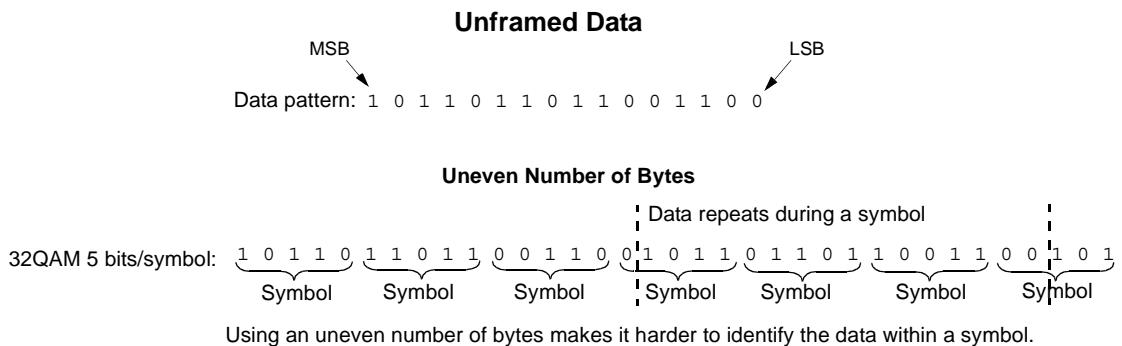
### Unframed Binary Data

When creating unframed data, you must think in terms of bits per symbol; so that your data pattern begins and ends on the symbol boundary, with an even number of bytes. For example, to use 16QAM modulation, the user file needs to contain 32 bytes:

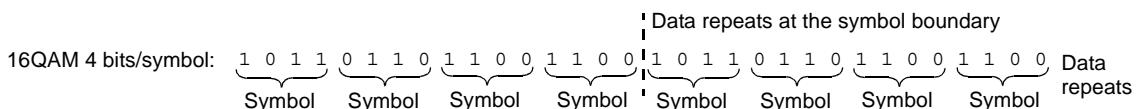
- enough data to fill 16 states 4 times
- end on a symbol boundary
- create 64 symbols (the signal generator requires a minimum of 60 symbols for unframed data)

To do the same with 32QAM, requires a user file with 40 bytes.

When you do *not* use an even number of bytes, the signal generator repeats the data in the same symbol where the data stream ends. This means that your data would not end on the symbol boundary, but during a symbol. This makes it harder to identify the data content of a symbol. The following figure illustrates the use of an uneven number of bytes and an even number of bytes.



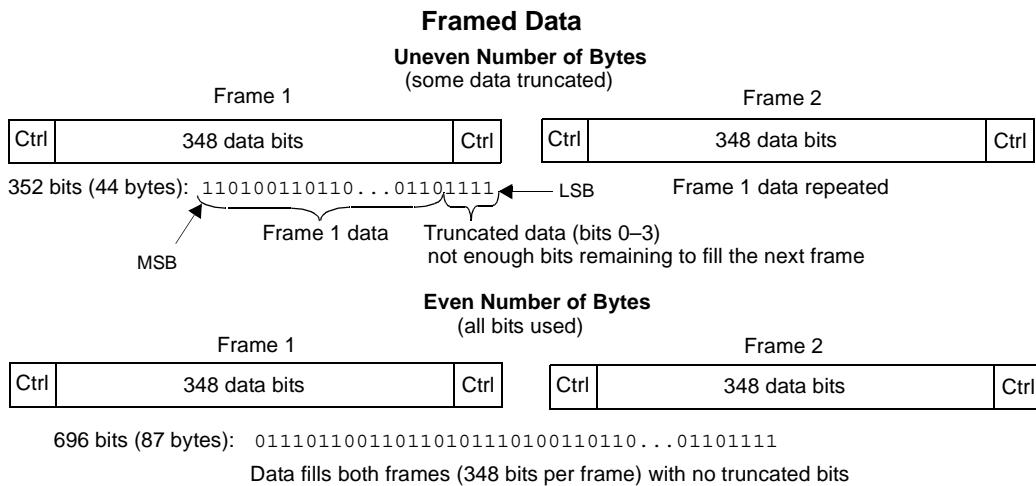
### Even Number of Bytes



## Framed Binary Data

When using framed data, ensure that you use an even number of bytes and that the bytes contain enough bits to fill the data fields within a timeslot or frame. When there are not enough bits to fill a single timeslot or frame, the signal generator replicates the data pattern until it fills the timeslot/frame.

The signal generator creates successive timeslots/frames when the user file contains more bits than what it takes to fill a single timeslot or frame. When there are not enough bits to completely fill successive timeslots or frames, the signal generator truncates the data at the bit location where there is not enough bits remaining and repeats the data pattern. This results in a data pattern discontinuity. For example, a frame structure that uses 348 data bits requires a minimum file size of 44 bytes (352 bits), but uses only 43.5 bytes (348 bits). In this situation, the signal generator truncates the data from bit 3 to bit 0 (bits in the last byte). Remember that the signal generator views the data from MSB to LSB. For this example to have an even number of bytes and enough bits to fill the data fields, the file needs 87 bytes (696 bits). This is enough data to fill two frames while maintaining the integrity of the data pattern, as illustrated in the following figure.



## User File Size

You download user files into non-volatile memory. For CDMA, GPS, and W-CDMA, the signal generator accesses the data directly from non-volatile memory, so the file size up to the maximum file size (shown in [Table 8-2](#)) for these formats is limited only by the amount of available non-volatile memory. As seen in the table, the baseband generator option does not affect these file sizes.

For Custom and TDMA, however, when the signal generator creates the signal, it loads the data from non-volatile memory into volatile memory, which is also the same memory that the signal generator uses for Arb-based waveforms. For user data files, volatile memory is commonly referred to as pattern ram memory (PRAM). Because the Custom and TDMA user files use volatile memory, their maximum file size depends on the baseband generator (BBG) option and the amount of available

PRAM. (Volatile memory resides on the BBG.) [Table 8-2](#) shows the maximum file sizes by modulation format and baseband generator option.

**Table 8-2 Maximum User File Size**

| Modulation Format  | Baseband Generator Option |        |        |
|--|---------------------------|--------|--------|
|  | 001, 601                  | 002    | 602    |
| Custom <sup>a</sup><br>TDMA <sup>a</sup>                     | 800 kB                    | 3.2 MB | 6.4 MB |
| CDMA <sup>b</sup><br>GPS <sup>b</sup><br>W-CDMA <sup>b</sup> | 10 kB                     | 10 kB  | 10 kB  |

a. File size with no other files residing in volatile memory.

b. File size is not affected by the BBG option.

For more information on signal generator memory, see “[Signal Generator Memory](#)” on page 281. To determine how much memory is remaining in non-volatile and volatile memory, see “[Checking Available Memory](#)” on page 285.

## Determining Memory Usage for Custom and TDMA User File Data

For Custom and TDMA user files, the signal generator uses both non-volatile and volatile (PRAM/waveform) memory: you download the user file to non-volatile memory. To determine if there is enough non-volatile memory, check the available non-volatile memory and compare it to the size of the file to be downloaded.

After you select a user file and turn the format on, the signal generator loads the file into volatile memory for processing:

- It translates each data bit into a 32-bit word (4 bytes).

The 32-bit words are not saved to the original file that resides in non-volatile memory.

- It creates an expanded data file named AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 in volatile memory while also maintaining a copy of the original file in volatile memory. It is the AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file that contains the 32-bit words and accounts for most of the user file PRAM memory space.
- If the transmission is using unframed data and there are not enough bits in the data file to create 60 symbols, the signal generator replicates the data pattern until there is enough data for 60 symbols. For example, GSM uses 1 bit per symbol. If the user file contains only 24 bits, enough for 24 symbols, the signal generator replicates the data pattern two more times to create a file with 72 bits. The expanded AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file size would show 288 bytes ( $72 \text{ bits} \times 4 \text{ bytes/bit}$ ).

Use the following procedures to calculate the required amount of volatile memory for both framed and unframed TDMA signals:

- “[Calculating Volatile Memory \(PRAM\) Usage for Unframed Data](#)” on page 294
- “[Calculating Volatile Memory \(PRAM\) Usage for Framed Data](#)” on page 294

## Calculating Volatile Memory (PRAM) Usage for Unframed Data

Use this procedure to calculate the memory size for either a bit or binary file. To properly demonstrate this process, the procedure employs a user file that contains 70 bytes (560 bits), with the bit file using only 557 bits.

1. Determine the AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file size:

The signal generator creates a 32-bit word for each user file bit (1 bit equals 4 bytes).

Binary file             $4 \text{ bytes} \times (70 \text{ bytes} \times 8 \text{ bits}) = 2240 \text{ bytes}$

Bit file               $4 \text{ bytes} \times 557 \text{ bits} = 2228 \text{ bytes}$

2. Calculate the number of memory blocks that the AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file will occupy:

Volatile memory allocates memory in blocks of 1024 bytes.

Binary file            $2240 / 1024 = 2.188 \text{ blocks}$

Bit file               $2228 / 1024 = 2.176 \text{ blocks}$

3. Round the memory block value to the next highest integer value.

For this example, the AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file will use three blocks of memory for a total of 3072 bytes.

4. Determine the number of memory blocks that the copy of the original file occupies in volatile memory.

For this example the bit and binary file sizes are shown in the following list:

- Binary file = 70 bytes < 1024 bytes = 1 memory block
- Bit file = 80 bytes < 1024 bytes = 1 memory block

Remember that a bit file includes a 10-byte file header.

5. Calculate the total volatile memory occupied by the user file data:

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| AUTOGEN_PRAM_1            | Original File |
| 3 blocks                  | 1 block       |
| 1024 (3 + 1) = 4096 bytes |               |

## Calculating Volatile Memory (PRAM) Usage for Framed Data

Framed data is not a selection for Custom, but it is for TDMA formats. To frame data, the signal generator adds framing overhead data such as tail bits, guard bits, and sync bits. These framing bits are in addition to the user file data. For more information on framed data, see [“Understanding Framed Transmission For Real-Time TDMA” on page 304](#).

When using framed data, the signal generator views the data (framing and user file bits) in terms of the number of bits per frame, even if only one timeslot within a frame is active. This means that the signal generator creates a 32-bit word for each bit in a frame, for both active and inactive timeslots.

You can create a user file so that it fills a timeslot once or multiple times. When the user file fills a timeslot multiple times, the signal generator creates the same number of frames as the number of timeslots that the user file fills. For example, if a file contains enough data to fill a timeslot three times, the signal produces three new frames before the frames repeat. Each new frame increases the

AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file size. If you select different user files for the timeslots within a frame, the user file that produces the largest number of frames determines the size of the AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file.

Use this procedure to calculate the volatile memory usage for a GSM signal with two active timeslots and two user binary files. One user file, 57 bytes, is for a normal timeslot and another, 37 bytes, is for a custom timeslot.

1. Determine the total number of bits per timeslot.

A GSM timeslot consists of 156.25 bits (control and payload data).

2. Calculate the number of bits per frame.

A GSM frame consists of 8 timeslots:  $8 \times 156.25 = 1250$  bits per frame

3. Determine how many bytes it takes to produce one frame in the signal generator:

The signal generator creates a 32-bit word for each bit in the frame (1 bit equals 4 bytes).

$$4 \times 1250 = 5000 \text{ bytes}$$

Each GSM frame uses 5000 bytes of PRAM memory.

4. Analyze how many timeslots the user file data will fill.

A normal GSM timeslot (TS) uses 114 payload data bits, and a custom timeslot uses 148 payload data bits. The user file (payload data) for the normal timeslot contains 57 bytes (456 bits) and the user file for the custom timeslot contains 37 bytes (296 bits).

$$\text{Normal TS} \quad 456 / 114 = 4 \text{ timeslots}$$

$$\text{Custom TS} \quad 296 / 148 = 2 \text{ timeslots}$$

---

**NOTE** Because there is an even number of bytes, either a bit or binary file works in this scenario. If there was an uneven number of bytes, a bit file would be the best choice to avoid data discontinuity.

---

5. Compute the number of frames that the signal generator will generate.

There is enough user file data for four normal timeslots and two custom timeslots, so the signal generator will generate four frames of data.

6. Calculate the AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file size:

| Number of Frames                      | Bytes per Frame |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 4                                     | 5000            |
| $4 \times 5000 = 20000 \text{ bytes}$ |                 |

7. Calculate the number of memory blocks that the AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file will occupy:

Volatile memory allocates memory in blocks of 1024 bytes.

$$20000 / 1024 = 19.5 \text{ blocks}$$

8. Round the memory block value up to the next highest integer value.

For this example, the AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file will use 20 blocks of memory for a total of 20480 bytes.

9. Determine the number of memory blocks that the original files occupy in volatile memory.

The files do not share memory blocks, so you must determine how many memory blocks each file occupies.

| Normal TS               | Custom TS          |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 57 bytes = 1 block      | 37 bytes = 1 block |
| 1 + 1 = 2 memory blocks |                    |

---

**NOTE** If the user file type is bit, remember to include the 10-byte file header in the file size.

---

10. Calculate the total volatile memory occupied by the AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 file and the user files:

| AUTOGEN_PRAM_1              | User Files |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 20 blocks                   | 2 blocks   |
| 1024 (20 + 2) = 22528 bytes |            |

## Downloading User Files

The signal generator expects bit and binary file type data to be downloaded as block data (binary data in bytes). The IEEE standard 488.2-1992 section 7.7.6 defines block data.

This section contains two examples to explain how to format the SCPI command for downloading user file data. The examples use the binary user file SCPI command, however the concept is the same for the bit file SCPI command:

- [Command Format](#)
- [“Command Format in a Program Routine” on page 297](#)

### Command Format

This example conceptually describes how to format a data download command (#ABC represents the block data):

```
:MEM:DATA <"file_name">,#ABC
<"file_name">    the data file path and name
#                indicates the start of the block data
A                the number of decimal digits present in B
B                a decimal number specifying the number of data bytes to follow in C
```

C                           the file data in bytes

```
:MEM:DATA "bin:my_file",#324012%S!4&07#8g*Y9@7...
  |-----|-----|-----|-----|
  file location   file_name   A     B                  C
```

bin:                       the location of the file within the signal generator file system  
 my\_file                  the data file name as it will appear in the signal generator's memory catalog  
 #                        indicates the start of the block data  
 3                        B has three decimal digits  
 240                      240 bytes (1,920 bits) of data to follow in C  
 12%S!4&07#8g\*Y9@7... the ASCII representation of some of the block data (binary data) downloaded to the signal generator, however not all ASCII values are printable

In actual use, the block data is not part of the command line as shown above, but instead resides in a binary file on the PC/UNIX. When the program executes the SCPI command, the command line notifies the signal generator that it is going to receive block data of the stated size and to place the file in the signal generator file directory with the indicated name. Immediately following the command execution, the program downloads the binary file to the signal generator. This is shown in the following section, [“Command Format in a Program Routine”](#)

Some commands are file location specific and do not require the file location as part of the file name. An example of this is the bit file SCPI command shown in [“Command for Bit File Downloads” on page 299.](#)

### **Command Format in a Program Routine**

This section demonstrates the use of the download SCPI command within the confines of a C++ program routine. The following code sends the SCPI command and downloads user file data to the signal generator's Binary memory catalog (directory).

| Line | Code—Download User File Data  |
|------|---|
| 1    | int bytesToSend;  |
| 2    | bytesToSend = numsamples;   |
| 3    | char s[20];   |
| 4    | char cmd[200];  |
| 5    | sprintf(s, "%d", bytesToSend);  |
| 6    | sprintf(cmd, ":MEM:DATA \"BIN:FILE1\", #%d%d", strlen(s), bytesToSend); |
| 7    | iwrite(id, cmd, strlen(cmd), 0, 0);                                     |
| 8    | iwrite(id, databuffer, bytesToSend, 0, 0);                              |
| 9    | iwrite(id, "\n", 1, 1, 0);  |

```

1       int bytesToSend;
2       bytesToSend = numsamples;
3       char s[20];
4       char cmd[200];
5       sprintf(s, "%d", bytesToSend);
6       sprintf(cmd, ":MEM:DATA \"BIN:FILE1\", #%d%d", strlen(s), bytesToSend);
7       iwrite(id, cmd, strlen(cmd), 0, 0);
8       iwrite(id, databuffer, bytesToSend, 0, 0);
9       iwrite(id, "\n", 1, 1, 0);
```

| Line | Code Description—Download User File Data   |
|------|--|
| 1    | Define an integer variable ( <i>bytesToSend</i> ) to store the number of bytes to send to the signal generator.  |
| 2    | Calculate the total number of bytes, and store the value in the integer variable defined in line 1.  |
| 3    | Create a string large enough to hold the <i>bytesToSend</i> value as characters. In this code, string <i>s</i> is set to 20 bytes (20 characters—one character equals one byte)  |
| 4    | Create a string and set its length ( <i>cmd[200]</i> ) to hold the SCPI command syntax and parameters. In this code, we define the string length as 200 bytes (200 characters).  |
| 5    | Store the value of <i>bytesToSend</i> in string <i>s</i> . For example, if <i>bytesToSend</i> = 2000; <i>s</i> = "2000". <i>sprintf()</i> is a standard function in C++, which writes string data to a string variable.  |
| 6    | Store the SCPI command syntax and parameters in the string <i>cmd</i> . The SCPI command prepares the signal generator to accept the data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>strlen()</i> is a standard function in C++, which returns length of a string.</li><li>• If <i>bytesToSend</i> = 2000, then <i>s</i> = "2000", <i>strlen(s)</i> = 4, so<br/><i>cmd</i> = :MEM:DATA "BIN:FILE1\" #42000.</li></ul>   |
| 7    | Send the SCPI command stored in the string <i>cmd</i> to the signal generator contained in the variable <i>id</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>iwrite()</i> is a SICL function in Agilent IO library, which writes the data (block data) specified in the string <i>cmd</i> to the signal generator.</li><li>• The third argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, <i>strlen(cmd)</i>, informs the signal generator of the number of bytes in the command string. The signal generator parses the string to determine the number of data bytes it expects to receive.</li><li>• The fourth argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 0, means there is no END of file indicator for the string. This lets the session remain open, so the program can download the user file data.</li></ul> |

| Line | Code Description—Download User File Data  |
|------|---|
| 8    | <p>Send the user file data stored in the array (<i>databuffer</i>) to the signal generator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>iwrite()</i> sends the data specified in <i>databuffer</i> to the signal generator (session identifier specified in <i>id</i>).</li> <li>• The third argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, <i>bytesToSend</i>, contains the length of the <i>databuffer</i> in bytes. In this example, it is 2000.</li> <li>• The fourth argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 0, means there is no END of file indicator in the data. In many programming languages, there are two methods to send SCPI commands and data:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Method 1 where the program stops the data download when it encounters the first zero (END indicator) in the data.</li> <li>— Method 2 where the program sends a fixed number of bytes and ignores any zeros in the data. This is the method used in our program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>For your programming language, you must find and use the equivalent of method two. Otherwise you may only achieve a partial download of the user file data.</p> |
| 9    | <p>Send the terminating carriage (\n) as the last byte of the waveform data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>iwrite()</i> writes the data “\n” to the signal generator (session identifier specified in <i>id</i>).</li> <li>• The third argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 1, sends one byte to the signal generator.</li> <li>• The fourth argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 1, is the END of file indicator, which the program uses to terminate the data download.</li> </ul> <p>To verify the user file data download, see “<a href="#">Command for Bit File Downloads</a>” on page 299 and “<a href="#">Commands for Binary File Downloads</a>” on page 300.</p>   |

## Command for Bit File Downloads

Because the signal generator adds a 10-byte file header during a bit file download, you must use the SCPI command shown in [Table 8-3](#). If you FTP or copy the file for the initial download, the signal generator does not add the 10-byte file header, and it does not recognize the data in the file (no data in the transmitted signal).

Bit files enable you to control how many bits in the file the signal generator modulates onto the signal. Even with this file type, the signal generator requires that all data be contained within bytes. For more information on bit files, see “[Bit File Type Data](#)” on page 288.

**Table 8-3 Bit File Type SCPI Commands**

| Type    | Command Syntax  |
|---------|---|
| Command | <pre>:MEM:DATA:BIT &lt;"file_name"&gt;,&lt;bit_count&gt;,&lt;block_data&gt;</pre> <p>This downloads the file to the signal generator.</p> |

**Table 8-3 Bit File Type SCPI Commands**

| Type  | Command Syntax  |
|-------|---|
| Query | <pre>:MEM:DATA:BIT? &lt;"file_name"&gt;</pre> <p>Within the context of a program this query extracts the user file data. Executing the query in a command window causes it to return the following information:<br/><code>&lt;bit_count&gt;, &lt;block_data&gt;</code>.</p> |
| Query | <pre>:MEM:CAT:BIT?</pre> <p>This lists all of the files in the bit file directory and shows the remaining non-volatile memory:</p> <pre>&lt;bytes used by bit files&gt;, &lt;available non-volatile memory&gt;, &lt;"file_names"&gt;</pre>                                  |

#### Command Syntax Example

The following command downloads a file that contains 17 bytes:

```
:MEM:DATA:BIT "new_file",131,#21702%$!4&07#8g*Y9@7
```

Since this command is file specific (BIT), there is no need to add the file path to the file name.

After execution of this command, the signal generator creates a file in the bit directory (memory catalog) named “new\_file” that contains 27 bytes. Remember that the signal generator adds a 10-byte file header to a bit file. When the signal generator uses this file, it will recognize only 131 of the 136 bits (17 bytes) contained in the file.

For information on downloading block data, see “[Downloading User Files](#)” on page 296.

#### Commands for Binary File Downloads

To download a user file as a binary file type means that the signal generator, when the file is selected for use, sees all of the data contained within the file. For more information on binary files, see “[Binary File Type Data](#)” on page 291. There are two ways to download the file: to be able to extract the file or not. Each method uses a different SCPI command, which is shown in [Table 8-4](#).

**Table 8-4 Binary File Type Commands**

| Command Type   |                  | Command Syntax  |
|----------------|------------------|---|
| For Extraction | SCPI             | <pre>:MEMORY:DATA:UNPROTECTED "bin:file_name",&lt;datablock&gt;</pre> <p>This downloads the file to the signal generator. You can extract the file within the context of a program.</p> |
|                | FTP <sup>a</sup> | <pre>put &lt;file_name&gt; /user/bin/file_name</pre>  |
| No extraction  |                  | <pre>:MEM:DATA "bin:file_name",&lt;block data&gt;</pre> <p>This downloads the file to the signal generator. You cannot extract the file.</p>  |

**Table 8-4 Binary File Type Commands**

| Command Type |  | Command Syntax  |
|--------------|--|---|
| Query        |  | :MEM:DATA? "bin:file_name"<br><br>This returns information on the named file: <bit_count>,<block_data>. Within the context of a program, this query extracts the user file, provided it was download with the proper command. |
| Query        |  | :MEM:CAT:BIN?<br><br>This lists all of the files in the bit file directory and shows the remaining non-volatile memory:<br><br><bytes used by bit files>,<available non-volatile memory>,<"file_names">                       |

a. See “[FTP Procedures](#)” on page 303.

### File Name Syntax

There are three ways to format the file name, which must also include the file path:

- "BIN:file\_name"
- "file\_name@BIN"
- "/user/BIN/file\_name"

### Command Syntax Example

The following command downloads a file that contains 34 bytes:

```
:MEM:DATA "BIN:new_file",#2347^%S!4&07#8g*Y9@7.?::*Ru[+@y3#_,>1
```

After execution of this command, the signal generator creates a file in the Binary (Bin) directory (memory catalog) named “new\_file” that contains 34 bytes.

For information on downloading block data, see “[Downloading User Files](#)” on page 296.

### Selecting a Downloaded User File as the Data Source

This section describes how to format SCPI commands for selecting a user file using commands from the GSM and Custom modulation formats. While the commands shown come from only two formats, the concept remains the same when making the data selection for any of the other real-time modulation formats that accept user data. To find the data selection commands for both framed and unframed data for the different modulation formats, see the signal generator’s *SCPI Command Reference*.

1. For TDMA formats, select either framed or unframed data:

```
:RADIo:GSM:BURSt ON|OFF|1|0
ON(1) = framed      OFF(0) = unframed
```

2. Select the user file:

#### Unframed Data

```
:RADio:CUSTOm:DATA "BIT:file_name"  
:RADio:CUSTOm:DATA "BIN:file_name"
```

#### Framed Data

```
:RADio:GSM:SLot0|1|2|3|4|5|6|7:NORMal:ENCRyption "BIT:file_name"  
:RADio:GSM:SLot0|1|2|3|4|5|6|7:NORMal:ENCRyption "BIN:file_name"
```

3. Configure the remaining signal parameters.
4. Turn the modulation format on:

```
:RADio:CUSTOm:STATe On
```

### Modulating and Activating the Carrier

Use the following commands to modulate the carrier and turn on the RF output. For a complete listing of SPCl commands, refer to the *SCPI Command Reference*.

```
:FREQuency:FIXed 2.5GHZ  
:POWer:LEVel -10.0DBM  
:OUTPut:MODulation:STATe ON  
:OUTPut:STATe ON
```

### Modifying User File Data

There are two ways to modify a file after downloading it to the signal generator:

- Use the signal generator's bit file editor. This works for both bit and binary files, but it converts a binary file to a bit file and adds a 10-byte file header. For more information on using the bit file editor, see the signal generator's *User's Guide*. You can also access the bit editor remotely using the signal generator's web server. For web server information, see the signal generator's *Programming Guide*.
- Use a hex editor program on your PC or UNIX workstation, as described below.

#### Modifying a Binary File with a Hex Editor

1. FTP the file to your PC/UNIX.

For information on using FTP, see [FTP Procedures](#). Ensure that you use binary file transfers during FTP operations.

2. Modify the file using a hex editor program.
3. FTP the file to the signal generator's BIN memory catalog (directory).

### Modifying a Bit File with a Hex Editor

1. FTP the file to your PC/UNIX.

For information on using FTP, see [FTP Procedures](#). Ensure that you use binary file transfers during FTP operations.

2. Modify the file using a hex editor program.

If you need to decrease or increase the number of bits of interest, change the file header hex value.

#### 80 Byte File From Signal Generator

|           |   | 02 80 hex = 640 bits designated as bits of interest |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 00000000: | 58 01   | [00 00 00 00 00 00 02 80]                           | 5a 26 78 5b 2b 37 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000010: | 47 37 20 23 2f 34 61 63 39 3f 25 2e 69 52 33 22 |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000020: | 40 2e 74 59 75 76 3a 3e 36 26 24 46 47 6a 3c 7b |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000030: | 5c 4b 6c 2d 2b 20 2e 68 47 3f 22 60 7e 75 2a 39 |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000040: | 6b 5f 21 60 7e 2c 3a 37 5e 6c 6e 2e 2c 3f 6e 74 |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000050: |   |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Modified File (80 Bytes to 88 Bytes)

|           |   | 02 bd hex = 701 bits designated as bits of interest |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 00000000: | 58 01   | [00 00 00 00 00 00 02 bd]                           | 5a 26 78 5b 2b 37 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000010: | 47 37 20 23 2f 34 61 63 39 3f 25 2e 69 52 33 22 |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000020: | 40 2e 74 59 75 76 3a 3e 36 26 24 46 47 6a 3c 7b |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000030: | 5c 4b 6c 2d 2b 20 2e 68 47 3f 22 60 7e 75 2a 39 |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000040: | 6b 5f 21 60 7e 2c 3a 37 5e 6c 6e 2e 2c 3f 6e 74 |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 00000050: | 23 26 3c 6b 2a 76 3f 6e                         | Added bytes   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

3. FTP the file to the signal generator's BIT memory catalog (directory).

### FTP Procedures

There are three ways to FTP a file:

- use Microsoft's ® Internet Explorer FTP feature
- use the signal generator's internal web server (ESG firmware ≥ C.03.76)
- use the PC or UNIX command window

### Using Microsoft's Internet Explorer

1. Enter the signal generator's hostname or IP address as part of the FTP URL.

*ftp://<host name> or <IP address>*

2. Press **Enter** on the keyboard or **Go** from the Internet Explorer window.

The signal generator files appear in the Internet Explorer window.

3. Drag and drop files between the PC and the Internet Explorer window

---

Microsoft is a U.S registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation.

## Using the Signal Generator's Internal Web Server

1. Enter the signal generator's hostname or IP address in the URL.

*http://<host name> or <IP address>*

2. Click the **Signal Generator FTP Access** button located on the left side of the window.

The signal generator files appear in the web browser's window.

3. Drag and drop files between the PC and the browser's window

For more information on the web server feature, see the *Programming Guide*.

## Using the Command Window (PC or UNIX)

1. From the PC command prompt or UNIX command line, change to the proper directory:
  - When downloading from the signal generator, the directory in which to place the file.
  - When downloading to the signal generator, the directory that contains the file.
2. From the PC command prompt or UNIX command line, type `ftp <instrument name>`.  
Where instrument name is the signal generator's hostname or IP address.
3. At the User: prompt, press **Enter** (no entry is required).
4. At the Password: prompt, press **Enter** (no entry is required).
5. At the `ftp` prompt, type the desired command:

### To Get a File From the Signal Generator

```
get /user/<directory>/<file_name1> <file_name>
```

### To Place a File in the Signal Generator

```
put <file_name> /user/<directory>/<file_name1>
```

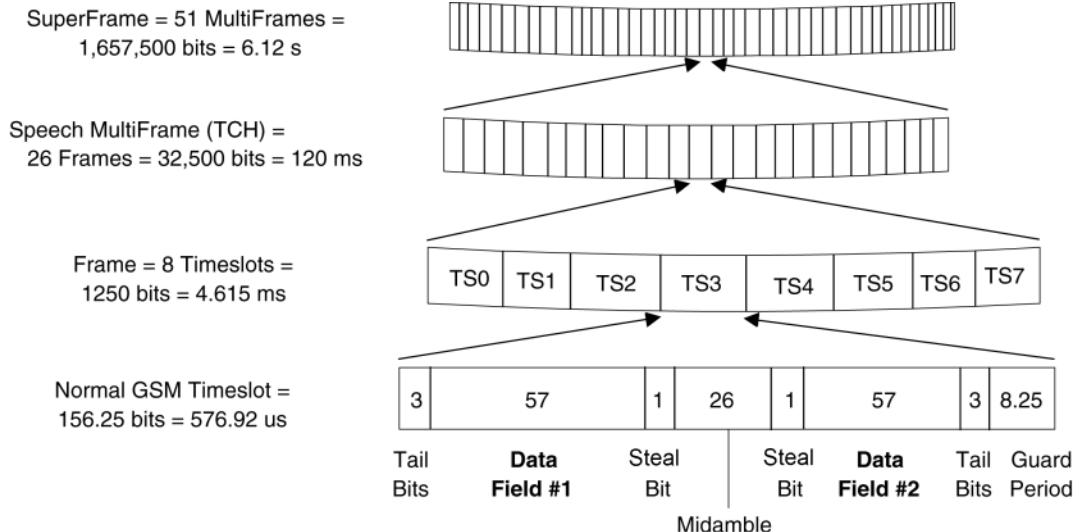
- `<file_name1>` is the name of the file as it appears in the signal generator's directory.
- `<file_name>` is the name of the file as it appears in the PC/UNIX current directory.
- `<directory>` is the signal generator's BIT or BIN directory.

6. At the `ftp` prompt, type: `bye`
7. At the command prompt, type: `exit`

## Understanding Framed Transmission For Real-Time TDMA

Specifying a user file as the data source for a framed transmission provides you with an easy method to multiplex real data into internally generated TDMA framing. The user file fills the data fields of the active timeslot in the first frame, and continue to fill the same timeslot of successive frames as long as there is more data in the file with enough bits to fill the data field. This functionality enables a communications system designer to download and modulate proprietary data sequences, specific PN sequences, or simulate multiframe transmission such as those specified by some mobile communications protocols. As the example in the following figure shows, a GSM multiframe transmission requires 26 frames for speech.

**Figure 8-1 GSM Multiframe Transmission**



When you select a user file as the data source for a framed transmission, the signal generator's firmware loads PRAM with the framing protocol of the active TDMA format. This creates a file named AUTOGEN\_PRAM\_1 in addition to a copy of the user file. For all addresses corresponding to active (on) timeslots, the signal generator sets the burst bit to 1 and fills the data fields with the user file data. Other bits are set according to the configuration selected. For inactive (off) timeslots, the signal generator sets the burst control bit to 0, with the data being unspecified.

In the last byte that contains the last user file data bit, the signal generator sets the Pattern Reset bit to 1. This causes the user file data pattern to repeat in the next frame.

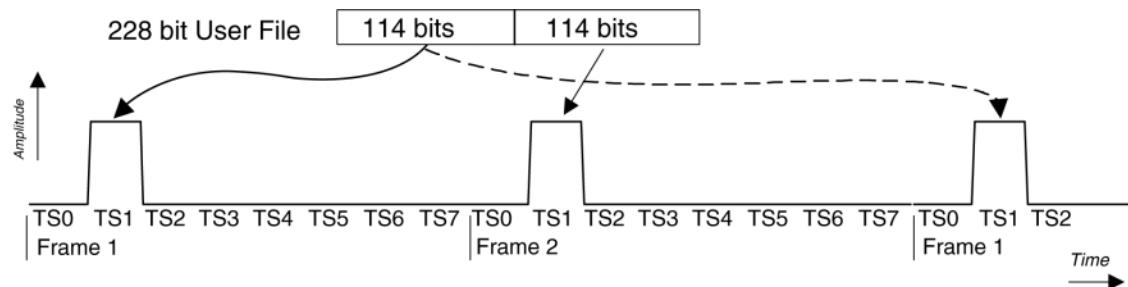
---

**NOTE** The data in PRAM is static. Firmware writes to PRAM once for the configuration selected and the hardware reads this data repeatedly. Firmware overwrites the volatile PRAM memory to reflect the desired configuration only when the data source or TDMA format changes.

---

For example, transmitting a 228-bit user file for timeslot #1 (TS1) in a normal GSM transmission creates two frames. Per the standard, a GSM normal channel is 156.25 bits long, with two 57-bit data fields (114 user data bits total per timeslot), and 42 bits for control or signalling purposes. The user file completely fills timeslot #1 for two consecutive frames, and then repeats. The seven remaining timeslots in the GSM frame are off, as shown in [Figure 8-2](#).

**Figure 8-2 Mapping User File Data to a Single Timeslot**



**NOTE** Compliant with the GSM standard, which specifies 156.25-bit timeslots, the signal generator uses 156-bit timeslots and adds an extra guard bit to every fourth timeslot.

For this protocol configuration, the signal generator's firmware loads PRAM with the bits defined in the following table. (These bits are part of the 32-bit word per frame bit.) The Pattern Reset bit, bit 7, is 0 for frame one and 1 for the last byte of frame two.

| Frame | Timeslot    | PRAM Word Offset | Data Bits   | Burst Bits | Pattern Reset Bit         |
|-------|-------------|------------------|---|------------|---------------------------|
| 1     | 0           | 0 - 155          | 0/1 (don't care)  | 0 (off)    | 0 (off)                   |
| 1     | 1 (on)      | 156 - 311        | set by GSM standard (42 bits) & first 114 bits of user file | 1 (on)     | 0                         |
| 1     | 2           | 312 - 467        | 0/1 (don't care)  | 0          | 0                         |
| 1     | 3           | 468 - 624        | 0/1 (don't care)  | 0          | 0                         |
| 1     | 4           | 625 - 780        | 0/1 (don't care)  | 0          | 0                         |
| 1     | 5           | 781 - 936        | 0/1 (don't care)  | 0          | 0                         |
| 1     | 6           | 937 - 1092       | 0/1 (don't care)  | 0          | 0                         |
| 1     | 7           | 1093 - 1249      | 0/1 (don't care)  | 0          | 0                         |
| 2     | 0           | 1250 - 1405      | 0/1 (don't care)  | 0          | 0                         |
| 2     | 1 (on)      | 1406 - 1561      | set by GSM standard (42 bits) & remaining bits of user file | 1 (on)     | 0                         |
| 2     | 2 through 6 | 1562 - 2342      | 0/1 (don't care)  | 0          | 0 (off)                   |
| 2     | 7           | 2343 - 2499      | 0/1 (don't care)  | 0          | 1 (1 in offset 2499 only) |

Event 1 output is set to 0 or 1 depending on the sync out selection, which enables the EVENT 1 output at either the beginning of the frame, beginning of a specific timeslot, or at all timeslots (SCPI command, :RADIO:GSM:SOUT FRAME|SLOT|ALL).

Because timeslots are configured and enabled within the signal generator, a user file can be individually assigned to one or more timeslots. A timeslot cannot have more than one data source (PN sequence or user file) specified for it. The amount of user file data that can be mapped into hardware memory depends on both the amount of PRAM available on the baseband generator, and the number and size of each frame. (See [“Determining Memory Usage for Custom and TDMA User File Data” on page 293](#).)

PRAM adds 31 bits to each bit in a frame, which forms 32-bit words.

The following shows how to calculate the amount of PRAM storage space required for a GSM superframe:

Bits per superframe = normal GSM timeslot × timeslot per frame × speech multiframe(TCH) × superframe

size of normal GSM timeslot = 156.25      timeslots per frame = 8 timeslots.  
bits

speech multiframe(TCH) = 26 frames      superframe = 51 speech multiframe

1. Calculate the number of bits in the superframe:

$$156.25 \times 8 \times 26 \times 51 = 1,657,500 \text{ bits}$$

2. Calculate the size of the PRAM file:

$$1,657,500 \text{ bits} \times 4 \text{ bytes (32-bit words)} = 6,630,000 \text{ bytes}$$

3. Calculate how much memory the PRAM file will occupy

$$6,630,000 \text{ bytes} / 1,024 \text{ bytes per PRAM block} = 6,474.6 \text{ memory blocks}$$

4. Round the quotient up to the next integer value

$$6,475 \text{ blocks} \times 1,024 \text{ bytes per block} = 6,630,400 \text{ bytes}$$

---

**NOTE** For the total PRAM memory usage, be sure to add the number of PRAM blocks that the user file occupies to the PRAM file size. For more information, see [“Calculating Volatile Memory \(PRAM\) Usage for Framed Data” on page 294](#).

---

## Real-Time Custom High Data Rates

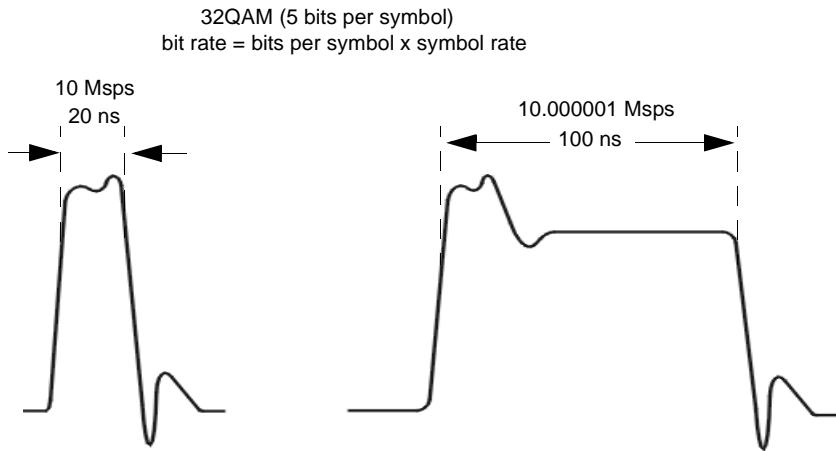
Custom has two modes for processing data, serial and parallel. When the data bit-rate exceeds 50 Mbps, the signal generator processes data in parallel mode, which means processing the data symbol by symbol versus bit by bit (serial). This capability exists in only the Custom format when using a

continuous data stream. This means that it does not apply to a downloaded PRAM file type (covered later in this chapter).

In parallel mode, for a 256QAM modulation scheme, Custom has the capability to reach a data rate of up to 400 Mbps. The FIR filter width is what determines the data rate. The following table shows the maximum data rate for each modulation type. Because the signal generator's maximum symbol rate is 50 Msps, a modulation scheme that has only 1 bit per symbol is always processed in serial mode.

| Modulation Type            | Bit Rate Range for Internal Data (bit rate = symbol rate × bits per symbol) |                           |                           |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                            | 16 Symbol Wide FIR Filter   | 32 Symbol Wide FIR Filter | 64 Symbol Wide FIR Filter |
| BPSK, 2FSK, MSK            | 1bps–50Mbps   | 1bps–25 Mbps              | 1bps–12.5Mbps             |
| C4FM, OQPSK,<br>4FSK       | 2bps–100Mbps  | 2bps–50Mbps               | 2bps–25Mbps               |
| IS95 OQPSK,<br>QPSK        |   |                           |                           |
| P4DQPSK,<br>IS95 QPSK      |   |                           |                           |
| GRAYQPSK,<br>4QAM          |   |                           |                           |
| D8PSK, EDGE,<br>8FSK, 8PSK | 3bps–150Mbps  | 3bps–75Mbps               | 3bps–37.5Mbps             |
| 16FSK, 16PSK,<br>16QAM     | 4bps–200Mbps  | 4bps–100Mbps              | 4bps–50Mbps               |
| Q32AM                      | 5bps–250Mbps  | 5bps–125Mbps              | 5bps–62.5Mbps             |
| 64QAM                      | 6bps–300Mbps  | 6bps–150Mbps              | 6bps–75Mbps               |
| 128QAM                     | 7bps–350Mbps  | 7bps–175Mbps              | 7bps–87.5Mbps             |
| 256QAM                     | 8bps–400Mbps  | 8bps–200Mbps              | 8bps–100Mbps              |

The only external effect of the parallel mode is in the EVENT 1 output signal. In serial and parallel mode, the signal generator outputs a narrow pulse at the EVENT 1 connector. But in parallel mode, the output pulse width increases by a factor of bits-per-symbol wide, as shown in the following figure.



**NOTE:** The pulse widths values are only for example purposes. The actual width may vary from the above values.

## Pattern RAM (PRAM) Data Downloads (E4438C and E8267D)

**NOTE** This section applies only to the E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602, and the E8267D with Option 601 or 602.

If you encounter problems with this section, refer to “[Data Transfer Troubleshooting \(N5182A, E4438C and E8267D Only\)](#)” on page 340.

To verify the SCPI parser’s responsiveness when remotely using the :MEM:DATA SCPI command to upload files, the file’s upload should be verified using the \*STB? command. Refer to the *SCPI Command Reference*.

This section contains information to help you transfer user-generated PRAM data from a system controller to the signal generator’s PRAM. It explains how to download data directly into PRAM and modulate the carrier signal with the data.

The control bits included in the PRAM file download, control the following signal functions:

- bursting
- timing signal at the EVENT 1 rear panel connector
- data pattern reset

PRAM data downloads apply to only real-time Custom and TDMA modulation formats. In the TDMA formats, PRAM files are available only while using the unframed data selection. The following table on [page 310](#) shows which signal generator models support these formats.

| E4438C ESG          | E2867D PSG        |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Custom <sup>a</sup> | TDMA <sup>b</sup> |

- a. For ESG, requires Option 001, 002, 601, or 602, for PSG requires Option 601 or 602.
- b. Real-time TDMA modulation formats require Option 402 and include EDGE, GSM, NADC, PDC, PHS, DECT, and TETRA.

PRAM files differ from bit and binary user files.

Bit and binary user files (see [page 286](#)) download to non-volatile memory and the signal generator loads the user file data into PRAM (volatile/waveform memory) for use. The signal generator adds the required control bits when it generates the signal.

A PRAM file downloads directly into PRAM, and it includes seven of the required control bits for each data (payload) bit. The signal generator adds the remaining control bits when it generates the signal. You download the file using either a list or block data format. Programs such as MATLAB or MathCad can generate the data.

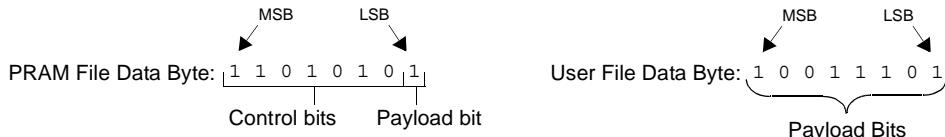
This type of signal control enables you to design experimental or proprietary framing schemes.

After selecting the PRAM file, the signal generator builds the modulation scheme by reading data stored in PRAM, and constructing framing protocols according to the PRAM file data and the modulation format. You can manipulate PRAM data by changing the standard protocols for a modulation format such as the symbol rate, modulation type, and filter either through the front panel interface or with SCPI commands.

## Understanding PRAM Files

The term PRAM file comes from earlier Agilent products, the E443xB ESGs. PRAM is another term for waveform memory (WFM1), which is also known as volatile memory. This means that PRAM files and waveform files occupy the same memory location. The signal generator's volatile memory (waveform memory) storage path is /user/BBG1/waveform. For more information on memory, see ["Signal Generator Memory" on page 281](#).

The following figure shows a PRAM byte and illustrates the difference between it and a bit/binary user file byte. Notice the control bits in the PRAM byte.



Only three of the seven control bits elicit a response from the signal generator. The other four bits are reserved. [Table 8-5](#) describes the bits for a PRAM byte.

**Table 8-5 PRAM Data Byte**

| Bit | Function | Value | Comments  |
|-----|----------|-------|---|
| 0   | Data     | 0/1   | This is the data (payload) bit. It is "unspecified" when burst (bit 2) is set to 0. |

**Table 8-5 PRAM Data Byte**

| <b>Bit</b> | <b>Function</b> | <b>Value</b> | <b>Comments</b>   |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|---|
| 1          | Reserved        | 0            | Always 0  |
| 2          | Burst           | 0/1          | 1 = RF on<br>0 = RF off<br>For non-bursted, non-TDMA systems, to have a continuous signal, set this bit to 1 for all bytes. For framed data, set this bit to 1 for <i>on</i> timeslots and 0 for <i>off</i> timeslots.  |
| 3          | Reserved        | 0            | Always 0  |
| 4          | Reserved        | 1            | Always 1  |
| 5          | Reserved        | 0            | Always 0  |
| 6          | EVENT1 Output   | 0/1          | To have the signal generator output a single pulse at the EVENT 1 connector, set this bit to 1. Use this output for functions such as a triggering external hardware to indicate when the data pattern begins and restarts, or creating a data-synchronous pulse train by toggling this bit in alternate bytes. |
| 7          | Pattern Reset   | 0/1          | 0 = continue to next sequential memory address.<br>1 = end of memory and restart memory playback.<br>This bit is set to 0 for all bytes except the last byte of PRAM. To restart the pattern, set the last byte of PRAM to 1.   |

As seen in [Table 8-5](#), only four bits, shown in the following list, can change state:

- bit 0—data
- bit 2—bursting
- bit 6—EVENT 1 rear panel output
- bit 7—pattern reset

Because a PRAM byte has only four bits that can change states, there are only 15 possible byte patterns as shown in [Table 8-6](#). The table also shows the decimal value for each pattern, which is needed for downloading data using the list format shown on [page 314](#).

**Table 8-6 PRAM Byte Patterns and Bit Positions**

| Bit Function       | Pattern Reset |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Bit Pattern Decimal Value |
|--------------------|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| Bit Position       | 7             | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | ---                       |
| <b>Bit Pattern</b> | 1             | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 213                       |
|                    | 1             | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 212                       |
|                    | 1             | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 209                       |
|                    | 1             | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 208                       |
|                    | 1             | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 149                       |
|                    | 1             | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 145                       |
|                    | 1             | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 144                       |
|                    | 0             | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 85                        |
|                    | 0             | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 84                        |
|                    | 0             | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 81                        |
|                    | 0             | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80                        |
|                    | 0             | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 21                        |
|                    | 0             | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20                        |
|                    | 0             | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17                        |
|                    | 0             | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16                        |

### Viewing the PRAM Waveform

After the waveform data is written to PRAM, the data pattern can be viewed using an oscilloscope. There is approximately a 12-symbol delay between a state change in the burst bit and the corresponding effect at the RF out. This delay varies with symbol rate and filter settings, and requires compensation to advance the burst bit in the downloaded PRAM file.

## PRAM File Size

Because volatile memory resides on the baseband generator (BBG), the maximum PRAM file size depends on the installed baseband generator option, as shown in [Table 8-7](#).

**Table 8-7 Maximum PRAM User File Size (Payload Bits Only)**

| Modulation Format | Baseband Generator Option |                       |                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                   | 001, 601                  | 002                   | 602                   |
| Custom TDMA       | 8 Mbits <sup>a</sup>      | 32 Mbits <sup>a</sup> | 64 Mbits <sup>a</sup> |

a. File size with no other files residing in volatile memory.

The maximum PRAM user file size in the table above refers to the maximum number of payload bits. After downloading, the signal generator translates each downloaded payload bit into a 32-bit word:

- 1 downloaded payload bit
- 7 downloaded control bits as shown in [Table 8-5 on page 310](#)
- 24 bits added by the signal generator

The following table shows the maximum file size after the signal generator has translated the maximum number of payload bits into 32-bit words.

**Table 8-8 Maximum File Size After Downloading**

| Modulation Format | Baseband Generator Option |                         |                         |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                   | 001, 601                  | 002                     | 602                     |
| Custom TDMA       | 32 MBytes <sup>a</sup>    | 128 MBytes <sup>a</sup> | 256 MBytes <sup>a</sup> |

a. File size with no other files residing in volatile memory.

To properly size a PRAM file, you must determine the file size after the 32-bit translation process. The signal generator measures a PRAM file size in units of bytes; each 32-bit word equals 4 bytes.

## Determining the File Size

The following example shows how to calculate a downloaded file size using a PRAM file that contains 89 bytes (payload bits plus 7 control bits per payload bit):

$$89 \text{ bytes} + [(89 \times 24 \text{ bits}) / 8] = 356 \text{ bytes}$$

Because the file downloads one fourth of the translated 32-bit word, another method to calculate the file size is to multiply the downloaded file size by four:

$$89 \text{ bytes} \times 4 = 356 \text{ bytes}$$

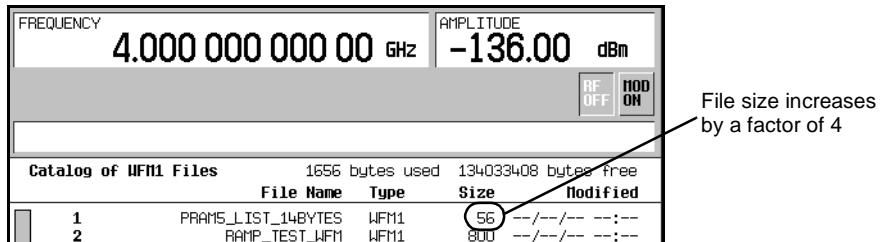
See also “[Signal Generator Memory](#)” on page 281 and “[Checking Available Memory](#)” on page 285.

### Minimum File Size

A PRAM file requires a minimum of 60 bytes to create a signal. If the downloaded file contains less than 60 bytes, the signal generator replicates the file until the file size meets the 60 byte minimum. This replication process occurs after you select the file and turn the modulation format on. The following example shows this process using a downloaded 14-byte file:

- During the file download, the 14 bytes are translated into 56 bytes (fourteen 32-bit words).

$$14 \text{ bytes} \times 4 = 56 \text{ bytes}$$



- After selecting and turning the format on, the signal generator replicates the file contents to create the 60 byte minimum file size

$$60 \text{ bytes} / 14 \text{ bytes} = 4.29 \text{ file replications}$$

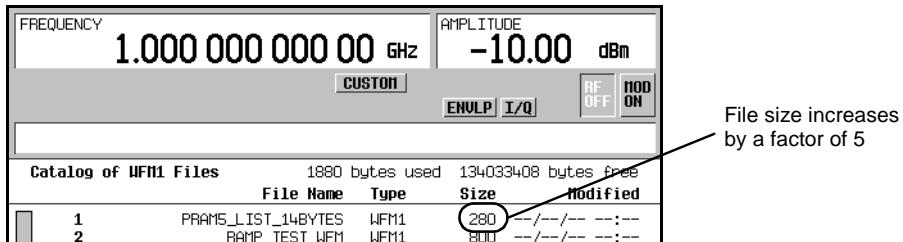
The signal generator rounds this real value up to the next highest integer. In this example, the signal generator replicates the fourteen 32-bit words (56 bytes) by a factor of 5, which makes the final file size 280 bytes. This equates to a 70 byte file.

$$14 \text{ bytes} \times 5 = 70 \text{ bytes}$$

$$70 + [(70 \times 24) / 8] = 280 \text{ bytes}$$

Or

$$56 \text{ bytes} \times 5 = 280 \text{ bytes}$$



### SCPI Command for a List Format Download

Using the list format, enter the data in the command line using comma-separated decimal values. This file type takes longer to download because the signal generator must parse the data. When creating the data, remember that the signal generator requires a minimum of 60 bytes. For more information on file size limits, see “[PRAM File Size](#)” on page 313.

### Command Syntax

:MEMORY:DATA:PRAM:FILE:LIST <"file\_name">,<uint8>[,<uint8>,<...>]

**uint8** The decimal equivalent of an unsigned 8-bit integer value. For a list of usable decimal values and their meaning with respect to the generated signal, see [Table 8-6 on page 312](#).

### Command Syntax Example

The following example, when executed, creates a new file in volatile (waveform) memory with the following attributes:

- creates a file named *new\_file*
- outputs a single pulse at the EVENT 1 connector
- bursts the data pattern 1100 seven times over 28 bytes
- transmits 32 nonburst bytes
- resets the data pattern so it starts again

:MEMORY:DATA:PRAM:FILE:LIST <"new\_file">,85,21,20,20,21,21,20,20,21,21,20,20,21,21,  
20,20,21,21,20,20,21,21,20,20,21,21,20,20,16,144

The following list defines the meaning of the different bytes seen in the command line:

- 85 Send a pulse to the EVENT 1 output, and burst the signal with a data bit of 1.
- 21 Burst the signal with a data bit of 1.
- 20 Burst the signal with a data bit of 0.
- 16 Do not burst the signal (RF output off), and set the data bit to 0.
- 144 Reset the data pattern, do not burst the signal (RF output off), and set the data bit to 0.

### SCPI Command for a Block Data Download

The IEEE standard 488.2-1992 section 7.7.6 defines block data. The signal generator is able to download block data significantly faster than list formatted data (see [page 314](#)), because it does not have to parse the data. When creating the data, remember that the signal generator requires a minimum of 60 bytes. For more information on file size limits, see [“PRAM File Size” on page 313](#).

### Command Syntax

:MEMORY:DATA:PRAM:FILE:BLOCK <"file\_name">,<blockdata>

The following sections explain how to format the SCPI command for downloading block data:

- [Command Syntax Example](#)
- [Command Syntax in a Program Routine](#)

### Command Syntax Example

This example conceptually describes how to format a block data download command (#ABC represents the block data):

```
:MEMORY:DATA:PRAM:FILE:BLOCk <"file_name">,#ABC
<"file_name"> the file name as it will appear in the signal generator
#
indicates the start of the block data
A the number of decimal digits present in B
B a decimal number specifying the number of data bytes to follow in C
C the PRAM file data in bytes

:MEMORY:DATA:PRAM:FILE:BLOCk "my_file",#324012%S!4&07#8g*Y9@7...
    _____
    |         |
    file_name   A   B   C
```

my\_file the PRAM file name as it will appear in the signal generator's WFM1 memory catalog  
# indicates the start of the block data  
3 B has three decimal digits  
240 240 bytes of data to follow in C  
12%S!4&07#8g\*Y9@7... the ASCII representation of some of the block data (binary data) downloaded to the signal generator, however not all ASCII values are printable

In actual use, the block data is not part of the command line as shown above, but instead resides in a binary file on the PC/UNIX. When the program executes the SCPI command, the command line notifies the signal generator that it is going to receive block data of the stated size, and to place the file in the signal generator file directory with the indicated name. Immediately following the command execution, the program downloads the binary file to the signal generator. This is shown in the following section, [“Command Syntax in a Program Routine”](#)

### Command Syntax in a Program Routine

This section demonstrates the use of the download SPCI command within the confines of a C++ program routine. The following code sends the SCPI command and downloads a 240 byte PRAM file to the signal generator's WFM1 (waveform) memory catalog. This program assumes that there is a char array, *databuffer*, that contains the 240 bytes of PRAM data and that the variable *numbytes* stores the length of the array.

| Line | Code—Download PRAM File Data  |
|------|---|
| 1    | int bytesToSend;  |
| 2    | bytesToSend = numbytes;   |
| 3    | char s[4];  |
| 4    | char cmd[200];  |
| 5    | sprintf(s, "%d", bytesToSend);  |
| 6    | sprintf(cmd, ":MEM:DATA:PRAM:FILE:BLOCk \"FILE1\"", # %d %d, strlen(s), bytesToSend); |
| 7    | iwrite(id, cmd, strlen(cmd), 0, 0);   |
| 8    | iwrite(id, databuffer, bytesToSend, 0, 0);  |
| 9    | iwrite(id, "\n", 1, 1, 0);  |

| Line | Code Description—Download PRAM File Data   |
|------|--|
| 1    | Define an integer variable ( <i>bytesToSend</i> ) to store the number of bytes to send to the signal generator.  |
| 2    | Store the total number of PRAM bytes in the integer variable defined in line 1. <i>numbytes</i> contains the length of the <i>databuffer</i> array referenced in line 8.   |
| 3    | Create a string large enough to hold the <i>bytesToSend</i> value as characters plus a null character value. In this code, string <i>s</i> is set to 4 bytes (3 characters for the <i>bytesToSend</i> value and one null character—one character equals one byte).   |
| 4    | Create a string and set its length ( <i>cmd[200]</i> ) to hold the SCPI command syntax and parameters. In this code, we define the string length as 200 bytes (200 characters).  |
| 5    | Store the value of <i>bytesToSend</i> in string <i>s</i> . For this example, <i>bytesToSend</i> = 240; <i>s</i> = "240"  |
| 6    | <p>Store the SCPI command syntax and parameters in the string <i>cmd</i>. The SCPI command prepares the signal generator to accept the data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>sprintf()</i> is a standard function in C++, which writes string data to a string variable.</li> <li>• <i>strlen()</i> is a standard function in C++, which returns length of a string.</li> <li>• <i>bytesToSend</i> = 240, then <i>s</i> = "240" plus the null character, <i>strlen(s)</i> = 4, so <i>cmd</i> = :MEM:DATA:PRAM:FILE:BLOCK "FILE1\" #3240.</li> </ul>  |
| 7    | <p>Send the SCPI command stored in the string <i>cmd</i> to the signal generator contained in the variable <i>id</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>iwrite()</i> is a SICL function in Agilent IO library, which writes the data (block data) specified in the string <i>cmd</i> to the signal generator.</li> <li>• The third argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, <i>strlen(cmd)</i>, informs the signal generator of the number of bytes in the command string. The signal generator parses the string to determine the number of data bytes it expects to receive.</li> <li>• The fourth argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 0, means there is no END of file indicator for the string. This lets the session remain open, so the program can download the PRAM file data.</li> </ul> |

| Line | Code Description—Download PRAM File Data  |
|------|---|
| 8    | <p>Send the PRAM file data stored in the array, <i>databuffer</i>, to the signal generator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>iwrite()</i> sends the data specified in <i>databuffer</i> (PRAM data) to the signal generator (session identifier specified in <i>id</i>).</li><li>• The third argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, <i>bytesToSend</i>, contains the length of the <i>databuffer</i> in bytes. In this example, it is 240.</li><li>• The fourth argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 0, means there is no END of file indicator in the data. In many programming languages, there are two methods to send SCPI commands and data:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Method 1 where the program stops the data download when it encounters the first zero (END indicator) in the data.</li><li>– Method 2 where the program sends a fixed number of bytes and ignores any zeros in the data. This is the method used in our program.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>For your programming language, you must find and use the equivalent of method two. Otherwise you may only achieve a partial download of the user file data.</p> |
| 9    | <p>Send the terminating carriage (\n) as the last byte of the waveform data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>iwrite()</i> writes the data “\n” to the signal generator (session identifier specified in <i>id</i>).</li><li>• The third argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 1, sends one byte to the signal generator.</li><li>• The fourth argument of <i>iwrite()</i>, 1, is the END of file indicator, which the program uses to terminate the data download.</li></ul>  |

## Selecting a Downloaded PRAM File as the Data Source

The following steps show the process for selecting a PRAM file using commands from the GSM (TDMA) modulation format. While the commands shown come from only one format, the concept remains the same when making the data selection for any of the other real-time modulation formats that support PRAM data. To find the commands for Custom and the other TDMA formats, see the signal generator's *SCPI Command Reference*.

1. For real-time TDMA formats, select unframed data:

```
:RADio:GSM:BURSt:STATE OFF
```

2. Select the data type:

```
:RADio:GSM:DATA PRAM
```

3. Select the PRAM file:

```
:RADio:GSM:DATA:PRAM <"file_name">
```

Because the command is file specific (PRAM), there is no need to include the file path with the file name.

4. Configure the remaining signal parameters.

5. Turn the modulation format on:

:RADio:GSM:STATE On

## Modulating and Activating the Carrier

Use the following commands to modulate the carrier and turn on the RF output. For a complete listing of SPCI commands, refer to the *SCPI Command Reference*.

```
:FREQuency:FIXed 1.8GHZ
:POWer:LEVel -10.0DBM
:OUTPut:MODulation:STATe ON
:OUTPut:STATe ON
```

## Storing a PRAM File to Non-Volatile Memory and Restoring to Volatile Memory

After you download the file to volatile memory (waveform memory), you can then save it to non-volatile memory. Remember that a PRAM file downloads to waveform memory. Conversely, when you store a PRAM file to non-volatile memory, it uses the same directory as waveform files. When storing or restoring a file, you must include the file path as part of the file\_name variable.

### Command Syntax

The first file\_name variable is the current location of the file and its name; the second file\_name variable is the destination to store the file and its name.

There are three ways to format the file\_name variable to include the file path:

#### Volatile Memory to Non-Volatile Memory

```
:MEMory:COPY "WFM1:file_name", "NVWFM:file_name"
:MEMory:COPY "file_name@WFM1", "file_name@NVWFM"
:MEMory:COPY "/user/bbg1/waveform/file_name", "/user/waveform/file_name"
```

#### Non-Volatile Memory to Volatile Memory

```
:MEMory:COPY "NVWFM:file_name", "WFM1:file_name"
:MEMory:COPY "file_name@NVWFM", "file_name@WFM1"
:MEMory:COPY "/user/waveform/file_name", "/user/bbg1/waveform/file_name"
```

## Extracting a PRAM File

When you extract a PRAM file, you are extracting the translated 32-bit word-per-byte file. You cannot extract just the downloaded data. Extracting a PRAM file is similar to extracting a waveform file in that you use the same commands, and the PRAM file resides in either volatile memory (waveform memory) or the waveform directory for non-volatile memory. After extraction, you can download the file to the same signal generator or to another signal generator with the proper option configuration that supports the downloaded file. There are two ways to download a file after extraction:

- with the ability to extract later
- with no extraction capability

---

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>CAUTION</b> | Ensure that you do not use the :MEMORY:DATA:PRAM:FILE:BLOCK command to download an extracted file. If you use this command, the signal generator will treat the file as a new PRAM file and translate the LSB of each byte into a 32-bit word, corrupting the file data. |
|----------------|--|

---

### Command Syntax

This section lists the commands for extracting PRAM files and downloading extracted PRAM files. To download an extracted file, you must use block data. For information on block data, see “[SCPI Command for a Block Data Download](#)” on page 315. In addition, there are three ways to format the file\_name variable, which must also include the file path, as shown in the following tables.

There are two commands for file extraction:

- :MEM:DATA? <"file\_name">
- :MMEM:DATA? <"filename">

The following table uses the first command to illustrate the command format, however the format is the same if you use the second command.

**Table 8-9 Extracting a PRAM File**

| Extraction Method/Memory Type        | Command Syntax Options   |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| SCPI/volatile memory                 | :MEM:DATA? "WFM1:file_name"<br>:MEM:DATA? "file_name@WFM1"<br>:MEM:DATA? "/user/bbg1/waveform/file_name" |
| SCPI/non-volatile memory             | :MEM:DATA? "NVWFM:file_name"<br>:MEM:DATA? "file_name@NVWFM"<br>:MEM:DATA? "/user/waveform/file_name"    |
| FTP/volatile memory <sup>a</sup>     | get /user/bbg1/waveform/file_name  |
| FTP/non-volatile memory <sup>a</sup> | get /user/waveform/file_name   |

a. See “[FTP Procedures](#)” on page 303.

**Table 8-10 Downloading a File for Extraction**

| Download Method/Memory Type | Command Syntax Options  |
|-----------------------------|---|
| SCPI/volatile memory        | :MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "WFM1:file_name",<blockdata><br>:MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "file_name@WFM1",<blockdata><br>:MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "/user/bbg1/waveform/file_name",<blockdata> |

**Table 8-10** Downloading a File for Extraction

| Download Method/<br>Memory Type         | Command Syntax Options   |
|---|--|
| SCPI/non-volatile<br>memory             | :MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "NWWFM:file_name",<blockdata><br>:MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "file_name@NWWFM",<blockdata><br>:MEM:DATA:UNPROTECTED "/user/waveform/file_name",<blockdata> |
| FTP/volatile memory <sup>a</sup>        | put <file_name> /user/bbg1/waveform/file_name  |
| FTP/non-volatile<br>memory <sup>a</sup> | put <file_name> /user/waveform/file_name   |

a. See “[FTP Procedures](#)” on page 303.

There are two commands that download a file for no extraction:

- :MEM:DATA "<file\_name">,<blockdata>
- :MMEM:DATA "<filename">,<blockdata>

The following table uses the first command to illustrate the command format, however the format is the same if you use the second command.

**Table 8-11** Downloading a File for No Extraction

| Download Method/<br>Memory Type | Command Syntax Options   |
|---------------------------------|--|
| SCPI/volatile memory            | :MEM:DATA "WFM1:file_name",<blockdata><br>:MEM:DATA "file_name@WFM1",<blockdata><br>:MMEM:DATA "/user/bbg1/waveform/file_name",<blockdata> |
| SCPI/non-volatile memory        | :MEM:DATA "NWWFM:file_name",<blockdata><br>:MEM:DATA "file_name@NWWFM",<blockdata><br>:MEM:DATA "/user/waveform/file_name",<blockdata>     |

## Modifying PRAM Files

The only way to change PRAM file data is to modify the original file on a computer and download it again. The signal generator does not support viewing and editing PRAM file contents. Because the signal generator translates the data bit into a 32-bit word, the file contents are not recognizable, and therefore not editable using a hex editor program, as shown in the following figure.

60 byte PRAM file prior to downloading

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 00000000: | 05 15 15 15 15 14 15 14 15 14 14 15 15 15 15 14 14 15 |
| 00000010: | 14 15 15 15 14 15 14 14 15 14 14 15 15 14 14 15       |
| 00000020: | 15 14 14 14 14 14 15 15 14 14 15 15 14 15 15 14       |
| 00000030: | 14 14 15 14 14 15 15 15 15 15 14 90                   |

60 byte PRAM file after downloading

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 00000000: | 00 01 01 40 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 |
| 00000010: | 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 |
| 00000020: | 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 |
| 00000030: | 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 |
| 00000040: | 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 |
| 00000050: | 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 |
| 00000060: | 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 |
| 00000070: | 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 |
| 00000080: | 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 |
| 00000090: | 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 |
| 000000a0: | 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 |
| 000000b0: | 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 |
| 000000c0: | 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 |
| 000000d0: | 00 00 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 |
| 000000e0: | 00 01 00 40 00 01 00 40 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 40 |
| 000000f0: | _____   |

## FIR Filter Coefficient Downloads (N5182A, E4438C and E8267D)

---

**NOTE** If you encounter problems with this section, refer to “[Data Transfer Troubleshooting \(N5182A, E4438C and E8267D Only\)](#)” on page 340.

---

The signal generator accepts finite impulse response (FIR) filter coefficient downloads. After downloading the coefficients, these user-defined FIR filter coefficient values can be selected as the filtering mechanism for the active digital communications standard.

### Data Requirements

There are two requirements for user-defined FIR filter coefficient files:

1. Data must be in ASCII format.

The signal generator processes FIR filter coefficients as floating point numbers.

2. Data must be in List format.

FIR filter coefficient data is processed as a list by the signal generator’s firmware. See [Sample Command Line](#).

### Data Limitations

Filter lengths of up to 1024 taps (coefficients) are allowed. The oversample ratio (OSR) is the number of filter taps per symbol. Oversample ratios from 1 through 32 are possible.

The maximum combination of OSR and symbols allowed is 32 symbols with an OSR of 32.

The Real Time I/Q Baseband FIR filter files are limited to 1024 taps, 64 symbols and a 16-times oversample ratio. FIR filter files with more than 64 symbols cannot be used.

The ARB Waveform Generator FIR filter files are limited to 512 taps and 512 symbols.

The sampling period ( $\Delta t$ ) is equal to the inverse of the sampling rate (FS). The sampling rate is equal to the symbol rate multiplied by the oversample ratio. For example, the GSM symbol rate is 270.83 ksps. With an oversample ratio of 4, the sampling rate is 1083.32 kHz and  $\Delta t$  (inverse of FS) is 923.088 nsec.

## Downloading FIR Filter Coefficient Data

The signal generator stores the FIR files in the FIR (/USER/FIR) directory, which utilizes non-volatile memory (see also “[Signal Generator Memory](#)” on page 281). Use the following SCPI command line to download FIR filter coefficients (file) from the PC to the signal generator’s FIR directory:

```
:MEMORY:DATA:FIR <"file_name">,osr,coefficient{,coefficient}
```

Use the following SCPI command line to query list data from the FIR file:

```
:MEMORY:DATA:FIR? <"file_name">
```

### Sample Command Line

The following SCPI command will download a typical set of FIR filter coefficient values and name the file “FIR1”:

```
:MEMORY:DATA:FIR "FIR1",4,0,0,0,0,0.000001,0.000012,0.000132,0.001101,  
0.006743,0.030588,0.103676,0.265790,0.523849,0.809508,1,1,0.809508,0.523849,  
0.265790,0.103676,0.030588,0.006743,0.001101,0.000132,0.000012,0.000001,0,  
0,0,0,0,0
```

FIR1                 assigns the name FIR1 to the associated OSR (over sample ratio) and coefficient values (the file is then represented with this name in the FIR File catalog)

4                     specifies the oversample ratio

0,0,0,0,0,  
0.000001,...        the FIR filter coefficients

## Selecting a Downloaded User FIR Filter as the Active Filter

---

**NOTE**   For information on manual key presses for the following remote procedures, refer to the *User’s Guide*.

---

### FIR Filter Data for TDMA Format

The following remote command selects user FIR filter data as the active filter for a TDMA modulation format.

```
:RADio:<desired format>:FILTer <"file_name">
```

This command selects the user FIR filter, specified by the file name, as the active filter for the TDMA modulation format. After selecting the file, activate the TDMA format with the following command:

```
:RADio:<desired format>:STATE On
```

## FIR Filter Data for Custom Modulation

The following remote command selects user FIR filter data as the active filter for a custom modulation format.

```
:RADio:CUSTOm:FILTer <"file_name">
```

This command selects the user FIR filter, specified by the file name, as the active filter for the custom modulation format. After selecting the file, activate the TDMA format with the following command:

```
:RADio:CUSTOm:STATe On
```

## FIR Filter Data for CDMA and W-CDMA Modulation

The following remote command selects user FIR filter data as the active filter for a CDMA modulation format. The process is very similar for W-CDMA.

```
:RADio:<desired format>:ARB:FILTer <"file_name">
```

This command selects the User FIR filter, specified by the file name, as the active filter for the CDMA or W-CDMA modulation format. After selecting the file, activate the CDMA or W-CDMA format with the following command:

```
:RADio:<desired format>:ARB:STATe On
```

## Modulating and Activating the Carrier

The following commands set the carrier frequency and power, and turns on the modulation and the RF output.

1. Set the carrier frequency to 2.5 GHz:

```
:FREQuency:FIXed 2.5GHZ
```

2. Set the carrier power to -10.0 dBm:

```
:POWER:LEVel -10.0DBM
```

3. Activate the modulation:

```
:OUTPut:MODulation:STATe ON
```

4. Activate the RF output:

```
:OUTPut:STATE ON
```

## Save and Recall Instrument State Files

---

**NOTE** References to waveform files and some of the other data file types mentioned in the following sections are not available for all models and options of signal generator. Refer to the instrument's *Data Sheet* for the signal generator and options being used.

---

The signal generator can save instrument state settings to memory. An instrument state setting includes any instrument state that does not survive a signal generator preset or power cycle such as frequency, amplitude, attenuation, and other user-defined parameters. The instrument state settings are saved in memory and organized into sequences and registers. There are 10 sequences with 100 registers per sequence available for instrument state settings. These instrument state files are stored in the USER/STATE directory. See also, ["Signal Generator Memory" on page 281](#).

The save function does not store data such as Arb waveforms, table entries, list sweep data, and so forth. The save function saves a reference to the waveform or data file name associated with the instrument state. Use the store commands or store softkey functions to store these data file types to the signal generator's memory catalog.

Before saving an instrument state that has a data file or waveform file associated with it, store the file. For example, if you are editing a multitone arb format, store the multitone data to a file in the signal generator's memory catalog (multitone files are stored in the USER/MTONE directory). Then save the instrument state associated with that data file. The settings for the signal generator such as frequency and amplitude and a reference to the multitone file name will be saved in the selected sequence and register number. Refer to the signal generator's *User's Guide*, *Key and Data Field Reference*, or the signal generator's Help hardkey for more information on the save and recall functions.

### Save and Recall SCPI Commands

The following command sequence saves the current instrument state, using the \*SAV command, in register 01, sequence 1. A comment is then added to the instrument state.

```
*SAV 01,1  
:MEM:STAT:COMM 01,1,"Instrument state comment"
```

If there is a waveform or data file associated with the instrument state, there will be a file name reference saved along with the instrument state. However, the waveform/data file must be stored in the signal generator's memory catalog as the \*SAV command does not save data files. For more information on storing file data such as modulation formats, arb setups, and table entries refer to the signal generator's *User's Guide*.

---

**NOTE** On the N5182A, E4438C, and E8267D, if a saved instrument state contains a reference to a waveform file, ensure that the waveform file resides in volatile memory before recalling the instrument state. For more information, see the *User's Guide*.

---

The recall function recalls a saved instrument state. If there is a data file associated with the instrument state, the file will be loaded along with the instrument state. The following command recalls the instrument state saved in register 01, sequence 1.

```
*RCL 01,1
```

## Save and Recall Programming Example Using VISA and C#

The following programming example uses VISA and C# to save and recall signal generator instrument states. Instruments states are saved to and recalled from your computer. This console program prompts the user for an action: Backup State Files, Restore State Files, or Quit.

The Backup State Files choice reads the signal generator's state files and stores it on your computer in the same directory where the State\_Files.exe program is located. The Restore State Files selection downloads instrument state files, stored on your computer, to the signal generator's State directory. The Quit selection exists the program. The figure below shows the console interface and the results obtained after selecting the Restore State Files operation.

The program uses VISA library functions. Refer to the Agilent VISA User's Manual available on Agilent's website: <http://www.agilent.com> for more information on VISA functions.

The program listing for the State\_Files.cs program is shown below. It is available on the CD-ROM in the programming examples section under the same name.

```
C:\WINNT\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v1.1.4322\State_Files1.exe
1> Backup state files
2> Restore state files
3> Quit
Enter 1,2,or 3. Your choice: 2
Restoring sequence #0, register #01
Restoring sequence #0, register #02
Restoring sequence #0, register #03
Restoring sequence #0, register #04
Restoring sequence #0, register #05
Restoring sequence #0, register #06
Restoring sequence #0, register #07
Restoring sequence #0, register #08
Restoring sequence #1, register #00
Restoring sequence #1, register #01
Restoring sequence #1, register #02
Restoring sequence #1, register #03
Restoring sequence #1, register #04
Restoring sequence #1, register #05
1> Backup state files
2> Restore state files
3> Quit
Enter 1,2,or 3. Your choice:
```

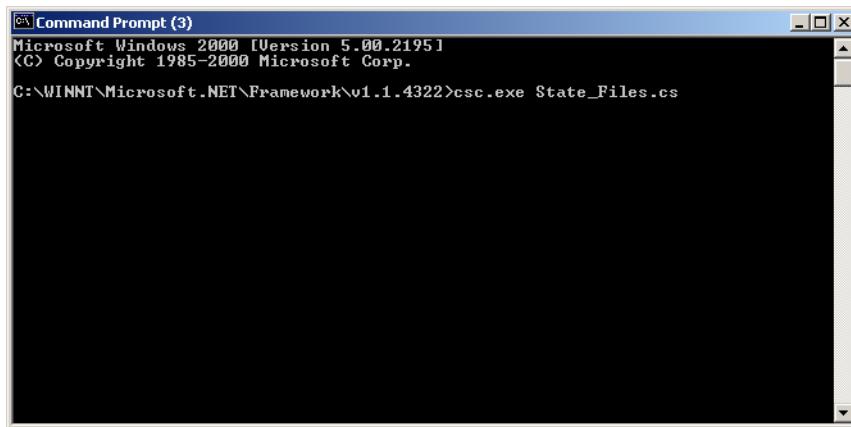
## C# and Microsoft .NET Framework

The Microsoft .NET Framework is a platform for creating Web Services and applications. There are three components of the .NET Framework: the common language runtime, class libraries, and Active Server Pages, called ASP.NET. Refer to the Microsoft website for more information on the .NET Framework.

The .NET Framework must be installed on your computer before you can run the State\_Files program. The framework can be downloaded from the Microsoft website and then installed on your computer.

Perform the following steps to run the State\_Files program.

1. Copy the State\_Files.cs file from the CD-ROM programming examples section to the directory where the .NET Framework is installed.
2. Change the TCPIP0 address in the program from TCPIP0::000.000.000.000 to your signal generator's address.
3. Save the file using the .cs file name extension.
4. Run the Command Prompt program. Start > Run > "cmd.exe". Change the directory for the command prompt to the location where the .NET Framework was installed.
5. Type csc.exe State\_Files.cs at the command prompt and then press the Enter key on the keyboard to run the program. The following figure shows the command prompt interface.



The State\_Files.cs program is listed below. You can copy this program from the examples directory on the signal generator's CD-ROM.

---

**NOTE** The *State\_Files.cs* example uses the ESG in the programming code but can be used with the PSG or Agilent MXG.

---

```
*****  
// File Name: State_Files.cs  
//  
// This C# example code saves and recalls signal generator instrument states. The saved  
// instrument state files are written to the local computer directory computer where the  
// State_Files.exe is located. This is a console application that uses DLL importing to  
// allow for calls to the unmanaged Agilent IO Library VISA DLL.  
//
```

```
// The Agilent VISA library must be installed on your computer for this example to run.  
// Important: Replace the visaOpenString with the IP address for your signal generator.  
//  
//*********************************************************************  
using System;  
using System.IO;  
using System.Text;  
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;  
using System.Collections;  
using System.Text.RegularExpressions;  
  
namespace State_Files  
  
{  
    class MainApp  
    {  
        // Replace the visaOpenString variable with your instrument's address.  
  
        static public string visaOpenString = "TCPIPO::000.000.000.000"; //GPIB0::19";  
        //"TCPIPO::ESG3::INSTR";  
  
        public const uint DEFAULT_TIMEOUT = 30 * 1000;// Instrument timeout 30 seconds.  
        public const int MAX_READ_DEVICE_STRING = 1024; // Buffer for string data reads.  
        public const int TRANSFER_BLOCK_SIZE = 4096;// Buffer for byte data.  
  
        // The main entry point for the application.  
  
        [STAThread]  
  
        static void Main(string[] args)  
        {  
  
            uint defaultRM;// Open the default VISA resource manager  
            if (VisaInterop.OpenDefaultRM(out defaultRM) == 0) // If no errors, proceed.  
            {  
                uint device;  
                // Open the specified VISA device: the signal generator  
                if (VisaInterop.Open(defaultRM, visaOpenString, VisaAccessMode.NoLock,  
                    DEFAULT_TIMEOUT, out device) == 0)  
                // if no errors proceed.  
                {
```

```
bool quit = false;
while (!quit)// Get user input
{
    Console.WriteLine("1) Backup state files\n" +
                      "2) Restore state files\n" +
                      "3) Quit\nEnter 1,2,or 3. Your choice: ");
    string choice = Console.ReadLine();
    switch (choice)
    {
        case "1":
        {
            BackupInstrumentState(device); // Write instrument state
            break;                      // files to the computer
        }
        case "2":
        {
            RestoreInstrumentState(device); // Read instrument state
            break;// files to the sig gen
        }
        case "3":
        {
            quit = true;
            break;
        }
        default:
        {
            break;
        }
    }
}
VisaInterop.Close(device);// Close the device
}
else
{
    Console.WriteLine("Unable to open " + visaOpenString);
}
VisaInterop.Close(defaultRM); // Close the default resource manager
}
else
{
    Console.WriteLine("Unable to open the VISA resource manager");
}
}

/* This method restores all the sequence/register state files located in
```

## Creating and Downloading User-Data Files

### Save and Recall Instrument State Files

```
the local directory (identified by a ".STA" file name extension)
to the signal generator.*/

static public void RestoreInstrumentState(uint device)
{
    DirectoryInfo di = new DirectoryInfo(".");
    // Instantiate object class
    FileInfo[] rgFiles = di.GetFiles("*.STA");
    // Get the state files
    foreach(FileInfo fi in rgFiles)
    {
        Match m = Regex.Match(fi.Name, @"\d_(\d\d)");
        if (m.Success)
        {
            string sequence = m.Groups[1].ToString();
            string register = m.Groups[2].ToString();
            Console.WriteLine("Restoring sequence #" + sequence +
                ", register #" + register);

/* Save the target instrument's current state to the specified sequence/
register pair. This ensures the index file has an entry for the specified
sequence/register pair. This workaround will not be necessary in future
revisions of firmware.*/
            WriteDevice(device, "*SAV " + register + ", " + sequence + "\n",
                true); // << on SAME line!
            // Overwrite the newly created state file with the state
            // file that is being restored.
            WriteDevice(device, "MEM:DATA \"/USER/STATE/" + m.ToString() + "\n",
                false); // << on SAME line!
            WriteFileBlock(device, fi.Name);
            WriteDevice(device, "\n", true);
        }
    }

/* This method reads out all the sequence/register state files from the signal
generator and stores them in your computer's local directory with a ".STA"
extension */

static public void BackupInstrumentState(uint device)
{
    // Get the memory catalog for the state directory
    WriteDevice(device, "MEM:CAT:STAT?\n", false);
```

```

        string catalog = ReadDevice(device);
        /* Match the catalog listing for state files which are named
           (sequence#)_register# e.g. 0_01, 1_01, 2_05*/
        Match m = Regex.Match(catalog, @"\(\d_\d\d\)");
        while (m.Success)
        {
            // Grab the matched filename from the regular expression
            string nextFile = m.Groups[1].ToString();
            // Retrieve the file and store with a .STA extension
            // in the current directory
            Console.WriteLine("Retrieving state file: " + nextFile);
            WriteDevice(device, "MEM:DATA? \"/USER/STATE/" + nextFile + "\n", true);
            ReadFileBlock(device, nextFile + ".STA");
            // Clear newline
            ReadDevice(device);
            // Advance to next match in catalog string
            m = m.NextMatch();
        }
    }

/* This method writes an ASCII text string (SCPI command) to the signal generator.
If the bool "sendEnd" is true, the END line character will be sent at the
conclusion of the write. If "sendEnd" is false the END line will not be sent.*/
static public void WriteDevice(uint device, string scpiCmd, bool sendEnd)
{
    byte[] buf = Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(scpiCmd);
    if (!sendEnd) // Do not send the END line character
    {
        VisaInterop.SetAttribute(device, VisaAttribute.SendEndEnable, 0);
    }
    uint retCount;
    VisaInterop.Write(device, buf, (uint)buf.Length, out retCount);
    if (!sendEnd) // Set the bool sendEnd true.
    {
        VisaInterop.SetAttribute(device, VisaAttribute.SendEndEnable, 1);
    }
}

// This method reads an ASCII string from the specified device
static public string ReadDevice(uint device)
{

```

## Creating and Downloading User-Data Files

### Save and Recall Instrument State Files

```
string retValue = "";
byte[] buf = new byte[MAX_READ_DEVICE_STRING]; // 1024 bytes maximum read
uint retCount;
if (VisaInterop.Read(device, buf, (uint)buf.Length -1, out retCount) == 0)
{
    retValue = Encoding.ASCII.GetString(buf, 0, (int)retCount);
}
return retValue;
}

/* The following method reads a SCPI definite block from the signal generator
and writes the contents to a file on your computer. The trailing
newline character is NOT consumed by the read.*/

static public void ReadFileBlock(uint device, string fileName)
{
    // Create the new, empty data file.
    FileStream fs = new FileStream(fileName, FileMode.Create);
    // Read the definite block header: #{lengthDataLength}{dataLength}
    uint retCount = 0;
    byte[] buf = new byte[10];
    VisaInterop.Read(device, buf, 2, out retCount);
    VisaInterop.Read(device, buf, (uint)(buf[1] - '0'), out retCount);
    uint fileSize = UInt32.Parse(Encoding.ASCII.GetString(buf, 0, (int)retCount));
    // Read the file block from the signal generator
    byte[] readBuf = new byte[TRANSFER_BLOCK_SIZE];
    uint bytesRemaining = fileSize;

    while (bytesRemaining != 0)
    {
        uint bytesToRead = (bytesRemaining < TRANSFER_BLOCK_SIZE) ?
            bytesRemaining : TRANSFER_BLOCK_SIZE;
        VisaInterop.Read(device, readBuf, bytesToRead, out retCount);
        fs.Write(readBuf, 0, (int)retCount);
        bytesRemaining -= retCount;
    }
    // Done with file
    fs.Close();
}

/* The following method writes the contents of the specified file to the
specified file in the form of a SCPI definite block. A newline is
```

```
NOT appended to the block and END is not sent at the conclusion of the
write.*/

static public void WriteFileBlock(uint device, string fileName)
{
    // Make sure that the file exists, otherwise sends a null block
    if (File.Exists(fileName))
    {
        FileStream fs = new FileStream(fileName, FileMode.Open);
        // Send the definite block header: #{lengthDataLength}{dataLength}
        string fileSize = fs.Length.ToString();
        string fileSizeLength = fileSize.Length.ToString();
        WriteDevice(device, "#" + fileSizeLength + fileSize, false);
        // Don't set END at the end of writes
        VisaInterop.SetAttribute(device, VisaAttribute.SendEndEnable, 0);
        // Write the file block to the signal generator
        byte[] readBuf = new byte[TRANSFER_BLOCK_SIZE];
        int numRead = 0;
        uint retCount = 0;
        while ((numRead = fs.Read(readBuf, 0, TRANSFER_BLOCK_SIZE)) != 0)
        {
            VisaInterop.Write(device, readBuf, (uint)numRead, out retCount);
        }
        // Go ahead and set END on writes
        VisaInterop.SetAttribute(device, VisaAttribute.SendEndEnable, 1);
        // Done with file
        fs.Close();
    }
    else
    {
        // Send an empty definite block
        WriteDevice(device, "#10", false);
    }
}

// Declaration of VISA device access constants
public enum VisaAccessMode
{
    NoLock = 0,
    ExclusiveLock = 1,
    SharedLock = 2,
```

## Creating and Downloading User-Data Files

### Save and Recall Instrument State Files

```
    LoadConfig = 4
}

// Declaration of VISA attribute constants
public enum VisaAttribute
{
    SendEndEnable = 0x3FFF0016,
    TimeoutValue = 0x3FFF001A
}

// This class provides a way to call the unmanaged Agilent IO Library VISA C
// functions from the C# application

public class VisaInterop
{
    [DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viClear")]
    public static extern int Clear(uint session);

    [DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viClose")]
    public static extern int Close(uint session);

    [DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viFindNext")]
    public static extern int FindNext(uint findList, byte[] desc);

    [DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viFindRsrc")]
    public static extern int FindRsrc(
        uint session,
        string expr,
        out uint findList,
        out uint retCnt,
        byte[] desc);

    [DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viGetAttribute")]
    public static extern int GetAttribute(uint vi, VisaAttribute attribute, out uint attrState);

    [DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viOpen")]
    public static extern int Open(
        uint session,
        string rsrcName,
        VisaAccessMode accessMode,
        uint timeout,
        out uint vi);
}
```

```
[DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viOpenDefaultRM")]
public static extern int OpenDefaultRM(out uint session);

[DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viRead")]
public static extern int Read(
    uint session,
    byte[] buf,
    uint count,
    out uint retCount);

[DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viSetAttribute")]
public static extern int SetAttribute(uint vi, VisaAttribute attribute, uint attrState);

[DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viStatusDesc")]
public static extern int StatusDesc(uint vi, int status, byte[] desc);

[DllImport("agvisa32.dll", EntryPoint="viWrite")]
public static extern int Write(
    uint session,
    byte[] buf,
    uint count,
    out uint retCount);
}

}
```

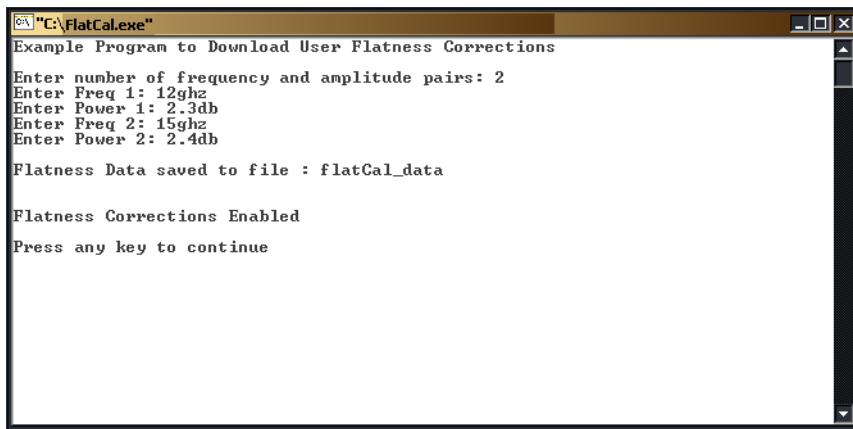
## User Flatness Correction Downloads Using C++ and VISA

This sample program uses C++ and the VISA libraries to download user-flatness correction values to the signal generator. The program uses the LAN interface but can be adapted to use the GPIB interface by changing the address string in the program.

You must include header files and resource files for library functions needed to run this program. Refer to “[Running C++ Programs](#)” on page 59 for more information.

The FlatCal program asks the user to enter a number of frequency and amplitude pairs. Frequency and amplitude values are entered via the keyboard and displayed on the console interface. The values are then downloaded to the signal generator and stored to a file named flatCal\_data. The file is then loaded into the signal generator’s memory catalog and corrections are turned on. The figure below shows the console interface and several frequency and amplitude values. Use the same format, shown in the figure below, for entering frequency and amplitude pairs (for example, 12ghz, 1.2db).

**Figure 8-3** FlatCal Console Application



The program uses VISA library functions. The non-formatted viWrite VISA function is used to output data to the signal generator. Refer to the Agilent VISA User’s Manual available on Agilent’s website: <http://www.agilent.com> for more information on VISA functions.

The program listing for the FlatCal program is shown below. It is available on the CD-ROM in the programming examples section as flatcal.cpp.

```
//*****
// PROGRAM NAME:FlatCal.cpp
//
// PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:C++ Console application to input frequency and amplitude
// pairs and then download them to the signal generator.
//
// NOTE: You must have the Agilent IO Libraries installed to run this program.
//
// This example uses the LAN/TCP/IP interface to download frequency and amplitude
// correction pairs to the signal generator. The program asks the operator to enter
// the number of pairs and allocates a pointer array listPairs[] sized to the number
// of pairs.The array is filled with frequency nextFreq[] and amplitude nextPower[]
// values entered from the keyboard.
//
//*****
// IMPORTANT: Replace the 000.000.000.000 IP address in the instOpenString declaration
// in the code below with the IP address of your signal generator.
//*****
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "visa.h"
#include <string.h>

// IMPORTANT:
// Configure the following IP address correctly before compiling and running

char* instOpenString ="TCPIPO::000.000.000.000::INSTR";//your PSG's IP address

const int MAX_STRING_LENGTH=20;//length of frequency and power strings
const int BUFFER_SIZE=256;//length of SCPI command string

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    ViSession defaultRM, vi;
    ViStatus status = 0;

    status = viOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);//open the default resource manager

    //TO DO: Error handling here

    status = viOpen(defaultRM, instOpenString, VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &vi);
```

```
if (status)//if any errors then display the error and exit the program
{
    fprintf(stderr, "viOpen failed (%s)\n", instOpenString);
    return -1;
}

printf("Example Program to Download User Flatness Corrections\n\n");
printf("Enter number of frequency and amplitude pairs: ");
int num = 0;

scanf("%d", &num);

if (num > 0)
{
    int lenArray=num*2;//length of the pairsList[] array. This array
    //will hold the frequency and amplitude arrays

    char** pairsList = new char* [lenArray]; //pointer array

    for (int n=0; n < lenArray; n++)//initialize the pairsList array
        //pairsList[n]=0;

    for (int i=0; i < num; i++)
    {
        char* nextFreq = new char[MAX_STRING_LENGTH+1]; //frequency array
        char* nextPower = new char[MAX_STRING_LENGTH+1];//amplitude array
        //enter frequency and amplitude pairs i.e 10ghz .1db
        printf("Enter Freq %d: ", i+1);
        scanf("%s", nextFreq);
        printf("Enter Power %d: ",i+1);
        scanf("%s", nextPower);
        pairsList[2*i] = nextFreq;//frequency
        pairsList[2*i+1]=nextPower;//power correction
    }
}

unsigned char str[256];//buffer used to hold SCPI command

//initialize the signal generator's user flatness table
sprintf((char*)str,:corr:flat:pres\n"); //write to buffer
viWrite(vi, str,strlen((char*)str),0);      //write to PSG
char c = ',';//comma separator for SCPI command
for (int j=0; j< num; j++)    //download pairs to the PSG
```

```
{  
    sprintf((char*)str,:corr:flat:pair %s %c %s\n",pairsList[2*j], c,  
           pairsList[2*j+1]); // << on SAME line!  
    viWrite(vi, str,strlen((char*)str),0);  
}  
  
//store the downloaded correction pairs to PSG memory  
const char* fileName = "flatCal_data";//user flatness file name  
//write the SCPI command to the buffer str  
sprintf((char*)str, ":corr:flat:store \"%s\"\n", fileName);//write to buffer  
viWrite(vi,str,strlen((char*)str),0);//write the command to the PSG  
printf("\nFlatness Data saved to file : %s\n\n", fileName);  
  
//load corrections  
sprintf((char*)str,:corr:flat:load \"%s\"\n", fileName); //write to buffer  
viWrite(vi,str,strlen((char*)str),0); //write command to the PSG  
//turn on corrections  
sprintf((char*)str, ":corr on\n");  
viWrite(vi,str,strlen((char*)str),0);  
printf("\nFlatness Corrections Enabled\n\n");  
for (int k=0; k< lenArray; k++)  
{  
    delete [] pairsList[k];//free up memory  
}  
delete [] pairsList;//free up memory  
}  
  
viClose(vi);//close the sessions  
viClose(defaultRM);  
  
return 0;  
}
```

## Data Transfer Troubleshooting (N5182A, E4438C and E8267D Only)

**NOTE** The section, [User FIR Filter Coefficient File Download Problems](#), applies to the N5182A with Option 651, 652, or 654; the E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602; and the E8267D with Option 601 or 602.

The remaining sections, [User File Download Problems](#) and [PRAM Download Problems](#), apply *only* to the E4438C with Option 001, 002, 601, or 602; and the E8267D with Option 601 or 602.

This section is divided by the following data transfer methods:

[“User File Download Problems” on page 340](#)

[“PRAM Download Problems” on page 341](#)

[“User FIR Filter Coefficient File Download Problems” on page 343](#)

Each section contains the following troubleshooting information:

- a list of symptoms and possible causes of typical problems encountered while downloading data to the signal generator
- reminders regarding special considerations and file requirements
- tips on creating data, transferring data, data application and memory usage

### User File Download Problems

**Table 8-12 Use-File Download Trouble - Symptoms and Causes**

| Symptom  | Possible Cause  |
|--|---|
| At the RF output, some data modulated, some data missing | Data does not completely fill an integer number of timeslots.<br><br>If a user file fills the data fields of more than one timeslot in a continuously repeating framed transmission, the user file will be restarted after the last timeslot containing completely filled data fields. For example, if the user file contains enough data to fill the data fields of 3.5 timeslots, firmware will load 3 timeslots with data and restart the user file after the third timeslot. The last 0.5 timeslot worth of data will never be modulated. |

#### Data Requirements

- The user file selected must entirely fill the data field of each timeslot.
- The user file must be a multiple of 8 bits, so that it can be represented in ASCII characters.
- Available volatile memory must be large enough to support both the data field bits and the framing bits.

## Requirement for Continuous User File Data Transmission

### “Integer Number of Timeslots” Requirement for Multiple-Timeslots

If a user file fills the data fields of more than one timeslot in a continuously repeating framed transmission, the user file is restarted after the last timeslot containing completely filled data fields. For example, if the user file contains enough data to fill the data fields of 3.5 timeslots, the firmware loads 3 timeslots with data and restart the user file after the third timeslot. The last 0.5 timeslot worth of data is never modulated.

To solve this problem, add or subtract bits from the user file until it completely fills an integer number of timeslots

### “Multiple-of-8-Bits” Requirement

For downloads to bit and binary memory, user file data must be downloaded in multiples of 8 bits (bytes), since SCPI specifies data in bytes. Therefore, if the original data pattern’s length is not a multiple of 8, you need to:

- add bits to complete the ASCII character
- replicate the data pattern to generate a continuously repeating pattern with no discontinuity
- truncate the excess bits

---

**NOTE** The “multiple-of-8-bits” data length requirement is in *addition* to the requirement of completely filling the data field of an integer number of timeslots.

---

## Using Externally Generated, Real-Time Data for Large Files

When the data fields must be continuous data streams, and the size of the data exceeds the available PRAM, real-time data and synchronization can be supplied by an external data source to the front-panel DATA, DATA CLOCK, and SYMBOL SYNC connectors. This data can be continuously transmitted, or can be framed by supplying a data-synchronous burst pulse to the EXT1 INPUT connector on the front panel. Additionally, the external data can be multiplexed into internally generated framing

## PRAM Download Problems

**Table 8-13 PRAM Download - Symptoms and Causes**

| Symptom   | Possible Cause  |
|---|---|
| The transmitted pattern is interspersed with random, unwanted data. | Pattern reset bit not set.<br>Insure that the pattern reset bit (bit 7, value 128) is set on the last byte of your downloaded data. |

**Table 8-13 PRAM Download - Symptoms and Causes**

| Symptom                   | Possible Cause   |
|---------------------------|--|
| ERROR -223, Too much data | PRAM download exceeds the size of PRAM memory.<br>Either use a smaller pattern or get more memory by ordering the appropriate hardware option. |

#### Data Requirements

- The signal generator requires a file with a minimum of 60 bytes
- For every data bit (bit 0), you must provide 7 bits of control information (bits 1-7).

**Table 8-14 PRAM Data Byte**

| Bit | Function      | Value | Comments  |
|-----|---------------|-------|---|
| 0   | Data          | 0/1   | This is the data (payload) bit. It is “unspecified” when burst (bit 2) is set to 0.   |
| 1   | Reserved      | 0     | Always 0  |
| 2   | Burst         | 0/1   | 1 = RF on<br>0 = RF off<br>For non-bursted, non-TDMA systems, to have a continuous signal, set this bit to 1 for all bytes. For framed data, set this bit to 1 for <i>on</i> timeslots and 0 for <i>off</i> timeslots.  |
| 3   | Reserved      | 0     | Always 0  |
| 4   | Reserved      | 1     | Always 1  |
| 5   | Reserved      | 0     | Always 0  |
| 6   | EVENT1 Output | 0/1   | To have the signal generator output a single pulse at the EVENT 1 connector, set this bit to 1. Use this output for functions such as a triggering external hardware to indicate when the data pattern begins and restarts, or creating a data-synchronous pulse train by toggling this bit in alternate bytes. |
| 7   | Pattern Reset | 0/1   | 0 = continue to next sequential memory address.<br>1 = end of memory and restart memory playback.<br>This bit is set to 0 for all bytes except the last byte of PRAM. To restart the pattern, set the last byte of PRAM to 1.   |

## User FIR Filter Coefficient File Download Problems

**Table 8-15 User FIR File Download Trouble - Symptoms and Causes**

| Symptom                   | Possible Cause   |
|---------------------------|--|
| ERROR -321, Out of memory | There is not enough memory available for the FIR coefficient file being downloaded.<br><br>To solve the problem, either reduce the file size of the FIR file or delete unnecessary files from memory.                    |
| ERROR -223, Too much data | User FIR filter has too many symbols.<br><br>Real-Time cannot use a filter that has more than 64 symbols (512 symbols maximum for Arb). You may have specified an incorrect oversample ratio in the filter table editor. |

### Data Requirements

- Data must be in ASCII format.
- Downloads must be in list format.
- Filters containing more symbols than the hardware allows (64 for real-time and 512 for Arb) will not be selectable for the configuration.



## Symbols

.NET framework 325

## Numerics

2's complement data format 191

8757d

GPIB addresses 99

pass-thru commands 98

pass-thru programming 99

## A

abort function 63

address

GPIB address 24

IP address 29

Agilent

BASIC, *See* HP BASIC

e8663b

global settings, configuring 18, 277

memory allocation, non-volatile memory 284

memory allocation, volatile memory 283

Pulse/RF Blank, configuring 277

setting GPIB address 24

volatile memory types 281

web server, on 11

esg

global settings, configuring 18, 277

memory allocation, non-volatile memory 202, 284

memory allocation, volatile memory 283

Pulse/RF Blank, configuring 277

setting GPIB address 24

volatile memory types 281

Waveform Download Assistant 228

web server, on 11

IO Libraries

Suite, using interactive IO 35

version J 38

Version M 6

version M 6, 36, 38, 54

versions, earlier 6

mxg

global settings, configuration 18

global settings, configuring 277

memory allocation, non-volatile memory 201, 283,  
284

memory allocation, volatile memory 283

setting GPIB address 24

volatile memory types 281

Waveform Download Assistant 228

web server, on 11

psg

global settings, configuring 18, 277

memory allocation, non-volatile memory 202, 284

memory allocation, volatile memory 283

Pulse/RF Blank, configuring 277

setting GPIB 24

volatile memory types 281

Waveform Download Assistant 228

web server, on 11

SICL 8, 26, 62

Signal Studio 227

Signal Studio Toolkit 184

VISA 8, 26, 45, 54, 62

VISA COM Resource Manager 1.0 60

Agilent IO Libraries

earlier 6

Suite 5

Agilent IO Libraries Suite 5

Agilent VISA 8

ARB waveform file downloads

data requirements

waveform 185

download utilities 184

waveform download utilities 227

ASCII, data 65

Auto-IP 32

AUXILIARY INTERFACE, *See* RS-232

## B

baseband operation status group, registers 162–164

Baseband Studio

for Waveform Capture and Playback 196

BASIC

ABORT 63

CLEAR 65

ENTER 66

LOCAL 64, 65

LOCAL LOCKOUT 64

OUTPUT 65

REMOTE 63

*See* HP BASIC

big-endian

byte order, interleaving and byte swapping 215

changing byte order 188

example, programming 262

binary

data

framed 292

unframed 291

file

downloads commands 300

modifying hex editor 302

bit

file

downloads and commands 299

---

# Index

- modifying hex editor 303
- order, user file 288
- status, monitoring 149
- values 148
- bits and bytes 185
- byte order
  - byte swapping 188
  - changing byte order 188
  - interleaving I/Q data 215
- C**
- C
  - AC-coupled FM signals
    - generating externally applied 79
  - CW signals, generating 77
  - data questionable
    - status register, reading 90
  - FM signals, generating internally applied 81
  - reading the service request interrupt 94
  - Sockets LAN, programming 105
  - states, saving and recalling 88
- C and VISA
  - GPIB
    - queries 75
    - GPIB, interface check 68
  - C/C++ 9
  - C#
    - programming examples 60
    - remote control 9
    - VISA, example 326
  - C++
    - programming examples 59, 232
    - VISA, generating a step-swept signal 83
  - C++ and VISA
    - generating a step-swept signal 83
  - cable
    - USB 55
  - carrier
    - activating, FIR filters 324
    - modulating, FIR filters 324
  - CDMA modulation
    - data, FIR filter 324
  - Checking Available Memory 285
  - clear
    - command 65
    - function 65
  - CLS command 151
  - command
    - CLS 151
  - format programming, user file data 297
  - format user file, downloading 296
  - prompt 34, 128
  - window PC, using 304
- commands
  - 8757d
    - pass-thru, troubleshooting 100
  - Agilent mxg, menu path 17
  - downloads, binary file 300
  - downloads, bit file 299
  - e8663b 17
  - e8663b, menu path 17
  - esg, menu path 17
  - GPIB 63, 64, 65, 66
  - pass-thru, 8757d 98
  - psg, menu path 17
- computer interface 3
- computer-to-instrument communication
  - VISA
    - configuration, automatic 6
    - VISA configuration, (manual) 6
  - condition registers, description 156
  - configuring, VXI-11 38
  - connection expert 5
  - connection wizard 5
  - controller 25
  - creating waveform data
    - C++, using 212
    - saving to a text file for review 215
  - creating waveform files
    - overview 183
  - crossover cable, private LAN 34
  - csc.exe 325
  - custom
    - modulation data, FIR filter 324
    - real-time, high data rates 307
    - user file data, memory usage 293
- D**
- DAC input values 188
- data
  - binary, framed 292
  - binary, unframed 291
  - encryption 205
  - format, e443xb signal generator 228
  - requirements, waveform 185
- data questionable
  - See also* data questionable registers
  - filters
    - BERT transition 182
    - calibration transition 178
    - frequency transition 172
    - modulation transition 175
    - power transition 169
    - transition 167

- groups
  - BERT status 180
  - calibration status 177
  - frequency status 171
  - modulation status 174
  - power status 168
  - status 165
- status register
  - reading, using VISA and C 90
- data questionable registers
  - BERT event 182
  - BERT event enable 182
  - BERT, condition 181
  - calibration condition 178
  - calibration event 178
  - calibration event enable 179
  - condition 166
  - event 167
  - event enable 167
  - frequency condition 172
  - frequency event 172
  - frequency event enable 173
  - modulation condition 175
  - modulation event 175
  - modulation event enable 176
  - power condition 169
  - power event 169
  - power event enable 170
- data rates, high
  - custom, real-time 307
- data requirements, FIR filter downloads 322
- data types
  - binary 280
  - bit 280
  - defined 280
  - FIR filter states 280
  - PRAM 280
  - user flatness correction 280
- decryption 205
- developing programs 58
- device, add 7
- DHCP 10, 32
- directory, root 283
- DNS 34
- documentation ix
- DOS command prompt 40
- download
  - binary file data 291
  - bit file data 288
  - FIR filter coefficient data 322
  - user file data
    - FTP procedures 303
    - unencrypted files for extraction 320
    - unencrypted files for no extraction 321
- user flatness 325
- utilities
  - Agilent Signal Studio, Toolkit 184
  - IntuiLink for signal generators 184
  - Waveform Download Assistant 184
- waveform data
  - advanced programming languages 221
  - commands 204
  - e443xb signal generator files 189, 228
  - encrypted files for extraction 209
  - encrypted files for no extraction 207
  - FTP procedures 210
  - memory locations 205
  - overview 183, 218
  - simulation software 219
  - unencrypted files for extraction 207
  - unencrypted files for no extraction 207
  - user-data files, using 279
- download libraries 7, 8
- downloaded PRAM files
  - data sources 318
- downloading
  - block data
    - SCPI command 315
    - SCPI command, programming syntax 316
  - C++, using 232
  - HP Basic 267
  - MATLAB 258
  - Visual Basic 265
- downloads, PRAM data
  - e4438c 309
  - e8267d 309
- E**
- e443xb
  - files
    - downloading 228, 231
    - formatting 189, 228
    - programming examples 249
    - storing 229
  - programming examples 267
- e8663b
  - See* Agilent e8663b
- edit VISA config 7
- EnableRemote 63
- encryption
  - downloading
    - for extraction 209
    - for no extraction 207
  - extracting waveform data 208, 209
  - I/Q files 205
  - I/Q files, agilent mxg (only) 205

---

# Index

- securewave directory  
    agilent mxg (only) 205  
    esg 205  
    psg 205  
    waveform data 204
- enter function 66
- errors 19, 35
- ESE commands 151
- esg  
    *See* Agilent esg
- even number of samples 195
- event enable register  
    description 156
- event registers  
    description 156
- example programs *See* programming examples 231
- examples  
    pass-thru commands 98  
    save and recall 326  
    Telnet 43
- external media  
    *See* USB media
- external memory  
    *See* USB media
- externally applied AC-coupled FM signals
- generate, using VISA and C 79
- extract user file data 320–321
- extracting  
    PRAM files 319
- F**
- file size  
    determining  
        PRAM 313  
    minimum  
        PRAM 314  
        PRAM 313
- file types  
    *See* data types
- files  
    decryption 205  
    encryption 204, 205  
    encryption, agilent mxg (only) 205  
    error messages 19  
    extraction commands and file paths 206  
    header information 193, 205  
    large, generating real-time data 341  
    PRAM, modifying 321  
    transfer methods 205  
    transferring 43  
    waveform download utilities 227  
    waveform structure 193
- filters  
    *See* transition filters
- FIR
- filter data  
    CDMA modulation 324  
    custom modulation 324  
    TDMA format 323  
    W-CDMA modulation 324
- filters  
    carrier, activating 324  
    carrier, modulating 324  
    data limitations 322
- firmware status, monitoring 149
- framed data, usage  
    volatile memory, PRAM 294
- front panel  
    USB  
        connector, Type-A 56  
        external media 55  
        flash memory sticks 55  
        media 55  
        USB media 55  
    USB media 55
- FTP  
    commands for downloading and extracting files 321  
    downloading and extracting files, commands 208–209  
    internet explorer, using 303  
    methods 205  
    procedures for downloading files 210, 303  
    using 43  
    web server procedure 212, 304
- G**
- Getting Started Wizard 25
- global settings  
    Agilent mxg 18, 277  
    e8663b 18, 277  
    esg 18, 277  
    psg 18, 277
- GPIB  
    8757d, addresses 99  
    address 24, 101  
    Agilent mxg, setting address 24  
    configuration 24  
    controller 25  
    e8663b, setting address 24  
    esg, setting address 24  
    interface 3, 24  
    interface cards 22, 62  
    IO libraries 7  
    listener 25  
    overview 22, 62  
    program examples 26, 62, 68, 75

- SCPI commands 25
- talker 25
- troubleshooting 25
- using VISA and C 68
- verifying operation 25
- GPIB address
  - psg, setting address 24
- guides ix
  
- H**
- hardware
  - layers, remote programming 2
  - status, monitoring 149
- help mode
  - setting
    - Agilent mxg 18
    - e8663b 18
    - esg 18
    - psg 18
- hex editor
  - binary file, modifying 302
  - bit file, modifying 303
- hexadecimal data 262
- hostname 29, 101
  - hostname, setting
    - Agilent mxg 31
    - Agilent mxg menus 29
    - DHCP LAN, e8663b 33
    - DHCP LAN, esg 33
    - DHCP LAN, psg 33
    - DHCP/Auto I/P LAN, Agilent mxg 33
    - esg/psg/e8663b 31
    - esg/psg/e8663b menus 30
- HP BASIC 9
- HP Basic
  - I/O library 45
  - local lockout 69
  - programming examples 267
  - queries 72
  - RS-232
    - control 45
    - queries 51, 134
- HyperTerminal 48
  
- I**
- I/O libraries
  - See* IO libraries
- I/Q data
  - creating, advanced programming languages 212
  - encryption 204, 205
  - encryption, agilent mxg (only) 205
  - interleaving
    - big endian and little endian 215
- byte swapping 215
- little endian, byte swapping 215
- waveform data, creating 191
- memory locations 199, 217
- saving to a text file for review 215
- scaling 189
- waveform structure 194
- iabort 63
- ibloc 64, 65
- ibstop 63
- ibwrt 65
- iclear 65
- IEEE standard 22, 62
- igpibllo 64
- iloc 64
- input values, DAC 188
- installation guide ix
- instrument
  - communication 6
  - state files
    - overview 325
    - SCPI commands, recalling 325
    - SCPI commands, saving 325
- instrument status, monitoring 138
- interactive IO 5, 35
- interface
  - cards 22, 62
  - GPIB 24
  - LAN 3
  - RS-232 3
  - USB (Agilent mxg only) 3
- interleaving, *See* I/Q data 191
- internal
  - web server
    - FTP procedure 303
- internal storage
  - non-volatile 55
- See* storage
- internally applied FM signals
  - generate, using VISA and C 81
- IntuiLink for signal generators 227
- IO Config
  - Agilent IO libraries Suite 5
  - computer-to-instrument communication 6
  - VISA assistant 36
  - VISA, manual 7
- IO interface 6
- IO libraries 5
  - Agilent, suite 5
  - GPIB interface, installing 22
  - GPIB, installing interface cards 62
  - GPIB, selecting for 7
  - GPIB, verifying 25
- interactive IO, using 35

---

# Index

- program languages, overview 5
  - RS-232, selecting for 45
  - signal generator, remote control 2
  - suite, overview 5
  - USB, selecting for 54
  - VISA LAN, troubleshooting 36
  - IP address
    - LAN interface 29
    - LAN, assigning 29
    - setting 29, 30, 33
    - setting Agilent mxg 31
    - setting esg/psg/e8663b 31
  - iremote 63
- J**
- JAVA 61, 128
  - Java
    - example 61, 128
- K**
- kjkj 201
- L**
- LabView 9
  - LAN
    - Auto-IP configuration 32
    - config 36
    - configuration
      - Agilent mxg 31, 33
      - esg/psg/e8663b 31
      - menu, Agilent mxg 29
      - menu, esg/psg/e8663b 30, 33
      - summary, Agilent mxg 15
      - web server 10
    - DHCP configuration 32
    - establishing a connection 219, 221
    - hostname 29
    - interface 3
    - IO libraries 8
    - manual configuration 30
    - overview 28
    - private 34
    - program examples 61, 101, 128, 130
    - programming
      - using JAVA 61, 128
      - queries using sockets 107
      - sockets 101
      - sockets LAN 28
      - Telnet 39
      - troubleshooting 34
      - verifying operation 34
    - VXI-11
      - examples, using 101

- interface protocols 28
  - perl, using 130
  - programming examples, LAN 101
  - sockets, programming 61, 128
  - libraries
    - GPIB functionality, verifying 25
    - GPIB I/O libraries, selecting 7
    - IO, Agilent 2, 5
    - RS-232 45
    - selecting, for computer 8
    - USB 54
  - list format, downloading
    - SCPI command 314
  - list, error messages 19
  - listener 25
  - little-endian
    - byte order, interleaving and byte swapping 215
  - loading waveforms 224
  - local
    - echo, telnet 42
    - function 64
  - local lockout
    - function 64
  - HP Basic, using 69
  - location user-data file type
    - binary 285
  - LSB 186
  - LSB and MSB 288
  - LSB/MSB 262
- M**
- manual operation 63
  - marker file 193, 205
  - MATLAB 9
    - download utility 228
    - downloading data 219
    - programming examples 255
    - programming, introduction 9
  - media
    - external
      - flash memory sticks 55
      - front panel USB 55
      - non-volatile memory, Agilent mxg 281
      - storage, non-volatile 55
      - waveform memory 198
    - internal
      - non-volatile memory, Agilent mxg 281
      - non-volatile storage 55
      - waveform memory 198
  - USB
    - non-volatile memory, Agilent mxg 281

## memory

*See also* media  
allocation 200, 283  
checking, available 285  
defined 198, 281  
location user-data file type  
    available memory, checking 285  
    bit 285  
    FIR 285  
    flatness 285  
    instrument state 285  
    PRAM 285  
locations 198, 281  
non-volatile (NVWFM) 205  
signal generator, maximum 285  
size 202, 284  
volatile (WFM1) 205  
volatile and non-volatile 281  
memory usage  
    user file data  
        custom 293  
        TDMA 293  
Microsoft .NET Framework  
    overview 326  
Mini-B (5-pin)  
    Rear panel connector 56  
MSB 186  
MSB and LSB 288  
MS-DOS Command Prompt 34, 40  
multiple-of-8-bits requirement  
    user file data 341  
multiple-timeslots  
    integer number of timeslots 341  
mxg  
    *See* Agilent mxg

## N

n5181a/82a/83a  
    Pulse/RF Blank configuring 277  
National Instruments  
    NI-488.2 26, 62  
    VISA 8, 26, 45, 54, 62  
negative transition filter, description 156  
NI libraries  
    SICL  
        GPIB I/O libraries, selecting 8  
NI-488.2  
    EnableRemote 63  
    functions 8  
    GPIB I/O libraries, selecting 8  
    iblcr 65  
    ibloc 64, 65  
    ibrd 66

ibstop 63  
ibwrt 65  
LAN I/O libraries, selecting 8  
queries using C++ 73  
RS-232 I/O libraries, selecting 45  
SetRWLS 64  
USB I/O libraries, selecting 54  
VISA 8, 45  
non-volatile  
    internal media 55  
non-volatile memory  
    available  
        SCPI query 286  
    external media, Agilent mxg 281  
    internal media, Agilent mxg 281  
    internal storage, Agilent mxg 281  
memory allocation 284  
    Agilent mxg 201, 283  
    esg 202  
    psg 202  
securewave directory 205  
USB media 55  
USB media, Agilent mxg 281  
waveform 198

## O

OPC commands 151  
output command 65  
output function 65

## P

pass-thru commands 98  
PC 262  
PCI-GPIB 26, 62  
PERL  
    example 130  
phase discontinuity  
    avoiding 196  
Baseband Studio, for Waveform Capture and Playback  
    196  
samples 197  
waveform 195  
phase distortion 195  
ping  
    program 34  
    responses 36  
playing waveforms 224  
polling method (status registers) 149  
ports 105  
positive transition filter, description 156  
PRAM  
    as data sources 318  
    bit positions 311

---

# Index

- byte patterns 311  
data extracting SCPI command, syntax 320  
downloads, problems 341  
e4438c, data downloads 309  
e8267d, data downloads 309  
file size 313  
    minimum 314  
file size, determining 313  
files  
    command syntax, for restoring 319  
    command syntax, for storing 319  
    extracting 319  
    modifying 321  
    non-volatile memory, storing 319  
    understanding 310  
    volatile memory, restoring 319  
volatile memory  
    framed data, usage 294  
    unframed data, usage 294  
waveform, viewing 312  
private LAN, using 34  
problems  
    user  
        file downloads 340  
        FIR filter downloads 343  
programming  
    8757d, using pass-thru 99  
    creating waveform data 212  
    downloading waveform data 218  
    guide ix  
    little endian order, byte swapping 215  
    user file data  
        command format 297  
programming examples  
    C# 60, 326  
    C++ 59, 232  
e443xb  
    files 249  
e443xb files 267  
HP Basic 267  
introduction 231  
MATLAB 255  
pass-thru commands 98  
RS-232, queries using VISA and C 52, 135  
RS-232, using VISA and C 51, 132  
using 58  
using GPIB 26, 62, 68, 75  
using LAN 61, 101, 128, 130  
using RS-232 50, 131  
Visual Basic 262, 265  
VXI-11 101  
psg  
    *See* Agilent psg
- Pulse/RF Blank  
    e8663b, setting 277  
    esg, setting 277  
    n5181a/82a/83a, setting 277  
    psg, setting 277
- O**
- queries  
    HP Basic, using 72  
queue, error 19
- R**
- ramp sweep, using pass-thru commands 98  
real-time  
    data files, generating large 341  
    TDMA  
        user files 304  
rear panel connector  
    Mini-B 56  
recall states 325  
references ix  
register system overview 138  
data questionable  
    *See also* data questionable registers  
registers  
    *See also* data questionable registers  
    *See also* status registers  
baseband operation  
    condition 163  
    event 164  
    event enable 164  
condition, description 156  
e8663b overall system 142, 143  
esg overall system 144, 145  
mxg overall system 140, 141  
psg overall system 146, 147  
standard event  
    bits 158  
    status 158  
    status enable 158  
standard operation  
    condition 160  
    event 161  
    event enable 161  
    status byte 155  
    status groups, register type descriptions 156  
remote 17  
remote annunciator 131  
remote function  
    HP Basic 63  
    setting  
        Agilent mxg 17  
        e8663b 17

esg 17  
psg 17  
setting, e8663b 17

remote interface  
    programming 2  
    RS-232 45  
    USB 53

remote programming  
    hardware layers 2  
    software layers 2

RS-232  
    address 50, 131  
    baud rate 46  
    cable 47  
    configuration 46  
    echo, setting 46  
    format parameters 49  
    HP Basic, using queries 51, 134  
    interface 46  
    interfaces 3  
    IO libraries 45  
    overview 45  
    program examples 50, 131  
    programming examples, queries using VISA and C 52, 135  
    programming examples, using VISA and C 51, 132  
    settings, baud rate 50, 131  
    verifying operation 48

**S**

samples  
    even number 195  
    waveform 195

save and recall 325

scaling I/Q data 189

SCPI  
    error queue 19  
    file transfer methods 205  
    GPIB, overview 22  
    programming languages, common 9  
    reference ix  
    register model 138  
    web server control 10

SCPI command, programming syntax  
    block data, downloading 316

SCPI command, syntax  
    PRAM files, extracting 320

SCPI commands  
    block data, downloading 315  
    command line structure 205  
    download e443xb files 231  
    encrypted files 207, 209  
    extraction 204, 206, 207, 209, 320

for status registers  
    IEEE 488.2 common commands 151

GPIB function statements 25

instrument state files, recalling 325

instrument state files, saving 325

list format, downloading 314

no extraction 206, 207

unencrypted files 207, 320, 321

user FIR file downloads  
    sample command line 323

securewave directory  
    decryption, file 205  
    downloading encrypted files 209  
    downloads, file 205  
    encryption, file 205  
    extracting waveform data 208, 209  
    extraction, file 205

sequences  
    waveforms, building 226

service guide ix

service request  
    interrupt  
        reading, using VISA and C 94

method  
    status registers 150  
    using 150

SetRWLS 64

setting  
    help mode  
        Agilent mxg 18  
        e8663b 18  
        esg 18  
        psg 18

Pulse/RF Blank  
    e8663b 277  
    esg 277  
    n5181a/82a/83a 277  
    psg 277

SICL 8, 45, 54  
    GPIB examples 26, 62

iabort 63

iclear 65

igpibllo 64

iloc 64

iprintf 65

iremote 63

iscanf 66

NI libraries 8

USB, using 54

VXI-11, programming 102

signal generator  
    monitoring status 138

volatile memory types 281

Waveform Download Assistant 228

---

# Index

- Signal Studio Toolkit 184, 227  
simulation software 219  
sockets  
    example 105, 107  
    Java 61, 128  
    LAN 39, 101, 105  
    PERL 130  
    UNIX 105  
    Windows 106  
software  
    layers, remote programming 2  
    libraries, IO 5  
SRE commands 151  
SRQ command 150  
SRQ method, status registers 150  
standard event status  
    enable register 158  
    group 157  
    register 158  
standard operation  
    condition register 160  
    event enable register 161  
    event register 161  
    transition filters 161  
state files 325  
states  
    saving and recalling, using VISA and C 88  
status byte  
    e8663b overall register system 142, 143  
    esg overall register system 144, 145  
    group 154  
    mxg overall register system 140, 141  
    psg overall register system 146, 147  
    register 155  
status groups  
    baseband operation 162–164  
data questionable  
    BERT 180  
    calibration 177  
    frequency 171  
    modulation 174  
    overview 165  
    power 168  
registers 156  
standard  
    event 157  
    status byte 154  
status registers  
    *See also* registers  
accessing information 149  
bit values 148  
esg overall system 145  
hierarchy 138  
in status groups 156  
monitoring 149  
mxg overall system 140, 141  
overall system 144  
programming 137  
SCPI commands 151  
SCPI model 138  
setting and querying 151  
system overview 138  
using 148  
STB command 151  
storage  
    internal  
        non-volatile memory, Agilent mxg 281  
system requirements 58
- T**
- talker 25  
TCP/IP 10  
TCPIP 6, 36, 101  
TDMA  
    data, FIR filter 323  
    user file data, memory usage 293  
Telnet  
    DOS command prompt 40  
    example 43  
    PC 41  
    UNIX 42  
    using 39  
    Windows 2000 41  
    Windows XP 41  
timeslots, integer number of  
    multiple-timeslots requirement 341  
Toolkit, Signal Studio 184, 227  
transition filters  
    baseband operation 163  
    data questionable  
        BERT 182  
        modulation 175  
        negative and positive 167  
        power 169  
    data questionable calibration 178  
    data questionable frequency 172  
    description 156  
    negative transition, description 156  
    positive transition, description 156  
    standard operation 161  
troubleshooting  
    8757d, pass-thru commands 100  
    GPIB 25  
    LAN 34  
    ping  
        response errors 35  
    PRAM downloads 341

- RS-232 49  
USB 56  
user file downloads 340  
user FIR filter downloads 343  
VISA assistant 36  
Type-A front panel USB connector 56
- U**  
unencrypted files  
  downloading for extraction 207, 320  
  downloading for no extraction 207, 321  
  extracting I/Q data 320  
unframed data, usage  
  volatile memory, PRAM 294
- USB**  
  cable 55  
  functionality, verification 56  
  interface 3  
  IO libraries 54  
  setting up 55  
  using, Agilent mxg 53  
  verifying operation 56
- usb media  
  file extensions 201
- user data  
  file, modifying 302  
  files, creating 279  
  files, downloading 279  
  memory 281  
  root directory 283
- user documentation ix
- user file data, continuous transmission  
  requirements 341
- user files  
  bit order 288  
  bit order, LSB and MSB 288  
  data  
    binary, downloads 286  
    bit, downloads 286  
    multiple-of-8-bits requirement 341  
  downloading  
    as the data source 318  
    carrier, activating 319  
    carrier, modulating 319  
    command format 296  
    modulating and activating the carrier 302  
    selecting the user file as the data source 301  
  framed transmissions, understanding 304  
  real-time TDMA 304  
  size 292
- user FIR file downloads  
  non-volatile memory 323  
  selecting a downloaded user FIR file 323
- user flatness 325  
user-data file type  
  binary, memory location 285  
  bit, memory location 285  
  FIR, memory location 285  
  flatness, memory location 285  
  instrument state, memory location 285  
  memory location 285  
  PRAM, memory location 285
- user-data files  
  *See* user data
- V**  
verifying waveforms 224  
Version M  
  IO Libraries, Agilent 5, 6  
viPrintf 65  
VISA 8, 45, 54  
  C++, generating a step-swept signal 83  
  COM IO Library 60  
  computer-to-instrument communication 6  
  configuration  
    automatic 7  
    manual 7  
  CW signals, generating 77  
  data questionable status register, reading 90  
  FM signals, generating internally applied 81  
  generating externally applied AC-coupled FM signals 79  
  I/O libraries 8  
  LAN client 36  
  LAN, using 8  
  library 26, 62, 262  
  NI-488.2 8  
  RS-232, using 45  
  scanf 66  
  service request interrupt, reading 94  
  states, saving and recalling 88  
  USB, using 54  
  viPrintf 65  
  Visual C++, generating a swept signal 84  
  viTerminate 63  
  VXI-11 101  
  CW signals  
    *See* VISA and C  
  VISA and C  
    CW signals, generating 77  
    GPIB  
      interface check for 68  
      queries 75  
  VISA Assistant  
    configuring and running 36  
    GPIB functionality, verifying 25

---

# Index

- IO Config 6
- IO, Using interactive 35
- troubleshooting 36
- verifying instrument communication 36
- Visual Basic
  - IDE 60
  - programming examples 262
  - programming language 9
  - references 60
- Visual C++
  - NI-488.2, queries using 73
  - VISA, generating a swept signal 84
- Visual C++ and VISA
  - generating a swept signal 84
- viTerminate 63
- volatile memory
  - file, decryption 205
  - file, encryption 205
  - memory allocation 200
    - Agilent e8663b 283
    - Agilent esg 283
    - Agilent psg 283
  - securewave directory 205
    - memory, volatile (WFM1) 205
  - signal generator 281
  - types, signal generators 281
  - waveform 198
- volatile memory available, SCPI query 286
- VXI-11 101
  - configuration 38
  - programming 101
  - programming interface examples 101
  - SICL, using 102
  - using 37
  - VISA, using 103
- W**
  - waveform data
    - 2's complement data format 191
    - bits and bytes 185
    - byte order 188
    - byte swapping 188
    - commands for downloading and extracting 204–212, 296–304
    - creating 212
    - DAC input values 188
    - data requirements 185
    - encrypted data 201
    - encryption 204–209
    - explained 185
    - extracting 204, 207–208
    - I and Q interleaving 191
    - LSB and MSB 186
  - saving to a text file for review 215
- waveform download
  - utilities
    - differences 227
- waveform downloads
  - advanced programming languages, using 221
  - download utilities, using 227
  - HP BASIC, using 267–274
  - memory 198
    - allocation 200, 283
    - size 202, 284
    - volatile and non-volatile 198
  - samples 195
  - simulation software, using 219
  - structure 195
  - troubleshooting files 276
  - using advanced programming languages 221
  - with Visual Basic 6.0 265
- waveform files
  - creating 183
  - downloading 183
- waveform generation
  - C++ 232
  - HP Basic, using 267
  - MATLAB, using 255
  - Visual Basic 6.0, using 262
- waveforms
  - loading 224
  - playing 224
  - sequences, building 226
  - verifying 224
  - viewing, PRAM 312
- W-CDMA modulation data, FIR filter
  - See* FIR
- web server
  - Agilent
    - mrx 11
  - communicating with 10
    - e8663b 11
    - esg 11
    - internal 303
    - psg 11
- Windows
  - 2000 41
  - 98 5
  - ME 5
  - NT 6
  - XP 41
- Windows ME 5
- Windows NT 5
- WriteIEEEBlock 265