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# TSA6G1,TSA5G35,TSA4G1 USB mini Spectrum Analyzer Application Programming Interface (API)

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### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to specify the application program interface for TSA6G1,TSA5G35 and TSA4G1.

The application programming Interface is a tool for software engineers to design custom program to control TSA6G/TSA5G35/TSA4G1. The API is used to send commands to, and receive data from, TSA USB mini spectrum analyzer. The API will provide to you low level data interface. You can control the Dongle device by sending commands, and receiving the measured data from device, and then store and process the data in any format in your application.

API is unlike TSA PC program which is Graphical User interface (GUI) for TSA USB mini spectrum analyzer. TSA will process the receive the data and show it on the display windows with current view, Average view and Max view. But TSA (GUI) function is fixed, and difficult to integrate TSA (GUI) into customer application SW. API will be easy to integrated into custom program.

DISCLAIMER---Customer can use API into their own application with free of charge, but no warranty or support will be provided.

### 2. Commands

#### 1: Get\_Hid\_Handle

This is **Setup command.** It will setup hid link for USB product, then get the Handle data. This Handle data will be used for the next command. You must sent this command first, it will initiate TSA USB spectrum analyzer system.

Parameter: N/A

VC declare:

HANDLE \_\_stdcall Get\_Hid\_Handle();

VB declare:

Declare Function Get\_Hid\_Handle Lib "TSA.dll" () As Int32

C# declare:

[DllImport("TSA.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, CallingConvention = CallingConvention.StdCall)]

public extern static IntPtr Get\_Hid\_Handle();



#### 2: Output\_Serial\_Number

This is **SN command**. It will read the product series number (SN) from calibration file.

#### Parameter: N/A

VC declare:

BOOLEAN \_\_stdcall Output\_Serial\_Number(CHAR\* DIR\_PATH, CHAR\* SN);

#### VB declare:

Declare Function Output\_Serial\_Number Lib "TSA.dll" (ByRef bytDIR\_PATH As Byte, ByRef bytSN As Byte) As
Byte

#### C# declare:

[DllImport("TSA.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, CallingConvention = CallingConvention.StdCall)]

public extern static Byte Output\_Serial\_Number(ref Byte dir\_path, ref Byte sn);

#### 3: Start\_Dongle

This is **Start command**, it will launch the TSA USB mini spectrum analyzer to execute measurement task.

Parameter:

Handle data--- get from Setup command.

Center frequency—Range from 1 to 6150 for TSA6G1, 1 to 5350 for TSA5G35, 1 to 4150 for TSA4G1,

unit is MHz.

Frequency step-- Range from 2000 to 2000000, unit is Hz, Span =( Frequency step)\* (Frequency points-1)

- if Frequency step=20000 (20KHz), and Frequecny point is 501, Span will be 10MHz.
- if Frequency step=20000 (20KHz), and Frequency point is 101, Span will be 2MHz.
- if Frequency step=200000 (200KHz), and Frequency point is 501, Span will be 100MHz.
- if Frequency step=20000 (200KHz), and Frequecny point is 501, Span will be 1000MHz.

Resolution bandwidth-- 1: 50MHz, 2: 100MHz, 3:200KHz, 4: 500KHz

Frequency points-- Range from 101 to 501

Amplitude level-- 1: -60dBm, 2: -50dBm, 3: -40dBm, 4: -30dBm, 5: -20dBm 6: -10dBm, 7: 0dBm



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Sweep time	1: SWP_TIME_1_CW,	// CW mode 1
	2:SWP_TIME_1_5_BM ,	// Burst Mode 1.5
	3:SWP_TIME_2_BM ,	// Burst Mode 2
	4:SWP_TIME_4_BM ,	// Burst Mode 4
	5:SWP_TIME_8_BM ,	// Burst Mode 8
	6:SWP_TIME_16_BM,	// Burst Mode 16
	7:SWP_TIME_32_BM,	// Burst Mode 32

#### External attenuator -- ture: selected, false: not selected

#### VC declare:

Declare Function Start\_Dongle Lib "TSA.dll" (IhDongle As Int32, C\_FREQ As Double, FSTEP As UInt32, iRBW As Byte, POINTS As Byte, AMP As Byte, SWEEP\_TIME As Byte, EXT\_ATT As Byte, ByRef bytDIR\_PATH As Byte) As Byte

#### VB declare:

Declare Function Start\_Dongle Lib "TSA.dll" (IhDongle As Int32, C\_FREQ As Double, FSTEP As UInt32, iRBW As Byte, POINTS As Byte, AMP As Byte, SWEEP\_TIME As Byte, EXT\_ATT As Byte, ByRef bytDIR\_PATH As Byte) As Byte

#### C# declare:

- [DllImport("TSA.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, CallingConvention = CallingConvention.StdCall)]
  - public extern static Byte Start\_Dongle(IntPtr hDongle, Double C\_FREQ, UInt32 STEP, Byte iRBW, Byte
    POINTS, Byte AMP, Byte SWEEP\_TIME, Byte EXT\_ATT, ref Byte dir\_path);

#### 4: Stop\_Dongle

This is Stop commad, you can send it to stop measurement.

#### Parameter:

#### Handle data--- get from Setup command.

VC declare:

BYTE \_\_stdcall Stop\_Dongle(HANDLE hDongle);

VB declare:



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Declare Function Stop\_Dongle Lib "TSA.dll" (hDongle As Int32) As Byte

#### C# declare:

[DllImport("TSA.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, CallingConvention = CallingConvention.StdCall)]

public extern static Byte Stop\_Dongle(IntPtr hDongle);

#### 5: Receive\_Data\_From\_Dongle

This is **Data command;** API gets measurement data from dongle, inputs the Handle, and get return ID to indicated status of Dongle.

Parameter:

Handle data--- get from Setup command.

#### Return ID--

# ID1 EVERYTHING_OK	(0)	
# ID2 CONFIGURED_FREQ_ERROR	(1)	
# ID3 CONFIGURED_STEP_ERROR	(2)	
# ID4 CONFIGURED_RBW_ERROR	(3)	
# ID5 CONFIGURED_SCANING_POINTS_ER	ROR	(4)
# ID6 CONFIGURED_AMP_ERROR	(5)	
# ID7 CONFIGURED_SWEEP_TIME_ERROR		(6)
# ID8 CONFIGURED_EXT_ATT_ERROR	(7)	
# ID9 CONFIGURED_RUN_MODE_ERROR		(8)
# ID10 COMMAND_FORMAT_ERROR		(9)
<b>eived Data</b> the receive dated will be in grou	inc o	f 61 If

**Received Data**-- the receive dated will be in groups of 61. If frequency point is 501 points, the received data will have a total of 9 groups. First 8 group will have 61 data, and last group will have 13 data.

VC declare:

BOOLEAN <u>stdcall</u> Receive\_Data\_From\_Dongle(HANDLE hDongle, INT &ID, DOUBLE\* rev\_data, INT &Data\_Length);

VB declare:



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Declare Function Receive\_Data\_From\_Dongle Lib "TSA.dll" (hDongle As Int32, ByRef ID As Int32, ByRef rev\_data As Double, ByRef Data\_Length As Int32) As Byte

#### C# declare:

[DllImport("TSA.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, CallingConvention = CallingConvention.StdCall)]

public extern static Byte Receive\_Data\_From\_Dongle(IntPtr hDongle, ref Int32 ID, ref Double rev\_data, ref Int32 Data\_Length);

### 3. Demo program

In the API package, We provide TSA.DLL file for API. We also provide three demo program which will work on the VC, VB and C #. When you order the TSA series USB mini spectrum analyzer, we will have hardware dongle device and calibration file; This API is still need calibration file to work with.

You can see the follow file in the folder: TSA.dll is API file, amp\_ofst,dat and freq\_ofst.dat. They are the calibration of your device. TSA\_DLL\_TEST will be your application sofware, you can build it with VC, VB or C#.

Name	Date modified	Туре	Size
amp_ofst.dat	08/12/2013 8:37 PM	DAT File	3 KB
📋 data.txt	17/12/2013 1:34 PM	Text Document	83 KB
freq_ofst.dat	01/10/2013 5:13 PM	DAT File	1 KB
🚳 TSA.dll	17/12/2013 12:15	Application extens	6,006 KB
TSA_DLL_TEST.exe	17/12/2013 1:34 PM	Application	19 KB
TSA_DLL_TEST.pdb	17/12/2013 1:34 PM	PDB File	32 KB
TSA_DLL_TEST.vshost.exe	17/12/2013 1:34 PM	Application	12 KB
TSA_DLL_TEST.vshost.exe.manifest	17/03/2010 11:39	MANIFEST File	1 KB

Click the TSA\_DLL\_TEST.exe to run the Demo program. It will show the follow window:



	TSA	DLL T	EST		- 🗆 🗙
Center Frequency(MHz)	Step(Hz)		RBW 50M ~	]	
201	Amplitude 0	~	x1 (CW Mode) ×	0dB External	Attenuator
Find HID Get	SN	Start	Stop		Exit

Please plug the TSA series Dongle into the PC, and click the Find HID to send setup command. The USB HID link will setup and handle data will show up:

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	Center Frequency(MHz)	) Step(Hz) 10000		RBW 50M v			
1	Point Number	Amplitude		Sweep Time 🗌 300	1B External	Attenua	tor
1	201	0	~	x1 (CW Mode) v			
n	Find USB Dongle! The han	dle is 880					
	Find HID Ge	t SN	Start	Stop		Exit	



Click Get SN key, the SN command will send to Dongle and SN number will show on the window. please note, the calibation file must match with your dongle, otherwise, the program will not work.

•-	TSA DLL T	EST – 🗆 🗙
Center Frequency(MHz)	Step(Hz) 10000	RBW 50M ~
Point Number	Amplitude	Sweep Time 🗌 30dB External Attenuator
201	0 ~	x1 (CW Mode) v
Serial Number is CN61800	248	
Find HID Get	SN Start	Stop Exit

Connect TSA USB mini spectrum analyzer dongle with RF signal generator (1000MHz), then click the Start key to send Start command to Dongle. We will see a lot data shown on the received windows, wait a while, then click stop to send Stop command to the Dongle.



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Center Frequency(		KB W
1000	10000	50M ~
Point Number	Amplitude	Sweep Time 🗌 30dB External Attenuator
501	0 ~	x1 (CW Mode) v
Data_Length:61 Data:		
Data_Length-61 Data: -55.4025 -61.40289 62.40523 -61.40289 62.40523 -61.40567 59.40796 -60.40833 61.41069 -61.41108 58.41342 -58.41383 60.41615 -60.41654 58.41888 -58.41927 59.42161 -58.422	0       -61.40328       -60.40367         2       -60.40601       -59.4064         5       -62.40874       -61.40913         8       -60.41147       -60.41186         1       -61.4142       -61.41459         4       -60.41693       -61.41732         7       -58.41966       -59.42005         -59.42239       -60.42278       -6	-60.40406 -62.40445 -64.40484 - -61.40679 -60.40718 -59.40757 - -60.40952 -61.40991 -62.4103 - -60.41225 -60.41264 -60.41303 - -59.41498 -60.41537 -59.41576 - -60.41771 -61.4181 -60.41849 - -61.42044 -59.42083 -59.42122 - 51.42317 -60.42356 -59.42395 -59.42434

You can find data.txt file, change this log file name into data.csv, and open it by excel. Just keep one frame data, for this case the 501 point data, then show date with image. You can find signal waveform which will be exactly same as TSA program.





If you have Visual Studio V10, or V12, you can open the project of demo program. Just click TSA\_DLL\_TEST.sln file, you can opent the project, and click the F5 you can run the project.