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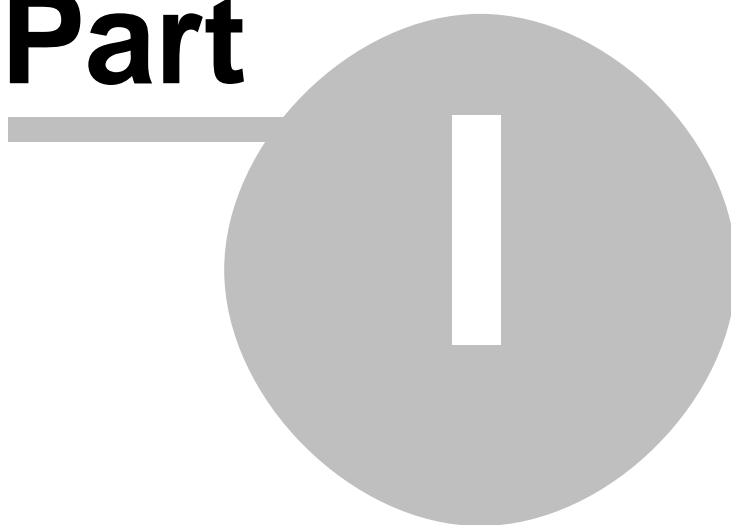
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# Part



# 1 Introduction

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**Software Documentation  
VC Series Machine Vision  
Cameras  
Operating System VC/RT  
General Library Functions**

**Version 5.0x**



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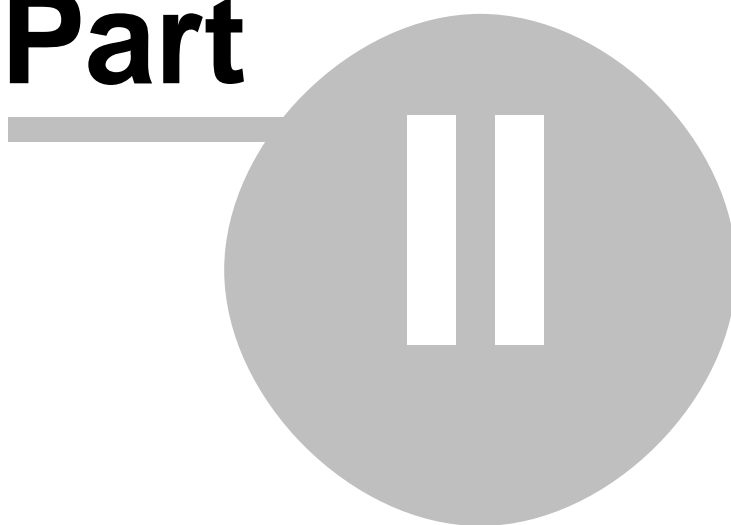
This documentation describes the VC/RT operating system software version 5.0x.

You can also consult the following documentation:

- Hardware documentation                      Hardware
- Documentation VCLIB                      Image Processing Library

**Caution: VC/RT 5.0x only runs on VC-smart cameras with TMS32C62xx processor.**

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## 2 General Information

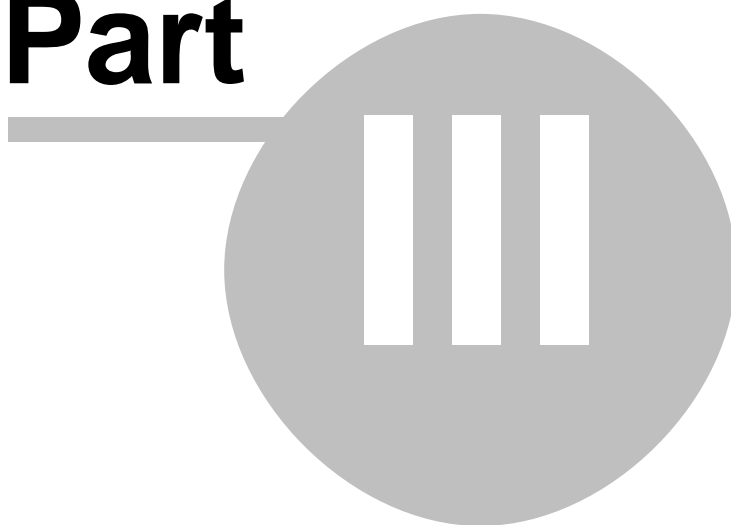
The VC Series cameras are compact, light-weight black-and-white or color video cameras with video memory and a frame processor.

They integrate a high-resolution CCD sensor with a fast frame-processing signal processor. A dynamic RAM is used to store data and video frames. Interfaces allow communication with the outside world. The cameras set standards for performance and integration density.

These cameras are built for industrial applications. High goals were set as regards the frame resolution, the sturdiness of the casing, and the electromagnetic compatibility, as mere examples. The cameras are insensitive to vibrations and shocks, while permitting precise measurements and tests. They are ideally suited as OEM cameras for mechanical engineering applications.

This documentation describes the cameras' **software**, especially the operating system functions and general functions. However, in many cases the **hardware** documentation is decisive. Special function libraries are also documented separately. Please consult the corresponding manuals.

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### 3 Tasks of the Operating System

The operating system VC/RT controls all of the camera's elementary functions. It also provides the user with a command interpreter (the "shell") for easy user access to all resources. It also supports the user in the debugging and test phase.

The following table compares the properties of VC/RT to those of other operating systems

Property	VC/RT	MS-DOS	OS/9
Real-time capable	yes	no	yes
Multitasking	yes	no	yes
License	one-time*)	per installation	per installation

\*) per developer workstation



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## 4 VC/RT Resources

The main task of an operating system is to administer the processor's resources. However, an operating system for a video camera must administer somewhat "uncommon" resources:

Resource	Functions
CCD sensor	Picture taking and reproduction, various control functions
Frame output	Control of the display and overlay outputs
Flash EPROM	Loading and saving files or programs, deleting sectors
multi-media card	File access
SDRAM	Accessing and managing memory, allocating and releasing memory
RS232 interface	Data buffering and background I/O operations
Ethernet	Full Highspeed TCP/IP stack
Interrupts	Control of the various interrupt sources

There are library programs for most of the above operating system functions, which interface to the user program (C program).

VC/RT consists of the following components:

- The kernel
- The shell
- Various routines which can be linked to the user program

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## 5 The VC/RT Kernel

The kernel is located permanently at addresses 0xA0000000 through 0xA001FFFF in SDRAM.

It thus occupies 128 kBytes of memory. (The memory model is described in [Organization of the DRAM](#) <sup>[176]</sup>)

The kernel consists of the following components:

- During power-up or reset, the loader loads the shell (filename: "shell"). The continually resident routine "exec()" can be used to dynamically load programs at any time.
- Interrupt-controlled routines for time management. Via an interrupt, all time-related functions are controlled once per msec.
- Interrupt-controlled routines for all communication channels (serial or Ethernet).
- Interrupt-controlled routines for the PLC inputs/outputs. On any change of the camera's inputs an interrupt is generated with which the status of the input lines is copied to the PLCIN system variable. Other interrupts detect power failure conditions
- DMA-controlled routines for taking and displaying pictures. Via DMA, all frame-related display and capture functions are controlled. The update frequency of the display refresh memory is programmable to once per each video frame or any multiple of the frame rate.
- EDMA-controlled routines for multi-media card access

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## 6 The Shell ("shell")

The shell is a program loaded by the loader. The shell communicates with the user via the serial interface. (A PC with a communications program, such as PROCOMM, is commonly used for this. PROCOMM is discussed below.) As is common with most operating systems, commands can be entered (with or without parameters) and are interpreted by the shell.

The shell itself contains a number of useful commands which can be executed directly. A built-in help command (called by entering **he**) provides a quick overview of these functions.

The shell also determines if entered commands are stored as a file on the flash EPROM. (The command could also be a user program, for instance.) In this case, the program is loaded, the command string is transferred and the program is started. The shell is reloaded to main memory after the program terminates.

In addition to being the user interface, which allows entering commands, loading and executing programs, the shell provides the following features:

### 1. execution of batch files

any shell command or any available program name may be placed in an ASCII-file which may be executed simply by typing its name.

**example :**

batch file commands	comment (not part of the batch file)
bd 19200	set baudrate to 19200 bauds
#st	execute self-test function (sector 0
program)	
userpg1	execute user program userpg1
j1 img	display JPEG image img
autoexec	execute batch file autoexec

Note: do not call batch files recursively

**2. any shell command may be invoked by a running program simply as parameter for the program „shell" (in-line mode)**

**example :**

#include <vcrt.h>	argc=2 is the number of
arguments in the	command line argv

```

void main(int d, int argc, char *argv)
{
    ....
    exec("shell",2,"bd 19200");/* 2 parameters = bd + 19200    */
    ....
}

```

remark: calling a batch file with exec is also possible

#### example:

```

#include <vcrt.h>

void main(int d, int argc, char *argv)
{
    ...
    exec("shell",1,"batch");      /* 1 parameter =
batch                               */
    ...
}

```

**3. The shell itself maybe called by a user program** (e.g. to check memory usage, change shutter settings, etc.). You may resume operation of the calling program simply by typing 'ex'.

#### example:

```

#include <vcrt.h>

void main(int d, int argc, char *argv)
{
    argc=0;                                /* shell is called
without */
    *argv='\0';                            /*
parameter */

    exec("shell",argc,argv);
}

```

Note, that the command line buffer argv of the previous shell is used. This saves

valuable memory space. Otherwise a command line buffer with 80 elements  
char argc[80]  
must be supplied on the stack or heap.

## 6.1 Description of the Shell Commands

The shell contains the following internal commands (in alphabetical order):  
(bold writing indicates changes or new commands resp. older VCRT versions).

bd	set baud rate	bd <baudrate>
<b>cd</b>	<b>change data directory</b>	<b>cd &lt;path&gt;</b>
<b>cx</b>	<b>change execution directory</b>	<b>cx &lt;path&gt;</b>
<b>copy</b>	<b>copy a file</b>	<b>copy &lt;source path&gt; [&lt;dest path&gt;]</b>
del	delete file	del <path >
dir	Directory of Files	dir [<option >] [<path >]
dd	DMEM Display	dd <addr >  <range>
dwn	download file to PC	dwn <path >
<b>er</b>	erase <b>complete</b> flash eprom	<b>er</b>
<b>ex</b>	<b>exit from shell</b>	<b>ex</b>
<b>fd</b>	<b>multi-media card display</b>	<b>fd &lt;addr&gt;  &lt;range&gt;</b>
?	help	? [<name>]
he	help	he [<name>]
help	help	help [<name>]
ht	Hardware Test	ht
js	jpeg store	js <path >
jl	jpeg load	jl <path >
jt	jpeg transfer	jt
lo	Load S Records	lo [<option >]
<b>mem</b>	<b>display memory usage</b>	<b>mem [&lt;option &gt;]</b>
pk	pack flash memory	pk
sh	set shutter value	sh <number >
<b>time</b>	<b>time and date command</b>	<b>time [&lt;option&gt;]</b>
tp	take picture	tp
type	type ASCII file	type <path >
<b>ver</b>	<b>print software version</b>	<b>ver</b>
vd	Video modes	vd [[<option >] <frame number>]



### 6.1.1 Shell Command "bd"

**bd** **set baud rate for the serial interface**

**synopsis** `bd <baudrate>`

**description** The baud rate for the serial interface can be changed with bd. The parameter is a decimal specifying the baudrate. Non-standard values are also supported. The maximum baud rate is 115200, the minimum value is 300. Settings that cannot be changed are parity (always: NONE), stop bit (always: 1) and data bits (always: 8).

**example:** `bd 19200`

### 6.1.2 Shell Command "cd"

**cd** **change path for working directory**

**synopsis** `cd <path>`

**description** This command changes the path of the working directory. A valid path consists of a drivename (fd: or md: ) and an optional subdirectory structure.

#### examples

<code>cd md:/my_directory/</code>	selects directory "my_directory" on multi-media card
<code>cd fd:</code>	selects flash-EPROM
<code>cd fd:/user/</code>	selects flash-EPROM (user sectors)
<code>cd fd:/sys/</code>	selects flash-EPROM (system sectors)

### 6.1.3 Shell Command "cx"

**cx** **change path for execution directory**

**synopsis** `cx <path>`

**description** This command changes the path of the execution directory. A valid path consists of a drivename (fd: or md: ) and an optional

subdirectory structure.

#### examples

cx md:/my_directory/	selects directory "my_directory" on multi-media card
cx fd:	selects flash-EPROM (user sectors)
cx fd:/user/	selects flash-EPROM (user sectors)
cx fd:/sys/	selects flash-EPROM (system sctrs.)

### 6.1.4 Shell Command "copy"

#### copy copy file

##### syntax

copy <sourcepath> [<destpath>]

##### description

This command copies a file to a different location. A valid path consists of a drivename (fd: or md: ), a subdirectory structure and a file-name.

If the destination path is omitted, the current directory is assumed.

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#### examples

copy md:/my_directory/test.jpg	copies test.jpg from directory "my_dir" on MMC to current data directory
copy fd:test.jpg md:/test.jpg	copies file test.jpg from flash to MMC

### 6.1.5 Shell Command "del"

#### del

**delete file**

##### syntax

del <path>

##### description

A file can be deleted with the command del. A valid path consists of a drivename (fd: or md: ), a subdirectory structure and a file-name. For the Flash EPROM (fd:), the file itself stays in the flash EPROM. It is only marked as "deleted".

Note: A "deleted" file still takes up space in flash memory.

This memory space can be used for other

purposes after reorganizing the complete file system with the 'pk' (pack) command or after erasing all files with the command `er`.

### 6.1.6 Shell Command "dir"

**dir**                      **display directory of files**

**synopsis**                `dir [<option>][<path>]`

**description**            The command `dir` creates a list of all files in the directory. The directory path may either be specified directly or indirectly using options. A valid path consists of a drivename (fd: or md: ) and the subdirectory structure.

The following information is shown:

1. file name and extension
2. total length in bytes (decimal)
3. time and date of last write access (not shown for fd:)

Calling `dir` without options lists all files in the default directory chosen with `cd`

Options:

- x        list system files (in sector 0) on fd:
- a        list all files including deleted files on fd:

### 6.1.7 Shell Command "dwn"

**dwn**                      **download file to PC / flash EPROM**

**synopsis**                `dwn <path>`

**description**            The command `dwn` sends a file in S-record format to a host PC.  
The command returns the following message:

please activate PC download function (e.g.  
PgDn -key)  
press ESC to abort or any other key to  
continue

The user should then activate the download

function of the terminal program. For PROCOMM this is done by pressing the PgDn key. Enter the protocol (ASCII) and file name. Sending an arbitrary character (like RETURN) starts the sending procedure.

### 6.1.8 Shell Command "er"

**er** **erase sector / flash EPROM**

**synopsis** er

**description** The entire flash EPROM can be physically erased (formatted) with the command er (except for sector 0). It is first determined if the affected sector is already empty. If so, this is reported and the sector will not be erased.

It's not possible any more to erase individual sectors from the shell. For compatibility reasons, the function [erase](#) <sup>107</sup>() is still available. Please use [file based functions](#) <sup>57</sup> instead

### 6.1.9 Shell Command "ex"

**ex** **exit from shell**

**synopsis** ex

**description** This command is used to return from a shell to the calling program. Simply type 'ex' and control will be passed to the calling program. If the shell has not been called by a user program, ex has no effect.

The former paths of "cd" and "cx" are restored.

### 6.1.10 Shell Command "he"

**he** **help command**

**synopsis** he [<name>], or: ?, help

**description** **he** without parameters displays a list of all available commands.  
 If the name of a command from the [list](#)<sup>16</sup> is included as a parameter, **he** displays the syntax for the corresponding command.

### 6.1.11 Shell Command "ht"

**ht** **hardware test**

**synopsis** ht

**description** The function **ht** tests the hardware and displays a test screen. If an error occurs during the test, this will be reported.

ht performs the following individual tests:

- 1.processor test (mainly functionality of internal registers, memory, etc.)
- 2.DRAM test
3. ID and serial number
4. file system
- 5.VC/RT version of files (incompatible files will be deleted)
6. write a test pattern to image #0

Tests (1) through (5) are also executed on power-up as a self-test.

If test (3) fails (e.g. due to manipulations of the serial number) the system will be halted.

All other errors will be reported.

The test screen consists of the following test areas:

#### **image data memory**

gray wedge

4 alignment markers

#### **overlay**

- image boundary (yellow)
- cross hair (green)
- 4 centered frames of different size (blue, red, magenta)
- 1 circle for monitor adjustments (yellow)

- 4 translucent overlay areas (3 different colors = yellow, cyan, magenta)
- text: "Vision Components"

#### 6.1.12 Shell Command "jl"

**jl**                      **jpeg load**

**synopsis**              jl <path>

**description**              Entering jl <path> will load a previously stored JPEG image file to the frame buffer.

**example :**              jl fd:/mylogo.jpg

#### 6.1.13 Shell Command "js"

**js**                      **jpeg store**

**synopsis**              js <path>

**description**              Entering js <path> will store the complete image of the frame buffer (memory page 0) to the JPEG file <path> on the flash eeprom. The quality factor for storing the image is 50%, which means that a data reduction of 10 to 20 may be assumed.

**example:**              js fd:/mylogo.jpg

#### 6.1.14 Shell Command "jt"

**jt**                      **jpeg transfer**

**synopsis**              jt

**description**              Entering jt will transfer the complete image of the frame buffer (memory page 0) to the V24 / RS232 serial port, resp. to the telnet port (port 23) of an Ethernet camera. Every 1024 characters a character "A" is expected as an acknowledge. Every other character will cause a retransmit of the 1024 bytes. **NO characters will cause the system to hang.** The Graphic Shell has an image download feature included.

On VC's Ethernet cameras you may use the ftp feature to transfer a jpeg from and to the PC.

### 6.1.15 Shell Command "lo"

<b>lo</b>	<b>load S Records / flash EPROM</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	lo [<option>]
<b>description</b>	<p>Executable programs, ASCII files, binary data files, JPEG files, etc. can be loaded from the host computer (PC) to the flash EPROM with the command <b>lo</b>.</p> <p>This command is especially important when developing programs.</p> <p>The program first finds the next free memory area in the flash EPROM, and the upload can begin. (see also the corresponding description of PROCOMM)</p> <p><b>lo</b> is usually called without option, which defaults to "hex mode".</p> <p>When the loading is done, <b>lo</b> will delete all older files with the same name and type.</p> <p>On Ethernet cameras ftp can be used instead</p>
<b>possible options</b>	-h hex mode (default) for use with PROCOMM

### 6.1.16 Shell Command "mem"

<b>mem</b>	<b>display memory usage</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	mem [<option>]
<b>description</b>	<p>This command may be used to control the memory usage of both the operating system and user programs e.g. for debugging purposes.</p> <p>Entering mem without option will display the usage of all memories.</p>
<b>Options:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-t display 'text' memory segment usage</li><li>-s display 'stack' memory segment usage</li><li>-d display 'data' memory segment usage</li></ul>

-i display 'image' memory segment usage  
-f display flash memory usage

version 5.08 and earlier : not implemented yet

### 6.1.17 Shell Command "pk"

<b>pk</b>	<b>pack flash memory</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	pk
<b>description</b>	<p>The command pk physically purges deleted files from the flash eprom file system. The command allocates memory from DRAM, copies files to DRAM memory, while discarding deleted files, erases all previously used flash eprom sectors and then writes back the files to flash eprom.</p> <p>Since the command may erase a large number of sectors, execution may take from 5 to 30 seconds, so <b>please be patient.</b></p> <p><b>The command will fail, if there is not enough DRAM available.</b> This will happen if DRAM memory was allocated by a program, but not freed.</p>

### 6.1.18 Shell Command "time"

<b>time</b>	<b>display system time</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	time [<option>]
<b>description</b>	<p>VC/RT for VC20xx features a real time clock ("RTC") with battery backup. GMT (Greenwich Meantime) is stored internally, but any local time may be output by entering timezone and the daylight savings time flag.</p> <p>Be sure to enter timezone and daylight saving time flag before changing the time setting.</p> <p>The battery used is rechargeable. If fully loaded and temperatures are below 40 C it will keep the RTC working for at least 14 days . The RTC may function well for a much longer period depending on temperature, initial charge, battery age and device tolerances but</p>



this cannot be guaranteed. In the case of battery failure the time command will output:

```
low voltage detected  
clock data may be invalid
```

In this case the RTC must be set again.

The option "-x" displays the internal board temperature (in degrees Celsius)

**Options:**

- t display time
- d display date
- x display board temperature
- s set real time clock
- z set local timezone and daylight savings time flag

**timezones:**

GMT -11	Samoa
GMT -10	Hawaii
GMT -09	Alaska
GMT -08	USA Pacific
GMT -07	USA Mountain
GMT -06	USA Central
GMT -05	USA Eastern
GMT -04	Canada Atlantic
GMT -03	Brazil
GMT +00	Greenwich, London
GMT +01	Berlin, Stockholm, Rome, Paris, Madrid
GMT +02	Athens, Helsinki, Istanbul, Israel
GMT +03	Kuwait, Moskau
GMT +04	Abu Dhabi
GMT +05	Islamabad
GMT +06	Dakka
GMT +07	Bangkok, Jakarta, Hanoi
GMT +08	Hongkong, Singapore
GMT +09	Tokio, Osaka, Seoul
GMT +10	Sydney
GMT +11	New Caledonia
GMT +12	Auckland, Wellington

**examples :**

**time**  
time and date command  
temperature: 54.0 C  
current timezone: +01

daylight savings time: ON  
time: 14:55:20  
date: 12/31/00

#### **time -s**

time and date command  
current timezone: +01  
daylight savings time: ON  
time: 14:56:00  
date: 12/31/00

#### **input timezone +00 >+01**

input daylight savings time  
press 'SPACE' to change setting, 'ENTER' to enter  
daylight savings time ON  
input date MM/DD/YY >12/31/00  
input local time HH:MM:SS >14:56:00

### 6.1.19 Shell Command "tp"

<b>tp</b>	<b>take picture</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	tp
<b>description</b>	The command tp takes a picture. The system then switches to frame reproduction, to display the frame stored in memory. (Note: When powered up, the camera always shows the so-called live-video from the CCD sensor) The taken picture is stored in the memory area specified with the command <b>vd</b>

### 6.1.20 Shell Command "type"

<b>type</b>	<b>type ASCII file</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	type <path>
<b>description</b>	type lists ASCII files. The filename of the file to be listed is specified as the parameter.
<b>example</b>	An example of an ASCII file in the flash EPROM is the command file "autoexec" which is interpreted as soon as the camera is

powered up.

```
type fd:\autoexec
```

### 6.1.21 Shell Command "sh"

**sh**                      **set shutter value**

**synopsis**                sh <number>

**description**            The camera's electronic shutter is set with the command sh.  
The parameter is a decimal value in microseconds. Please note, that not all shutter values are allowed, depending on the camera model.  
Please refer to the camera's technical documentation.

**examples**                **sh 1000**      select 1 millisecond shutter time  
                         **sh 10000**    select 10 milliseconds shutter time  
                         **sh 1000000** select 1 second shutter time

Since not all shutter values are available, the command replies with the closest value which could be set.

### 6.1.22 Shell Command "ver"

**ver**                      **display VC/RT version**

**synopsis**                ver

**description**            This command displays the VC/RT operating system version and release number.

**example**

```
ver
result:
print software version
Version 5.08
```

### 6.1.23 Shell Command "vd"

**vd**                                      **set video modes**

**synopsis**                                vd [[<option>] <frame number>]  
vd [-g <gain>]

**description**                            The video modes can be changed with vd.  
There are the following options:

no option	live mode/real frame
-l	live mode/real frame
-d	display memory contents
-g	set gain

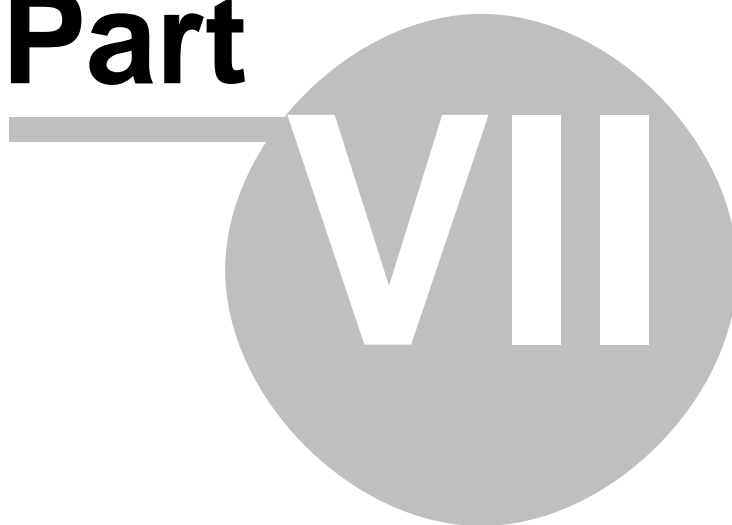
Live mode shows the image from the CCD sensor. This mode is equivalent to the function of a standard video camera.

Optionally, a page of the video memory can be selected.

The number of video memory pages available may vary, depending on the frame size camera type and the memory size.

**note:**                                    **different from the VCxx cameras on the VC20xx cameras live mode always stores the image in memory.**  
**This is valid esp. for `vmode(0)`.**

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## 7 Supplied Utilities

A series of PC utilities are included. They are described below.

### 7.1 Procomm

PROCOMM is a data communications program with terminal emulation. It is used to communicate with the camera via the serial interface and to transfer data and programs from a PC to the video camera (or vice versa). PROCOMM is a shareware program (see the built-in copyright notice, which can be called by pressing ALT I). It should be mentioned that a "professional" version is available from retail stores. There are also a number of other products with similar functions which may be usable.

#### 7.1.1 Important Key Combinations for Procomm

PROCOMM has numerous options. Only the most important ones will be described here.

The following key combinations are important when working with PROCOMM:

Enter	Function	Description
ALT-F10	Help	all possible key combinations are displayed
ALT-P	Modem Parameters	the baud rate and other transmission parameters can be changed here
ALT-S	Procomm Setup	important settings can be changed here, especially regarding the nature of the emulated terminals and the transfer of ASCII data
ALT-X	Exit	PROCOMM is exited with this command

#### 7.1.2 Settings for Procomm

The basic settings for PROCOMM are the selection of the baud rate and the port for the PC serial interface.

Determine which PC port you will be using to communicate with the camera (COM1:, COM2:, etc.). Connect the camera's V24 cable to the 9-pin or 25-pin plug of your PC's serial interface (COM1:, COM2:, etc., depending on the port you choose ).

You may have to solder an appropriate 9-pin or 25-pin plug, in accordance with the pin assignments specified in the hardware description. Or you may have to use a 9-to-25-pin plug adapter.

Start PROCOMM (call: PROCOMM <ret>). Enter ALT P. You will see the menu "COMMUNICATION PARAMETERS" for choosing a port and the baud rate. Use the listed numbers to select the menu positions, until you see the desired setting in the top line, "CURRENT SETTINGS". At the factory, the cameras are set to 9600 baud. So a correct setting might be as follows:

```
9600,N,8,1,COM2
```

The setting for the number of bits, the parity and the number of stop bits is fixed and should not be changed

```
Number of bits:      8
Number of stop bits: 1
Parity:              none
```

Only the PC port and the transmission rate can be changed. If you change the transmission rate, you must first change this setting for the camera (command bd).

After you have made the correct settings for PROCOMM and have saved them, you can power up the camera.

The copyright messages for the loader and the shell must appear on the screen now.

If they do not, you may have configured the wrong port, the cable for the V24 interface may be defective or incorrectly soldered, or the camera is possibly not powered up.

If random characters are displayed, the baud rate, parity or stop bits are probably set incorrectly. Random characters can also result from incorrect soldering of the V24 plug.

If the messages do appear on the PC screen, please hit <return> a few times to check the link between the PC and the camera. The prompt (\$) must appear each time.

### 7.1.3 Uploading and Downloading with Procomm

In addition to sending and receiving characters, PROCOMM can send entire files from the PC to the camera (uploading) or from the camera to the PC (downloading). Uploading is especially important, in order to transfer programs created at the PC to the camera.

The key "Page Up" activates the upload/download function.

The key "Page Down" activates the download function.

PROCOMM then queries you for the transmission protocol. Select ASCII protocol (menu item 7) for both cases. Finally, PROCOMM queries you for the filename.

For uploads, this is usually the .MSF file to be sent to the camera. For downloads, a file is created at the PC with this name. The received data will be stored in this file.

Note: Uploading files using the lo-command requires handshaking. Using XON/XOFF handshaking is recommended. (PROCOMM: ALT-S | 2) TERMINAL SETUP | 3) Handshake ... XON/XOFF)

## 7.2 ECONV

The program ECONV converts the output of the linker (COFF-compatible .out file) to a VCRT file.

The C source code is usually compiled and then linked with the linker. ECONV then reads the .OUT file which has been created by the linker. Unlike the similar CONVERT utility used for Analog Devices DSPs, ECONV only produces 1 module.

The module thus created is "wrapped" in a file structure. The resulting file needs only be transferred to the camera. This file contains all relevant information for the file system and the camera loader.

ECONV is called with a parameter.

This parameter is the filename to appear in the directory of the camera. It may be at most 8 characters long.

### Example:

```
ECONV pgm1
```

ECONV uses fixed file names for the input and output files, namely "EXEC.OUT" for the input file and "ADSP.OUT" for the output file.

## 7.3 ACONV

The function of ACONV is similar to that of CONVERT. However, ACONV works with ASCII input files. Like CONVERT, ACONV has a parameter which specifies the file name for the camera's directory.

With ACONV, the fixed name for the input file is "ASCII.INP". The output file is named "ADSP.OUT".

### Example :

```
ACONV text1
```



## 7.4 BCONV

The function of BCONV is similar to that of ACONV. However, BCONV works with BINARY input files. Like ACONV, BCONV has a parameter which specifies the file name for the camera's directory.

With BCONV, the fixed name for the input file is "BINARY.DAT". The output file is named "ADSP.OUT".

**Example :**

```
BCONV dat1
```

## 7.5 JCONV

The function of JCONV is similar to that of BCONV. JCONV uses a gray level JPEG image as input. However, JCONV will produce an output file with filetype=3 (JPEG). Please note, that grey-value JPEG files are supported only.

With JCONV, the fixed name for the input file is "BINARY.DAT". The output file is named "ADSP.OUT".

**Example :** JCONV img1

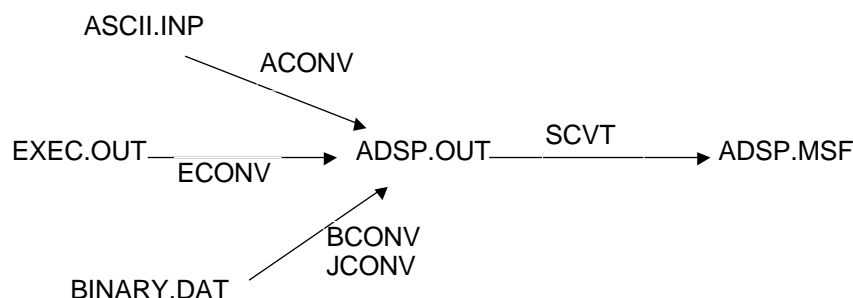
## 7.6 SCVT

Before the files created with CONVERT or ACONV can be sent to the camera, they must be converted to a so-called S-Record. The program SCVT is used for this. In addition to the useful information, S Records contain check sums and load addresses. Thus, transmission errors can be recognized immediately.

SCVT is called without parameters.

The input file is always named "ADSP.OUT", while the output file is named "ADSP.MSF".

## 7.7 Diagram of the Utilities



## 7.8 SMERGE

The program SMERGE makes it possible to merge two S-record format files (.MSF files) as one file. Executing this program repeatedly allows the user to create files from virtually any number of individual files.

A file created with SMERGE can be sent as usual via the serial interface to the camera.

As always, the VC/RT files are in the camera after the upload. The command `dir`, for example, can be entered to check for their presence.

The reason for this program is that at the PC, all camera programs can be merged as a single file. This greatly simplifies the process of installing the camera software.

Call syntax:

```
SMERGE file1 file2 outputfile
```

file1 and file2 are the two S-record files which are merged, outputfile is the merged file.

outputfile must not be identical with either of the files file1 or file2.

Example:

```
SMERGE pgm1.msf pgm2.msf allprog.msf
```

## 7.9 S2B

This utility converts S-records to binary files. One application might be the transfer of JPEG-files from the camera to the PC using S-records. S2B may then be used to convert these data to a binary JPEG-file which may be viewed with standard PC-programs.

S2B is called without parameters. The input file is always named "INPUT.MSF", while the output file is named "OUT.DAT".

## 7.10 VCINIT.BAT

Before starting a development for the VC series cameras, the development system must be configured for the particular camera model. The main differences of the various camera models are as follows:

- resolution and type of the CCD sensor (interlace / progressive scan)
- speed / clock frequency of the processor

- size (pagesize, number of pages), speed and access type (conventional / pipelined) of the DRAM
- size (number of sectors), speed of the flash Eprom

The configuration is done using VCINIT.BAT

at the DOS command line you enter the following:

```
vcinit xxx
```

where xxx is the camera model you use

**example:**

```
C:\ADSP\21XX\WORK>vcinit xxx
```

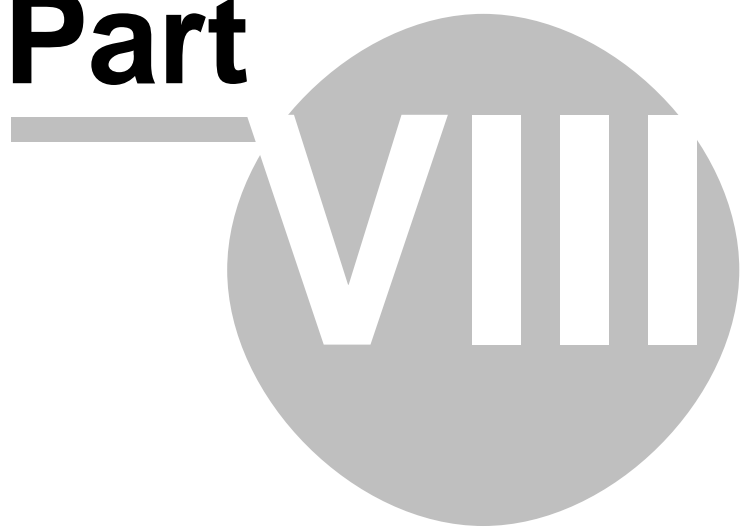
VCINIT.BAT copies a number of files, which are necessary for the development system:

**NOTE :** VCINIT is not available for VC/RT 4.0 yet.

Important Notice:

If you start developing for a different camera model, please be sure to use VCINIT before, otherwise the compiled and linked program running on the camera may "hang" when accessing memory, picture acquisition, etc.

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## 8 The File System

The cameras have a **FLASH EPROM** which is used in a way similar to how hard disks are used in larger computers.

Programs and data can be stored permanently here and can be reloaded at any time.

In contrast to many operating systems for larger computers, there is **only one directory without subdirectories** .

Files are given a name, which can be up to 8 ASCII characters. There is no extension, but an equivalent designation can be made part of the name. ("prog.exe", for instance, is a valid file name, while "prog1.exe" is not, because it includes more than 8 characters.)

The flash EPROM has 32 sectors of 64 KB each. Sector 0-5 are the boot sectors with the operating system and some standard utilities. Sectors 0-5 are read-only. They cannot be deleted, nor can the data be overwritten. (The reason for this is that the camera could malfunction if parts of the operating system were to be overwritten. The camera would have to be sent in for "repairs".)

The remaining 26 sectors (sectors 6 through 31) are for the user. All functions (reading, deleting and writing) are possible here.

A special aspect of the flash EPROM is that a sector must first be deleted before data can be written to it. The sector structure is irrelevant when data is written or read. This means that files can be larger than one sector.

The VC20xx series of cameras except VC2028 also have a 16 Megabyte **Multimediacard (MMC)** that can be used for program and data storage. Different from the Flash Eprom, the MMC allows a directory tree, say subdirectories.

Paths of files on the flash EPROM start with "**fd:/**"

Paths of files on the MMC start with "**md:/**"

Files can be copied from one to the other storage medium by the **copy** command:

**example :**

```
copy fd:/test.exe md:/test.exe
```

### 8.1 Loading Programs to the Flash EPROM

Programs are loaded with the shell command **lo** (load S-Record file).

After you enter the command (**lo**), the program waits for valid S Records. So at

this point, please do not make any inputs by hand but rather send an S record file.

This is best done with the upload function of a communications program, such as PROCOMM, TELIX, etc.

The S-Record file itself is created from the .EXE file of the Analog Devices operating system, using the programs CONVERT and SCVT. The required file structure is created during this process.

CONVERT is called, with the name of the file to be created as the parameter.

**Example :**

Input file: EXEC.OUT

Enter: ECONV myprog

Enter: SCVT

Upload: ADSP.MSF

At the camera, the program can then be called with the name "myprog".

It is NOT possible to load the program to other locations than the flash EPROM. Say, a path "fd:/myprog" is implied.

If you want to copy a program to the MMC, first load it to the flash EPROM, then copy it to the MMC with the copy command.

It is NOT possible to directly load a program into DRAM without storing it to the Flash EPROM.

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## 9 The Operating System Function "exec"

The operating system call **exec()** can be used to dynamically postload programs from the flash EPROM or MMC to the processor's memory.

The program will only require a few milliseconds to postload, depending on its size. Thus, this is suitable for real-time operations.

Parameters can be passed to the called program, like for C subroutines. When the called program terminates, a return value is returned to the calling program, as usual. After the called program terminates, the calling program is reloaded to memory and processing continues where it was interrupted by the function call. The entire procedure is quite similar to how C subroutines are called, which is an aid to the user.

The following briefly lists the differences to subroutine techniques.

Dynamic postloading	Subroutine techniques
The function itself is named "main()" It is called by its filename (=subroutine name)	Subroutine can be given any name. Name identical when called
Call the program with the function "exec (name,p1,p2,...pn); " p1,p2,...pn are the parameters	Direct call by specifying the program name, e.g. "prog(p1,p2,...pn);"
There are several small programs; each is linked only with the subroutines it requires, shortening linking time	There is one large program, which must be linked with all required subroutines and library functions
Individual (sub-)programs can be replaced quickly and easily, e.g. for testing purposes	The program must always be compiled and linked with the subroutines
Postloading requires CPU time	All subroutines are always available immediately

Postloading is very recommendable if the program was structured for this and each partial program contains different functions. For instance, a command interpreter and the called commands could be organized this way.

This technique is possible, but not always recommendable, when the partial programs mostly contain the same subroutines with few differences.



The following is a **sample** for a called program :

```
int main(int p1,int p2,...int pn)
{
}
```

p1,p2,...pn are the parameters passed by exec

**Note:** Parameters p1, .. pn are restricted to 32bit values (e.g. int, int \*, etc.)  
"long" values (these are 40 bit !!!) are not supported. The maximum number of parameters is 8

Programs are usually loaded starting at memory address 0xA0200000. All user programs including the shell and all programs called by exec are loaded this way.

**Advanced users** may change the \*.cmd file to load programs to a different address.

Most programs use initialized variables (string constants, global variables and statics).

These variables are initialized to a value which is precalculated at compile-time each time the program is loaded (e.g. by exec).

The following rules must be obeyed

- **loading of one program replaces others (e.g. the shell) at the same address**
- **global variables, statics and string constants don't survive because they are initialized every time loaded.**
- **The stack survives (i.e. local variables) (Because not initialized).**
- **The vcmalloc-area survives (Because not initialized).**
- **The DRAMmalloc area survives, (Because not initialized).**
- **Flash eprom areas survive (Because not initialized)**

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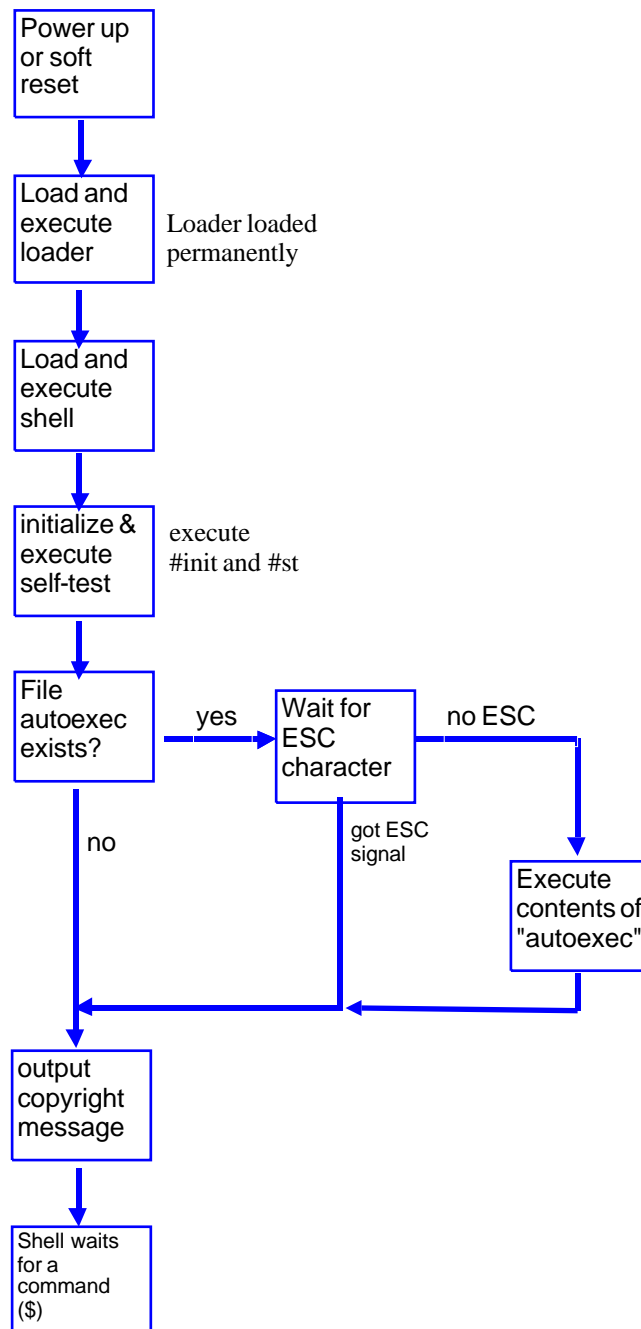
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## 10 Auto Execution of Programs when booting

The cameras are used in industrial automation. Thus, at least the user program must be executed automatically when booting (powering up).

The ASCII file "autoexec" can be used, like for PC systems. The commands and programs it contains are interpreted by the shell one after another and executed line by line. The file "autoexec" can be created on the development system (PC). For this, the file "ASCII.INP" is edited. The conversion tools "ACONV" (enter the command: "ACONV autoexec") and "SCVT" are used. Finally, the .MSF file thus created is transferred to the camera's flash EPROM with the command **lo**.

The system boots as follows:



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## 11 Descriptions of the Library Functions

If needed, the library functions described below can be linked to any C program.

Some of the functions have different versions for each camera model, others are available only for a specific camera model.

Please make sure to use the appropriate configuration with the VCINIT batch utility.

### 11.1 Overview of the Library Functions

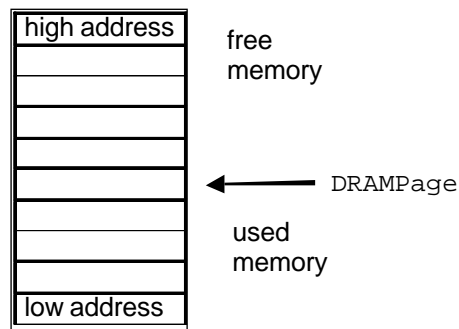
<a href="#">memory allocation functions</a>	46
<a href="#">flash eprom file functions</a>	200
<a href="#">I/O functions</a>	69 (RS232, screen, PLC, Ethernet)
<a href="#">DRAM access functions</a>	73
<a href="#">Functions for processing pixel lists</a>	82
<a href="#">video control functions</a>	89
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### 11.2 Memory Allocation Functions

Allocation of memory is supported by a series of functions. For the heap space the functions `sysmalloc()` and `sysfree()` may be used which very closely resemble the original K & R routines `malloc()` and `free()`. The system memory allocation is initialized on power-up. The functions `vcmalloc()` and `sysfree()` provided in earlier versions of VC/RT are kept but are based on `sysmalloc()` and `sysfree()` using macros.

<a href="#">vcsetup</a> <sup>48</sup>	Initialize memory management
<a href="#">vcmalloc</a> <sup>49</sup>	user memory allocation
<a href="#">vcfree</a> <sup>49</sup>	user memory release
<a href="#">prtfree</a> <sup>50</sup>	print a list of available user memory segments
<a href="#">sysmalloc</a> <sup>50</sup>	system memory allocation
<a href="#">sysfree</a> <sup>51</sup>	system memory release
<a href="#">sysprtfree</a> <sup>52</sup>	print a list of available system memory segments

For the allocation of DRAM memory space a very simple allocation scheme is used. Clustersize for the allocation is one DRAM page (1024 or 2048 words depending on the memory used). A pointer is used which points to the first available DRAM page. Pages below this pointer are in use, pages above and equal to DRAMPage are free. Allocating and releasing parts of the memory means moving up and down the pointer. On power-up the system allocates memory for one video and one overlay frame.



<a href="#">DRAMPagesAvail</a>	52	number of available DRAM pages
<a href="#">DRAMBytesAvail</a>	52	number of available DRAM bytes
<a href="#">DRAMWordsAvail</a>	53	number of available DRAM words
<a href="#">DRAMPgMalloc</a>	53	allocate DRAM memory in units of a memory page
<a href="#">DRAMPageMalloc</a>	53	allocate DRAM memory in bytes, return start page of block
<a href="#">DRAMByteMalloc</a>	54	allocate DRAM memory in bytes, return start byte-address
<a href="#">DRAMWordMalloc</a>	54	allocate DRAM memory in words, return start word-address
<a href="#">DRAMByteFree</a>	54	return memory block to DRAM allocation system (byte-address)
<a href="#">DRAMWordFree</a>	55	return memory block to DRAM allocation system (word-address)
<a href="#">DRAMPgFree</a>	55	return memory block to DRAM allocation system (page-address)
<a href="#">DRAMScreenMalloc</a>	56	allocate DRAM memory for full screen storage
<a href="#">DRAMOvlMalloc</a>	56	allocate DRAM memory for full screen overlay storage

### 11.2.1 vcsetup

#### vcsetup

#### Initialize memory management (macro)

#### synopsis

```
void vcsetup(void)
```

#### description

**vcsetup** () was used in previous versions of VC/RT to initialize memory management. This is however **not necessary any more**, since the operating system takes care of the memory initialisation on power-up.

This function has been maintained for reasons of compatibility as a macro.

However: **calling vcsetup() has no effect.**



### 11.2.2 vcmalloc

**vcmalloc**                      **user memory allocation (macro)**

**synopsis**                      void \*vcmalloc(unsigned int size)

**description**                      vcmalloc() allocates heap memory in the processor's data memory segment. size is the size of the requested memory area in words (int=32 bits).

This function returns a pointer to the allocated memory area.

If the requested memory is not available as a coherent block, the returned value is the null pointer.

The heap is located in the **data memory segment**, so the allocated memory areas can be used as buffers for block transfers, e.g. for the routines [blr<sub>dw</sub>](#)<sup>[76]</sup>(), [blr<sub>db</sub>](#)<sup>[81]</sup>(), [bl<sub>w</sub>rw](#)<sup>[77]</sup>(), etc.

**vcmalloc** () is basically equivalent to the function **malloc** (), which most systems provide as a runtime library function.

**However, the use of malloc() from the runtime library of the cross-development system by Texas Instruments is not recommended.**

**see also**                      [vc<sub>free</sub>](#)<sup>[49]</sup>(), [sys<sub>malloc</sub>](#)<sup>[50]</sup>()

### 11.2.3 vcfree

**vcfree**                      **user memory release (macro)**

**synopsis**                      void vcfree(void \*ptr)

**description**                      The function vcfree() releases the memory allocated by vcmalloc() for further use.

**vcfree** () is basically equivalent to the function **free** (), which most systems provide as a

runtime library function.



However, the function `free()` from the runtime library of the cross-development system by Texas Instruments should not be used.

#### example

```
#include <vclib.h>

int *p;
p = (int *)vcmalloc(100);
blrdb(50, p, 0L);
vcfree(p);
```

#### see also

[vcmalloc](#) , [sysmalloc](#) 

### 11.2.4 prtfree

#### prtfree

**print a list of available user memory segments (macro)**

#### synopsis

`void prtfree(void)`

#### description

The function **prtfree** () outputs a list of the available memory segments of the heap via the serial interface, resp. Telnet (port 23 of the Ethernet).

This can be a useful programming tool, especially in the test phase.

#### see also

[vcmalloc](#) , [vcfree](#) , [sysprtfree](#) 

### 11.2.5 sysmalloc

#### sysmalloc

**system memory allocation**

#### synopsis

`void *sysmalloc(unsigned nwords, int type)`

#### description

**sysmalloc** () allocates system memory in the processor's SDRAM memory. `nwords` is the size of the requested memory area in words (int=32 bits).

This function returns a pointer to the allocated memory area.

**type** is the type of memory requested. The following tables gives an overview of the various memory types.

type	mnemonics	usage
0	MTEXT	program
1	MSTACK	local variables, stack
2	MDATA	global variables & heap
3	MIMAGE	image data

The **reason for this segmentation** into 4 different memory spaces is that the DSP is able to keep one page open for each of the 4 different segments. A copy e.g. from stack to data space could then be performed at the highest possible speed without unnecessary page access cycles (RAS) for the memory. At the same time the text segment could be accessed for executable machine code.

**sysmalloc ()** tries to return a pointer to the requested type and size of memory. **It is allowed to return a pointer to a different memory type** in case the requested type has not enough space. If the requested memory is no longer available as a coherent block, then the function will return the null pointer.

**see also**

[vcfree](#) <sup>[49]</sup>(), [sysfree](#) <sup>[51]</sup>()

## 11.2.6 sysfree

**sysfree**

**system memory release**

**synopsis**

```
void sysfree(void *ap)
```

**description**

The function **sysfree ()** releases the memory allocated by **sysmalloc()** for further use by the operating system.

**example**

```
#include <vcrt.h>

int *p;
```

```
p = (int *)sysmalloc(1000,2);
blrdb(50, p, 0L);
sysfree(p);
```

see also [vcfree](#) , [sysmalloc](#) 

### 11.2.7 sysprtfree

**sysprtfree**      **print a list of available system memory segments**

**synopsis**      void sysprtfree(void)

**description**      The function **sysprtfree** () outputs a list of the available memory segments of all SDRAM memory segments.

This can be a useful programming tool, especially in the test phase.

see also [sysmalloc](#) , [sysfree](#) 

### 11.2.8 DRAMPagesAvail

**DRAMPagesAvail**      **number of available DRAM pages**

**synopsis**      int DRAMPagesAvail(void)

**description**      **DRAMPagesAvail** () returns the number of available DRAM pages of the DRAM allocation system.  
**Note that the total number of DRAM pages as well as the DRAM pagesize may differ for the various camera models.**

### 11.2.9 DRAMBytesAvail

**DRAMBytesAvail**      **number of available DRAM bytes**

**synopsis**      long DRAMBytesAvail(void)

**description**      **DRAMBytesAvail** () returns the number of available DRAM bytes of the DRAM allocation system.  
Note that the value returned is a multiple of the number of bytes per page, since the memory is allocated in units of one DRAM page.

### 11.2.10 DRAMWordsAvail

**DRAMWordsAvail** number of available DRAM words

**synopsis** long DRAMWordsAvail(void)

**description** **DRAMWordsAvail** () returns the number of available DRAM words (16 bits) of the DRAM allocation system.  
Note that the value returned is a multiple of the number of words per page, Since the memory is allocated in units of one DRAM page.

### 11.2.11 DRAMPgMalloc

**DRAMPgMalloc** allocate DRAM memory in units of a memory page

**synopsis** int DRAMPgMalloc(unsigned int count)

**description** **DRAMPgMalloc** () allocates count pages of DRAM memory and returns the start page of the allocated memory block.

If the memory size requested is not available, the function will return -1.

### 11.2.12 DRAMPageMalloc

**DRAMPageMalloc** allocate DRAM memory in bytes, return start page of block

**synopsis** int DRAMPageMalloc(unsigned long nbytes)

**description** **DRAMPageMalloc** () allocates nbytes bytes of DRAM memory and returns the start page of the allocated memory block. Allocation is done in units of the DRAM pagesize. If nbytes is not a multiple of the pagesize, the number of pages allocated is rounded up.

If the memory size requested is not available, the function will return -1.

### 11.2.13 DRAMByteMalloc

**DRAMByteMalloc** allocate DRAM memory in bytes, return start byte-address

**synopsis**                      long DRAMByteMalloc(unsigned    long nbytes)

**description**                **DRAMByteMalloc** ()allocates nbytes bytes of DRAM memory and returns the start (byte) address of the allocated memory block. Allocation is done in units of the DRAM pagesize (number of bytes per DRAM page). If nbytes is not a multiple of the pagesize, the number of pages allocated is rounded up.

If the memory size requested is not available, the function will return -1L.

### 11.2.14 DRAMWordMalloc

**DRAMWordMalloc** allocate DRAM memory in words, return start byte-address

**synopsis**                      long DRAMByteMalloc(unsigned    long nwords)

**description**                **DRAMByteMalloc** ()allocates nwords words (32 nit each) of DRAM memory and returns the start (word) address of the allocated memory block. Allocation is done in units of the DRAM pagesize (number of bytes per DRAM page). If nwords is not a multiple of the pagesize, the number of pages allocated is rounded up.

If the memory size requested is not available, the function will return -1L.

### 11.2.15 DRAMByteFree

**DRAMByteFree** return memory block to DRAM allocation system (byte-address)

**synopsis**                      void DRAMByteFree(long    startbyte)

**description**                The function **DRAMByteFree** ()is used for returning unused DRAM memory blocks to the DRAM memory allocation system. The

startbyte address of the block is simply passed to the function.

Note, that there is always a coherent block of memory being used directly underneath the (coherent) free memory area.

This means, that it is only possible to return the last recently allocated memory block. If

DRAMByteFree() is called with an address of a memory block allocated earlier, it will free all memory blocks which have been allocated in the meantime down to this very address.

### 11.2.16 DRAMWordFree

**DRAMWordFree** return memory block to DRAM allocation system (word-address)

**synopsis** void DRAMWordFree(long startword)

**description** The function **DRAMWordFree** () is used for returning unused DRAM memory blocks to the DRAM memory allocation system. The startword address of the block is simply passed to the function.  
Note, that there is always a coherent block of memory being used directly underneath the (coherent) free memory area.  
This means, that it is only possible to return the last recently allocated memory block. If DRAMWordFree() is called with an address of a memory block allocated earlier, it will free all memory blocks which have been allocated in the meantime down to this very address.

### 11.2.17 DRAMPgFree

**DRAMPgFree** return memory block to DRAM allocation system (page-address)

**synopsis** void DRAMPgFree(int startpage)

**description** The function **DRAMPgFree** () is used for returning unused DRAM memory blocks to the DRAM memory allocation system. The startpage of the block is passed to the function.

Note, that there is always a coherent block of memory being used directly underneath the (coherent) free memory area. This means, that it is only possible to return the last recently allocated memory block. If `DRAMPgFree()` is called with the startpage of a memory block allocated earlier, it will free all memory blocks which have been allocated in the meantime down to this very address.

### 11.2.18 DRAMScreenMalloc

**DRAMScreenMalloc**      **allocate DRAM memory for full screen storage**

**synopsis**                      `int DRAMScreenMalloc(void)`

**description**                The function **DRAMScreenMalloc** ()allocates DRAM memory for one screen of video display. It returns the start page of the allocated memory block. This start page may conveniently be used to instruct the video controller to display the memory area on the video monitor.

**example**

```
int newpage;
newpage=DRAMScreenMalloc(); /* allocate
memory                      */
setvar(stpage,newpage);    /* display new
memory area*/
```

### 11.2.19 DRAMOVIMalloc

**DRAMOVIMalloc**      **allocate DRAM memory for full screen overlay storage**

**synopsis**                      `int DRAMOVIMalloc(void)`

**description**                The function **DRAMOVIMalloc** ()allocates DRAM memory for one screen of video overlay display. It returns the start page of the allocated memory block. This start page may conveniently be used to instruct the video controller to display the corresponding overlay memory area on the video monitor.

**example**

```
int newpage;
```



```

newpage=DRAMOvlMalloc();      /* allocate
memory                        */
setvar(ovpage,newpage); /* display new
overlay area                */

```

## 11.3 General I/O Functions

Files and I/O devices are accessed by means of generalized I/O functions. This is a **new feature for VC/RT 5.0x** with respect to earlier versions.

**We strongly recommend the use of these functions instead of direct functions (like search, fnaddr, etc.). The latter will be kept for a while for compatibility purposes.**

The following functions are available:

<a href="#">io_fopen</a>	58	open a device, get file pointer
<a href="#">io_fclose</a>	58	close device
<a href="#">io_read</a>	59	read from device
<a href="#">io_write</a>	59	write to device
<a href="#">io_ioctl</a>	59	control function
<a href="#">io_fgetc</a>	60	get character from device
<a href="#">io_fputc</a>	60	put character to device
<a href="#">io_fseek</a>	61	set file position
<a href="#">io_get_handle</a>	61	get a pointer to the default standard I/O stream

The standard procedure for file operations is as follows:

```

io_fopen()

/* ... one or more file operations ... */

io_fclose()

```

The operation **io\_fopen ()** locks a file for access from other tasks depending on the access mode and allocates some buffers for that file.

**io\_fclose ()** frees the memory used and unlocks the file so that it may be used subsequently by another task. For this reason we recommend using the function **io\_fclose ()** immediately when access to the file is no longer necessary.

The following restrictions apply:

Drive	Access Mode	Operation
fd:	Read	Unlimited number of read accesses to same file
	Write	Access to only 1 file in total
md:	Read	Unlimited number of read accesses to same file
	Write	Access to file is locked for other tasks

For special I/O operations the function **io\_ioctl ()** may be used. Here, a drivename, path or file must be opened with **io\_fopen ()** and **mode="c"**. Then the **io\_ioctl ()** is performed. Finally the function **io\_fclose ()** must be called.

### 11.3.1 io\_fopen

**io\_fopen**                      **open a device, get file pointer**

**synopsis**                      FILE \*io\_fopen(char \*path, char \*mode)

**description**                      The function **io\_fopen ()** opens a device / file / directory with the pathname given by path.

It returns the filepointer if successful or NULL if not.

It is possible to open the device with the following mode-strings:

```
mode =      "r"      read
            "w"      write
            "c"      control
            "a"      append
```

### 11.3.2 io\_fclose

**io\_fclose**                      **close a device**

**synopsis**                      int io\_fclose(FILE \*fp)

**description**                      The function **io\_fclose ()** closes a device / file / directory previously opened with [io\\_fopen](#) <sup>58</sup>. The function returns 0 for successful operation or otherwise an error number, which depends on the driver for the selected device.

### 11.3.3 io\_read

**io\_read**                      **read from device**

**synopsis**                      `int io_read(FILE *fp, char *buf, int cnt)`

**description**                      The function **io\_read** () reads from a device / file previously opened with [io\\_fopen](#) <sup>58</sup>.  
cnt is the number of bytes,  
buf is a pointer to a buffer to store the data.

The return value of the function is the number of bytes transferred if successful or else -1.

### 11.3.4 io\_write

**io\_write**                      **write to device**

**synopsis**                      `int io_write(FILE *fp, char *buf, int cnt)`

**description**                      The function **io\_write** () writes to a device / file previously opened with [io\\_fopen](#) <sup>58</sup>.  
cnt is the number of bytes, buf is a pointer to a buffer of data to be written.  
The return value of the function is the number of bytes transferred if successful or else -1.

### 11.3.5 io\_ioctl

**io\_ioctl**                      **I/O control**

**synopsis**                      `int io_ioctl(FILE *fp, unsigned cmd, void *param)`

**description**                      The function **io\_ioctl** () is used for various device control functions.

cmd is a command code to request a certain function, param is a pointer to a variable or struct, where information may be passed from the calling routine to the function or vice versa.

Here is a list of available functions

device	cmd	function	param
STDIN	IO_BAUD_SET	set baud rate	&baud
	IO_BAUD_GET	get baud rate	&baud
	IO_RTS_SET	set RTS to 1	NULL
	IO_RTS_CLR	set RTS to 0	NULL
fd:	IO_PACK	pack	&result
	IO_ERASE	erase	&result
	IO_READDIR	read directory	READDIR
	IO_CHKSYS	check system	NULL
	IO_DEL	delete file	NULL
md:	IO_PACK	pack directory	NULL
	IO_READDIR	read directory	READDIR
	IO_DEL	delete file	NULL
	IO_MKDIR	make directory	NULL

### 11.3.6 io\_fgetc

#### io\_fgetc

#### get character from device

#### synopsis

```
int io_fgetc(FILE *fp)
```

#### description

The function **io\_fgetc** () inputs a character from the **device** fp. If an End-Of-File condition is encountered, -1 is output instead of a character

### 11.3.7 io\_fputc

#### io\_fputc

#### output character to device

#### synopsis

```
int io_fputc(int c, FILE *fp)
```

#### description

The function **io\_fputc** () outputs a character to the device fp.

The return value of the function is equal to the character c written or a negative error condition.

### 11.3.8 io\_fseek

**io\_fseek**                      **set the file position**

**synopsis**                      int io\_fseek(FILE \*fp, int offset, unsigned start\_from)

**description**                      The function **io\_fseek** () positions the read-filepointer to the position specified with offset.

On success the function returns 0.

The following values are possible for start\_from:

IO_SEEK_SET	offset
IO_SEEK_CUR	current_position + offset
IO_SEEK_END	file_size + offset

### 11.3.9 io\_get\_handle

**io\_get\_handle**                      **get a pointer to the default standard I/O stream**

**synopsis**                      FILE \*io\_get\_handle(unsigned stdio\_type)

**description**                      The function **io\_get\_handle** () returns a pointer to the default standard I/O stream.

If unsuccessful, NULL is returned.

**stdio\_type** may be any of the following values:

IO\_STDIN  
IO\_STDOUT  
IO\_STDERR

## 11.4 Flash EPROM Functions

Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by [general I/O functions](#) <sup>57</sup> that are file based. We strongly recommend to use those.

Some of the functions below are still available for compatibility reasons but may not be available in future versions.

The camera's flash eprom is used quite similar to a harddisk on a PC. Data is stored, too, in files. For the exact file structure, refer to **appendix D**. User files always start with flash eprom sector 1. A new file is always written right behind the last file in the file system. The file structure contains the file length, therefore a search will start at the beginning of sector 1 and parse through all files (jumping at the start of each file only) until the either the file or the end of the file system is found. Low level functions for accessing the flash eprom are discussed in chapter 10.9

<a href="#">search</a>	62	search for a file
<a href="#">snext</a>	63	search for the next free area/flash EPROM
<a href="#">fnaddr</a>	63	search for the start address of the next file/flash EPROM
<a href="#">fname</a>	64	get name and type of a file/flash EPROM
<a href="#">del</a>	64	delete a file
<a href="#">fremain</a>	65	remaining flash eprom space
<a href="#">fcreat</a>	65	create a flash EPROM file
<a href="#">fclose</a>	66	close a flash EPROM file
<a href="#">exec</a>	66	load and execute a program from the flash EPROM
<a href="#">loadf</a>	68	load program from flash EPROM

### 11.4.1 search

#### search

#### search for a file/flash EPROM

#### synopsis

```
long search(int ft, char *fname)
```

#### description

named "fname"

The function `search()` looks in the flash EPROM for the file of type "ft".

The return value is the start address of the file found. If the file is not found, the function will return 0L. "ft" can have the following values:

0 = executable, i.e. a program in standard COFF-format  
1 = ASCII, i.e., a pure text file

2 = DATA, i.e. binary data file  
 3 = JPEG image file  
 -1: `search()` will search for the file with the specified  
 name of *any* file type

The function `search()` looks through the entire EPROM not  
 byte for byte  
 but rather uses the file structure, which is much faster.  
**see also** [fnaddr\(\)](#)

Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by  
[general I/O functions](#) <sup>57</sup> that are file based. We strongly recommend to use  
 those.

## 11.4.2 `snext`

**snext** search for the next free area/flash EPROM

**synopsis** long `snext(void)`

**description** The function `snext()` looks for the next free  
 area in the flash EPROM.  
 The return value is the address of this free  
 area.  
 Files can be stored from this start address to  
 the end of the flash EPROM.

**see also** [fnaddr](#) <sup>63</sup>()

Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by  
[general I/O functions](#) <sup>57</sup> that are file based. We strongly recommend to use  
 those.

## 11.4.3 `fnaddr`

**fnaddr** search for the start address of the next  
 file/flash EPROM


**synopsis** long `fnaddr(long addr)`

**description** The function `fnaddr()` calculates the start  
 address of the next file in the flash EPROM.  
 The start address of a file is entered as `addr`.

The function then returns the address of the next file or free area.

This function returns 0L if a file header could not be found for the specified address. In particular, this is the case when addr points to a free area.

see also [fname](#)  ()

Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by [general I/O functions](#)  that are file based. We strongly recommend to use those.


#### 11.4.4 fname

**fname** **get name and type of a file/flash EPROM**

**synopsis** `int fname(long addr, char *name)`

**description** The function fname() gets the name and type of the file in the flash EPROM stored at address addr. The start address of a file is entered as addr. The function then returns the file type; the file name is stored in the string name by the function.

see also [fnaddr](#)  ()

Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by [general I/O functions](#)  that are file based. We strongly recommend to use those.

#### 11.4.5 del

**del** **delete a file/flash EPROM**

**synopsis** `int del(int ft, char *fname)`

**description** The function del() deletes the file specified by ft (file type) and fname (file name). If ft=-1 the function will delete any file matching fname only.

see also [erase](#)  ()



Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by [general I/O functions](#) <sup>57</sup> that are file based. We strongly recommend to use those.

#### 11.4.6 fremain

**fremain**                      **remaining flash EPROM space**

**synopsis**                      long fremain(void)

**description**                The function fremain() returns the remaining flash EPROM space in bytes.

Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by [general I/O functions](#) <sup>57</sup> that are file based. We strongly recommend to use those.

#### 11.4.7 fcreat

**fcreat**                        **create a flash EPROM file**

**synopsis**                      void fcreat(long fp, char \*name, int type)

**description**                The function fcreat() creates a flash EPROM file by writing the file-header to address fp which should have been allocated before with the snext() function. The file may then subsequently be written to.

Finally it must be closed using [fclose](#) <sup>66</sup> ( ).

Do not execute any other file operations like [search](#) <sup>62</sup> ( ) before the flash eprom file is closed

Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by [general I/O functions](#) <sup>57</sup> that are file based. We strongly recommend to use those.

### 11.4.8 fclose


**fclose** close a flash EPROM file

**synopsis** void fclose(long fp, long length)

**description** The function fclose() closes a flash eprom file previously created by fcreat().  
The function must be supplied with the number of bytes written to the file.  
From this, it calculates the end of the file and writes the file trailer.

**Note: Do not leave any files open**

**Do not execute any other file operations like search() before the flash eprom file is closed**

Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by [general I/O functions](#)  that are file based. We strongly recommend to use those.

### 11.4.9 exec

**exec** Load and execute a program from the flash EPROM

**synopsis** exec (char \*fname, p1,p2, ... , pn)

**description** With the function exec(), programs (subroutines) are loaded from the flash EPROM to the SDRAM memory of the DSP and executed.  
First, the name (char \* fname) is used to search for the file. If the file is found, the loading and starting process begins.  
If the file is not found, a soft reset is invoked. Thus, make sure the file can always be found (e.g. with the function search).  
**Up to 8 (int) parameters** can be passed to the program, as p1, p2, ... , pn.  
**All parameters are restricted to 32 bit values (e.g. int, int \*)**

**"long"-values are not supported, as they are 40 bit.**

When the program terminates, the calling program will automatically be loaded back into memory. Integer (32 bit) values can be returned to the calling program.

The following applies for the called program:  
Its name is:

```
int main(int p1, int p2, ... , int pn)
{
}
```

where p1,p2,...pn are the parameters passed over from exec.

The function **exec()** can be used to dynamically postload subroutines from a main program. Subroutines loaded via **exec()** may be nested. Naturally, the size of the stack limits the level to which subroutines can be nested.


If many parameters must be passed to the function called by **exec()**, a pointer to a struct on the stack or on the heap may be passed alternatively. Keep in mind that pointers use **32 bits**. They will therefore fit easily in the space of an int (32 bits). The called program may also modify the struct's items.

**Do not try to pass string constants to a function called by **exec()**.** Since string constants are represented by a pointer to initialized memory areas, the string information may be lost (overwritten) when the function is called.

If you have to pass string, then copy them to a local variable first and pass the local variable or its address instead.

**example :**

```
DO NOT !!! exec("myprog", "this string
should not be here")
```

Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by [general I/O functions](#)  that are file based. We strongly recommend to use those.

#### 11.4.10 loadf


**loadf** Load program from flash EPROM (for experienced user only !)

**synopsis** int loadf(long addr)

**description** With the function **loadf** (), programs (subroutines) may be loaded from the flash EPROM into the DSP's main SDRAM memory. The function must be called with a valid start address (addr) of a program file (type=0) in flash Eprom.  
**loadf** () loads the data into memory to the load addresses specified inside the file. It then returns the PMEM address of the loaded program's entry point.

**NOTE:** Since most programs are linked to the same addresses in DMEM and PMEM, loading a program with loadf() will overwrite your program, which will result in a system crash.

**see also** [exec](#) ()

Since version 5.0x the functions below are replaced by [general I/O functions](#)  that are file based. We strongly recommend to use those.

## 11.5 I/O Functions

<a href="#">pstr</a> <sup>69</sup>	Output a string via the serial interface
<a href="#">print</a> <sup>69</sup>	Formatted output of text and variables
<a href="#">sprintf</a> <sup>70</sup>	Formatted output of text and variables to a string
<a href="#">hextoi</a> <sup>71</sup>	convert hexadecimal value string to integer
<a href="#">setRTS</a> <sup>71</sup>	set RTS signal (macro)
<a href="#">resRTS</a> <sup>71</sup>	reset RTS signal (macro)
<a href="#">setPLCn</a> <sup>72</sup>	set PLC signal (macro)
<a href="#">resPLCn</a> <sup>72</sup>	reset PLC signal (macro)
<a href="#">outPLC</a> <sup>72</sup>	output value to PLC
<a href="#">inPLC</a> <sup>73</sup>	input value from PLC (macro)

### 11.5.1 pstr

<b>pstr</b>	<b>Output a string via the serial interface</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	void pstr(char *str)
<b>description</b>	<p>This function outputs the string specified by the pointer str via the serial interface. This function differs from the function <a href="#">print</a> <sup>69</sup>() in that <b>pstr()</b> must not contain format control characters such as %.</p> <p>For the ASCII character LF (0x0a or '\n'), a combination of CR (0x0d or '\r') and LF is output.</p>

### 11.5.2 print

<b>print</b>	<b>Formatted output of text and variables</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	void print(char *format, ...)
<b>description</b>	<p>This function is a full-featured version of the standard function <b>printf</b> ().</p> <p>The following is a list of formats supported:</p>

format-string	remark
%d	decimal number / 32 bits
%u	unsigned decimal number / 32 bits
%x, %X	hex number / 32 bits
%o	octal number / 32 bits
%ld, %lu, %lx, %lo	same as above for 40 bit long values
%hd, %hu, %hx, %ho	same as above for 16 bit short values
%c	character
%s	string
%p	pointer / 32 bits
%n	number of arguments
%f	floating-point (double)
%e	floating-point (double)
%g	not implemented
*	variable number of arguments

The text and variables are output via the serial interface, resp. Ethernet port..

**Since the argument list is variable (...), print() only works properly if the correct prototype is included in the user program.** This can be done, for example, by adding the following line:

```
#include <vcrh.h>
```

see also

[sprint](#) <sup>[70]</sup>(), [pstr](#) <sup>[69]</sup>()

### 11.5.3 sprint

sprint

**Formatted output of text and variables to a string**

synopsis

```
void sprint(char *s, char *format, ...)
```

description

The function `sprint()` is equivalent to the function `print()`, however the output is directed

to the passed string s.

This can be used, for example, to prepare the output of data on the screen.

Since the argument list is variable (...), `sprintf()` only works properly if the correct prototype is included in the user program. This can be done, for example, by adding a line

```
#include <vcrt.h>
```

see also

[printf](#) ()

## 11.5.4 hextoi

**hextoi**

**convert hex value string to integer**

**synopsis**

```
int hextoi(char *s)
```

**description**

The '\0' terminated character string s containing the hexadecimal value is passed to the function. The function then converts it to an integer value.

## 11.5.5 setRTS

**setRTS**

**set RTS signal (macro)**

**synopsis**

```
void setRTS(void)
```

**description**

This macro sets the RTS output of the V24 (RS232) interface to a positive voltage. This allows communication, i.e. characters are allowed to be sent to the camera from the connected computer. Make sure that the host computer is switched to "hardware handshake" if you want to use this feature

## 11.5.6 resRTS

**resRTS**

**reset RTS signal (macro)**

**synopsis**

```
void resRTS(void)
```

**description**

This macro resets the RTS output of the V24

(RS232) interface to a negative voltage. This shuts down communication, i.e. characters are not allowed to be sent to the camera from the connected computer. **Make sure that the host computer is switched to "hardware handshake" if you want to use this feature**

### 11.5.7 setPLCn

**setPLCn**                      **set PLC signal (macro)**

**synopsis**                      void setPLCn(void)

**description**                      This macro sets the PLC signal no. n, so that current is flowing through the corresponding output. The signal will have a positive voltage.

**example**

```
setPLC0();                      /* switch on output
0                                  */
```

### 11.5.8 resPLCn

**resPLCn**                      **reset PLC signal (macro)**

**synopsis**                      void resPLCn(void)

**description**                      This macro resets the PLC signal no. n, so that no current is flowing to the corresponding output. The signal will be high-impedance.

**example**

```
resPLC0();                      /* switch off output
0                                  */
```

### 11.5.9 outPLC

**outPLC**                      **output value to PLC**

**synopsis**                      void outPLC(value)

**description**                      This function outputs value to the PLC. The function also writes the value to the system variable PLCOUT where the state of the output signals can be monitored at any time. Bits 0 to 3 of value will set the corresponding output signals.














### 11.5.10 inPLC

<b>inPLC</b>	<b>input value from PLC (macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	int inPLC(void)
<b>description</b>	<p>This macro inputs the status of the PLC input signals. Bits 0 to 3 indicate the status of each individual PLC input. The remaining bits are always zero. A zero on one of the input bits means that there is current flowing through the corresponding PLC input. If there is no voltage on the input, the bit will be 1.</p> <p>The status of the PLC input bits can also be monitored using the system variable PLCIN. This variable, however, features an additional status bit (bit #4) which indicates failure of the PLC I/O processor when set to 1.</p>

## 11.6 DRAM Access Functions

The TMS320C62xx architecture has a huge addressing capability. SDRAM can be addressed directly using 32bit pointers. There is no need for access functions. The following "DRAM access functions" are included, however, for reasons of compatibility to VC/RT versions supporting the ADSP memory architecture.

In the ADSP architecture, DRAM memory is accessed by so-called access functions. There are functions for addressing and modification of single words and bytes (pixels) as well as block-oriented access functions which are able to copy a complete array of data to or from the DRAM at high speed. Pixel list functions are discussed in chapter 10.6

<a href="#">rd20</a> 	Read a halfword (16bit)from DRAM
<a href="#">wr20</a> 	Write a halfword (16 bit) to DRAM
<a href="#">rd32</a> 	Read a 32-bit long from DRAM
<a href="#">wr32</a> 	Write a 32-bit long to DRAM
<a href="#">rpix</a> 	Read a byte from DRAM
<a href="#">wpix</a> 	Write a byte to DRAM
<a href="#">blrdw</a> 	Read a block from DRAM, wordwise
<a href="#">blwrw</a> 	Write a block to DRAM, wordwise
<a href="#">blrdb</a> 	Read a block from DRAM, bitwise
<a href="#">blwrb</a> 	Write a block to DRAM, bitwise
<a href="#">rovl</a> 	Read the overlay bit from DRAM
<a href="#">wovl</a> 	Write the overlay bit to DRAM
<a href="#">blrdo</a> 	Read a block from DRAM, bitwise (overlay)
<a href="#">blwro</a> 	Write a block to DRAM, bitwise (overlay)
<a href="#">xorpix</a> 	XOR a byte in DRAM
<a href="#">xorovl</a> 	XOR an overlay bit
<a href="#">blrds</a> 	read block of pixels with subsampling
<a href="#">rdrlc</a> 	read one line of RLC data

### 11.6.1 rd20

**rd20**                      **Read a word from DRAM (macro)**

**synopsis**                      int rd20(long addr)

**description**                      This function allows a 16-bit word to be read from the DRAM.  
The required DRAM address is handed over as a long value.

### 11.6.2 wr20

**wr20**                      **Write a word to DRAM (macro)**

**synopsis**                      void wr20(int value, long addr)

**description**                      This function allows a 16-bit word to be written

to the DRAM.

The value to be written is handed over as int;  
the DRAM address is passed as a long value.

### 11.6.3 rd32

**rd32**                      **Read a 32-bit long from DRAM (macro)**

**synopsis**                      long rd32(long addr)

**description**                      This function executes a long (32-bit) read access from DRAM.  
The required DRAM address is passed as a long value.  
The address 0L is the first longword in the DRAM, 2L is the second, etc.;  
the last possible address depends on the size of the DRAM.

**see also**                      [rd20](#) ()

### 11.6.4 wr32

**wr32**                      **Write a 32-bit long to DRAM (macro)**

**synopsis**                      void wr32(long value, long addr)

**description**                      This function executes a long (32-bit) write access to DRAM.  
The value to be written, value, and the DRAM address are passed as long values.

**see also**                      [wr20](#) ()

### 11.6.5 rpix

**rpix**                      **Read a byte from DRAM (macro)**

**synopsis**                      int rpix(long addr)

**description**                      This function allows a byte to be read from the DRAM.  
The required DRAM address is handed over as a long value.

The values of the addresses are thus twice as large as for word accesses to the DRAM.  
The read-in byte is the LSB (bit 0 through bit 7) in the return value; the MSB (bit 8 through bit 15) is always 0.

### 11.6.6 wpix

#### **wpix**

#### **Write a byte to DRAM (macro)**

#### **synopsis**

```
void wpix(int value, long addr)
```

#### **description**

This function allows a byte to be written to the DRAM.  
The required DRAM address is handed over as a long value.  
The values of the addresses are thus twice as large as for word accesses to the DRAM.  
The byte to be written must be the LSB (bit 0 through bit 7) in the parameter value. For this function, the MSB (bit 8 through bit 15) can be any value; the function sets it to zero.

### 11.6.7 blrdw

#### **blrdw**

#### **Read a block from DRAM, wordwise**

#### **synopsis**

```
void blrdw(int count, int *buf, long addr)
```

#### **description**

This function reads a block of data from the DRAM to a buffer in the DMEM of the ADSP. The access is made wordwise, i.e., a 16-bit word in DRAM is stored as a 16-bit word in the buffer. `addr` is the start address of the block in the DRAM (analog to wordwise access with the function `rd20()`). `buf` is a pointer to the internal buffer in which the block is to be stored. `count` is the number of words to be read.

There is no restriction to the value of the pointer `buf`.

This function may be used when it is necessary to transfer large amounts of data as blocks. Use the function `rd20` <sup>74</sup> [\[74\]](#) for random access.

### 11.6.8 blwrw

**blwrw**                      **Write a block to DRAM, wordwise**

**synopsis**                      void blwrw(int count, int \*buf, long addr)

**description**                      This function writes a block of data from an internal buffer in the DMEM of the ADSP to the DRAM.  
The access is made wordwise, i.e., a 16-bit word in the buffer is stored as a 16-bit word in the DRAM.  
addr is the start address of the block in the DRAM to be written to (analog to wordwise access with the function wr20() ), buf is a pointer to the internal buffer from which the block is to be read. count is the number of words to be written.

There is no restriction to the value of the pointer buf.

This function may be used when it is necessary to transfer large amounts of data as blocks. Use the function [wr20](#)<sup>[74]</sup>() for random access.

### 11.6.9 blwrb

**blwrb**                      **Write a block to DRAM, byte-wise**

**synopsis**                      void blwrb(int count, int \*buf, long addr)

**description**                      This function reads a block of data from a buffer and writes it to the DRAM.  
Access is made byte-wise. That means two 16-bit words in the buffer are stored in compressed form as one 16-bit word in the DRAM.  
The LSB (bit 0 through bit 7) of the first word in the buffer (lower address) is stored as the MSB (bit 8 through bit 15) of the DRAM word. The LSB (bit 0 through bit 7) of the next buffer word is stored as the LSB (bit 0 through bit 7) of the DRAM word.  
The MSB (bit 8 through bit 15) of the words in

the DMEM must always be 0, as otherwise a malfunction will result.

addr is the start address of the block in the DRAM (analog to wordwise access with the function wr20()). buf is a pointer to the buffer from which the block is to be read. count is the number of words to be written.

The number of bytes read from the buffer is twice as large as count.

There is no restriction to the value of the pointer buf.

This function may be used when it is necessary to transfer large amounts of data as blocks. Use the function wpix() for random access.

#### 11.6.10 rovl

**rovl**

**Read the overlay bit from DRAM (macro)**

**synopsis**

int rovl(long addr)

**description**

Since overlay data are stored in bytes rather than bits in the TMS320C62xx architecture this macro is essentially the same as the rpix() macro.

This function reads one byte from the DRAM. The required DRAM address is handed over as a long value. Bits 7 through 31 of the returned value are 0.

#### 11.6.11 wovl

**wovl**

**Write the overlay bit to DRAM (macro)**

**synopsis**

void wovl(int value, long addr)

**description**

Since overlay data are stored in bytes rather than bits in the TMS320C62xx architecture this macro is essentially the same as the wpix() macro.

This function writes one byte to the DRAM. The required DRAM address is handed over as

a long value. The byte to be written must be the LSB of the parameter value. For this function, bits 7 through 31 of value are redundant.

#### 11.6.12 blrdo

<b>blrdo</b>	<b>Read a block from DRAM, bitwise (overlay, macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void blrdo(int count, int *buf, long addr)</code>
<b>description</b>	Since overlay data are stored in bytes rather than bits in the TMS320C62xx architecture this macro is mapped to the blrdb() function.

#### 11.6.13 blwro

<b>blwro</b>	<b>Write a block to DRAM, bitwise (overlay, macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void blwro(int count, int *buf, long addr)</code>
<b>description</b>	Since overlay data are stored in bytes rather than bits in the TMS320C62xx architecture this macro is mapped to the blwrb() function.

#### 11.6.14 xorpix

<b>xorpix</b>	<b>XOR a byte in DRAM (macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void xorpix(int value, long addr)</code>
<b>description</b>	<p>This function executes a bitwise (8-bit) XOR write access to the DRAM. The required DRAM address is passed as a long value.</p> <p>The byte to be written must be the LSB (bit 0 through bit 7) of the parameter value. The MSB (bit 8 through bit 15) does not matter for this function - the function sets it.</p> <p>The XOR function of value and the addressed pixel is calculated, and the result is written back to the same place in the DRAM.</p>


see also [wpix](#) ()

### 11.6.15 xorovl

**xorovl** **XOR an overlay bit (macro)**

**synopsis** void xorovl(int value, long addr)


**description** Since overlay data are stored in bytes rather than bits in the TMS320C62xx architecture this macro is essentially the same as the xorpix() macro.

see also [wovl](#) ()

### 11.6.16 blrds

**blrds** **read block of pixels with subsampling**

**synopsis** void blrds(int count, int \*buf, long addr, int rh)

**description** This function reads a block of data from the DRAM and writes it to a buffer. It performs pretty much like the function [blrdb](#) (), except for that the function blrds() performs subsampling by the subsampling ratio 2\*rh.

There is no restriction to the value of the pointer buf.

This function may be used when it is necessary to transfer large amounts of data as blocks.

see also [blrdb](#) ()

### 11.6.17 rdrlc

**rdrlc** **read one line of RLC data**

**synopsis** int rdrlc(int dx, int \*buf, long rlc)

**description** The function reads a line of RLC starting at DRAM address rlc and transfers the data into DMEM starting at



address buf.  
 dx is the end-of-line mark of the RLC used,  
 which is equivalent to  
 the horizontal width of the corresponding  
 binary image.  
 The function returns the number of words  
 transferred to DMEM as an  
 integer value.

There is no restriction to the value of the  
 pointer buf.

This function may be used when it is  
 necessary to transfer large amounts of data as  
 blocks.

The function performs the following basic rlc  
 input function (equivalent C-program):

```
int rdrclc(int dx, int *p, long rlc)
{
    cnt=1;
    while((*p=rd20(rlc++))!=dx)
    {
        p++;
        cnt++;
    }
    return(cnt);
}
```

## 11.7 blrdb

**blrdb**                      **Read a block from DRAM, bitwise**

**synopsis**                      void blrdb(int count, int \*buf, long addr)

**description**                      This function reads a block of data from the  
 DRAM and writes it to a buffer. The access is  
 made bitwise, i.e., a 16-bit word in the DRAM  
 is stored in the buffer as two words (16 bits) in  
 the buffer.  
 The MSB (bit 8 through bit 15) of the DRAM  
 word is stored in the buffer as the LSB (bit 0  
 through bit 7) of the first word (lower address).  
 The LSB (bit 0 through bit 7) of the DRAM  
 word is stored in the LSB (bit 0 through bit 7) of  
 the next word (higher address) in the buffer.

The MSB (bit 8 through bit 15) of the words in the buffer is always 0.

addr is the start address of the block in the DRAM (analog to wordwise access with the function `rd20()`). buf is a pointer to the internal buffer where the block is to be stored. count is the number of words to be read.

The number of bytes written to the buffer is twice as large as count.

There is no restriction to the value of the pointer buf.

Note:

Storing the individual bytes of a 16-bit word in the LSB of the buffer is especially appropriate for frame processing functions. The contents of the buffer (such as a line from the video memory) can be modified by e.g. a filter function. The line can then be written back to the video memory using the function `blwrp()`.

This function may be used when it is necessary to transfer large amounts of data as blocks. Use the function `rpix75()` for random access.

## 11.8 Functions for Processing of Pixel Lists

ad_calc	address calculation for an array with x/y-coordinates
wp_list	write video memory/access via address list
wp_set	write video memory with constant/access via address list
wp_xor	XOR video memory with constant/access via address list
wo_set	write overlay with constant/access via address list
wo_xor	XOR overlay with constant /access via address list
rp_list	read video memory/access via address list
wo_list	write overlay memory/access via address list

ro\_list read video memory/access via address list

### 11.8.1 ad\_calc

**ad\_calc**                      address calculation for an array with  
x/y-coordinates

```
void ad_calc(int count, int *xy,
             long ad_list[], long start, int pitch)
```

<b>description</b>	<p>This function calculates the corresponding video memory DRAM addresses for an array with x/y pairs.</p> <p>The addresses can be used for the access functions <code>rpix</code> and <code>wpix</code>, as well as for the overlay functions <code>rovl</code> and <code>wovl</code>.</p> <p>It is, however, especially efficient to combine <code>ad_calc()</code> with functions which work with address lists, such as <code>wp_list()</code>, <code>rp_list()</code>, <code>wo_list()</code> and <code>ro_list()</code>.</p>
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The addresses are calculated in accordance with the following C program:

```
for(i=0; i<count; i++)
    ad_list[i] = start + (long) x[i]      + (long) y[i] *
pitch;
```

The prototype for the two-dimensional array `xy[][2]` is specified as `int *xy`. This allows various types of access (see also the examples of the function `linexy()`). The arrays `xy[ ][2]` and `ad_list[ ]` are allowed to be identical. The values for `x` and `y` are then replaced by the corresponding addresses.

### example

```
int pitch=getvar(vpitch);
int i,x,y,v_list[200];
long ad_list[200];
long start = 100L*pitch + 100L;
int *xy;

xy = ad_list;          /* same array */

for(i=0;i<200;i++)
{
    x=y=i;
    xy[i][0] = x;
```

```

        xy[i][1] = y;
        v_list[i] = 255;
    }

    ad_calc(200,(int
*)xy,ad_list,start,pitch);
    wp_list(200,ad_list,v_list);

```

see also:

[Functions for processing pixel lists](#)



## 11.8.2 wp\_list

**wp\_list**

**write video memory/access via address list**

**synopsis**

void wp\_list(int count, long ad\_list[], int v\_list[])

**description**

This function writes an array of values (v\_list[]) to the video memory. The corresponding video memory addresses are taken from the array ad\_list[].

Both arrays should be the same size, and should contain at least count elements. count is the number of pixels which are written. It must be greater than or equal to 1.

**example**

```

int pitch=getvar(vpitch);
int i,x,y,v_list[200];
long ad_list[200];
long start = 100L*pitch + 100L;

for(i=0;i<200;i++)
{
    x=y=i;
    ad_list[i] = start + (long)x +
(long)y * pitch;
    v_list[i] = i;
}

wp_list(200,ad_list,v_list);

```

**Note**

It is more efficient to use the function ad\_calc() to calculate the addresses, instead of the above for loop.

see also

[Functions for processing pixel lists](#)



### 11.8.3 wp\_set

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### 11.8.4 wp\_xor

<b>wp_xor</b>	<b>XOR video memory with constant/access via address list</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void wp_xor(int count, long ad_list[], int value)</code>
<b>description</b>	<p>This function XORs the video memory with value and writes the result back to the video memory. The corresponding video memory addresses are taken from the array <code>ad_list[]</code>. This array should contain at least <code>count</code> elements.</p> <p><code>count</code> is the number of pixels which are written. It must be greater than or equal to 1.</p>
<b>see also</b>	<code>wp_list()</code> , <code>wp_set()</code> , Functions for processing pixel lists

### 11.8.5 wo\_set

<b>wo_set</b>	<b>write overlay with constant/access via address list (macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void wo_set(int count, long ad_list[], int value)</code>
<b>description</b>	<p>This function writes value to the overlay. The corresponding overlay addresses are taken from the array <code>ad_list[]</code>. This array should contain at least <code>count</code> elements.</p> <p><code>count</code> is the number of pixels which are written. It must be greater than or equal to 1</p>
<b>see also</b>	<code>wp_set()</code> , <code>wp_list()</code> Functions for processing pixel lists

### 11.8.6 wo\_xor

<b>wo_xor</b>	<b>XOR overlay with constant /access via address list (macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void wo_xor(int count, long ad_list[], int value)</code>
<b>description</b>	<p>This function XORs the overlay with value and writes the result back to the overlay.</p> <p>The corresponding overlay addresses are taken from the array <code>ad_list[]</code>.</p> <p>This array should contain at least <code>count</code> elements. <code>count</code> is the number of pixels which are written.</p> <p>It must be greater than or equal to 1</p>
<b>see also</b>	<code>wo_set</code> , <code>wp_xor()</code> Functions for processing pixel lists

### 11.8.7 rp\_list

<b>rp_list</b>	<b>read video memory/access via address list</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void rp_list(int count, long ad_list[], int v_list[])</code>
<b>description</b>	<p>This function reads a number of pixels from the video memory and writes the corresponding values to the array <code>v_list[]</code>.</p> <p>The corresponding overlay addresses are taken from the array <code>ad_list[]</code>.</p> <p>Both arrays should be the same size and should contain at least <code>count</code> elements.</p> <p><code>count</code> is the number of pixels which are written.</p> <p>It must be greater than or equal to 1.</p>
<b>example</b>	<pre>int pitch=getvar(vpitch); int i,x,y,v_list[200]; long ad_list[200]; long start = 100L*pitch + 100L;  for(i=0;i&lt;200;i++) {     x=y=i;     ad_list[i] = start + (long)x + (long)y * pitch; }  rp_list(200,ad_list,v_list);</pre>

```
for(i=1; i<200; i++) print("value:
%d\n",v_list[i]);
```

**Note:** It is more efficient to use the function `ad_calc()` to calculate the addresses, instead of the above for loop.

**see also** [wp\\_list](#) <sup>[84]</sup>(), [ro\\_list](#) <sup>[88]</sup>()  
[Functions for processing pixel lists](#) <sup>[202]</sup>

## 11.8.8 wo\_list

**wo\_list**                      **write overlay memory/access via address list**

**synopsis**                      void wo\_list(int count, long ad\_list[], int v\_list[])

**description**                      This function writes an array of values (v\_list[]) to the overlay memory. The corresponding overlay addresses are taken from the array ad\_list[].  
 Both arrays should be the same size and should contain at least count elements.  
 count is the number of pixels which are written.  
 It must be greater than or equal to 1.

**example**

```
int pitch=getvar(vpitch);
int i,x,y,v_list[200];
long ad_list[200];
long start;

start = (long) Overlay_Page * PGSIZE *16;
start += Overlay_Offset;

for(i=0;i<200;i++)
{
    x=y=i;
    ad_list[i] = start + (long)x +
(long)y * pitch;
    v_list[i] = 1;
}

wo_list(200,ad_list,v_list);
```

**Note:** It is more efficient to use the function `ad_calc()` to calculate the addresses, instead of the above for loop.

**see also** [wp\\_list](#) <sup>[84]</sup>(), [ro\\_list](#) <sup>[88]</sup>() Functions for

processing pixel lists

### 11.8.9 ro\_list

**ro\_list**

**read video memory/access via address list**

**synopsis**

```
void ro_list(int count, long ad_list[], int
v_list[])
```

**description**

This function reads a number of pixels (1 bit) from the overlay memory and writes the corresponding values to the array v\_list[]. The corresponding overlay addresses are taken from the array ad\_list[]. Both arrays should be the same size and should contain at least count elements. count is the number of pixels which are written. It must be greater than or equal to 1.

**example**

```
int pitch=getvar(vpitch);
int i,x,y,v_list[200];
long ad_list[200];
long start;

start = (long) Overlay_Page * PGSIZE *16;
start += Overlay_Offset;

for(i=0;i<200;i++)
{
    x=y=i;
    ad_list[i] = start + (long)x +
(long)y * pitch;
}

ro_list(200,ad_list,v_list);

for(i=1; i<200; i++) print("value:
%d\n",v_list[i]);
```

**Note**

It is more efficient to use the function ad\_calc() to calculate the addresses, instead of the above for loop.

**see also**

[rp\\_list](#) <sup>[86]</sup>(), [wo\\_list](#) <sup>[87]</sup>()

[Functions for processing pixel lists](#)

<sup>[202]</sup>



## 11.9 Video Control Functions

<a href="#">capture_request</a> <sup>89</sup>	put request for image capture into capture queue
<a href="#">vmode</a> <sup>92</sup>	Set video modes
<a href="#">tpict</a> <sup>92</sup>	Picture taking function
<a href="#">tpp</a> <sup>93</sup>	Picture taking function / progressive scan
<a href="#">tpstart</a> <sup>95</sup>	Picture taking function / progressive scan
<a href="#">tpwait</a> <sup>95</sup>	Wait for completion of picture taking function / progressive scan
<a href="#">tenable</a> <sup>95</sup>	Trigger enable for interrupt driven image acquisition
<a href="#">trdy</a> <sup>96</sup>	Check the status of the picture taking function / external trigger mode
<a href="#">shutter</a> <sup>97</sup>	select shutter speed

### 11.9.1 capture\_request

**capture\_request**      **put request for image capture into capture queue**

**synopsis**                `int capture_request (int exp, int gain, int *start, int mode)`

**description**            This is the most basic function for capturing an image on which all other functions in this chapter like `tpict` or `tpp` are based. With this function, the user is able to achieve the best performance for the video capture process.

It is possible for the image acquisition hardware, especially for the sensor to process more than one image capture requests in parallel. It can read out one image and transfer it to memory while exposing another one. So, the maximum frame rate can be achieved. Of course there are some limitations:

The maximum frame rate can only be achieved if the exposure time is less than the read-out time. Otherwise, the maximum frame rate is determined by the exposure time.

Exposure starts when the time left for read-out equals the exposure time or is less. If the image acquisition is triggered by software (mode=0), it always starts as soon as possible. If the image is triggered externally (mode=1), the user may choose the trigger to be "lossy" (SET\_trig\_lossy()) or "sticky" (SET\_trig\_sticky()). In the first case the trigger will be lost, if it comes too early, in the latter case, it will be stored until image acquisition is possible.

With this function, complete control and tracking individual images is possible. The following parameters may be set for individual images:

exp exposure time in units of EXUNIT msec  
(video double-lines)  
gain gain setting for ADC  
start start address for image storage  
mode internal / external trigger mode  
(mode=0 : int., mode=1 : ext.)

Exposure time is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{Exptime[ msec]} = (\text{exp} + 520/944) * \text{EXUNIT}$$

So, exp=0 means a shutter time of approximately 30 msec. Shutter times may be quite large, e.g. several seconds. Please note, that with shutter times above 1 sec individual pixels may feature large amounts of spot noise, those pixels may even be fully saturated. This is normal and no reason for return of equipment. Use appropriate filtering to reduce this kind of noise.

Gain is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{realgain[dB]} = 6 + (32 * \text{gain} / 256)$$

accuracy: +/- 1dB

Due to the hardware architecture of the ADC

steps at gain=63/64 and gain=63/64 may not be monotonic. The amplification of the PGA may then be calculated with the following formula:

$$\text{amplification} = 10^{(\text{realgain}/20)}$$

For large differences in gain from one picture to the next, the ADC may take some time to track the black level. If this is a problem, you should insert one picture for adjustment.

Be sure that you have allocated enough memory at address start for the image to be stored.

Mode=1 means external trigger. If the corresponding image is processed, the system waits for the external trigger to start acquisition. The system may wait indefinitely in this state if no trigger is received.

The capture requests are put into a queue of 20 slots. As long as slots are available a call of capture\_request() returns immediately regardless if the picture is taken without delay or the request is just stored in the queue.

If the queue is full, the function will return 0. No request is stored.

When the request is stored, the function returns a non-zero token or tracking number for this request. This number may be used to poll the system variables EXPOSING, STORING and IMGREADY, where the tracking numbers of the images requested in the different states are shown.

It is not allowed to call this function in live mode (vmode(0), vmode(2), vmode(4), vmode(6)). This is not checked !

### 11.9.2 vmode

**vmode**                      **Set video modes**

**synopsis**                      void vmode(int mode)

**description**                      This function changes the modes for the video controller.

The settings are made according to the following table:

mode	meaning	IMODE	OVLY_ACTIVE
0	live video + cyclic image acquisition	0	0
1	display of the video memory (stills)	1	0
2	live video + cyclic image acquisition	0	0
3	display of the video memory (stills)	1	0
4	like 0 but including overlay display	0	1
5	like 1 but including overlay display	1	1
6	like 2 but including overlay display	0	1
7	like 3 but including overlay display	1	1

Other values for mode are not defined.

The setting of the system variables determines the location and format of the display (mode 1, 3, 5, 7) and how the frame is stored (mode 0, 2, 4, 6).

The function changes the value of the system variables IMODE and OVLY\_ACTIVE (see table)

Changes of the video mode come into effect after the completion of the next frame.

### 11.9.3 tpict

**tpict**                      **Picture taking function**

**synopsis**                      void tpict(void)

**description**                      This function takes a picture. The function

waits in a loop until the entire picture is in memory.

This function was implemented to provide a "compatibility mode" to the `tpict()` function of cameras not equipped with progressive scan sensor.

It does not completely support, however, the special progressive scan features. It is therefore recommended to use the functions `capture_request()` or `tpp()`, whenever the special progressive scan features are needed.

The current setting of the system variables determines the location and format of the stored picture in memory.

**Note**

**`tpict()` changes the video mode.**

After this function is called, the system switches to still frame (`vmode=1`). If overlay is active, the system switches to still frames with overlay (`vmode=5`).

The function changes the value of the system variable `IMODE` to 1.

## 11.9.4 `tpp`

**`tpp`**

**Picture taking function / progressive scan**

**synopsis**

`int tpp(void)`

**description**

This function takes a picture in progressive scan mode. This means, that the sensor starts with image integration without any delay. The exposure time is determined by the selected shutter speed which can be controlled with the `shutter()` function. After the image integration, the information is transferred to the DRAM. The sensor always works in full frame mode, i.e. there are no half images. The function waits in a loop until the entire picture is in memory. It is not allowed to call `tpp()` in all video modes. See the following table for allowed video modes:

vmode setting	description	use of tpp()
vmode(0)	live video storage	not allowed
vmode(1)	still video	allowed
vmode(2)	live video storage	not allowed
vmode(3)	still video	allowed
vmode(4)	vmode(0) + overlay	not allowed
vmode(5)	vmode(1) + overlay	allowed
vmode(6)	vmode(2) + overlay	not allowed
vmode(7)	vmode(3) + overlay	allowed

if tpp() is called in a video mode for which it is not allowed, it returns -1 and no picture is taken. If it is necessary, to take a picture while being in one of the not allowed video modes, the function tpict() may be used. This, however, means that the immediate triggering of the progressive scan sensor cannot be used.

**Note:** **tpp() does not change the video mode .**

The following example shows the use of tpp() with external trigger.

#### example

```
vmode(1);           /* still mode
*/

while(inPLC() & 0x01 != 0); /* wait for
trigger          */
tpp();            /* take
picture          */
```

**Note:** Using this function does not support parallel processing (exposing while storing the image). For maximum performance, the function [capture request](#) `capreq()` is recommended.

### 11.9.5 tpstart

**tpstart**                      **Picture taking function / progressive scan**

**synopsis**                      int tpstart(void)

**description**                      This function is quite similar to the function tpp(). The only difference is that it does not wait for the completion of the image taking process.

**Note :**                      Using this function does not support parallel processing (exposing while storing the image). For maximum performance, the function [capture request](#) [\[89\]](#)() is recommended.

### 11.9.6 tpwait

**tpwait**                      **Wait for completion of picture taking function (macro)**

**synopsis**                      void tpwait(void)

**description**                      This function is used to make sure, that an image taking process, started with [tpstart](#) [\[95\]](#)() is completed. If so, the function immediately returns, if not, the function waits in a loop.

### 11.9.7 tenable

**tenable**                      **Trigger enable for interrupt driven image acquisition**

**synopsis**                      int tenable(void)

**description**                      this function resembles the tpp() function, except for the fact that the start of the image integration is triggered by the external signal IN0. An image can only be triggered externally, if tenable() has been called before. A call of tenable() activates the acquisition of one image only.

After the call of `tenable()` the function returns to the caller, so processing can be done in parallel to image acquisition. Of course it makes no sense to process an image which might change due to an external trigger, but the processing of a previously stored image is possible.

For details of the image-taking process, please refer to the documentation of the `topp93()` function.

if **`tenable()`** is called in a video mode for which it is not allowed, it returns -1 and the picture-taking is not enabled.

**Note:** **Please do not change the video mode after `tenable()` has been called and before the image has been successfully stored in memory.**

**Note:** Using this function does not support parallel processing (exposing while storing the image). For maximum performance, the function `capture_request89()` is recommended.

## 11.9.8 trdy

**trdy** **Check the status of the picture taking function**

**synopsis** `int trdy(void)`

**description** This function is used to check, if an image taking process, started with `tenable()` is completed. If so, the function returns 1, if not, the function returns 0.

**example**

```
tenable();           /* now wait for external
trigger */
while(!trdy());     /* wait for
completion */
```



### 11.9.9 shutter

<b>shutter</b>	select shutter speed
<b>synopsis</b>	long shutter(long stime)
<b>description</b>	<p>This function selects the shutter speed for the CCD sensor.</p> <p>The shutter speed is specified with the value stime in microseconds.</p> <p>The shutter speed of the sensor will be set to a possible value close to the one specified. The function will return the exact shutter speed selected in microseconds. The possible shutter values range from approx. 90 msec to several seconds depending on the CCD sensors.</p>
<b>Note</b>	<p>With shutter times above 1 sec individual pixels may feature large amounts of spot noise, those pixels may even be fully saturated. This is normal and no reason for return of equipment. Use appropriate filtering to reduce this kind of noise</p>

### 11.9.10 SET\_trig\_lossy

<b>SET_trig_lossy</b>	<b>select "lossy" external trigger mode</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	void SET_trig_lossy(void)
<b>description</b>	<p>If the external trigger mode for the image acquisition is selected, there is an error condition if the trigger signal is set during the acquisition time of the previous page. In this case the user may choose to lose the trigger information (SET_trig_lossy()) or store it until image acquisition becomes possible (SET_trig_sticky()).</p>

### 11.9.11 SET\_trig\_sticky

<b>SET_trig_sticky</b>	<b>select "sticky" external trigger mode</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	void SET_trig_sticky(void)
<b>description</b>	<p>If the external trigger mode for the image</p>

acquisition is selected, there is an error condition if the trigger signal is set during the acquisition time of the previous image. In this case the user may choose to lose the trigger information (SET\_trig\_lossy()) or store it until image acquisition becomes possible (SET\_trig\_sticky()).

## 11.10 RS232 (V24) Basic Functions

<a href="#">rs232snd</a>	98	output a character/serial interface
<a href="#">rs232rcv</a>	99	read a character/serial interface
<a href="#">sbready</a>	99	send buffer ready/serial interface
<a href="#">sbfull</a>	100	send buffer full/serial interface
<a href="#">rbready</a>	100	receive buffer ready/serial interface
<a href="#">rbempty</a>	101	receive buffer empty/serial interface
<a href="#">setbaud</a>	101	set baudrate for serial interface
<a href="#">kbdrcv</a>	102	read a character/keyboard
<a href="#">kbready</a>	102	receive buffer ready/keyboard

### 11.10.1 rs232snd

**rs232snd**

**Output a character/serial interface**

**synopsis**

```
void rs232snd(char c)
```

**description**

This function outputs one buffered ASCII character via the serial interface. If the send buffer is not full, the ASCII character is buffered and program control returns to the calling program. Otherwise, this function waits until there is room in the buffer, buffers the character and then returns to the calling program.

The buffer is read in the background by an interrupt routine.

The character is transferred via the serial interface as a background process.

The send buffer can hold a maximum of 255

characters.

**Note :** neither hardware nor software handshaking is used in this routine

**see also** [rs232rcv](#) , [sbready](#) 

### 11.10.2 rs232rcv

**rs232rcv** **Read a character/serial interface**

**synopsis** char rs232rcv(void)

**description** This function reads one buffered ASCII character from the serial interface.

A background interrupt routine writes the character to the buffer. Characters will be lost if the buffer overflows!

The function rs232rcv() first determines if there is a character in the buffer. If not, it waits until this is the case.

The character is then removed from the buffer and handed over to the calling program as a return value.

The receive buffer can hold a maximum of 255 characters.

**Note :** neither hardware nor software handshaking is used in this routine

**see also** [rs232snd](#) , [rbready](#) 

### 11.10.3 sbready

**sbready** **send buffer ready/serial interface**

**synopsis** int sbready(void)

**description** This function returns the number of available buffer places for the send buffer of the serial interface. If the return value is 0, no space is available and a character output with

rs232snd() will wait until space gets available.


**see also** [rs232snd](#) , [sbfull](#) 

#### 11.10.4 sbfull

**sbfull** **send buffer full/serial interface**

**synopsis** `int sbfull(void)`

**description** This function checks the send buffer for the serial interface.  
If it is full, the function returns the value -1;  
otherwise, it returns the amount of free space,  
as a number of characters.

**Note :** **Do not use this function for new development, since it is included for compatibility only. Use the function [sbready](#)  instead.**

**see also** [rs232snd](#) , [sbready](#) 

#### 11.10.5 rbready

**rbready** **receive buffer ready/serial interface**

**synopsis** `int rbready(void)`

**description** This function returns the number of characters stored in the receive buffer of the serial interface. If the return value is 0, no character is available and a character input with rs232rcv() will "hang" until a character gets available.

**note** buffer space for this function is always 1 character for VC/RT 5.0x for reasons of compatibility.

**see also** [rs232rcv](#) , [rbempty](#) 

### 11.10.6 rbempty

**rbempty**                      **receive buffer empty/serial interface**

**synopsis**                      `int rbempty(void)`

**description**                      This function checks the receive buffer for the serial interface. If it is empty, the function returns the value -1; otherwise, it returns the number of characters in the buffer.

Calling this function is especially recommendable when a character is to be read from the serial interface but it is not certain if any characters were received. In this case, calling the function `rs232rcv()` might cause the system to "hang".

**note**                      buffer space for this function is always 1 character for VC/RT 5.0x for reasons of compatibility.

**Note:**                      **Do not use this function for new development, since it is included for compatibility only. Use the function `rbready` <sup>[100]</sup> () instead.**

**see also**                      `rs232rcv ()`, `rbready ()`

### 11.10.7 setbaud

**setbaud**                      **set baudrate for serial interface**

**synopsis**                      `void setbaud(long baudrate)`

**description**                      The function sets the hardware baudrate clock to the specified value.

**example**

```
setbaud(9600L)                      /* set baudrate to
9600 baud */
```

### 11.10.8 kbdrcv

**kbdrcv**                      **Read a character/keypad**

**synopsis**                      char kbdrcv(void)

**description**                      This function reads one buffered ASCII character from the keypad VCSKB.

A background interrupt routine writes the character to the buffer. Characters will be lost if the buffer overflows!

The function kbdrcv() first determines if there is a character in the buffer. If not, it waits until this is the case.

The character is then removed from the buffer and handed over to the calling program as a return value.

The receive buffer can hold a maximum of 63 characters.

**Note :**                      neither hardware nor software handshaking is used in this routine

### 11.10.9 kbready

**kbready**                      **receive buffer ready/keyboard**

**synopsis**                      int kbready(void)

**description**                      This function returns the number of characters stored in the receive buffer of the serial interface. If the return value is 0, no character is available and a character input with [rs232rcv](#)<sup>[99]</sup>() will "hang" until a character gets available.

**see also**                      [kbdrcv](#)<sup>[102]</sup>(), [rbready](#)<sup>[100]</sup>()

## 11.11 Low Level EPROM Access Functions

<a href="#">getf8</a> <sup>103</sup>	low-level function for reading a byte/flash EPROM (macro)
<a href="#">getf16</a> <sup>103</sup>	low-level function for reading a 16-bit word/flash EPROM (macro)
<a href="#">getf32</a> <sup>104</sup>	low-level function for reading a 32-bit word/flash EPROM (macro)
<a href="#">flpgm</a> <sup>104</sup>	low-level function for writing a byte/flash EPROM (macro)
<a href="#">flpgm8</a> <sup>105</sup>	low-level function for writing a byte/flash eprom
<a href="#">flpgm16</a> <sup>106</sup>	low-level function for writing a word/flash eprom
<a href="#">flpgm32</a> <sup>107</sup>	low-level function for writing a long-word/flash eprom
<a href="#">erase</a> <sup>107</sup>	low-level function for erasing sectors/flash EPROM
bdma	copy flash eprom to DMEM via BDMA

### 11.11.1 getf8

**getf8**                      **low-level function for reading a byte/flash EPROM (macro)**

**synopsis**                      `int getf8(long addr)`

**description**                      The function `getf8()` reads a byte from the flash EPROM. `addr` is the address of the memory location to be read.  
The function returns the byte as the return value (int). The MSB of the return value is always 0.  
The flash EPROM can be written to and read from, independent of the sectors it is divided into.  
In contrast to writing, the function **getf8()** can read all bytes of the flash EPROM, even the boot sector.

### 11.11.2 getf16

**getf16**                      **low-level function for reading a 16-bit word/flash EPROM (macro)**

<b>synopsis</b>	<code>int getf16(long addr)</code>
<b>description</b>	<p>The function <code>getf16()</code> reads a 16-bit word from the flash EPROM, i.e. two bytes from adjacent memory locations.</p> <p><code>addr</code> is the address of the first memory location to be read. This function returns the read byte and the following one as a 16-bit word return value (int).</p> <p>The flash EPROM uses linear addressing.</p> <p>The flash EPROM can be written to and read from independent of the sectors it is divided into.</p> <p>In contrast to writing, the function <b><code>getf16()</code></b> can read all bytes of the flash EPROM, even the boot sector</p>

### 11.11.3 getf32

<b>getf32</b>	<b>low-level function for reading a 32-bit word/flash EPROM (macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>long getf32(long addr)</code>
<b>description</b>	<p>The function <code>getf32()</code> reads a 32-bit word from the flash EPROM i.e. four bytes from adjacent memory locations.</p> <p><code>addr</code> is the address of the first memory location to be read. This function returns the read byte and the following three as a 32-bit word return value.</p> <p>The flash EPROM uses linear addressing, starting at address 0L.</p> <p>Thus, the flash EPROM can be written to and read from independent of the sectors it is divided into.</p> <p>In contrast to writing, the function <code>getf32()</code> can read all bytes of the flash EPROM, even the boot sector.</p>

### 11.11.4 flpgm

<b>flpgm</b>	<b>low-level function for writing a byte/flash EPROM (macro)</b>
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**synopsis** `int flpgm(long addr, int value)`

**description** The function `flpgm()` writes (programs) a byte to the flash EPROM.  
`addr` is the address of the memory location to be programmed, `value` is the value to be written to the flash EPROM.  
 The flash EPROM uses linear addressing, starting at address 0L.  
 The flash EPROM can be written to and read from independent of the sectors it is divided into.  
 Make sure to erase a memory location before writing (see the function [erase](#)<sup>[107]</sup>).  
 Erasing resets a sector's bytes to 0xff.  
 A byte must first have the value 0xff before it can be overwritten.  
 The function `flpgm()` cannot write boot sector addresses, because the operating system is located there.  
 Writing a byte takes about 16 µsec.  
  
 This function returns the value 0 after the byte has been written.  
 If the byte could not be written, the function returns a negative value:

Error	Return value
Sector 0 accessed	-1
Memory location already programmed	-2

**Note :** Functions [flpgm8](#)<sup>[105]</sup>(), [flpgm16](#)<sup>[106]</sup>() and [flpgm32](#)<sup>[107]</sup>() all use reversed arguments. It is therefore recommended not using `flpgm()` but `flpgm8()` instead.

### 11.11.5 flpgm8

**flpgm8** **low-level function for writing a byte/flash EPROM**

**synopsis** `int flpgm8(int value, long addr)`

**description**

The function `flpgm8()` writes (programs) a byte to the flash EPROM.

`addr` is the address of the memory location to be programmed, `value` is the value to be written to the flash EPROM.

The flash EPROM uses linear addressing, starting at address 0L.

For the 2MB EPROMs the last memory location is 0x1ffffL.

Thus, the flash EPROM can be written to and read from independent of the sectors it is divided into.

Make sure to erase a memory location before writing (see the function [erase](#)<sup>[107]</sup>).

Erasing resets a sector's bytes to 0xff.

A byte must first have the value 0xff before it can be overwritten.

The function `flpgm8()` cannot write boot sector addresses (0x000000L

through 0x05ffffL), because the operating system is located there.

Writing a byte takes about 16 µsec.

This function returns the value 0 after the byte has been written.

If the byte could not be written, the function returns a negative value:

Error	Return value
Sector 0 accessed	-1
Memory location already programmed	-2

**11.11.6 flpgm16****flpgm16**

**low-level function for writing a word EPROM**

**synopsis**

`int flpgm16(int val, long addr)`


**description**

see `flpgm8()`

### 11.11.7 flpgm32

**flpgm32**                      **low-level function for writing a long-word to flash EPROM**

**synopsis**                      `int flpgm32(long val, long addr)`

**description**                      see [flpgm8](#) ()

### 11.11.8 erase

**erase**                              **low-level function for erasing sectors/flash EPROM**

**synopsis**                      `int erase(int sector)`

**description**                      This function erases a single sector of the flash EPROM.  
The employed flash EPROMs have 2 MBytes and consist of 32 sectors of 64 KB each. Sectors 0-5 are reserved for the operating system and some utilities, and thus cannot be erased.  
Sectors 6 through 31 are available to the user and can be erased at any time.  
Erasing a sector takes around 1.5 seconds (30 at most).  
  
This function returns the value 0 after the sector is erased.  
If the sector could not be erased (e.g., the user tried to erase sector 0), the function returns the value -1.

**note**                              **This function exists only for compatibility reasons. Handle with greatest care. If sectors are erased that are used by the directory structure, the camera will crash.**

Use [file based functions](#)  instead.

## 11.12 Utility Functions

getvar	Read system variable (macro)
setvar	Write system variable (macro)
getlvar	Read system variable (long, macro)
setlvar	Write system variable (long, macro)
getstptr	Read stack pointer
getdp	Read data pointer
getbss	read start of bss

### 11.12.1 getvar

**getvar**                      **Read system variable**

**synopsis**                    int getvar(int var)

**description**                The function getvar() reads the value of a system variable. var is usually a system variable from the file sysvar.h

**example**

```
#include <sysvar.h>
int mode;
mode = getvar(IMODE);  /* get video
mode */
```

### 11.12.2 setvar

**setvar**                      **Write system variable**

**synopsis**                    void setvar(var, int x)

**description**                The function setvar() changes the value of a system variable.  
var is usually a system variable from the file sysvar.h, x is the value to be written.

**example**

```
#include <sysvar.h>
setvar(DISPLAY_ACTIVE,0); /* disable video
refresh */
```

### 11.12.3 getlvar

<b>getlvar</b>	<b>Read system variable (long)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	long getlvar(int var)
<b>description</b>	The function getlvar() reads the value of a long system variable ( <b>40 bits</b> ). var is usually a system variable from the file sysvar.h

### 11.12.4 setlvar

<b>setlvar</b>	<b>Write system variable (long)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	void setlvar(int var, long x)
<b>description</b>	The function setlvar() changes the value of a long system variable (40 bits). var is usually a system variable from the file sysvar.h, x is the value to be written.

### 11.12.5 getstptr

<b>getstptr</b>	<b>Read stack pointer</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	int getstptr(void)
<b>description</b>	The function getstptr() reads the current value of the stack pointer. This can be useful when debugging programs.

### 11.12.6 getdp

<b>getdp</b>	<b>Read data pointer</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	int getdp(void)
<b>description</b>	The function getdp() reads the current value of the data pointer. This can be useful when debugging programs.

### 11.12.7 getbss

<b>getbss</b>	<b>read start of bss</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>int getbss(void)</code>
<b>description</b>	The function <code>getbss()</code> reads the start of the bss space to a C program. This can be useful when debugging programs.

## 11.13 Lookup Table Functions

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### 11.13.1 set\_overlay\_bit

<b>set_overlay_bit</b>	<b>assign a color to an overlay bitplane</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>int set_overlay_bit(int bit, int r, int g, int b)</code>
<b>description</b>	<p>This function programs the overlay lookuptable. A color given by (r,g,b) can be assigned to the bitplane given by bit.</p> <p><math>r, g, b \in [0, 255]</math> <math>bit \in [2, 7]</math></p> <p>6 overlay bit planes (bit=2 .. bit=7) are available for overlay graphics. bit=0 and bit=1 are reserved for translucent overlay graphics. Higher bitnumbers have priority over lower ones, i.e. whenever a bit is set in an overlay byte, lower number bits of this bytes are "don't care". This rule also applies to the translucent bits 0 and 1, i.e. whenever at least one of the bits 2..7 is set, the overlay pixel is no longer translucent.</p> <p>The function returns -1 if bit is out of range, else 0.</p>

<b>example</b>	<pre>image a = {0L, 16, 16, 768}; a.st = (long)getvar(OVLY_START);  markerd(&amp;a, 8); /* draw marker */ set_overlay_bit(3, 0, 255, 0); /*</pre>
----------------	---

```
green */
```

### 11.13.2 set\_lut\_comp

**set\_lut\_comp**      **compatibility mode for earlier VC/RT versions**

**synopsis**      `void set_lut_comp(int r, int g, int b)`

**description**      Earlier versions of VC/RT have just one overlay bitplane. It was possible to use this overlay translucent, but in most cases it was assigned to one overlay color. If you have software compiled for earlier VC/RT versions you may use this function. It assigns the color defined by  $r, g, b \in [0, 255]$  to overlay bit 0. Since this is a translucent overlay plane only 2 translucent overlay planes remain if you choose this option.

**example**

```
set_lut_comp(255,255,0);      /*
yellow                        */
set_ovlmask(1);  /* bit 0 active */
```

### 11.13.3 set\_translucent

**set\_translucent**      **assign a color to a translucent overlay table**

**synopsis**      `void set_translucent(int table, int r, int g, int b)`

**description**      This function programs the overlay lookuptable. A color given by  $(r, g, b)$  can be assigned to the translucent table given by table .

$r, g, b \in [0, 255]$   
 $table \in [1, 3]$

3 translucent tables ( $table=1 \dots table=3$ ) are available. The function programs the overlay lookuptable such that it multiplies the upper 6 bits of image data with the color value given by  $(r, g, b)$  (The value is then scaled down to 8 bits). The image modified with this kind of translucent table will look as if it was viewed through a piece of colored glass.

bits 0 and 1 in overlay memory are used to indicate if a given pixel should be modified with one of the 3 translucent tables:

byte value	function
0	no translucent display
1	table no. 1
2	table no. 2
3	table no. 3
> 3	non translucent overlay has priority over translucent table

The function returns -1 if table is out of range, else 0.

#### example

```
image a = {0L, 16, 16, 768};

a.st = (long)getvar(OVLY_START);
set(&a,1);          /* set to
1                  */

set_translucent(1,0,255,255);      /*
cyan transl.          */
```

### 11.13.4 set\_ovlmask

#### set\_ovlmask

#### set overlay mask register

#### synopsis

```
void set_ovlmask(int mask)
```

#### description

This function programs the overlay mask register. A value of mask=255 (0xff) enables all 8 overlay bitplanes. A value of mask=0 disables all overlay bitplanes. Since in this case the overlay is completely inactive, the function disables also the transfer of video data into the refresh memory by writing a 0 to the system variable OVLY\_ACTIVE. Writing a value 1 to the mask registers with this function will activate the transfer by writing a 1 to OVLY\_ACTIVE.



### 11.13.5 init\_LUT

**init\_LUT**                      **init image data LUT to black-and-white display**

**synopsis**                      void init\_LUT(void)

**description**                This function programs the image data lookuptable for black-and-white display.

## 11.14 Time Related Functions

<a href="#">c_time</a> <sup>114</sup>	convert system time -> extract time
<a href="#">c_date</a> <sup>114</sup>	convert system time -> extract date
<a href="#">c_timedate</a> <sup>115</sup>	convert system time -> extract date
<a href="#">ltime</a> <sup>115</sup>	convert system time -> extract local time (macro)
<a href="#">ldate</a> <sup>115</sup>	convert system time -> extract local date (macro)
<a href="#">ltimedate</a> <sup>116</sup>	convert system time -> extract local date and time (macro)
<a href="#">gtime</a> <sup>116</sup>	convert system time -> extract GMT time (macro)
<a href="#">gdate</a> <sup>116</sup>	convert system time -> extract GMT date (macro)
<a href="#">gtimedate</a> <sup>117</sup>	convert system time -> extract GMT date and time (macro)
<a href="#">x_timedate</a> <sup>117</sup>	calculate system time
<a href="#">xtimedate</a> <sup>118</sup>	calculate system time and store in system variable SEC (macro)

VC/RT supports a real-time clock with battery backup. On power-up clock data is loaded into the system variable SEC which represents the number of seconds since 12:00 AM January 1, 1900. The variable SEC and the millisecond counter MSEC are updated by the system when it is running. Time is always stored internally using Greenwich Meantime (GMT). For calculation of local time two system variables (TIMEZONE, DAYLIGHT) are used. So, the first thing to do with a new camera would always be to program the correct timezone and daylight savings time flag. Then check the system time using the time

command of the shell. The following functions may be used to convert system time to broken-down time or vice versa. Since the system clock is an interrupt driven process, care should be taken to assure that read-out of the time system variable (system variables) is performed only once for a given set of time variables. Because the time related system variables may change between two accesses, corrupted data may be produced otherwise.

### 11.14.1 c\_time

#### **c\_time**

**convert system time -> extract time**

#### **synopsis**

```
void c_time(long zsec, int tz, int *sec, int *min,
int *hour)
```

#### **description**

The function `c_time()` converts system time passed to the function with the variable `zsec` into seconds (`*sec`), minutes (`*min`), and hours (`*hour`). The function outputs Greenwich Meantime (GMT) for `tz=0` or any other local time for the given timezone (`tz`).

#### **see also**

[c\\_date](#) <sup>[114]</sup>(), [c\\_timedate](#) <sup>[115]</sup>()

### 11.14.2 c\_date

#### **c\_date**

**convert system time -> extract date**

#### **synopsis**

```
void c_date(long zsec, int tz, int *day, int
*month, int *year)
```

#### **description**

The function `c_date()` converts system time passed to the function with the variable `zsec` into day (`*day`), month (`*month`), and year (`*year`). The function outputs Greenwich Meantime (GMT) for `tz=0` or any other local time for the given timezone (`tz`).

#### **see also**

[c\\_time](#) <sup>[114]</sup>(), [c\\_timedate](#) <sup>[115]</sup>()

### 11.14.3 c\_timedate

<b>c_timedate</b>	<b>convert system time -&gt; extract date</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void c_timedate(long zsec, int tz, int *sec, int *min, int *hour, int *day, int *month, int *year)</code>
<b>description</b>	The function <code>c_timedate()</code> converts system time passed to the function with the variable <code>zsec</code> into seconds ( <code>*sec</code> ), minutes ( <code>*min</code> ), hours ( <code>*hour</code> ), day ( <code>*day</code> ), month ( <code>*month</code> ), and year ( <code>*year</code> ). The function outputs Greenwich Meantime (GMT) for <code>tz=0</code> or any other local time for the given timezone ( <code>tz</code> ).
<b>see also</b>	<a href="#"><code>c_time</code></a> <sup>[114]</sup> (), <a href="#"><code>c_date</code></a> <sup>[114]</sup> ()

### 11.14.4 ltime

<b>ltime</b>	<b>convert system time -&gt; extract local time (macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void ltime(int *sec, int *min, int *hour)</code>
<b>description</b>	The macro <code>ltime()</code> converts system time stored in system variable <code>SEC</code> into seconds ( <code>*sec</code> ), minutes ( <code>*min</code> ), and hours ( <code>*hour</code> ). The function outputs local time with respect to system variables <code>TIMEZONE</code> and <code>DAYLIGHT</code> .
<b>see also</b>	<a href="#"><code>ldate</code></a> <sup>[115]</sup> (), <a href="#"><code>gdate</code></a> <sup>[116]</sup> ()

### 11.14.5 ldate

<b>ldate</b>	<b>convert system time -&gt; extract local date (macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void ldate(int *day, int *month, int *year)</code>
<b>description</b>	The macro <code>ldate()</code> converts system time stored in system variable <code>SEC</code> into day ( <code>*day</code> ), month ( <code>*month</code> ), and year ( <code>*year</code> ). The function outputs local time with respect to system variables <code>TIMEZONE</code> and <code>DAYLIGHT</code> .
<b>see also</b>	<a href="#"><code>ltime</code></a> <sup>[115]</sup> (), <a href="#"><code>gtime</code></a> <sup>[116]</sup> ()

### 11.14.6 Itimedate

<b>Itimedate</b>	<b>convert system time -&gt; extract local date and time (macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void Itimedate(int *sec, int *min, int *hour, int *day, int *month, int *year)</code>
<b>description</b>	The macro <code>Itimedate()</code> converts system time stored in system variable <code>SEC</code> into seconds ( <code>*sec</code> ), minutes ( <code>*min</code> ), hours ( <code>*hour</code> ), day ( <code>*day</code> ), month ( <code>*month</code> ) and year ( <code>*year</code> ). The function outputs local time with respect to system variables <code>TIMEZONE</code> and <code>DAYLIGHT</code> .
<b>note :</b>	Be sure to use this function whenever you need a complete set of time and date variables. Using the functions <code>ltime()</code> and <code>ldate()</code> separately might give you an inconsistent set of variables if time changes from 23:59:59 to 00:00:00 of the next day when you call the functions.
<b>see also</b>	<a href="#">ltime</a> <sup>[115]</sup> (), <a href="#">ldate</a> <sup>[115]</sup> (), <a href="#">gtimedate</a> <sup>[117]</sup> ()

### 11.14.7 gtime

<b>gtime</b>	<b>convert system time -&gt; extract GMT time (macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void gtime(int *sec, int *min, int *hour)</code>
<b>description</b>	The macro <code>gtime()</code> converts system time stored in system variable <code>SEC</code> into seconds ( <code>*sec</code> ), minutes ( <code>*min</code> ), and hours ( <code>*hour</code> ). The function outputs GMT time.
<b>see also</b>	<a href="#">gdate</a> <sup>[116]</sup> (), <a href="#">ltime</a> <sup>[115]</sup> ()

### 11.14.8 gdate

<b>gdate</b>	<b>convert system time -&gt; extract GMT date (macro)</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>void gdate (int *day, int *month, int *year)</code>

**description** The macro `gdate()` converts system time stored in system variable `SEC` into day (`*day`), month (`*month`), and year (`*year`). The function outputs GMT time.

**see also** [ltime](#) <sup>[115]</sup>(), [gtime](#) <sup>[116]</sup>()

### 11.14.9 gtimedate

**gtimedate** **convert system time -> extract GMT date and time (macro)**

**synopsis** `void gtimedate(int *sec, int *min, int *hour, int *day, int *month, int *year)`

**description** The macro `gtimedate()` converts system time stored in system variable `SEC` into seconds (`*sec`), minutes (`*min`), hours (`*hour`), day (`*day`), month (`*month`) and year (`*year`). The function outputs GMT time.

**note :** Be sure to use this function whenever you need a complete set of time and date variables. Using the functions `gtime()` and `gdate()` separately might give you an inconsistent set of variables if time changes from 23:59:59 to 00:00:00 of the next day when you call the functions.

**see also** [gtime](#) <sup>[116]</sup>(), [gdate](#) <sup>[116]</sup>(), [ltimedate](#) <sup>[116]</sup>()

### 11.14.1(x\_timedate

**x\_timedate** **calculate system time**

**synopsis** `unsigned long x_timedate(int tz, int sec, int min, int hour, int day, int month, int year)`

**description** The function `x_timedate()` converts time and date information into system time which it outputs as return value.

The following parameters are passed to the functions:

tz	timezone	example: 1
sec	second	example: 0
min	minute	example: 59
hour	hour	example: 14
day	day	example: 31
month	month	example: 12
year	year	example: 2001

system time is the number of seconds since 12:00 AM January 1, 1900

see also

[xtime](#)  <sup>118</sup> ()

### 11.14.1 xtime

**xtime**

**calculate system time and store in system variable SEC (macro)**

**synopsis**

```
void xtime(int sec, int min, int hour, int day,
int month, int year)
```

**description**

The macro xtime() converts time and date information into system time which it stores in the (long) system variable SEC.

System time is calculated with respect to system variables TIMEZONE and DAYLIGHT.

**parameters**

The following parameters are passed to the functions:

sec	second	example: 0
min	minute	example: 59
hour	hour	example: 14
day	day	example: 31
month	month	example: 12
year	year	example: 2001

**system time is the number of seconds since 12:00 AM January 1, 1900**

**see also** `x_timedate()`

### 11.14.1 RTC\_set\_time

**RTC\_set\_time** **set Real Time Clock**

**synopsis** `void RTC_set_time( )`

**description** Programs Real Time Clock Chip according to Systems variables set by `xtimedate`

**example :** time command of the shell

```
time_sopt()
{
    int sec,minute,hour,day,month,year;
    display_timezone();

    ltimedate(&sec,&minute,&hour,&day,&month,&
year);
    print("time:
%02d:%02d:%02d\n",hour,minute,sec);
    print("date:
%02d/%02d/%02d\n",month,day,year-2000);
    enter_timezone();
    enter_date(&day,&month,&year);
    enter_time(&hour,&minute,&sec);

    xtimedate(sec,minute,hour,day,month,year+2
000); //set internal clock
    setvar(LOWBAT,0); /* reset internal
lowbat */
    RTC_set_time(); /* program clock chip */
}
```

**see also** [xtimedate](#)  (118)

## 11.15 TCP/IP Functions

**Socket definition** A socket is an abstraction that identifies an endpoint and includes:

**type of socket ;** one of:

datagram (uses UDP)  
stream (uses TCP)

**socket address** identified by:

port number  
IP address  
It may have a **remote endpoint** .

**Socket options**

Each socket has socket options, which define characteristics of the socket, such as:

checksum calculations  
  
Ethernet-frame characteristics  
  
IGMP membership  
  
non-blocking (nowait options)  
  
push operations  
  
sizes of send and receive buffers  
  
timeouts

### 11.15.1 Datagram Sockets

**Connectionless**

A datagram socket is connectionless in that an application uses a socket without first establishing a connection. Therefore, an application specifies the destination address and destination port number for each data transfer. An application can prespecify a remote endpoint for a datagram socket if desired.

**Unreliable transfer**

A datagram socket is used for datagram-based data transfer, which does not acknowledge the transfer. Because delivery is not guaranteed, a higher layer is responsible for ensuring that the data is acknowledged when necessary.

**Block oriented**

A datagram socket is block oriented. This means that when an application sends a block of data, the bytes of data remain together. If an application writes a block of data of, say, 100



bytes, VC/RT sends the data to the destination in a single packet, and the destination receives 100 bytes of data.

### 11.15.2 Stream Sockets

- Connection based** A stream-socket connection is uniquely defined by an address-port number pair for each of the two endpoints in the connection. For example, a connection to a Telnet server uses the local IP address with a local port number, and the server's IP address with port number 23.
- Reliable transfer** A stream socket provides reliable, end-to-end data transfer. To use stream sockets, a client establishes a connection to a peer, transfers data, and then closes the connection. Barring physical disconnection, VC/RT guarantees that all sent data is received in sequence.
- Character oriented** A stream socket is character oriented. This means that VC/RT may split or merge bytes of data as it sends the data from one protocol stack to another. An application on a stream socket may perform, for example, two successive write operations of 100 bytes each, and VC/RT may send the data to the destination in a single packet. The destination may then receive the data using, for example, four successive read operations of 50 bytes each.

### 11.15.3 Comparison of Datagram and Stream Sockets

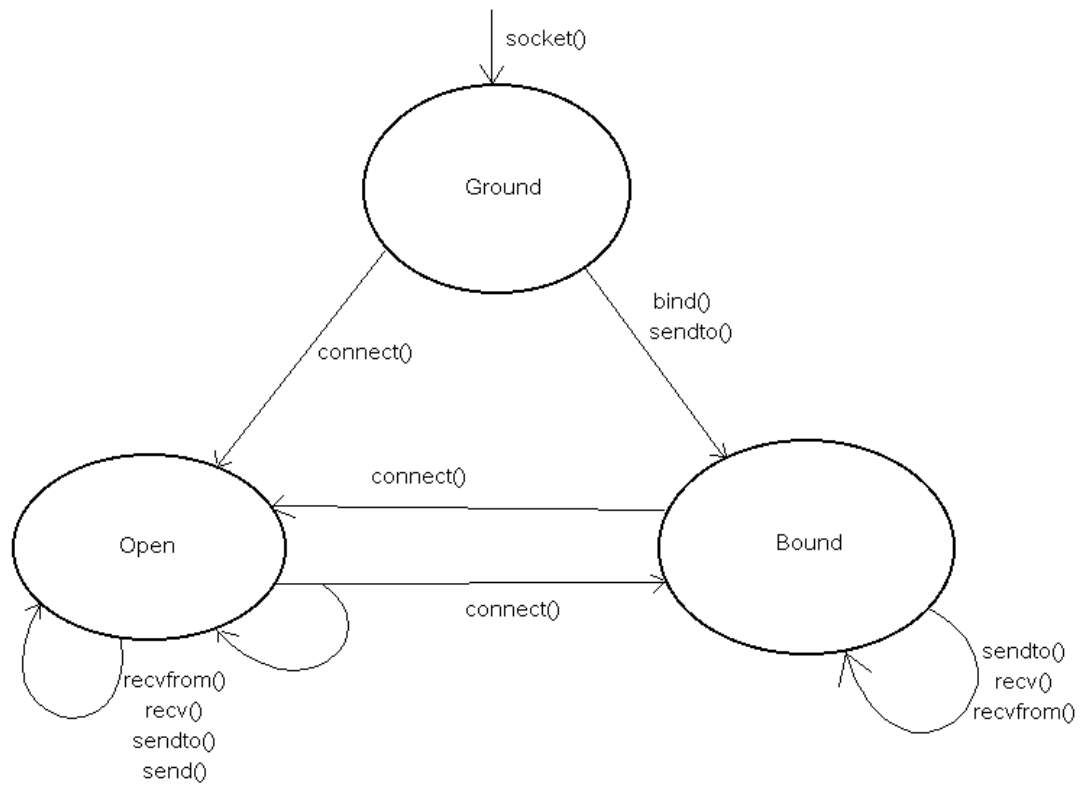
	Datagram socket	Stream socket
Protocol	UDP	TCP
Connection based	No	Yes
Reliable transfer	No	Yes
Transfer mode	Block	Character

### 11.15.4 Creating and using Sockets

An application follows the following general steps to create and use sockets. The steps are summarized in the following diagrams and described in subsequent sections.

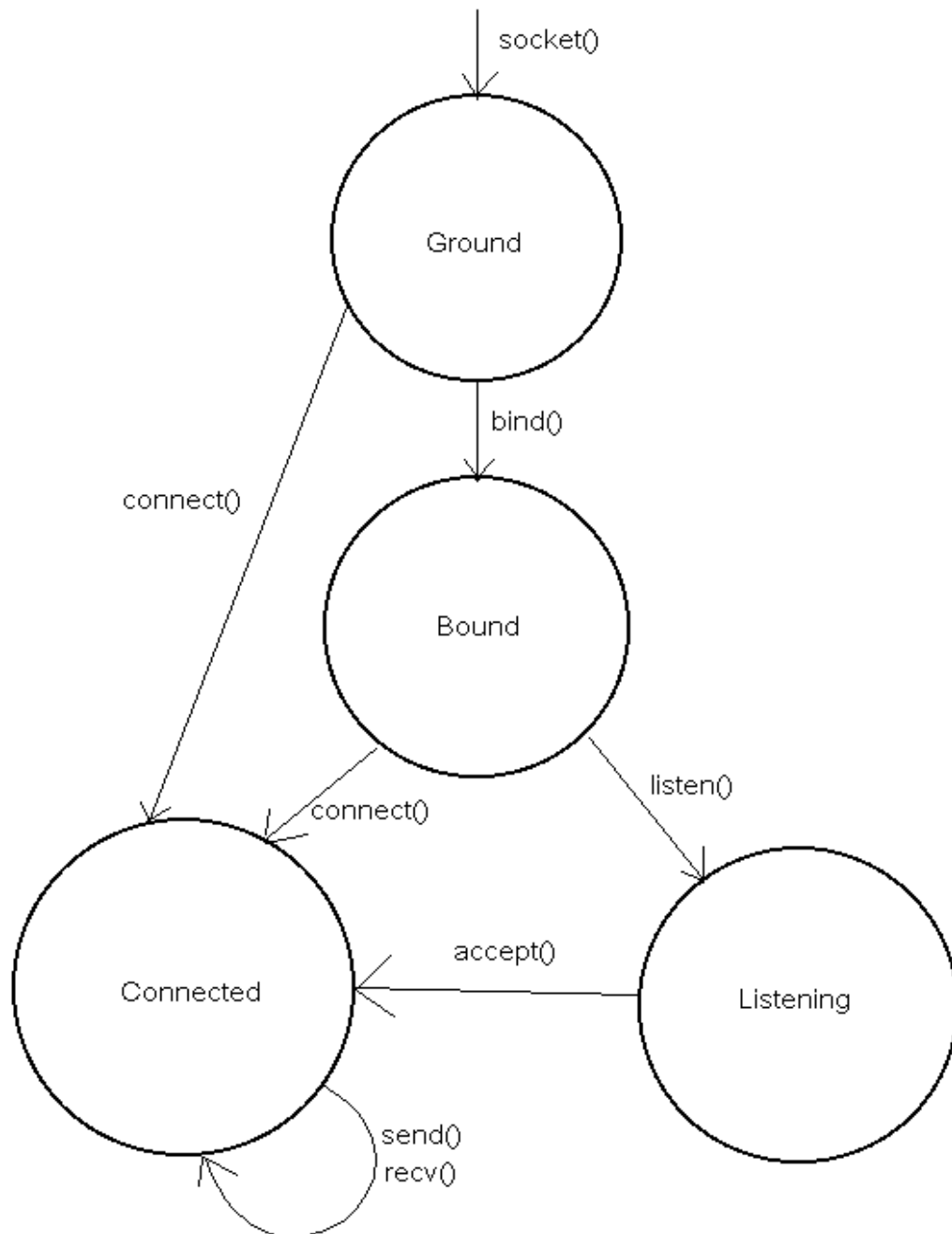
1. **Create a new socket** by calling `socket()`, indicating whether the socket is a datagram socket or a stream socket.
2. **Bind the socket** to a local address by calling `bind` <sup>[133]</sup>`()`.
3. If the socket is a stream socket, **assign a remote IP address** by doing one of the following:
  - 3a. calling `connect` <sup>[134]</sup>`()`
  - 3b. calling `listen` <sup>[139]</sup>`()` followed by `accept` <sup>[131]</sup>`()`
4. **Send data** by calling `sendto` <sup>[151]</sup>`()` for a datagram socket or `send` <sup>[148]</sup>`()` for a stream socket.
5. **Receive data** by calling `recvfrom` <sup>[142]</sup>`()` for a datagram socket or `recv()` for a stream socket.
6. When data transfer is finished, optionally **destroy the socket** by calling `shutdown` <sup>[165]</sup>`()`.

### 11.15.5 Diagram: Creating and Using Datagram Sockets (UDP)



**Diagram Creating and using datagram sockets (UDP)**

### 11.15.6 Diagram: Creating and Using Stream Sockets (TCP)



**Diagram 2** Creating and using stream sockets (TCP)

### 11.15.7 Creating Sockets

To create a socket, an application calls `socket()` and specifies whether the socket is a datagram socket or a stream socket. The function returns a socket handle, which the application subsequently uses to access the socket.

### 11.15.8 Changing Socket Options

When VC/RT creates a socket, it sets all the socket options to **default values**.

To change the value of certain options, an application must do so **before it binds** the socket.

An application can change other options anytime.

All socket options and their default values are described in the following

[setsockopt](#) (154).

### 11.15.9 Binding Sockets

After an application creates a socket and optionally changes or sets socket options, it must bind the socket to a local port number by calling `bind()`. The function defines the endpoint of the local socket by the local IP address and port number.

You can specify the local port number as any number, but if you specify zero, VC/RT chooses an unused port number. To determine the port number that VC/RT chose, call `getsockname()`.

After the application binds the socket, how it uses the socket depends on whether the socket is a datagram socket or a stream socket.

### 11.15.1(Using Datagram Sockets

#### 11.15.10. Setting Datagram Socket Options

By default, VC/RT uses IGMP, and, by default, a socket is not in any group. The application can change the following socket options for the socket:

- IGMP add membership
- IGMP drop membership
- send nowait
- checksum bypass

#### 11.15.10..Transferring Datagram Data

An application transfers data by making calls to `sendto`<sup>[151]</sup>() or `send`<sup>[148]</sup>() and `recvfrom`<sup>[142]</sup>() or `recv`<sup>[140]</sup>().

With each call, VC/RT either sends or receives one UDP datagram, which contains up to 65,507 bytes of data.

If an application specifies more data, the functions return an error.

The functions `send`<sup>[148]</sup>() and `sendto`<sup>[151]</sup>() return when the data is passed to the Ethernet interface.

The functions `recv`<sup>[140]</sup>() and `recvfrom`<sup>[142]</sup>() return when the socket port receives the packet or immediately if a queued packet is already at the port. The receive buffer should be at least as large as the largest datagram that the application expects to receive. If a packet overruns the receive buffer, VC/RT truncates the packet and discards the truncated data.

#### 11.15.10..Buffering

By default, `send`<sup>[148]</sup>() and `sendto`<sup>[151]</sup>() do not buffer outgoing data.

This behavior can be changed by using either the `OPT_SEND_NOWAIT`<sup>[163]</sup> socket option, or the `VCRT_MSG_NONBLOCK` send flag.

For incoming data, VC/RT matches the data, packet by packet, to `recv`<sup>[140]</sup>() or `recvfrom`<sup>[142]</sup>() calls that the application makes. If a packet arrives and a `recv`<sup>[140]</sup>() or `recvfrom`<sup>[142]</sup>() call is not waiting for data, VC/RT queues the packet.

#### 11.15.10. Prespecifying a peer

An application can optionally prespecify a peer by calling

`connect` <sup>[134]</sup>()).

Prespecification has the following effect:

- `send` <sup>[148]</sup>() can be used to send a datagram to the peer that is specified in the call to `connect`(). Calls to `send` <sup>[148]</sup>() fail if `connect`() has not been called previously.
- the behavior of `sendto` <sup>[151]</sup>() is unchanged. It is not restricted to the specified peer.
- the function `recv` <sup>[140]</sup>() or `recvfrom` <sup>[142]</sup>() returns datagrams that have been sent by the specified peer only

#### 11.15.10. Shutting Down Datagram Sockets

An application can shut down a datagram socket by calling

`shutdown`(). Before

the function returns:

- outstanding calls to `recvfrom`() return immediately
- VC/RT discards received packets that are queued for the socket and frees their buffers

When `shutdown`() returns, the socket handle is invalid, and the

application can no

longer use the socket.

#### 11.15.11 Using Stream Sockets

##### 11.15.11. Changing Stream Socket Options

An application can change the value of certain stream-socket options anytime.

For details, see under `setsockopt` <sup>[154]</sup>).

##### 11.15.11. Establishing Stream Socket Connections

An application can establish a connection to a stream socket in one of these ways:

`passively` <sup>[128]</sup>

by listening for incoming connection requests (by calling `listen` <sup>[139]</sup>() followed by `accept` <sup>[131]</sup>())

`actively` <sup>[128]</sup>

by generating a connection request (by calling

connect())

#### 11.15.11.2.1 Passive Establishing

By calling `listen` <sup>[139]</sup>(), an application can passively put an unconnected socket in a listening state, after which the local socket endpoint responds to a single incoming connection request. After it calls `listen` <sup>[139]</sup>(), the application calls `accept` <sup>[131]</sup>(), which returns a new socket handle and lets the application accept the incoming connection request.

Usually, the application calls `accept` <sup>[131]</sup>() immediately after it calls `listen` <sup>[139]</sup>(). The application uses the new socket handle for all communication with the specified remote endpoint until one or both endpoints close the connection. The original socket remains in the listening state and continues to be referenced by the initial socket handle that `socket()` returned.

The new socket that the listen-accept mechanism creates inherits the socket options of the parent socket.

#### 11.15.11.2.2 ActiveEstablishing

By calling `connect()`, an application can actively establish a stream-socket connection to the remote endpoint that the function specifies. If the remote endpoint is not in the listening state, `connect()` fails. Depending on the state of the remote endpoint, `connect()` fails immediately or after the time that the connect-timeout socket option specifies.

If the remote endpoint accepts the connection, the application uses the original socket handle for all its communication with that remote endpoint, and VC/RT maintains the connection until either or both endpoints close the connection.

#### 11.15.11. Getting Stream Socket Names

After an application establishes a stream-socket connection, it can get the identifiers for the local endpoint (by calling `getsockname()`) and for the remote endpoint (by calling `getpeername()`).

#### 11.15.11. Sending Stream Data

An application sends data on a stream socket by calling `send()`. When the function returns depends on the values of the `send nowait` (`OPT_SEND_NOWAIT`) socket option. An application can change the value by calling `setsockopt()`.



#### 11.15.11.4.1 send nowait (nonblocking I/O)

send() returns **FALSE** (default) when TCP has buffered all data but not necessarily sent it  
 send() returns **TRUE** Immediately (the result is a filled or partially filled buffer)

#### 11.15.11.1Receiving Stream Data

An application receives data on a stream socket by calling recv(). The application passes the function a buffer, into which VC/RT places the incoming data. When the function returns depends on the values of the receive-nowait (OPT\_RECEIVE\_NOWAIT) and receive-push (OPT\_RECEIVE\_PUSH) socket options. The application can change the values by calling setsockopt().

Receive nowait (non-blocking I/O)	Receive push (delay transmission)	recv() returns when:
FALSE (default)	TRUE (default)	One of: •a push flag in the data is received •supplied buffer is completely filled with incoming data •receive timeout expires (the default receive timeout is an unlimited time)
FALSE (default)	FALSE	Either: • supplied buffer is completely filled with incoming data •receive timeout expires
TRUE	(ignored)	Immediately after it polls TCP for any data in the internal receive buffer

#### 11.15.11.1Buffering Data

The size of the VC/RT per-socket send buffer is determined by the socket option that controls the size of the send buffer. VC/RT copies data into its send buffer from the buffer that the application supplies. As the peer acknowledges the data, VC/RT releases space in its buffer. If the buffer is full, calls to send() with the send-push ([OPT\\_SEND\\_PUSH](#) <sup>163</sup>) socket option FALSE block until the remote endpoint acknowledges some or all the data.

The size of the VC/RT per-socket receive buffer is determined by the socket option that controls the size of the receive buffer. VC/RT uses the buffer to hold incoming data when there are no outstanding calls to recv(). When the application calls recv(), VC/RT copies data from its buffer to the buffer that the application supplies, and, consequently, the remote endpoint can send more

data.

#### 11.15.11.Improving the Throughput of Stream Data

- Include the push flag in sent data only where the flag is needed; that is, at the end of a stream of data.
- Specify the largest possible send and receive buffers to reduce the amount of work that the application and VC/RT do.
- When you call `recv()`, call it again immediately to reduce the amount of data that VC/RT must copy into its receive buffer.
- Specify the size of the send and receive buffers to be multiples of the maximum packet size.
- Call `send` <sup>[148]</sup> `()` with an amount of data that is a multiple of the maximum packet size.

#### 11.15.11.Shutting Down Stream Sockets

##### 11.15.11.8.1 Shutting Down Gracefully

If the socket is to be shut down gracefully, VC/RT tries to deliver all the data that is in its send buffer for the socket. As specified by the TCP specification, VC/RT maintains the socket connection for four minutes after the remote endpoint disconnects.

##### 11.15.11.8.2 Shutting Down with an abort operation

If the socket is to be shut down with an abort operation:

- VC/RT immediately discards the socket and the socket's internal send and receive buffers.
- The remote endpoint frees its socket immediately after it sends all the data that is in its send buffer.

## 11.15.12 Summary of Socket Functions

<i>accept</i>	Accept the next incoming stream connection and clone the socket to create a new socket, which services the connection
<i>bind</i>	Identify the local application endpoint by providing a port Number
<i>connect</i>	Establish a stream connection with an application endpoint or set a remote endpoint for a datagram socket
<i>getpeername</i>	Determine the peer address-port number endpoint of a connected socket
<i>getsockname</i>	Determine the local address-port number endpoint of a bound socket
<i>getsockopt</i>	Get the value of a socket option
<i>listen</i>	Allow incoming stream connections to be received on the port number that is identified by a socket
<i>recv</i>	Receive data on a stream or datagram socket
<i>recvfrom</i>	Receive data on a datagram socket
<i>VCRT_attachsock</i>	Get access to a socket that is owned by another task
<i>VCRT_detachsock</i>	Relinquish ownership of a socket
<i>VCRT_geterror</i>	Get the reason why an VC/RT function returned an error for the socket
<i>VCRT_selectall</i>	Wait for activity on any socket that a caller owns
<i>VCRT_selectset</i>	Wait for activity on any socket in a set of sockets
<i>send</i>	Send data on a stream socket or on a datagram socket for which a remote endpoint has been specified
<i>sendto</i>	Send data on a datagram socket
<i>setsockopt</i>	Set the value of a socket option
<i>shutdown</i>	Shutdown a connection and discard the socket
<i>Socket_stream</i>	Create a stream socket
<i>Socket_dgram</i>	Create a datagram socket

### 11.15.12.1 accept

**accept**                      **create a new stream socket to accept incoming connections**

**synopsis**                      `uint_32 accept(uint_32 socket, sockaddr_in *peeraddr, uint_16 *addrlen)`

**parameters**

<i>socket</i> [IN]	Handle for the parent stream socket
<i>peeraddr</i> [OUT]	Pointer to where to place the remote endpoint identifier
<i>addrlen</i> [IN/OUT]	[IN] Pointer to the length, in bytes, of what <i>peeraddr</i> points to
	[OUT] Full size, in bytes, of the remote-endpoint identifier

**returns** Handle for a new stream socket  
VCRT\_SOCKET\_ERROR

**traits** Blocks until an incoming connection is available

**see also** bind(), connect(), listen(), socket()

**description** The function accepts incoming connections by creating a new stream socket for the connections. The parent socket (*socket*) must be in the listening state; it remains in the listening state after each new socket is created from it.

The new socket has the same local endpoint and socket options as the parent; the remote endpoint is the originator of the connection.

#### example

```
uint_32 handle;
uint_32 child_handle;
sockaddr_in remote_sin;
uint_16 remote_addrlen;
uint_32 status;
...
status = listen(handle, 0);
if (status != VCRT_OK) {
    printf("\nError, listen() failed with error code %lx", status);
} else {
    remote_addrlen = sizeof(remote_sin);
    child_handle = accept(handle, &remote_sin, &remote_addrlen);
    if (child_handle != VCRT_SOCKET_ERROR) {
        printf("\nConnection accepted from %lx, port %d",
            remote_sin.sin_addr, remote_sin.sin_port);
    } else {
        status = VCRT_geterror(handle);
        if (status == VCRT_OK) {
            printf("\nConnection reset by peer");
        }
    }
}
```

```

    } else {
printf( "Error, accept() failed with error code %lx",
status);
    }
}
}
}

```

#### 11.15.12.bind

**bind**                      **bind the local address to the socket**

**synopsis**                      uint\_32 bind(uint\_32 socket, sockaddr\_in  
\*localaddr, uint\_16 addrlen)

**parameters**

socket [IN]	Socket handle for the socket to bind
localaddr [IN]	Pointer to the local endpoint identifier to which to bind socket (see description)
addrlen [IN]	Length in bytes of what localaddr points to

**returns**                      VCRT \_OK  
Specific error code

**traits**                      Blocks, but VC/RT immediately services the command and is replied to by the socket layer

**see also**                      socket()

**description**

Field in sockaddr_in:	Must have this input value:
sin_family	AF_INET
sin_port	One of: •local port number for the socket •0 (To determine the port number that VC/RT chooses, call getsockname())
sin_addr	One of: •IP address that was previously bound •INADDR_ANY

Usually, TCP/IP servers bind to INADDR\_ANY, so that one instance of the server can service

all IP addresses.

**example: Bind a socket to port number 2010.**

```
uint_32 sock;
sockaddr_in local_sin;
uint_32 result;
...
sock = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
if (sock == VCRT_SOCKET_ERROR)
{
    printf("\nError, socket create failed");
    return;
}
memset((char *) &local_sin, 0, sizeof(local_sin));
local_sin.sin_family = AF_INET;
local_sin.sin_port = 2010;
local_sin.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
result = bind(sock, &local_sin, sizeof (sockaddr_in));
if (status != VCRT_OK)
    printf("\nError, bind() failed with error code %lx",
        result);
```

#### 11.15.12. connect

**connect**                      **Connect the stream socket to the remote endpoint**

**synopsis**                      uint\_32 connect(uint\_32 socket, sockaddr\_in  
\*destaddr, uint\_16 addrlen)

**parameters**

socket [IN]	Handle for the stream socket to connect
destaddr [IN]	Pointer to the remote endpoint identifier
addrlen [IN]	Length in bytes of what destaddr points to

**returns**                      VCRT\_OK (success)  
Specific error code (failure)

**traits**                      Blocks until the connection is accepted or until  
the connection-timeout socket option expires

**see also**                      [accept](#) <sup>[131]</sup>(), [bind](#) <sup>[133]</sup>(), [getsockopt](#) <sup>[138]</sup>(),  
[listen](#) <sup>[139]</sup>(), [setsockopt](#) <sup>[154]</sup>(), [socket\\_dgram](#) <sup>[167]</sup>(),  
[socket\\_stream](#) <sup>[167]</sup>()

**description**                      **Stream socket :**  
The function fails if the remote endpoint rejects

the connection request, which it may do immediately is unreachable, which causes the connection timeout to expire. If the function is successful, the application can use the socket to transfer data.

#### **Datagram socket:**

The function `connect()` has the following effects on a datagram socket: `send()` can be used instead of `sendto()` to send a datagram to `destaddr` the behavior of `sendto()` is unchanged: it can still be used to send a datagram to any peer the socket receives datagrams from `destaddr` only. **connect()** may be used multiple times. Whenever **connect()** is called, the current endpoint is replaced by the new one. A connection can be dissolved by calling `connect()` and specifying an address family of `AF_UNSPEC`. This dissolves the association, places the socket in the bound state, and returns the error code `VCRTERR_SOCKET_INVALID_AF`. Should `connect()` fail, the socket will be in a bound state (no remote endpoint).

#### **example: Stream socket**

```
uint_32 sock;
uint_32 child_handle;
sockaddr_in remote_sin;
uint_16 remote_addrlen = sizeof(sockaddr_in);
uint_32 result;
...
/* Connect to 192.203.0.83, port 2011: */
memset((char *) &remote_sin, 0, sizeof(sockaddr_in));
remote_sin.sin_family = AF_INET;
remote_sin.sin_port = 2011;
remote_sin.sin_addr.s_addr = 0xC0A80001; /* 192.168.0.1 */
result = connect(sock, &remote_sin, remote_addrlen);
if (result != VCRT_OK)
{
    printf("\nError--connect() failed with error code %lx.",
    result);
} else {
    printf("\nConnected to %lx, port %d.",
    remote_sin.sin_addr.s_addr, remote_sin.sin_port);
}
```

## 11.15.12. ENET\_get\_stats

**ENET\_get\_stats**      **get a pointer to the Ethernet statistics that VCRT collects**

**synopsis**              `ENET_STATS *ENET_get_stats(enet_handle *handle)`

**parameters**           `handle [IN]` Pointer to the Ethernet handle

**returns**                Pointer to an ENET\_STATS structure

**traits**

**see also**               `ICMP_stats()`, `IP_stats()`, `IPIF_stats()`,  
`TCP_stats()`, `UDP_stats()`, `ENET_STATS`

**description**

**example**

```
ENET_STATS *enet;
_enet_handle ehandle;
...
enet = ENET_get_stats();
printf("\n%d Ethernet packets received", enet->ST_RX_TOTAL);
```

## 11.15.12. getpeername

**getpeername**           **get the remote-endpoint identifier of a socket**

**synopsis**               `uint_32 getpeername(uint_32 socket,  
sockaddr_in *name, uint_16 *namelen)`

**Parameters**

<code>socket [IN]</code>	Handle for the stream socket
<code>name [OUT]</code>	Pointer to a placeholder for the remote-endpoint identifier of the socket
<code>namelen [IN/OUT]</code>	[IN] Pointer to the length, in bytes, of what name points to
	[OUT] Full size, in bytes, of the remote-endpoint identifier

**returns**                VCRT\_OK (success)  
Specific error code (failure)

**traits**                 Blocks, but the command is immediately serviced and replied to



**see also**

[accept](#) <sup>[131]</sup>(), [connect](#) <sup>[134]</sup>(), [getsockname](#) <sup>[137]</sup>(),  
socket()

**description**

The function returns the remote endpoint for the socket as was determined by [connect](#) <sup>[134]</sup>() or [accept](#) <sup>[131]</sup>().

**example**

```
uint_32 handle;
sockaddr_in remote_sin;
uint_32 status;
uint_16 namelen;
...
namelen = sizeof (sockaddr_in);
status = getpeername(handle, &remote_sin, &namelen); if (status !=
VCRT_OK)
{
printf("\nError, getpeername() failed with error code %lx",
status);
} else {
printf("\nRemote address family is %x", remote_sin.sin_family);
printf("\nRemote port is %d", remote_sin.sin_port);
printf("\nRemote IP address is %lx",
remote_sin.sin_addr.s_addr);
}
```

## 11.15.12.getsockname

**getsockname**

**Get the local-endpoint identifier of the socket**

**synopsis**

uint\_32 getsockname(uint\_32  
socket,sockaddr\_in \*name, uint\_16 \*namelen)

**parameters**

socket [IN]	Socket handle
name [OUT]	Pointer to a placeholder for the local-endpoint identifier of the socket
namelen [IN/OUT]	[IN] Pointer to the length, in bytes, of what name points to
	[OUT] Full size, in bytes, of the remote-endpoint identifier

**returns**

VCRT\_OK (success)  
Specific error code (failure)

**traits**

Blocks, but the command is immediately serviced and replied to

**see also** [bind](#) <sup>[133]</sup>(), [getpeername](#) <sup>[136]</sup>(), [socket](#)()

**description** The function returns the local endpoint for the socket as was defined by [bind](#) <sup>[133]</sup>().

**example**

```
uint_32 handle;
sockaddr_in local_sin;
uint_32 status;
uint_16 namelen;
...
namelen = sizeof (sockaddr_in);
status = getsockname(handle, &local_sin, &namelen);
if (status != VCRT_OK)
{
    printf("\nError, getsockname() failed with error code %lx",
    status);
} else {
    printf("\nLocal address family is %x", local_sin.sin_family);
    printf("\nLocal port is %d", local_sin.sin_port);
    printf("\nLocal IP address is %lx", local_sin.sin_addr.s_addr);
}
```

#### 11.15.12. getsockopt

**getsockopt** **Get the value of the socket option**

**synopsis** `uint_32 getsockopt(uint_32 socket, int_32 level, uint_32 optname, pointer optval, uint_32 *optlen)`

**parameters**

socket [IN]	Socket handle
level [IN]	Protocol level at which the option resides
optname [IN]	Option name (see description)
optval [IN/OUT]	Pointer to the option value
optlen [IN/OUT]	[IN] Size of optval in bytes
	[OUT] Full size, in bytes, of the option value

**returns** VCRT\_OK (success)  
Specific error code (failure)

**traits** Blocks, but the command is immediately serviced and replied to

**see also** [setsockopt](#) <sup>[154]</sup> ()

**description** An application can get all socket options for all protocol levels. For a complete description of socket options and protocol levels, see [setsockopt](#) <sup>[154]</sup> ().

#### 11.15.12.listen

**listen** **put the stream socket into the listening state**

**synopsis** uint\_32 listen(uint\_32 socket, uint\_16 backlog)

**parameters**

socket [IN]	Socket handle
backlog [IN]	Ignored

**returns** VCRT\_OK (success)  
Specific error code (failure)

**traits** Blocks, but the command is immediately serviced and replied to

**see also** [accept](#) <sup>[131]</sup> (), [bind](#) <sup>[133]</sup> (), socket()

**description** After the application calls listen(), it should call accept() to attach new sockets to the incoming requests.

**example** See [accept](#) <sup>[131]</sup> ().

#### 11.15.12.VCRT\_ping

**VCRT\_ping** **send an ICMP echo-request packet to the IP address and wait for a reply**

**synopsis** uint\_32 VCRT\_ping(ip\_address address,  
uint\_32 \*timeout, uint\_16 id)

**parameters**

address [IN]	IP address to which to send the packet
timeout [IN/OUT]	[IN] One of:
	Pointer to the maximum time to wait for a reply
	0 (wait indefinitely)
	[OUT] Pointer to the round-trip time
id [IN]	User ID for the echo request

**returns** VCRT\_OK (success)  
Error code (failure)

#### 11.15.12.recv

**recv** provide VCRT with the buffer in which to place incoming stream data

**synopsis** int\_32 recv(uint\_32 socket, char \*buffer, uint\_32 buflen, uint\_32 flags)

#### parameters

socket [IN]	Handle for the connected stream socket
buffer [OUT]	Pointer to the buffer in which to place received data
buflen [IN]	Size of buffer in bytes
flags [IN]	Flags to underlying protocols. One of:  VCRT_MSG_PEEK - For a UDP socket, receive a datagram but don't consume it (ignored for stream sockets)  0 - Ignore

**returns** Number of bytes received (success)  
VCRT\_ERROR (failure)

**traits** May block, but the command is immediately serviced

If non-blocking I/O is **disabled** on the socket, the function blocks until data satisfying the receive-push socket option is received

If non-blocking I/O is **enabled** on the socket, the command is immediately replied to, returning whatever incoming data is buffered internally

**see also**

[accept](#) <sup>[131]</sup>(), [bind](#) <sup>[133]</sup>(), [getsockopt](#) <sup>[138]</sup>(),  
[listen](#) <sup>[139]</sup>(), [VCRT\\_geterror](#) <sup>[145]</sup>(), [send](#) <sup>[148]</sup>(),  
[setsockopt](#) <sup>[154]</sup>(), [shutdown](#) <sup>[165]</sup>(), [socket](#)()

**description**

When the flags parameter is VCRT\_MSG\_PEEK, the same datagram is received the next time [recv\(\)](#) or [recvfrom\(\)](#) is called.

If the function returns VCRT\_ERROR, the application can call [VCRT\\_geterror\(\)](#) to determine the reason for the error.

**Stream socket**

If the receive-nowait socket option is TRUE, VCRT immediately copies internally buffered data (up to buflen bytes) into the buffer (at buffer), and [recv\(\)](#) returns. If the receive-wait socket option is TRUE, [recv\(\)](#) blocks until the buffer is full or the receive-push socket option is satisfied.

If the receive-push socket option is TRUE, a received TCP push flag causes [recv\(\)](#) to return with whatever data has been received. If the receive-push socket option is FALSE, VCRT ignores incoming TCP push flags, and [recv\(\)](#) returns when enough data has been received to fill the buffer.

**Datagram socket**

The [recv\(\)](#) function on a datagram socket is identical to [recvfrom\(\)](#) with NULL fromaddr and fromlen pointers. The [recv\(\)](#) function is normally used on a connected socket.

**example: Stream socket**

```
uint_32 handle;
char buffer[20000];
uint_32 count;
...
count = recv(handle, buffer, 20000, 0);
if (count == VCRT_ERROR)
```

```

{
printf("\nError, recv() failed with error code %lx",
VCRT_geterror(handle));
} else {
printf("\nReceived %ld bytes of data.", count);
}

```

#### 11.15.12.recvfrom

**recvfrom** provide VC/RT with the buffer in which to place incoming datagram socket data

**synopsis** int\_32 recvfrom(uint\_32 socket, char \*buffer, uint\_32 buflen, uint\_32 flags, sockaddr\_in \*fromaddr, uint\_16 \*fromlen)

#### parameters

socket [IN]	Handle for the datagram socket
buffer [OUT]	Pointer to buffer in which to place received data
buflen [IN]	Number of bytes in the buffer
flags [IN]	Flags to underlying protocols. One of:  VCRT_MSG_PEEK - Receive a datagram but don't consume it  0 - Ignore
fromaddr [OUT]	Source socket address of the message
fromlen [IN/OUT]	[IN] Size of the fromaddr buffer  [OUT] Size of the socket-address stored in the fromaddr buffer, or if the provided buffer was too small (socket-address was truncated), the length before truncation

**returns** Number of bytes received (success)  
VCRT\_ERROR (failure)

**traits** Blocks until data is available or an error occurs

**see also** [bind](#) <sup>[133]</sup>(), [VCRT\\_geterror](#) <sup>[145]</sup>(), [sendto](#) <sup>[151]</sup>(),  
socket()

**description** If a remote endpoint has been specified with `connect()`, only datagrams from that source will be received.  
When the flags parameter is `VCRT_MSG_PEEK`, the same datagram is received the next time `recv()` or `recvfrom()` is called.  
If `fromlen` is `NULL`, the socket address is not written to `fromaddr`. If `fromaddr` is `NULL` and the value of `fromlen` is not `NULL`, the result is unspecified.  
If the function returns `VCRT_ERROR`, the application can call `VCRT_geterror` <sup>[145]</sup> `()` to determine the reason for the error.

**example:** Receive up to 500 bytes of data.

```
uint_32 handle;
sockaddr_in remote_sin;
uint_32 count;
char my_buffer[500];
uint_16 remote_len = sizeof(remote_sin);
...
count = recvfrom(handle, my_buffer, 500, 0,
&remote_sin, &remote_len);
if (count == VCRT_ERROR)
{
printf("\nrecvfrom() failed with error %lx",
VCRT_geterror(handle));
} else {
printf("\nReceived %ld bytes of data.", count);
}
```

#### 11.15.12. VCRT\_attachsock

**VCRT\_attachsock** take ownership of the socket

**synopsis** uint\_32 VCRT\_attachsock(uint\_32 socket)

**parameters** socket [IN] Socket handle

**returns** new socket handle (success)  
VCRT\_SOCKET\_ERROR (failure)

**traits** Blocks, although the command is serviced and responded to immediately

**see also** [accept](#) <sup>[131]</sup> `()`, [VCRT\\_detachsock](#) <sup>[144]</sup> `()`

**description** The function adds the calling task to the

socket's list of owners.

### example

A main task loops to accept connections. When it accepts a connection, it creates a child task to manage the connection: it relinquishes control of the socket by calling `VCRT_detachsock()` and then creates the child with the accepted socket handle as the initial parameter.

```
while (TRUE)
{
    /* Issue ACCEPT: */
    TELNET_accept_skt =
        accept(TELNET_listen_skt, &peer_addr,
            &addr_len);
    if (TELNET_accept_skt !=
        VCRT_SOCKET_ERROR)
    {
        /* Transfer the socket and create the
        child task to look after the socket:
        */
        if (VCRT_detachsock(TELNET_accept_skt)
            == VCRT_OK)
        {
            child_task =
                (_task_create(LOCAL_ID,
                    CHILD), TELNET_accept_skt);
        }
        else
        {
            printf("\naccept() failed, error
                0x%lx",
                VCRT_geterror(TELNET_accept_skt));
        }
    }
}
```

### 11.15.12. VCRT\_detachsock

**VCRT\_detachsock**    **relinquish ownership of the socket**

**synopsis**            `uint_32 VCRT_detachsock(uint_32 socket)`

**parameters**        `socket` [IN] Socket handle from `socket()`,  
                       `accept` [131](), or `VCRT_attachsock` [143]()

**returns**            `VCRT_OK` (success)  
                       Specific error code (failure)



<b>traits</b>	Blocks, although the command is serviced and responded to immediately
<b>see also</b>	<a href="#">accept</a> <sup>[131]</sup> (), <a href="#">VCRT_attachsock</a> <sup>[143]</sup> (), <a href="#">socket</a> ()
<b>description</b>	The function removes the calling task from the socket™s list of owners.
<b>example</b>	See <a href="#">VCRT_attachsock</a> <sup>[143]</sup> ().

#### 11.15.12.VCRT\_geterror

<b>VCRT_geterror</b>	<b>Get the reason why an VC/RT function returned an error for the socket</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	uint_32 VCRT_geterror(uint_32 socket)
<b>parameters</b>	socket [IN]                      Socket handle
<b>returns</b>	VCRT_OK (no socket error) Last error code for the socket
<b>traits</b>	Does not block
<b>see also</b>	<a href="#">accept</a> (), <a href="#">recv</a> (), <a href="#">recvfrom</a> (), <a href="#">send</a> (), <a href="#">sendto</a> ()
<b>description</b>	Use the function if <a href="#">accept</a> () returns VCRT_SOCKET_ERROR or any of the following functions returns VCRT_ERROR:  <a href="#">recv</a> <sup>[140]</sup> () <a href="#">recvfrom</a> <sup>[142]</sup> () <a href="#">send</a> <sup>[148]</sup> () <a href="#">sendto</a> <sup>[151]</sup> ()
<b>example</b>	See <a href="#">accept</a> <sup>[131]</sup> (), <a href="#">recv</a> <sup>[140]</sup> (), <a href="#">recvfrom</a> <sup>[142]</sup> (), <a href="#">send</a> <sup>[148]</sup> (), and <a href="#">sendto</a> <sup>[151]</sup> ().

#### 11.15.12.VCRT\_selectall

<b>VCRT_selectall</b>	<b>wait for activity on any socket that the caller owns</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	uint_32 VCRT_selectall(uint_32 timeout)

**parameters**

timeout [IN]	One of: Maximum number of milliseconds to wait for activity 0 (wait indefinitely) -1 (do not block)
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**returns**

Socket handle (activity was detected; see description)  
0 (timeout expired)  
VCRT\_SOCKET\_ERROR (error)

**traits**

If timeout is not -1, blocks until activity is detected on any socket that the calling task owns

**see also**

VCRT\_selectset()

**description**

Activity consists of any of the following.

This type of socket:	Receives:
Unbound datagram	Datagrams
Listening stream	Connection requests
Connected stream	Data or Shutdown requests that are initiated by the remote Endpoint

**Example**

**Echo data on TCP port number 7.**

```
int_32 servsock;
int_32 connsock;
int_32 status;
SOCKET_ADDRESS_STRUCT addrpeer;
uint_16 addrlen;
char buf[500];
int_32 count;
uint_32 error
/* create a stream socket and bind it to port 7: */
error = listen(servsock, 0);
if (error != VCRT_OK) {
printf("\nlisten() failed, status = %d", error);
return;
}
for (;;) {
connsock = VCRT_selectall(0);
if (connsock == VCRT_SOCKET_ERROR) {
printf("\nVCRT_selectall() failed!");
} else if (connsock == servsock) {
status = accept(servsock, &addrpeer, &addrlen);
if (status == VCRT_SOCKET_ERROR)
```

```

printf("\naccept() failed!");
} else {
count = recv(connsock, buf, 500, 0);
if (count <= 0)
shutdown(connsock, FLAG_CLOSE_TX);
else
send(connsock, buf, count, 0);
}
}

```

### 11.15.12. VCRT\_selectset

**VCRT\_selectset**      **wait for activity on any socket in the set of sockets**

**synopsis**            uint\_32 VCRT\_selectset(pointer    sockset,  
                         uint\_32 count, uint\_32 timeout)

**parameters**

sockset [IN]	Pointer to an array of sockets
count [IN]	Number of sockets in the array
timeout [IN]	One of: Maximum number of milliseconds to wait for activity 0 (wait indefinitely) -1 (do not block)

**returns**            Socket handle (activity was detected)  
                         0 (timeout expired)  
                         VCRT\_SOCKET\_ERROR    (error)

**traits**             If timeout is not -1, blocks until activity is detected on at least one of the sockets in the set

**see also**           [VCRT\\_selectall](#) ()

**description**       For the description of what constitutes activity, see VCRT\_selectall().

**Example**            **Echo UDP data that is received on ports 2010, 2011, and 2012.**

```

int_32 socklist[3];
sockaddr_in local_sin;
uint_32 result;
...
memset((char *) &local_sin, 0, sizeof(local_sin));
local_sin.sin_family = AF_INET;

```

```
local_sin.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY;
local_sin.sin_port = 2010;
socklist[0] = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
result = bind(socklist[0], &local_sin, sizeof
(sockaddr_in));
local_sin.sin_port = 2011;
socklist[1] = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
result = bind(socklist[1], &local_sin, sizeof
(sockaddr_in));
local_sin.sin_port = 2012;
socklist[2] = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, 0);
result = bind(socklist[2], &local_sin, sizeof
(sockaddr_in));
while (TRUE) {
sock = VCRT_selectset(socklist, 3, 0);
rlen = sizeof(raddr);
length = recvfrom(sock, buffer, BUFFER_SIZE, 0, &raddr,
&rlen);
sendto(sock, buffer, length, 0, &raddr, rlen);
}
```

#### 11.15.12.send

**send**                      **Send data on the stream socket, or on a datagram socket for which a remote endpoint has been specified.**

**synopsis**                  `int_32 send(uint_32 socket, char *buffer, uint_32 buflen, uint_32 flags)`

**parameters**

socket [IN]	Handle for the socket on which to send data	
buffer [IN]	Pointer to the buffer of data to send	
buflen [IN]	Number of bytes in the buffer (no restriction)	
flags [IN]	Flags to underlying protocols, selected from three independent groups. Perform a bitwise OR of one flag only from one or more of the following groups: <b>Group 1:</b>	
	VCRT_MSG_BLOCK	Override the OPT_SEND_NOWAIT datagram socket option; make it behave as though it is FALSE
	VCRT_MSG_NONBLOCK	Override the OPT_SEND_NOWAIT datagram socket option; make it behave as though it is TRUE
	<b>Group 2:</b>	
	VCRT_MSG_CHKSUM	Override the OPT_CHECKSUM_BYPASS checksum bypass option; make it behave as though it is FALSE
	VCRT_MSG_NOCHKSUM	Override the OPT_CHECKSUM_BYPASS checksum bypass option; make it behave as though it is TRUE
	<b>Group 3:</b>	
	VCRT_MSG_NOLOOP	Do not send the datagram to the loopback interface
	0	Ignore

**returns**                      Number of bytes sent (success)  
VCRT\_ERROR    (failure)

**traits**                        May block until data is placed in the socket's send buffer, whose size is set by setsockopt()

**see also**                    [accept](#) <sup>[131]</sup>(), [bind](#) <sup>[133]</sup>(), [getsockopt](#) <sup>[138]</sup>(),

[listen](#) <sup>[139]</sup>(), [recv](#) <sup>[140]</sup>(), [VCRT\\_geterror](#) <sup>[145]</sup>(),  
[setsockopt](#) <sup>[154]</sup>(), [shutdown](#) <sup>[165]</sup>(), [socket](#)()

#### description

If the function returns `VCRT_ERROR`, the application can call [VCRT\\_geterror](#) <sup>[145]</sup>() to determine the cause of the error.

#### Stream socket

VC/RT packetizes the data (at buffer) into TCP packets and delivers the packets reliably and sequentially to the connected remote endpoint.

If the `send-nowait` socket option is `TRUE`, VC/RT immediately copies the data into the internal send buffer for the socket, to a maximum of `buflen`. The function then returns.

If the `send-push` socket option is `TRUE`, VC/RT appends a push flag to the last packet that it uses to send the buffer; all data is sent immediately, taking into account the capabilities of the remote endpoint buffer.

**Datagram socket** If a remote endpoint has been specified using `connect()`,

[send](#) <sup>[148]</sup>() is identical to [sendto](#) <sup>[151]</sup>() using the specified remote endpoint. If a remote endpoint has not been specified, [send](#) <sup>[148]</sup>() returns `VCRT_ERROR`.

The `flags` parameter can be used for datagram sockets only. The override is temporary and lasts for the current call to [send](#) <sup>[148]</sup>() only.

Setting `flags` to `VCRT_MSG_NOLOOP` is useful when broadcasting or multicasting a datagram to several destinations. When `flags` is set to `VCRT_MSG_NOLOOP`, the datagram is not duplicated for the local host interface.

#### example: Stream socket

```
uint_32 handle;
char buffer[20000];
uint_32 count;
...
count = send(handle, buffer, 20000, 0);
```

```
if (count == VCRT_ERROR)
    printf("\nError, send() failed with error code %lx",
        VCRT_geterror(handle));
```

#### 11.15.12. sendto

**sendto**                      **send data on the datagram socket**

**synopsis**                      `int_32 sendto(uint_32 socket, char *buffer,  
uint_32 buflen, uint_16 flags, sockaddr_in  
*destaddr, uint_16 addrlen)`

**parameters**

socket [IN]	Handle for the socket on which to send data	
buffer [IN]	Pointer to the buffer of data to send	
buflen [IN]	Number of bytes in the buffer	
flags [IN]	Flags to underlying protocols, selected from three independent groups. Perform a bitwise OR of one flag only from one or more of the following groups: <b>Group 1:</b>	
	VCRT_MSG_BLOCK	Override the OPT_SEND_NOWAIT datagram socket option; make it behave as though it is FALSE
	VCRT_MSG_NONBLOCK	Override the OPT_SEND_NOWAIT datagram socket option; make it behave as though it is TRUE
	<b>Group 2:</b>	
	VCRT_MSG_CHKSUM	Override the OPT_CHECKSUM_BYPASS checksum bypass option; make it behave as though it is FALSE
	VCRT_MSG_NOCHKSUM	Override the OPT_CHECKSUM_BYPASS checksum bypass option; make it behave as though it is TRUE
	<b>Group 3:</b>	
	VCRT_MSG_NOLOOP	Do not send the datagram to the loopback interface
	0	Ignore

destaddr [IN] Remote endpoint identifier to which to send

the data

addrlen [IN] Number of bytes pointed to by destaddr

**returns** Number of bytes sent (success)  
VCRT\_ERROR (failure)



<b>traits</b>	Blocks, but the command is immediately serviced and replied to
<b>see also</b>	<a href="#">setsockopt</a> <sup>[154]</sup> (), <a href="#">bind</a> <sup>[133]</sup> (), <a href="#">recvfrom</a> <sup>[142]</sup> (), <a href="#">VCRT_geterror</a> <sup>[145]</sup> (), <a href="#">socket</a> ()
<b>description</b>	<p>The function sends the data (at buffer) as a UDP datagram to the remote endpoint (at destaddr).</p> <p>This function can also be used when a remote endpoint has been prespecified through <a href="#">connect</a>(). The datagram is sent to destaddr even if it is different than the prespecified remote endpoint.</p> <p>If the socket address has been prespecified, you can call <a href="#">sendto</a>() with destaddr set to NULL and addrlen equal to zero: this combination sends to the prespecified address. Calling <a href="#">sendto</a>() with destaddr set to NULL and addrlen equal to zero without first having prespecified the destination will result in an error.</p> <p>The flags parameter can be used for datagram sockets only. The override is temporary and lasts for the current call to <a href="#">sendto</a>() only. Setting flags to VCRT_MSG_NOLOOP is useful when broadcasting or multicasting a datagram to several destinations. When flags is set to VCRT_MSG_NOLOOP, the datagram is not duplicated for the local host interface.</p> <p>If the function returns VCRT_ERROR, the application can call <a href="#">VCRT_geterror</a> <sup>[145]</sup>() to determine the cause of the error.</p>

**Example**                      **Send 500 bytes of data to IP address 192.203.0.54, port number 678.**

```
uint_32 handle;
sockaddr_in remote_sin;
uint_32 count;
char my_buffer[500];
...
for (i=0; i < 500; i++) my_buffer[i]= (i & 0xff);
memset((char *) &remote_sin, 0, sizeof(sockaddr_in));
remote_sin.sin_family = AF_INET;
```

```

remote_sin.sin_port = 678;
remote_sin.sin_addr.s_addr = 0xC0CB0036;
count = sendto(handle, my_buffer, 500, 0, &remote_sin,
sizeof(sockaddr_in));
if (count != 500)
printf("\nsendto() failed with count %ld and error %lx",
count, VCRT_geterror(handle));

```

### 11.15.12.setsockopt

**setsockopt**                      **set the value of the socket option**

**synopsis**                      uint\_32 setsockopt(uint\_32 socket, uint\_32 level, uint\_32 optname, pointer optval, uint\_32 optlen)

**parameters**

socket [IN]	One of: If level is anything but SOL_NAT, handle for the socket whose option is to be changed. If level is SOL_NAT, socket is ignored.
level [IN]	Protocol level at which the option resides; one of: SOL_IGMP SOL_LINK SOL_NAT (not available) SOL_SOCKET SOL_TCP SOL_UDP
optname [IN]	Option name; see description
optval [IN]	Pointer to the option value
optlen [IN]	Number of bytes that optval points to

**returns**                      VCRT\_OK (success)  
Specific error code (failure)

**traits**                      Blocks, but the command is immediately serviced and replied to

**see also**                      [bind](#) <sup>[133]</sup>(), [getsockopt](#) <sup>[138]</sup>(), ip\_mreq, nat\_ports, nat\_timeouts

**Description**                      You can set most socket options by calling setsockopt(). However, the following options cannot be set; you can use them only with [getsockopt](#) <sup>[138]</sup>():

IGMP get membership  
 receive Ethernet 802.1Q priority tags  
 receive Ethernet 802.3 frames  
 socket error  
 socket type

Settable options have default values. If you want to change the value of some settable options, you must do so before you bind the socket.  
 For other settable options, you can change the value anytime after the socket is created.

# NOTE

Some options can be temporarily overridden for datagram sockets. For more information, see [send](#) [148]() and [sendto](#) [151]().

## 11.15.12.19.1 Option Names

### 11.15.12.19.1.1 OPT\_CHECKSUM\_BYPASS

#### Checksum bypass

<b>Option name</b>	OPT_CHECKSUM_BYPASS (can be overridden)
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_UDP
<b>Values</b>	TRUE VC/RT sets to 0 the checksum field of sent datagram packets, and the generation of checksums is bypassed
	FALSE VC/RT generates checksums for sent datagram packets
<b>Default value</b>	FALSE
<b>Change</b>	Before bound
<b>Socket type</b>	Datagram
<b>Comments</b>	

### 11.15.12.19.1.2 OPT\_CONNECT\_TIMEOUT

#### Connect timeout

<b>Option name</b>	OPT_CONNECT_TIMEOUT
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_TCP
<b>Values</b>	>= 180,000 VC/RT maintains the connection

	for this number of milliseconds
<b>Default value</b>	480,000 (8 min)
<b>Change</b>	Before bound
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream
<b>Comments</b>	Connect timeout corresponds to R2 (as defined in RFC 793) and is sometimes called the hard timeout. It indicates how much time VC/RT spends attempting to establish a connection before it gives up. If the remote endpoint does not acknowledge a sent segment within the connect timeout (as would happen if a cable breaks, for example), VC/RT shuts down the socket connection, and all function calls that use the connection return.

#### 11.15.12.19.1.3 VCRT\_SO\_IGMP\_ADD\_MEMBERSHIP

##### IGMP add membership

<b>Option name</b>	VCRT_SO_IGMP_ADD_MEMBERSHIP
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_IGMP
<b>Values</b>	
<b>Default value</b>	Not in a group
<b>Change</b>	Anytime
<b>Socket type</b>	Datagram
<b>Comments</b>	IGMP must be in the VC/RT protocol table.

##### Example

To join a multicast group:

```
uint_32 sock;
struct ip_mreq group;
group.imr_multiaddr =
multicast_ip_address;
group.imr_interface = local_ip_address;
error = setsockopt(sock, SOL_IGMP,
VCRT_SO_IGMP_ADD_MEMBERSHIP,
&group, sizeof(group));
```

#### 11.15.12.19.1.4 VCRT\_SO\_IGMP\_DROP\_MEMBERSHIP

##### IGMP drop membership

<b>Option name</b>	VCRT_SO_IGMP_DROP_MEMBERSHIP
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_IGMP
<b>Values</b>	
<b>Default value</b>	Not in a group
<b>Change</b>	After the socket is created
<b>Socket type</b>	Datagram
<b>Comments</b>	IGMP must be in the VC/RT protocol table.

##### Example

To leave a multicast group:

```
uint_32 sock;
struct ip_mreq group;
group.imr_multiaddr = multicast_ip_address;
group.imr_interface = local_ip_address;
error =
    setsockopt(sock, SOL_IGMP, VCRT_SO_IGMP_DROP_MEMBERSHIP,
    &group, sizeof(group));
```

#### 11.15.12.19.1.5 VCRT\_SO\_IGMP\_GET\_MEMBERSHIP

##### IGMP get membership

<b>Option name</b>	VCRT_SO_IGMP_GET_MEMBERSHIP
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_IGMP
<b>Values</b>	
<b>Default value</b>	Not in a group
<b>Change</b>	(use with getsockopt() only; returns value in optval)
<b>Socket type</b>	Datagram
<b>Comments</b>	

#### 11.15.12.19.1.6 OPT\_RETRANSMISSION\_TIMEOUT

##### Initial retransmission timeout

<b>Option name</b>	OPT_RETRANSMISSION_TIMEOUT
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_TCP
<b>Values</b>	>= 15 ms (See comments)
<b>Default value</b>	3000 (3 seconds)
<b>Change</b>	Before bound
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream
<b>Comments</b>	Value is a first, best guess of the round-trip time for a stream socket packet. VC/RT attempts to resend the packet if it does not receive an acknowledgment in this time. After a connection is established, VC/RT determines

the retransmission timeout, starting from this initial value.

If the initial retransmission timeout is not longer than the end-to-end acknowledgment time expected on the socket, the connect timeout will expire prematurely.

#### 11.15.12.19.1.7 OPT\_KEEPAIVE

##### Keep-alive timeout

**Option name** OPT\_KEEPAIVE

**Protocol level** SOL\_TCP

**Values** 0  
VC/RT does not probe the remote endpoint

non-zero

If the connection is idle, VC/RT periodically probes the remote endpoint, an action that detects whether the remote endpoint is still present

**Default value** 0 minutes

**Change** Before bound

**Socket type** Stream

**Comments** The option is not a standard feature of the TCP/IP specification and generates unnecessary periodic network traffic

#### 11.15.12.19.1.8 OPT\_MAXRTO

##### Maximum retransmission timeout

**Option name** OPT\_MAXRTO

**Protocol level** SOL\_TCP

**Values** non-zero  
Maximum value for the retransmission timers exponential backoff

0

VC/RT uses the default value, which is 2 times the maximum segment lifetime (MSL). Since the MSL is 2 minutes, the MTO is 4 minutes.

**Default value** 0 milliseconds

**Change** Before bound

**Socket type** Stream

**Comments** The retransmission timer is used for multiple retransmissions of a segment.

#### 11.15.12.19.1.9 OPT\_NO\_NAGLE\_ALGORITHM

##### No Nagle algorithm

<b>Option name</b>	OPT_NO_NAGLE_ALGORITHM
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_TCP
<b>Values</b>	TRUE VC/RT does not use the Nagle algorithm to coalesce short segments  FALSE To reduce network congestion, VC/RT uses the Nagle algorithm (defined in RFC 896) to coalesce short segments
<b>Default value</b>	FALSE
<b>Change</b>	Before bound
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream
<b>Comments</b>	If an application intentionally sends short segments, it can improve efficiency by setting the option to TRUE

#### 11.15.12.19.1.10 OPT\_RBSIZE

##### Receive-buffer size

<b>Option name</b>	OPT_RBSIZE
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_TCP
<b>Values</b>	Recommended to be a multiple of the maximum segment size, where the multiple is at least three
<b>Default value</b>	4380 bytes
<b>Change</b>	Before bound
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream
<b>Comments</b>	When the socket is bound, VC/RT allocates a receive buffer of the specified number of bytes, which controls how much received data VC/RT can buffer for the socket

#### 11.15.12.19.1.11 VCRT\_SO\_LINK\_RX\_8021Q\_PRIO

##### Receive Ethernet 802.1Q priority tags

<b>Option name</b>	VCRT_SO_LINK_RX_8021Q_PRIO
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_LINK
<b>Values</b>	-1 The last received frame did not have an Ethernet 802.1Q priority tag  0..7 The last received frame had an Ethernet

<b>Default value</b>	802.1Q priority tag with the specified priority
<b>Change</b>	(use with getsockopt() only; returns value in optval)
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream (Ethernet)
<b>Comments</b>	Returned information is for the last frame that the socket received

## 11.15.12.19.1.12 VCRT\_SO\_LINK\_RX\_8023

**Receive Ethernet 802.3 frames**

<b>Option name</b>	VCRT_SO_LINK_RX_8023
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_LINK
<b>Values</b>	TRUE The last received frame was an 802.3 frame  FALSE The last received frame was an Ethernet II frame
<b>Default value</b>	
<b>Change</b>	(use with getsockopt() only; returns value in optval)
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream (Ethernet)
<b>Comments</b>	Returned information is for the last frame that the socket received

## 11.15.12.19.1.13 OPT\_RECEIVE\_NOWAIT

**Receive nowait**

<b>Option name</b>	OPT_RECEIVE_NOWAIT
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_TCP
<b>Values</b>	TRUE recv() returns immediately, regardless of whether there is data to be received FALSE recv() waits until there is data to be received
<b>Default value</b>	FALSE
<b>Change</b>	Anytime
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream
<b>Comments</b>	

## 11.15.12.19.1.14 OPT\_RECEIVE\_PUSH

**Receive push**

<b>Option name</b>	OPT_RECEIVE_PUSH
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_TCP



<b>Values</b>	<p>TRUE</p> <p>recv() returns immediately if it receives a push flag from the remote endpoint, even if the specified receive buffer is not full</p> <p>FALSE</p> <p>recv() ignores push flags and returns only when its buffer is full or if the receive timeout expires</p>
<b>Default value</b>	TRUE
<b>Change</b>	Anytime
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream
<b>Comments</b>	

#### 11.15.12.19.1.15 OPT\_RECEIVE\_TIMEOUT

<b>Receive timeout</b>	
<b>Option name</b>	OPT_RECEIVE_TIMEOUT
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_TCP
<b>Values</b>	<p>0</p> <p>VC/RT waits indefinitely for incoming data during a call to recv()</p> <p>non-zero</p> <p>VC/RT waits for this number of milliseconds for incoming data during a call to recv()</p>
<b>Default value</b>	0 milliseconds
<b>Change</b>	Anytime
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream
<b>Comments</b>	When the timeout expires, recv() returns with whatever data that has been received

#### 11.15.12.19.1.16 OPT\_TBSIZE

<b>Send-buffer size</b>	
<b>Option name</b>	OPT_TBSIZE
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_TCP
<b>Values</b>	<p>Recommended to be a multiple of the maximum segment size, where the multiple is at least three</p>
<b>Default value</b>	4380 bytes
<b>Change</b>	Before bound
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream
<b>Comments</b>	When the socket is bound, VC/RT allocates a send buffer of the specified number of bytes, which controls how much sent data VC/RT can buffer for the socket

## 11.15.12.19.1.17 VCRT\_SO\_LINK\_TX\_8021Q\_PRIO

**Send Ethernet 802.1Q priority tags**

<b>Option name</b>	VCRT_SO_LINK_TX_8021Q_PRIO
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_LINK
<b>Values</b>	-1 VC/RT does not include Ethernet 802.1Q priority tags  0-7 VC/RT includes Ethernet 802.1Q priority tags with the specified priority
<b>Default value</b>	-1
<b>Change</b>	Anytime
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream (Ethernet)
<b>Comments</b>	

## 11.15.12.19.1.18 VCRT\_SO\_LINK\_TX\_8023

**Send Ethernet 802.3 frames**

<b>Option name</b>	VCRT_SO_LINK_TX_8023
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_LINK
<b>Values</b>	TRUE VC/RT sends 802.3 frames  FALSE VC/RT sends Ethernet II frames
<b>Default value</b>	FALSE
<b>Change</b>	Anytime
<b>Socket type</b>	Stream (Ethernet)
<b>Comments</b>	Returns information for the last frame that the socket received

## 11.15.12.19.1.19 OPT\_SEND\_NOWAIT

**Send nowait (stream socket)**

<b>Option name</b>	OPT_SEND_NOWAIT
<b>Protocol level</b>	SOL_TCP
<b>Values</b>	TRUE Task that calls send() does not wait if data is waiting to be sent; VC/RT buffers the outgoing data, and send() returns immediately  FALSE Task that calls send() waits if data is waiting to be sent
<b>Default value</b>	FALSE

**Change** Anytime  
**Socket type** Stream  
**Comments**

**Send nowait (datagram socket)**

**Option name** OPT\_SEND\_NOWAIT (can be overridden)  
**Protocol level** SOL\_UDP  
**Values** TRUE  
VC/RT buffers every datagram and send() or sendto() returns immediately  
FALSE  
Task that calls send() or sendto() blocks until the datagram has been transmitted. Datagrams are not copied.  
**Default value** FALSE  
**Change** Anytime  
**Socket type** Datagram  
**Comments**

11.15.12.19.1.20 OPT\_SEND\_PUSH

**Send push**  
**Option name** OPT\_SEND\_PUSH  
**Protocol level** SOL\_TCP  
**Values** TRUE  
If possible, VC/RT appends a send-push flag to the last packet in the segment of the data that is associated with send() and immediately sends the data. A call to send() may block until another task calls send() for that socket.  
FALSE  
Before it sends a packet, VC/RT waits until it has received from the host enough data is completely fill the packet  
**Default value** TRUE  
**Change** Anytime  
**Socket type** Stream  
**Comments**

11.15.12.19.1.21 OPT\_SOCKET\_ERROR

**Socket error**  
**Option name** OPT\_SOCKET\_ERROR  
**Protocol level** SOL\_SOCKET

**Values****Default value**

**Change** (use with `getsockopt()` only; returns value in `optval`)

**Socket type** Datagram or stream

**Comments** Returns the last error for the socket

11.15.12.19.1.22 `OPT_SOCKET_TYPE`**Socket type**

**Option name** `OPT_SOCKET_TYPE`

**Protocol level** `SOL_SOCKET`

**Values****Default value**

**Change** (use with `getsockopt()` only; returns value in `optval`)

**Socket type** Datagram or stream

**Comments** Returns the type of socket (`SOCK_DGRAM` or `SOCK_STREAM`)

11.15.12.19.1.23 `OPT_TIMEWAIT_TIMEOUT`**Timewait timeout**

**Option name** `OPT_TIMEWAIT_TIMEOUT`

**Protocol level** `SOL_TCP`

**Values** `> 0 ms`

**Default value** 2 times the maximum segment lifetime (which is a constant)

**Change** Before bound

**Socket type** Stream

**Comments** Timewait timeout is the number of milliseconds that TCP waits in the timewait state

## 11.15.12.19.2 Example: Change send-push option to FALSE

```
uint_32 handle;
uint_32 opt_length = sizeof(uint_32);
uint_32 opt_value = FALSE;
uint_32 status;
...
status = setsockopt(handle, 0, OPT_SEND_PUSH,
&opt_value, opt_length);
if (status != VCRT_OK)
printf("\nsetsockopt() failed with error %lx", status);
status = getsockopt(handle, 0, OPT_SEND_PUSH,
&opt_value, (uint_32_ptr *)&opt_length);
if (status != VCRT_OK)
printf("\ngetsockopt() failed with error %lx", status);
```

## 11.15.12.19.3 Example: Change receive nowait option to TRUE

```

uint_32 handle;
uint_32 opt_length = sizeof(uint_32);
uint_32 opt_value = TRUE;
uint_32 status;
...
status = setsockopt(handle, 0, OPT_RECEIVE_NOWAIT,
&opt_value, opt_length);
if (status != VCRT_OK)
printf("\nError, setsockopt() failed with error %lx", status);

```

## 11.15.12.19.4 Example: Change Cecksum Bypass option to TRUE

```

uint_32 handle;
uint_32 opt_length = sizeof(uint_32);
uint_32 opt_value = TRUE;
uint_32 status;
...
status = setsockopt(handle, SOL_UDP, OPT_CHECKSUM_BYPASS,
&opt_value, opt_length);
if (status != VCRT_OK)
printf("\nError, setsockopt() failed with error %lx", status);

```

## 11.15.12.shutdown

**shutdown**                      **shut down the socket****synopsis**                      uint\_32 shutdown(uint\_32 socket, uint\_16 how)**parameters**

socket [IN]	Handle of the socket to shut down
how [IN]	One of (see description):
	FLAG_CLOSE_TX
	FLAG_ABORT_CONNECTION

**returns**                      VCRT\_OK  
Specific error code**traits**                      Blocks, but the command is processed and returned to immediately  
The application can no longer use socket**see also**                      [socket\\_dgram](#) , [socket\\_stream](#) **description**

Type of socket	Value of <i>how</i>	<i>shutdown()</i> does the following:
Datagram	(ignored)	Shuts down <i>socket</i> immediately •Calls to <i>recvfrom()</i> return immediately •Discards queued incoming packets
Unconnected stream	(ignored)	Shuts down <i>socket</i> immediately
Connected stream	FLAG_CLOSE_TX FLAG_ABORT_CONNECTION	Gracefully shuts down <i>socket</i> , ensuring that all sent data is acknowledged Calls to <i>send()</i> and <i>recv()</i> return immediately If VC/RT is originating the disconnection, it maintains the internal socket context for 4 min. (twice the maximum TCP segment lifetime) after the remote endpoint closes the connection Immediately discards the internal socket context Sends a TCP reset packet to the remote endpoint Calls to <i>send()</i> and <i>recv()</i> return immediately



**example**

```



uint_32 handle;
uint_32 status;
...
status = shutdown(handle, 0);
if (status != VCRT_OK)
printf("\nError, shutdown() failed with error code %lx",
status);

```

#### 11.15.12. `socket_stream`

<b>socket_stream</b>	<b>create a stream socket</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>uint_32 socket_stream(void)</code>
<b>parameters</b>	none
<b>returns</b>	Socket handle (success) VCRT_SOCKET_ERROR (failure)
<b>traits</b>	Blocks, although the command is serviced and responded to immediately
<b>see also</b>	<a href="#">bind</a>  ()
<b>description</b>	The application uses the socket handle to subsequently use the socket.
<b>example</b>	See <a href="#">bind()</a> 

#### 11.15.12. `socket_dgram`

<b>socket_dgram</b>	<b>create a datagram socket</b>
<b>synopsis</b>	<code>uint_32 socket_dgram(void)</code>
<b>parameters</b>	none
<b>returns</b>	Socket handle (success) VCRT_SOCKET_ERROR (failure)
<b>traits</b>	Blocks, although the command is serviced and responded to immediately
<b>see also</b>	<a href="#">bind</a>  ()
<b>description</b>	The application uses the socket handle to subsequently use the socket.
<b>example</b>	See <a href="#">bind</a> 

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## 12 Prototypes, Include Files

The file <vcrt.h> contains the corresponding prototypes for all functions described in this documentation.

It is especially important to add this Include file to your user program if you call functions with variable argument lists (print(), exec()).

This is usually done by adding the command

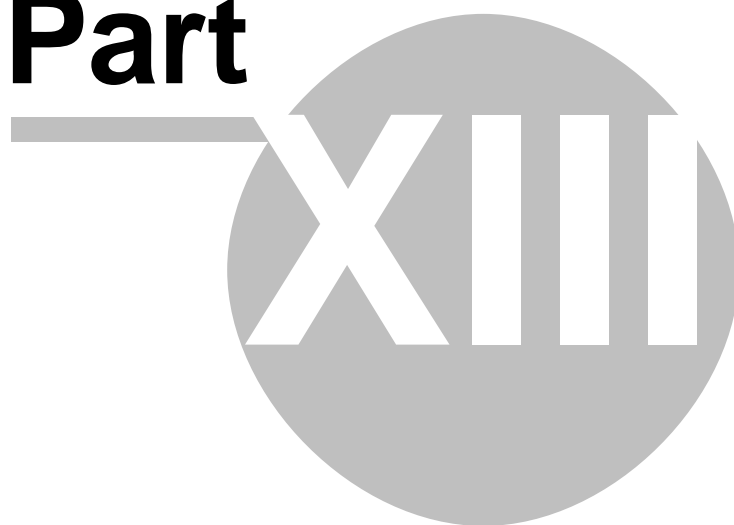
```
#include <vcrt.h>
```

to the beginning of the C program file.

The file <register.h> contains hardware dependent declarations, the file <sysvar.h> the declaration of the system variables. (See discussion of the system variables in Appendix E).

You may also wish to include the header file <vlib.h> which is part of the VCLIB image processing library package not covered here.

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## 13 Memory Model of the VC20XX Cameras

In contrast to the ADSP2181 signal processor the TMS320C6211 used in the VC20xx cameras has only one unified memory space.

There are 16Mbyte- and 64Mbyte-versions available for the SDRAM memory.

The SDRAM memory used is organized in 4 pages of equal size. The DSP is able to keep all 4 pages open at the same time. If used properly this feature may be used to speed up programs.

The following table summarizes some information about the memory:

memory size	16 MBytes	64 Mbytes
start address	0xA0000000	0xA0000000
end address	0xA0FFFFFF	0xA3FFFFFF
size (hex)	0x01000000	0x04000000

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## 14 Functional Principle of the VC20XX Cameras

Figure 1 illustrates how the cameras work. The differences between the various camera types have to do with the CCD sensors used and the frame output, for which different extension boards are used.

The left side of the figure shows the sensor board, with the CCD sensor, the controller and processing of the video signal.

The controller is used to read-out the CCD sensor, like for common cameras. The controller's modes can all be set by software.

The output of the CCD sensor is an analog signal (2 channels for the VC2065), which is passed to a programmable gain amplifier (PGA, software programmable) and then to the A/D converter.

The A/D conversion used is called "pixel-identical", because there is a separate gray value for each pixel of the CCD sensor.

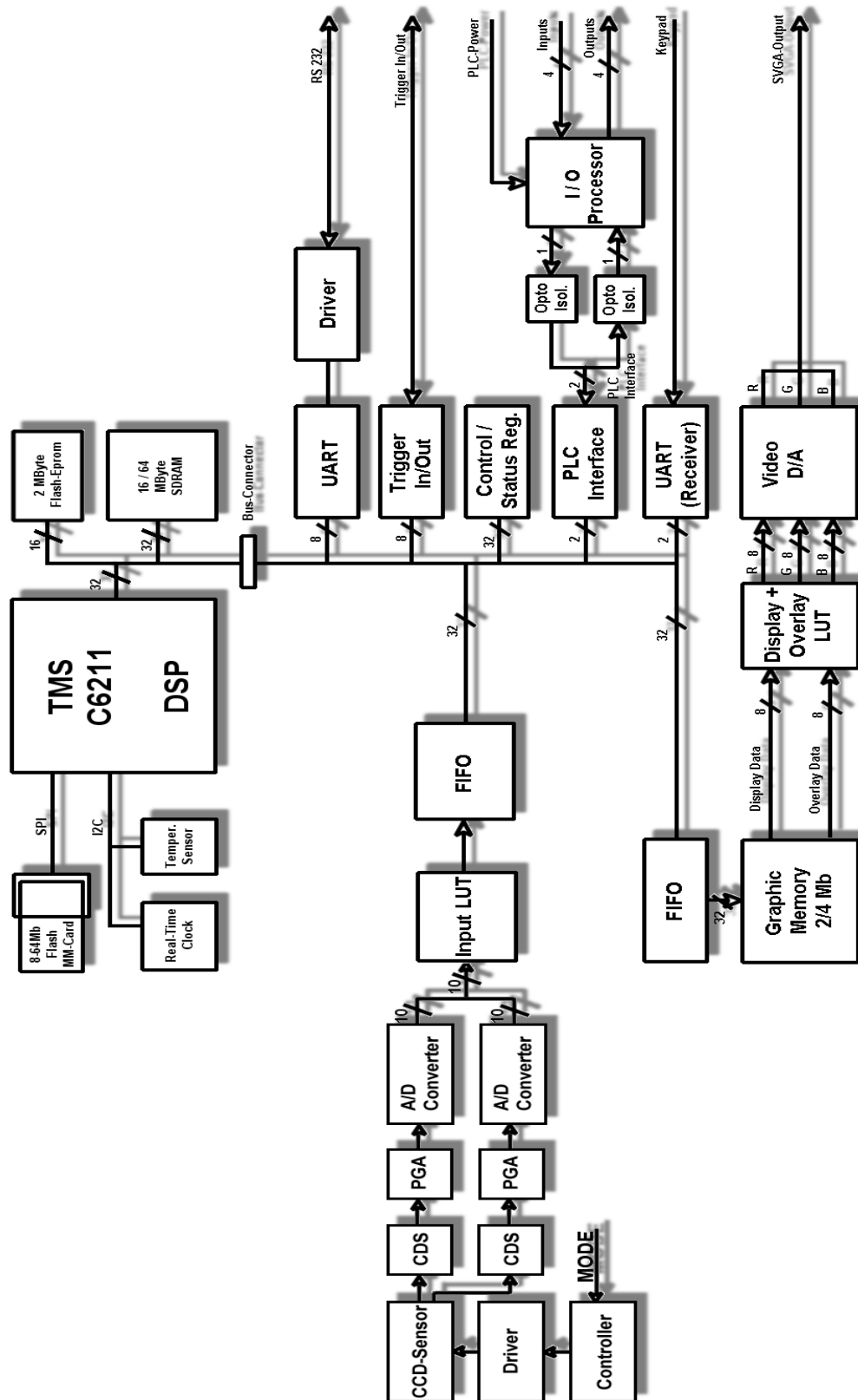
The video data may be modified using an input LUT. The image information is then stored in the DSP's main SDRAM memory using DMA.

The image may then be displayed on the monitor in real time or as a stored image. Therefore, part of the main memory is copied to the "Graphic Memory" via DMA. This data transfer is usually active continuously guaranteeing that the monitor will always display up-to-date information. The image displayed on the screen first passes a color LUT and is then displayed as 24bit RGB graphics. It may be combined with overlay data which is also displayed in 24bit color using a second LUT.

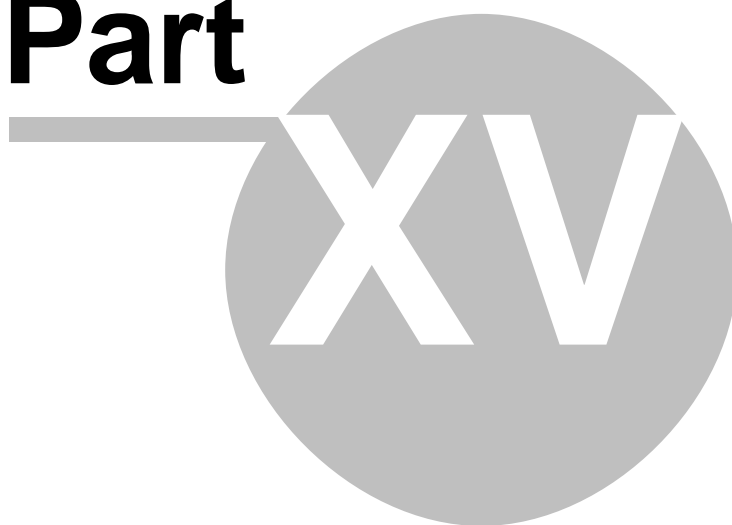
For external control of the image acquisition process a fast trigger input is provided. A trigger output may be used to trigger a strobe light. Both functions are fully implemented in hardware.

Taking and reproducing pictures is almost 100% supported by hardware. This means, it does not require computing time. It does, however, consume memory bandwidth. It is quite difficult to tell if this will slow down processing and how much. To be on the safe side, it is recommended to avoid these functions wherever it is possible. (e.g. displaying a stored image is better than a live display).

## 14.1 Block Diagram VC20xx Cameras



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## 15 Organization of the DRAM

The VC20xx series cameras are equipped with SDRAM (synchronous dynamic RAM) for storage of large amounts of data. The size of this SDRAM memory is 16 MBytes (or optionally 64 MBytes), organized as 4 M words à 32 bits (16 M words à 32 bits). The SDRAM is used for main memory, storing program, data and video data (images).

It is volatile, meaning the data is lost when the supply voltage is switched off.

In comparison to VC series cameras using an ADSP2181 DSP, it is not necessary to use access functions for the SDRAM access. These are, however, supplied for reasons of compatibility. If there is no need for downward-compatibility, the user may easily access image SDRAM e.g. using a pointer.

### **Organization of the video memory:**

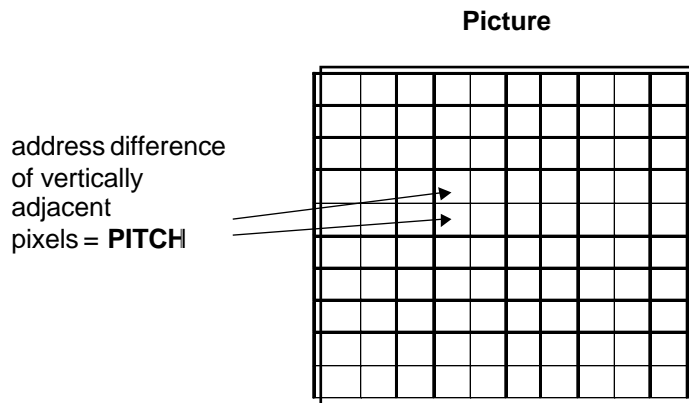
**Note**, that the mapping of pixels to bytes has changed with respect to prior versions with ADSP2181 DSP. (VC20xx cameras use little endian byte mapping).

The video memory can be any part of the SDRAM. The size of this memory area depends on the frame format and the number of required frames. A start address can be specified individually for the SDRAM position of the picture taken or shown on the screen (system variables CAPT\_START). or DISP\_START). This makes it possible to display several video memory screens, for example, or to take several pictures in rapid sequence. They can then be processed, etc.

Based on the start address, the picture is written to the subsequent memory area or read from it. The first pixel (for addr=startad) is located in the upper left corner of the picture. The next pixel is directly to its right in the same line, etc. This way, an entire line is stored in a continuous memory area.

To get to the beginning of the next line, the value "pitch" must be added to the beginning of the previous line (in this case, startad). The correct value for pitch depends on how the picture format was programmed, thus on the camera type.

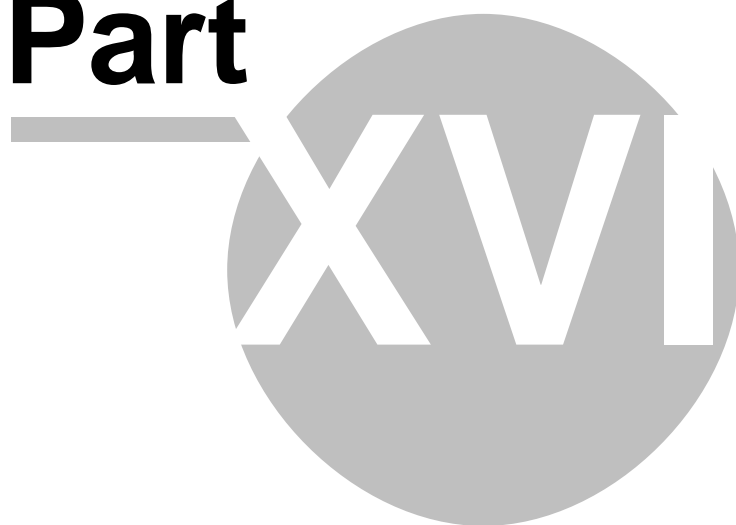




The picture format used may results in some unused memory. For example, if the pitch were 1024 and the number of pixels per line 744, this results in  $1024 - 744 = 280$  bytes (about 30%) which are wasted per line. The memory space could be utilized better either by reducing the number of pixels per line (e.g. cols=512, pitch=512) or by copying the picture to a compact memory area.

active area of the video memory	unused area
744 columns 574 lines	$1024 - 744 = 280$ columns

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## 16 Organization of the Overlay DRAM

Just like the video memory, the overlay memory can be any part of the SDRAM. You must of course make sure that the overlay memory does not overlap video memory or data memory areas. A start address can be specified for the overlay. The system variable `OVLY_START` in the header file `sysvar.h` is used for this.

The organisation of the overlay SDRAM is the same as for the video data SDRAM. Like the latter, 8 bits per pixel are used. If the pixel's value is zero, overlay is inactive and video data will be displayed. If the pixel's value is nonzero, overlay information will be displayed depending on the state of the overlay mask register.

The VC2065 features powerful image graphics and overlay display features.

- 8 bit image graphics + independent 8 bit overlay
- 2 lookup tables 256x24 (RGB) for image and overlay
- 8 bit overlay mask for individual control of overlay bits
- 6 regular overlay planes + 3 translucent overlay planes

The following drawing gives an overview of the functionality:

It is important to know that there is a memory for image data starting at address `DISP_START` in main memory. This data is normally displayed using the "Image LUT". Besides that the user may use an overlay memory with the same size (and organized with 8 bits per pixel) starting at address `OVLY_START` in main memory. Depending on the bits set in overlay memory and the value of the overlay mask the pixel will be displayed either as overlay using the "Overlay LUT", as image using the "Image LUT" or as a combination of both (6 bits from the image and 2 bits from overlay) using one of the three translucent tables in the "Overlay LUT".

With the pixel mask register it is possible to select and deselect individual overlay planes very rapidly. Setting the register to zero disables the overlay display.

The following table summarizes the functionality of the image data and overlay display:

O[7..0] = 0    no overlay, display of image data through image data LUT  
O[7..2] 1 0    normal overlay, display of overlay data through overlay LUT  
O[7..2] = 0, O[1..0] 1 0    3 translucent tables, display of image data through overlay LUT

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




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## 17 Description of the File Structure

Start address of the file system is at address 0x020000 (sector 2).  
 User files can be stored starting at address  
 0x060000 (sector 6). The files are stored one  
 after another, without gaps.





Here's the overview about the different file types :

[Executable File](#)   
[ASCII File](#)   
[Binary Data File](#)   
[JPEG Data File](#)   
[RLC Data File](#) 

### 17.1 Executable File

Description	Offset	No. of bytes	Comment
Header:	0	2 bytes	ABCD
File type	2	1 byte	00 = executable, 01 = ASCII
File name	3	9 bytes	in ASCII code with \0 as end, i.e. a maximum of 8 characters plus \0
Number of modules	12	2 bytes	0001 = 1 module
Dummy	14	2 bytes	reserved for later use
Module type	16	1 byte	00
Length	17	4 bytes	length
Data	21	n bytes	n=length
Check sum		1 byte	currently 0x55

The internal data structure complies to the standard .COFF format.

See [ASCII File](#) , [Binary Data File](#) , [JPEG Data File](#) , [RLC Data File](#) 

## 17.2 ASCII File

Description	Offset	No. of bytes	Comment
Header:	0	2 bytes	ABCD
File type	2	1 byte	01 = ASCII
File name	3	9 bytes	in ASCII code with \0 as end, i.e. a maximum of 8 characters plus \0
Number of modules	12	2 bytes	0001 = 1 module
Dummy	14	2 bytes	reserved for later use
Module type	16	1 byte	00
Length	17	4 bytes	length
Data	21	n bytes	n=length
Check sum		1 byte	currently 0x55

See [Executable File](#) <sup>182</sup>, [Binary Data File](#) <sup>183</sup>, [JPEG Data File](#) <sup>184</sup>, [RLC Data File](#) <sup>184</sup>

## 17.3 Binary Data File

Description	Offset	No. of bytes	Comment
Header:	0	2 bytes	ABCD
File type	2	1 byte	02 = Binary Data File
File name	3	9 bytes	in ASCII code with \0 as end, i.e. a maximum of 8 characters plus \0
Number of modules	12	2 bytes	0001 = 1 module
Dummy	14	2 bytes	reserved for later use
Module type	16	1 byte	00
Length	17	4 bytes	length
Data	21	n bytes	n=length
Check sum		1 byte	currently 0x55

See [Executable File](#) <sup>182</sup>, [ASCII File](#) <sup>183</sup>, [JPEG Data File](#) <sup>184</sup>, [RLC Data File](#) <sup>184</sup>

## 17.4 JPEG Data File

Description	Offset	No. of bytes	Comment
Header:	0	2 bytes	ABCD
File type	2	1 byte	03 = JPEG File
File name	3	9 bytes	in ASCII code with \0 as end, i.e. a maximum of 8 characters plus \0
Number of modules	12	2 bytes	0001 = 1 module
Dummy	14	2 bytes	reserved for later use
Module type	16	1 byte	00
Length	17	4 bytes	length
Data	21	n bytes	n=length
Check sum		1 byte	currently 0x55

See [Executable File](#) <sup>182</sup>, [ASCII File](#) <sup>183</sup>, [Binary Data File](#) <sup>183</sup>, [RLC Data File](#) <sup>184</sup>

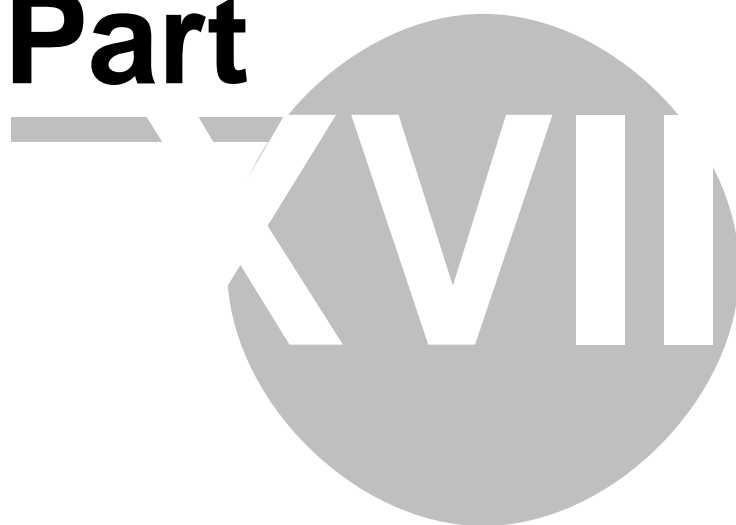
## 17.5 RLC Data File

Description	Offset	No. of bytes	Comment
Header:	0	2 bytes	ABCD
File type	2	1 byte	04 = RLC
File name	3	9 bytes	in ASCII code with \0 as end, i.e. a maximum of 8 characters plus \0
Number of modules	12	2 bytes	0001 = 1 module
Dummy	14	2 bytes	reserved for later use
Module type	16	1 byte	00
Length	17	4 bytes	length
Data	21	n bytes	n=length
Check sum		1 byte	currently 0x55

See [Executable File](#) <sup>182</sup>, [ASCII File](#) <sup>183</sup>, [Binary Data File](#) <sup>183</sup>, [JPEG Data File](#) <sup>184</sup>



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## 18 System Variables

VC/RT allows access to a series of system variables. Their addresses are defined in a header file called `sysvar.h`. Please always use the names in this header file as a reference. Do not use absolute addresses, as they may be changed while the development of the cameras continues. System variables may be accessed using the functions `getvar()`, `setvar()`, `getlvar()` and `setlvar()`.

The following is a list of the most important system variables:

DISP_PERIOD	refresh rate for display & overlay
DISP_CNT	counter for refresh rate (counts down)
DISP_START	start address for display (must be multiple of 1024)
OVLV_START	start address for overlay (must be multiple of 1024)
DISP_ACTIVE	0: no refresh / 1: refresh (display)
OVLV_ACTIVE	0: no refresh / 1: refresh (overlay)
CAPT_START	start address for image capture (must be multiple of 1024)
HWIDTH	active horizontal pixels
VWIDTH	number of active vertical lines
VPITCH	video pitch
EXPCNT	number of exposure cycles (lines)
GAIN	video gain value
IMODE	video mode, 0=live refresh, 1=stop after current image
VSTAT	video status 0=idle 1=capture busy
INTFL	interrupt flag
CPUCLK	master cpu clock frequency
MSEC	real-time clock: millisecond
SEC	real-time clock: seconds since 1900 (long value)
EXUNIT	time unit for exposure control [usec]
DAYLIGHT	daylight savings time flag
TIMEZONE	real-time clock: timezone
LOWBAT	low battery voltage: 1=time invalid 0=time ok
TEMP	cpu board temperature
VERSION	VCRT software version
DRAMSIZE	size of main SDRAM
PLCOUT	state of the PLC outputs
PLCIN	state of the PLC inputs
POWFAIL	1: PLC power failure / 0: power ok
EXPOSING	tracking number of the image being <i>exposed</i>

**THE FOLLOWING VARIABLE IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR VC/RT >= 4.0 !!!**

**vline**            current video line for **cameras using interlacing** , counts from 0 to 312 for the first half image and from 313 to 624 for the second one (CCIR: 625 video lines)

Please note, that most of the system variables are **highly hardware dependent** .

## 18.1 Example: How to use Systems Variables

```
#include <sysvar.h>

void set_display_start(int addr)
{
    setvar(DISP_START, addr); /* Use of
system variable DISP_START */
}
```

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## 19 C compiler

The compiler uses intelligent optimization procedures. This means the C commands are not always processed in the desired sequence. In the following, you see how the compiler handles a program that waits for a parallel process to set the semaphore `a` to a nonzero value:

```
int a=0;
while(a==0);
```

Compiled assembly-language program

1. Reset memory location for `a` to 0
2. Read memory location for `a` and copy to a register
3. Register = 0 ?
4. If yes, go to 3.

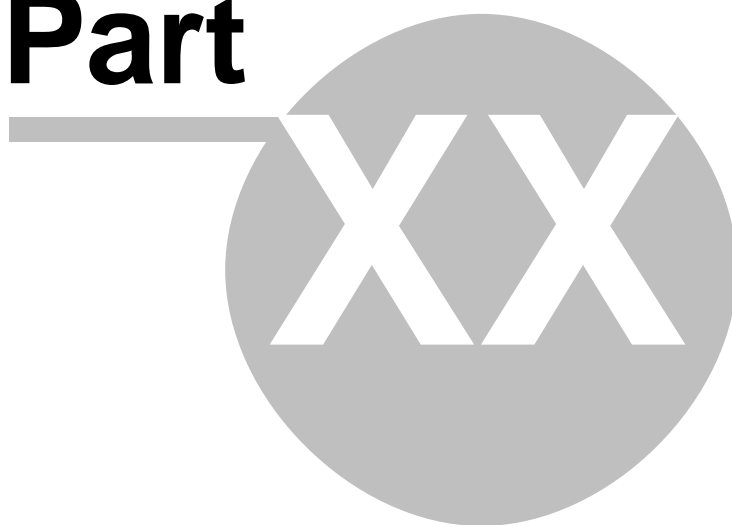
As can be seen, the program was compiled completely correctly but does not do what was desired. The assembly program should jump back to assembly command 2 instead of 3, to repeatedly reread the memory location for the variable. In order to get the correct result, use the statement

**volatile** int a=0; instead of the above.

The runtime library for the C compiler includes a series of standard functions, but **not** the function `printf()`.

VC/RT contains a stripped-down form called `print()` for output of text, int and long variables but not floats. The function `pstr()` is used to output strings (also with the % character).

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## 20 Useful Files

The following batch files (.BAT files) are useful for working with the development system. After VC/RT is installed, these files are located in the corresponding VC/RT directories.

### 20.1 c.bat

```
cl6x -k -o3 -pl -ml3 %1.c
```

This batch file is used to compile a program without calling the linker.

It is usually used for large projects. Each C source file can be compiled individually and then linked with another batch file.

Call:

```
c pgm1
```

This call compiles the program pgm1.c and creates the object files `pgm1.cde`, `pgm1.obj` and `pgm1.int`.

The option

```
-o3
```

compiles for the best optimization possible.

```
-ml3
```

compiles for the "large" memory model. Without this option, the program is further optimized.

### 20.2 cc.bat

```
cl6x -k -o3 -pl -ml3 %1.c
lnk6x -u _c_int01 %1.obj -m %1.map -o %1.out cc.cmd
copy %1.out exec.out
\adsp\2lxx\util\econ v %1
\adsp\2lxx\util\scvt
copy adsp.msf %1.msf
```

This batch file compiles and links a program, and converts it to S Records. The .MSF file thus created is then copied to the directory ..\PROCOMM.

This batch file compiles only a single C source file. If the program consists of several source files, they can be individually compiled and linked with, say, C.BAT.

Call:

```
cc pgm1
```

This call compiles the program pgm1.c and creates the S record file pgm1.msf in the directory ..\PROCOMM

cc.bat links your program with the Texas Instruments runtime library and the Vision Components libraries vcrt.a and vclib.a.



## 20.3 cc.cmd

The linking process is controlled by the file cc.cmd

```
-c
-l vcrt.lib
-l vclib.lib
-l rts6201.lib
-u _c_int01
-e _c_int01
-stack 0x40000

/* for MEMORY MAP = 1 */

MEMORY
{
    PMEM:    o = 0a0200000h      l = 40000h /* intended for
initialization */
    BMEM:    o = 0a0060000h      l = 40000h /* .bss, .system, .stack,
.cinit */
}

SECTIONS
{
    .text          >          PMEM
    .tables        >          PMEM
    .data          >          PMEM
    .stack         >          BMEM
    .bss           >          PMEM
    .system        >          PMEM
    .cinit         >          PMEM
    .const         >          PMEM
    .cio           >          PMEM
    .far           >          PMEM
}
```

Here, the libraries are specified (vcrt.lib, vclib.lib, rts6201.lib)

The stack size (-stack 0x4000) and the memory map are specified

If you do not want the VCLIB to be used, or you do not own it, simply omit the string "-l vclib.lib" in cc.cmd

## 20.4 Large Projects

For large projects consisting of several C source files, it is easy to create your own .BAT files for compiling and linking.

The following illustrates how to do this, based on the .BAT files used when creating the operating system.

The individual C files can be compiled with, say, C.BAT.

To compile all C files, a .BAT file called MAKE.BAT can be used. Of course, this file must be tailored to each project.

Please do not forget to change this file whenever you add or delete C files from the project.

```
cl6x -o3 -ml3 loader.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 rs232.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 rs232a.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 setbaud.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 fnaddr.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 search.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 coldport.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 main.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 bd.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 del.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 dir.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 dwn.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 dmp.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 dd.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 er.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 ex.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 fd.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 go.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 he.c
cl6x -o3 -ml3 ht.c

lnk6x -u _c_int01 shell.obj -m shell.map -o shell.out shell.cmd
copy shell.out exec.out
\adsp\21xx\util\econv shell
\adsp\21xx\util\scvt
copy adsp.msf shell.msf
```

Our MAKE.BAT contains a linker call, but we usually use a second batch file (L2.BAT) for linking and creating the .MSF file.

```
lnk6x -u _c_int01 shell.obj -m shell.map -o shell.out shell.cmd
copy shell.out exec.out
\adsp\21xx\util\econv shell
\adsp\21xx\util\scvt
copy adsp.msf shell.msf
```

This calls the linker (lnk6x) with a reference to the file shell.cmd. This option causes the linker to read the file names required for linking the project from the file shell.cmd.

For our project, shell.cmd must contain the following:

```
loader.obj
rs232.obj
rs232a.obj
setbaud.obj
```

fnaddr.obj  
search.obj  
coldport.obj  
main.obj  
bd.obj  
del.obj  
dir.obj  
dwn.obj  
dmp.obj  
dd.obj  
er.obj  
ex.obj  
fd.obj  
go.obj  
he.obj  
ht.obj

This file must be modified as the project develops. All objects not listed here are taken from either the run-time library rts6201.lib or from the VCRT library.

# Part

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## 21 Description of the Example Programs

### 21.1 test.c

This is the first program you should compile to check if everything works correctly. The program just outputs :

```
hello world !!!!
```

### 21.2 info.c

The program "info" outputs a series of system variables via the serial interface. For example, the image format can be determined. The following is a copy of the program's printout running on a VC51:

```
$info
```

```
*****
* System-Variables *
*****

cpu clock frequency : 39321600
current video line  : 39
startpage of image  : 0
startaddress image   : 0x0
active hor. pixels/2 : 372
active ver. pixels   : 574
pitch / 2            : 512
startpage overlay    : 143
startaddress overlay : 
byte address         : 0x00047700
bit address          : 0x0023B800
overlay pitch / 16    : 64
Offset_Overlay       : 2048
overlay hw offset     : 46

$
```

# Part

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## 22 List of VC/RT Functions

### 22.1 Memory Allocation Functions

name		Type	Description
void	vcsetup(void)	M	Initialize memory management
void	prtfree(void)	M	Print available memory segments
void	*vcmalloc(unsigned int size)	M	Allocate memory
void	vcfree(void *ptr)	M	Release memory
void	*sysmalloc (unsigned nwords,int type)	S	Allocate system memory
void	sysfree (void *ap)	S	Release system memory
void	sysprtfree (void)	S	Print available system memory segm.
int	DRAMPagesAvail(void)	C	number of available DRAM pages
long	DRAMBytesAvail(void)	C	number of available DRAM bytes
long	DRAMWordsAvail(void)	C	number of available DRAM words
int	DRAMPgMalloc(unsigned int count)	C	allocate DRAM memory in units of a memory page
int	DRAMPageMalloc(unsigned long nbytes)	C	allocate DRAM memory in bytes, return start page of block
long	DRAMByteMalloc(unsigned long nbytes)	C	allocate DRAM memory in bytes, return start byte-address
long	DRAMWordMalloc(unsigned long nwords)	C	allocate DRAM memory in words, return start word-address
void	DRAMByteFree(long startbyte)	C	return memory block to DRAM allocation system (byte-address) void
long	DRAMWordFree(long startword)	C	return memory block to DRAM allocation system (word-address)
void	DRAMPgFree(int startpage)	C	return memory block to DRAM allocation system (page-address)
int	DRAMScreenMalloc(void)	C	allocate DRAM for full screen storage
int	DRAMOvlMalloc(void)	C	allocate DRAM for full screen overlay storage

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro

## 22.2 Flash EPROM File Functions

Name		Type	Description
long	search(int ft, char *fname)	S	search for a file/flash EPROM
long	snext()	C	search for the next free area
long	fnaddr(long addr)	S	search for the start address of the next file/flash EPROM
int	fname(long addr, char *name)	S	get name and type of a file/flash EPROM
int	del(int ft, char *fname)	C	delete a file/flash EPROM
long	fremain()	C	remaining flash EPROM space
void	fcreat(long fp, char *name, int type)	C	create a flash EPROM file
void	fclose(long fp, long length)	C	close a flash EPROM file
int	exec(char *fname, p1, p2, ... , pn)	S	Load and execute a program from the flash EPROM
int	loadf(long addr)	S	Load program from flash EPROM (for experienced user only !)

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro

## 22.3 I/O Functions

Name		Type	Description
void	pstr(char *str)	C	Output a string via the serial interface
void	print(char *format, ...)	C	Formatted output of text and variables
void	sprint(char *s, char *format, ...)	C	Formatted output of text and variables to a string
int	hextoi(char *s)	C	convert hex value string to integer
void	setRTS(void)	M	set RTS signal
void	resRTS(void)	M	reset RTS signal
void	setPLCn(void)	M	set PLC signal
void	resPLCn(void)	M	reset PLC signal
void	outPLC(int value)	S	output value to PLC
int	inPLC(void)	M	input value from PLC

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro



## 22.4 DRAM Access Functions

Name	Type	Description
int rd20(long addr)	A	Read a word from DRAM
void wr20(int value, long addr)	A	Write a word to DRAM
long rd32(long addr)	A	read 32-bit long from DRAM
void wr32(long value, long addr)	A	write 32-bit long to DRAM
int rpix(long addr)	A	Read a byte from DRAM
void wpix(int value, long addr)	A	Write a byte to DRAM
void blrdw(int count, int *buf, long addr)	A	Read a block from DRAM, wordwise
void blwrw(int count, int *buf, long addr)	A	Write a block to DRAM, wordwise
void blrdb(int count, int *buf, long addr)	A	Read a block from DRAM, byte-wise
void blwrb(int count, int *buf, long addr)	A	Write a block to DRAM, byte-wise
int rovl(long addr)	A	Read the overlay bit from DRAM
void wovl(int value, long addr)	A	Write the overlay bit to DRAM
void blrdo(int count, int *buf, long addr)	A	Read a block from DRAM, bitwise (overlay)
void blwro(int count, int *buf, long addr)	A	Write a block to DRAM, bitwise (overlay)
void xorpix(int value, long addr)	A	XOR a byte in DRAM
void xorovl(int value, long addr)	A	XOR an overlay bit
void blrds(int count, int *buf, long addr, int rh)	A	read block of pixels with subsampling
int rdrlc(int dx, int *buf, long rlc)	A	read one line of <b>RLC</b> data

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro

## 22.5 Functions Processing Pixel Lists

Name	Type	Description
<code>void ad_calc(int count,int *xy,long ad_list[],long start,int pitch)</code>	A	Address list from x/y-coordinates
<code>void wp_list(int count,long ad_list[],int v_list[])</code>	A	Write address/value list to video mem.
<code>void wp_set(int count,long ad_list[],int value)</code>	A	Write constant/address list
<code>void wp_xor(int count,long ad_list[],int value)</code>	A	XOR constant/address list
<code>void wo_set(int count,long ad_list[],int value)</code>	A	Write constant (OVL)/address list
<code>void wo_xor(int count,long ad_list[],int value)</code>	A	XOR constant (OVL)/address list
<code>void rp_list(int count,long ad_list[],int v_list[])</code>	A	Read video memory/address list
<code>void wo_list(int count,long ad_list[],int v_list[])</code>	A	Write address/value list to overlay
<code>void ro_list(int count,long ad_list[],int v_list[])</code>	A	Read overlay/address list

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro

## 22.6 Video Control Functions

Name	Type	Description
<code>int capture_request(int exp,int gain,int *start, int mode)</code>	S	Put request for image capture into capture queue
<code>void vmode(int mode)</code>	C	Set video modes
<code>void tpict()</code>	C	Picture taking function
<code>long shutter(long stime)</code>	C	Select shutter speed
<code>int tpp(void)</code>	C	Picture taking function for progressive scan
<code>int tpstart(void)</code>	C	Picture taking function for progressive scan
<code>void tpwait(void)</code>	M	Wait for completion of picture taking function / progressive scan
<code>int tenable(void)</code>	C	Trigger enable for interrupt driven image acquisition
<code>int trdy(void)</code>	C	Check the status of the picture taking function / external trigger mode
<code>void SET_trig_lossy(void)</code>	C	select "lossy" external trigger mode
<code>void SET_trig_sticky(void)</code>	C	select "sticky" external trigger mode

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro

## 22.7 RS232 Basic Functions

Name	Type	Description
void rs232snd(char c)	S	Output a character/serial interface
char rs232rcv()	S	Read a character/serial interface
int sbfull()	C	send buffer full/serial interface
int sbready()	S	send buffer ready/serial interface
int rbempty()	C	receive buffer empty/serial interface
int rbready()	S	receive buffer ready/serial interface
void setbaud(long baudrate)	S	set baudrate for serial interface
char kbdrvc()	S	Read a character/keyboard
int kbready()	S	receive buffer ready/keyboard

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro

## 22.8 Basic Flash EPROM Access Functions

Name	Type	Description
int getf8(long addr)	M	low-level function for reading a byte/flash EPROM
int getf16(long addr)	M	low-level function for reading a 16-bit word/flash EPROM
long getf32(long addr)	M	low-level function for reading a 32-bit word/flash EPROM
int flpgm(long addr, int value)	M	low-level function for writing a byte/flash EPROM <b>(reversed args !)</b>
int flpgm8(int value, long addr)	S	low-level function for writing a byte/flash EPROM
int flpgm16(int val, long addr)	C	low-level function for writing a word (16 bits) to flash EPROM
int flpgm32(long val, long addr)	C	low-level function for writing a long-word (32 bits) to flash EPROM
int erase(int sector)	S	low-level function for erasing sectors/flash EPROM
void bdma(unsigned int count, int mode, int laddr, long addr)	S	copy flash EPROM to DMEM, via BDMA

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro

## 22.9 Utilities

Name	Type	Description
<code>int getvar(int var)</code>	S	Read system variable
<code>void setvar(int var, int x)</code>	S	Write system variable
<code>long getlvar(int var)</code>	S	Read system variable (long)
<code>void setlvar(int var, long x)</code>	S	Write system variable (long)
<code>int getstptr()</code>	A	Read stack pointer
<code>int getdp()</code>	A	Read data pointer
<code>int getbss()</code>	A	read start of bss

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro

## 22.10 Lookup Table Functions

Name	Type	Description
<code>int set_overlay_bit(int bit, int r, int g, int b)</code>	C	assign a color to an overlay bitplane
<code>void set_lut_comp(int r, int g, int b)</code>	C	LUT compatibility mode
<code>void set_translucent(int table, int r, int g, int b)</code>	C	assign a color to a translucent overlay table
<code>void set_ovlmask(int mask)</code>	C	set overlay mask register
<code>void init_LUT(void)</code>	C	init image data LUT / black-and-white

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro

## 22.11 Time Related Functions

Name	Type	Description
void c_time(long zsec, int tz,int *sec, int *min, int *hour)	C	convert system time -> extract time
void c_date(long zsec, int tz,int *day, int *month, int *year)	C	convert system time -> extract date
void c_timedata(long zsec, int tz,int *sec, int *min, int *hour,int *day, int *month, int *year)	C	convert system time -> extract date and time
void ltime(int *sec, int *min,int *hour)	M	convert system time -> extract local time
void ldate(int *day, int *month,int *year)	M	convert system time -> extract local date
void ltimedata(int *sec, int *min,int *hour, int *day, int *month,int *year)	M	convert system time -> extract local date and time
void gtime(int *sec, int *min,int *hour)	M	convert system time -> extract GMT time
void gdate(int *day, int *month, int *year)	M	convert system time -> extract GMT date
void gtimedata(int *sec, int *min,int *hour, int *day, int *month,int *year)	M	convert system time -> extract GMT date and time
unsigned long x_timedata(int tz, int sec,int min, int hour,int day, int month,int year)	C	calculate system time
void xtimedata(int sec, int min, int hour, int day, int month,int year)	M	calculate system time and system store in variable SEC
void RTC_set_time(void)	C	Program Real Time Clock Chip

**Legend:**      **A:** Assembly function      **C:** C function      **S:** System call      **M:** Macro

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