

Oscilloscope Remote control TEK emulation mode

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Overview

This application note describes the features and usage of the Tektronix compatibility mode for remote control of the SIGLENT SDS5000X and SDS6000A oscilloscope series. In many cases, a SIGLENT SDS5000X/6000A scope can replace a similar Tektronix product without many changes to the existing code. Furthermore, it describes in detail the limitations of the individual emulations and the remaining differences between the emulated and the original commands.

Instrument Compatibility

An emulated instrument having fewer features than, or the same features as the SDS5000X/6000A can be replaced without special care.

However, replacing an emulated instrument having more features than the SDS5000X/6000A or features that differ from those of the SDS5000X/6000A requires additional care.

The user must:

- Ensure that the SDS5000X/SDS6000A complies with the functional requirements of the test
- Verify the application code does not use features in the emulated instrument which are not available with the SIGLENT SDS5000X/SDS6000A.

Currently supported Remote Emulation for the SDS5000X/SDS6000A

Manufacturer	Instrument
Tektronix	3 Series MDO Oscilloscopes
	MDO3000 series
	MDO4000 series

Command Compatibility

Most of the remote emulations in the SDS5000X/SDS6000A implement the basic commands of the original instrument. Due to functional differences in hardware and software, in certain remote emulations, the SDS5000X/SDS6000A can only be compatible with some parts.

The command table below shows the compatibility information for a command and the difference between

Siglent and Tektronix:

NOTE: Parameters in red are not supported:

Command Group	Command	Compatibility Description
Acquisition	ACQuire:MODE	{SAMPle PEAKdetect Hires AveRage ENVELOpe}
	ACQuire:STATE	Parameter supported: {RUN STOP}
	ACQuire:STOPAfter	Compatible
Horizontal	HORizontal:RECOrdlength	Value in [250e3] will set to 250e3 Value in [250e3,1.25e6] will set to 1.25e6 Value in [1.25e6,12.5e6] will set to 12.5e6
	HORizontal:SCALE	Timebase value is in 1-2-5 steps, not like Tektronix instruments from 400 ps to 1000 s
	HORizontal:DELAy:MODE	Compatible
	HORizontal:DELAy:TIME	The display value of UI is the opposite of the set value, which actually takes effect
	HORizontal:POSITion	Compatible. This setting can be viewed under the menu: <i>Utility>Reference Pos</i>
Vertical	SElect:CH<x>	Compatible
	CH<x>:POSITion	Compatible
	CH<x>:SCALE	Compatible
	CH<x>:OFFset	Compatible
	CH<x>:PRObe:GAIN	Compatible
	CH<x>:BANdwidth	Parameter supported: {FUL TWENTY} Not supported: {<NR3>}
	CH<x>:COUPling	Parameter supported: {AC DC} Not supported: {DCREject}
	CH<x>:INVert	Compatible
	CH<x>:TERmination	Parameter supported : {FIFTy MEG} Not supported: {<NR3>}
	CH<x>:LABel	All label characters are automatically capitalized
Trigger	TRIGger:A:TYPE	Parameter supported: {EDGE LOGic PULSe BUS VIdeo}
	TRIGger:A:MODE	Compatible
	TRIGger:A:LEVel	Compatible
	TRIGger:A:EDGE:SOURce	Parameters in red are not supported: {CH1 CH2 CH3 CH4 D0 D1 D2 D3 D4 D5 D6 D7 D8 D9 D10 D11 D12 D13 D14 D15 LINE AUX RF}
Cursor	TRIGger:A:EDGE:COUPling	Parameter supported: {AC DC HFRrej LFRej NOISErej}. Noise Reject is a single setting item in SDS5000X. When setting the coupling to NOISErej, it will set to DC and turn on the noise reject. When set to others, it will turn off the noise reject.
	TRIGger:A:EDGE:SLOpE	Compatible
	CURSor:FUNCTION	{SCREEN WAVEform OFF}
Measurement	CURSor:SOURce	Parameters in red are not supported: {CH1 CH2 CH3 CH4 REF1 REF2 REF3 REF4 MATH BUS1 BUS2 BUS3 BUS4 D0 D1 D2 D3 D4 D5 D6 D7 D8 D9 D10 D11 D12 D13 D14 D15 AUTO}
	CURSor:VBARS:POSITION<x>	Compatible
	CURSor:VBARS:HPOS<x>?	Compatible
	MEASUrement:IMMed:SOURCE<x>	Parameters in red are not supported: {CH1 CH2 CH3 CH4 MATH D0 D1 D2 D3 D4 D5 D6 D7 D8 D9 D10 D11 D12 D13 D14 D15 HISTogram RF_AMPLitude RF_FREQUENCY RF_PHASE}
Miscellaneous	MEASUrement:IMMed:TYPE	Parameters in red are not supported: {AMPliTude AREa BURSt CAREa CMean CRMS DELAy FALL FREQuency HIGH HITS LOW MAXimum MEAN MEDIan MINimum NDUty NEDGECount NOVershoot NPULSECount NPULSECount NWidth PEAKHits PEDGECount PDUty PERiod PHase PK2Pk POVershoot PPULSECount PPULSECount PWidth RISe RMS SIGMA1 SIGMA2 SIGMA3 STDdev TOVershoot WAVEFORMS}
	MEASUrement:IMMed:VALue	When the type is set to DELay, it divides into the following 8 types according to the edges and direction: FRFR, FRFF, FFRF, FFFF, FRLR, FRLF, FFLR, FFLF
	MEASUrement:IMMed:UNITS	Compatible
	MEASUrement:IMMed:DELAy:DIRection	Compatible. It divides into the following 8 types according to the edges and direction: FRFR, FRFF, FFRF, FFFF, FRLR, FRLF, FFLR, FFLF
	MEASUrement:IMMed:DELAy:EDGE<x>	Compatible. It divides into the following 8 types according to the edges and direction: FRFR, FRFF, FFRF, FFFF, FRLR, FRLF, FFLR, FFLF
	MEASUrement:MEAS<x>:SOURCE<x>	Compatible
	MEASUrement:MEAS<x>:TYPE	Parameters in red are not supported: {AMPliTude AREa BURSt CAREa CMean CRMS DELAy FALL FREQuency HIGH HITS LOW MAXimum MEAN MEDIan MINimum NDUty NEDGECount NOVershoot NPULSECount NPULSECount NWidth PEAKHits PEDGECount PDUty PERiod PHase PK2Pk POVershoot PPULSECount PPULSECount PWidth RISe RMS SIGMA1 SIGMA2 SIGMA3 STDdev TOVershoot WAVEFORMS}
	MEASUrement:MEAS<x>:STATE	When the type is set to DELay, it divides into the following 8 types according to the edges and direction: FRFR, FRFF, FFRF, FFFF, FRLR, FRLF, FFLR, FFLF
	MEASUrement:MEAS<x>:Value?	Compatible
	MEASUrement:MEAS<x>:MEAN?	Valid only when statistics are turned on. Turn on the statistics by using the Siglent command or customize the default settings
System	MEASUrement:MEAS<x>:DELAy:DIRection	Compatible. It divides into the following 8 types according to the edges and direction: FRFR, FRFF, FFRF, FFFF, FRLR, FRLF, FFLR, FFLF
	MEASUrement:MEAS<x>:DELAy:EDGE<x>	Compatible. It divides into the following 8 types according to the edges and direction: FRFR, FRFF, FFRF, FFFF, FRLR, FRLF, FFLR, FFLF
	AUTOSet	Compatible
System	*RST	Compatible. Siglent's preset is quite different from Tektronix's. If need, please customize the preset and save it by the steps: <i>Save To Default Key Current Save</i> .
	LANGuage	Parameter in red is not supported: {ENGLISH FRENch GERMan ITALian SPANish PORTUGuese JAPANEse RUSsian SIMPLifiedchinese TRADitionalchinese KOREan}
	TIME	Compatible
	DATE	Compatible
	LOCK	Compatible
	UNLock	Compatible
	FPANEL:PRESS	Parameter supported: {Runstop SINGleseq}

Activating Remote Emulation

In order to use a specific remote emulation, it must first be activated by the user. Activation is done either



- Manually using the SDS5000X/SDS6000A front panel
- Remotely using SCPI commands

Manual Operation

Follow the steps below:

Utility Tek Mode, and set the mode to ON

Remote Operation

Send the following command to turn on Tek Compatibility mode:

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:SYSTem:REMOte:STYLe TEKtronix
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Send the command back to Siglent mode:

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:SYSTem:REMOte:STYLe SIGLent
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Example

The following program code realizes the following functions: Setting channel, triggering, and measure delay between waveforms.

Environment: Windows 7 32-bit, Python v3.6.5, pyvisa-1.9

Python Code:

```
import visa

def main():
    _rm = visa.ResourceManager()
    sds = _rm.open_resource("TCPIP0::10.12.255.21::inst0::INSTR")
#Set channel parameters
    sds.write("SElect:CH1 ON")
    sds.write("SElect:CH2 ON")
    sds.write("CH1:SCAlE 1")
    sds.write("CH2:SCAlE 1")
    sds.write("CH1:POSition 0")
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sds.write("CH2:POStion 0")
#Set the timebase
sds.write("H0Rizontal:SCAlE 2e-6")
#Trigger the signal stably
sds.write("TRIGger:A:TYPe EDGE")
sds.write("TRIGger:A:EDGE:S0Urce CH1")
sds.write("TRIGger:A:EDGE:COUPling DC")
sds.write("TRIGger:A:LEVeL 0")
#Measure the delay between C1 and C2
sds.write("MEASUrement:MEAS3:STATE ON")
sds.write("MEASUrement:MEAS3:S0Urce1 CH1")
sds.write("MEASUrement:MEAS3:S0Urce2 CH2")
sds.write("MEASUrement:MEAS3:TYPe DELay")
sds.write("MEASUrement:MEAS3:DELay:DIRection FORWards")
sds.write("MEASUrement:MEAS3:DELay:EDGE1 RISing")
sds.write("MEASUrement:MEAS3:DELay:EDGE2 RISing")
sds.query("MEASUrement:MEAS3:VALue?")
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```



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