

Sequence Objects

Introduction

A **Sequence** object manages a set of Commands. The sequence is constructed on the host from a list of commands, then downloaded and executed in the controller. Typically, applications only use Sequences for very small or simple autonomous tasks that require execution in the controller. Due to their embedded execution, debugging can be difficult. It is best to use the host application to execute MPI methods directly for optimum flexibility and performance.

If you are considering using a program Sequencer or Command objects, please contact your support engineer. We recommend that you do **NOT** implement complex Sequences on your own.

Commands are implemented using [MPICommand](#) objects. Information about the different types of commands can be found on [MPICommandType](#) and [MPICommandParams](#). Sample applications for using sequencers can be found in the Sample Applications section. Search for application names starting with **seq**. **Seqkill.c** is a good place to start.

Methods

Create, Delete, Validate Methods

mpiSequenceCreate	Create Sequence object
mpiSequenceDelete	Delete Sequence object
mpiSequenceValidate	Validate Sequence object

Configuration and Information Methods

mpiSequenceConfigGet	Get sequence config
mpiSequenceConfigSet	Set sequence config
mpiSequenceFlashConfigGet	Get sequence flash config
mpiSequenceFlashConfigSet	Set sequence flash config
mpiSequencePageSize	Set pageSize to number of command slots used by sequence
mpiSequenceStatus	Return sequence status

Event Methods

mpiSequenceEventNotifyGet	Select an event mask for host notification of events
mpiSequenceEventNotifySet	Enable host notification of sequence events
mpiSequenceEventReset	Reset sequence events

Action Methods

<u>mpiSequenceCompile</u>	
<u>mpiSequenceLoad</u>	Load sequence commands into firmware
<u>mpiSequenceResume</u>	Resume execution of sequence
<u>mpiSequenceStart</u>	Start execution of sequence
<u>mpiSequenceStep</u>	Execute count steps of a stopped sequence
<u>mpiSequenceStop</u>	Stop sequence

Memory Methods

<u>mpiSequenceMemory</u>	Set address used to access sequence memory
<u>mpiSequenceMemoryGet</u>	Get bytes of sequence memory and put into application memory
<u>mpiSequenceMemorySet</u>	Put (set) bytes of application memory into sequence memory

Relational Methods

<u>mpiSequenceControl</u>	Get handle to Control
<u>mpiSequenceNumber</u>	Get index number of sequence
List Methods for Event Sources	
<u>mpiSequenceCommand</u>	Return handle to indexed command of sequence
<u>mpiSequenceCommandAppend</u>	Append command to sequence
<u>mpiSequenceCommandCount</u>	Count the number of commands in sequence
<u>mpiSequenceCommandFirst</u>	Return handle to first command in sequence
<u>mpiSequenceCommandIndex</u>	Return the index of a command in sequence
<u>mpiSequenceCommandInsert</u>	Insert command into sequence
<u>mpiSequenceCommandLast</u>	Return handle of last command in sequence
<u>mpiSequenceCommandListGet</u>	Get list of commands in sequence
<u>mpiSequenceCommandListSet</u>	Set list of commands in sequence
<u>mpiSequenceCommandNext</u>	Get handle to next command in list
<u>mpiSequenceCommandPrevious</u>	Get handle to previous command in list
<u>mpiSequenceCommandRemove</u>	Remove command from list

Data Types

[MPISequenceConfig](#) / [MEISequenceConfig](#)
[MPISequenceMessage](#)
[MPISequenceState](#)
[MPISequenceStatus](#)
[MEISequenceTrace](#)

See Also

[MPICommand](#)

[MPICommandType](#)

[MPICommandParams](#)

[seqKill.c](#) (sample application)

mpiSequenceDelete

Declaration long [mpiSequenceDelete](#) ([MPISequence](#) **sequence**)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description [SequenceDelete](#) deletes a Sequence object and invalidates its handle (*sequence*). *SequenceDelete* is the equivalent of a C++ destructor.

All Command objects in a Sequence are deleted when the Sequence object is deleted.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK if *SequenceDelete* successfully a Sequence object and invalidates its handle

See Also [mpiSequenceCreate](#) | [mpiSequenceValidate](#)

mpiSequenceValidate

Declaration long `mpiSequenceValidate`([MPISequence](#) `sequence`)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description [SequenceValidate](#) validates the Sequence object and its handle (*sequence*).

Return Values

MPIMessageOK if Sequence is a handle to a valid object.

See Also [mpiSequenceCreate](#) | [mpiSequenceDelete](#)

meiSequenceCompile

Declaration long `meiSequenceCompile`(`MPISequence` `sequence`)

Required Header `stdmpi.h`

Description `SequenceCompile` “compiles” a *sequence* object by reading its list of Command objects and then creating an equivalent list of XMP commands.

Return Values

`MPIMessageOK` if *SequenceCompile* successfully reads a Sequence object’s list of Command objects and creates an equivalent list of XMP commands

See Also

mpiSequenceResume

Declaration long `mpiSequenceResume`(`MPISequence` `sequence`)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description `SequenceResume` resumes a Sequence (*sequence*) from the point where the Sequence has stopped (if execution has been stopped).

Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if <i>SequenceResume</i> successfully resumes a Sequence from the point where the Sequence has stopped
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See Also

mpiSequenceStop

Declaration long [mpiSequenceStop](#)([MPISequence](#) **sequence**)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description [SequenceStop](#) stops a Sequence (*sequence*), if execution has been started. A stopped Sequence can be resumed from the point where it has stopped.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK if *SequenceStop* successfully stops a Sequence (while it is executing)

See Also [mpiSequenceStart](#)

mpiSequenceControl

Declaration [MPIControl](#) [mpiSequenceControl](#)([MPISequence](#) **sequence**)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description **SequenceControl** returns a handle to the Control object with which the Sequence object is associated.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
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Return Values

MPIControl	a handle to the Sequence object
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MPIHandleVOID	if <i>sequence</i> is invalid
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See Also [mpiSequenceCreate](#) | [mpiControlCreate](#)

mpiSequenceCommand

Declaration `MPICommand mpiSequenceCommand (MPISequence sequence ,
long index)`

Required Header `stdmpi.h`

Description `SequenceCommand` returns the element at the position on the list indicated by *index*.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
index	a position in the list.

Return Values

handle	to the <i>index</i> th Command of a Sequence (<i>sequence</i>)
MPIHandleVOID	if <i>sequence</i> is invalid if <i>index</i> is less than 0 if <i>index</i> is greater than or equal to <code>mpiSequenceCount(sequence)</code>
MPIMessageARG_INVALID	if <i>index</i> is a negative number.
MEIListMessageELEMENT_NOT_FOUND	if <i>index</i> is greater than or equal to the number of elements in the list.
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	if <i>sequence</i> is an invalid handle.

See Also

mpiSequenceCommandCount

Declaration long `mpiSequenceCommandCount` (`MPISequence` `sequence`)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description `SequenceCommandCount` returns the number of elements on the list.

<code>sequence</code>	a handle to the Sequence object.
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Return Values

number of Commands	in a Sequence (<i>sequence</i>)
-1	if <i>sequence</i> is invalid
0	if <i>sequence</i> is empty

See Also

mpiSequenceCommandFirst

Declaration [MPICommand](#) **mpiSequenceCommandFirst**([MPISequence](#) **sequence**)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description **SequenceCommandFirst** returns the first element in the list. This function can be used in conjunction with [mpiSequenceCommandNext\(\)](#) in order to iterate through the list.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
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Return Values

handle	to the first Command in a Sequence (<i>sequence</i>)
MPIHandleVOID	if <i>sequence</i> is invalid if <i>sequence</i> is empty
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	if <i>sequence</i> is an invalid handle.

See Also [mpiSequenceCommandNext](#) | [mpiSequenceCommandLast](#)

mpiSequenceCommandLast

Declaration [MPICommand](#) **mpiSequenceCommandLast** ([MPISequence](#) **sequence**)

Required Header stdmpi.h

Description **SequenceCommandLast** returns the last element in the list. This function can be used in conjunction with `mpiSequenceCommandPrevious()` in order to iterate through the list backwards.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
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Return Values

handle	to the last Command in a Sequence (<i>sequence</i>)
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MPIHandleVOID	if <i>sequence</i> is invalid if <i>sequence</i> is empty
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MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	if <i>sequence</i> is an invalid handle.
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See Also [mpiSequenceCommandFirst](#) | [mpiSequenceCommandPrevious](#) | [mpiSequenceCommandNext](#)

mpiSequenceCommandPrevious

Declaration [MPICommand](#) `mpiSequenceCommandPrevious`([MPISequence](#) `sequence`,
[MPICommand](#) `command`)

Required Header `stdmpi.h`

Description [SequenceCommandPrevious](#) returns the previous element prior to "command" on the list. This function can be used in conjunction with `mpiSequenceCommandLast()` in order to iterate through the list backwards.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
command	a handle to a Command object.

Return Values

handle	to the Command preceding the Command (<i>command</i>) in a Sequence (<i>sequence</i>)
MPIHandleVOID	if <i>sequence</i> is invalid if <i>command</i> is the first command in a Sequence (<i>sequence</i>)
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	Either <i>sequence</i> or <i>command</i> is an invalid handle.

See Also [mpiSequenceCommandLast](#) | [mpiSequenceCommandNext](#)

MPISequenceConfig / MEISequenceConfig

MPISequenceConfig

```
typedef MPIEmpty    MPISequenceConfig;
```

Description **SequenceConfig** is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.

MEISequenceConfig

```
typedef MPIEmpty    MEISequenceConfig;
```

Description **SequenceConfig** is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.

See Also [mpiSequenceConfigGet](#) | [mpiSequenceConfigSet](#)

MPISequenceMessage

MPISequenceMessage

```
typedef enum {
    MPISequenceMessageSEQUENCE_INVALID,
    MPISequenceMessageCOMMAND_COUNT,
    MPISequenceMessageCOMMAND_NOT_FOUND,
    MPISequenceMessageSTARTED,
    MPISequenceMessageSTOPPED,
} MPISequenceMessage;
```

Description

MPISequenceMessageSEQUENCE_INVALID

The sequence number is out of range. This message code is returned by [mpiSequenceCreate\(...\)](#) if the sequence number is less than zero or greater than or equal to MEIXmpMAX_PSs. This message code is also returned if the specified sequence number is not active in the controller. To correct this problem, use [mpiControlConfigSet\(...\)](#) to enable the sequence object, by setting the sequenceCount to greater than the sequence number. For example, to enable sequence 0 to 3, set sequenceCount to 4. This message code is returned by [mpiSequenceLoad\(...\)](#) if the sequence buffer size and the sequence page size are not equal. This indicates an internal MPI Library problem.

MPISequenceMessageCOMMAND_COUNT

The sequence command count is out of range. This message code is returned by [mpiSequenceStart\(...\)](#) or [meiSequenceCompile\(...\)](#) if the sequence command count is less than or equal to zero. To correct this problem, set the command count to a value greater than zero.

MPISequenceMessageCOMMAND_NOT_FOUND

The sequence command is not found. This message code is returned by [mpiSequenceLoad\(...\)](#), [mpiSequenceStart\(...\)](#), or [meiSequenceCompile\(...\)](#) if the specified command is not a member of the sequence. To correct this problem, specify a command that is a member of the sequence.

MPISequenceMessageSTARTED

The program sequencer is already running. This message code is returned by [mpiSequenceResume\(...\)](#), [mpiSequenceStart\(...\)](#), or [mpiSequenceStep\(...\)](#) if the program sequencer has already been started. If this is a problem, call [mpiSequenceStop\(...\)](#) to stop the program sequencer or monitor the sequence status and wait for the state to equal STOPPED.

MPISequenceMessageSTOPPED

The program sequencer is not running. This message code is returned by [mpiSequenceStop\(...\)](#) if the program sequencer has already been stopped. If this is a problem, call [mpiSequenceStart\(...\)](#) to start the program sequencer.

See Also

MPISequenceState

MPISequenceState

```
typedef enum {  
    MPISequenceStateSTOPPED = 0,  
    MPISequenceStateSTARTED,  
} MPISequenceState;
```

Description

MPISequenceStateSTOPPED	Means that the XMP's on-board program sequencer state is stopped. The program sequencer is in this state after it is created, and is not running. If the program sequencer has already been started, then a call to the MPI method <code>mpiSequenceStop</code> will stop the sequencer, and the sequencer state will be <code>MPISequenceStateSTOPPED</code> .
MPISequenceStateSTARTED	Means that the XMP's on-board program sequencer state is running. The program sequencer is in this state after it has been created, and successfully started with a call to the MPI method <code>mpiSequenceStart</code> .

See Also

MPISequenceStatus

MPISequenceStatus

```
typedef struct MPISequenceStatus {  
    MPICommand          command;  
    MPISequenceState   state;  
} MPISequenceStatus;
```

Description **MPISequenceStatus** is a status structure for MPISequence objects

command	The current command of the MPISequence object
state	The current state of the MPISequence object

See Also [MPISequence](#) | [mpiSequenceStatus](#)

MEISequenceTrace

MEISequenceTrace

```
typedef enum {  
    MEISequenceTraceLOAD,  
} MEISequenceTrace;
```

Description **MEISequenceTrace** sets tracing on for the mpiSequenceLoad() method.

See Also [MPISequence](#) | [MEITrace](#) | [mpiSequenceLoad](#)