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Resource Manager Functions and Operations

`viOpenDefaultRM (ViPSession sesn)`

Open a resource manager session.

`viFindRsrc(ViSession sesn, ViString expr,
ViPFindList findlist, ViPUInt32 retCount,
ViPPrsrc instrdesc)`

Find the first of possibly many instruments.

`viFindNext(ViFindList findlist, ViPPrsrc instrdesc)`

Find the next instrument in a list of instruments.

`viOpen(ViSession sesn, ViRsrc rsrcName,
ViAccessMode accessmode, ViUInt32
timeout, ViPSession vi)`

Open an instrument session.

`viParseRsrc(ViSession sesn, ViRsrc rsrcName,
ViUInt16 intfType, ViUInt intfNum)`

Parse a resource string to get the interface information.

Resource Template Operations

`viClose(ViObject vi)`

Close a session (instrument, event, find list or resource manager).

`viSetAttribute(ViObject vi, ViAttr attribute,
ViAttrState attrState)`

Set an attribute; see attributes.

`viGetAttribute(ViObject vi, ViAttr attribute,
ViPAttrState attrState)`

Get the current value of an attribute.

`viStatusDesc(ViObject vi, ViStatus status,
ViPString desc)`

Convert a status result to a text string.

`viTerminate(ViObject vi, ViUInt16 degree, ViJobId
jobId)`

Terminate an asynchronous operation.

`viLock(ViSession vi, ViAccessMode lockType,
ViUInt32 timeout, ViKeyId requestedKey,
ViPKeyId accessKey)`

Control the access to an instrument.

`viUnlock(ViSession vi)`

Allow others to access an instrument.

`viEventHandler(ViSession vi, ViEventType eventType,
ViEvent context, ViAddr userHandle)`

Prototype for callback handler to be called when a particular event occurs.

`viEnableEvent(ViSession vi, ViEventType eventType,
ViUInt16 mechanism, ViEventFilter context)`

Allow an event to be reported.

`viDisableEvent(ViSession vi, ViEventType eventType,
ViUInt16 mechanism)`

Prevent events from being reported.

`viDiscardEvents(ViSession vi, ViEventType
eventType, ViUInt16 mechanism)`

Discard all pending occurrences of an event.

`viWaitOnEvent(ViSession vi, ViEventType
inEventType, ViUInt32 timeout,
ViEventType outEventType, ViEvent
outContext)`

Wait for an event to occur.

`viInstallHandler(ViSession vi, ViEventType
eventType, ViHndlr handler, ViAddr
userHandle)`

Register an event handler.

`viUninstallHandler(ViSession vi, ViEventType
eventType, ViHndlr handler, ViAddr
userHandle)`

Remove an event handler.

Basic I/O Operations

`viRead(ViSession vi, ViPBuf buf, ViUInt32 count,
ViPUInt32 retCount)`

Read from an instrument.

`viReadAsync(ViSession vi, ViPBuf buf, ViUInt32
count, ViPJobId jobId)`

Read from an instrument but execute while reading.

`viWrite(ViSession vi, ViBuf buf, ViUInt32 count,
ViPUInt32 retCount)`

Write to an instrument.

`viWriteAsync(ViSession vi, ViBuf buf, ViUInt32
count, ViPJobId jobId)`

Write to an instrument but execute while writing.

`viAssertTrigger(ViSession vi, ViUInt16 protocol)`

Generate a hardware or software trigger.

`viReadSTB(ViSession vi, ViPUInt16 status)`

Read the status byte.

`viClear(ViSession vi)`

Send a bus-dependent clear command.

Formatted I/O Operations (See [†] Note)

[†]`viBufRead (ViSession vi, ViPBuf buf, ViUInt32
count, ViPUInt32 retCount)`

Read data synchronously from a device into the formatted I/O buffer.

[†]`viBufWrite(ViSession vi, ViBuf buf, ViUInt32
count, ViPUInt32 retCount)`

Write data synchronously to a device from the formatted I/O buffer.

[†]`viSetBuf (ViSession vi, ViUInt16 mask, ViUInt32
size)`

Set the size of the formatted I/O and serial I/O buffers.

[†]`viFlush(ViSession vi, ViUInt16 mask)`

Empty a formatted I/O or serial I/O buffer.

[†]`viPrintf (ViSession vi, ViString writeFmt,...)`

Create a formatted string and send it to an instrument.

[†]`viSprintf (ViSession vi, ViPBuf buf, ViString
writeFmt,...)`

Create a formatted string and send it to an instrument using a user-supplied buffer.

[†]`viVPrintf(ViSession vi, ViString writeFmt,
ViVList params)`

Create a formatted string and send it to an instrument using a pointer.

[†]`viVPrintf (ViSession vi, ViPBuf buf, ViString
writeFmt,...)`

Create a formatted string and send it to an instrument using a pointer and a user-supplied buffer.

[†]`viScanf(ViSession vi, ViString readFmt, ...)`

Read and extract data from an instrument. Perform formatted input.

[†]`viSScanf(ViSession vi, ViPBuf buf, ViString
readFmt,...)`

Read and extract data from an instrument. Perform formatted input using a user-supplied buffer.

[†]`viVScanf(ViSession vi, ViString readFmt, ViVList
params)`

Read and extract data from an instrument. Perform formatted input using a pointer.

[†]`viVSScanf(ViSession vi, ViPBuf buf, ViString
readFmt,...)`

Read and extract data from an instrument. Perform formatted input using a user-supplied buffer.

[†]`viQueryf(ViSession vi, ViString writeFmt, ViString
readFmt,...)`

Write formatted data to and read formatted data from an instrument.

[†]`viVQueryf(ViSession vi, ViString writeFmt,
ViString readFmt, ViVList params);`

Write formatted data to and read formatted data from an instrument using a pointer.

[†]Operations marked with [†] not implemented in TekVISA version 1.1 or earlier.

NOTE: All functions return values of type ViStatus.

Attribute	Type	R/W
VI_ATTR_ASRL_AVAIL_NUM	ViUInt32	RO
VI_ATTR_ASRL_BAUD	ViUInt32	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_CTS_STATE	ViInt16	RO
VI_ATTR_ASRL_DATA_BITS	ViUInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_DCD	ViInt16	RO
VI_ATTR_ASRL_DSR_STATE	ViInt16	RO
VI_ATTR_ASRL_DTR_STATE	ViInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_END_IN	ViUInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_END_OUT	ViUInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_FLOW_CNTRL	ViUInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_PARITY	ViUInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_REPLACE_CHAR	ViUInt8	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_RI_STATE	ViInt16	RO
VI_ATTR_ASRL_RTS_STATE	ViInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_STOP_BITS	ViUInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_XOFF_CHAR	ViUInt8	RW
VI_ATTR_ASRL_XON_CHAR	ViUInt8	RW
VI_ATTR_BUFFER	ViBuf	RO
VI_ATTR_EVENT_TYPE	ViEventType	RO
VI_ATTR_FILE_APPEND_EN	Boolean	RW
VI_ATTR_GPIB_PRIMARY_ADDR	ViUInt16	RO
VI_ATTR_GPIB_READDR_EN	ViBoolean	RW
VI_ATTR_GPIB_SECONDARY_ADDR	ViUInt16	RO
VI_ATTR_GPIB_UNADDR_EN	ViBoolean	RW
VI_ATTR_INTF_INST_NAME	ViString	RO
VI_ATTR_INTF_NUM	ViUInt16	RO
VI_ATTR_INTF_TYPE	ViUInt16	RO
VI_ATTR_IO_PROT	ViUInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_JOB_ID	ViJobID	RO
VI_ATTR_MAX_QUEUE_LENGTH	ViUInt32	RW
VI_ATTR_OPER_NAME	ViString	RO
VI_ATTR_RD_BUF_OPER_MODE	ViUInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_RET_COUNT	ViUInt32	RO
VI_ATTR_RM_SESSION	ViSession	RO
VI_ATTR_RSRC_IMPL_VERSION	ViVersion	RO
VI_ATTR_RSRC_LOCK_STATE	ViAccessMode	RO
VI_ATTR_RSRC_MANF_ID	ViUInt16	RO
VI_ATTR_RSRC_MANF_NAME	ViString	RO
VI_ATTR_RSRC_NAME	ViRsrc	RO
VI_ATTR_RSRC_SPEC_VERSION	ViVersion	RO
VI_ATTR_SEND_END_EN	ViBoolean	RW
VI_ATTR_STATUS	ViStatus	RO
VI_ATTR_SUPPRESS_END_EN	ViBoolean	RW
VI_ATTR_TCPIP_ADDR	String	RO
VI_ATTR_TCPIP_HOSTNAME	String	RO
VI_ATTR_TERMCHAR	ViUInt8	RW
VI_ATTR_TERMCHAR_EN	ViBoolean	RW
VI_ATTR_TMO_VALUE	ViUInt32	RW
VI_ATTR_TRIG_ID	ViUInt16	RW
VI_ATTR_USER_DATA	ViAddr	RW
VI_ATTR_WR_BUF_OPER_MODE	ViUInt16	RW

Event Types

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VI_EVENT_EXCEPTION
VI_EVENT_IO_COMPLETION
VI_EVENT_SERVICE_REQ
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Completion and Error Codes

- VI_SUCCESS – The operation completed successfully.
- > VI_SUCCESS – The operation succeeded conditionally. This return condition may need to be handled. See TekVISA manual for more information.
- < VI_SUCCESS – The operation failed.

A Read/Write Example

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

int main(int argc, char* argv[] ) {
    ViSession rm, vi;
    ViUInt32 retCnt;
    ViChar buffer[256];

    viOpenDefaultRM(&rm);

    viOpen(rm, "GPIB0::1::INSTR", VI_NULL,
           VI_NULL, &vi);

    viWrite(vi, "*idn?", 5, &retCnt);
    viRead(vi, buffer, 256, &retCnt);

    printf("device: %s\n", buffer);

    viClose(rm);
}

An Attribute Example

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

int main(int argc, char* argv[] ) {
    ViSession rm, vi;
    ViChar buffer[256];

    viOpenDefaultRM(&rm);

    viOpen(rm, "GPIB0::1::INSTR", VI_NULL,
           VI_NULL, &vi);

    //Get VISA Manufacturer Name
    viGetAttribute(vi, VI_RSRC_MANF_NAME,
                  (ViPAttrState) buffer);

    // Set Timeout to 5 seconds
    viSetAttribute(vi, VI_ATTR_TMO_VALUE,
                  5000);

    printf("Manufacturer: %s\n", buffer);

    viClose(rm);
}
```

An Exclusive Lock Example

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

int main(int argc, char* argv[] ) {
    ViSession rm, vi;
    ViUInt32 retCnt;
    ViChar buffer[256];

    viOpenDefaultRM(&rm);

    viOpen(rm, "GPIB0::1::INSTR", VI_NULL,
           VI_NULL, &vi);

    // Locking the read/write ensures a
    // second application talking to the
    // same resource works as expected.
    viLock(vi, VI_EXCLUSIVE_LOCK,
           VI_TMO_INFINITE, VI_NULL,
           VI_NULL);

    viWrite(vi, "*idn?", 5, &retCnt);
    viRead(vi, buffer, 256, &retCnt);

    viUnlock(vi);

    printf("device: %s\n", buffer);

    viClose(rm);
}
```

A Formatted I/O Example (See † Note)

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

int main(int argc, char* argv[] ) {
    ViSession rm, vi;
    ViChar buffer[256];

    viOpenDefaultRM(&rm);

    viOpen(rm, "GPIB0::1::INSTR", VI_NULL,
           VI_NULL, &vi);

    viPrintf(vi, "header off");
    viFlush(vi, VI_WRITE_BUF);

    // No locking is required when
    // using viQuery
    viQueryF(vi, "*idn?", "%s", buffer);

    printf("device: %s\n", buffer);

    viClose(rm);
}
```

† Operations marked with † on reverse side not implemented in TekVISA version 1.1 or earlier.