

Agilent M9391A PXIe Vector Signal Analyzer and M9381A PXIe Vector Signal Generator

Programming Guide

for Creating IVI-COM
Console Applications

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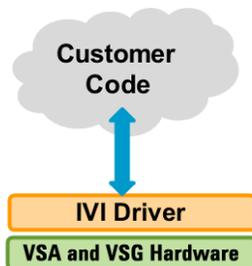


What You Will Learn in this Programming Guide

This programming guide is intended for individuals who write and run programs to control test-and-measurement instruments. Specifically, in this programming guide, you will learn how to use Visual Studio 2008 with the .NET Framework to write IVI-COM Console Applications in Visual C#. Knowledge of Visual Studio 2008 with the .NET Framework and knowledge of the programming syntax for Visual C# is required.

Our basic user programming model uses the IVI-COM driver directly and allows customer code to:

- access the IVI-COM driver at the lowest level
- access IQ Acquisition Mode, Power Acquisition Mode, and Spectrum Acquisition Mode
- control the Agilent M9391A PXIe Vector Signal Analyzer (VSA) and Agilent M9381A PXIe Vector Signal Generator (VSG) while performing Power Amplifier (PA) / Front End Module (FEM) Production Tests
- generate waveforms created by Signal Studio software (licenses are required)



IVI-COM Console Applications that are covered in this programming guide are used to perform acquisition measurements with the AgModularVsa or M9391A PXIe VSA from signals that are created with the M9381A PXIe VSG.

The following PA / FEM Power Measurement Production Tests are covered:

- Example Program 1: How to Print Driver Properties, Check for Errors, and Close Driver Sessions
- Example Program 2: How to Perform a Channel Power Measurement, Using Immediate Trigger
- Example Program 3: How to Perform a WCDMA Power Servo and ACPR Measurement

Related Websites

- [Agilent Technologies PXI and AXIe Modular Products](#)
 - [M9391A PXIe Vector Signal Analyzer](#)
 - [M9381A PXIe Vector Signal Generator](#)
- [Agilent Technologies](#)
 - [IVI Drivers & Components Downloads](#)
 - [Agilent I/O Libraries Suite](#)
 - [GPIB, USB, & Instrument Control Products](#)
 - [Agilent VEE Pro](#)
 - [Technical Support, Manuals, & Downloads](#)
 - [Contact Agilent Test & Measurement](#)
- [IVI Foundation](#) - Usage Guides, Specifications, Shared Components Downloads
- [MSDN Online](#)

Related Documentation

To access documentation related to the IVI Driver, use one of the following:

Document	Link
Startup Guide* Includes procedures to help you to unpack, inspect, install (software and hardware), perform instrument connections, verify operability, and troubleshoot your product. Also includes an annotated block diagram.	M9391A M9381A
Data Sheet* In addition to a detailed product introduction, the data sheet supplies full product specifications.	M9391A M9381A
LabVIEW Driver Reference (Online Help System) Provides detailed documentation of the LabVIEW G Driver API functions.	M9391A M9381A

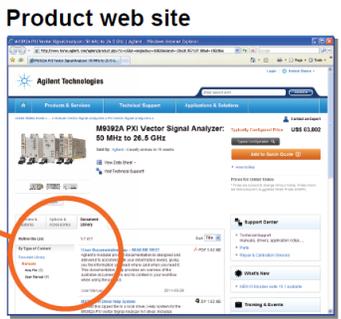
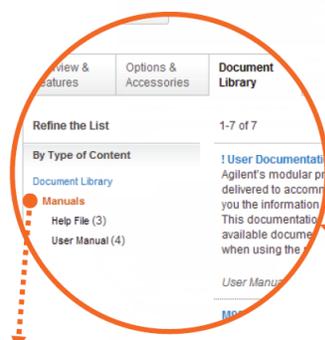
* If these links do not work, you can find these items at:

Start > All Programs > Agilent > M938x

Start > All Programs > Agilent > M9391A



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Access to all **DOCUMENTATION** noted below

Startup Guide



- Unpack product
- Verify shipment
- Install software
- Install & connect hardware
- Verify operation
- Troubleshooting

Data Sheet/Specs Guide



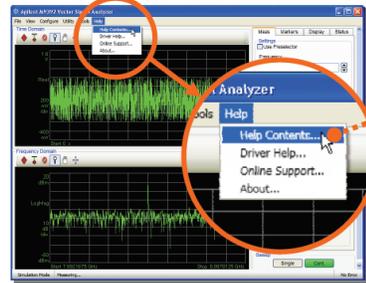
Technical specifications

Programming Guide

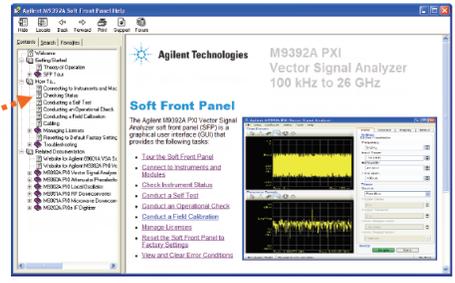


- Tutorials
- Code examples
- Measurement examples
- Programming tips

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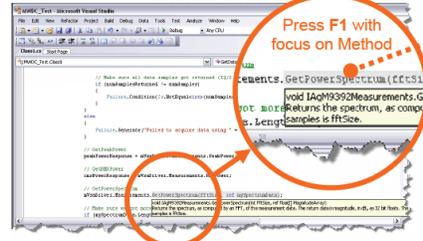


SFP help system

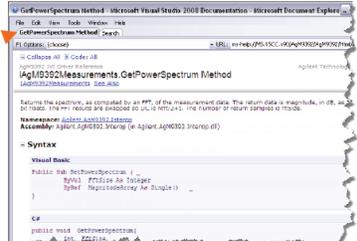


- Theory of operation
- Block diagram
- Configuration
- Self test
- Operational check
- Troubleshooting
- Measurements (limited)
- Field calibration

Visual Studio

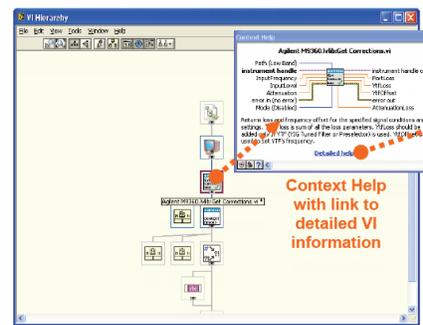


IVI Driver help system

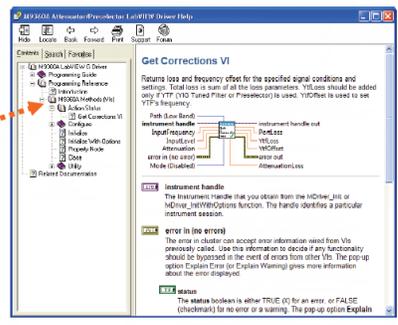


- IVI-COM and IVI-C driver programmer's reference
- Sample programs

LabVIEW



LabVIEW Driver help system



- LabVIEW driver programmer's reference
- Sample programs



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Understanding the Overall Process Flow

- Write source code using Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 with .NET Visual C# running on Windows 7.
- Compile Source Code using the .NET Framework Library.
- Produce an Assembly.exe file – this file can run directly from Microsoft Windows without the need for any other programs. When using the Visual Studio Integrated Development Environment (IDE), the Console Applications you write are stored in conceptual containers called **Solutions** and **Projects**. You can view and access Solutions and Projects using the **Solution Explorer** window (View > Solution Explorer).

Before Programming, Install Hardware, Software, and Software Licenses

Step 1. Install Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 with .NET Visual C# running on Windows 7.

You can also use a free version of Visual Studio Express 2010 tools from:

<http://www.microsoft.com/visualstudio/eng/products/visual-studio-2010-express>

The following steps, defined in the *Agilent M9391A PXIe VSA and M9381A PXIe VSG Startup Guide, M9300-90090*, but repeated here must be completed before programmatically controlling the M9391A PXIe VSA and M9381A PXIe VSG hardware with these IVI drivers.

Step 2. Unpack and inspect all hardware.

Step 3. Verify the shipment contents.

Step 4. Install the software. Note the following order when installing software!
(If you run the installation .exe, all of these are installed automatically.)

- Install Agilent IO Libraries Suite (IOLS), Version 16.3.16603.3 or newer; this installation includes Agilent Connections Expert.
- (Optional) Install Agilent 89600 Vector Signal Analyzer Software, Version 15 or newer.
- Install the M938xA PXIe VSG driver software, Version 1.2.525.1 or newer.
- Install the M9391A PXIe VSA driver software, includes AgModularVsa, Version 1.0.0.0 or newer
Driver software includes all IVI-COM, IVI-C, and LabVIEW G Drivers along with Soft Front Panel (SFP) programs and documentation.

All of these items may be downloaded from the Agilent product websites:

- <http://www.agilent.com/find/iosuite>
- <http://www.agilent.com/find/ivi> - download installers for Agilent IVI-COM drivers
- <http://www.agilent.com/find/m9391a> > Select **Technical Support** > Select the **Drivers, Firmware & Software** tab > Download the **Instrument Driver**.
- <http://www.agilent.com/find/m9381a> > Select **Technical Support** > Select the **Drivers, Firmware & Software** tab > Download the **Instrument Driver**.



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Step 5. Install the hardware modules and make cable connections.

Step 6. Verify operation of the modules (or the system that the modules create).

Note: Before programming or making measurements, conduct a Self-Test on both the M9391A PXIe VSA and M9381A PXIe VSG to make sure there are no problems with the modules, cabling, or backplane trigger mapping.

Once the software and hardware are installed and verification of operation has been performed, they are ready to be programmatically controlled.

Understanding the Application Programming Interfaces (API) for the AgModularVsa, M9391A PXIe VSA, and M938xA PXIe VSG

The following IVI driver terminology may be used throughout this programming guide.

IVI [Interchangeable Virtual Instruments] — a standard instrument driver model defined by the IVI Foundation that enables engineers to exchange instruments made by different manufacturers without rewriting their code. www.ivifoundation.org

Currently, there are 13 IVI Instrument Classes defined by the IVI Foundation. The AgModularVsa, the M9391A PXIe VSA, and the M9381A PXIe VSG do not belong to any of these 13 IVI Instrument Classes and are therefore describes as “NoClass” modules.

IVI Instrument Classes (Defined by the IVI Foundation)

- DC Power Supply
- AC Power Supply
- DMM
- Function Generator
- Oscilloscope
- Power Meter
- RF Signal Generator
- Spectrum Analyzer
- Switch
- Upconverter
- Downconverter
- Digitizer
- Counter/Timer

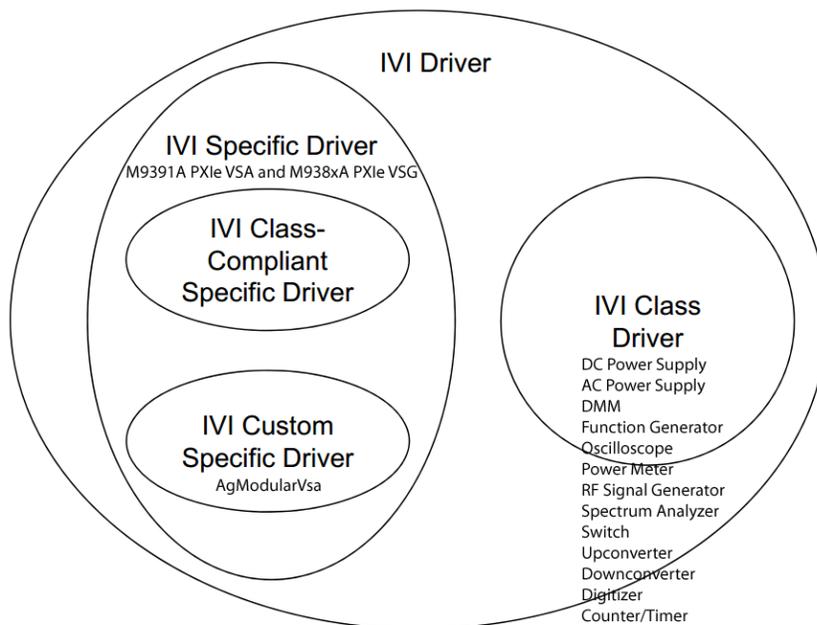


IVI Compliant or IVI Class Compliant

AgModularVsa, M9391A PXIe VSA, and M9381A PXIe VSG are IVI Compliant, but not IVI Class Compliant; they each do not belong to one of the 13 IVI Instrument Classes defined by the IVI Foundation.

- **IVI Compliant** – means that the IVI driver follows architectural specifications for these categories:
 - Installation
 - Inherent Capabilities
 - Cross Class Capabilities
 - Style
 - Custom Instrument API
- **IVI Class Compliant** – means that the IVI driver implements one of the 13 IVI Instrument Classes
 - If an instrument is IVI Class Compliant, it is also IVI Compliant
 - Provides one of the 13 IVI Instrument Class APIs in addition to a Custom API
 - Custom API may be omitted (unusual)
 - Simplifies exchanging instruments

IVI Driver Types



- **IVI Driver**
 - Implements the *Inherent Capabilities Specification*
 - Complies with all of the architecture specifications
 - May or may not comply with one of the 13 IVI Instrument Classes
 - Is either an IVI Specific Driver or an IVI Class Driver



- **IVI Specific Driver**
 - Is an IVI Driver that is written for a particular instrument such as the M9391A PXIe VSA or M938xA PXIe VSG
- **IVI Class Driver**
 - Is an IVI Driver needed only for interchangeability in IVI-C environments
 - The IVI Class may be IVI-defined or customer-defined
- **IVI Class-Compliant Specific Driver**
 - IVI Specific Driver that complies with one (or more) of the IVI defined class specifications
 - Used when hardware independence is desired
- **IVI Custom Specific Driver**
 - IVI Specific Driver that is not compliant with any one of the IVI defined class specifications
 - Not interchangeable
 - Agilent has created a *common* Vector Signal Analyzer (VSA) interface (**IAgModularVsa**) that provides commonality between the M9391A PXIe VSA and future Agilent modular vector signal analyzers. This common modular VSA class will make the VSA's interface-compatible, which makes transitioning software between them extremely easy. Any instrument-specific capability can still be accessed via the instrument-specific interface (i.e. IAgM9391).
 - IAgModularVsa is the root interface and contains references to child interfaces, which in turn contain references to other child interfaces. Collectively, these interfaces define the instrument-specific hierarchy for the IAgModularVsa.

IVI Driver Hierarchy

When writing programs, you will be using the interfaces (APIs) available to the IVI-COM driver.

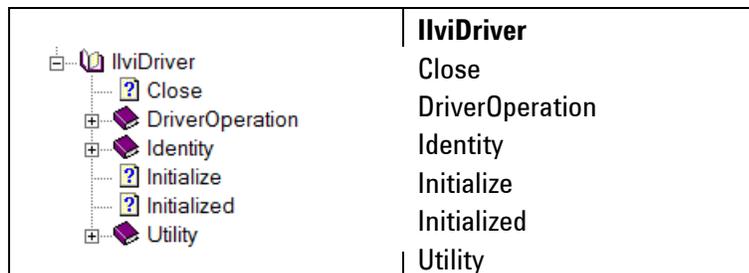
- The core of every IVI-COM driver is a single object with many interfaces.
- These interfaces are organized into two hierarchies: Class-Compliant Hierarchy and Instrument-Specific Hierarchy – and both include the IIVI interfaces.
 - **Class-Compliant Hierarchy** - Since the AgModularVsa, M9391A PXIe VSA, and M9381A PXIe VSG do not belong to one of the 13 IVI Classes, there is no Class-Compliant Hierarchy in their IVI Driver.
 - **Instrument-Specific Hierarchy**
 - The AgModularVsa has a *Common* Vector Signal Analyzer (VSA) interface (IAgModularVsa) and provides commonality between the M9391A PXIe VSA and future Agilent modular vector signal analyzers. This common modular VSA class will make the VSAs interface-compatible, which makes transitioning software between them extremely easy. Any instrument-specific capability can still be



accessed via the instrument-specific interface (i.e. IAgM9391).

- IAgModularVsa is the root interface and contains references to child interfaces, which in turn contain references to other child interfaces. Collectively, these interfaces define the instrument-specific hierarchy.
 - The M9391A PXIe VSA's instrument-specific hierarchy has IAgM9391 at the root (where AgM9391 is the driver name).
 - IAgM9391 is the root interface and contains references to child interfaces, which in turn contain references to other child interfaces. Collectively, these interfaces define the instrument-specific hierarchy.
 - The M938xA PXIe VSG's instrument-specific hierarchy has IAgM938x at the root (where AgM938x is the driver name).
 - IAgM938x is the root interface and contains references to child interfaces, which in turn contain references to other child interfaces. Collectively, these interfaces define the instrument-specific hierarchy.
- The **IlviDriver** interfaces are incorporated into both hierarchies: Class-Compliant Hierarchy and Instrument-Specific Hierarchy.

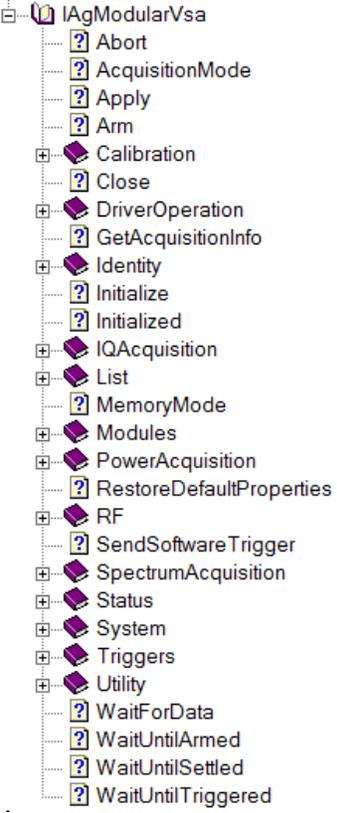
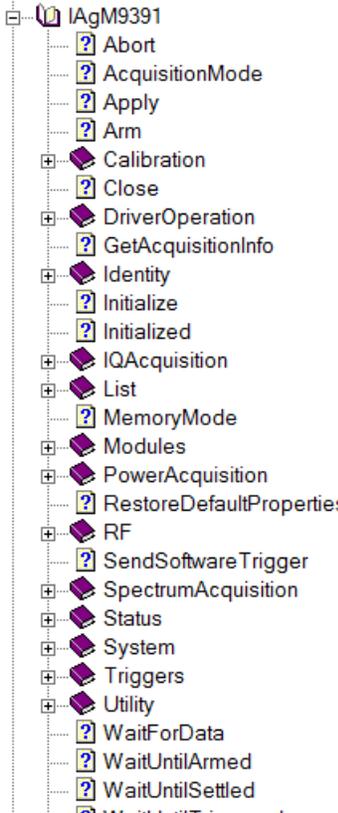
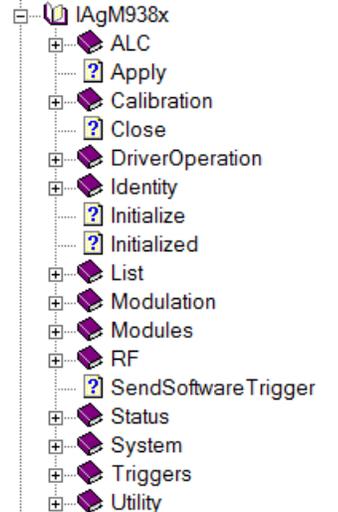
The IlviDriver is the root interface for IVI Inherent Capabilities which are what the IVI Foundation has established as a set of functions and attributes that all IVI drivers must include -- irrespective of which IVI instrument class the driver supports. These common functions and attributes are called IVI inherent capabilities and they are documented in IVI-3.2 -- Inherent Capabilities Specification. Drivers that do not support any IVI instrument class such as the M9391A PXIe VSA or M938xA PXIe VSG must still include these IVI inherent capabilities.



Instrument-Specific Hierarchies for the AgModularVsa, M9391A, and M938xA

The following table lists the instrument-specific hierarchy interfaces for the:

AgModularVsa, M9391A PXIe VSA, and M938xA PXIe VSG.

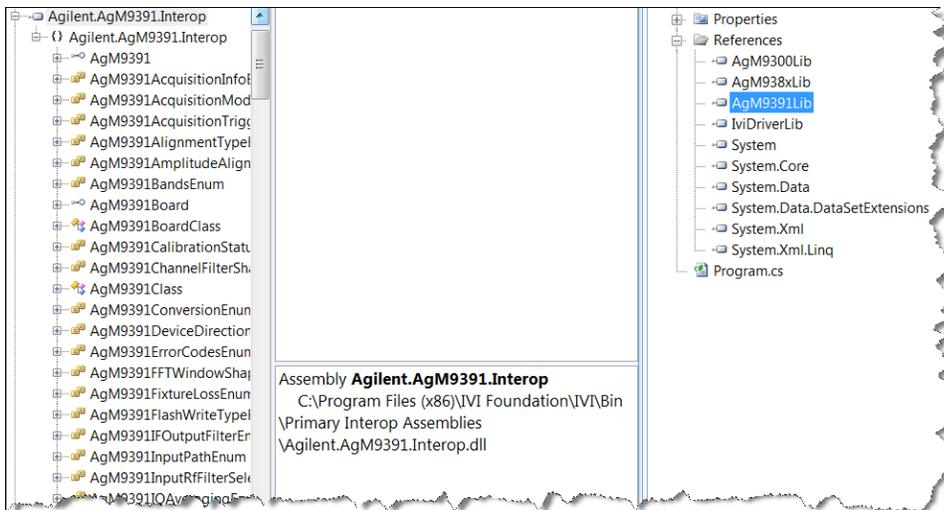
Agilent AgModularVsa Instrument-Specific Hierarchy	Agilent M9391A PXIe VSA Instrument-Specific Hierarchy	Agilent M938xA PXIe VSG Instrument-Specific Hierarchy
IAgModularVsa is the root interface	IAgM9391 is the root interface	IAgM938x is the root interface
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAgModularVsa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abort AcquisitionMode Apply Arm Calibration Close DriverOperation GetAcquisitionInfo Identity Initialize Initialized IQAcquisition List MemoryMode Modules PowerAcquisition RestoreDefaultProperties RF SendSoftwareTrigger SpectrumAcquisition Status System Triggers Utility WaitForData WaitUntilArmed WaitUntilSettled WaitUntilTriggered 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAgM9391 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abort AcquisitionMode Apply Arm Calibration Close DriverOperation GetAcquisitionInfo Identity Initialize Initialized IQAcquisition List MemoryMode Modules PowerAcquisition RestoreDefaultProperties RF SendSoftwareTrigger SpectrumAcquisition Status System Triggers Utility WaitForData WaitUntilArmed WaitUntilSettled WaitUntilTriggered 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAgM938x <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALC Apply Calibration Close DriverOperation Identity Initialize Initialized List Modulation Modules RF SendSoftwareTrigger Status System Triggers Utility

Note:

To view interfaces available in the IAgModularVsa interface, right-click the AgModularVsaLib library file, in the References folder, from the Solution Explorer window and select View in Object Browser.

To view the interfaces available in the M9381A PXIe VSG, right-click the AgM938xLib library file, in the References folder, from the Solution Explorer window and select View in Object Browser.

To view interfaces available in the M9391A PXIe VSAG, right-click the AgM9391Lib library file, in the References folder, from the Solution Explorer window and select View in Object Browser.



Naming Conventions Used to Program IVI Drivers

General IVI Naming Conventions

- All instrument class names start with “Ivi”
 - Example: IviScope, IviDmm
- Function names
 - One or more words use PascalCasing
 - First word should be a verb

IVI-COM Naming Conventions

- Interface naming
 - Class compliant: Starts with “IIVI”
 - I<ClassName>
- Example: IIVIvScope, IIVIvDmm
 - Sub-interfaces add words to the base name that match the C hierarchy as close as possible
- Examples: IIVIvFgenArbitrary, IIVIvFgenArbitraryWaveform
- Defined values
 - Enumerations and enum values are used to represent discrete values in IVI-COM
 - <ClassName><descriptive words>Enum
- Example: IviScopeTriggerCouplingEnum
 - Enum values don't end in “Enum” but use the last word to differentiate

Examples: IviScopeTriggerCouplingAC and IviScopeTriggerCouplingDC

Tutorial: Create a Project with IVI-COM Using C#

This tutorial will walk through the various steps required to create a console application using Visual Studio and C#. It demonstrates how to instantiate two driver instances, set the resource names and various initialization values, initialize the two driver instances, print various driver properties to a console for each driver instance, check drivers for errors and report the errors if any occur, and close both drivers.

Step 1. - Create a "Console Application"

Step 2. - Add References

Step 3. - Add using Statements

Step 4. - Create an Instance

Step 5. - Initialize the Instance

Step 6. - Write the Program Steps (Create a Signal or Perform a Measurement)

Step 7. - Close the Instance

At the end of this tutorial is a complete example program that shows what the console application looks like if you follow all of these steps.

Step 1 – Create a “Console Application”

Note: Projects that use a Console Application do not show a Graphical User Interface (GUI) display.

1. Launch Visual Studio and create a new Console Application in Visual C# by selecting: **File > New > Project** and select a Visual C# **Console Application**.

Enter “VsaVsgProperties” as the **Name** of the project and click **OK**.

Note: When you select New, Visual Studio will create an empty **Program.cs** file that includes some necessary code, including `using` statements. This code is required, so do not delete it.

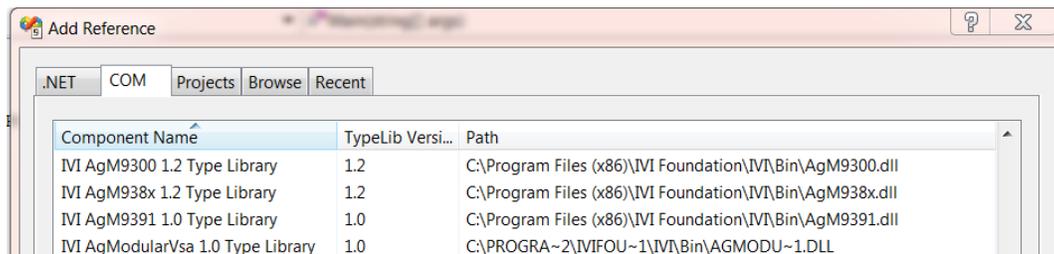
2. Select **Project** and click **Add Reference**. The Add Reference dialog appears.
For this step, Solution Explorer must be visible (**View > Solution Explorer**) and the "Program.cs" editor window must be visible – select the **Program.cs** tab to bring it to the front view.



Step 2 – Add References

In order to access the AgModularVsa, M9391A PXIe VSA, and M9381A PXIe VSG driver interfaces, references to their drivers (DLL) must be created.

1. In **Solution Explorer**, right-click on **References** and select **Add Reference**.
2. From the **Add Reference** dialog, select the **COM** tab.
3. Click on any of the type libraries under the “Component Name” heading and enter the letter “I”. (All IVI drivers begin with IVI so this will move down the list of type libraries that begin with “I”.)



Note: If you have not installed the IVI driver for the AgModularVsa, M9391A PXIe VSA, and M9381A PXIe VSG products (as listed in the previous section titled “Before Programming, Install Hardware, Software, and Software Licenses”), their IVI drivers will not appear in this list.

Also, the TypeLib Version that appears will depend on the version of the IVI driver that is installed. The version numbers change over time and typically increase as new drivers are released.

To get the IVI drivers to appear in this list, you must close this Add Reference dialog, install the IVI drivers, and come back to this section and repeat “Step 2 – Add References”.

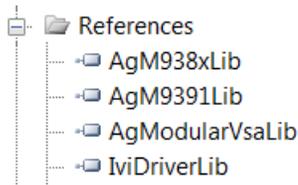
4. Scroll to the IVI section and, using **Shift-Ctrl**, select the following type libraries then select **OK**.

```
IVI AgM938x 1.2 Type Library  
IVI AgM9391 1.0 Type Library  
IVI AgModularVsa 1.0 Type Library
```

Note: When any of the references for the AgModularVsa, AgM9391A, or AgM938x are added, the `IVIDriver 1.0 Type Library` is also automatically added. This is visible as `IviDriverLib` under the project Reference; this reference houses the interface definitions for IVI inherent capabilities which are located in the file `IviDriverTypeLib.dll` (dynamically linked library).



5. These selected type libraries appear under the **References** node, in Solution Explorer, as:



Note: Your program looks the same as it did before you added the References, but the difference is that the IVI drivers that you added References to are now available for use. To allow your program to access the IVI drivers without specifying full path names of each interface or enum, you need to add `using` statements to your program.

Step 3 – Add using Statements

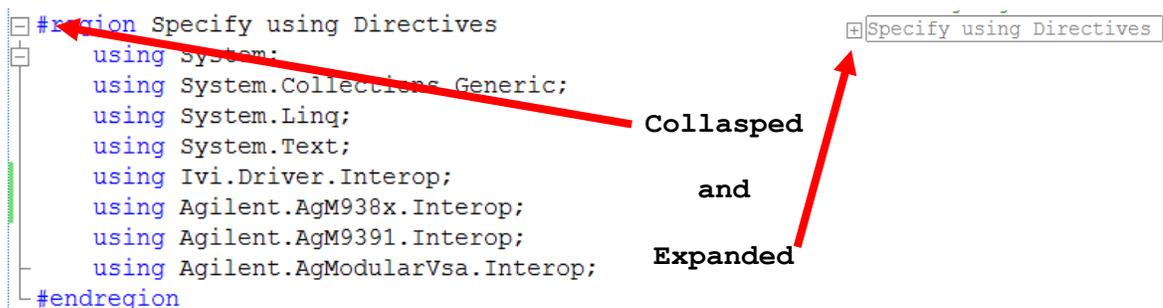
All data types (interfaces and enums) are contained within namespaces. (A namespace is a hierarchical naming scheme for grouping types into logical categories of related functionality. Design tools, such as Visual Studio, can use namespaces which makes it easier to browse and reference types in your code.) The **C#** `using` statement allows the type name to be used directly. Without the `using` statement, the complete namespace-qualified name must be used. To allow your program to access the IVI driver without having to type the full path of each interface or enum, type the following `using` statements immediately below the other `using` statements; the following example illustrates how to add using statements.

To access the IVI drivers without having to specify or type the full path of each interface or enum

These `using` statements should be added to your program:

```
using Ivi.Driver.Interop;
using Agilent.AgM938x.Interop;
using Agilent.AgM9391.Interop;
using Agilent.AgModularVsa.Interop;
```

Note: You can create sections of code in your program that can be expanded and collapsed by surrounding the code with `#region` and `#endregion` keywords. Selecting the – and + symbols allows the region to be collapsed and expanded.



Step 4 – Create Instances of the IVI-COM Drivers

There are two ways to instantiate (create an instance of) the IVI-COM drivers:

- **Direct Instantiation**
- **COM Session Factory**

Since the M9391A PXIe VSA and M9381A PXIe VSG are both considered NoClass modules (because they do not belong to one of the 13 IVI Classes), the COM Session Factory is not used to create instances of their IVI-COM drivers. So, the M9391A PXIe VSA and M938xA PXIe VSG IVI-COM drivers use direct instantiation. Because direct instantiation is used, their IVI-COM drivers may not be interchangeable with other VSA and VSG modules.

Agilent has created a common Vector Signal Analyzer (VSA) interface (IAgModularVsa) that provides commonality between the M9391A PXIe VSA and future Agilent modular vector signal analyzers. This common modular VSA class will make the VSA's interface-compatible, which makes transitioning software between them extremely easy. Any instrument-specific capability can still be accessed via the instrument-specific interface (i.e. IAgM9391). So, when creating a driver instance for a VSA, either the IAgModularVsa interface or the IAgM9391 interface can be used.

To create driver instances

The **new** operator is used in C# to create an instance of the driver.

```
IAgModularVsa VsaDriver = (IAgModularVsa) new AgM9391();  
IAgM938x VsgDriver = new AgM938x();
```

...or when using a specific VSA interface such as the IAgM9391:

```
IAgM9391 VsaDriver = new AgM9391();  
IAgM938x VsgDriver = new AgM938x();
```



Step 5 – Initialize the Driver Instances

`Initialize()` is required when using any IVI driver; it establishes a communication link (an "I/O session") with an instrument and it must be called before the program can do anything with an instrument or work in simulation mode.

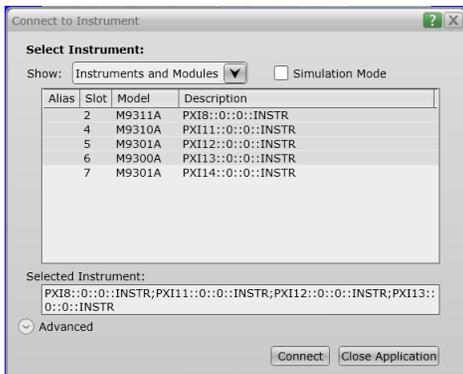
The `Initialize()` method has a number of options that can be defined (see Initialize Options below). In this example, we prepare the `Initialize()` method by defining only a few of the parameters, then we call the `Initialize()` method with those parameters:

To determine the `VsaResourceName` and `VsgResourceName`

- If you are using Simulate Mode, you can set the Resource Name address string to:

```
string VsaResourceName = "%";
string VsgResourceName = "%";
```
- If you are actually establishing a communication link (an "I/O session") with an instrument, you need to determine the Resource Name address string (VISA address string) that is needed. You can use an IO application such as Agilent Connection Expert, Agilent Command Expert, National Instruments Measurement and Automation Explorer (MAX), or you can use the Agilent product's Soft Front Panel (SFP) to get the physical Resource Name string.

Using the M938xA Soft Front Panel, you might get the following Resource Name address string.

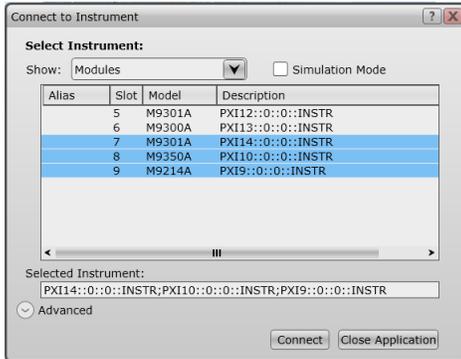


Module Name	M9311A PXIe Modulator	M9310A PXIe Source Output	M9301A PXIe Synthesizer	M9300A PXIe Reference
Slot Number	2	4	5	6
VISA Address	PXI8::0::0::INSTR;	PXI11::0::0::INSTR;	PXI12::0::0::INSTR;	PXI13::0::0::INSTR;

```
string VsgResourceName =
"PXI8::0::0::INSTR;PXI11::0::0::INSTR;PXI12::0::0::INSTR;PXI13::0::0::INSTR";
```



Using the M9391A Soft Front Panel, you might get the following Resource Name address string.



Module Name	M9301A PXIe Synthesizer	M9350A PXIe Downconverter	M9214A PXIe IF Digitizer	
Slot Number	7	8	9	
VISA Address	PXI14::0::0::INSTR;	PXI10::0::0::INSTR;	PXI9::0::0::INSTR;	

```
string VsaResourceName =
"PXI14::0::0::INSTR;PXI10::0::0::INSTR;PXI9::0::0::INSTR;
```

Set the Initialize() Parameters

Note: Although the Initialize() method has a number of options that can be defined (see Initialize Options below), we are showing this example with a minimum set of options to help minimize complexity.

```
// The M9300A PXIe Reference should be included as one of the modules in
// either the M9381A PXIe VSG configuration of modules or the AgModularVsa
// configuration of modules (or the M9391A PXIe VSA configuration of modules).
//
// If the M9300A PXIe Reference is only included in one configuration,
// that configuration should be initialized first.
// See "Understanding M9300A Frequency Reference Sharing".
```

```
string VsgResourceName =
"PXI8::0::0::INSTR;PXI11::0::0::INSTR;PXI12::0::0::INSTR;PXI13::0::0::INSTR";
```

```
string VsaResourceName =
"PXI14::0::0::INSTR;PXI10::0::0::INSTR;PXI9::0::0::INSTR;
```

```
bool IdQuery = true;
bool Reset   = true;
```

```
string VsgOptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false, DriverSetup=
Model=VSG, Trace=false";
```

```
string VsaOptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false, DriverSetup=
Model=VSA, Trace=false";
```



Call the Initialize() Method with the Set Parameters

```
// Initialize the drivers
VsgDriver.Initialize(VsgResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, VsgOptionString);
Console.WriteLine("VSG Driver Initialized");

VsaDriver.Initialize(VsaResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, VsaOptionString);
Console.WriteLine("VSA Driver Initialized");

#region Initialize Driver Instances
string VsgResourceName = "PXI8::0:0::INSTR;PXI11:0:0::INSTR;PXI12:0:0::INSTR;PXI13:0:0::INSTR";
string VsaResourceName = "PXI14:0:0::INSTR;PXI10:0:0::INSTR;PXI9:0:0::INSTR";

bool IdQuery = true;
bool Reset = true;

string VsgOptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false, DriverSetup= Model=VSG, Trace=false";
string VsaOptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false, DriverSetup= Model=VSA, Trace=false";

VsgDriver.Initialize(VsgResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, VsgOptionString);
Console.WriteLine("VSG Driver Initialized");

VsaDriver.Initialize(VsaResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, VsaOptionString);
Console.WriteLine("VSA Driver Initialized");
#endregion
```

The above example shows how IntelliSense is invoked by simply rolling the cursor over the word "Initialize".

Note: One of the key advantages of using C# in the Microsoft Visual Studio Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is IntelliSense. IntelliSense is a form of auto-completion for variable names and functions and a convenient way to access parameter lists and ensure correct syntax. This feature also enhances software development by reducing the amount of keyboard input required.



Understanding Initialize Options

The following table describes options that are most commonly used with the `Initialize()` method.

Property Type and Example Value	Description of Property
<pre>string ResourceName = PXI[bus]::device[::function][::INSTR] string ResourceName = "PXI13::0::0::INSTR; PXI14::0::0::INSTR; PXI15::0::0::INSTR; PXI16::0::0::INSTR";</pre>	<p>VsgResourceName or VsaResourceName – The driver is typically initialized using a physical resource name descriptor, often a VISA resource descriptor.</p> <p>See the above procedure: "To determine the VsgResourceName and VsaResourceName"</p>
<pre>bool IdQuery = true;</pre>	<p>IdQuery - Setting the ID query to false prevents the driver from verifying that the connected instrument is the one the driver was written for because if IdQuery is set to true, this will query the instrument model and fail initialization if the model is not supported by the driver.</p>
<pre>bool Reset = true;</pre>	<p>Reset - Setting Reset to true tells the driver to initially reset the instrument.</p>
<pre>string OptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=true,</pre>	<p>OptionString - Setup the following initialization options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QueryInstrStatus=true (Specifies whether the IVI specific driver queries the instrument status at the end of each user operation.) ○ Simulate=true (Setting Simulate to true tells the driver that it should not attempt to connect to a physical instrument, but use a simulation of the instrument instead.) ○ Cache=false (Specifies whether or not to cache the value of properties.) ○ InterchangeCheck=false (Specifies whether the IVI specific driver performs interchangeability checking.) ○ RangeCheck=false (Specifies



	<p>whether the IVI specific driver validates attribute values and function parameters.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RecordCoercions=false (Specifies whether the IVI specific driver keeps a list of the value coercions it makes for ViInt32 and ViReal64 attributes.)
<pre>DriverSetup= Trace=false";</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DriverSetup= (This is used to specify settings that are supported by the driver, but not defined by IVI. If the Options String parameter (OptionString in this example) contains an assignment for the Driver Setup attribute, the Initialize function assumes that everything following 'DriverSetup=' is part of the assignment.) ○ Model=VSG or Model=VSA (Instrument model to use during simulation.) ○ Trace=false (If false, an output trace log of all driver calls is not saved in an XML file.)

If these drivers were installed, additional information can be found under “*Initializing the IVI-COM Driver*” from the following:

AgM938x IVI Driver Reference

Start > All Programs > Agilent IVI Drivers > AgM938x Source > Documentation

AgM9391 IVI Driver Reference

Start > All Programs > Agilent IVI Drivers > AgM9391A VSA > Documentation



Understanding M9300A Reference Sharing

The M9300A PXIe Reference can be shared by up to five configurations of modules that can be made up of the M9391A PXIe VSA or the M9381A PXIe VSG or both. The M9300A PXIe Reference must be included as one of the modules in at least one of these configurations. The configuration of modules that is initialized first must include the M9300A PXIe Reference so that the other configurations that depend on the reference signal get the signal they are expecting. If the configuration of modules that is initialized first does not include the M9300A PXIe Reference, unlock errors will occur.

Example: M9300A PXIe Reference as Part of the M9381A PXIe VSG Configuration of Modules

The **M9381A PXIe VSG** should be initialized first before initializing the VSA if:

- M9381A PXIe VSG configuration of modules includes:
 - M9311A PXIe Modulator
 - M9310A PXIe Source Output
 - M9301A PXIe Synthesizer
 - **M9300A PXIe Reference** // Note that the M9300A PXIe Reference is part of the M9381A PXIe VSG configuration of modules.

```
string VsgResourceName =  
"PXI8::0::0::INSTR;PXI11::0::0::INSTR;PXI12::0::0::INSTR;PXI13::0::0:  
:INSTR";
```

- M9391A PXIe VSA configuration of modules includes:
 - M9301A PXIe Synthesizer
 - M9350A PXIe Downconverter
 - M9214A PXIe IF Digitizer

```
string VsaResourceName =  
"PXI14::0::0::INSTR;PXI10::0::0::INSTR;PXI9::0::0::INSTR";
```

Example: M9300A PXIe Reference as Part of the M9391A PXIe VSA Configuration of Modules

The **M9391A PXIe VSA** should be initialized first before initializing the M9381A PXIe VSG if:

- M9381A PXIe VSG configuration of modules includes:
 - M9311A PXIe Modulator
 - M9310A PXIe Source Output
 - M9301A PXIe Synthesizer

```
string VsgResourceName =  
"PXI8::0::0::INSTR;PXI11::0::0::INSTR;PXI12::0::0::INSTR";
```



- M9391A PXIe VSA configuration of modules includes:
 - **M9300A PXIe Reference** // Note that the M9300A PXIe Reference is part of the M9391A PXIe VSA configuration of modules.
 - M9301A PXIe Synthesizer
 - M9350A PXIe Downconverter
 - M9214A PXIe IF Digitizer

```
string VsaResourceName =
"PXI14::0::0::INSTR;PXI10::0::0::INSTR;PXI9::0::0::INSTR;PXI13::0::0:
:INSTR;
```

Example: M9300A PXIe Reference as Part of the Both Configurations of Modules

The **M9391A PXIe VSA** or the **M9381A PXIe VSG** can be initialized first since the M9300A PXIe Reference is included in both configurations of modules:

- M9381A PXIe VSG configuration of modules includes:
 - M9311A PXIe Modulator
 - M9310A PXIe Source Output
 - M9301A PXIe Synthesizer
 - **M9300A PXIe Reference** // Note that the M9300A PXIe Reference is part of the M9381A PXIe VSG configuration of modules.

```
string VsgResourceName =
"PXI8::0::0::INSTR;PXI11::0::0::INSTR;PXI12::0::0::INSTR";PXI13::0::0
::INSTR;
```

- M9391A PXIe VSA configuration of modules includes:
 - **M9300A PXIe Reference** // Note that the M9300A PXIe Reference is part of the M9391A PXIe VSA configuration of modules.
 - M9301A PXIe Synthesizer
 - M9350A PXIe Downconverter
 - M9214A PXIe IF Digitizer

```
string VsaResourceName =
"PXI14::0::0::INSTR;PXI10::0::0::INSTR;PXI9::0::0::INSTR;PXI13::0::0:
:INSTR;
```



Step 6 – Write the Program Steps

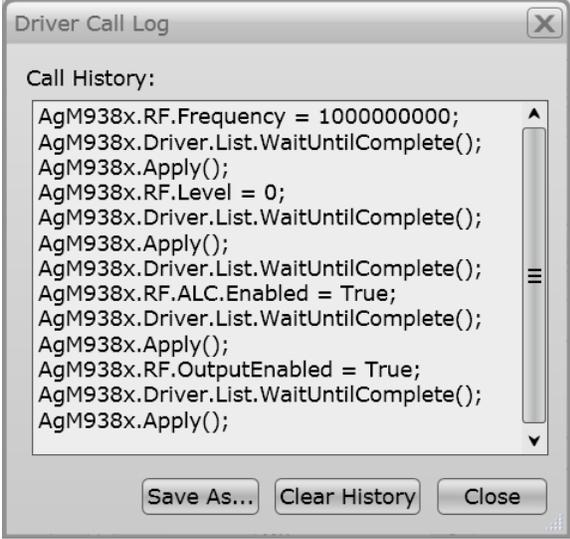
At this point, you can add program steps that use the driver instances to perform tasks.

Example: Using the Soft Front Panel to Write Program Commands

You may find it useful when developing a program to use the instrument's Soft Front Panel (SFP) "Driver Call Log"; this driver call log is used to view a list of driver calls that have been performed when changes are made to the controls on the soft front panel.

In this example, open the Soft Front Panel for the M938xA PXIe VSG and perform the following steps:

1. Set the output frequency to 1 GHz.
2. Set the output level to 0 dBm.
3. Enable the ALC.
4. Enable the RF Output.

<p>AgM938x is the driver name used by the SFP.</p>	<p>VsgDriver is the instance of the driver that is used in this example. This instance would have been created in, "Step 4 – Create Instances of the M9381A and M9391A".</p> <pre>IAgM938x VsgDriver = new AgM938x();</pre>
 <p>The screenshot shows a window titled "Driver Call Log" with a scrollable list of driver calls. The calls include setting frequency, level, enabling ALC and RF output, and waiting for completion. Buttons for "Save As...", "Clear History", and "Close" are visible at the bottom.</p>	<pre>// Set the output frequency to 1 GHz VsgDriver.RF.Frequency = 1000000000; // Set the output level to 0 dBm VsgDriver.RF.Level = 0; // Enables the ALC VsgDriver.ALC.Enabled = true; // Enables the RF Output VsgDriver.RF.OutputEnabled = true; // Waits until the list is finished or the specified time passes bool retval = VsgDriver.List.WaitForComplete(); ...or you could even use: // Waits 100 ms until output is settled before producing signal bool retval = VsgDriver.RF.WaitForSettled(100);</pre>

Step 7 – Close the Driver

Calling `Close()` at the end of the program is required by the IVI specification when using any IVI driver.

Important! `Close()` may be the most commonly missed step when using an IVI driver. Failing to do this could mean that system resources are not freed up and your program may behave unexpectedly on subsequent executions.

```
{
    if (VsaDriver != null && VsaDriver.Initialized)
    {
        // Close the VSA driver
        VsaDriver.Close();
        Console.WriteLine("VSA Driver Closed\n");
    }

    if (VsgDriver != null && VsgDriver.Initialized)
    {
        // Close the VSG driver
        VsgDriver.Close();
        Console.WriteLine("VSG Driver Closed");
    }
}
```

Building and Running a Complete Example Program Using Visual C#

Build your console application and run it to verify it works properly.

1. Open the solution file **SolutionNameThatYouUsed.sln** in Visual Studio 2008.
2. Set the appropriate platform target for your project.

In many cases, the default platform target (Any CPU) is appropriate. But, if you are using a 64-bit PC (such as Windows 7) to build a .NET application that uses a 32-bit IVI-COM driver, you may need to specify your project's platform target as **x86**.

3. Choose Project > **ProjectNameThatYouUsed** Properties and select "**Build | Rebuild Solution**".

Alternate: From the Debug menu, click Start Debugging or press the **F5** key.

Example programs may be found by selecting:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Agilent\M9391\Help\Examples



Example Programs

Example Program 1: How to Print Driver Properties, Check for Errors, and Close Driver Sessions

The following example code builds on the previously presented "Tutorial: Creating a Project with IVI-COM Using C#" and demonstrates how to instantiate two driver instances, set the resource names and various initialization values, initialize the two driver instances, print various driver properties for each driver instance, check drivers for errors and report the errors if any occur, and close the drivers.

Example programs may be found by selecting:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Agilent\M9391\Help\Examples

```
// Copy the following example code and compile it as a C# Console Application
// Example_VsaVsgProperties.cs
Specify using Directives

namespace VsaVsgProperties
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // Create driver instances
            IAgM938x VsgDriver = new AgM938x();
            IAgModularVsa VsaDriver = (IAgModularVsa)new AgM9391();
            try
            {
                Initialize Driver Instances

                Print Driver Properties

                Perform Tasks

                Check for Errors
            }
            catch (Exception ex)
            {
                Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
            }
            finally
            {
                Close Driver Instances
            }

            Console.WriteLine("Done - Press Enter to Exit");
            Console.ReadLine();
        }
    }
}

/*
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```



Example Program 1: How to Print Driver Properties, Check for Errors, and Close Driver Sessions

```
// Copy the following example code and compile it as a C# Console Application
// Example_VsaVsgProperties.cs
#region Specify using Directives
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using Ivi.Driver.Interop;
using Agilent.AgM938x.Interop;
using Agilent.AgM9391.Interop;
using Agilent.AgModularVsa.Interop;
#endregion

namespace VsaVsgProperties
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // Create driver instances
            IAgM938x VsgDriver = new AgM938x();
            IAgModularVsa VsaDriver = (IAgModularVsa) new AgM9391();

            try
            {
                #region Initialize Driver Instances
                string VsgResourceName =
                "PXI8::0::0::INSTR;PXI11::0::0::INSTR;PXI12::0::0::INSTR;PXI13::0::0::INSTR";
                string VsaResourceName =
                "PXI14::0::0::INSTR;PXI10::0::0::INSTR;PXI9::0::0::INSTR";

                bool IdQuery = true;
                bool Reset = true;

                string VsgOptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false, DriverSetup=
                Model=VSG, Trace=false";

                string VsaOptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false, DriverSetup=
                Model=VSA, Trace=false";

                VsgDriver.Initialize(VsgResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, VsgOptionString);
                Console.WriteLine("VSG Driver Initialized");

                VsaDriver.Initialize(VsaResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, VsaOptionString);
                Console.WriteLine("VSA Driver Initialized\n\n");
                #endregion

                #region Print Driver Properties
                // Print IviDriverIdentity properties for the PXIe VSG
                Console.WriteLine("Identifier: {0}", VsgDriver.Identity.Identifier);
                Console.WriteLine("Revision: {0}", VsgDriver.Identity.Revision);
                Console.WriteLine("Vendor: {0}", VsgDriver.Identity.Vendor);
                Console.WriteLine("Description: {0}", VsgDriver.Identity.Description);
                Console.WriteLine("Model: {0}", VsgDriver.Identity.InstrumentModel);
                Console.WriteLine("FirmwareRev: {0}",
                VsgDriver.Identity.InstrumentFirmwareRevision);
                Console.WriteLine("Simulate: {0}\n", VsgDriver.DriverOperation.Simulate);

                // Print IviDriverIdentity properties for the PXIe VSA
                Console.WriteLine("Identifier: {0}", VsaDriver.Identity.Identifier);
            }
        }
    }
}
```



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```

        Console.WriteLine("Revision:    {0}", VsaDriver.Identity.Revision);
        Console.WriteLine("Vendor:      {0}", VsaDriver.Identity.Vendor);
        Console.WriteLine("Description: {0}", VsaDriver.Identity.Description);
        Console.WriteLine("Model:       {0}", VsaDriver.Identity.InstrumentModel);
        Console.WriteLine("FirmwareRev: {0}",
VsaDriver.Identity.InstrumentFirmwareRevision);
        Console.WriteLine("Simulate:   {0}\n", VsaDriver.DriverOperation.Simulate);
        #endregion

        #region Perform Tasks
        // TO DO: Exercise driver methods and properties.
        // Put your code here to perform tasks with PXIe VSG and PXIe VSA.
        #endregion

        #region Check for Errors
        // Check VSG instrument for errors
        int VsgErrorNum = -1;
        string VsgErrorMsg = null;
        while (VsgErrorNum != 0)
        {
            VsgDriver.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref VsgErrorNum, ref VsgErrorMsg);
            Console.WriteLine("VSG ErrorQuery: {0}, {1}\n", VsgErrorNum, VsgErrorMsg);
        }

        // Check VSA instrument for errors
        int VsaErrorNum = -1;
        string VsaErrorMsg = null;
        while (VsaErrorNum != 0)
        {
            VsaDriver.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref VsaErrorNum, ref VsaErrorMsg);
            Console.WriteLine("VSA ErrorQuery: {0}, {1}\n", VsaErrorNum, VsaErrorMsg);
        }
        #endregion
    }
    catch (Exception ex)
    {
        Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
    }
    finally
    {
        if (VsgDriver != null && VsgDriver.Initialized)
        {
            // Close the driver
            VsgDriver.Close();
            Console.WriteLine("VSG Driver Closed");
        }
        if (VsaDriver != null && VsaDriver.Initialized)
        {
            // Close the driver
            VsaDriver.Close();
            Console.WriteLine("VSA Driver Closed\n");
        }
    }

    Console.WriteLine("Done - Press Enter to Exit");
    Console.ReadLine();
}
}
}

```



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```
USG Driver Initialized
USA Driver Initialized

Identifier: AgM938x
Revision: 1.2.525.1
Vendor: Agilent Technologies
Description: IUI Driver for AgM938x family of Modular Vector Signal Generators [
Compiled for 64-bit.]
Model: M9381A
FirmwareRev: Sim1.2.525.1
Simulate: True

Identifier: AgM9391
Revision: 1.0.32.0
Vendor: Agilent Technologies
Description: IUI driver for the Agilent M9391 family of USA [Compiled for 64-bit
.]
Model: M9391A
FirmwareRev: Sim1.0.32.0
Simulate: True

USG ErrorQuery: 0, No Error.
USA ErrorQuery: 0, No Error.

USG Driver Closed
USA Driver Closed
```



Alternate Example Program 1: How to Print Driver Properties, Check for Errors, and Close Driver Sessions

The following example program is an alternative way of performing the same tasks as the previous Example Program 1, but uses the `IAgM9391` interface instead of the `IAgModularVsa` interface.

When comparing this example program to Example Program 1, you should note that it does not include the `using Agilent.AgModularVsa.Interop;` and also does not have to have the IVI `AgModularVsa 1.0 Type Library` reference added. By using the `IAgM9391` interface along with the driver instance variable `M9391driver`, this code would have to be updated to be used with a different future VSA module.

```
// Copy the following example code and compile it as a C# Console Application
// Example_VsaVsgProperties_Alternate.cs
#region Specify using Directives
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using Ivi.Driver.Interop;
using Agilent.AgM938x.Interop;
using Agilent.AgM9391.Interop;
#endregion

namespace M9381_M9391_ConsoleApp_Properties
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // Create driver instances
            IAgM938x M9381driver = new AgM938x();
            IAgM9391 M9391driver = new AgM9391();

            try
            {
                #region Initialize Driver Instances
                string M9381ResourceName =
                "PXI8::0::INSTR;PXI11::0::0::INSTR;PXI12::0::0::INSTR;PXI13::0::0::INSTR";
                string M9391ResourceName =
                "PXI14::0::0::INSTR;PXI10::0::0::INSTR;PXI9::0::0::INSTR";

                bool IdQuery = true;
                bool Reset = true;

                string M9381OptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false,
                DriverSetup= Model=M9381A, Trace=false";

                string M9391OptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false,
                DriverSetup= Model=M9391A, Trace=false";

                M9381driver.Initialize(M9381ResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, M9381OptionString);
```



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```

Console.WriteLine("M9381A Driver Initialized");

M9391driver.Initialize(M9391ResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, M9391OptionString);
Console.WriteLine("M9391A Driver Initialized\n\n");
#endregion

#region Print Driver Properties
// Print IviDriverIdentity properties for the M9381A PXIe VSG
Console.WriteLine("Identifier: {0}", M9381driver.Identity.Identifier);
Console.WriteLine("Revision: {0}", M9381driver.Identity.Revision);
Console.WriteLine("Vendor: {0}", M9381driver.Identity.Vendor);
Console.WriteLine("Description: {0}", M9381driver.Identity.Description);
Console.WriteLine("Model: {0}", M9381driver.Identity.InstrumentModel);
Console.WriteLine("FirmwareRev: {0}",
M9381driver.Identity.InstrumentFirmwareRevision);
Console.WriteLine("Simulate: {0}\n", M9381driver.DriverOperation.Simulate);

// Print IviDriverIdentity properties for the M9391A PXIe VSA
Console.WriteLine("Identifier: {0}", M9391driver.Identity.Identifier);
Console.WriteLine("Revision: {0}", M9391driver.Identity.Revision);
Console.WriteLine("Vendor: {0}", M9391driver.Identity.Vendor);
Console.WriteLine("Description: {0}", M9391driver.Identity.Description);
Console.WriteLine("Model: {0}", M9391driver.Identity.InstrumentModel);
Console.WriteLine("FirmwareRev: {0}",
M9391driver.Identity.InstrumentFirmwareRevision);
Console.WriteLine("Simulate: {0}\n", M9391driver.DriverOperation.Simulate);
#endregion

#region Perform Tasks
// TO DO: Exercise driver methods and properties.
// Put your code here to perform tasks w/ M9381A PXIe VSG and M9391A PXIe VSA.
#endregion

#region Check for Errors
// Check M9381A instrument for errors
int M9381errorNum = -1;
string M9381errorMsg = null;
while (M9381errorNum != 0)
{
    M9381driver.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref M9381errorNum, ref M9381errorMsg);
    Console.WriteLine("M9381A ErrorQuery: {0}, {1}\n", M9381errorNum,
M9381errorMsg);
}

// Check M9391A instrument for errors
int M9391errorNum = -1;
string M9391errorMsg = null;
while (M9391errorNum != 0)
{
    M9391driver.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref M9391errorNum, ref M9391errorMsg);
    Console.WriteLine("M9391A ErrorQuery: {0}, {1}\n", M9391errorNum,
M9391errorMsg);
}
#endregion
}
catch (Exception ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
}
finally
{

```



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```

if (M9381driver != null && M9381driver.Initialized)
{
    // Close the driver
    M9381driver.Close();
    Console.WriteLine("M9381A Driver Closed");
}
if (M9391driver != null && M9391driver.Initialized)
{
    // Close the driver
    M9391driver.Close();
    Console.WriteLine("M9391A Driver Closed\n");
}
}

Console.WriteLine("Done - Press Enter to Exit");
Console.ReadLine();
}
}
}

```

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Understanding PA / FEM Measurements

The RF front end of a product includes all of the components between an antenna and the baseband device and the purpose of an RF front end semiconductor is to upconvert a baseband signal to RF that can be used for transmission by an antenna. It can also be used to downconvert an RF signal that can be processed with ADC circuitry. As an example, the RF signal that is received by a cellular phone is the input into the front end circuitry and the output is a down-converted analog signal in the intermediate frequency (IF) range. The down-converted signal is the input to a baseband device, an ADC. For the transmit side, a DAC generates the signal to be up-converted, amplified, and sent to the antenna for transmission. Depending on whether the system is a Wi-Fi, GPS, or cellular radio will require different characteristics of the front end devices.

RF front end devices fall into a few major categories: RF Power Amplifiers, RF Filters and Switches, and FEMs [Front End Modules].

- **RF Power Amplifiers** and **RF Filters and Switches** typically require the following:
 - **PA [Power Amplifier]** – Production Tests include:
 - **Channel Power** - Power Acquisition Mode is used to return one value back through the API.
 - **ACPR [Adjacent Channel Power Ratio]** – When making fast ACPR measurements, "Baseband Tuning" is used to digitally tune the center frequency in order to make channel power measurements, at multiple offsets, using the Power Acquisition interface.
 - **Servo Loop** - When measuring a power amplifier, one of the key measurements is performing a Servo Loop because when you measure a power amplifier:
 - it is typically specified at a specific output power
 - there is a need to adjust the source input level until you measure the exact power level - to do this, you will continually adjust the source until you achieve the specified output power then you make all of the ACPR and harmonics parametric measurements at that level.
- **FEMs [Front End Modules]** – which could be a combination of multiple front end functions in a single module or even a "Switch Matrix" that switches various radios (such as Wi-Fi, GSM, PCS, Bluetooth, etc.) to the antenna.



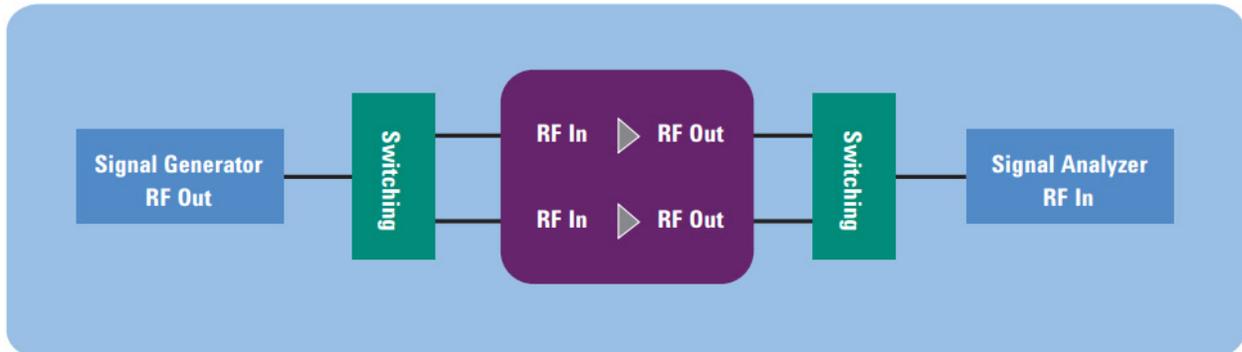
Test Challenges Faced by Power Amplifier Testing

- The need to quickly adjust power level inputs to the device under test (DUT).
- The need to assess modulation performance (i.e., ACPR and EVM) at high output power levels.

The figure below shows a simplified block diagram for the M9381A PXIe VSG and M9391A PXIe VSA in a typical PA / FEM test system.

Typical power amplifier modules require an input power level of 0 to + 5 dBm, digitally modulated according to communication standards such as WCDMA or LTE. The specified performance of the power amplifier or front end module is normally set at a specific output level of the DUT. If the devices have small variations in gain, it may be necessary to adjust the power level from the VSG to get the correct output level of the DUT. Only after the DUT output level is set at the correct value can the specified parameters be tested. The time spent adjusting the VSG to get the correct DUT output power can be a major contributor to the test time and the overall cost of test.

The VSG is connected to the DUT using a cable and switches. The switching may be used to support testing of multi-band modules or multi-site testing. The complexity of the switching depends on the number of bands in the devices and the number of test sites supported by the system. The DUTs are typically inserted into the test fixture using an automated part handler. In some cases, several feet of cable is required between the VSG and the input of the DUT.



The combination of the RF cables and the switching network can add several dB of loss between the output of the VSG and the input of the DUT, which requires higher output levels from the VSG. Since the tests are performed with a modulated signal, the VSG must also have adequate modulation performance at the higher power levels.

Performing a Channel Power Measurement, Using Immediate Trigger

Standard	Sample Rate	Channel Filter Type	Channel Filter Parameter	Channel Filter Bandwidth	Channel Offsets
WCDMA	5 MHz	RRC	0.22	3.84 MHz	5, 10 MHz
LTE 10 MHz FDD	11.25 MHz	Rectangular	N/A	9 MHz	10, 20 MHz
LTE 10 MHz TDD	11.25 MHz	Rectangular	N/A	9 MHz	10, 20 MHz
1xEV-DO	2 MHz	RRC	0.22	1.23 MHz	1.25, 2.5 MHz
TD-SCDMA	2 MHz	RRC	0.22	1.28 MHz	1.6, 3.2 MHz
GSM/EDGE Channel	1.25 MHz	Gaussian	0.3	271 kHz	
GSM/EDGE ORFS	1.25 MHz	TBD	TBD	30 kHz	400, 600kHz

Example Program 2: How to Perform Channel Power Measurement, Using Immediate Trigger (Settings for WCDMA Signal)

The following example code demonstrates how to instantiate a driver instance, set the resource name and various initialization values, initialize the two driver instances:

1. Send RF and Power Acquisition commands to the VSA driver and Apply changes to hardware,
2. Check the instrument queue for errors.
3. Perform a Channel Power Measurement,
4. Report errors if any occur, and close the drivers.

Example programs may be found by selecting:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Agilent\M9391\Help\Examples



```

// Copy the following example code and compile it as a C# Console Application
// Example_ChannelPowerImmediateTrigger.cs
// Channel Power Measurement, Using Immediate Trigger
Specify using Directives

namespace ChannelPowerImmTrigger
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // Create driver instances
            IAgModularVsa VsaDriver = (IAgModularVsa) new AgM9391();

            try
            {
                Initialize Driver Instances

                Check Instrument Queue for Errors

                Receiver Settings

                Run Commands

            }
            catch (Exception ex)
            {
                Console.WriteLine("Exceptions for the drivers:\n");
                Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
            }
            finally
            {
                Close Driver Instances

                Console.WriteLine("Done - Press Enter to Exit");
                Console.ReadLine();
            }
        }
    }
}

/*
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```



Pseudo-code of How to Perform Channel Power Measurement, Using Immediate Trigger

Initialize Driver for VSA, Check for Errors

- Send RF Settings to VSA Driver:
 - Frequency
 - Level
 - Peak to Average Ratio
 - Conversion Mode
 - IF Bandwidth
 - Set Acquisition Mode to “Power”
- Send Power Acquisition Setting to VSA Driver:
 - Sample Rate
 - Duration
 - Channel Filter
- Apply Method to Send Changes to Hardware
 - Wait for Hardware to Settle
- Send Arm Method to VSA
- Send Read Power Method to VSA

Close Driver for VSA

Example Program 2: How to Perform Channel Power Measurement, Using Immediate Trigger

```
// Copy the following example code and compile it as a C# Console Application
// Example_ChannelPowerImmediateTrigger.cs
#region Specify using Directives
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using Ivi.Driver.Interop;
using Agilent.AgM9391.Interop;
using Agilent.AgModularVsa.Interop;
#endregion

namespace ChannelPowerImmTrigger
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // Create driver instances
            IAgModularVsa VsaDriver = (IAgModularVsa) new AgM9391();

            try
            {
                #region Initialize Driver Instances
                string VSAResourceName =
                    "PXI14::0::0::INSTR;PXI10::0::0::INSTR;PXI9::0::0::INSTR;PXI13::0::0::INSTR";

                bool IdQuery = true;
                bool Reset = true;

                string VSAOptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false,
                    DriverSetup= Model=M9391A, Trace=false";
            }
        }
    }
}
```



```

VsaDriver.Initialize(VSAResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, VSAOptionString);
Console.WriteLine("VSA Driver Initialized\n");
#endregion

#region Check Instrument Queue for Errors
// Check VSA instrument for errors
int VsaErrorNum = -1;
string VsaErrorMsg = null;
while (VsaErrorNum != 0)
{
    VsaDriver.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref VsaErrorNum, ref VsaErrorMsg);
    Console.WriteLine("VSA ErrorQuery: {0}, {1}\n", VsaErrorNum,
VsaErrorMsg);
}
#endregion

#region Receiver Settings
// Receiver Settings
double Frequency = 2000000000.0;
double Level = 5;
double RmsValue = 5;
double ChannelTime = 0.0001;
double MeasureBW = 5000000.0;
AgModularVsaChannelFilterShapeEnum FilterType =
AgModularVsaChannelFilterShapeEnum.AgModularVsaChannelFilterShapeRootRaisedCosine;
double FilterAlpha = 0.22;
double FilterBw = 3840000.0;
double MeasuredPower = 0;
bool Overload = true;
#endregion

#region Run Commands
// Setup the RF Path in the Receiver
VsaDriver.RF.Frequency = Frequency;
VsaDriver.RF.Power = Level;
VsaDriver.RF.Conversion =
AgModularVsaConversionEnum.AgModularVsaConversionAuto;
VsaDriver.RF.PeakToAverage = RmsValue;
VsaDriver.RF.IFBandwidth = 40000000.0; // Use IF filter wide enough for
all adjacent channels
// Configure the Acquisition
VsaDriver.AcquisitionMode =
AgModularVsaAcquisitionModeEnum.AgModularVsaAcquisitionModePower;
VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.Bandwidth = MeasureBW; // 5 MHz
VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.Duration = ChannelTime; // 100 us
VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.ChannelFilter.Configure(FilterType,
FilterAlpha, FilterBw);
// Send Changes to hardware
VsaDriver.Apply();
VsaDriver.WaitUntilSettled(100);

string response = "y";
while (string.Compare(response, "y") == 0) {
    Console.WriteLine("Press Enter to Run Test");
    Console.ReadLine();

    VsaDriver.Arm();
    VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.ReadPower(0,
AgModularVsaPowerUnitsEnum.AgModularVsaPowerUnitsdBm, ref MeasuredPower, ref
Overload);
    Console.WriteLine("Measured Power: " + MeasuredPower + " dBm");
}

```



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```

        Console.WriteLine(String.Format("Overload = {0}", Overload ? "true" :
"false"));
        Console.WriteLine("Repeat? y/n");
        response = Console.ReadLine();
    }
    #endregion

}
catch (Exception ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Exceptions for the drivers:\n");
    Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
}
finally
#region Close Driver Instances
{
    if (VsaDriver != null && VsaDriver.Initialized)
    {
        // Close the driver
        VsaDriver.Close();
        Console.WriteLine("VSA Driver Closed\n");
    }
}
#endregion

Console.WriteLine("Done - Press Enter to Exit");
Console.ReadLine();
}
}
}

```

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```

USA Driver Initialized
USA ErrorQuery: 0, No Error.
Press Enter to Run Test
Measured Power: -31.9663020076725 dBm
Overload = false
Repeat? y/n
n
USA Driver Closed
Done - Press Enter to Exit

```



Performing a WCDMA Power Servo and ACPR Measurement

When making a WCDMA Power Servo and ACPR measurement, Servo is performed using "Baseband Tuning" to adjust the source amplitude and then "Baseband Tuning" is used to digitally tune the center frequency in order to make channel power measurements, at multiple offsets, using the Power Acquisition interface of the VSA.

Note: The M9391A PXIe VSA and the M9381A PXIe VSG offers two modes for adjusting frequency and amplitude:

- **RF Tuning** – allows the M9381A PXIe VSG to be set across the complete operating frequency and amplitude range.
- **Baseband Tuning** – allows the frequency and amplitude to be adjusted within the IF bandwidth (160 MHz) and over a range of the output level.

Example Program 3: How to Perform a WCDMA Power Servo and ACPR Measurement

The following example code demonstrates how to instantiate two driver instances, set the resource names and various initialization values, initialize the two driver instances:

1. Send RF and Modulation commands to the VSG driver and Apply changes to hardware,
2. Send RF and Power Acquisition commands to the VSA driver and Apply changes to hardware,
3. Run a Servo Loop until it is at the required output power from DUT,
4. Perform an ACPR Measurement for each Adjacent Channel to be measured,
5. Check drivers for errors and report the errors if any occur, and close the drivers.

Example programs may be found by selecting:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Agilent\M9391\Help\Examples

```

// Copy the following example code and compile it as a C# Console Application
// Example_PaServoAcpr.cs
// WCDMA Power Servo and ACPR Measurement
Specify using Directives

namespace PaServoAcpr
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // Create driver instances
            IAgM938x VsgDriver = new AgM938x();
            IAgModularVsa VsaDriver = (IAgModularVsa) new AgM9391();

            try
            {
                Initialize Driver Instances

                Check Instrument Queue for Errors

                Create Default Settings for WCDMA Uplink Signal

                Run Commands

            }
            catch (Exception ex)
            {
                Console.WriteLine("Exceptions for the drivers:\n");
                Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
            }
            finally
            {
                Close Driver Instances

                Console.WriteLine("Done - Press Enter to Exit");
                Console.ReadLine();
            }
        }
    }
}

/*
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```



Pseudo-code of How to Perform a WCDMA Power Servo and ACPR Measurement

Initialize Drivers for VSG and VSA, Check for Errors

- Send RF Settings to VSG Driver:
 - Frequency
 - RF Level to Maximum Needed
 - RF Enable On
 - ALC Enable Off (for baseband power changes)
- Send Modulation Commands to VSG Driver:
 - Load WCDMA Signal Studio File
 - Enable Modulation
 - Play ARB File
 - Set ARB Scale to 0.5
 - Set Baseband Power Offset to -10 dB
- Apply Method to Send Changes to Hardware
 - Wait for Hardware to Settle
- Send RF Settings to VSA Driver:
 - Frequency
 - Level
 - Peak to Average Ratio
 - Conversion Mode
 - IF Bandwidth
 - Set Acquisition Mode to "Power"
- Send Power Acquisition Setting to VSA Driver:
 - Sample Rate
 - Duration
 - Channel Filter
- Apply Method to Send Changes to Hardware
 - Wait for Hardware to Settle

Servo Loop:

- Set Baseband Power Offset on VSG to expected value
- Send Apply Method to VSG
- Send Arm Method to VSA
- Send ReadPower Method to VSA
- Repeat Until at Required Output Power from DUT
- Last Reading is Channel Power Measurement

ACPR Measurement:

- Set Acquisition Duration Property on VSA to Value for Adjacent Channel Measurements
- Set Frequency Offset Property on VSA to Channel Offset Frequency
- Send Apply Method to VSA
- Send Arm Method to VSA
- Send ReadPower Method to VSA
- Repeat for each Adjacent Channel to be Measured



Example Program 3: How to Perform a WCDMA Power Servo and ACPR Measurement

```
// Copy the following example code and compile it as a C# Console Application
// Example_PaServoAcpr.cs
// WCDMA Power Servo and ACPR Measurement
#region Specify using Directives
    using System;
    using System.Collections.Generic;
    using System.Linq;
    using System.Text;
    using Ivi.Driver.Interop;
    using Agilent.AgM938x.Interop;
    using Agilent.AgM9391.Interop;
    using Agilent.AgModularVsa.Interop;
#endregion

namespace PaServoAcpr
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // Create driver instances
            IAgM938x VsgDriver = new AgM938x();
            IAgModularVsa VsaDriver = (IAgModularVsa) new AgM9391();

            try
            {
                #region Initialize Driver Instances
                string VsgResourceName =
                    "PXI8::0::0::INSTR;PXI11::0::0::INSTR;PXI12::0::0::INSTR;PXI13::0::0::INSTR";
                string VsaResourceName =
                    "PXI14::0::0::INSTR;PXI10::0::0::INSTR;PXI9::0::0::INSTR";

                bool IdQuery = true;
                bool Reset = true;

                string VsgOptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false,
                    DriverSetup= Model=VSG, Trace=false";

                string VsaOptionString = "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate=false,
                    DriverSetup= Model=VSA, Trace=false";

                VsaDriver.Initialize(VsaResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, VsaOptionString);
                Console.WriteLine("VSA Driver Initialized\n");

                VsgDriver.Initialize(VsgResourceName, IdQuery, Reset, VsgOptionString);
                Console.WriteLine("VSG Driver Initialized");

                #endregion

                #region Check Instrument Queue for Errors
                // Check VSG instrument for errors
                int VsgErrorNum = -1;
                string VsgErrorMsg = null;
                while (VsgErrorNum != 0)
                {
                    VsgDriver.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref VsgErrorNum, ref VsgErrorMsg);
                    Console.WriteLine("VSG ErrorQuery: {0}, {1}", VsgErrorNum,
                        VsgErrorMsg);
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```



```

// Check VSA instrument for errors
int VsaErrorNum = -1;
string VsaErrorMsg = null;
while (VsaErrorNum != 0)
{
    VsaDriver.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref VsaErrorNum, ref VsaErrorMsg);
    Console.WriteLine("VSA ErrorQuery: {0}, {1}\n", VsaErrorNum,
VsaErrorMsg);
}
#endregion

#region Create Default Settings for WCDMA Uplink Signal
// Source Settings
double Frequency = 1000000000.0;
double Level = 3;
// If a Signal Studio waveform file is used, it may require a software
license.
string ExamplesFolder = "C:\\Program Files (x86)\\Agilent\\M938x\\Example
Waveforms\\";
string WaveformFile = "WCDMA_UL_DPCHH_2DPDCH_1C.wfm";
string FileName = ExamplesFolder + WaveformFile;
string ArbRef = "Mod Waveform";

// Receiver Settings
double ChannelTime = 0.0001;
double AdjacentTime = 0.0005;
double IfBandwidth = 40000000.0;
double PowerOffset = 0;
double MeasureBW = 5000000.0;
AgModularVsaChannelFilterShapeEnum FilterType =
AgModularVsaChannelFilterShapeEnum.AgModularVsaChannelFilterShapeRootRaisedCosine;
double FilterAlpha = 0.22;
double FilterBw = 3840000.0;
double[] FreqOffset = new double[] {-5000000.0, 5000000.0, -10000000.0,
10000000.0};

double MeasuredPower = 0;
bool Overload = true;
double MeasuredChannelPower;
bool ChannelPowerOverload;
double[] MeasuredACPR = new double[4];
double SampleRate = 0;
double RmsValue = 0;
double ScaleFactor = 0;
#endregion

#region Run Commands
// These commands are sent to the VSG Driver, "Apply" or "PlayArb" methods
send to hardware
VsgDriver.RF.Frequency = Frequency;
VsgDriver.RF.Level = Level;
VsgDriver.RF.OutputEnabled = true;
VsgDriver.ALC.Enabled = false;
VsgDriver.Modulation.IQ.UploadArbAgilentFile(ArbRef, FileName);
VsgDriver.Modulation.Enabled = true;
VsgDriver.Modulation.BasebandPower = -10;
// Play the ARB, sending all changes to hardware
VsgDriver.Modulation.PlayArb(ArbRef,
AgM938xStartEventEnum.AgM938xStartEventImmediate);
VsgDriver.Modulation.Scale = 0.5;
VsgDriver.Apply();

```



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        // Get the Sample Rate and RMS Value (Peak to Average Ratio) of the
Current Waveform
    AgM938xMarkerEnum RfBlankMarker = AgM938xMarkerEnum.AgM938xMarkerNone;
    AgM938xMarkerEnum AlcHoldMarker = AgM938xMarkerEnum.AgM938xMarkerNone;
    VsgDriver.Modulation.IQ.ArbInformation(ArbRef, ref SampleRate, ref
RmsValue, ref ScaleFactor, ref RfBlankMarker, ref AlcHoldMarker);

    // Setup the RF Path in the Receiver
    VsaDriver.RF.Frequency = Frequency;
    VsaDriver.RF.Power = Level + PowerOffset;
    VsaDriver.RF.Conversion =
AgModularVsaConversionEnum.AgModularVsaConversionAuto;
    VsaDriver.RF.PeakToAverage = RmsValue;
    VsaDriver.RF.IFBandwidth = IfBandwidth;
    // Configure the Acquisition
    VsaDriver.AcquisitionMode =
AgModularVsaAcquisitionEnum.AgModularVsaAcquisitionModePower;
    VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.Bandwidth = MeasureBW;
    VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.Duration = ChannelTime;
    VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.ChannelFilter.Configure(FilterType,
FilterAlpha, FilterBw);
    // Send Changes to hardware
    VsaDriver.Apply();
    VsaDriver.WaitUntilSettled(100);

    string response = "y";
    while (string.Compare(response, "y") == 0) {
        Console.WriteLine("Press Enter to Run Test");
        Console.ReadLine();

        // Run a group of baseband power commands to change the source level
and make a power measurement at each step.
        // Simulates Servo loop timing, but does not use the measured power to
adjust the next source level
        VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.Duration = ChannelTime;
        VsaDriver.Apply();
        double[] LevelOffset = new double[] {-3, -2, -1, -0.5, -0.75};
        for (int Index = 0; Index < LevelOffset.Length - 1; Index++) {
            VsgDriver.Modulation.BasebandPower = LevelOffset[Index];
            VsgDriver.Apply();
            VsaDriver.Arm();
            VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.ReadPower(0,
AgModularVsaPowerUnitsEnum.AgModularVsaPowerUnitsdBm, ref MeasuredPower, ref
Overload);
        }

        // Loop Through the channel offset frequencies for an ACPR measurement
// Use the last value of the servo loop for the channel power
        MeasuredChannelPower = MeasuredPower;
        ChannelPowerOverload = Overload;
        VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.Duration = AdjacentTime;
        for (int Index = 0; Index < FreqOffset.Length; Index++) {
            VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.OffsetFrequency = FreqOffset[Index];
            VsaDriver.Apply();
            VsaDriver.Arm();
            VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.ReadPower(0,
AgModularVsaPowerUnitsEnum.AgModularVsaPowerUnitsdBm, ref MeasuredPower, ref
Overload);
            MeasuredACPR[Index] = MeasuredPower - MeasuredChannelPower;
        }
    }

```



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```

        // Make sure the VSA frequency offset is back to 0 (on repeat)
        VsaDriver.PowerAcquisition.OffsetFrequency = 0;
        VsaDriver.Apply();
        if (ChannelPowerOverload == true) {
            Console.WriteLine("Channel Power Measurement Overload");
        }
        Console.WriteLine("Channel Power: {0} dBm", MeasuredChannelPower);
        Console.WriteLine("ACPR1 L: {0} dBc", MeasuredACPR[0]);
        Console.WriteLine("ACPR1 U: {0} dBc", MeasuredACPR[1]);
        Console.WriteLine("ACPR2 L: {0} dBc", MeasuredACPR[2]);
        Console.WriteLine("ACPR2 U: {0} dBc", MeasuredACPR[3]);

        Console.WriteLine("Repeat? y/n");
        response = Console.ReadLine();
    }
    #endregion
}
catch (Exception ex)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Exceptions for the drivers:\n");
    Console.WriteLine(ex.Message);
}
finally
#region Close Driver Instances
{
    if (VsgDriver != null && VsgDriver.Initialized)
    {
        // Close the driver
        VsgDriver.Close();
        Console.WriteLine("VSG Driver Closed");
    }

    if (VsaDriver != null && VsaDriver.Initialized)
    {
        // Close the driver
        VsaDriver.Close();
        Console.WriteLine("VSA Driver Closed\n");
    }
}
#endregion

Console.WriteLine("Done - Press Enter to Exit");
Console.ReadLine();
}
}
}

```



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```
USA Driver Initialized
USG Driver Initialized
USG ErrorQuery: 0, No Error.
USA ErrorQuery: 0, No Error.

Press Enter to Run Test

Channel Power: 2.06747628596215 dBm
ACPR1 L: -68.2805836797292 dBc
ACPR1 U: -68.1435303761513 dBc
ACPR2 L: -69.0805783603514 dBc
ACPR2 U: -68.6461396479006 dBc
Repeat? y/n
n
USG Driver Closed
USA Driver Closed

Done - Press Enter to Exit
```

Accessing Hardware-Specific Capabilities

To access hardware-specific capabilities that are not in the common `IAgModularVsa` interface, you must cast the reference to the instrument to the instrument-specific interface.

As an example, we have an M9391A PXIe VSA which is referred to by an `IAgModularVsa` interface. To access the specific IF output filter that is in use, we must first cast to the instrument-specific `IAgM9391`, then access the hardware-specific property.

```
IAgModularVsa VsaDriver = new AgM9391();

IAgM9391IFOutputFilterEnum IFFilter =
((IAgM9391)VsaDriver).Modules.Downconverter.IFOutputFilter;
```



Appendix 1:

Routing Triggers for Four M938xA VSG Configurations (Sharing One Reference)

The following is an example for routing triggers for four VSG configurations of modules.

```
// This is where we make sure the triggers that are required for the M9381A
// are routed properly across backplane segments on the chassis where necessary
//
// The M9018A has 3 trigger bus segments:
// Bus 1: slots 1-6
// Bus 2: slots 7-12
// Bus 3: slots 13-18
//
// For each M9381A in our system, there are three requirements:
// 1) PXI trigger from M9311A to M9310A for ALC. This defaults to trigger 7
// 2) PXI trigger from M9301A to M9311A for front panel External Trigger.
// This defaults to trigger 6.
// 3) None of these triggers can conflict with each other.
// For example, if there are two VSGs (or portions of a VSG)
// occupying a single chassis, they cannot both use the default trigger lines.
//
// To satisfy these requirements, we have two tools available to us:
// 1) Routing triggers between bus segments on the chassis
// 2) redefining the triggers used by the M9381A.
//
// For this example, we examine the routings needed for a 4 channel M9381A,
// with a single M9300A in slot 10.
// The other VSGs are in the following locations:
// VSG 1: slots 2-5
// VSG 2: slots 6-9
// VSG 3: slots 11-14
// VSG 4: slots 15-18
// We can make some observations about this configuration:
// 1) VSG1 and VSG2 have conflicting backplane trigger requirements, because the
M9311A modules will be in slots
// 2 and 6, therefore in the same bus segment
// 2) VSG 2 crosses segment boundary 1-2
// 3) VSG 2 and 3 have conflicting trigger requirements, because the M9301A module
from VSG 2 and M9311A module from VSG 3 will be in slots
// 9 and 11, therefore in the same bus segment
// 4) VSG 3 crosses segment boundary 2-3
// 5) VSG 3 and 4 have conflicting trigger requirements, because the M9301A module
from VSG 3 and M9311A module from VSG 4 will be in slots
// 14 and 15, therefore in the same bus segment
// 6) VSG 1 and VSG 4 are contained entirely within one trigger bus segment.
//
// To come up with a routing, we have to address all 5 of these issues above to
satisfy the 3 requirements outlined earlier.
//
// The simplest routing turns out to be the following
// 1) VSG 1 and VSG 3 use default triggers 6 and 7
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// 2) VSG 2 and VSG 4 use triggers 5 and 8

// Route triggers on chassis backplane. Note that these will persist until a
power cycle, so this section could be performed in a separate
// program that runs at startup, for example as a service
M9018.TriggerBus.Connect(0,
Agilent.AgM9018.Interop.AgM9018TrigBusEnum.AgM9018TrigBus2To1);
M9018.TriggerBus.Connect(5,
Agilent.AgM9018.Interop.AgM9018TrigBusEnum.AgM9018TrigBus1To2);
M9018.TriggerBus.Connect(6,
Agilent.AgM9018.Interop.AgM9018TrigBusEnum.AgM9018TrigBus3To2);
M9018.TriggerBus.Connect(7,
Agilent.AgM9018.Interop.AgM9018TrigBusEnum.AgM9018TrigBus2To3);

// Redefine triggers for VSG 2 and 4.
M9381chan2.System.PXIResources.AddHint("M9311A", "M9310A", "ALC TRIGGER",
Agilent.AgM938x.Interop.AgM938xPXIResourceTypeEnum.AgM938xPXIResourceTypeTTL_TRIGGER,
Agilent.AgM938x.Interop.AgM938xPXIResourcesEnum.AgM938xPXIResourcesTTL_TRIGGER_5);
M9381chan2.System.PXIResources.AddHint("M9301A", "M9311A", "EXTERNAL TRIGGER",
Agilent.AgM938x.Interop.AgM938xPXIResourceTypeEnum.AgM938xPXIResourceTypeTTL_TRIGGER,
Agilent.AgM938x.Interop.AgM938xPXIResourcesEnum.AgM938xPXIResourcesTTL_TRIGGER_0);
M9381chan4.System.PXIResources.AddHint("M9311A", "M9310A", "ALC TRIGGER",
Agilent.AgM938x.Interop.AgM938xPXIResourceTypeEnum.AgM938xPXIResourceTypeTTL_TRIGGER,
Agilent.AgM938x.Interop.AgM938xPXIResourcesEnum.AgM938xPXIResourcesTTL_TRIGGER_5);
M9381chan4.System.PXIResources.AddHint("M9301A", "M9311A", "EXTERNAL TRIGGER",
Agilent.AgM938x.Interop.AgM938xPXIResourceTypeEnum.AgM938xPXIResourceTypeTTL_TRIGGER,
Agilent.AgM938x.Interop.AgM938xPXIResourcesEnum.AgM938xPXIResourcesTTL_TRIGGER_0);

// Do other VSG things

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Example programs may be found by selecting:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Agilent\M9391\Help\Examples

// Copy the following example code and compile it as a C# Console Application

```

using Agilent.AgM938x.Interop;
using Agilent.AgM9300.Interop;
using Agilent.AgM9018.Interop;
using System;
using System.Windows.Forms;

namespace VSG_SFP
{
    public partial class TriggerRouting
    {
        public IAgM938xEx M9381chan1;
        public IAgM938xEx M9381chan2;
        public IAgM938xEx M9381chan3;
        public IAgM938xEx M9381chan4;
        public IAgM9018 M9018; // chassis

        public string M9381Chan1resource = "M9381Chan1";
        public string M9381Chan2resource = "M9381Chan2";
        public string M9381Chan3resource = "M9381Chan3";
        public string M9381Chan4resource = "M9381Chan4";
        public string M9018resource = "PXI15::0::0::INSTR";

        public void RouteTriggers()
        {
            int errorcode = -1; string message = string.Empty;
            bool idquery = true;

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bool reset = true;
bool simulateHardware = false;
string M9381options = string.Format(
    "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate={0}, M9381Setup= Model=,
Trace=false", (simulateHardware ? "true" : "false"));
string M9018options = string.Format(
    "QueryInstrStatus=true, Simulate={0}, M9018Setup= Model=,
Trace=false", (simulateHardware ? "true" : "false"));
try
{
    M9381chan1 = new AgM938x();
    M9381chan2 = new AgM938x();
    M9381chan3 = new AgM938x();
    M9381chan4 = new AgM938x();
    M9018 = new AgM9018();

    // Initialize M9018A Chassis
    M9018.Initialize(M9018resource, idquery, reset, M9018options);

    //Initialize M9381 Channel 1
    M9381chan1.Initialize(M9381Chan1resource, idquery, reset,
M9381options);

    // Clear startup messages & warnings if any.
    do
    {
        M9381chan1.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref errorcode, ref message);
        if (errorcode != 0)
            Console.WriteLine(message);
    } while (errorcode != 0);

    //Initialize M9381 Channel 2
    M9381chan2.Initialize(M9381Chan2resource, idquery, reset,
M9381options);

    // Clear startup messages & warnings if any.
    do
    {
        M9381chan2.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref errorcode, ref message);
        if (errorcode != 0)
            Console.WriteLine(message);
    } while (errorcode != 0);

    //Initialize M9381 Channel 3
    M9381chan3.Initialize(M9381Chan3resource, idquery, reset,
M9381options);

    // Clear startup messages & warnings if any.
    do
    {
        M9381chan3.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref errorcode, ref message);
        if (errorcode != 0)
            Console.WriteLine(message);
    } while (errorcode != 0);

    //Initialize M9381 Channel 4
    M9381chan4.Initialize(M9381Chan4resource, idquery, reset,
M9381options);

    // Clear startup messages & warnings if any.
    do

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    {
        M9381chan4.Utility.ErrorQuery(ref errorcode, ref message);
        if (errorcode != 0)
            Console.WriteLine(message);
    } while (errorcode != 0);

    // This is where we do the work to make sure the triggers that are
    // required for the M9381A
    // are routed properly across backplane segments on the chassis where
    // necessary
    //
    // The M9018A has 3 trigger bus segments:
    // Bus 1: slots 1-6
    // Bus 2: slots 7-12
    // Bus 3: slots 13-18
    //
    // For each M9381A in our system, there are three requirements:
    // 1) There must be a PXI trigger from M9311A to M9310A for ALC. This
    defaults to trigger 7
    // 2) There must be a PXI trigger from M9301A to M9311A for front
    panel External Trigger. This defaults to trigger 6.
    // 3) None of these triggers can conflict with each other. For
    example, if there are two VSGs (or portions of a VSG)
    // occupying a single chassis, they cannot both use the default
    trigger lines.
    //
    // To satisfy these requirements, we have two tools available to us:
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Glossary

ADE (application development environment) — An integrated suite of software development programs. ADEs may include a text editor, compiler, and debugger, as well as other tools used in creating, maintaining, and debugging application programs. Example: Microsoft Visual Studio.

API (application programming interface) — An API is a well-defined set of set of software routines through which application program can access the functions and services provided by an underlying operating system or library. Example: IVI Drivers

C# (pronounced “C sharp”) — C-like, component-oriented language that eliminates much of the difficulty associated with C/C++.

Direct I/O — commands sent directly to an instrument, without the benefit of, or interference from a driver. SCPI Example: SENSE:VOLTage:RANGe:AUTO Driver (or device driver) — a collection of functions resident on a computer and used to control a peripheral device.

DLL (dynamic link library) — An executable program or data file bound to an application program and loaded only when needed, thereby reducing memory requirements. The functions or data in a DLL can be simultaneously shared by several applications.

Input/Output (I/O) layer — The software that collects data from and issues commands to peripheral devices. The VISA function library is an example of an I/O layer that allows application programs and drivers to access peripheral instrumentation.

IVI (Interchangeable Virtual Instruments) — a standard instrument driver model defined by the IVI Foundation that enables engineers to exchange instruments made by different manufacturers without rewriting their code. www.ivifoundation.org

IVI COM drivers (also known as IVI Component drivers) — IVI COM presents the IVI driver as a COM object in Visual Basic. You get all the intelligence and all the benefits of the development environment because IVI COM does things in a smart way and presents an easier, more consistent way to send commands to an instrument. It is similar across multiple instruments.

Microsoft COM (Component Object Model) — The concept of software components is analogous to that of hardware components: as long as components present the same interface and perform the same functions, they are interchangeable. Software components are the natural extension of DLLs. Microsoft developed the COM standard to allow software manufacturers to create new software components that can be used with an existing application program, without requiring that the application be rebuilt. It is this capability that allows T&M instruments and their COM-based IVI-Component drivers to be interchanged.

.NET Framework — The .NET Framework is an object-oriented API that simplifies application development in a Windows environment. The .NET Framework has two main components: the common language runtime and the .NET Framework class library.



VISA (Virtual Instrument Software Architecture) — The VISA standard was created by the VXIplug&play Foundation. Drivers that conform to the VXIplug&play standards always perform I/O through the VISA library. Therefore if you are using Plug and Play drivers, you will need the VISA I/O library. The VISA standard was intended to provide a common set of function calls that are similar across physical interfaces. In practice, VISA libraries tend to be specific to the vendor's interface.

VISA-COM — The VISA-COM library is a COM interface for I/O that was developed as a companion to the VISA specification. VISA-COM I/O provides the services of VISA in a COM-based API. VISA-COM includes some higher-level services that are not available in VISA, but in terms of low-level I/O communication capabilities, VISA-COM is a subset of VISA. Agilent VISA-COM is used by its IVI-Component drivers and requires that Agilent VISA also be installed.

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