Your Instrument could be Talking SCPI Today...

Give your programmable instrument the professional finish

Give your programmable instrument the professional finish that it <u>deserves</u> with a SCPI command interface!

SCPI is the command language of choice supported by all the major manufacturers of programmable instruments. Join their ranks with **JPA-SCPI Parser**.

By supporting SCPI both you and your customers will benefit:

- Familiar command language means faster learning curve for the customer
- Save time defining your own command language, and supporting customers afterwards
- Increased sales! Customers see SCPI support as a sign of a truly proficient manufacturer

"I thought SCPI was too complicated. Don't we need a consultant?"

Not any more. No longer does supporting SCPI mean employing a consultant or spending days and weeks writing a SCPI parser in-house. By using JPA-SCPI Parser, your in-house developers are empowered to build a full SCPI parser for your instruments **quickly**, **easily**, and at **very low cost**.

Take a look at some of the highlights:

- JPA-SCPI Parser works on almost **any processor/hardware platform**:
 - Written in C, fully ISO/ANSI-compatible
 - Minimal ROM and RAM requirements
 - No particular compiler/processor requirements (e.g. no recursion used)
- NO RUNTIME FEES
- **Define your commands easily** using a set of constant array/structure tables
- Templates included for 10 popular types of instrument, plus a base SCPI template for all others
- Full source code and documentation supplied

How it Works...



Step 1: Define Your Command Set

If you wish, use one of the 10 instrument templates supplied as your starting point. Otherwise use the base template that contains all the base commands required for SCPI-compliancy. Now add your own commands. The set of supported commands is defined using a series of constant definition tables.

For example, say your command specification is this: [SENSe:]VOLTage:DC:RANGe {<voltage range>}

First add the command keywords to the command keywords table:

<pre>const char *SSpecCmdKeywords[]</pre>	=	
· /*	Index	*/
: [SENSe:]VOLTage:DC:RANGe", : :	/* 15	*/

Now add the parameter definition to the parameter specifications table:

const st	ruct st	rSpecComma	nd sS	pecCo	ommand[]	=	
/^							*/
{ REQ	NUM	sVolts	},	/*	15		*/
};							

...where **REQ** means parameter is required (not optional), **NUM** means numeric value, and **sVolts** indicates the value is in volts, and will scale values entered in millivolts, kilovolts etc. to volts automatically.

Your instrument will now accept commands such as:

SENSE:VOLTAGE:DC:RANGE 1KV VOLT:DC:RANG 1000 Volt:DC:Range 100mV

Step 2: Integrate Parser into Your Code

All you need to do now is pass the incoming command lines received by your instrument to JPA-SCPI Parser and let it get on with the validation, tokenizing and parsing.

- a) Copy the command line received on your instrument's communication port to the SCPI_Parse() function. It returns a code indicating a matching command found or an error (invalid command, wrong parameter type, etc.)
- b) If the command received was valid, then translate the command parameters into C variables using one or more of the included Access Functions: SCPI_ParamToDouble(), SCPI_ParamToUnsignedInt(), SCPI_ParamToString(), SCPI_ParamToBOOL(), etc.
- c) Repeat steps (a) and (b) until all the commands in the command line are parsed.

Still Not Convinced?

This is what one of our customers had to say:

"I had the parser implemented in a test form in our embedded code the day after we received [JPA-SCPI Parser] and it would have been sooner but I didn't have time to look at it on the first day.

The following day our programmer that is dealing with the PC side of the software also had it running. We both found it very straight forward to use and the documentation is superb (unusual for software products)."

Malcolm Hartnell, Principal Engineer, PerkinElmer Optoelectronics (<u>opto.perkinelmer.com</u>)

"Our product is a multichannel, modular instrument (we don't even know what some of the modules will be yet) and so we need a command language that can expand with it, which is why we chose SCPI.

"[]PA-SCPI Parser] will be of enormous use to us. We want to spend our time on writing the code that makes our product unique and not spend time writing the parser."

Try JPA-SCPI Parser for Free Now!

...with the JPA-SCPI Parser Demo Application

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his application demonstrates JPA-SCPI Parser in action. I inter commands (or compound commands) into the Comm rovided. JPA-SCPI Parser will then parse the Input Buffer	t emulates the command parsing sub-system of a programmable instrument. and Input Buffer, or just click beside any of the examples and display its results in the Results Log window.	
View User Manual Please refer to the User Manu	al for the set of supported commands and other information.	
Version Info JPA-SCPI Parser: V1.2.0 Demo App.: V1.2.0	JPA-SCPI Parser - Results Log Display Access Function Calls Check this box to see all the JPA-SCPI Parser Access Function calls that were used to perform the parsing. This is how you would use JPA-SCPI Parser in your own code.	
Command Input Buffer History	No Parameters	-
meas:volt:dc:ratio?10, minimum conf:freq 12.5kHz Sense:Volt:DC:nplcycles maximum	End of commands reached Parsing Complete.	
system:remote calc:aver.maximum? meas:volt:do?1kv, min; :calc:function dbm	Parsing Input String: "meas:volt:dc? 1kv, min; :calc:function dbm" Input Command 1: Recognized as Command #24 ("MEASure:VOLTage:DC?")	
Enter an Input Command String:	Param 1: Type=Numeric (+ve int), Val=1000, Units=Type 1 (Volts) Param 2: Type=Char Data, Val=Item #0 ("MINimum")	
sens:volt:dc:nplcycles:minimum 💌 Enter	least Command 2:	
Example Input Strings	Recognized as Command #44 ("CALCulate:FUNCtion")	
conf:freq 12.5kHz Enter	Param 1: Type=Char Data, Val=Item #2 ("DBM")	
Sense:Volt:DC:nplcycles maximum Enter	End of commands reached	
meas:volt:dc? 1kv, min; :calc:function dbm Enter	Parsing Complete.	
output:ttltrg5;:syst:err:enable (17:22,25,39:51) Enter		-
calc:aver:maximum?	Save to File	<u>C</u> lear
To ensure you have the latest version of this application,	or for more info on JPA-SCPI Parser, visit our website: <u>www.jpacsoft.com</u>	<u>E</u> xit

Representing the communications port of a programmable instrument, the application allows you to type in command lines and then see just how JPA-SCPI Parser handles them in its stride.

At the heart of the application is JPA-SCPI Parser itself—the same JPA-SCPI Parser that you will receive. Optionally, you can display all the Access Function calls made, showing exactly how JPA-SCPI Parser would **integrate with your own code**.

More than 70 commands are defined in the Demo Application, demonstrating all the different types of command and parameter you may need. Full documentation is also provided, including a list of all the supported commands.

Try it now. Download the Demo Application from our website: <u>https://jpacsoft.com</u>

JPA-SCPI Parser Demo Application requires a PC running any recent version of Windows (e.g. Windows XP, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10).

JPA-SCPI Parser Specifications

SCPI Language Support

SCPI Version	V1999.0 (current version)
Long and Short-form Keywords	Yes, e.g. VOLTage allows VOLT or VOLTAGE
Compound Commands (multiple commands separated by semi-colons)	Yes
Optional Keywords	Yes, e.g. [:AMPLitude]
Default Nodes	Yes
Query Commands	Yes
Optional Parameters	Yes
Numeric Suffix(ces)	Yes, e.g. OUTPut <channel number="">:VOLTage:DC</channel>
Parameter Types	Numeric Values (all variations as defined in SCPI, i.e.: integer, floating-point and scientific notation (up to and beyond ±9.9 e±37, regardless of processor/ complier limitations) Character Data (mnemonics such as MINimum, DEFault) Booleans Strings (delimted by single or double-quotes) Unquoted Strings Numeric Lists, e.g. (12,15,17:20,22.8) Channel Lists (single or multi-dimensional), e.g. (@2!3:5!8,7!7) Expressions ¹
Default Parameter Values	Yes
Multiple Parameter Types Allowed for same Parameter	Yes
Units	Numeric values can be followed by a unit suffix, e.g. kV , GR , uH . Unit Multipliers (p , u , m , k , Ma , G , etc.) automatically scaled to base units. User-definable units allow complete flexibility.
Number Bases	Numeric values can be entered in decimal, binary, octal or hexadecimal
Max Length of Command Line	255 characters or more (only limited by target processor/compiler)
Maximum Number of Commands that can be Specified	255 or more (only limited by target processor/compiler)

SCPI Instrument Class Templates Supplied

DC Voltmeter	Four-Wire Ohm Meter		
AC Voltmeter	Digitizer (e.g. oscilloscope)		
DC Ammeter	DC Power Supply		
AC Ammeter Signal Switcher (e.g. programmable switch)			
Ohm Meter RF Source (RF & microwave signal generators)			
Base Template, containing the SCPI commands required by all types of instrument			

Source Code

Language	C, fully ANSI/ISO-compliant		
External Libraries Required	none		
Typical compile-size ²	13.3KB ROM, 165 Bytes RAM ³		
Access Functions Available	SCPI_Parse(); SCPI_ParamType(); SCPI_ParamUnits(); SCPI_ParamToCharDataItem(); SCPI_ParamToBOOL(); SCPI_ParamToString();	SCPI_ParamToUnsignedInt(); SCPI_ParamToInt(); SCPI_ParamToUnsignedLong(); SCPI_ParamToLong(); SCPI_ParamToDouble(); SCPI_GetNumListEntry(); SCPI_GetChanListEntry();	

Notes

¹Expressions are returned as a string pointer. Parsing of contents of expression parameters must be done by user's code ²Complie-size excludes space occupied by command set, and with optional support features disabled (optional support

features are numeric suffix, numeric lists, channel lists and expressions—5KB ROM extra with all supported) ³These figures were obtained when compiling for a Microchip PIC18 using the Microchip XC8 compiler (optimizations on)

What You Get When You Buy JPA-SCPI Parser

- ☑ C source code modules comprising the SCPI parser itself and its Access Functions
- ✓ **Templates** for 10 different types of instrumentation (including measurement devices, e.g. digital meters, programmable source/supply devices, oscilloscopes)
- **Base Template** containing commands required by all SCPI instruments
- **Example Source Code**
- ✓ **Comprehensive User Manual** explaining how to use JPA-SCPI Parser for your particular instrument, and how to define your set of commands
- ☑ Design Notes Manual describing every function and data structure used in the source code
- An **unlimited** number of **royalty-free runtime licences** for your organization
- **Free product upgrades** for first year of ownership
- **Free technical support** via email for first year of ownership

Two Types of License Available

Single Brand	For in-house developers , this license allows your organization to develop software for as many instruments branded under the organization's name as you require.
Multi-Brand	For consultancy houses or independent IT contractors . This license entitles your organization to use JPA-SCPI Parser to develop software for as many instruments as you require, regardless of what organization name the instrument/ software is to be branded under. Alternatively, you can purchase one single-brand licence per brand name.

Both types of license entitle your organization to:

- Make as many copies of JPA-SCPI Parser as you require for use within your own organization
- Distribute the compiled software produced using JPA-SCPI Parser without runtime fees

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