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## General Information

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### About this Guide

This guide provides remote programming information for the following series of HP-IB programmable dc power supplies:

- HP 66312A
- HP 66332A
- HP 6612B
- HP 6632B
- HP 6633B
- HP 6634B

You will find the following information in the rest of this guide:

- Chapter 1 Introduction to this guide.
- Chapter 2 Introduction to SCPI messages structure, syntax, and data formats. Examples of SCPI programs.
- Chapter 3 Introduction to Programming the dc source with SCPI commands.
- Chapter 4 Dictionary of SCPI commands.
- Appendix A SCPI conformance information.
- Appendix B Use of the alternate Comptibility programming language.
- Appendix C Error Messages

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### Documentation Summary

The following documents that are related to this Programming Guide have additional helpful information for using the dc source.

- *User's Guide for HP 66312A and HP 6612B*. Includes specifications and supplemental characteristics, how to use the front panel, how to connect to the instrument, and calibration procedures.
- *User's Guide for HP 66332A and HP 6632B/6633B/6634B*. Includes specifications and supplemental characteristics, how to use the front panel, how to connect to the instrument, and calibration procedures.

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## External References

### SCPI References

The following documents will assist you with programming in SCPI:

- *Beginner's Guide to SCPI*. HP Part No. H2325-90001. Highly recommended for anyone who has not had previous experience programming with SCPI.
- *Tutorial Description of the Hewlett-Packard Interface Bus*. HP Part No. 5952-0156. Highly recommended for those not familiar with the IEEE 488.1 and 488.2 standards.

To obtain a copy of the above documents, contact your local HP Sales and Support Office.

### HP-IB References

The most important HP-IB documents are your controller programming manuals - HP BASIC, HP-IB Command Library for MS DOS, etc. Refer to these for all non-SCPI commands (for example: Local Lockout).

The following are two formal documents concerning the HP-IB interface:

- *ANSI/IEEE Std. 488.1-1987 IEEE Standard Digital Interface for Programmable Instrumentation*. Defines the technical details of the HP-IB interface. While much of the information is beyond the need of most programmers, it can serve to clarify terms used in this guide and in related documents.
- *ANSI/IEEE Std. 488.2-1987 IEEE Standard Codes, Formats, Protocols, and Common Commands*. Recommended as a reference only if you intend to do fairly sophisticated programming. Helpful for finding precise definitions of certain types of SCPI message formats, data types, or common commands.

The above two documents are available from the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017, USA.

## Introduction to Programming

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### HP-IB Capabilities of the DC Source

All dc source functions except for setting the HP-IB address are programmable over the HP-IB. The IEEE 488.2 capabilities of the dc source are listed in the Specifications Table of the User's Guide.

#### HP-IB Address

The dc source operates from an HP-IB address that is set from the front panel. To set the HP-IB address, press the **Address** key on the front panel and enter the address using the **Entry** keys. The HP-IB address is stored in non-volatile memory.

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### RS-232 Capabilities of the DC Source

The dc source provides an RS-232 programming interface, which is activated by commands located under the front panel **Address** key. All SCPI and COMPAtibility commands are available through RS-232 programming. When the RS-232 interface is selected, the HP-IB interface is disabled.

The EIA RS-232 Standard defines the interconnections between Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Communications Equipment (DCE). The dc source is designed to be a DTE. It can be connected to another DTE such as a PC COM port through a null modem cable.

#### RS-232 Data Format

The RS-232 data is a 10-bit word with one start bit and one stop bit. The number of start and stop bits is not programmable. However, the following parity options are selectable using the front panel **Address** key:

EVEN	Seven data bits with even parity
ODD	Seven data bits with odd parity
MARK	Seven data bits with mark parity (parity is always true)
SPACE	Seven data bits with space parity (parity is always false)
NONE	Eight data bits without parity

Parity options are stored in non-volatile memory.

#### Baud Rate

The front panel **Address** key lets you select one of the following baud rates:

300   600   1200   2400   4800   9600

The baud rate is stored in non-volatile memory.

## RS-232 Flow Control

The RS-232 interface supports one control option that is selected using the front panel **Address** key. The dc source will send a maximum of five characters after holdoff is asserted by the controller. The dc source is capable of receiving as many as fifteen additional characters after it asserts holdoff.

XON-XOFF	A software handshake that uses the ASCII control code DC3 (decimal code 19) to assert hold-off, and control code DC1 (decimal code 17) to release hold-off.
NONE	There is no flow control.

The flow control option is stored in non-volatile memory.

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## Introduction to SCPI

SCPI (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments) is a programming language for controlling instrument functions over the HP-IB. SCPI is layered on top of the hardware-portion of IEEE 488.2. The same SCPI commands and parameters control the same functions in different classes of instruments. For example, you would use the same DISPLAY command to control the dc source display and the display of a SCPI-compatible multimeter.

### Conventions Used in This Guide

Angle brackets	< >	Items within angle brackets are parameter abbreviations. For example, <NR1> indicates a specific form of numerical data.
Vertical bar		Vertical bars separate alternative parameters. For example, NORM   TEXT indicates that either "TEXT" or "NORM" can be used as a parameter.
Square Brackets	[ ]	Items within square brackets are optional. The representation [SOURce:]VOLTage means that SOURce: may be omitted.
Braces	{ }	Braces indicate parameters that may be repeated zero or more times. It is used especially for showing arrays. The notation <A>{<,B>} shows that parameter "A" must be entered, while parameter "B" may be omitted or may be entered one or more times.
<b>Boldface font</b>		Boldface font is used to emphasize syntax in command definitions. TRIGger:COUNT:CURRent <NRf> shows a command definition.
<b>Computer font</b>		Computer font is used to show program lines in text. TRIGger:COUNT:CURRent 10 shows a program line.

## Types of SCPI Commands

SCPI has two types of commands, common and subsystem.

- *Common* commands generally are not related to specific operation but to controlling overall dc source functions, such as reset, status, and synchronization. All common commands consist of a three-letter mnemonic preceded by an asterisk: \*RST \*IDN? \*SRE 8
- *Subsystem* commands perform specific dc source functions. They are organized into an inverted tree structure with the “root” at the top. The following figure shows a portion of a subsystem command tree, from which you access the commands located along the various paths. You can see the complete tree in Table 4-1.

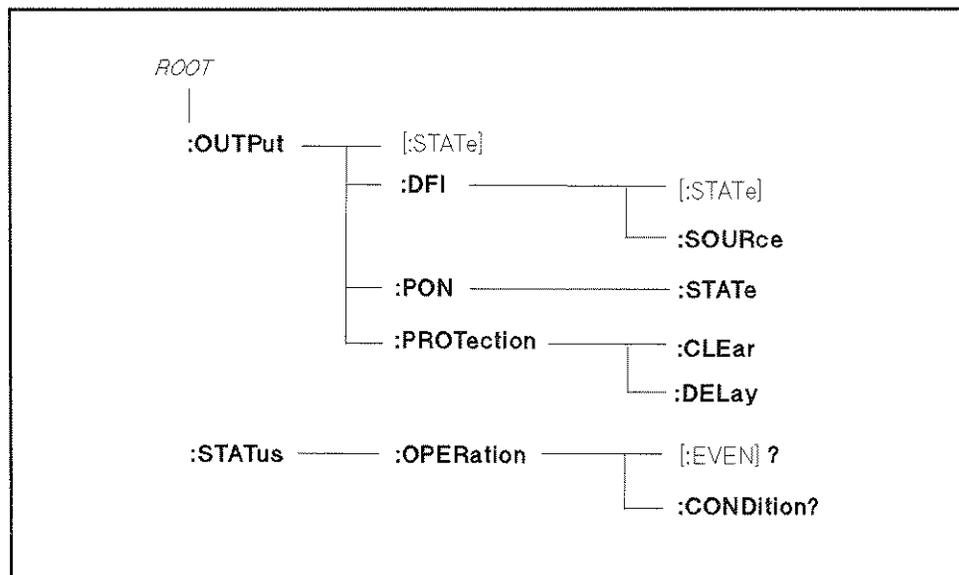


Figure 2-1. Partial Command Tree

### Multiple Commands in a Message

Multiple SCPI commands can be combined and sent as a single message with one message terminator. There are two important considerations when sending several commands within a single message:

- Use a semicolon to separate commands within a message.
- There is an implied header path that affects how commands are interpreted by the dc source.

The header path can be thought of as a string that gets inserted **before** each command within a message. For the first command in a message, the header path is a null string. For each subsequent command the header path is defined as the characters that make up the headers of the previous command in the message up to and including the last colon separator. An example of a message with two commands is:

```
CURR:LEV 3;PROT:STAT OFF
```

which shows the use of the semicolon separating the two commands, and also illustrates the header path concept. Note that with the second command, the leading header “CURR” was

omitted because after the “CURR:LEV 3” command, the header path was became defined as “CURR” and thus the instrument interpreted the second command as:

```
CURR:PROT:STAT OFF
```

In fact, it would have been syntactically incorrect to include the “CURR” explicitly in the second command, since the result after combining it with the header path would be:

```
CURR:CURR:PROT:STAT OFF
```

which is incorrect.

## Moving Among Subsystems

In order to combine commands from different subsystems, you need to be able to reset the header path to a null string within a message. You do this by beginning the command with a colon (:), which discards any previous header path. For example, you could clear the output protection and check the status of the Operation Condition register in one message by using a root specifier as follows:

```
OUTPut:PROTection:CLEAr;:STATus:OPERation:CONDition?
```

The following message shows how to combine commands from different subsystems as well as within the same subsystem:

```
VOLTage:LEVeL 20;PROTection 28;:CURRent:LEVeL 3;PROTection:STATe ON
```

Note the use of the optional header LEVeL to maintain the correct path within the voltage and current subsystems, and the use of the root specifier to move between subsystems.

## Including Common Commands

You can combine common commands with system commands in the same message. Treat the common command as a message unit by separating it with a semicolon (the message unit separator). Common commands *do not affect the header path*; you may insert them anywhere in the message.

```
VOLTage:TRIGgered 17.5;:INITialize;*TRG  
OUTPut OFF;*RCL 2;OUTPut ON
```

## Using Queries

Observe the following precautions with queries:

- Set up the proper number of variables for the returned data.
- Read back all the results of a query before sending another command to the dc source. Otherwise a *Query Interrupted* error will occur and the unreturned data will be lost.

## Types of SCPI Messages

There are two types of SCPI messages, program and response.

- A *program message* consists of one or more properly formatted SCPI commands sent from the controller to the dc source. The message, which may be sent at any time, requests the dc source to perform some action.
- A *response message* consists of data in a specific SCPI format sent from the dc source to the controller. The dc source sends the message only when commanded by a program message called a “query.”

The following figure illustrates SCPI message structure:

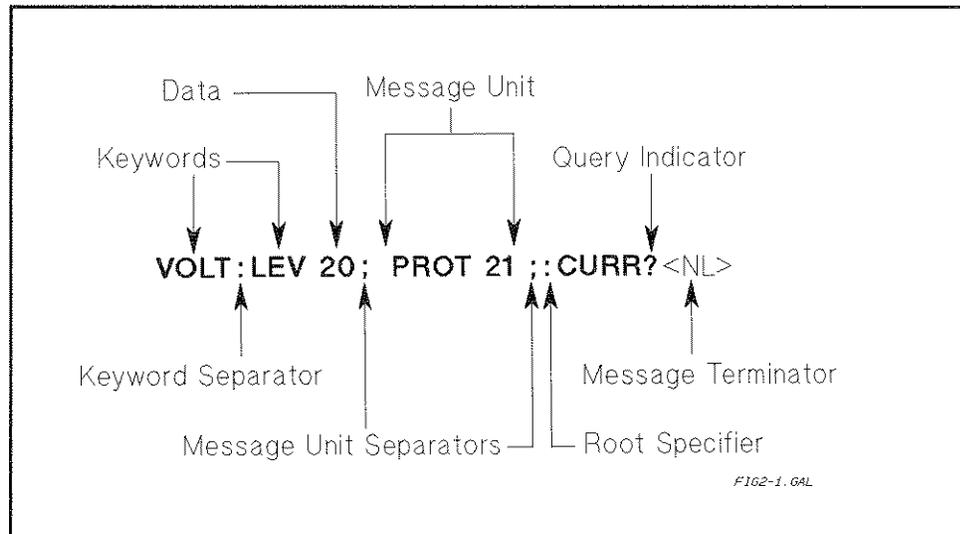


Figure 2-2. Command Message Structure

### The Message Unit

The simplest SCPI command is a single message unit consisting of a command header (or keyword) followed by a message terminator. The message unit may include a parameter after the header. The parameter can be numeric or a string.

```
ABORt<NL>
VOLTage 20<NL>
```

### Headers

*Headers*, also referred to as keywords, are instructions recognized by the dc source. Headers may be either in the long form or the short form. In the long form, the header is completely spelled out, such as VOLTAGE, STATUS, and DELAY. In the short form, the header has only the first three or four letters, such as VOLT, STAT, and DEL.

### Query Indicator

Following a header with a question mark turns it into a query (VOLTage?, VOLTage:PROTection?). If a query contains a parameter, place the query indicator at the end of the last header (VOLTage:PROTection? MAX).

## Message Unit Separator

When two or more message units are combined into a compound message, separate the units with a semicolon (STATUS:OPERation?;QUESTIONable?).

## Root Specifier

When it precedes the first header of a message unit, the colon becomes the root specifier. It tells the command parser that this is the root or the top node of the command tree.

## Message Terminator

A terminator informs SCPI that it has reached the end of a message. Three permitted messages terminators are:

- newline (<NL>), which is ASCII decimal 10 or hex 0A.
- end or identify (<END>)
- both of the above (<NL><END>).

In the examples of this guide, there is an assumed message terminator at the end of each message.

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**Note** All RS-232 response data sent by the dc source is terminated by the ASCII character pair <carriage return><newline>. This differs from HP-IB response data which is terminated by the single character <newline> with EOI asserted.

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## SCPI Data Formats

All data programmed to or returned from the dc source is ASCII. The data may be numerical or character string.

### Numerical Data Formats

Symbol	Data Form
	<b>Talking Formats</b>
<NR1>	Digits with an implied decimal point assumed at the right of the least-significant digit. Examples: 273
<NR2>	Digits with an explicit decimal point. Example: .0273
<NR3>	Digits with an explicit decimal point and an exponent. Example: 2.73E+2
	<b>Listening Formats</b>
<NRf>	Extended format that includes <NR1>, <NR2> and <NR3>. Examples: 273 273. 2.73E2
<NRf+>	Expanded decimal format that includes <NRf> and MIN MAX. Examples: 273 273. 2.73E2 MAX. MIN and MAX are the minimum and maximum limit values that are implicit in the range specification for the parameter.
<Bool>	Boolean Data. Example: 0   1 or ON   OFF

## Suffixes and Multipliers

Some SCPI commands let you send engineering units as suffixes to extend numeric parameters. The following table lists the allowable suffixes and multipliers.

Class	Suffix	Unit	Unit with Multiplier
Current	A	Ampere	MA (milliampere)
Amplitude	V	Volt	MV (millivolt)
Time	S	second	MS (millisecond)
<b>Common Multipliers</b>			
	1E3	K	kilo
	1E-3	M	milli
	1E-6	U	micro

## Response Data Types

Character strings returned by query statements may take either of the the following forms, depending on the length of the returned string:

- <CRD> Character Response Data. Permits the return of character strings.
- <AARD> Arbitrary ASCII Response Data. Permits the return of undelimited 7-bit ASCII. This data type has an implied message terminator.
- <SRD> String Response Data. Returns string parameters enclosed in double quotes.

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## SCPI Command Completion

SCPI commands sent to the dc source are processed either sequentially or in parallel. Sequential commands finish execution before a subsequent command begins. Parallel commands allow other commands to begin executing while the parallel command is still executing. Commands that affect trigger actions are among the parallel commands.

The \*WAI, \*OPC, and \*OPC? common commands provide different ways of indicating when all transmitted commands, including any parallel ones, have completed their operations. The syntax and parameters for these commands are described in chapter 4. Some practical considerations for using these commands are as follows:

- \*WAI This prevents the dc source from processing subsequent commands until all pending operations are completed.
- \*OPC? This places a 1 in the Output Queue when all pending operations have completed. Because it requires your program to read the returned value before executing the next program statement, \*OPC? can be used to cause the controller to wait for commands to complete before proceeding with its program.
- \*OPC This sets the OPC status bit when all pending operations have completed. Since your program can read this status bit on an interrupt basis, \*OPC allows subsequent commands to be executed.

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**Note** The trigger subsystem must be in the Idle state in order for the status OPC bit to be true. Therefore, as far as triggers are concerned, OPC is false whenever the trigger subsystem is in the Initiated state.

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## Using Device Clear

You can send a *device clear* at any time abort a SCPI command that may be hanging up the HP-IB interface. The status registers, the error queue, and all configuration states are left unchanged when a device clear message is received. Device clear performs the following actions:

- The input and output buffers of the dc source are cleared.
- The dc source is prepared to accept a new command string.

The following statement shows how to send a device clear over the HP-IB interface using *HP BASIC*:

```
CLEAR 705          IEEE-488 Device Clear
```

The following statement shows how to send a device clear over the HP-IB interface using the HP-IB command library for *C* or *QuickBASIC*:

```
IOCLEAR (705)
```

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**Note** For RS-232 operation, sending a **Break** will perform the same operation as the IEEE-488 device clear message.

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## RS-232 Troubleshooting

If you are having trouble communicating over the RS-232 interface, check the following:

- The computer and the dc source must be configured for the same baud rate, parity, number of data bits, and flow control options. Note that the dc source is configured for 1 start bit and 1 stop bit (these values are fixed).
- The correct interface cables or adaptors must be used, as described under RS-232 Connector. Note that even if the cable has the proper connectors for your system, the internal wiring may be incorrect.
- The interface cable must be connected to the correct serial port on your computer (COM1, COM2, etc.).

## Programming the DC Source

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### Introduction

This chapter contains examples on how to program your dc source. Simple examples show you how to program:

- output functions such as voltage and current
- internal and external triggers
- measurement functions
- the status and protection functions

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**Note** These examples in this chapter show which commands are used to perform a particular function, but do not show the commands being used in any particular programming environment. Refer to Appendix D for some examples of SCPI commands in a specific programming environment.

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## Programming the Output

### Power-on Initialization

When the dc source is first turned on, it wakes up with the output state set OFF. In this state the output voltage is set to 0. The following commands are given implicitly at power-on:

```
*RST
*CLS
STATus:PRESet
*SRE 0
*ESE 0
```

\*RST is a convenient way to program all parameters to a known state. Refer to the \*RST command in chapter 4 to see how each programmable parameter is set by \*RST. Refer to the \*PSC command in chapter 4 for more information on the power-on initialization of the \*ESE and the \*SRE registers.

### Enabling the Output

To enable the output, use the command:

```
OUTPut ON
```

## Output Voltage

The output voltage is controlled with the VOLTage command. For example, to set the output voltage to 25 volts, use:

```
VOLTage 25
```

The dc source can be programmed to turn off its output if the output voltage exceeds a preset peak voltage limit. This protection feature is implemented with the VOLTage:PROTection command as explained in chapter 4.

## Maximum Voltage

The maximum output voltage that can be programmed can be queried with:

```
VOLTage? MAX
```

## Output Current

All models have a programmable current function. The command to program the current is:

```
CURRent <n>
```

where <n> is the current limit in amperes.

If the load attempts to draw more current than the programmed limit, the output voltage is reduced to keep the current within the limit.

## Maximum Current

The maximum output current that can be programmed can be queried with:

```
CURRent? MAX
```

## Overcurrent Protection

The dc source can also be programmed to turn off its output if the current limit is reached. As explained in chapter 4, this protection feature is implemented the following command:

```
CURRent:PROTection:STATe ON | OFF
```

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**Note** Use OUTP:PROT:DEL to prevent momentary current limit conditions caused by programmed output changes from tripping the overcurrent protection.

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## Triggering Output Changes

The dc source has two independent trigger systems. One is used for generating output changes, and the other is used for triggering measurements. This section describes the output trigger system. The measurement trigger system is described under “Triggering Measurements”.

### SCPI Triggering Nomenclature

In SCPI terms, trigger systems are called sequences. When more than one trigger system exists, they are differentiated by naming them SEQUence1 and SEQUence2. SEQUence1 is the transient trigger system and SEQUence2 is the measurement trigger system. The dc source uses aliases with more descriptive names for these sequences. These aliases can be used instead of the sequence forms.

Sequence Form	Alias
SEQUence1	TRANsient
SEQUence2	ACQUire

### Output Trigger System Model

Figure 3-1 is a model of the output trigger system. The rectangular boxes represent states. The arrows show the transitions between states. These are labeled with the input or event that causes the transition to occur.

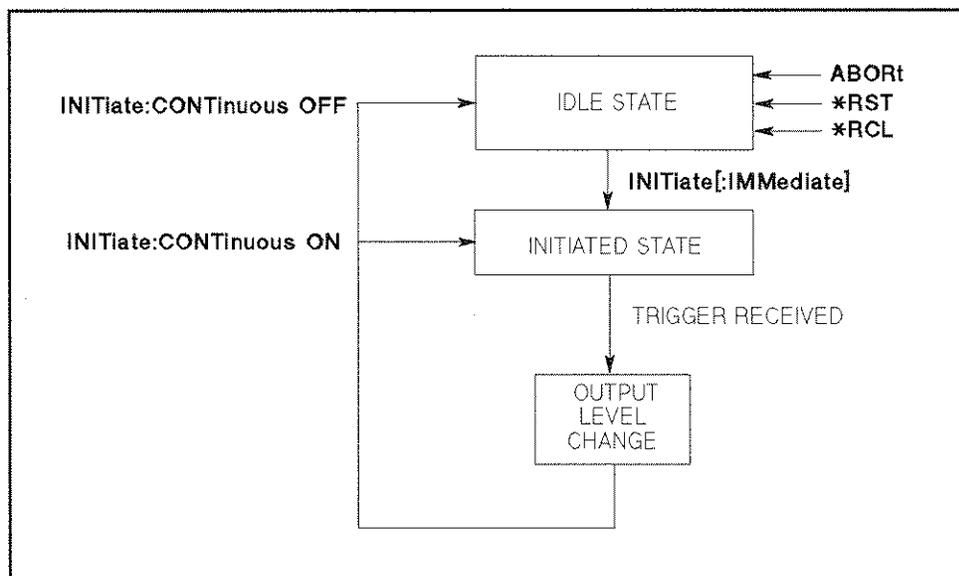


Figure 3-1. Model of Output Triggers

### Setting the Voltage or Current Trigger Levels

To program output trigger levels, you must first specify a voltage or current trigger level that the output will go to once a trigger signal is received. Use the following commands to set the output trigger level:

```
VOLTage:TRIGgered <n> or
CURRent:TRIGgered <n>
```

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**Note**            Until they are programmed, uninitialized trigger levels will assume their corresponding immediate levels. For example, if a dc source is powered up and VOLTage:LEVel is programmed to 6, then VOLTage:LEVel:TRIGger will also be 6 until you program it to another value. Once you program VOLTage:LEVel:TRIGger to a value, it will remain at that value regardless of how you subsequently reprogram VOLTage:LEVel.

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## Initiating the Output Trigger System

When the dc source is turned on, the trigger subsystem is in the idle state. In this state, the trigger subsystem ignores all triggers. Sending the following commands at any time returns the trigger system to the Idle state:

```
ABORt        *RST        *RCL
```

The INITiate commands move the trigger system from the Idle state to the Initiated state. This enables the dc source to receive triggers. To initiate for a single triggered action, use:

```
INITiate:SEQuence1    or
INITiate:NAME TRANSient
```

After a trigger is received and the action completes, the trigger system will return to the Idle state. Thus it will be necessary to initiate the system each time a triggered action is desired.

To keep a trigger system initiated for multiple actions without having to send an initiate command for each trigger, use:

```
INITiate:CONTinuous:SEQuence1 ON    or
INITiate:CONTinuous:NAME TRANSient, ON
```

## Generating Triggers

After you have specified the appropriate trigger source, you can generate triggers as follows:

**Single Triggers**        Send one of the following commands over the HP-IB:

```
TRIGger:IMMediate
*TRG
a group execute trigger
```

**Continuous Triggers**    Send the following command over the HP-IB:

```
INITiate:CONTinuous:SEQuence1 ON
```

When the trigger system enters the Output Change state upon receipt of a trigger (see figure 3-1), the triggered functions are set to their programmed trigger levels. When the triggered actions are completed, the trigger system returns to the Idle state.

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## Making Measurements

The dc source has the ability to make several types of voltage and current measurements. The measurement capabilities of the HP 66312A and HP 66332A models are particularly useful for loads that draw current in pulses.

All measurements are performed by digitizing the instantaneous output voltage for a defined number of samples and sample interval, storing the results in a buffer, and then calculating the measured result. Many parameters of the measurement are programmable. These include the number of samples, the time interval between samples, the bandwidth, and the method of triggering. Note that there is a tradeoff between these parameters and the speed, accuracy, and stability of the measurement in the presence of noise.

There are two ways to make measurements:

- Use the MEASure commands to immediately start acquiring new voltage or current data, and return measurement calculations from this data as soon as the buffer is full. This is the easiest way to make measurements, since it requires no explicit trigger programming.
- Use an acquisition trigger to acquire the data. Then use the FETCh commands to return calculations from the data that was retrieved by the acquisition trigger. This method gives you the flexibility to synchronize the data acquisition with a transition in the output voltage or current. FETCh commands do not trigger the acquisition of new measurement data, but they can be used to return many different calculations from the data that was retrieved by the acquisition trigger.

Making triggered measurements with the acquisition trigger system is discussed under “Triggering Measurements”.

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<b>Note</b>	For each MEASure form of the query, there is a corresponding query that begins with the header FETCh. FETCh queries perform the same calculation as their MEASure counterparts, but do not cause new data to be acquired. Data acquired by an explicit trigger or a previously programmed MEASure command are used.
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## Voltage and Current Measurements

The SCPI language provides a number of MEASure and FETCh queries which return various measurement parameters of voltage and current waveforms.

### DC Measurements

To measure the dc output voltage or current, use:

```
MEASure:VOLTage? or  
MEASure:CURREnt?
```

Dc voltage and current is measured by acquiring a number of readings at the selected time interval, applying a Hanning window function to the readings, and averaging the readings. Windowing is a signal conditioning process that reduces the error in dc measurements made in the presence of periodic signals such as line ripple. At power-on and after a \*RST command, the following parameters are set:

```
SENSe:SWEep:TINTerval 15.6E-6  
SENSe:SWEep:POINts 2048
```

This results in a data acquisition time of 32 milliseconds. Adding a command processing overhead of about 20 milliseconds results in a total measurement time of about 50 milliseconds per measurement sample.

Ripple rejection is a function of the number of cycles of the ripple frequency contained in the acquisition window. More cycles in the acquisition window results in better ripple rejection. If you increase the time interval for each measurement to 45 microseconds for example, this results in 5.53 cycles in the acquisition window at 60 Hz, for a ripple rejection of about 70 dB.

Note that the speed of the measurement can be increased by reducing the number of sample points. For example, the commands

```
SENSe:SWEep:TINTerval 15E-6
SENSe:SWEep:POINts 1024
```

speeds up the acquisition period to 16 milliseconds; however, the tradeoff is reduced measurement accuracy.

### RMS Measurements (HP 66312A, 66332A Only)

To read the rms content of a voltage or current waveform, use:

```
MEASure:VOLTage:ACDC? or
MEASure:CURREnt:ACDC?
```

This returns the total rms measurement, including the dc portion.

Making rms measurements on ac waveforms for which a non-integral number of cycles of data has been acquired may result in measurement errors due to the last partial cycle of acquired data. The instrument reduces this error by using a Hanning window function when making the measurement.

### Minimum and Maximum Measurements (HP 66312A, 66332A Only)

To measure the maximum or minimum voltage or current of a pulse or ac waveform, use:

```
MEASure:VOLTage:MAXimum?
MEASure:VOLTage:MINimum?
MEASure:CURREnt:MAXimum?
MEASure:CURREnt:MINimum?
```

### Current Ranges

The dc source has two current measurement ranges. The command that controls the ranges is:

```
SENSe:CURREnt:RANGe MIN | MAX
```

When the range is set to MIN, the maximum current that can be measured is 20 milliamperes.

### Returning Measurement Data From the Data Buffer (HP 66312A, 66332A Only)

The MEASure and FETCh queries can also return all data values of the instantaneous voltage or current buffer. The commands are:

```
MEASure:ARRay:CURREnt?
MEASure:ARRay:VOLTage?
```

## Internally Triggered Measurements

You can use the data acquisition trigger system to synchronize the timing of the voltage and current data acquisition with a BUS or internal trigger source. Then use the FETCh commands to return different calculations from the data acquired by the measurement trigger.

## SCPI Triggering Nomenclature

As previously explained under “Triggering Output Changes”, the dc source uses the following sequence name and alias for the measurement trigger system. This alias can be used instead of the sequence form.

Sequence Form	Alias
SEquence2	ACQuire

## Measurement Trigger System Model

Figure 3-2 is a model of the measurement trigger system. The rectangular boxes represent states. The arrows show the transitions between states. These are labeled with the input or event that causes the transition to occur.

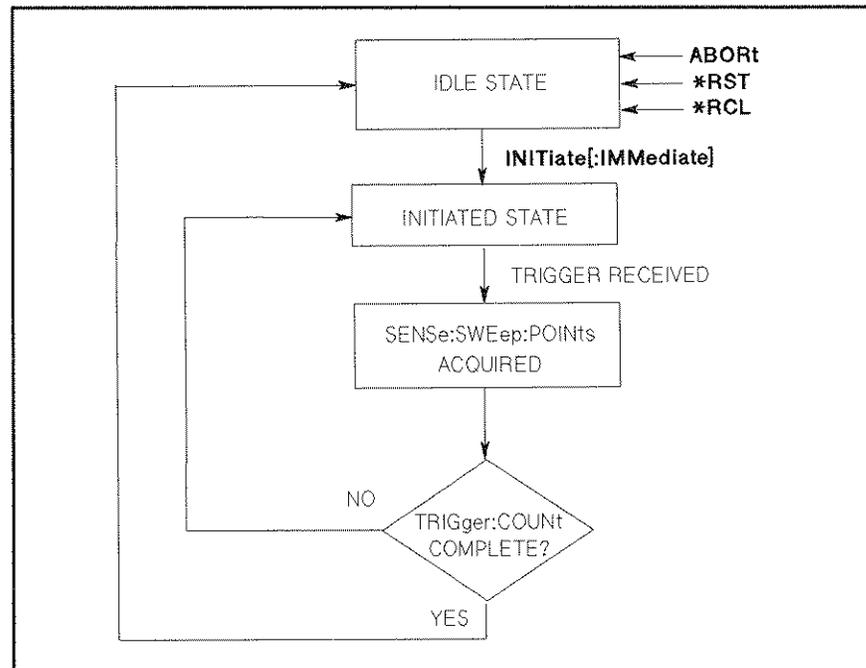


Figure 3-2. Model of Measurement Triggers

## Initiating the Measurement Trigger System (HP 66312A, 66332A Only)

When the dc source is turned on, the trigger system is in the idle state. In this state, the trigger system ignores all triggers. Sending the following commands at any time returns the trigger system to the Idle state:

ABORt      \*RST      \*RCL

The INITiate commands move the trigger system from the Idle state to the Initiated state. This enables the dc source to receive triggers. To initiate for a measurement trigger, use:

```
INITiate:SEquence2 or
INITiate:NAME ACquire
```

After a trigger is received and the data acquisition completes, the trigger system will return to the Idle state (unless multiple measurements are desired). Thus it will be necessary to initiate the system each time a triggered acquisition is desired.

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**Note** You cannot initiate measurement triggers continuously. Otherwise, the measurement data in the data buffer would continuously be overwritten by each triggered measurement.

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### Selecting the Measurement Trigger Source (HP 66312A, 66332A Only)

The trigger system is waiting for a trigger signal in the Initiated state. Before you generate a trigger, you must select a trigger source. The following measurement trigger sources can be selected:

**BUS** - selects HP-IB bus triggers.

**INTernal** - selects the dc source's output as the measurement trigger.

To select HP-IB bus triggers (group execute trigger, device trigger, or \*TRG command), use:

```
TRIGger:SEquence2:SOURce BUS or
TRIGger:ACquire:SOURce BUS
```

To select internal triggers (measurements triggered off the output signal) use:

```
TRIGger:SEquence2:SOURce INTernal or
TRIGger:ACquire:SOURce INTernal
```

### Generating Measurement Triggers (HP 66312A, 66332A Only)

There is only one measurement converter in the dc source. Before you generate a measurement trigger, you must specify a measurement acquisition of either voltage or current. To specify a measurement acquisition use:

```
SENSe:FUNCTion "CURRent" or
SENSe:FUNCTion "VOLTage"
```

Providing that you have specified the appropriate trigger source and a measurement acquisition, you can generate triggers as follows:

**HP-IB Triggers** Send one of the following commands over the HP-IB:  
 TRIGger:IMMediate (not affected by the trigger source setting)  
 \*TRG  
 a group execute trigger

**Internal Triggers** To trigger off of the output signal, you must specify the output level that generates the trigger, the rising or falling edge of the slope, and a hysteresis to qualify trigger conditions. This is illustrated in figure 3-3.

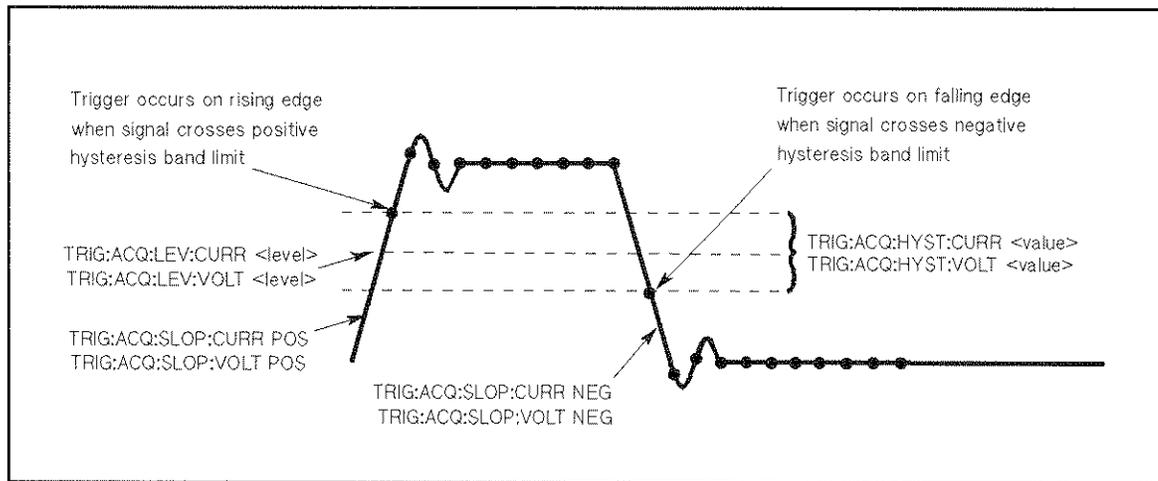


Figure 3-3. Trigger Commands Used to Measure Output Pulses

To specify the output level that will generate triggers for both positive- and negative-going signals use:

```
TRIGger:SEquence2:LEVel:CURRent <value> or
TRIGger:ACQuire:LEVel:CURRent <value>
```

To specify the slope on which triggering occurs use the following commands. You can specify a POSitive, a NEGative, or EITHER type of slope.

```
TRIGger:SEquence2:SLOPe:CURRent <slope> or
TRIGger:ACQuire:SLOPe:CURRent <slope>
```

To specify a hysteresis band to qualify the positive- or negative-going signal use:

```
TRIGger:SEquence2:HYSTeresis:CURRent <value> or
TRIGger:ACQuire:HYSTeresis:CURRent <value>
```

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**Note** When using internal triggers, do not INITiate the measurement until after you have specified the slope, level, and hysteresis.

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When the acquisition finishes, any of the FETCh queries can be used to return the results. Once the measurement trigger is initiated, if a FETCh query is sent before the data acquisition is triggered or before it is finished, the response data will be delayed until the trigger occurs and the acquisition completes. This may tie up the controller if the trigger condition does not occur immediately.

One way to wait for results without tying up the controller is to use the SCPI command completion commands. For example, you can send the \*OPC command after INITIALize, then occasionally poll the OPC status bit in the standard event status register for status completion while doing other tasks. You can also set up an SRQ condition on the OPC status bit going true, and do other tasks until an SRQ interrupt occurs.

## Measuring Output Pulses (HP 66312A, 66332A Only)

### Current Detector

Check that the current detector is set to ACDC when measuring current pulses or other waveforms with a frequency content greater than a few kilohertz.

```
SENSe:CURRent:DETECT ACDC
```

Only select DC as the measurement detector if you are making only DC current measurements and you require a measurement offset better than 2mA on the High current measurement range. Note that this selection gives inaccurate results on current waveforms that have ac content.

```
SENSe:CURRent:DETECT DC
```

### Pulse Measurement Queries

The dc source has several measurement queries that return key parameters of pulse waveforms as shown in Figure 3-4.

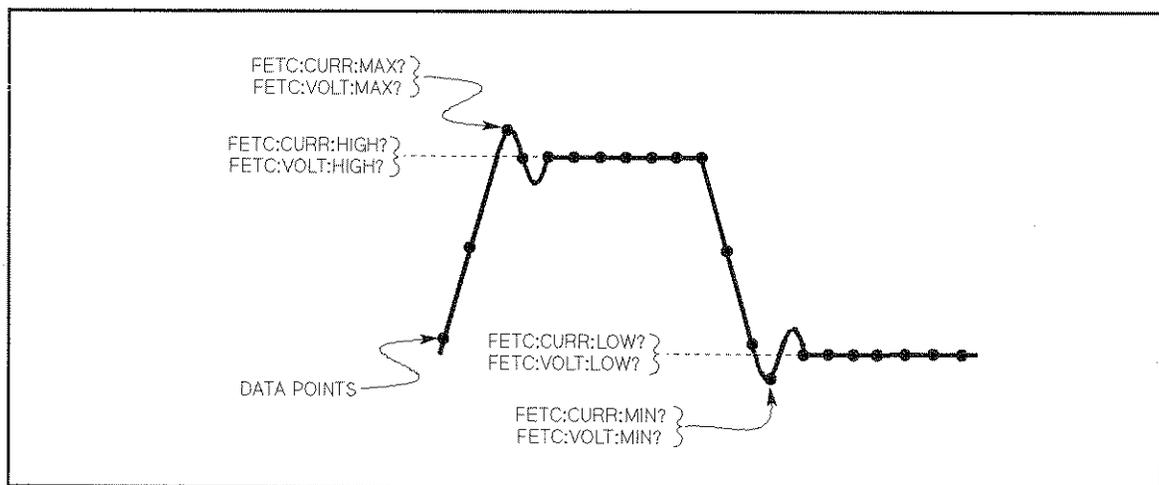


Figure 3-4. Measurement Commands Used to Return Pulse Data

To return the maximum or minimum value of a pulse waveform use:

```

FETCH:VOLTage:MAXimum? or
FETCH:VOLTage:MINimum?
FETCH:CURRent:MAXimum? or
FETCH:CURRent:MINimum?

```

The average value of the high level or low level of a pulse can also be measured. To return the average value of the high level, use:

```

FETCH:CURRent:HIGH? or
FETCH:VOLTage:HIGH?

```

To return the average value of the low level, use:

```

FETCH:CURRent:LOW? or
FETCH:VOLTage:LOW?

```

## Controlling Measurement Samples

### Varying the Voltage or Current Sampling Rate

You can vary both the number of data points in a measurement sample, as well as the time between samples. This is illustrated in Figure 3-5.

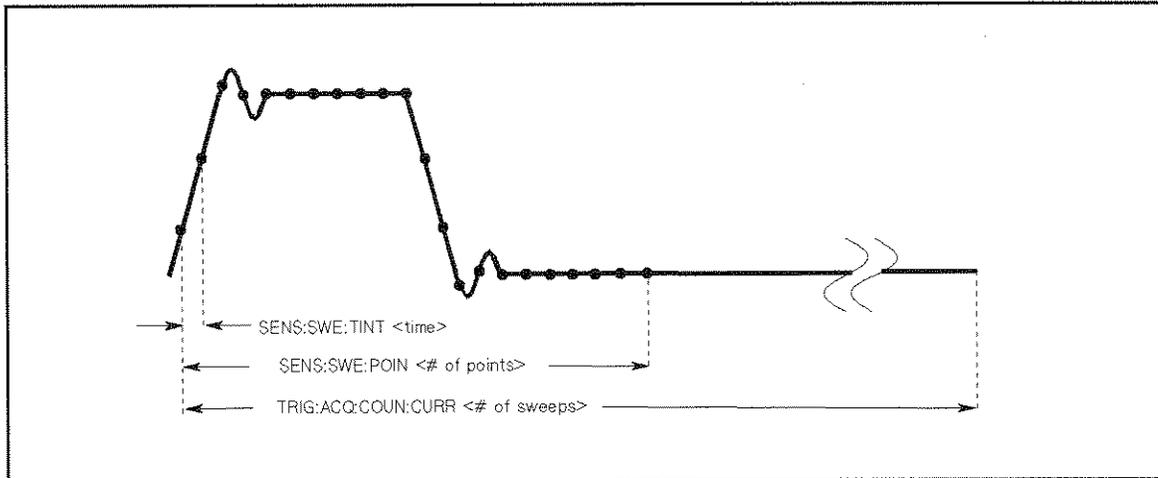


Figure 3-5. Sense Commands Used to Vary the Sampling Rate

At \*RST, the output voltage or current sampling rate is 15.6 microseconds. This means that it takes about 32 milliseconds to fill up 2048 data points in the data buffer. You can vary this data sampling rate with:

```
SENSe:SWEep:TINTerval <sample_period>
SENSe:SWEep:POINts <points>
```

For example, to set the time interval to 45 microseconds per sample with 1500 samples, use `SENSe:SWEep:TINTerval 45E-6;POINts 1500`.

### Multiple Measurements (HP 66312A, 66332A Only)

The instrument also has the ability to set up several acquisition triggers in succession and average the results from each acquisition in the returned measurement. To set up the trigger system for a number of sequential acquisitions use:

```
TRIGger:ACQuire:COUNT:CURRent <number> or
TRIGger:ACQuire:COUNT:VOLTage <number>
```

With this setup, the instrument performs each acquisition sequentially, storing the digitized readings in the internal measurement buffer. It is only necessary to initialize the measurement once at the start; after each completed acquisition the instrument will wait for the next valid trigger condition to start another. The results returned by `MEASure` or `FETCh` will be the *average* of the total data acquired.

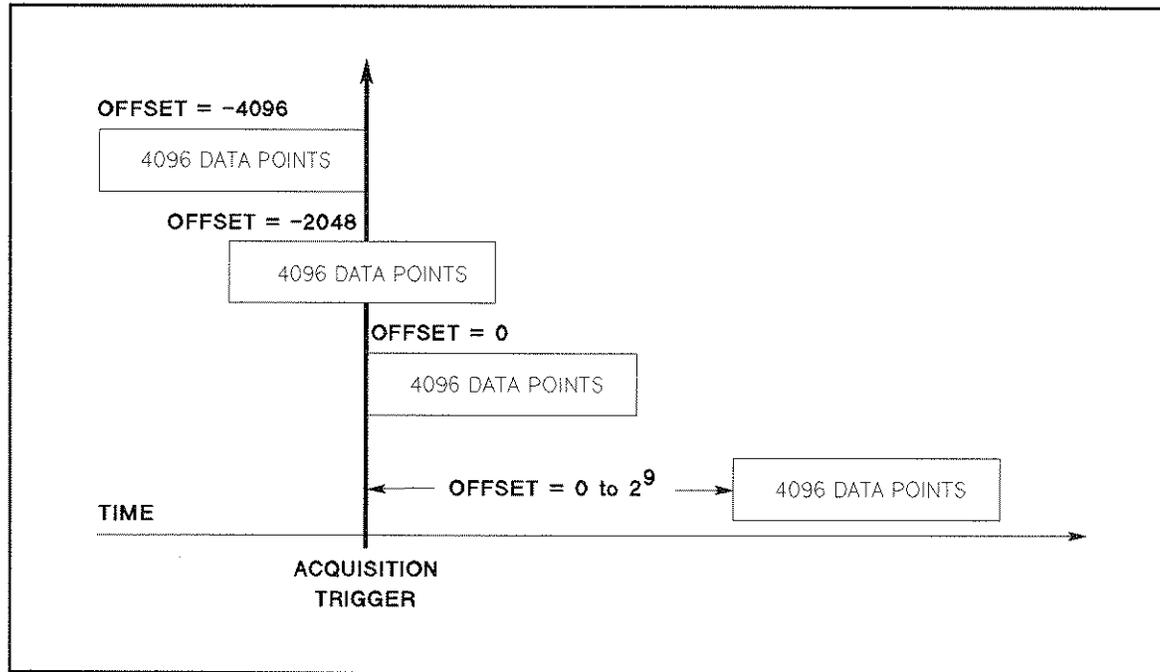
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**Note** The total number of data points cannot exceed 4096. This means that the product of the trigger count multiplied by the sweep points cannot exceed 4096; otherwise an error will occur.

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**Pre-event and Post-event Triggering (HP 66312A, 66332A Only)**

When a measurement is initiated, the dc source continuously samples either the instantaneous output voltage or current. As shown in figure 3-6, you can move the block of data that is being read into the acquisition buffer with reference to the acquisition trigger. This permits pre-event or post-event data sampling.



**Figure 3-6. Pre-event and Post-event Triggering**

To offset the beginning of the acquisition buffer relative to the acquisition trigger, use:

```
SENSE:SWEep:OFFSet:POINts <offset>
```

The range for the offset is  $-4096$  to  $2E9$  points. As shown in the figure, when the offset is negative, the values at the beginning of the data record represent samples taken prior to the trigger. When the value is 0, all of the values are taken after the trigger. Values greater than zero can be used to program a delay time from the receipt of the trigger until the data points that are entered into the buffer are valid. (Delay time = Offset X Sample period)

## Programming the Status Registers

You can use status register programming to determine the operating condition of the dc source at any time. For example, you may program the dc source to generate an interrupt (assert SRQ) when an event such as a current limit occurs. When the interrupt occurs, your program can then act on the event in the appropriate fashion.

Figure 3-7 shows the status register structure of the dc source. Table 3-1 defines the status bits. The Standard Event, Status Byte, and Service Request Enable registers and the Output Queue perform standard HP-IB functions as defined in the *IEEE 488.2 Standard Digital Interface for Programmable Instrumentation*. The Operation Status and Questionable Status registers implement functions that are specific to the dc source.

### Power-On Conditions

Refer to the \*RST command description in chapter 4 for the power-on conditions of the status registers.

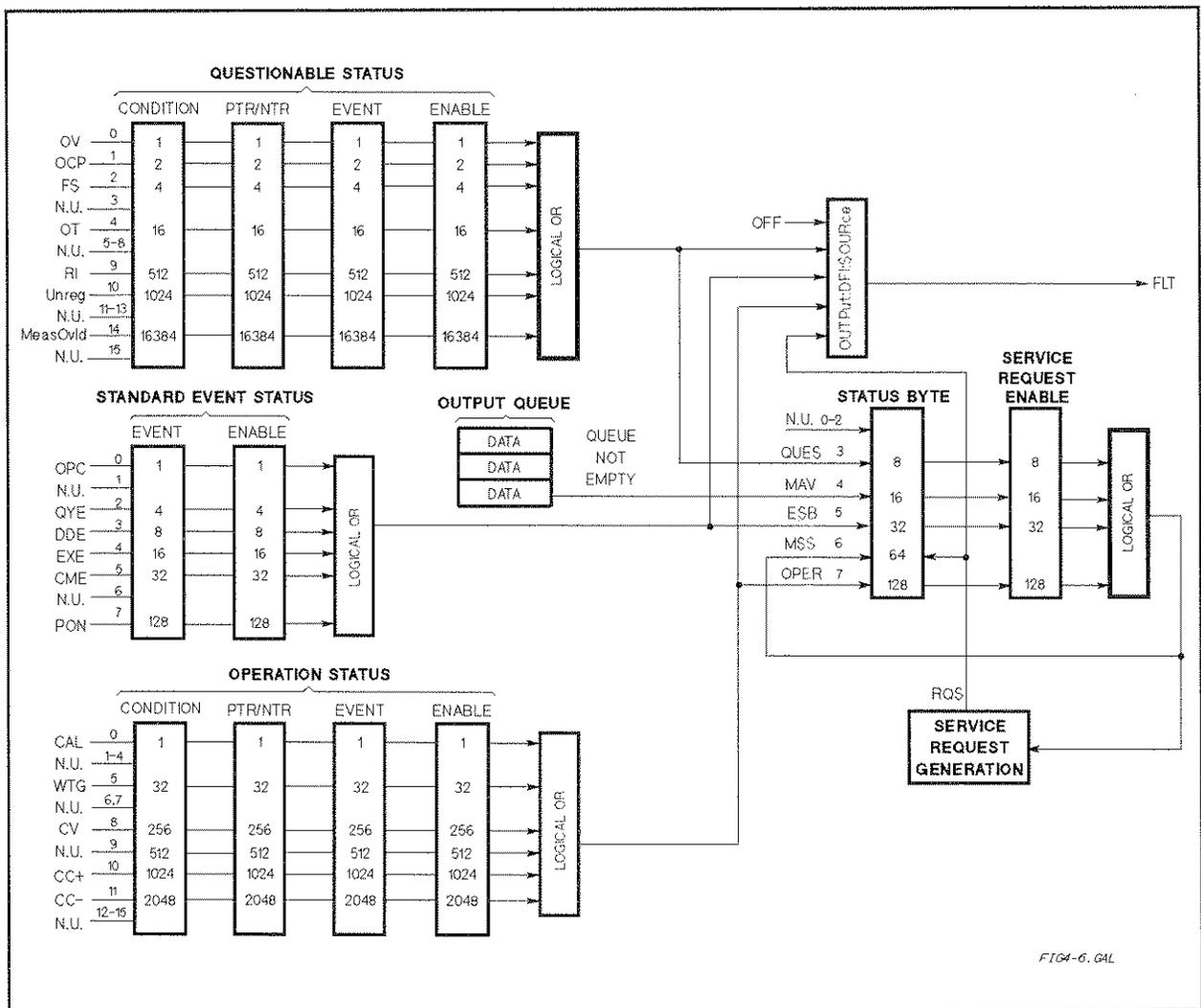


Figure 3-7. DC Source Status Model

Table 3-1. Bit Configurations of Status Registers

Bit	Signal	Meaning
<b>Operation Status Group</b>		
0	CAL	The dc source is computing new calibration constants
5	WTG	The dc source is waiting for a trigger
8	CV	The dc source is in constant voltage mode
10	CC+	The dc source is in constant current mode
11	CC-	The dc source is in negative constant current mode
<b>Questionable Status Group</b>		
0	OV	The overvoltage protection has tripped
1	OCP	The overcurrent protection has tripped
2	FS	The fuse is blown
4	OT	The overtemperature protection has tripped
9	RI	The remote inhibit state is active
10	Unreg	The output is unregulated
14	MeasOvld	Current measurement exceeded capability of low range
<b>Standard Event Status Group</b>		
0	OPC	Operation complete
2	QYE	Query error
3	DDE	Device-dependent error
4	EXE	Execution error
5	CME	Command error
7	PON	Power-on
<b>Status Byte and Service Request Enable Registers</b>		
3	QUES	Questionable status summary bit
4	MAV	Message Available summary bit
5	ESB	Event Status Summary bit
6	MSS	Master Status Summary bit
	RQS	Request Service bit
7	OPER	Operation status summary bit

## Operation Status Group

The Operation Status registers record signals that occur during normal operation. As shown below, the group consists of a Condition, PTR/NTR, Event, and Enable register. The outputs of the Operation Status register group are logically-ORed into the OPER(ation) summary bit (7) of the Status Byte register.

Register	Command	Description
Condition	STAT:OPER:COND?	A register that holds real-time status of the circuits being monitored. It is a read-only register.
PTR Filter	STAT:OPER:PTR <n>	A positive transition filter that functions as described under STAT:OPER:NTR PTR commands in chapter 4. It is a read/write register.
NTR Filter	STAT:OPER:NTR <n>	A negative transition filter that functions as described under STAT:OPER:NTR PTR commands in chapter 4. It is a read/write register.
Event	STAT:OPER:EVEN?	A register that latches any condition that is passed through the PTR or NTR filters. It is a read-only register that is cleared when read.
Enable	STAT:OPER:ENAB <n>	A register that functions as a mask for enabling specific bits from the Event register. It is a read/write register.

## Questionable Status Group

The Questionable Status registers record signals that indicate abnormal operation of the dc source. As shown in figure 3-7, the group consists of the same type of registers as the Status Operation group. The outputs of the Questionable Status group are logically-ORed into the QUEStionable summary bit (3) of the Status Byte register.

Register	Command	Description
Condition	STAT:QUES:COND?	A register that holds real-time status of the circuits being monitored. It is a read-only register.
PTR Filter	STAT:QUES:PTR <n>	A positive transition filter that functions as described under STAT:QUES:NTR PTR commands in chapter 4. It is a read/write register.
NTR Filter	STAT:QUES:NTR <n>	A negative transition filter that functions as described under STAT:QUES:NTR PTR commands in chapter 4. It is a read/write register.
Event	STAT:QUES:EVEN?	A register that latches any condition that is passed through the PTR or NTR filters. It is a read-only register that is cleared when read.
Enable	STAT:QUES:ENAB <n>	A register that functions as a mask for enabling specific bits from the Event register. It is a read/write register.

## Standard Event Status Group

This group consists of an Event register and an Enable register that are programmed by Common commands. The Standard Event event register latches events relating to instrument communication status (see figure 3-7). It is a read-only register that is cleared when read. The Standard Event enable register functions similarly to the enable registers of the Operation and Questionable status groups.

Command	Action
*ESE	programs specific bits in the Standard Event enable register.
*PSC ON	clears the Standard Event enable register at power-on.
*ESR?	reads and clears the Standard Event event register.

### The PON (Power On) Bit

The PON bit in the Standard Event event register is set whenever the dc source is turned on. The most common use for PON is to generate an SRQ at power-on following an unexpected loss of power. To do this, bit 7 of the Standard Event enable register must be set so that a power-on event registers in the ESB (Standard Event Summary Bit), bit 5 of the Service Request Enable register must be set to permit an SRQ to be generated, and \*PSC OFF must be sent. The commands to accomplish these conditions are:

\*PSC OFF    \*ESE 128    \*SRE 32

## Status Byte Register

This register summarizes the information from all other status groups as defined in the *IEEE 488.2 Standard Digital Interface for Programmable Instrumentation*. The bit configuration is shown in Table 3-1.

Command	Action
*STB?	reads the data in the register but does not clear it (returns MSS in bit 6)
serial poll	clears RQS inside the register and returns it in bit position 6 of the response.

### The MSS Bit

This is a real-time (unlatched) summary of all Status Byte register bits that are enabled by the Service Request Enable register. MSS is set whenever the dc source has one or more reasons for requesting service. \*STB? reads the MSS in bit position 6 of the response but does not clear any of the bits in the Status Byte register.

### The RQS Bit

The RQS bit is a latched version of the MSS bit. Whenever the dc source requests service, it sets the SRQ interrupt line true and latches RQS into bit 6 of the Status Byte register. When the controller does a serial poll, RQS is cleared inside the register and returned in bit position 6 of the response. The remaining bits of the Status Byte register are not disturbed.

### The MAV bit and Output Queue

The Output Queue is a first-in, first-out (FIFO) data register that stores dc source-to-controller messages until the controller reads them. Whenever the queue holds one or more bytes, it sets the MAV bit (4) of the Status Byte register.

## Determining the Cause of a Service Interrupt

You can determine the reason for an SRQ by the following actions:

- Step 1** Determine which summary bits are active. Use:
- ```
*STB? or serial poll
```
- Step 2** Read the corresponding Event register for each summary bit to determine which events caused the summary bit to be set. Use:

```
STATUS:QUESTIONABLE:EVENT?
STATUS:OPERATION:EVENT?
ESR?
```

When an Event register is read, it is cleared. This also clears the corresponding summary bit.

**Step 3** Remove the specific condition that caused the event. If this is not possible, the event may be disabled by programming the corresponding bit of the status group Enable register or NTR|PTR filter. A faster way to prevent the interrupt is to disable the service request by programming the appropriate bit of the Service Request Enable register.

## Servicing Operation Status and Questionable Status Events

This example assumes you want a service request generated whenever the dc source switches to the CC (constant current) operating mode, or whenever the dc source's overvoltage, overcurrent, or overtemperature circuits have tripped. From figure 3-7, note the required path for a condition at bit 10 (CC) of the Operation Status register to set bit 6 (RQS) of the Status Byte register. Also note the required path for Questionable Status conditions at bits 0, 1, and 4 to generate a service request (RQS) at the Status Byte register. The required register programming is as follows:

- Step 1** Program the Operation Status PTR register to allow a positive transition at bit 10 to be latched into the Operation Status Event register, and allow the latched event to be summed into the Operation summary bit. Use:
- ```
STATUS:OPERATION:PTR 1024;ENABLE 1024
```
- Step 2** Program the Questionable Status PTR register to allow a positive transition at bits 0, 1, or 4 to be latched into the Questionable Status Event register, and allow the latched event to be summed into the Questionable summary bit. Use:
- ```
STATUS:QUESTIONABLE:PTR 19;ENABLE 19      (1 + 2 + 16 = 19)
```
- Step 3** Program the Service Request Enable register to allow both the Operation and the Questionable summary bits from the Status Byte register to generate RQS. Use:
- ```
*SRE 136      (8 + 128 = 136)
```
- Step 4** When you service the request, read the event registers to determine which Operation Status and Questionable Status Event register bits are set, and clear the registers for the next event. Use:
- ```
STATUS:OPERATION:EVENT;QUESTIONABLE:EVENT?
```

## Monitoring Both Phases of a Status Transition

You can monitor a status signal for both its positive and negative transitions. For example, to generate RQS when the dc source either enters the CC+ (constant current) condition or leaves that condition, program the Operational Status PTR/NTR filter as follows:

```
STATus:OPERational:PTR 1024;NTR 1024
STATus:OPERational:ENABle 1024;*SRE 128
```

The PTR filter will cause the OPERational summary bit to set RQS when CC+ occurs. When the controller subsequently reads the event register with STATus:OPERational:EVEN?, the register is cleared. When CC+ subsequently goes false, the NTR filter causes the OPERational summary bit to again set RQS.

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## Remote Inhibit and Discrete Fault Indicator

The remote inhibit and discrete fault indicators are implemented through the respective INH and FLT connections on the rear panel. Refer to the Specifications Table in the User's Guide for the electrical parameters.

### Remote inhibit (RI)

Remote inhibit is an external, chassis-referenced logic signal routed through the rear panel INH connection, which allows an external device to signal a fault. To select an operating modes for the remote inhibit signal, use:

```
OUTPut:RI:MODE LATCHing | LIVE | OFF
```

**LATCHing** causes a low-true signal on the INH input to disable the output. The only way to clear the latch is by sending an OUTPut:PROTection:CLear command while the INH input is false.

**LIVE** allows the INH input to disable the output in a non-latching manner. When INH is low true, the output is disabled. When INH is high, it has no effect on the output.

**OFF** disables the INH input.

### Discrete Fault Indicator (DFI)

The discrete fault indicator is a chassis-referenced, open-collector logic signal connected to the rear panel FLT connection, that can be used to signal external devices when a fault condition is detected. To select the internal fault source that drives this signal, use:

```
OUTPut:DFI:SOURce QUESTionable | OPERATION | ESB | RQS | OFF
```

**QUESTionable** selects the Questionable event summary bit (bit 3 of the Status Byte Register)

**OPERation** selects the Operation Event summary bit (bit 7 of the Status Byte Register)

**ESB** selects the Standard Event summary bit (bit 5 of the Status Byte Register)

**RQS** selects the Request Service bit (bit 6 of the Status Byte Register)

**OFF** selects no DFI source

To enable or disable the DFI output, use:

```
OUTPut:DFI:STATe ON | OFF
```

## Language Dictionary

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### Introduction

This section gives the syntax and parameters for all the IEEE 488.2 SCPI commands and the Common commands used by the dc source. It is assumed that you are familiar with the material in “Chapter 2 - Remote Programming”. That chapter explains the terms, symbols, and syntactical structures used here and gives an introduction to programming. You should also be familiar with “Chapter 4 - Front Panel Operation” (in the Operating Guide) in order to understand how the dc source functions.

The programming examples are simple applications of SCPI commands. Because the SCPI syntax remains the same for all programming languages, the examples given for each command are generic.

- Syntax Forms** Syntax definitions use the long form, but only short form headers (or “keywords”) appear in the examples. Use the long form to help make your program self-documenting.
- Parameters** Most commands require a parameter and all queries will return a parameter. The range for a parameter may vary according to the model of dc source. When this is the case, refer to the Specifications table in the Operating Guide.
- Models** If a command only applies to specific models, those models are listed in the **<Model> Only**. If there is no **<Model> Only** entry, the command applies to all models.
- Related Commands** Where appropriate, related commands or queries are included. These are listed because they are either directly related by function, or because reading about them will clarify or enhance your understanding of the original command or query.
- Order of Presentation** The dictionary is organized according to the following functions: calibration, measurement, output, status, system, and trigger. Both the subsystem commands and the common commands that follow are arranged in alphabetical order under each function.

### Subsystem Commands

Subsystem commands are specific to dc source functions. They can be a single command or a group of commands. The groups are comprised of commands that extend one or more levels below the root.

The subsystem command groups are grouped according to function: Calibration, Measurement, Output, Status, System, and Trigger. Commands under each function are grouped alphabetically. Commands followed by a question mark (?) take only the query form. When commands take both the command and query form, this is noted in the syntax descriptions. Table 4-1 lists all of the subsystem commands in alphabetical order.

Table 4-1. Subsystem Commands Syntax

|                                         |                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ABORt</b>                            | Resets the trigger system to the Idle state                          |
| <b>CALibrate</b>                        |                                                                      |
| <b>:CURRent</b>                         |                                                                      |
| [:SOURce]                               |                                                                      |
| [:DC] [:POSitive]                       | Calibrate positive output current and high current measurement range |
| :NEGative                               | Calibrate negative output current                                    |
| <b>:MEASure</b>                         |                                                                      |
| [:DC] :LOWRange                         | Calibrate low current measurement range                              |
| :AC                                     | Calibrate ac current measurement circuits                            |
| <b>:DATA &lt;n&gt;</b>                  | Input a calibration measurement                                      |
| <b>:LEVel &lt;level&gt;</b>             | Advance to next calibration step (P1   P2)                           |
| <b>:PASSword &lt;n&gt;</b>              | Set calibration password                                             |
| <b>:SAVE</b>                            | Save new cal constants in non-volatile memory                        |
| <b>:STATE &lt;bool&gt; [,&lt;n&gt;]</b> | Enable or disable calibration mode                                   |
| <b>:VOLTag</b>                          |                                                                      |
| [:DC]                                   | Calibrate output voltage and voltage readback                        |
| :PROtection                             | Begin voltage protection calibration sequence                        |
| <b>DISPlay</b>                          |                                                                      |
| [:WINDow]                               |                                                                      |
| [:STATE] <bool>                         | Enable/disable front panel display                                   |
| :MODE <mode>                            | Set display mode (NORM   TEXT)                                       |
| :TEXT [:DATA] <string>                  | Sets the text that is displayed                                      |
| <b>INITiate</b>                         |                                                                      |
| [:IMMediate]                            |                                                                      |
| :SEquence[<n>]                          | Initiate a specific numbered sequence (1   2)                        |
| :NAME <name>                            | Initiate a specific named sequence (TRAN   ACQ)                      |
| <b>CONTinuous</b>                       |                                                                      |
| :SEquence[1], <bool>                    | Set continuous initialization                                        |
| :NAME TRANsient, <bool>                 | Set continuous initialization                                        |
| <b>MEASure   FETCh</b>                  |                                                                      |
| <b>:ARRay</b>                           |                                                                      |
| :CURRent [:DC]?                         | Returns the digitized instantaneous current                          |
| :VOLTag [:DC]?                          | Returns the digitized instantaneous voltage                          |
| [:SCALar]                               |                                                                      |
| :CURRent [:DC]?                         | Returns dc current                                                   |
| :ACDC?                                  | Returns the total rms current (ac+dc)                                |
| :HIGH?                                  | Returns the HIGH level of a current pulse                            |
| :LOW?                                   | Returns the LOW level of a current pulse                             |
| :MAX?                                   | Returns maximum current                                              |
| :MIN?                                   | Returns minimum current                                              |
| :VOLTag [:DC]?                          | Returns dc voltage                                                   |
| :ACDC?                                  | Returns the total rms voltage (ac+dc)                                |
| :HIGH?                                  | Returns the HIGH level of a voltage pulse                            |
| :LOW?                                   | Returns the LOW level of a voltage pulse                             |
| :MAX?                                   | Returns maximum voltage                                              |
| :MIN?                                   | Returns minimum voltage                                              |

Table 4-1. Subsystem Commands Syntax (continued)

|                              |                                                      |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>OUTPut</b>                |                                                      |
| [:STATe] <bool> [,NORelay]   | Enables/disables the dc source output                |
| :DFI                         |                                                      |
| [:STATe] <bool>              | Enable/disable DFI output                            |
| :SOURce <source>             | Selects event source (QUES   OPER   ESB   RQS   OFF) |
| :PON                         |                                                      |
| :STATe <state>               | Set power-on state (*RST   RCL0)                     |
| :PROTection                  |                                                      |
| :CLEAr                       | Reset latched protection                             |
| :DELAy <n>                   | Delay after programming/before protection            |
| :RELAy                       |                                                      |
| [:STATe] <bool>              | Opens/closes the external relay contacts             |
| :POLArity <polarity>         | Sets the external relay polarity (NORM   REV)        |
| :RI                          |                                                      |
| :MODE <mode>                 | Sets remote inhibit input (LATC   LIVE   OFF)        |
| <b>SENSe</b>                 |                                                      |
| :CURRent                     |                                                      |
| [:DC]                        |                                                      |
| RANGE [:UPPer] <n>           | Selects the high current measurement range           |
| :DETeCtor <detector>         | Selects the current measurement detector (ACDC   DC) |
| :FUNction <function>         | Configures the measurement sensor ("VOLT"   "CURR")  |
| :SWEep                       |                                                      |
| :OFFSet                      |                                                      |
| :POINts <n>                  | Defines the offset in the data sweep                 |
| :POINts <n>                  | Define the number of data points in a sweep          |
| :TINTerval <n>               | Sets the digitizer sample spacing                    |
| <b>[SOURce:]</b>             |                                                      |
| <b>CURRent</b>               |                                                      |
| [:LEVel]                     |                                                      |
| [:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <n> | Sets the output current level                        |
| :TRIGgered [:AMPLitude] <n>  | Sets the triggered output current level              |
| :PROTection                  |                                                      |
| :STATe <bool>                | Enable/Disable current limit protection              |
| <b>DIGital</b>               |                                                      |
| :DATA [:VALue] <n>           | Sets and reads the digital control port              |
| :FUNction <function>         | Configures digital control port (RIDF   DIG)         |
| <b>VOLTage</b>               |                                                      |
| [:LEVel]                     |                                                      |
| [:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <n> | Sets the dc voltage level                            |
| :TRIGgered [:AMPLitude] <n>  | Sets the transient voltage level                     |
| :ALC                         |                                                      |
| :BAWdth?   :BWIth?           | Returns setting of output mode switch                |
| :PROTection [:LEVel] <n>     | Sets the overvoltage protection threshold            |

Table 4-1. Subsystem Commands Syntax (continued)

|                           |                                                         |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>STATus</b>             |                                                         |
| :PRESet                   | Presets all enable and transition registers to power-on |
| :OPERation                |                                                         |
| [:EVENT]?                 | Returns the value of the event register                 |
| :CONDition?               | Returns the value of the condition register             |
| :ENABle <n>               | Enables specific bits in the Event register             |
| :NTRansition<n>           | Sets the Negative transition filter                     |
| :PTRansition<n>           | Sets the Positive transition filter                     |
| :QUESTionable             |                                                         |
| [:EVENT]?                 | Returns the value of the event register                 |
| :CONDition?               | Returns the value of the condition register             |
| :ENABle <n>               | Enables specific bits in the Event register             |
| :NTRansition<n>           | Sets the Negative transition filter                     |
| :PTRansition<n>           | Sets the Positive transition filter                     |
| <b>SYSTem</b>             |                                                         |
| :ERRor?                   | Returns the error number and error string               |
| :LANGUage <language>      | Sets the programming language (SCPI   COMP)             |
| :VERSion?                 | Returns the SCPI version number                         |
| :LOCal                    | Go to local mode (for RS-232 operation)                 |
| :REMote                   | Go to remote mode (for RS-232 operation)                |
| :RWLock                   | Go to remote with local lockout (for RS-232 operation)  |
| <b>TRIGger</b>            |                                                         |
| :SEQuence2   :ACQuire     |                                                         |
| [:IMMediate]              | Triggers the measurement immediately                    |
| :COUNt                    |                                                         |
| :CURRent <n>              | Sets the number of sweeps per current measurement       |
| :VOLTage <n>              | Sets the number of sweeps per voltage measurement       |
| :HYSTeresis               |                                                         |
| :CURRent <n>              | Qualifies the trigger when measuring current            |
| :VOLTage <n>              | Qualifies the trigger when measuring voltage            |
| :LEVel                    |                                                         |
| :CURRent <n>              | Sets the trigger level for measuring current            |
| :VOLTage <n>              | Sets the trigger level for measuring voltage            |
| :SLOPe                    |                                                         |
| :CURRent <slope>          | Sets the triggered current slope (POS   NEG   EITH)     |
| :VOLTage <slope>          | Sets the triggered voltage slope (POS   NEG   EITH)     |
| :SOURce <source>          | Sets the trigger source (BUS   INT)                     |
| [:SEQuence1   :TRANsient] |                                                         |
| [:IMMediate]              | Triggers the output immediately                         |
| :SOURce <source>          | Sets the trigger source (BUS)                           |
| :SEQuence1                |                                                         |
| :DEFine TRANsient         | Sets or queries the SEQ1 name                           |
| :SEQuence2                |                                                         |
| :DEFine ACQuire           | Sets or queries the SEQ2 name                           |

## Common Commands

Common commands begin with an \* and consist of three letters (command) or three letters and a ? (query). They are defined by the IEEE 488.2 standard to perform common interface functions. Common commands and queries are categorized under System, Status, or Trigger functions and are listed at the end of each group. The dc source responds to the following commands:

**Table 4-2. Common Commands Syntax**

|             |                                             |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| *CLS        | Clear status                                |
| *ESE <n>    | Standard event status enable                |
| *ESE?       | Return standard event status enable         |
| *ESR?       | Return event status register                |
| *IDN?       | Return instrument identification            |
| *OPC        | Enable "operation complete" bit in ESR      |
| *OPC?       | Return a "1" when operation complete        |
| *OPT?       | Return option number                        |
| *PSC <bool> | Power-on status clear state set/reset       |
| *PSC?       | Return power-on status clear state          |
| *RCL <n>    | Recall instrument state                     |
| *RST        | Reset                                       |
| *SAV <n>    | Save instrument state                       |
| *SRE <n>    | Set service request enable register         |
| *SRE?       | Return service request enable register      |
| *STB?       | Return status byte                          |
| *TRG        | Trigger                                     |
| *TST?       | Perform selftest, then return result        |
| *WAI        | Hold off bus until all device commands done |

## Programming Parameters

The following table lists the output programming parameters for each model.

**Table 4-3. Output Programming Parameters**

| Parameter                                                                           | Value                                                                                                 |        |        |        |        |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                                                                     | 66312A                                                                                                | 66332A | 6612B  | 6632B  | 6633B  | 6634B  |
| [SOUR:]CURR[:LEV][:IMM] MAX and<br>[SOUR:]CURR[:LEV]:TRIG MAX<br>*RST Current Value | 2.0475                                                                                                | 5.1188 | 2.0475 | 5.1188 | 2.0475 | 1.0238 |
|                                                                                     | 10% of MAX value for all models                                                                       |        |        |        |        |        |
| [SOUR:]VOLT[:LEV][:IMM] MAX and<br>[SOUR:]VOLT[:LEV]:TRIG MAX<br>*RST Voltage Value | 20.475                                                                                                | 20.475 | 20.475 | 20.475 | 51.188 | 102.38 |
|                                                                                     | 0 V for all models                                                                                    |        |        |        |        |        |
| [SOUR:]VOLT:PROT[:LEV] MAX<br>*RST OVP Value                                        | 22                                                                                                    | 22     | 22     | 22     | 55     | 110    |
|                                                                                     | MAX for all models                                                                                    |        |        |        |        |        |
| OUTP:PROT:DEL MAX<br>*RST Protection Delay Value                                    | 2,147,483.647 seconds for all models<br>0.08 seconds Normal; 0.008 seconds Fast                       |        |        |        |        |        |
| SENS:CURR:RANG<br>*RST Current Range Value                                          | Low range = 0 – 20 mA for all models<br>High Range = 20 mA – MAX for all models<br>MAX for all models |        |        |        |        |        |

## Calibration Commands

Calibration commands let you:

- Enable and disable the calibration mode
- Change the calibration password
- Calibrate the current and voltage programming and measurement, and store new calibration constants in nonvolatile memory.

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**Note** If calibration mode has not been enabled with CALibrate:STATE, programming the calibration commands will generate an error.

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### CALibrate:CURRENT

This command initiates the calibration of the positive dc output current as well as the high-range current measurement circuit.

|                  |                                            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | CALibrate:CURRENT[:SOURCE][:DC][:POSitive] |
| Parameters       | None                                       |
| Examples         | CAL:CURR CAL:CURR:SOUR:DC:POS              |
| Related Commands | CAL:CURR:NEG                               |

### CALibrate:CURRENT:NEGative

This command initiates the calibration of the negative dc output current.

|                  |                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | CALibrate:CURRENT[:SOURCE][:DC]:NEGative] |
| Parameters       | None                                      |
| Examples         | CAL:CURR:NEG CAL:CURR:SOUR:DC:NEG         |
| Related Commands | CAL:CURR                                  |

### CALibrate:CURRENT:MEASure:LOWRange

This command initiates the calibration of the low-range current measurement circuit.

|                  |                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | CALibrate:CURRENT:MEASure[:DC]:LOWRange |
| Parameters       | None                                    |
| Examples         | CAL:CURR:MEAS:LOWR                      |
| Related Commands | CAL:CURR                                |

### CALibrate:CURRENT:MEASure:AC

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This command initiates the calibration of the high bandwidth (ac) measurement circuit.

|                |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Command Syntax | CALibrate:CURRENT:MEASure:AC |
| Parameters     | None                         |
| Examples       | CAL:CURR:MEAS:AC             |

### CALibrate:DATA

This command enters a calibration value that you obtain by reading an external meter. You must first select a calibration level (with CALibrate:LEVel) for the value being entered.

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | CALibrate:DATA <NRf>              |
| Parameters       | <external reading>                |
| Unit             | A (amperes)                       |
| Examples         | CAL:DATA 3222.3 MA CAL:DATA 5.000 |
| Related Commands | CAL:SAVE CAL:LEV                  |

### CALibrate:LEVel

This command is used to advance to the next state in the calibration sequence.

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Command Syntax | CALibrate:LEVel <level> |
| Parameters     | P1   P2                 |
| Examples       | CAL:LEV P2              |

### CALibrate:PASSword

This command lets you change the calibration password. A new password is automatically stored in nonvolatile memory and does not have to be stored with CALibrate:SAVE.

If the password is set to 0, password protection is removed and the ability to enter the calibration mode is unrestricted.

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | CALibrate:PASScode <NRf>       |
| Parameters       | <model number> (default)       |
| Examples         | CAL:PASS 6812 CAL:PASS 06.1994 |
| Related Commands | CAL:SAV                        |

### CALibrate:SAVE

This command saves any new calibration constants after a calibration procedure has been completed in nonvolatile memory. If CALibrate:STATe OFF is programmed without a CALibrate:SAVE, the previous calibration constants are restored.

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Command Syntax:  | CALibrate:SAVE    |
| Parameters       | None              |
| Examples         | CAL:SAVE          |
| Related Commands | CAL:PASS CAL:STAT |

**CALibrate:STATE**

This command enables and disables calibration mode. The calibration mode must be enabled before the dc source will accept any other calibration commands.

The first parameter specifies the enabled or disabled state. The second parameter is the password. It is required if the calibration mode is being enabled and the existing password is not 0. If the password is not entered or is incorrect, an error is generated and the calibration mode remains disabled. The query statement returns only the state, not the password.

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**Note** Whenever the calibration state is changed from enabled to disabled, any new calibration constants are lost unless they have been stored with CALibrate:SAVE.

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Command Syntax: CALibrate:STATE <bool> [,<NRf>]  
 Parameters 0 | 1 | OFF | ON [,<password>]  
 \*RST Value OFF  
 Examples CAL:STAT 1,6812 CAL:STAT OFF  
 Query Syntax CALibrate:STATE?  
 Returned Parameters <NR1>  
 Related Commands CAL:PASS CAL:SAVE \*RST

**CALibrate:VOLTage**

This command initiates the calibration of the output voltage and the voltage readback circuit.

Command Syntax CALibrate:VOLTage[:DC]  
 Parameters None  
 Examples CAL:VOLT CAL:VOLT:DC

**CALibrate:VOLTage:PROTection**

This command can calibrates the dc source overvoltage protection (OV) circuit. The dc source automatically performs the calibration. CALibrate:VOLTage:PROTection is a sequential command that takes several seconds to complete.

Command Syntax: CALibrate:VOLTage:PROTection  
 Parameters None  
 Example CAL:VOLT:PROT

## Measurement Commands

Measurement commands consist of measure and sense commands.

**Measure commands** measure the output voltage and current. Measurements are performed by digitizing the instantaneous output voltage or current for a defined number of samples and sample interval, storing the results in a buffer, and calculating the measured result. Two types of measurement commands are available: MEASure and FETCh. MEASure triggers the acquisition of new data before returning the reading; FETCh returns a reading computed from previously acquired data.

- Use MEASure when the measurement does not need to be synchronized with any other event.
- Use FETCh when it is important that the measurement be synchronized with either a trigger or with a particular part of the output waveform.

**Sense commands** control the current measurement range, the bandwidth detector of the dc source, and the data acquisition sequence.

### MEASure:ARRay:CURREnt? FETCh:ARRay:CURREnt?

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return an array containing the instantaneous output current in amperes. The output voltage and current are digitized whenever a measure command is given or whenever an acquire trigger occurs. The time interval is set by SENSE:SWEep:TINTerval. The position of the trigger relative to the beginning of the data buffer is determined by SENSE:SWEep:OFFSet. The number of points returned is set by SENSE:SWEep:POINts.

|                     |                                           |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure:ARRay:CURREnt[:DC]?               |
|                     | FETCh:ARRay:CURREnt[:DC]?                 |
| Parameters          | None                                      |
| Examples            | MEAS:ARR:CURRE? FETC:ARR:CURRE?           |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                     |
| Related Commands    | SENS:SWE:TINT SENS:SWE:OFFS SENS:SWE:POIN |

### MEASure:ARRay:VOLTage? FETCh:ARRay:VOLTage?

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return an array containing the instantaneous output voltage in volts. The output voltage and current are digitized whenever a measure command is given or whenever an acquire trigger occurs. The time interval is set by SENSE:SWEep:TINTerval. The position of the trigger relative to the beginning of the data buffer is determined by SENSE:SWEep:OFFSet. The number of points returned is set by SENSE:SWEep:POINts.

|                     |                                           |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure:ARRay:VOLTage[:DC]?               |
|                     | FETCh:ARRay:VOLTage[:DC]?                 |
| Parameters          | None                                      |
| Examples            | MEAS:ARR:VOLT? FETC:ARR:VOLT?             |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                     |
| Related Commands    | SENS:SWE:TINT SENS:SWE:OFFS SENS:SWE:POIN |

**MEASure:CURRent?**  
**FETCh:CURRent?**

FETCh:CURRent? applies to HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the dc output current.

|                     |                                                                |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[:SCALar]:CURRent[:DC]?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:CURRent[:DC]? |
| Parameters          | None                                                           |
| Examples            | MEAS:CURRE? MEAS:CURRE:DC?                                     |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                          |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:VOLT?                                                     |

**MEASure:CURRent:ACDC?**  
**FETCh:CURRent:ACDC?**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the ac+dc rms output current.

|                     |                                                                |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[:SCALar]:CURRent:ACDC?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:CURRent:ACDC? |
| Parameters          | None                                                           |
| Examples            | MEAS:CURRE:ACDC? FETC:CURRE:ACDC?                              |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                          |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:VOLT:ACDC?                                                |

**MEASure:CURRent:HIGH?**  
**FETCh:CURRent:HIGH?**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the High level current of a current pulse waveform. The instrument first measures the minimum and maximum data points of the pulse waveform. It then generates a histogram of the pulse waveform using 1024 bins between the maximum and minimum data points. The bin containing the most data points above the 50% point is the high bin. The average of all the data points in the high bin is returned as the High level. If no high bin contains more than 1.25% of the total number of acquired points, then the maximum value is returned by these queries.

|                     |                                                               |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[SCALar]:CURRent:HIGH?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:CURRent:HIGH? |
| Parameters          | None                                                          |
| Examples            | MEAS:CURRE:HIGH? FETC:CURRE:HIGH?                             |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                         |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:CURRE:LOW? CALC:REF:HIGH                                 |

**MEASure:CURRent:LOW?**  
**FETCh:CURRent:LOW?**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the Low level current of a current pulse waveform. The instrument first measures the minimum and maximum data points of the pulse waveform. It then generates a histogram of the pulse waveform using 1024 bins between the maximum and minimum data points. The bin containing the most data points below the 50% point is the low bin. The average of all the data points in the low bin is returned as the Low level. If no low bin contains more than 1.25% of the total number of acquired points, then the minimum value is returned by these queries.

|                     |                                                             |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[SCALar]:CURRent:LOW?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:CURRent:LOW? |
| Parameters          | None                                                        |
| Examples            | MEAS:CURR:LOW? FETC:CURR:LOW?                               |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                       |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:CURR:HIGH? CALC:REF:LOW                                |

**MEASure:CURRent:MAXimum?**  
**FETCh:CURRent:MAXimum?**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the maximum output current.

|                     |                                                                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[:SCALar]:CURRent:MAXimum?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:CURRent:MAXimum? |
| Parameters          | None                                                                 |
| Examples            | MEAS:CURR:MAX? FETC:CURR:MAX?                                        |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                                |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:CURR:MIN?                                                       |

**MEASure:CURRent:MINimum?**  
**FETCh:CURRent:MINimum?**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the minimum output current.

|                     |                                                                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[:SCALar]:CURRent:MINimum?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:CURRent:MINimum? |
| Parameters          | None                                                                 |
| Examples            | MEAS:CURR:MIN? FETC:CURR:MIN?                                        |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                                |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:CURR:MAX?                                                       |

MEAS:VOLT?  
FETC:VOLT?

MEAS:VOLT:ACDC?  
FETC:VOLT:ACDC?

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MEAS:VOLT:HIGH?  
FETC:VOLT:HIGH?

## MEASure:VOLTage? FETCh:VOLTage?

FETCh:VOLTage? applies to HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the dc output voltage.

|                     |                                                                  |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[:SCALar]:VOLTage[:DC]?<br>MEASure[:SCALar]:VOLTage[:DC]? |
| Parameters          | None                                                             |
| Examples            | MEAS:VOLT? MEAS:VOLT:DC?                                         |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                            |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:CURR?                                                       |

## MEASure:VOLTage:ACDC? FETCh:VOLTage:ACDC?

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the ac+dc rms output voltage.

|                     |                                                                |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[:SCALar]:VOLTage:ACDC?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:VOLTage:ACDC? |
| Parameters          | None                                                           |
| Examples            | MEAS:VOLT:ACDC? FETC:VOLT:ACDC?                                |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                          |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:CURR:ACDC                                                 |

## MEASure:VOLTage:HIGH? FETCh:VOLTage:HIGH?

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the High level voltage of a voltage pulse waveform. The instrument first measures the minimum and maximum data points of the pulse waveform. It then generates a histogram of the pulse waveform using 1024 bins between the maximum and minimum data points. The bin containing the most data points above the 50% point is the high bin. The average of all the data points in the high bin is returned as the High level. If no high bin contains more than 1.25% of the total number of acquired points, then the maximum value is returned by these queries.

|                     |                                                               |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[SCALar]:VOLTage:HIGH?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:VOLTage:HIGH? |
| Parameters          | None                                                          |
| Examples            | MEAS:VOLT:HIGH? FETC:VOLT:HIGH?                               |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                         |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:VOLT:LOW? CALC:REF:HIGH                                  |

**MEASure:VOLTage:LOW?**  
**FETCh:VOLTage:LOW?**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the Low level voltage of a voltage pulse waveform. The instrument first measures the minimum and maximum data points of the pulse waveform. It then generates a histogram of the pulse waveform using 1024 bins between the maximum and minimum data points. The bin containing the most data points below the 50% point is the low bin. The average of all the data points in the low bin is returned as the Low level. If no low bin contains more than 1.25% of the total number of acquired points, then the minimum value is returned by these queries.

|                     |                                                             |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[SCALar]:VOLTage:LOW?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:VOLTage:LOW? |
| Parameters          | None                                                        |
| Examples            | MEAS:VOLT:LOW? FETC:VOLT:LOW?                               |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                       |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:VOLT:HIGH? CALC:REF:LOW                                |

**MEASure:VOLTage:MAXimum?**  
**FETCh:VOLTage:MAXimum?**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the maximum output voltage.

|                     |                                                                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[:SCALar]:VOLTage:MAXimum?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:VOLTage:MAXimum? |
| Parameters          | None                                                                 |
| Examples            | MEAS:VOLT:MAX? FETC:VOLT:MAX?                                        |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                                |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:VOLT:MIN?                                                       |

**MEASure:VOLTage:MINimum?**  
**FETCh:VOLTage:MINimum?**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These queries return the minimum output voltage.

|                     |                                                                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | MEASure[:SCALar]:VOLTage:MINimum?<br>FETCh[:SCALar]:VOLTage:MINimum? |
| Parameters          | None                                                                 |
| Examples            | MEAS:VOLT:MIN? FETC:VOLT:MIN?                                        |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                                |
| Related Commands    | MEAS:VOLT:MAX?                                                       |

### SENSE:CURRENT:RANGE

This command selects the dc current measurement range. All models have two current measurement ranges:

- High Range:** 0 through MAX (see Table 4-3)
- Low Range:** 0 through 0.02 A (all models)

The High range covers the full current measurement capability of the instrument. The Low range measures currents up to a maximum of 20 mA. This increases the low current measurement sensitivity for greater accuracy and resolution. The value that you program with SENSE:CURRENT:RANGE must be the maximum current that you expect to measure. The instrument will select the range that gives the best resolution. The crossover value is 20 mA. When queried, the returned value is the maximum current that can be measured on the range that is presently set.

|                            |                                          |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Command Syntax</b>      | SENSE:CURRENT[:DC]:RANGE [:UPPER] <NRf+> |
| <b>Parameters</b>          | 0 through MAX (see table 4-3)            |
| <b>Unit</b>                | A (amperes)                              |
| <b>*RST Value</b>          | MAX (high range)                         |
| <b>Examples</b>            | SENS:CURR:RANG 4.0                       |
| <b>Query Syntax</b>        | SENSE:CURRENT?                           |
| <b>Returned Parameters</b> | <NR3>                                    |

### SENSE:CURRENT:DETECT

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

This command lets you select the type of detector used for output current measurements. Two choices for detecting current measurements are available:

- ACDC** This is the preferred choice for all dynamic current measurements. When ACDC is selected, the measured output current includes the current that flows in the instrument's output capacitor. It is especially important to use ACDC detection when measuring pulse or other waveforms with frequency contents greater than several kilohertz.
- DC** Select *DC* only if you are making dc current measurements and you require a dc measurement offset better than 2mA on the High current measurement range. When DC is selected, the component of output current that is supplied by the instrument's output filter is not sensed. Note that this selection gives inaccurate results on current waveforms with frequency contents greater than several kilohertz.

**Note** This command only applies to the High current measurement range.

|                            |                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Command Syntax</b>      | SENSE:CURRENT:DETECT <detector>        |
| <b>Parameters</b>          | ACDC or DC                             |
| <b>*RST Value</b>          | ACDC                                   |
| <b>Examples</b>            | SENS:CURR:DET ACDC    SENS:CURR:DET DC |
| <b>Query Syntax</b>        | SENSE:CURRENT:DETECT?                  |
| <b>Returned Parameters</b> | <NR3>                                  |

**SENSe:FUNCTION**

This command configures the measurement sensor to measure either voltage or current when an acquire trigger is used. The query returns the function setting, either VOLT or CURR.

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | SENSe:FUNCTION <function> |
| Parameters          | “VOLTagE”   “CURRent”     |
| Examples            | SENS:FUNC “VOLT”          |
| Query Syntax        | SENSe:FUNCTION?           |
| Returned Parameters | <SRD>                     |

**SENSe:SWEep:OFFSet:POINTs**

This command defines the offset in a data sweep when an acquire trigger is used. Negative values represent data samples taken prior to the trigger.

|                     |                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | SENSe:SWEep:OFFSet:POINTs <NRf+>           |
| Parameters          | -4095 through 2E9                          |
| *RST Value          | 0                                          |
| Examples            | SENS:SWE:OFFS:POIN -2047                   |
| Query Syntax        | SENSe:SWEep:OFFSet:POINTs?                 |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                      |
| Related Commands    | SENS:SWE:TINT    SENS:SWE:POIN    MEAS:ARR |

**SENSe:SWEep:POINTs**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

This command defines the number of points in a data sweep.

|                     |                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | SENSe:SWEep:POINTs <NRf+>                  |
| Parameters          | 0 through 4096                             |
| *RST Value          | 2048                                       |
| Examples            | SENS:SWE:POIN 1024                         |
| Query Syntax        | SENSe:SWEep:POINTs?                        |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                      |
| Related Commands    | SENS:SWE:TINT    SENS:SWE:OFFS    MEAS:ARR |

**SENSe:SWEep:TINTerval**

This command defines the time period between samples.

|                     |                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | SENSe:SWEep:TINTerval <NRf+>               |
| Parameters          | 15.6E-6 through 390E-6 (seconds)           |
| *RST Value          | 15.6E-6                                    |
| Examples            | SENS:SWE:TINT 31.2E-6                      |
| Query Syntax        | SENSe:SWEep:TINTerval?                     |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                      |
| Related Commands    | SENS:SWE:POIN    SENS:SWE:OFFS    MEAS:ARR |

## Output Commands

Output commands consist of output and source commands.

**Output commands** control the dc source output and digital port functions. They also control the Option 760 output relay.

**Source commands** program the actual voltage, current, and digital port output.

### OUTPut

This command enables or disables the dc source output. The state of a disabled output is a condition of zero output voltage and a model-dependent minimum source current (see **\*RST**). Unless the **NORelay** command is programmed, the **OUTput** command also controls the Option 760 output relay on HP models 66332A, 6632B, 6633B, and 6634B. If the **NORelay** command is sent, the output relay state does NOT change.

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | OUTPut[:STaTe] <bool> [,NORelay] |
| Parameters          | 0   OFF   1   ON                 |
| *RST Value          | 0                                |
| Examples            | OUTP 1    OUTPUT:STATE ON        |
| Query Syntax        | OUTPut[:STaTe]?                  |
| Returned Parameters | <NR1>    0 or 1                  |
| Related Commands    | *RST    *RCL    *SAV             |

### OUTPut:DFI

This command enables or disables the discrete fault indicator (DFI) output from the dc source.

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | OUTPut:DFI[:STaTe] <bool>  |
| Parameters          | 0   1   OFF   ON           |
| *RST Value          | OFF                        |
| Examples            | OUTP:DFI 1    OUTP:DFI OFF |
| Query Syntax        | OUTPut:DFI[:STaTe]?        |
| Returned Parameters | 0   1                      |
| Related Commands    | OUTP:DFI:SOUR              |

### OUTPut:DFI:SOURce

This command selects the source for discrete fault indicator (DFI) events. The choices are:

|              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| QUESTIONable | Questionable summary bit    |
| OPERation    | Operation summary bit       |
| ESB          | Standard Event summary bit  |
| RQS          | Request Service summary bit |
| OFF          | Never true                  |

|                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | OUTP:DFI:SOUR <source>        |
| Parameters          | QUES   OPER   ESP   RQS   OFF |
| *RST Value          | OFF                           |
| Examples            | OUTP:DFI:SOUR OPER            |
| Query Syntax        | OUTPut:DFI:SOUR?              |
| Returned Parameters | <CRD>                         |
| Related Commands    | OUTP:DFI                      |

**OUTPut:PON:STATE**

This command selects the power-on state of the dc source. This information is saved in non-volatile memory. The following states can be selected:

- RST** Sets the power-on state to \*RST. Refer to the \*RST command as described in this chapter for more information.
- RCL0** Sets the power-on state to \*RCL 0. Refer to the \*RCL command as described in this chapter for more information.

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | OUTPut:PON:STATE <state> |
| Parameters          | RST   RCL0               |
| Examples            | OUTP:PON:STAT RST        |
| Query Syntax        | OUTPut:PON:STATe?        |
| Returned Parameters | <CRD>                    |
| Related Commands    | *RST *RCL                |

**OUTPut:PROTection:CLEar**

This command clears the latch that disables the output when an OverVoltage, OverCurrent, OverTemperature, Remote Inhibit, or Fuse Status condition is detected. All conditions that generate the fault must be removed before the latch can be cleared. The output is then restored to the state it was in before the fault condition occurred.

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | OUTPut:PROTection:CLEar |
| Parameters       | None                    |
| Examples         | OUTP:PROT:CLE           |
| Related Commands | OUTP:PROT:DEL *RCL *SAV |

**OUTPut:PROTection:DELAy**

This command sets the time between the programming of an output change that produces a Constant Voltage or Constant Current condition and the recording of that condition by the Operation Status Condition register. The delay prevents the momentary changes in dc source status that can occur during reprogramming from being registered as events by the status subsystem. Since the delay applies to Constant Current status, it also delays the OverCurrent Protection feature. The OverVoltage Protection feature is not affected by this delay.

|                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | OUTPut:PROTection:DELAy <NRf+> |
| Parameters          | 0 to 2,147,483.647             |
| Unit                | seconds                        |
| *RST Value          | 0.08 (Normal)                  |
| Examples            | OUTPUT:PROTECTION:DELAY 75E-1  |
| Query Syntax        | OUTPut:PROTection:DELAy?       |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                          |
| Related Commands    | OUTP:PROT:CLE *RCL *SAV        |

**[SOURce:]DIGital:DATA**

This command sets and reads the dc source digital control port when that port is configured for Digital I/O operation. Configuring of the port is done with the DIG:FUNC command. The port has three signal pins and a digital ground pin. Pins 1 and 2 are output pins controlled by bits 0 and 1. Pin 3 is controlled by bit 2, and can be programmed to serve either as an input or an output. It normally serves as an output. Bit 2 must be programmed high to use pin 3 as an input. Pin 4 is the digital ground. The query returns the last programmed value in bits 0 and 1 and the value read at pin 3 in bit 2.

|                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | [SOURce]:DIGital:DATA[:VALue] <NRf> |
| Parameters          | 0 to 7                              |
| *RST Value          | 0                                   |
| Examples            | DIG:DATA 7                          |
| Query Syntax        | [SOURce]:DIGital:DATA?              |
| Returned Parameters | <NR1>                               |
| Related Commands    | DIG:FUNC                            |

**[SOURce:]DIGital:FUNCTION**

This command configures the dc source digital control port. The configuration setting is saved in non-volatile memory.

- RIDFi** Configures the port for Remote Inhibit/Discrete Fault Interrupt operation (see Appendix A in the User's Guide.)
- DIGio** Configures the port for Digital input/output operation (see DIG:DATA)

|                     |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | [SOURce]:DIGital:FUNCTION <CRD> |
| Parameters          | RIDFi   DIGio                   |
| Examples            | DIG:FUNC DIG                    |
| Query Syntax        | [SOURce]:DIGital:FUNC?          |
| Returned Parameters | <CRD>                           |
| Related Commands    | DIG:DATA                        |

**[SOURce:]VOLTage**

This command sets the immediate voltage level of the dc source. The immediate level is the voltage programmed for the output terminals.

|                     |                                                         |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | [SOURce]:VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <NRf+> |
| Parameters          | see Table 4-3                                           |
| Default Suffix      | V (volts)                                               |
| *RST Value          | 0                                                       |
| Examples            | VOLT 2            VOLTAGE:LEVEL 200 MV                  |
| Query Syntax        | [SOURce]:VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude]?       |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                   |
| Related Commands    | VOLT:TRIG                                               |

**[SOURce:]VOLTage:ALC:BANDwidth?****[SOURce:]VOLTage:ALC:BWIDth?**

HP 66332A, 6632B, 6633B, 6634B Only

These queries return the setting of the output mode switch. The returned value is 15,000 if the switch is set to Normal and 60,000 if the switch is set to Fast.

|                     |                                               |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | [SOURce:]VOLTage:ALC:BANDwidth?               |
|                     | [SOURce:]VOLTage:ALC:BWIDth?                  |
| Examples            | VOLT:ALC:BAND?            VOLTAGE:ALC:BWIDth? |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                         |

**[SOURce:]VOLTage:TRIGger**

This command sets the pending triggered voltage level of the dc source. The pending triggered level is a stored voltage value that is transferred to the output terminals when a trigger occurs. In order for a trigger to occur, the trigger subsystem must be initiated (see the INITiate command in the trigger subsystem).

|                     |                                                        |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | [SOURce][:VOLTage[:LEVel]:TRIGgered[:AMPLitude] <NRf+> |
| Parameters          | see Table 4-3                                          |
| Default Suffix      | V (volts)                                              |
| *RST Value          | 0                                                      |
| Examples            | VOLT:TRIG 20            VOLTAGE:LEVEL:TRIGGERED 20     |
| Query Syntax        | [SOURce:]VOLTage[LEVel]:TRIGgered[:AMPLitude]?         |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                  |
| Related Commands    | VOLT *RST                                              |

**[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection**

This command sets the overvoltage protection (OVP) level of the dc source. If the output voltage exceeds the OVP level, then the dc source output is disabled and the Questionable Condition status register OV bit is set (see chapter 3 under Programming the Status Registers). An overvoltage condition can be cleared with the OUTP:PROT:CLE command after the condition that caused the OVP trip is removed. The OVP always trips with zero delay and is unaffected by the OUTP:PROT:DEL command.

|                     |                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | [SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection[:LEVel] <NRf+> |
| Parameters          | see Table 4-3                              |
| Default Suffix      | V (volts)                                  |
| *RST Value          | MAX                                        |
| Examples            | VOLT:PROT 21.5        VOLT:PROT:LEV MAX    |
| Query Syntax        | [SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection[:LEVel]?       |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                      |
| Related Commands    | OUTP:PROT:CLE    OUTP:PROT:DEL             |

Table 4-5. Bit Configuration of Status Questionable Registers

| Bit Position                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 15       | 14        | 13-11    | 10    | 9   | 8-5      | 4  | 3        | 2  | 1   | 0  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|-----|----------|----|----------|----|-----|----|
| Bit Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | not used | Meas Ovld | not used | Unreg | RI  | not used | OT | not used | FS | OCP | OV |
| Bit Weight                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |          | 16384     |          | 1024  | 512 |          | 16 |          | 4  | 2   | 1  |
| OV = overvoltage protection has tripped<br>OCP = overcurrent protection has tripped<br>FS = the fuse is blown<br>OT = overtemperature protection has tripped<br>RI = remote inhibit is active<br>Unreg = output is unregulated<br>Meas Ovld = measurement overload |          |           |          |       |     |          |    |          |    |     |    |

**STATus:QUESTIONable?**

This query returns the value of the Questionable Event register. The Event register is a read-only register which holds (latches) all events that are passed by the Questionable NTR and/or PTR filter. Reading the Questionable Event register clears it.

Query Syntax **STATus:QUESTIONable[:EVENT]?**  
 Parameters None  
 Returned Parameters **<NR1>** (Register Value)  
 Examples **STAT:QUES? STATUS:QUESTIONABLE:EVENT?**  
 Related Commands **\*CLS STAT:QUES:ENAB STAT:QUES:NTR STAT:QUES:PTR**

**STATus:QUESTIONable:CONDition?**

This query returns the value of the Questionable Condition register. That is a read-only register which holds the real-time (unlatched) questionable status of the dc source.

Query Syntax **STATus:QUESTIONable:CONDition?**  
 Parameters None  
 Examples **STAT:QUES:COND? STATUS:QUESTIONABLE:CONDITION?**  
 Returned Parameters **<NR1>** (Register value)

**STATus:QUESTIONable:ENABLE**

This command and its query set and read the value of the Questionable Enable register. This register is a mask for enabling specific bits from the Questionable Event register to set the questionable summary bit (QUES) of the Status Byte register. This bit (bit 3) is the logical OR of all the Questionable Event register bits that are enabled by the Questionable Status Enable register.

Command Syntax **STATus:QUESTIONable:ENABLE <NRf>**  
 Parameters **0 to 32727**  
 Preset Value **0**  
 Examples **STAT:QUES:ENAB 20 STAT:QUES:ENAB 16**  
 Query Syntax **STATus:QUESTIONable:ENABLE?**  
 Returned Parameters **<NR1>** (Register value)  
 Related Commands **STAT:QUES?**

**STATus:QUEStionable:NTR**  
**STATus:QUEStionable:PTR**

These commands allow you to set or read the value of the Questionable NTR (Negative-Transition) and PTR (Positive-Transition) registers. These registers serve as polarity filters between the Questionable Enable and Questionable Event registers to cause the following actions:

- When a bit of the Questionable NTR register is set to 1, then a 1-to-0 transition of the corresponding bit of the Questionable Condition register causes that bit in the Questionable Event register to be set.
- When a bit of the Questionable PTR register is set to 1, then a 0-to-1 transition of the corresponding bit in the Questionable Condition register causes that bit in the Questionable Event register to be set.
- If the same bits in both NTR and PTR registers are set to 1, then *any transition* of that bit at the Questionable Condition register sets the corresponding bit in the Questionable Event register.
- If the same bits in both NTR and PTR registers are set to 0, then *no transition* of that bit at the Questionable Condition register can set the corresponding bit in the Questionable Event register.

|                     |                                                                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | STATus:QUEStionable:NTRansition <NRf><br>STATus:QUEStionable:PTRansition <NRf> |
| Parameters          | 0 to 32727                                                                     |
| Preset Value        | NTR register = 0; PTR register = 32727                                         |
| Examples            | STAT:QUES:NTR 16    STATUS:QUESTIONABLE:PTR 512                                |
| Query Syntax        | STAT:QUES:NTR?    STAT:QUES:PTR?                                               |
| Returned Parameters | <NR1>    (Register value)                                                      |
| Related Commands    | STAT:QUES:ENAB                                                                 |

**\*CLS**

This command causes the following actions (see chapter 3 under Programming the Status Registers, for the descriptions of all registers):

- Clears the following registers:
  - Standard Event Status
  - Operation Status Event
  - Questionable Status Event
  - Status Byte
- Clears the Error Queue
- If \*CLS immediately follows a program message terminator (<NL>), then the output queue and the MAV bit are also cleared.

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Command Syntax | *CLS |
| Parameters     | None |

**\*ESE**

This command programs the Standard Event Status Enable register bits. The programming determines which events of the Standard Event Status Event register (see \*ESR?) are allowed to set the ESB (Event Summary Bit) of the Status Byte register. A "1" in the bit position enables the corresponding event. All of the enabled events of the Standard Event Status Event Register are logically ORed to cause the Event Summary Bit (ESB) of the Status Byte Register to be set. The query reads the Standard Event Status Enable register.

**Table 4-6. Bit Configuration of Standard Event Status Enable Register**

| Bit Position                                                                | 7   | 6  | 5   | 4                                                                             | 3   | 2   | 1 | 0   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|---|-----|
| Bit Name                                                                    | PON | 0  | CME | EXE                                                                           | DDE | QUE | 0 | OPC |
| Bit Weight                                                                  | 128 | 64 | 32  | 16                                                                            | 8   | 4   | 2 | 1   |
| PON = Power-on has occurred<br>CME = Command error<br>EXE = Execution error |     |    |     | DDE = Device-dependent error<br>QUE = Query error<br>OPC = Operation complete |     |     |   |     |

**Command Syntax** \*ESE <NRf>  
**Parameters** 0 to 255  
**Power-on Value** (See \*PSC)  
**Example** \*ESE 129  
**Query Syntax** \*ESE?  
**Returned Parameters** <NR1> (Register value)  
**Related Commands** \*ESR? \*PSC \*STB?

**\*ESR?**

This query reads the Standard Event Status Event register. Reading the register clears it. The bit configuration is the same as the Standard Event Status Enable register (see \*ESE).

**Query Syntax** \*ESR?  
**Parameters** None  
**Returned Parameters** <NR1> (Register binary value)  
**Related Commands** \*CLS \*ESE \*ESE? \*OPC

**\*OPC**

This command causes the instrument to set the OPC bit (bit 0) of the Standard Event Status register when the dc source has completed all pending operations. (See \*ESE for the bit configuration of the Standard Event Status register.) *Pending operations* are complete when:

- all commands sent before \*OPC have been executed. This includes overlapped commands. Most commands are sequential and are completed before the next command is executed. Overlapped commands are executed in parallel with other commands. Commands that affect output voltage, current or state, relays, and trigger actions are overlapped with subsequent commands sent to the dc source. The \*OPC command provides notification that all overlapped commands have been completed.
- all triggered actions are completed

\*OPC does not prevent processing of subsequent commands, but bit 0 will not be set until all pending operations are completed.

**\*OPC?** causes the instrument to place an ASCII “1” in the Output Queue when all pending operations are completed. Unlike **\*OPC**, **\*OPC?** prevents processing of all subsequent commands. It is intended to be used at the end of a command line so that the application program can then monitor the bus for data until it receives the “1” from the dc source Output Queue.

|                     |              |              |             |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Command Syntax      | <b>*OPC</b>  |              |             |
| Parameters          | None         |              |             |
| Query Syntax        | <b>*OPC?</b> |              |             |
| Returned Parameters | <NR1>        | 1            |             |
| Related Commands    | <b>*OPC</b>  | <b>*TRIG</b> | <b>*WAI</b> |

## \*PSC

This command controls the automatic clearing at power-on of the *Service Request Enable* and the *Standard Event Status Enable* registers

**\*PSC ON | 1** causes these registers to be cleared at power-on. This prevents a PON event from generating SRQ at power-on.

**\*PSC OFF | 0** causes the contents of the Standard Event Enable and Service Request Enable registers to be saved in nonvolatile memory and recalled at power-on. This allows a PON event to generate SRQ at power-on.

The query returns the current state of **\*PSC**.

|                     |                          |               |  |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| Command Syntax      | <b>*PSC &lt;bool&gt;</b> |               |  |
| Parameters          | 0   1   OFF   ON         |               |  |
| Example             | <b>*PSC 0</b>            | <b>*PSC 1</b> |  |
| Query Syntax        | <b>*PSC?</b>             |               |  |
| Returned Parameters | <NR1>                    | 0 1           |  |
| Related Commands    | <b>*ESE</b>              | <b>*SRE</b>   |  |

## \*SRE

This command sets the condition of the Service Request Enable Register. This register determines which bits from the Status Byte Register (see **\*STB** for its bit configuration) are allowed to set the Master Status Summary (MSS) bit and the Request for Service (RQS) summary bit. A 1 in any Service Request Enable Register bit position enables the corresponding Status Byte Register bit and all such enabled bits then are logically ORed to cause Bit 6 of the Status Byte Register to be set.

When the controller conducts a serial poll in response to SRQ, the RQS bit is cleared, but the MSS bit is not. When **\*SRE** is cleared (by programming it with 0), the dc source cannot generate an SRQ to the controller.

The query returns the current state of **\*SRE**.

|                     |                         |                         |             |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Command Syntax      | <b>*SRE &lt;NRf&gt;</b> |                         |             |
| Parameters          | 0 to 255                |                         |             |
| Power-on Value      | (See <b>*PSC</b> )      |                         |             |
| Example             | <b>*SRE 20</b>          |                         |             |
| Query Syntax        | <b>*SRE?</b>            |                         |             |
| Returned Parameters | <NR1>                   | (Register binary value) |             |
| Related Commands    | <b>*ESE</b>             | <b>*ESR</b>             | <b>*PSC</b> |

**\*STB?**

This query reads the Status Byte register, which contains the status summary bits and the Output Queue MAV bit. Reading the Status Byte register does not clear it. The input summary bits are cleared when the appropriate event registers are read. The MAV bit is cleared at power-on, by \*CLS' or when there is no more response data available.

A serial poll also returns the value of the Status Byte register, except that bit 6 returns Request for Service (RQS) instead of Master Status Summary (MSS). A serial poll clears RQS, but not MSS. When MSS is set, it indicates that the dc source has one or more reasons for requesting service.

**Table 4-7. Bit Configuration of Status Byte Register**

| Bit Position                                                                              | 7    | 6            | 5   | 4                                                                                                  | 3    | 2 | 1 | 0 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|---|---|
| Bit Name                                                                                  | OPER | MSS<br>(RQS) | ESB | MAV                                                                                                | QUES | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bit Weight                                                                                | 128  | 64           | 32  | 16                                                                                                 | 8    | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| ESB = Event status byte summary<br>MAV = Message available<br>MSS = Master status summary |      |              |     | OPER = Operation status summary<br>QUES = Questionable status summary<br>RQS = Request for service |      |   |   |   |

Query Syntax      **\*STB?**  
Returned Paramters      <NR1> (Register binary value)

**\*WAI**

This command instructs the dc source not to process any further commands until all pending operations are completed. "Pending operations" are as defined under the \*OPC command. \*WAI can be aborted only by sending the dc source an HP-IB DCL (Device Clear) command.

Command Syntax      **\*WAI**  
Parameters      None  
Related Commands      **\*OPC    \*OPC?**

## System Commands

System commands consist of system and display commands.

System commands control system functions that are not directly related to output control or measurement functions.

Display commands control the front panel display of the dc source.

Common commands also perform system functions. The following common commands are discussed in this section: \*IDN? \*OPT? \*RCL \*RST \*SAV \*TST?.

### DISPlay

This command turns the front panel display on or off. When off, the front panel display is blank. The display annunciators are not affected by this command.

|                     |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | DISPlay[:WINDow][:STATe] <bool> |
| Parameters          | 0   1   OFF   ON                |
| *RST Value          | ON                              |
| Examples            | DISP ON    DISPLAY:STATE ON     |
| Query Syntax        | DISPlay[:WINDow][STATe]?        |
| Returned Parameters | <NR1>    0 or 1                 |
| Related Commands    | DISP:MODE    DISP:TEXT    *RST  |

### DISPlay:MODE

Switches the display between its normal instrument functions and a mode in which it displays text sent by the user. Text messages are defined with the DISPlay:TEXT command.

|                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | DISPlay[:WINDow]:MODE NORMal TEXT   |
| Parameters          | <CRD>    NORMal   TEXT              |
| *RST Value          | NORM                                |
| Examples            | DISP:MODE NORM    DISPLAY:MODE TEXT |
| Query Syntax        | DISPlay[:WINDow]:MODE?              |
| Returned Parameters | <CRD> <i>NORMAL</i> or <i>TEXT</i>  |
| Related Commands    | DISP    DISP:TEXT    *RST           |

### DISPlay:TEXT

This command sends character strings to the display when the display mode is set to **TEXT**. The character string is case-sensitive and must be enclosed in either single (') or double (") quotes. The display is capable of showing up to 14 characters. Strings exceeding 14 characters will be truncated.

|                     |                                                                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | DISPlay[:WINDow]:TEXT [:DATA] <display_string>                       |
| Parameters          | <display string>                                                     |
| *RST Value          | null string                                                          |
| Examples            | DISP:TEXT "DEFAULT_MODE"<br>DISPLAY:WINDOW:TEXT:DATA '533.2E-1VOLTS' |
| Query Syntax        | DISPlay[:WINDow]:TEXT?                                               |
| Returned Parameters | <STR>    (Last programmed text string)                               |
| Related Commands    | DISP    DISP:MODE                                                    |

**SYSTem:ERRor?**

This query returns the next error number followed by its corresponding error message string from the remote programming error queue. The queue is a FIFO (first-in, first-out) buffer that stores errors as they occur. As it is read, each error is removed from the queue. When all errors have been read, the query returns 0,NO ERROR. If more errors are accumulated than the queue can hold, the last error in the queue will be -350,TOO MANY ERRORS (see Appendix C for other error codes).

You can use the dc source front panel **Error** key to read errors from the queue. Errors generated at the front panel are not put into the queue but appear immediately on the display.

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | SYSTem:ERRor?           |
| Parameters          | (None)                  |
| Returned Parameters | <NR1>,<SRD>             |
| Examples            | SYST:ERR? SYSTEM:ERROR? |

**SYSTem:LANGuage**

This command switches the instrument between its SCPI command language and its compatibility language. The compatibility language is provided for emulation of older dc source systems and is described in Appendix B. Sending the command causes:

- The selected language to become active and to be stored in nonvolatile memory.
- The dc source to reset to its power-on state.

If the dc source is shut off, it will resume operation in the last-selected language when power is restored. Note that this command and query can be used regardless of the language that is presently selected.

|                    |                                              |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax     | SYSTem:LANGuage <string>                     |
| Parameters         | SCPI   COMPatibility                         |
| Power-on Value     | <i>last selected language</i>                |
| Examples           | SYST:LANG SCPI SYSTEM:LANGUAGE COMPATIBILITY |
| Query Syntax       | SYSTem:LANGuage?                             |
| Returned Paramters | <CRD>                                        |

**SYSTem:VERSion?**

This query returns the SCPI version number to which the dc source complies. The returned value is of the form YYYY.V, where YYYY represents the year and V is the revision number for that year.

|                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Query Syntax       | SYSTem:VERSion?            |
| Parameters         | (none)                     |
| Returned Paramters | <NR2>                      |
| Examples           | SYST:VERS? SYSTEM:VERSION? |

**SYSTem:LOCal****For RS-232 Operation Only**

This command places the dc source in local mode during RS-232 operation. The front panel keys are functional.

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Command Syntax   | SYSTem:LOCal      |
| Parameters       | None              |
| Example          | SYST:LOC          |
| Related Commands | SYST:REM SYST:RWL |

**SYSTem:REMote****For RS-232 Operation Only**

This command places the dc source in remote mode during RS-232 operation. This disables all front panel keys **except** the Local key. Pressing the Local key while in the remote state returns the front panel to the local state.

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Command Syntax   | SYSTem:REMote     |
| Parameters       | None              |
| Example          | SYST:REM          |
| Related Commands | SYST:LOC SYST:RWL |

**SYSTem:RWLock****For RS-232 Operation Only**

This command places the dc source in remote mode during RS-232 operation. All front panel keys **including** the Local key are disabled. Use SYSTem:LOCal to return the front panel to the local state.

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Command Syntax   | SYSTem:RWLock     |
| Parameters       | None              |
| Example          | SYST:RWL          |
| Related Commands | SYST:REM SYST:LOC |

**\*IDN?****\*OPT?****\*RCL****\*IDN?**

This query requests the dc source to identify itself. It returns a string composed of four fields separated by commas.

|                     |                                  |                                          |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Query Syntax        | <b>*IDN?</b>                     |                                          |
| Returned Parameters | <b>&lt;AARD&gt;</b>              |                                          |
|                     | <b>Field</b>                     | <b>Information</b>                       |
|                     | <i>Hewlett-Packard</i>           | Manufacturer                             |
|                     | <i>xxxxA</i>                     | model number followed by a letter suffix |
|                     | <i>nnnnA-nnnnn</i>               | 10-character serial number or <i>0</i>   |
|                     | <i>&lt;A&gt;.xx.xx</i>           | Revision levels of firmware.             |
| Example             | HEWLETT-PACKARD,66312A,0,A.00.01 |                                          |

**\*OPT?**

This query requests the dc source to identify any options that are installed. Options are identified by number *A* *0* indicates no options are installed.

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Query Syntax        | <b>*OPT?</b>        |
| Returned Parameters | <b>&lt;AARD&gt;</b> |

**\*RCL**

**Warning**      **Recalling a previously stored state may place hazardous voltage at the dc source output.**

This command restores the dc source to a state that was previously stored in memory with the **\*SAV** command to the specified location. All states are recalled with the following exceptions:

- the trigger system is set to the Idle state by an implied **ABORt** command (this cancels any uncompleted trigger actions)
- the calibration function is disabled by setting **CAL:STATe** to **OFF**

**Note**              The device state stored in location *0* is automatically recalled at power turn-on when the **OUTPut:PON:STATe** is set to **RCL0**.

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | <b>*RCL &lt;NRf&gt;</b>   |
| Parameters       | <b>0   1   2   3</b>      |
| Example          | <b>*RCL 3</b>             |
| Related Commands | <b>*PSC   *RST   *SAV</b> |

**\*RST**

This command resets the dc source to a factory-defined state as defined below. \*RST also forces an ABORt command.

Table 4-8. \*RST Settings

|                    |                     |                       |             |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| CAL:STAT           | OFF                 | [SOUR:]CURR           | 10% of MAX* |
| DIG:DATA           | 0                   | [SOUR:]CURR:TRIG      | 10% of MAX* |
| DISP:STAT          | ON                  | [SOUR:]CURR:PROT:STAT | OFF         |
| DISP:MODE          | NORM                | [SOUR:]DIG:DATA       | 0           |
| DISP:TEXT          | ' '                 | [SOUR:]VOLT           | 0           |
| INIT:CONT          | OFF                 | [SOUR:]VOLT:TRIG      | 0           |
| OUTP               | OFF                 | [SOUR:]VOLT:PROT      | MAX*        |
| OUTP:DFI           | OFF                 | TRIG:ACQ:COUN:CURR    | 1           |
| OUTP:DFI:SOUR      | OFF                 | TRIG:ACQ:COUN:VOLT    | 1           |
| OUTP:PROT:DEL      | .08 Norm; .008 Fast | TRIG:ACQ:HYST:CURR    | 0           |
| OUTP:REL           | OFF                 | TRIG:ACQ:HYST:VOLT    | 0           |
| OUTP:REL:POL       | NORM                | TRIG:ACQ:LEV:CURR     | MAX*        |
| SENS:CURR:RANG     | MAX                 | TRIG:ACQ:LEV:VOLT     | MAX*        |
| SENS:CURR:DET      | ACDC                | TRIG:ACQ:SLOP:CURR    | POS         |
| SENS:FUNC          | VOLT                | TRIG:ACQ:SLOP:VOLT    | POS         |
| SENS:SWE:OFFS:POIN | 0                   | TRIG:ACQ:SOUR         | INTERNAL    |
| SENS:SWE:POIN      | 2048                | TRIG:TRAN:SOUR        | BUS         |
| SENS:SWE:TINT      | 15.6E-6             |                       |             |

\* Maximum values are model-dependent. Refer to Table 4-3.

Command Syntax    **\*RST**  
Parameters        None  
Related Commands   **\*PSC**   **\*SAV**

**\*SAV**

This command stores the present state of the dc source to the specified location in non-volatile memory. Up to 4 states can be stored. If a particular state is desired at power-on, it should be stored in location 0. It will then be automatically recalled at power turn-on if OUTPut:PON:STATe is set to RCL0. \*RCL retrieves instrument states.

Command Syntax    **\*SAV <NRf>**  
Parameters        **0 | 1 | 2 | 3**  
Example            **SAV 3**  
Related Commands   **\*RCL**   **\*RST**

**\*TST?**

This query causes the dc source to do a self-test and report any errors. 0 indicates that the dc source passed self-test. 1 indicates that one or more tests failed. Selftest errors are written to the error queue (see Appendix C).

Query Syntax       **\*TST?**  
Returned Parameters   **<NR1>**

## Trigger Commands

Trigger commands consist of trigger and initiate commands.

**Trigger commands** control the remote triggering of the dc source. Trigger commands (and Initiate commands) are referenced either by name or by number. The correspondence between names and numbers is:

| Sequence Number | Sequence Name | Description                          |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 (the default) | TRANSient     | Output transient trigger sequence    |
| 2               | ACQuire       | Measurement acquire trigger sequence |

Initiate commands initialize the trigger system.

### ABORt

This command cancels any trigger actions presently in process. Pending trigger levels are reset to their corresponding immediate values. ABORt also resets the WTG bit in the Operation Condition Status register (see chapter 3 under Programming the Status Registers). If INITiate:CONTinuous ON has been programmed, the trigger subsystem initiates itself immediately after ABORt, thereby setting WTG. ABORt is executed at power turn on and upon execution of \*RCL or RST.

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Command Syntax   | ABORt               |
| Parameters       | None                |
| Examples         | ABOR                |
| Related Commands | INIT *RST *TRG TRIG |

### INITiate:SEquence

#### INITiate:NAME

**INIT:SEQ2 or INIT:NAME ACQ applies to HP 66312A, 66332A Only**

INITiate commands control the initiation of both output and measurement triggers. When a trigger is enabled, an event on a selected trigger source causes the specified triggering action to occur. If the trigger subsystem is not enabled, all trigger commands are ignored.

|                  |                                                                            |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | INITiate[:IMMediate]:SEquence[ 1   2 ]<br>INITiate[:IMMediate]:NAME <name> |
| Parameters       | For INIT:NAME TRANSient   ACQuire                                          |
| Examples         | INIT:SEQ2 INIT:NAME TRAN                                                   |
| Related Commands | ABOR INIT:CONT TRIG TRIG:SEQ:DEF *TRG                                      |

### INITiate:CONTinuous:SEquence

#### INITiate:CONTinuous:NAME

These commands control the output transient trigger system.

- 1 or ON continuously initiates the output trigger system.
- 0 or OFF turns off continuous triggering. In this state, the output trigger system must be initiated for each trigger using INITiate:SEquence.

|                  |                                                                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | INITiate:CONTinuous:SEquence1 <bool><br>INITiate:CONTinuous:NAME TRANSient, <bool> |
| Parameters       | 0   1   OFF   ON                                                                   |
| *RST Value       | OFF                                                                                |
| Examples         | INIT:CONT:SEQ ON INIT:CONT:NAME TRAN, 1                                            |
| Related Commands | ABOR INIT TRIG TRIG:SEQ:DEF *TRG                                                   |

## TRIGger

When the trigger subsystem is initiated, this command generates an output trigger signal. The trigger will then:

1. Initiate a pending level change as specified by CURRent:TRIGger or VOLTage;TRIGger.
2. Clear the WTG bit in the Status Operation Condition register after both transient and acquire trigger sequences have completed. (WTG is the logical-or of both transient and acquire sequences.)
3. If INITiate:CONTinuous ON has been programmed, the trigger subsystem is immediately re-enabled for subsequent triggers. As soon as it is cleared, the WTG bit is again set to 1.

|                  |                                                                    |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | TRIGger[:SEquence1][:IMMEDIATE]<br>TRIGger[:TRANSient][:IMMEDIATE] |
| Parameters       | None                                                               |
| Examples         | TRIG TRIG:IMM                                                      |
| Related Commands | ABOR CURR:TRIG INIT *TRG VOLT:TRIG                                 |

## TRIGger:SOURce

This command selects the trigger source for transient triggers as follows:

**BUS** HP-IB device, \*TRG, or <GET> (Group Execute Trigger)

|                     |                                                                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger[:SEquence1]:SOURce <source><br>TRIGger[:TRANSient]:SOURce <source> |
| Parameters          | BUS                                                                        |
| *RST Value          | BUS                                                                        |
| Examples            | TRIG:SOUR BUS                                                              |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger[:SEquence1]:SOURce?<br>TRIGger[:TRANSient]:SOURce?                 |
| Returned Parameters | <CRD>                                                                      |

## TRIGger:SEquence2

### TRIGger:ACQuire

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

When the trigger subsystem is initiated, these commands generate a measurement trigger signal. The measurement trigger causes the dc source to measure the output voltage and current and store the results in a buffer.

|                  |                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | TRIGger:SEquence2[:IMMEDIATE]<br>TRIGger:ACQuire[:IMMEDIATE] |
| Parameters       | None                                                         |
| Examples         | TRIG:SEQ2 TRIG:ACQ                                           |
| Related Commands | TRIG:SEQ:DEF TRIG:COUN TRIG:LEV TRIG:SLOP TRIG:SOUR          |

**TRIGger:SEQuence2:COUNt:CURRent**  
**TRIGger:ACQuire:COUNt:CURRent**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

This command sets up a successive number of triggers for measuring current data. With this command, the trigger system needs to be initialized only once at the start of the acquisition period. After each completed measurement, the instrument waits for the next valid trigger condition to start another measurement. This continues until the count has completed.

|                     |                                                                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger:SEQuence2:COUNt:CURRent <NRf+><br>TRIGger:ACQuire:COUNt:CURRent <NRf+> |
| Parameters          | 1 to 100                                                                       |
| *RST Value          | 1                                                                              |
| Examples            | TRIG:SEQ2:COUN:CURR 5 TRIG:ACQ:COUN:CURR 1                                     |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger:SEQuence2:COUNt:CURRent?<br>TRIGger:ACQuire:COUNt:CURRent?             |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                                          |
| Related Commands    | TRIG:SEQ2 TRIG:ACQ                                                             |

**TRIGger:SEQuence2:COUNt:VOLTage**  
**TRIGger:ACQuire:COUNt:VOLTage**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

This command sets up a successive number of triggers for measuring voltage data. With this command, the trigger system needs to be initialized only once at the start of the acquisition period. After each completed measurement, the instrument waits for the next valid trigger condition to start another measurement. This continues until the count has completed.

|                     |                                                                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger:SEQuence2:COUNt:VOLTage <NRf+><br>TRIGger:ACQuire:COUNt:VOLTage <NRf+> |
| Parameters          | 1 to 100                                                                       |
| *RST Value          | 1                                                                              |
| Examples            | TRIG:SEQ2:COUN:VOLT 5 TRIG:ACQ:COUN:VOLT 1                                     |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger:SEQuence2:COUNt:VOLTage?<br>TRIGger:ACQuire:COUNt:VOLTage?             |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                                          |
| Related Commands    | TRIG:SEQ2 TRIG:ACQ                                                             |

**TRIGger:SEQuence2:HYSTeresis:CURRent**  
**TRIGger:ACQuire:HYSTeresis:CURRent**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

This command defines a band around the trigger level through which the signal must pass before an internal measurement can occur. The band limit above and below the trigger level is one half of the hysteresis value added to or subtracted from the trigger level.

For a positive trigger to occur, the excursion of an output waveform in the positive direction must start below the lower hysteresis band limit and pass through the upper hysteresis band limit. For a negative trigger to occur, the excursion of an output waveform in the negative direction must start above the upper hysteresis band limit and pass through the lower hysteresis band limit.

|                     |                                                                                          |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger:SEQuence2:HYSTeresis:CURRent <NRf+><br>TRIGger:ACQuire:HYSTeresis:CURRent <NRf+> |
| Parameters          | 0 to MAX (see table 4-3)                                                                 |
| Unit                | A (amperes)                                                                              |
| *RST Value          | 0                                                                                        |
| Examples            | TRIG:SEQ2:HYST:CURR 0.5 TRIG:ACQ:HYST:CURR 0.5                                           |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger:SEQuence2:HYSTeresis:CURRent?<br>TRIGger:ACQuire:HYSTeresis:CURRent?             |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                                                    |
| Related Commands    | TRIG:SEQ2:HYST:VOLT TRIG:SEQ2:LEV:CURR                                                   |

**TRIGger:SEQuence2:HYSTeresis:VOLTage**  
**TRIGger:ACQuire:HYSTeresis:VOLTage**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

This command defines a band around the trigger level through which the signal must pass before an internal measurement can occur. The band limit above and below the trigger level is one half of the hysteresis value added to or subtracted from the trigger level.

For a positive trigger to occur, the excursion of an output waveform in the positive direction must start below the lower hysteresis band limit and pass through the upper hysteresis band limit. For a negative trigger to occur, the excursion of an output waveform in the negative direction must start above the upper hysteresis band limit and pass through the lower hysteresis band limit.

|                     |                                                                                          |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger:SEQuence2:HYSTeresis:VOLTage <NRf+><br>TRIGger:ACQuire:HYSTeresis:VOLTage <NRf+> |
| Parameters          | 0 to MAX (see table 4-3)                                                                 |
| Unit                | V (volts)                                                                                |
| *RST Value          | 0                                                                                        |
| Examples            | TRIG:SEQ2:HYST:VOLT 2 TRIG:ACQ:HYST:VOLT 2                                               |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger:SEQuence2:HYSTeresis:VOLTage?<br>TRIGger:ACQuire:HYSTeresis:VOLTage?             |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                                                    |
| Related Commands    | TRIG:SEQ2:HYST:CURR TRIG:SEQ2:LEV:VOLT                                                   |

**TRIGger:SEQuence2:LEVel:CURRent**  
**TRIGger:ACQuire:LEVel:CURRent**  
 HP 66312A, 66332A Only

This command sets the trigger level for internally triggered current measurements. A positive current trigger occurs when the current level changes from a value less than the lower hysteresis band limit to a value greater than the upper hysteresis band limit. Similarly, a negative current trigger occurs when the current level changes from a value greater than the upper hysteresis band limit to a value less than the lower hysteresis band limit.

|                     |                                                                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger:SEQuence2:LEVel:CURRent <NRf+><br>TRIGger:ACQuire:LEVel:CURRent <NRf+> |
| Parameters          | 0 to MAX (see table 4-3)                                                       |
| Unit                | A (amperes)                                                                    |
| *RST Value          | 0                                                                              |
| Examples            | TRIG:SEQ2:LEV:CURR 5 TRIG:ACQ:LEV:CURR MAX TRIG:ACQ:LEV 2                      |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger:SEQuence2:LEVel:CURRent?<br>TRIGger:ACQuire:LEVel:CURRent?             |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                                          |
| Related Commands    | TRIG:SEQ2:LEV:VOLT TRIG:SEQ2:HYST:CURR                                         |

**TRIGger:SEQuence2:LEVel:VOLTage**  
**TRIGger:ACQuire:LEVel:VOLTage**  
 HP 66312A, 66332A Only

This command sets the trigger level for internally triggered voltage measurements. A positive voltage trigger occurs when the voltage level changes from a value less than the lower hysteresis band limit to a value greater than the upper hysteresis band limit. Similarly, a negative voltage trigger occurs when the voltage level changes from a value greater than the upper hysteresis band limit to a value less than the lower hysteresis band limit.

|                     |                                                                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger:SEQuence2:LEVel:VOLTage <NRf+><br>TRIGger:ACQuire:LEVel:VOLTage <NRf+> |
| Parameters          | 0 to MAX (see table 4-3)                                                       |
| Unit                | V (volts)                                                                      |
| *RST Value          | 0                                                                              |
| Examples            | TRIG:SEQ2:LEV:VOLT 5 TRIG:ACQ:LEV:VOLT MAX TRIG:ACQ:LEV 2                      |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger:SEQuence2:LEVel:VOLTage?<br>TRIGger:ACQuire:LEVel:VOLTage?             |
| Returned Parameters | <NR3>                                                                          |
| Related Commands    | TRIG:SEQ2:LEV:CURR TRIG:SEQ2:HYST:VOLT                                         |

**TRIGger:SEQuence2:SLOPe:CURRent**  
**TRIGger:ACQuire:SLOPe:CURRent**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

This command sets the slope of an internally triggered current measurement.

**POSitive**        triggering occurs on the rising edge.  
**NEGative**        triggering occurs on the falling edge.  
**EITHer**          triggering occurs on either edge.

|                     |                                                                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger:SEQuence2:SLOPe:CURRent <slope><br>TRIGger:ACQuire:SLOPe:CURRent <slope> |
| Parameters          | EITHer   POSitive   NEGative                                                     |
| *RST Value          | EITHer                                                                           |
| Examples            | TRIG:SEQ2:SLOP:CURR POS    TRIG:ACQ:SLOP:CURR EITH                               |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger:SEQuence2:SLOPe:CURRent?<br>TRIGger:ACQuire:SLOPe:CURRent?               |
| Returned Parameters | <CRD>                                                                            |
| Related Commands    | TRIG:SEQ2:SLOP:VOLT                                                              |

**TRIGger:SEQuence2:SLOPe:VOLTage**  
**TRIGger:ACQuire:SLOPe:VOLTage**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

This command sets the slope of an internally triggered voltage measurement.

**POSitive**        triggering occurs on the rising edge.  
**NEGative**        triggering occurs on the falling edge.  
**EITHer**          triggering occurs on either edge.

|                     |                                                                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger:SEQuence2:SLOPe:VOLTage <slope><br>TRIGger:ACQuire:SLOPe:VOLTage <slope> |
| Parameters          | EITHer   POSitive   NEGative                                                     |
| *RST Value          | EITHer                                                                           |
| Examples            | TRIG:SEQ2:SLOP:VOLT POS    TRIG:ACQ:SLOP:VOLT EITH                               |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger:SEQuence2:SLOPe:VOLTage?<br>TRIGger:ACQuire:SLOPe:VOLTage?               |
| Returned Parameters | <CRD>                                                                            |
| Related Commands    | TRIG:SEQ2:SLOP:CURR                                                              |

**TRIGger:SEQuence2:SOURce**  
**TRIGger:ACQuire:SOURce**

HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These commands select the trigger source for measurement triggers as follows:

**BUS** HP-IB device, \*TRG, or <GET> (Group Execute Trigger)  
**INTernal** trigger is generated internally when the measured waveform crosses the trigger level with the selected slope.

|                     |                                                                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger:SEQuence2:SOURce <source><br>TRIGger:ACQuire:SOURce <source> |
| Parameters          | BUS   INTernal                                                       |
| *RST Value          | INTernal                                                             |
| Examples            | TRIG:ACQ:SOUR BUS                                                    |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger:SEQuence2:SOURce?<br>TRIGger:ACQuire:SOURce?                 |
| Returned Parameters | <CRD>                                                                |

**TRIGger:SEQuence1:DEFine**  
**TRIGger:SEQuence2:DEFine**

TRIGger:SEQuence2:DEFine applies to HP 66312A, 66332A Only

These commands define the names that are aliased to trigger sequences 1 and 2. The command accepts only ACQuire for sequence 2 and TRANsient for sequence 1 as predefined names. The query allows the user to query the instrument names aliased to sequences 1 and 2.

|                     |                                                                        |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Command Syntax      | TRIGger:SEQuence1:DEFine ACQuire<br>TRIGger:SEQuence2:DEFine TRANsient |
| Parameters          | TRANsient, ACQuire                                                     |
| Examples            | SEQ1:DEF ACQ SEQ2:DEF TRAN                                             |
| Query Syntax        | TRIGger:SEQuence1:DEFine?<br>TRIGger:SEQuence2:DEFine?                 |
| Returned Parameters | <CRD>                                                                  |
| Related Commands    | TRIG:SEQ2:ACQ TRIG:SEQ1:TRAN                                           |

**\*TRG**

This common command generates a trigger when the trigger subsystem has BUS selected as its source. The command has the same affect as the Group Execute Trigger (<GET>) command.

In RS-232 mode, this command emulates some of the functionality of the IEEE-488 Group Execute Trigger command.

|                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Command Syntax   | *TRG                       |
| Parameters       | None                       |
| Related Commands | ABOR INIT TRIG[:IMM] <GET> |

## SCPI Conformance Information

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### SCPI Version

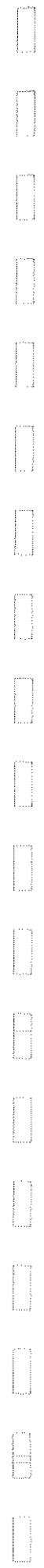
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### SCPI Confirmed Commands

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ABOR                           | SENS:SWE:POIN             |
| CAL:DATA                       | SENS:SWE:TINT             |
| CAL:STAT                       | STAT:OPER[:EVEN]?         |
| DISP[:WIND][:STAT]             | STAT:OPER:COND?           |
| DISP[:WIND]:TEXT[:DATA]        | STAT:OPER:ENAB            |
| INIT[:IMM]:SEQ   NAME          | STAT:OPER:NTR             |
| INIT:CONT:SEQ   NAME           | STAT:OPER:PTR             |
| MEAS   FETC:ARR:CURR[:DC]?     | STAT:PRES                 |
| MEAS   FETC:ARR:VOLT[:DC]?     | STAT:QUES[:EVEN]?         |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:CURR[:DC]?  | STAT:QUES:COND?           |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:CURR:HIGH?  | STAT:QUES:ENAB            |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:CURR:LOW?   | STAT:QUES:NTR             |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:CURR:MAX?   | STAT:QUES:PTR             |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:CURR:MIN?   | SYST:ERR?                 |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:VOLT[:DC]?  | SYST:LANG                 |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:VOLT:HIGH?  | SYST:VERS?                |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:VOLT:LOW?   | TRIG[:SEQ1   :TRAN][:IMM] |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:VOLT:MAX?   | TRIG[:SEQ1   :TRAN]:SOUR  |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:VOLT:MIN?   | TRIG:SEQ2   ACQ[:IMM]     |
| OUTP[:STAT]                    | TRIG:SEQ2   ACQ:SOUR      |
| OUTP:PROT:CLE                  | TRIG:SEQ:DEF              |
| OUTP:PROT:DEL                  | *CLS                      |
| [SOUR]:CURR[:LEV][:IMM][:AMPL] | *ESE *ESE? *ESR?          |
| [SOUR]:CURR[:LEV]:TRIG[:AMPL]  | *IDN?                     |
| [SOUR]:CURR:PROT:STAT          | *OPC *OPC? *OPT?          |
| [SOUR]:VOLT[:LEV][:IMM][:AMPL] | *PSC *PSC?                |
| [SOUR]:VOLT[:LEV]:TRIG[:AMPL]  | *RCL *RST                 |
| [SOUR]:VOLT:PROT               | *SAV *SRE *STB?           |
| SENS:CURR[:DC]:RANG[:UPP]      | *TRG *TST?                |
| SENS:FUNC                      | *WAI                      |
| SENS:SWE:OFFS:POIN             |                           |

### Non-SCPI Commands

|                               |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CAL:CURR[:SOUR][:DC][:POS]    | OUTP:DFI:SOUR                     |
| CAL:CURR[:SOUR][:DC]:NEG      | OUTP:PON:STAT                     |
| CAL:MEAS[:DC]:LOWR            | OUTP:REL[:STAT]                   |
| CAL:MEAS:AC                   | OUTP:REL:POL                      |
| CAL:LEV                       | OUTP:RI:MODE                      |
| CAL:PASS                      | SENS:CURR:DET                     |
| CAL:SAVE                      | [SOUR]:DIG:DATA[:VAL]             |
| CAL:VOLT[:DC]                 | [SOUR]:DIG:FUNC                   |
| CAL:VOLT:PROT                 | TRIG:SEQ2   ACQ:COUN:CURR   :VOLT |
| DISP[:WIND]:MODE              | TRIG:SEQ2   ACQ:HYST:CURR   :VOLT |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:CURR:ACDC? | TRIG:SEQ2   ACQ:LEV:CURR   :VOLT  |
| MEAS   FETC[:SCAL]:VOLT:ACDC? | TRIG:SEQ2   ACQ:SLOP:CURR   :VOLT |
| OUTP:DFI[:STAT]               |                                   |



## Compatibility Language

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### Introduction

The HP 66312A, 66332A, 6612B, 6632B, 6633B, and 6634B dc sources are programmatically compatible with the HP 6632A, 6633A, and 6634A dc power supplies. This means that you can program the HP 66312A, 66332A, 6612B, 6632B, 6633B, and 6634B dc sources over the HP-IB using COMPatibility commands.

To switch from SCPI commands to COMPatibility commands (and vice versa), use the **SYST:LANG** command, as documented in chapter 4. The language setting is saved in non-volatile memory.

Table B-2 summarizes the COMPatibility commands that program the supplies. You may need to refer to the HP Series 6632, 6633A, and 6634A Operating Guide (HP p/n 5957-6360) for complete information on the COMPatibility commands.

The rest of this appendix discusses the COMPatibility language status system, and the COMPatibility language error codes.

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**Note** For complete information on the Compatibility programming language, order the HP 6632A/6633A/6634A Operating manual, HP p/n 5957-6360.

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**Table B-1. COMPatibility Power-on Settings**

| Command | Setting | Command | Setting                       |
|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|
| VSET    | 0 V     | UNMASK  | 0                             |
| ISET    | 0.02 A  | SRQ     | 0                             |
| OVSET   | MAX     | PON     | <i>last stored value</i>      |
| OCP     | OFF     | DLY     | 8 ms (fast)<br>80 ms (normal) |
| OUT     | 1 (ON)  | DSP     | 1 (ON)                        |

Table B-2. COMPatibility Commands

| Compatibility Command | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Similar SCPI Command                |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ASTS?                 | This command reads the contents of the accumulated status register, which stores any bit condition entered in the status register since the accumulated status register was last read, regardless of whether the condition still exists.                                                                                                                                                          | STAT:OPER?<br>STAT:QUES?<br>*ESE?   |
| CLR                   | This command initializes the dc source to the power-on state. It also resets the PON bit in the serial poll register. The command performs the same function as the Device Clear (DCL) interface message.                                                                                                                                                                                         | *RST                                |
| DC 0   1              | Only applies to units with Option 760.<br>This command enables or disables the output without affecting the state of the output relays. Initial condition: DC 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | OUTP:STAT[:NOR]<br>0   1   ON   OFF |
| DLY <n>               | This command programs the delay time between the programming of an output change that produces a CV, CC, or an UNREG condition, and the recording of that condition by the status registers. This can be used to prevent false triggering of the OverCurrent Protection feature (OCP).<br>Initial delay: 0.08s (Normal); 0.008s (Fast)                                                            | OUTP:PROT:DEL                       |
| DSP 0   1             | This command enables or disables the dc source's front panel display. Initial condition: DSP 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | DISP 0 1 ON OFF                     |
| ERR?                  | This command determines the type of programming error detected by the dc source. A remote programming error sets the ERR bit in the status register, which can be enabled by UNMASK to request service.                                                                                                                                                                                           | SYST:ERR?                           |
| FAULT?                | This command reads which bits have been set in the fault register. A bit is set in the fault register when the corresponding bit in the status register changes from inactive to active AND the corresponding bit in the mask register has been enabled. The fault register is reset only after it has been read. The decimal equivalent of the total bit weight of all enabled bits is returned. | STAT:OPER?<br>STAT:QUES?<br>*ESE    |
| ID?                   | This command causes the dc source to report its model number and any options that affect the dc source's output.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | *IDN?                               |
| IOUT?                 | This command measures and returns the actual output current.<br>MEAS:CURRE?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                     |
| ISSET <n>             | This command programs the output current. See Table 4-3 for the programming range of this command. Initial condition: 0 A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | CURR                                |
| OCP 0   1             | This command enables or disables the dc source's overcurrent protection. If this function is enabled and the dc source goes into CC mode, the output of the dc source is disabled. Initial condition: OCP 0                                                                                                                                                                                       | CURR:PROT:STAT<br>0   1   ON   OFF  |
| OUT 0   1             | This command enables or disables the dc source's output. The dc source will be able to implement commands even while the output is disabled. Initial condition: OUT 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | OUTP:STAT<br>0   1   ON   OFF       |
| OVSET <n>             | This command programs the overvoltage protection. See Table 3-3 for the programming range of this command. Initial condition: MAX                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | VOLT:PROT                           |
| POL 0   1             | Only applies to units with Option 760.<br>This command sets the polarity of the output relays to either normal (1) or inverted (0). Initial condition: POL 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | OUTP:REL:POL 0 1                    |

Table B-2. COMPatibility Commands (continued)

| Compatibility Command | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Similar SCPI Command                        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| PON 0   1             | This command enables (1) or disables (0) SRQ at power-on. Initial condition: last programmed value                                                                                                                                                                                              | PSC 0   1                                   |
| RELAY 0   1           | Only applies to units with Option 760. This command opens (0) or closes (1) the output relays without affecting the programmed output state of the unit. Initial condition: RELAY 1                                                                                                             | OUTP:REL 0   1                              |
| RLYPON 0   1          | Only applies to units with Option 760. This command opens (0) or closes (1) the output relays at power-on without affecting the programmed output state of the unit. Initial condition: RLYPON 1                                                                                                | RCL 0                                       |
| ROM?                  | This command returns the ROM version of the dc source.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | *IDN?                                       |
| RST                   | This command resets the dc source if the output is disabled by the output protection circuits.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | OUTP:PROT:CLE                               |
| SENS:CURRE:RANG <n>   | This command sets the current measurement range of the dc source. See Table 3-3 for the programming range of this command. Initial condition: MAX                                                                                                                                               | SENS:CURRE:RANG                             |
| SENS:SWE:POIN <n>     | This command defines the number of data points in a measurement sweep. Initial condition: 32                                                                                                                                                                                                    | SENS:SWE:POIN                               |
| SENS:SWE:TINT <n>     | This command defines the time period between measurement samples. Initial condition: 15.6 $\mu$ s                                                                                                                                                                                               | SENS:SWE:TINT                               |
| SRQ 0   1             | These commands enable or disable the dc source's ability to request service from the controller for fault conditions. UNMASK defines which conditions are defined as faults. Initial condition: SRQ 0                                                                                           | *SRE                                        |
| STS?                  | This command reads the contents of the status register, which maintains the present status of the dc source.                                                                                                                                                                                    | STAT:OPER:COND?<br>STAT:QUES:COND?<br>*ESE? |
| SYST:LANG             | This command causes the alternate language to become active and to be stored in nonvolatile memory. In this case, the commands are equivalent. After being shut off, the dc source will resume in the last-selected language when power is restored. The parameter must be either COMP or SCPI. | SYST:LANG                                   |
| TEST?                 | This command causes the dc source to run selftest and report any detected failures.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | *TST?                                       |
| UNMASK xxx            | These commands determine the conditions that will set bits in the fault register, allowing the operator to define the conditions that will be reported as faults. Fault conditions can be enabled by sending the decimal equivalent of the total bit weight of all conditions to be enabled.    | STAT:OPER:ENAB<br>STAT:QUES:ENAB<br>*ESE    |
| VOUT?                 | This command measures and returns the actual output voltage. MEAS:VOLT?                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                             |
| VSET <n>              | This command programs the output voltage. See Table 4-3 for the programming range of this command. Initial condition: 0 V                                                                                                                                                                       | VOLT                                        |

Table B-3. COMPAtibility Errors

| Error Number | Error String [Description/Explanation/Examples]                                                                 |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ERR 0        | No error                                                                                                        |
| ERR 1        | EEPROM save failed [Data write to non-volatile memory failed]                                                   |
| ERR 2        | Second PON after power-on [More than one PON command received after power-on. Only one is allowed.]             |
| ERR 4        | RLYPON sent with no relay option present [A RLYPON command was sent with no relay option present.]              |
| ERR 5        | No relay option present [A relay option command was sent with no relay option present.]                         |
| ERR 8        | Addressed to talk and nothing to say [The unit was addressed to talk without first receiving a query.]          |
| ERR 10       | Header expected [A non-alpha character was received when a header was expected.]                                |
| ERR 11       | Unrecognized header [The string of alpha characters received was not a valid command.]                          |
| ERR 20       | Number expected [A non-numeric character was received when a number was expected.]                              |
| ERR 21       | Number Syntax [The numeric character received did not represent a proper number.]                               |
| ERR 22       | Number out of internal range [The number received was too large or small to be represented in internal format.] |
| ERR 30       | Comma [A comma was not received where one was expected.]                                                        |
| ERR 31       | Terminator expected [A valid terminator was not received where one was expected.]                               |
| ERR 41       | Parameter Out [The number received exceeded the limits for its associated command.]                             |
| ERR 42       | Voltage Programming Error [The programmed value exceeded the valid voltage limits.]                             |
| ERR 43       | Current Programming Error [The programmed value exceeded the valid current limits.]                             |
| ERR 44       | Overvoltage Programming Error [The programmed value exceeded the valid overvoltage limits.]                     |
| ERR 45       | Delay Programming Error [The programmed value exceeded the valid delay limits.]                                 |
| ERR 46       | Mask Programming Error [The programmed value exceeded the fault mask limits.]                                   |
| ERR 51       | EEPROM Checksum [EEPROM failed, or a new uncalibrated EEPROM was installed.]                                    |

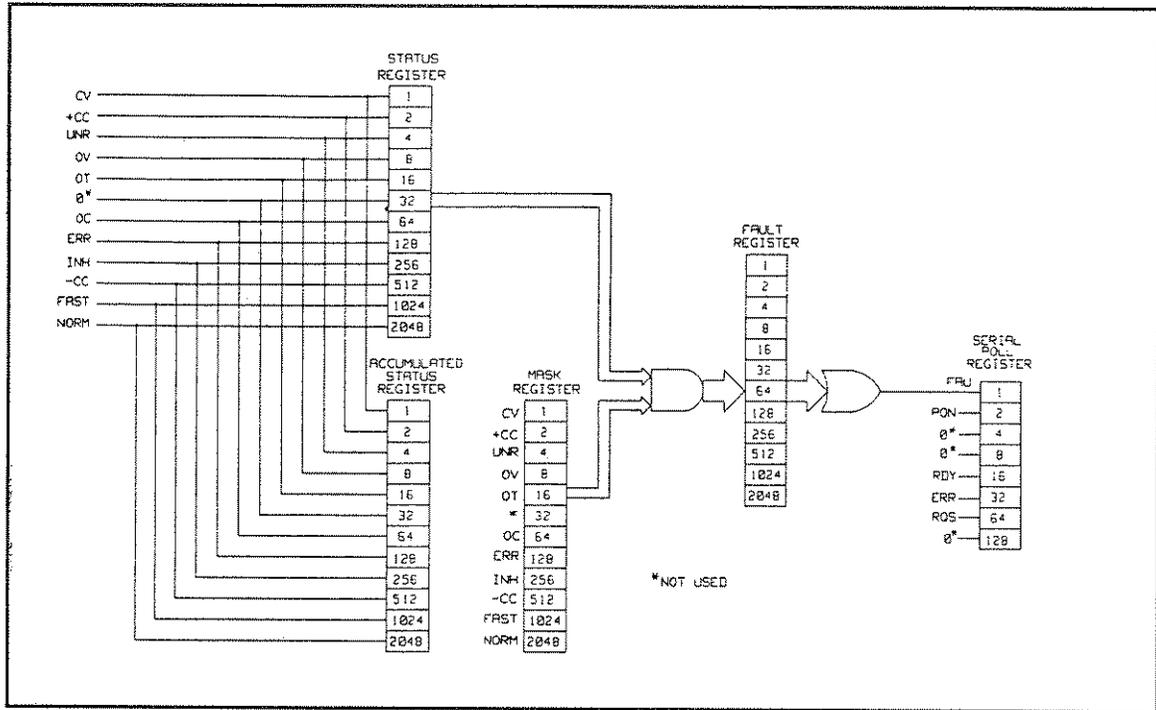


Figure B-1. COMPatibility Status Model

Table B-4. Bit Assignment of Status, Astatus, Fault, & Mask Registers

| Bit Position | 11   | 10   | 9   | 8   | 7   | 6  | 5        | 4  | 3  | 2   | 1   | 0  |
|--------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----------|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Bit Name     | NORM | FAST | -CC | INH | ERR | OC | not used | OT | OV | UNR | +CC | CV |
| Bit Weight   | 2048 | 1024 | 512 | 256 | 128 | 64 |          | 16 | 8  | 4   | 2   | 1  |

CV = The unit is operating in constant voltage mode.  
 CC+ = The unit is operating in constant current mode.  
 UNR = The output of the unit is unregulated.  
 OV = The overvoltage protection circuit has tripped.  
 OT = The over-temperature protection circuit has tripped.  
 OC = The overcurrent protection circuit has tripped.  
 ERR = A programming error has occurred. Use ERR? to clear.  
 CC- = The unit is operating in negative constant current mode.  
 INH = The external remote inhibit signal has turned the output off.  
 FAST = The output is in Fast operating mode. (HP 6612A, 6632B, 6633B, 6634B only)  
 NORM = The output is in Normal operating mode. (HP 6612A, 6632B, 6633B, 6634B only)

Table B-5. Bit Configuration of Serial Poll Register

| Bit Position | 7        | 6   | 5   | 4   | 3        | 2        | 1   | 0   |
|--------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|----------|-----|-----|
| Bit Name     | not used | RQS | ERR | RDY | not used | not used | PON | FAU |
| Bit Weight   |          | 64  | 32  | 16  |          |          | 2   | 1   |

RQS = The power supply has generated a service request. Use a serial poll to clear.  
 ERR = Same as ERR bit in Status register. Use ERR? to clear.  
 RDY = This bit cleared when unit busy processing commands. Set when processing complete.  
 PON = A Power-on has occurred. Use CLR to clear.  
 FAU = A bit has been set in the Fault register. Use FAULT? to clear.



## Error Messages

### Error Number List

This appendix gives the error numbers and descriptions that are returned by the dc source. Error numbers are returned in two ways:

- Error numbers are displayed on the front panel
- Error numbers and messages are read back with the `SYSTEM:ERRor?` query. `SYSTEM:ERRor?` returns the error number into a variable and returns two parameters: an NR1 and a string.

The following table lists the errors that are associated with SCPI syntax errors and interface problems. It also lists the device dependent errors. Information inside the brackets is not part of the standard error message, but is included for clarification.

When errors occur, the Standard Event Status register records them as follows:

| Bit Set | Error Code     | Error Type | Bit Set | Error Code                        | Error Type       |
|---------|----------------|------------|---------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 5       | -100 thru -199 | Command    | 3       | -300 thru -399 or<br>1 thru 32767 | Device-dependent |
| 4       | -200 thru -299 | Execution  | 2       | -400 thru -499                    | Query            |

**Table C-1. Error Numbers**

| Error Number | Error String [Description/Explanation/Examples]                      |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -100         | Command error [generic]                                              |
| -101         | Invalid character                                                    |
| -102         | Syntax error [unrecognized command or data type]                     |
| -103         | Invalid separator                                                    |
| -104         | Data type error [e.g., "numeric or string expected, got block data"] |
| -105         | GET not allowed                                                      |
| -108         | Parameter not allowed [too many parameters]                          |
| -109         | Missing parameter [too few parameters]                               |
| -112         | Program mnemonic too long [maximum 12 characters]                    |
| -113         | Undefined header [operation not allowed for this device]             |
| -121         | Invalid character in number [includes "9" in octal data, etc.]       |
| -123         | Numeric overflow [exponent too large; exponent magnitude >32 k]      |
| -124         | Too many digits [number too long; more than 255 digits received]     |
| -128         | Numeric data not allowed                                             |
| -131         | Invalid suffix [unrecognized units, or units not appropriate]        |
| -138         | Suffix not allowed                                                   |

Table C-1. Error Numbers (continued)

| Error Number | Error String [Description/Explanation/Examples]                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -141         | Invalid character data [bad character, or unrecognized]                         |
| -144         | Character data too long                                                         |
| -148         | Character data not allowed                                                      |
| -150         | String data error                                                               |
| -151         | Invalid string data [e.g., END received before close quote]                     |
| -158         | String data not allowed                                                         |
| -160         | Block data error                                                                |
| -161         | Invalid block data [e.g., END received before length satisfied]                 |
| -168         | Block data not allowed                                                          |
| -170         | Expression error                                                                |
| -171         | Invalid expression                                                              |
| -178         | Expression data not allowed                                                     |
| -200         | Execution error [generic]                                                       |
| -222         | Data out of range [e.g., too large for this device]                             |
| -223         | Too much data [out of memory; block, string, or expression too long]            |
| -224         | Illegal parameter value [device-specific]                                       |
| -225         | Out of memory                                                                   |
| -270         | Macro error                                                                     |
| -272         | Macro execution error                                                           |
| -273         | Illegal macro label                                                             |
| -276         | Macro recursion error                                                           |
| -277         | Macro redefinition not allowed                                                  |
| -310         | System error                                                                    |
| -350         | Too many errors [errors beyond 9 lost due to queue overflow]                    |
| -400         | Query error [generic]                                                           |
| -410         | Query INTERRUPTED [query followed by DAB or GET before response complete]       |
| -420         | Query UNTERMINATED [addressed to talk, incomplete programming message received] |
| -430         | Query DEADLOCKED [too many queries in command string]                           |
| -440         | Query UNTERMINATED [after indefinite response]                                  |
| 0            | No error                                                                        |
| 1            | Non-volatile RAM RD0 section checksum failed                                    |
| 2            | Non-volatile RAM CONFIG section checksum failed                                 |
| 3            | Non-volatile RAM CAL section checksum failed                                    |
| 4            | Non-volatile RAM STATE section checksum failed                                  |
| 5            | Non-volatile RST section checksum failed                                        |
| 10           | RAM selftest                                                                    |
| 11           | VDAC/IDAC selftest 1                                                            |
| 12           | VDAC/IDAC selftest 2                                                            |
| 13           | VDAC/IDAC selftest 3                                                            |
| 14           | VDAC/IDAC selftest 4                                                            |
| 15           | OVDAC selftest                                                                  |
| 80           | Digital I/O selftest error                                                      |

## C-2 Error Messages

Table C-1. Error Numbers (continued)

| Error Number | Error String [Description/Explanation/Examples]             |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 213          | Ingrd receiver buffer overrun                               |
| 216          | RS-232 receiver framing error                               |
| 217          | RS-232 receiver parity error                                |
| 218          | RS-232 receiver overrun error                               |
| 220          | Front panel uart overrun                                    |
| 221          | Front panel uart framing                                    |
| 222          | Front panel uart parity                                     |
| 223          | Front panel buffer overrun                                  |
| 224          | Front panel timeout                                         |
| 401          | CAL switch prevents calibration                             |
| 402          | CAL password is incorrect                                   |
| 403          | CAL not enabled                                             |
| 404          | Computed readback cal constants are incorrect               |
| 405          | Computed programming cal constants are incorrect            |
| 406          | Incorrect sequence of calibration commands                  |
| 407          | CV or CC status is incorrect for this command               |
| 408          | Output mode switch must be in NORMAL position               |
| 601          | Too many sweep points                                       |
| 602          | Command only applies to RS-232 interface                    |
| 603          | CURRent or VOLTage fetch incompatible with last acquisition |
| 604          | Measurement overrange                                       |



## Example Programs

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### Introduction

The example programs in this section are intended to show how some of the same dc source functions can be programmed to each of the following HP-IB interfaces:

1. HP Vectra PC controller with HP 82335A HP-IB Interface Command Library
2. IBM PC controller with National Instruments GPIB-PCII Interface/Handler
3. HP controller with HP BASIC Language System

### Assigning the HP-IB Address in Programs

The dc source address cannot be set remotely. It must be set using the front panel Address key. Once the address is set, you can assign it inside programs. The following examples assume that the HP-IB select code is 7, and the dc source is assigned to the variable *PS*.

```
1070 PS=706           !HP82335A Interface
1070 ASSIGN @PS TO 706 !HP BASIC Interface
```

For systems using the National Instruments DOS driver, the address is specified in the software configuration program (IBCONFIG.EXE) and assigned a symbolic name. The address then is referenced only by this name within the application program (see the National Instruments GP-IB documentation).

### Types of DOS Drivers

The HP 82335A and National Instruments GP-IB are two popular DOS drivers. Each is briefly described here. See the software documentation supplied with the driver for more details.

#### HP 82335A Driver

For GW-BASIC programming, the HP-IB library is implemented as a series of subroutine calls. To access these subroutines, your application program must include the header file SETUP.BAS, which is part of the DOS driver software.

SETUP.BAS starts at program line 5 and can run up to line 999. Your application programs must begin at line 1000. SETUP.BAS has built-in error checking routines that provide a method to check for HP-IB errors during program execution. You can use the error-trapping code in these routines or write your own code using the same variables as used by SETUP.BAS.

#### National Instruments GP-IB Driver

Your program must include the National Instruments header file DECL.BAS. This contains the initialization code for the interface. Prior to running any applications programs, you must set up the interface with the configuration program (IBCONF.EXE).

Your application program will not include the dc source's symbolic name and HP-IB address. These must be specified during configuration (when you run IBCONF.EXE). Note that the primary address range is from 0 to 30 but any secondary address must be specified in the address range of 96 to 126. The dc source expects a message termination on EOI or line feed, so set *EOI w/last byte of Write*. It is also recommended that you set *Disable Auto Serial Polling*.

All function calls return the status word *IBSTA%*, which contains a bit (ERR) that is set if the call results in an error. When ERR is set, an appropriate code is placed in variable *IBERR%*. Be sure to check *IBSTA%* after every function call. If it is not equal to zero, branch to an error handler that reads *IBERR%* to extract the specific error.

## Error Handling

If there is no error-handling code in your program, undetected errors can cause unpredictable results. This includes "hanging up" the controller and forcing you to reset the system. Both of the above DOS drivers have routines for detecting program execution errors. Error detection should be used after every call to a subroutine.

## HP BASIC Controllers

The HP BASIC Programming Language provides access to HP-IB functions at the operating system level. This makes it unnecessary to have the header files required in front of DOS applications programs. Also, you do not have to be concerned about controller "hangups" as long as your program includes a timeout statement. Because the dc source can be programmed to generate SRQ on errors, your program can use an SRQ service routine for decoding detected errors. The detectable errors are listed in Appendix C.

### Example 1. HP Vectra PC Controller Using HP 82335 Interface

```

5      '----- Merge SETUP.BAS here -----
1000  MAX.ELEMENTS=2 :ACTUAL.ELEMENTS=0 :MAX.LENGTH=80 :ACT.LENGTH=0
1005  DIM OUTPUTS(2) :CODES$=SPACE$(40)
1010  ISC=7 :PS=706
1015  '
1020  'Set up the DC Source Interface for DOS driver
1025  CALL IORESET (ISC)           'Reset the interface
1030  IF PCIB.ERR <> NOERR THEN ERROR PCIB.BASERR
1035  TIMEOUT=3
1040  CALL IOTIMEOUT (ISC, TIMEOUT)      'Set timeout to 3 seconds
1045  IF PCIB.ERR <> NOERR THEN ERROR PCIB.BASERR
1050  CALL IOCLEAR (ISC)             'Clear the interface
1055  IF PCIB.ERR <> NOERR THEN ERROR PCIB.BASERR
1060  CALL IOREMOTE (ISC)           'Set dc source to remote mode
1065  IF PCIB.ERR <> NOERR THEN ERROR PCIB.BASERR
1070  '
1075  'Program dc source to CV mode with following voltage and current
1080  CODES$ = "VOLTAGE MAX;CURRENT MAX" :GOSUB 2000

```

```

1085 '
1090 'Query dc source outputs & print to screen
1095 CODES$ = "MEASURE:VOLTAGE?;CURRENT?" :GOSUB 2000 :GOSUB 3000
1100 VOUT = OUTPUTS(1)
1105 IOUT = OUTPUTS(2)
1110 PRINT "The output levels are "VOUT" Volts and "IOUT" Amps"
1115 '
1120 'Program triggered current level to value insufficient to maintain
1125 'supply within its CV operating characteristic
1130 CODES$ = "CURR:TRIG MIN" :GOSUB 2000
1135 '
1140 'Set operation status mask to detect mode change from CV to CC
1145 CODES$ = "STAT:OPER:ENAB 1024;PTR 1024" :GOSUB 2000
1150 '
1155 'Enable Status Byte OPER summary bit
1160 CODES$ = "*SRE 128" :GOSUB 2000
1165 '
1170 'Arm trigger circuit and send trigger to dc source
1175 CODES$ = "INITIATE:SEQUENCE1;TRIGGER" :GOSUB 2000
1180 '
1185 'Wait for supply to respond to trigger
1190 FOR I= 1 to 100 :NEXT I
1195 '
1200 'Poll for interrupt caused by change to CC mode and print to screen
1205 CALL IOS POLL (PS,RESPONSE)
1210 IF (RESPONSE AND 128) <> 128 THEN GOTO 1240 'No OPER event to report
1215 CODES$ = "STATUS:OPER:EVEN?" :GOSUB 2000 'Query status oper register
1220 CALL IOENTER (PS,OEVENT) 'Read back event bit
1225 IF PCIB.ERR <> NOERR THEN ERROR PCIB.BASERR
1230 IF (OEVENT AND 1024) = 1024 THEN PRINT "Supply switched to CC mode."
1240 'Clear the status circuit
1245 CODES$ = "*CLS" :GOSUB 2000
1250 FOR I = 1 TO 100 :NEXT I 'Wait for supply to clear
1255 '
1260 'Disable output and save present state in location 2
1265 CODES$ = "OUTPUT OFF;*SAV 2" :GOSUB 2000
1270 END
1275 '
2000 'Send command to dc source
2005 LENGTH = LEN(CODES$)
2010 CALL IOOUTPUTS (PS, CODES$, LENGTH) 'Send command to interface
2015 IF PCIB.ERR <> NOERR THEN ERROR PCIB.BASERR 'SETUP.BAS error trap
2020 RETURN
2025 '
3000 'Get data from dc source
3005 CALL IOENTERA (PS, OUTPUTS(1), MAX.ELEMENTS, ACTUAL.ELEMENTS)
3010 IF PCIB.ERR <> NOERR THEN ERROR PCIB.BASERR
3015 RETURN

```

**Example 2. IBM Controller Using National Interface**

```

990 '----- Merge DECL.BAS here -----
1000 'DC Source Variable = PS% ; Stand-Alone Address = 706
1005 CODES$=SPACE$(50):MODE$=SPACE$(5):OEVENT$=SPACE$(20)
1010 D$=SPACE$(60):OUTPUT$=SPACE$(40):BDNAME$="PS%"
1015 DIM OUTPUT(2)
1020 '
1025 'Set up dc source interface for DOS driver
1030 CALL IBFIND(BDNAME$,PS%)
1035 IF PS%<0 THEN PRINT "IBFIND Failed."
1040 CALL IBCLR(PS%)
1045 '
1050 'Program dc source to CV mode with following voltage and current
1055 CODES$ = "VOLTAGE MAX;CURRENT MAX" :GOSUB 2000
1060 '
1065 'Query dc source outputs and print to screen
1070 CODES$ = "MEASURE:VOLTAGE?;CURRENT?" :GOSUB 2000 :GOSUB 3000
1075 VOUT = OUTPUT(1)
1080 IOUT = OUTPUT(2)
1085 PRINT"The programmed levels are "VOUT" Volts and "IOUT" Amps"
1090 '
1095 'Program triggered current level to value insufficient to maintain
1100 'supply within its CV operating characteristic
1105 CODES$ = "CURR:TRIG MIN" :GOSUB 2000
1110 '
1115 'Set operation status mask to detect mode change from CV to CC
1120 CODES$ = "STAT:OPER:ENAB 1024;PTR 1024" :GOSUB 2000
1125 '
1130 'Enable Status Byte OPER summary bit
1135 CODES$ = "*SRE 128" :GOSUB 2000
1140 '
1145 'Arm trigger circuit and send trigger to dc source
1150 CODES$ = "INITIATE:SEQUENCE1;TRIGGER" :GOSUB 2000
1160 'Wait for supply to respond to trigger
1165 FOR I= 1 to 100 :NEXT I
1170 '
1175 'Poll for interrupt caused by change to CC mode and print to screen
1180 SPOL%=0
1185 CALL IBRSP(PS%,SPOL%)
1190 IF (SPOL% AND 128) = 128 THEN POLL = 1 'Set interrupt flag on OPER bit
1195 IF POLL <> 1 THEN GOTO 1230 'No interrupt to service
1200 "CODES$ = "STAT:OPER:EVEN?" :GOSUB 2000 'Query status oper register
1205 CALL IBRD(PS%,OEVENT$) 'Read back event bit
1210 IF IBSTA% <0 THEN GOTO 2100
1215 OEVENT=VAL(OEVENT$)
1220 IF (OEVENT AND 1024) = 1024 THEN PRINT "Supply switched to CC mode."

```

```

1225 '
1230 'Clear status circuit
1235 CODES$="*CLS" :GOSUB 2000
1240 FOR I=1 TO 50 :NEXT I 'Wait for supply to clear
1245 '
1250 'Disable output and save present state to location 2
1255 CODES$ = "OUTPUT OFF;*SAV 2" :GOSUB 2000
1260 END
1265 '
2000 'Send command to dc source
2005 CALL IBWRT(PS%,CODES$)
2010 IF IBSTAT% < 0 THEN GOTO 2100 'Error detected
2015 RETURN
1250 'Disable output and save present state to location 2
1255 CODES$ = "OUTPUT OFF;*SAV 2" :GOSUB 2000
1260 END
1265 '
2000 'Send command to dc source
2005 CALL IBWRT(PS%,CODES$)
2010 IF IBSTAT% < 0 THEN GOTO 2100 'Error detected
2015 RETURN
2020 '
2100 'Error detection routine
2105 PRINT "GPIB error. IBSTAT% = &H";HEX$(IBSTAT%)
2110 PRINT " IBERR% = ";IBERR%" in line ";ERL
2115 STOP
2120 '
3000 'Get data from dc source
3005 CALL IBRD(PS%,OUTPUT$)
3010 IF IBSTA% < 0 THEN GOTO 2100
3015 I=1 'Parse data string
3020 X=1
3025 C=INSTR(I,OUTPUT$,";")
3030 WHILE C <> 0
3035 D$=MID$(OUTPUT$,I,C-I)
3040 OUTPUT(X)=VAL(D$) 'Get values
3045 I=C+1
3050 C=INSTR(I,OUTPUT$,";")
3055 X=X+1
3060 WEND
3065 D$=RIGHT$(OUTPUT$,LEN(OUTPUT$)-(I-1))
3070 OUTPUT(X)=VAL(D$)
3075 OUTPUT$=SPACE$(40) 'Clear string
3080 RETURN

```

**Example 3. Controller Using HP BASIC**

```
1000 !Dc source at stand-alone address = 706
1005 OPTION BASE 1
1010 DIM Codes$(80),Response$(80),Mode$(32)
1015 !
1020 !Program dc source to CV mode with following voltage and current
1025 OUTPUT 706;"VOLTAGE MAX;CURRENT MAX"
1030 !
1035 !Query dc source outputs and print to screen
1040 OUTPUT 706;"MEASURE:VOLTAGE?;CURRENT?"           !Query output levels
1045 ENTER 706;Vout,Iout
1050 PRINT "The output levels are ";Vout;" Volts and ";Iout" Amps"
1055 !
1060 !Program current triggered level to a value insufficient to maintain
1065 !supply within its CV operating characteristic
1070 OUTPUT 706;"CURR:TRIG MIN"
1075 !
1080 !Set operation status mask to detect mode change from CV to CC
1085 OUTPUT 706;"STAT:OPER:ENAB 1024;PTR 1024"
1090 !
1095 !Enable Status Byte OPER summary bit
1100 OUTPUT 706;"*SRE 128"
1105 !
1110 !Arm trigger circuit and send trigger to dc source
1115 OUTPUT 706;"INITIATE:SEQUENCE1;TRIGGER"
1130 !Poll for interrupt caused by change to CC mode and print to screen
1135 Response=SPOLL(706)
1140 IF NOT BIT (Response,7) THEN GOTO 1130           !No OPER event to report
1145 OUTPUT 706;"STAT:OPER:EVEN?"                   !Query status operation register
1150 ENTER 706;Oevent                               !Read back event bit
1155 IF BIT(Oevent,10) THEN PRINT "Supply switched to CC mode."
1160 !
1165 !Clear status
1170 OUTPUT 706;"*CLS"
1175 !
1180 !Disable output and save present state in location 2
1185 OUTPUT 706;"OUTPUT OFF;*SAV 2"
1190 END
```

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