

# **Introduction to the GenICam Standard**

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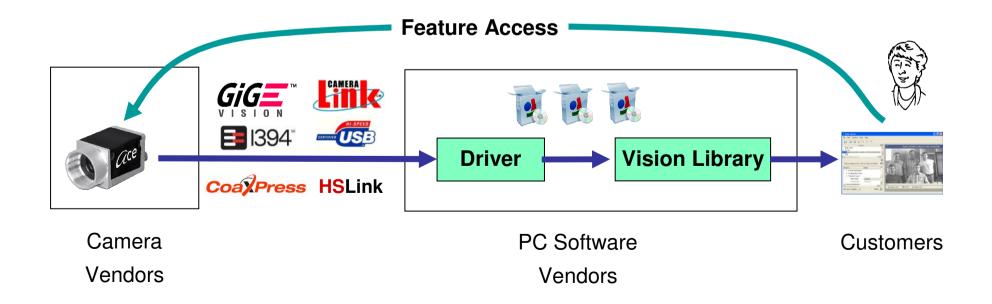
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Why GenICam?



provides plug&play to machine vision cameras





# **GenICam Members**

 $(2006): 9 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 47 \rightarrow 60 \rightarrow 77: (Jan 2010)$ 





# **Investments in GenICam**

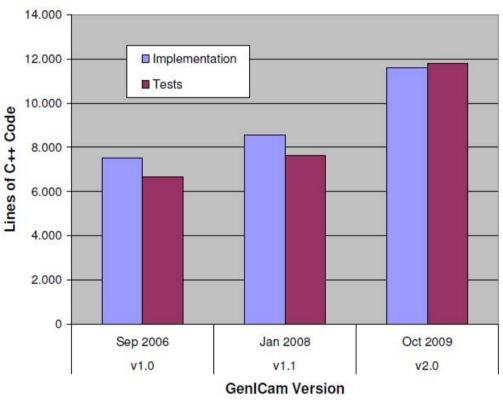
# **Committee Work**

- 7 years of intense work
- 17 international meetings
- ~15 companies per meeting<sup>\*</sup>)

# **Common Code Base**

- Used by nearly all companies but not part of the standard
- Written in C++
- Supports Win32 / Win64 with Visual Studio 7.1 / 8.0 / 9.0
- Supports Linux32 / Linux64 with gcc>=4.0, glibc>=2.3.5
- Strict focus on quality

\*) since 2005



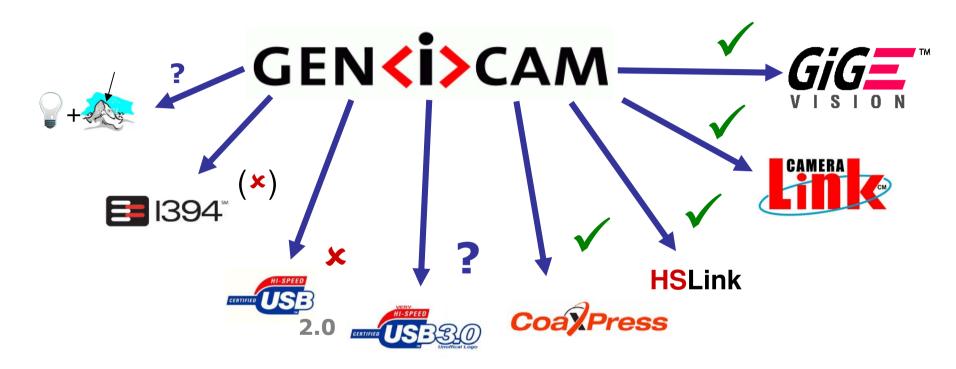
# Investments\*\*)

- Meetings >300 k€
- Common code base >500 k€

\*\*) rough estimate; does not include product development



# **Interfaces Supporting GenICam**



#### Cost for adding GenlCam support\*)

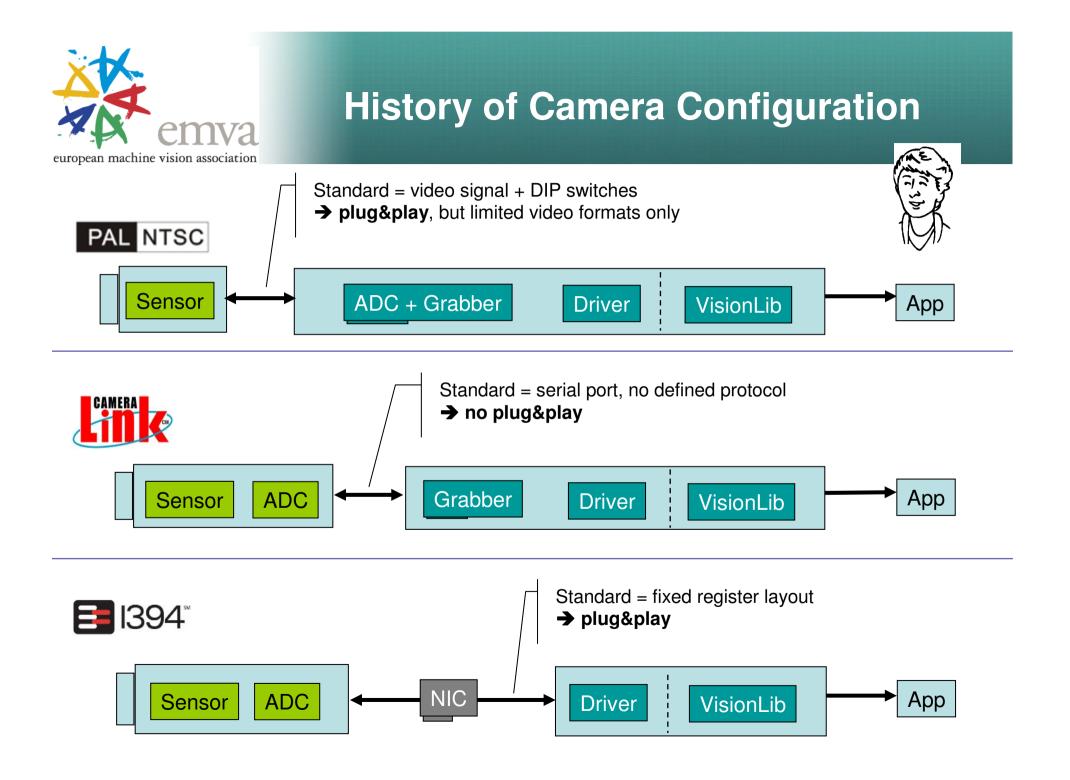
- Introducing GenICam for the first interface : ~50 k€
- adding another interface to existing GenICam support : ~ 10 k€



# **Some Questions**

# What makes GenICam attractive?

- Serves a market need
- Has hit a window of opportunity
- Has mechanisms to evolve quickly
- Which Modules does GenICam Consist of?
  - Camera Configuration (modules GenApi & SFNC)
  - Image Acquisition (module GenTL)
- What is the Status and Roadmap for GenICam?
- → Let's have a look at the details





# **Problems with Fixed Register Layouts (1/2)**

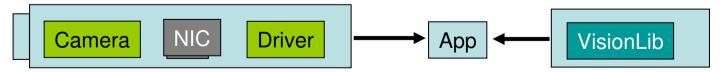
→ Missing Custom Feature Support

#### **No Business Model for Custom Feature Support**



- Custom features require expensive manual coding in the driver
- It hardly makes sense for a driver vendor to support camera custom features. Example:
   Camera vendor : 400 cam/yr \* 1000 €/cam = 400 k€/yr → sweet deal ☺
   Driver vendor : 400 license/yr \* 100 €/cam = 40 k€/yr → sour deal ☺

#### Workaround: Cameras Come with their Own (Free) Driver



- Only for network based cameras
- Proprietary solution, no integration into vision library
- Free drivers puts a lot of pressure on driver/VisionLib business model



# **Problems of Fixed Register Layouts (2/2)**

→ Standard Defines Too Many Details

## **Fixed Register Layout Contains Lots of Implementation Details**

(bit depth, feature inquiry, min/max/inc, ....)

## ➔ Slow Standard Evolution

- Exhaustive discussion about bits & bytes
- Each company is fighting for their specific layout
- Only really large companies can start a standard layout (1394 IIDC = Sony)

## ➔ No Migration Path from Custom to Standard Features

- New features are implemented as custom features for sake of speed
- If feature is later standardized and gets a different register layout  $\rightarrow$  no adoption possible because of backward compatibility
- Proposing standard features makes not too much sense for a company





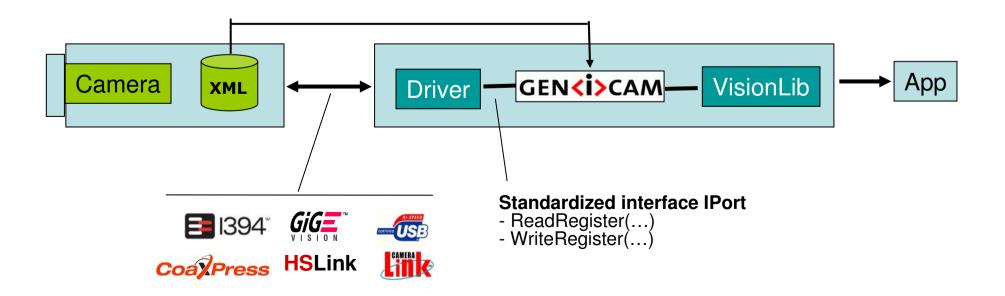
# The Window of Opportunity

#### **GigE Vision Standard**

- Kick-off meeting June 2003
- Every company tried to get their proprietary register layout standardized
- After one year no conclusion was reached
- → committee was stuck ⊗

#### **Escape Route**

- Let every camera have their own register layout
- Define standard features abstractly
- Have a camera description file in XML format with describes how to map the abstract features to the registers
- → Birth of GenlCam





# GenICam Modules GenApi and SFNC

## **GenApi** Module

- Defines the XML language of the camera description file
- Supported **types**: Integer, Float, Enumeration, Bool, String
- Each type corresponds to an interface with methods like GetValue, SetValue, GetMin, GetMax, etc.
- Camera has a set of features
- Each feature has a name, a type and a meaning → abstract
- Description syntax is the same for custom and standard features

#### → Full Custom Feature Support

## Example

- Name = "Gain"
- Type = IInteger
- **Meaning** = camera amplification

## SFNC\*) Module

- Defines a set of abstract features forming the ideal camera
- No details, just the name, type and meaning
- List has grown to >400 features
- → committee was un-stuck ☺



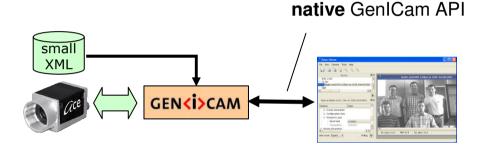
# **How Things Worked Out**

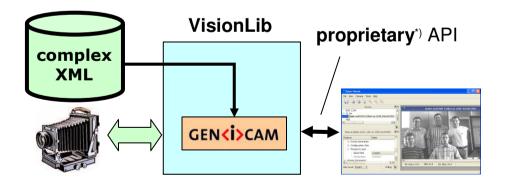
## **Original Assumption**

- Customers use the native GenICam API
- XML file contains a ~1:1 mapping of registers to features

## What Happened in Reality

- Library vendors used GenICam as engine under the hood
- Customers got the functionality of GenICam but through the libraries' native API
- XML file is used to map legacy registers to SFNC features





\*) some use GenICam natively; many have a back-door



# How GenICam can Evolve Very Fast

# Voting Rules

- Membership to GenICam committee is free
- 1..2 meetings per year; homework between meetings
- Only companies contributing homework can vote<sup>\*</sup>)
  - → Who invests money gets in the driver seat

# Migration Path from Custom to Standard Features

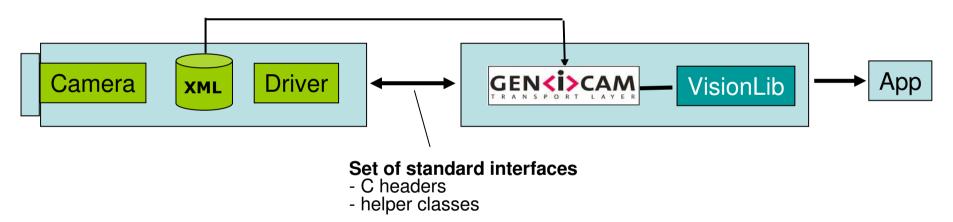
- New features are implemented by some company as custom feature
   immediate business
- − The feature can be added to SFNC list later → adds proven features
- Custom features become standard by changing an attribute in XML file



# **GenTL** Module – The Grab Interface

## Modules:

- GenApi/SFNC : camera configuration
- GenTL : enumerating devices, retrieving XML file, grabbing images

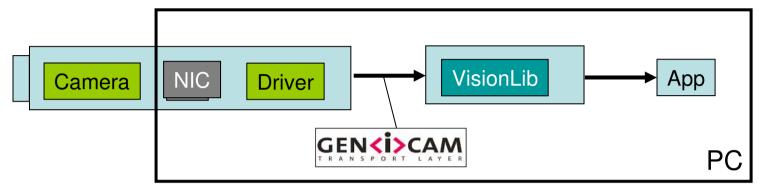


## Why GenTL?

- Typically camera vendors have drivers for their own products
- Integrating a driver into an image processing library requires quite some effort
- With GenTL comes plug&play: just install the driver and the library can use it



# The GenTL Business Case



#### Why is there so little GenTL Support?

- Splits responsibility on the PC side (support)
- Operating system support depends on camera vendor
- Once most library vendors have their own driver there is not much GenTL demand any more
- GenTL missed the first window of opportunity (by Nov 2008 everybody had a driver)

#### Now there is a New Window of Opportunity!

- Lots of new interfaces are evolving (CoaXPress, CameraLink HS, USB 2.0/3.0, LightPeak, ...)
- It is too expensive for everyone to develop their own drivers / frame grabbers
- Solution: Make basic GenTL support mandatory to the transport layer standards
- Benefit: Immediate access to image processing libraries even if the user base is still small
- Good news: there is growing activity!

#### → Overcome the Chicken & Egg problem



# **Status and Roadmap**

## GenICam v2.0

- Released November '09
- Maintenance release v2.0.1 February '10
- Contains GenApi v2.0, SFNC v1.3, GenTL v1.1

## GenICam v2.1 Release Candidate

- GenApi  $\rightarrow$  maintenance
- CLProcotol v1.0  $\rightarrow$  CameraLink suppor
- SFNC v1.4  $\rightarrow$  Updated

  - GenTL v1.2  $\rightarrow$  Updated

## What comes next?

- Improving documentation (extending tutorial)
- Supporting more compilers (VS100)
- Supporting more platforms
- Improving support for frame grabber based system → any feedback welcome ☺







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# **GenApi** – Getting Started

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# Content





- Hello World
  Connecting a Camera
  XML Schema
- Mapping Gain Register Block
  - Dealing with Min / Max
  - Logging

**Basics** 

- Inquiry Flags
- Enumerations
- Commands
- Advanced Topics
  - XML Formulas
  - Feature Tree
  - Callbacks
  - Supported Types & Nodes
- Conclusion & Outlook





# Hello World (1/3)



- Example for Windows and VisualStudio (VC71, VC80, VC90; VC100 coming)
- Get the reference implementation from <u>www.genicam.org</u>
- Run the installer
  - Copies code → c:\program files\GenICam\_v2\_1
  - Sets environment variables, e.g. GENICAM\_ROOT\_V2\_1
- Start VisualStudio and create a Win32 Console Application *HelloWorld*
- In the *HelloWorld* project's settings...
  - ...add \$(GENICAM\_ROOT\_V2\_1)/library/CPP/Include as additional include directory
  - ...add \$(GENICAM\_ROOT\_V2\_1)/library/CPP/Lib/Win32\_i86 as additional library directory
  - Add #include "GenApi/GenApi.h" to HelloWorld.cpp

→Now you're ready to use GenICam

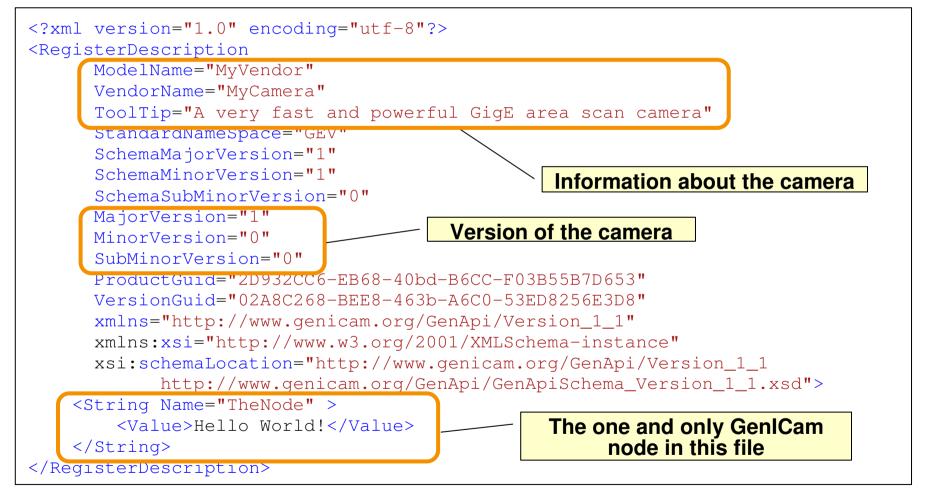




# Hello World (2/3)



#### Add a HelloWorld.xml file

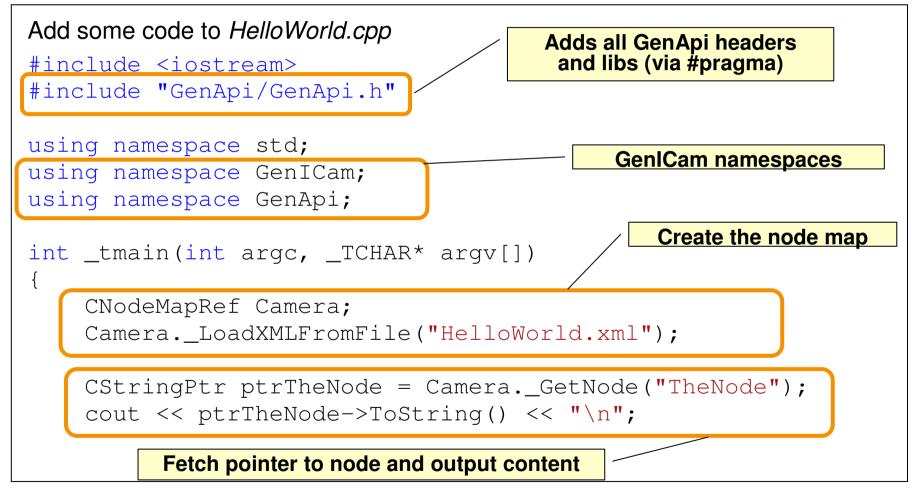






# Hello World (3/3)



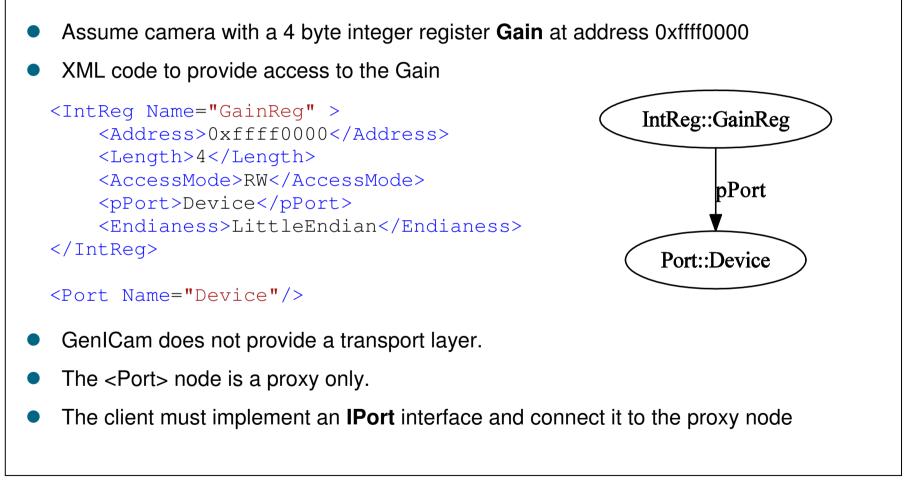






# Connecting the Camera (1/4)









# Connecting the Camera (2/4)



IPort has three methods which must be implemented by the vendor code

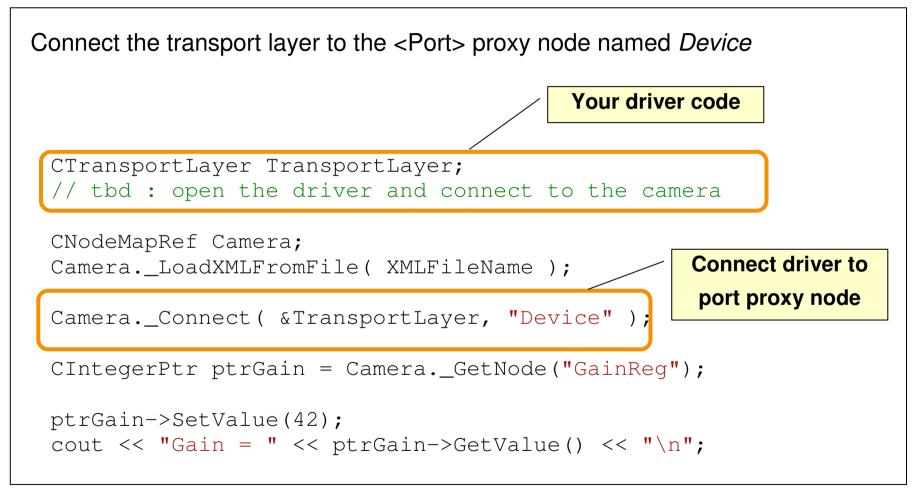
```
class CTransportLayer : public IPort
public:
    virtual EAccessMode GetAccessMode() const
    {
        // if the driver is open, return RW (= read/write), otherwise NA (= not available)
        return RW;
    virtual void Read(void *pBuffer, int64_t Address, int64_t Length)
    {
        // Fetch <Length> bytes starting as <Address> from the camera
        // and copy them to <pBuffer>
    virtual void Write(const void *pBuffer, int64 t Address, int64 t Length)
        // Copy <Length> bytes from <pBuffer> to the camera
        // starting as <Address>
}
```





# Connecting the Camera (3/4)



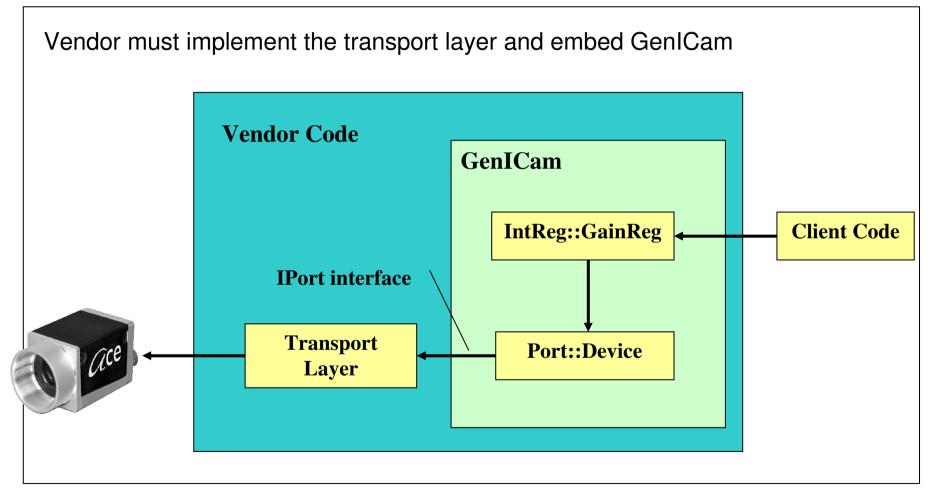






# Connecting the Camera (4/4)





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# **XML Schema**



- XML syntax defined by schema *GenApiSchema\_Version\_1\_1.xsd*
- HTML <u>Schema documentation</u>
- VisualStudio Intellisense support
  - Next element list
  - Background syntax verification

<IntReg Name="MyNode"> <Address>Oxffff0000</Address> <Length>4</Length>

</IntReg>

ntReg Name="MyNode" <address>0xffff00 &lt;</address>	
()	<u>^</u>
<ul><li>Address</li></ul>	
🧖 IntReg	
😡 IntSwissKnife	
🖸 Length	
😡 pAddress	
😡 pIndex	
😡 pLength	
🧛 RegisterDescription	~

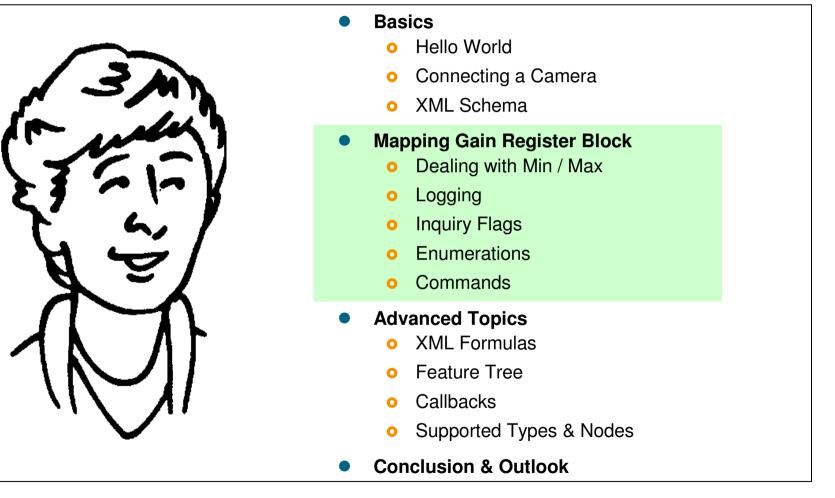
The element 'IntReg' in namespace 'http://www.genicam.org/GenApi/Version\_1\_1' has incomplete content. List of possible elements expected: 'AccessMode' in namespace 'http://www.genicam.org/GenApi/Version\_1\_1'.





# Content



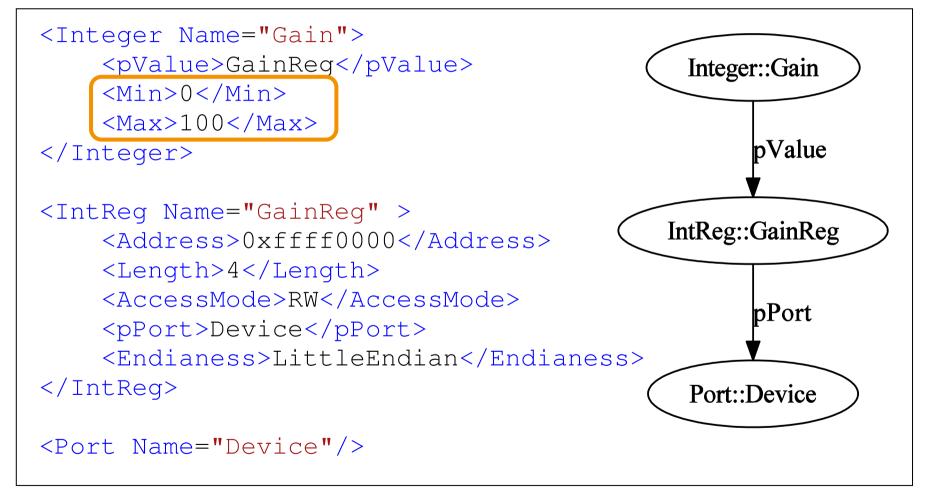






# Minimum and Maximum (1/2)



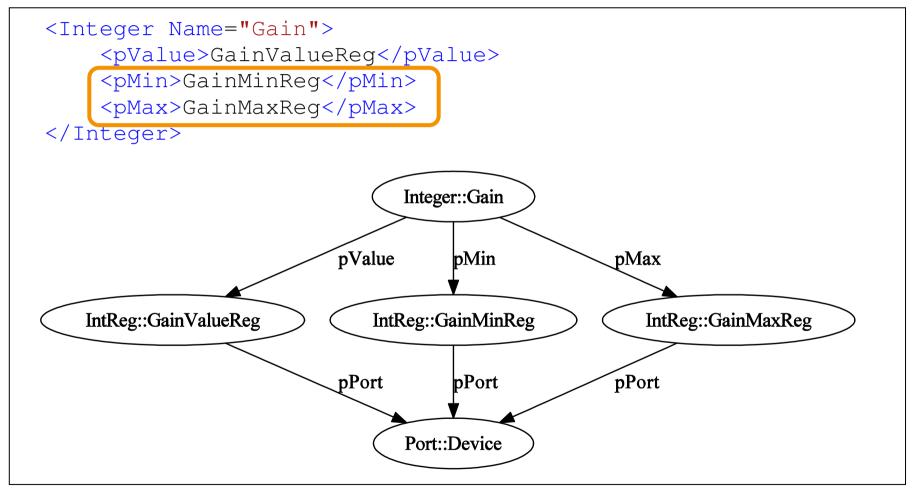






# Minimum and Maximum (2/2)





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# Logging



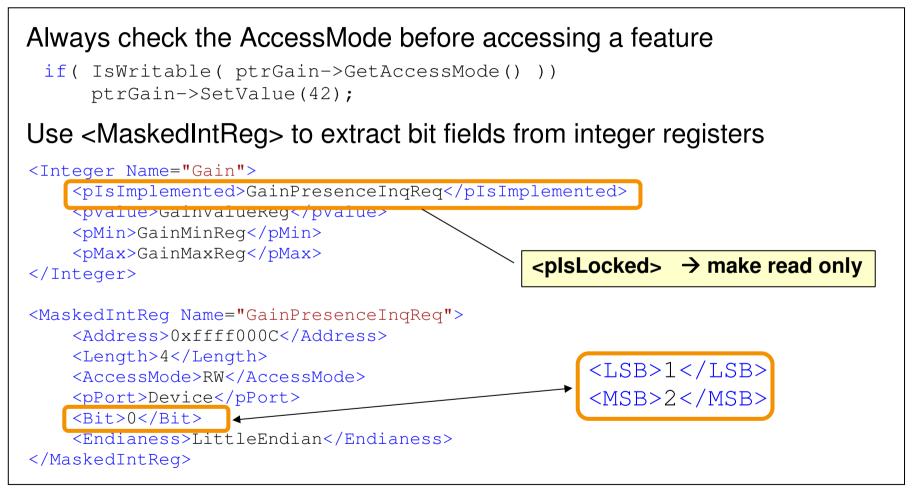
<ul> <li>Extended adjustable logging facilities</li> <li>Select aspect (value, accessmode, cache,)</li> </ul>		
0	<ul> <li>Select nodes (all, camera, specific nodes)</li> </ul>	
0	<ul> <li>Different outputs (Debug window, file, TCP/IP,)</li> </ul>	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.Gain : SetValue( 42 )	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.GainMinReg : GetValue	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.GainMinReg : Get	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device <mark>.</mark> Value.GainMinReg :Get( 4 ) = 0x00000000	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.Gainminkeg :Getvalue = 0	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.GainMaxReg : GetValue	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.GainMaxReg : Get	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.GainMaxReg :Get( 4 ) = 0x64000000	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.GainMaxRegGetValue - 100	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.GainMinReg : GetValue = 0 (from cache)	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.GainValueReg : SetValue( 42 )	
=>INFO	: GenApi.Device.Value.GainValueReg : Set( 4, 0x2A000000 )	
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# **Inquiry Flags**





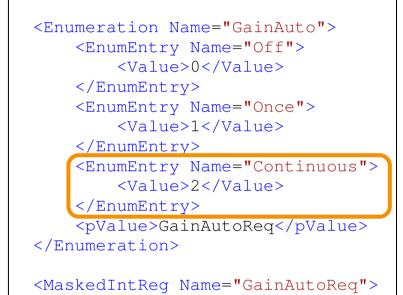




# **Enumerations**



- Enumerations give integers a symbolic string name
- EnumEntries can have <plsImplemented> links →control content of dropdown boxes
- Handling of the symbolics
  - Strings
  - C++ enums (static use case)



CEnumerationPtr ptrGainAuto = Camera.\_GetNode("GainAuto");
ptrGainAuto->FromString("Continuous");

```
cout << "GainAuto.Value = " << ptrGainAuto->ToString() << "\n";</pre>
```





# Commands



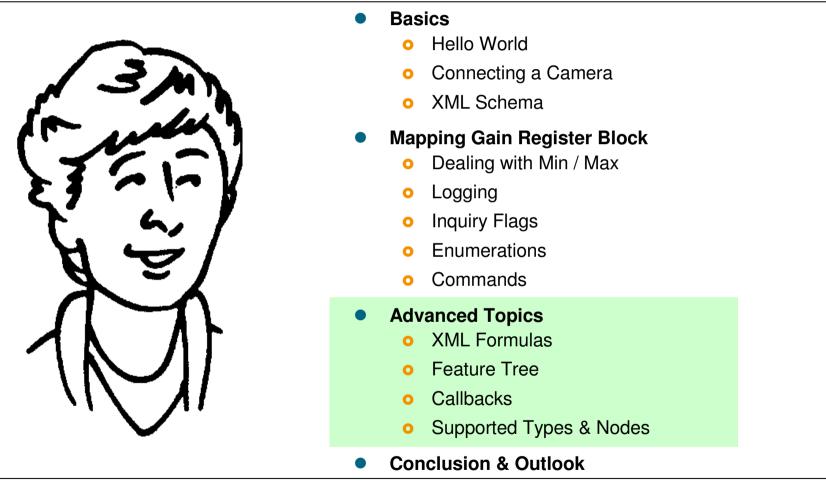
<ul> <li>For AutoGain=OneShot a command GainOnePush is required</li> </ul>	<group comment="GainOnePush"> <command name="GainOnePush"/> <pvalue>GainOnePushReg</pvalue> <commandvalue>1</commandvalue> </group>	
<ul> <li>Execution on writing 1 to a certain bit in a register</li> </ul>	<pre><maskedintreg name="GainOnePushReg"></maskedintreg></pre>	
<ul> <li>Can handle self clearing flags (via polling)</li> </ul>		
CCommandPtr ptrGainOnePush = CameraGetNode("GainOnePush"); ptrGainOnePush->Execute();		





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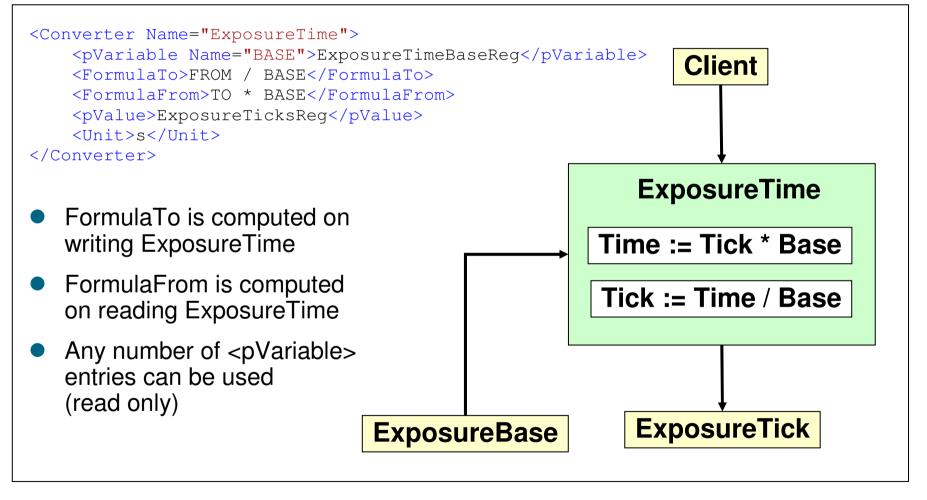






# XML Formulas (1/2)









### XML Formulas (2/2)



#### **Standard operators**

- () brackets
- + \* / addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- % remainder
- \*\* power
- & | ^ ~ bitwise and / or / xor / not
- <> = > < <= >= logical relations not equal / equal / greater / less / less of equal / greater or equal
- && || logical and / or

<<>> shift left, shift right

**Conditional operator** <condition> ? <true expr.> : <false expr.> **General Functions** SGN, NEG, Functions present (float) only in Converter ATAN, COS, SIN, TAN, ABS, EXP, LN, LG, SQRT, TRUNC, FLOOR, CEIL, ROUND( x, precision), ASIN, ACOS, SGN, NEG, E, PI





### **Feature Tree**



- Most nodes are not exposed to the client
- Only feature nodes which are referenced to by a category node are exposed
- The categories form a tree with the **Root** node as root

```
Dumping Feature Tree:
Category 'Root'
Category 'AnalogControls'
'Gain'
'GainAuto'
'GainOnePush'
Category 'AcquisitionControl'
'ExposureTime'
'ExosureTick'
```

<Category Name="Root">

<preature>Anarogcontrols</pFeature>
 <pFeature>AcquisitionControl</pFeature>
</Category>

<Category Name="AnalogControls"> <pFeature>Gain</pFeature> <pFeature>GainAuto</pFeature> <pFeature>GainOnePush</pFeature> </Category>

<Category Name="AcquisitionControl"> <pFeature>ExposureTime</pFeature> <pFeature>ExposureTicks</pFeature> </Category>

### Mandatory nodes for camera files:

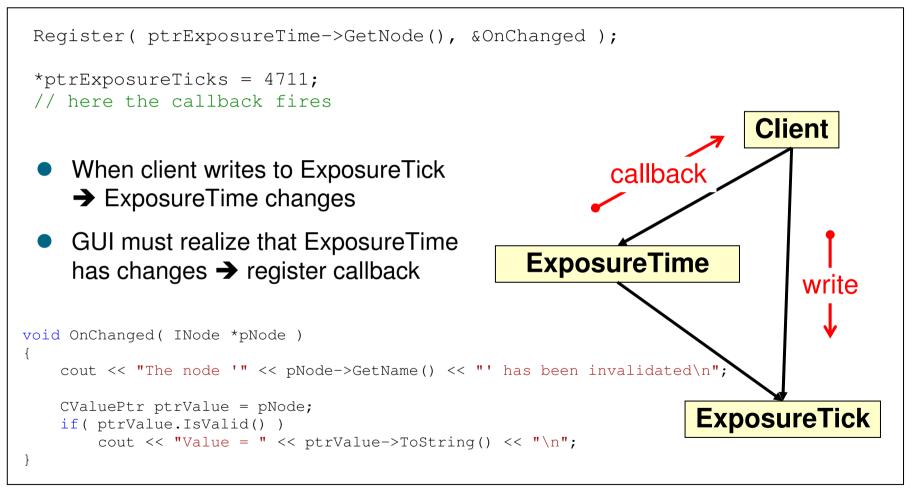
- Category node named "Root"
- Port node named "Device"





### Callbacks



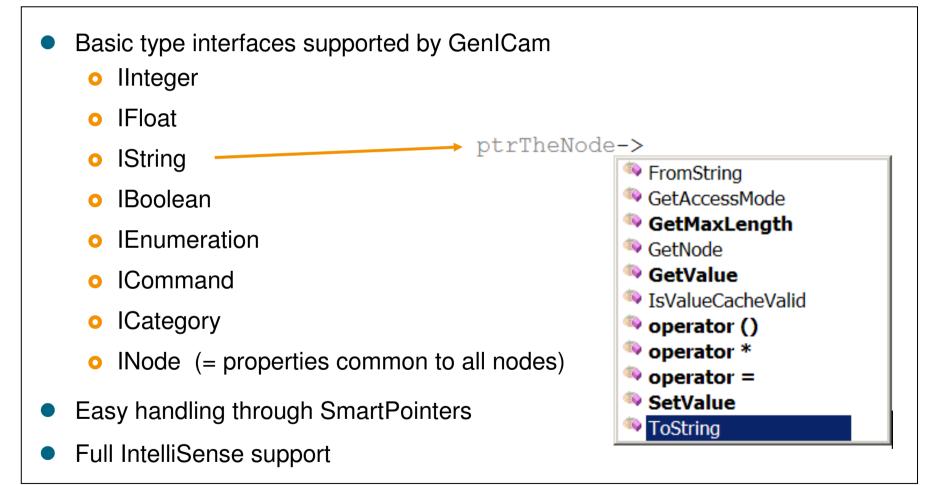






### **Supported Types**









### **Node Types Overview**



### Dealing with base types

- Integer
- Float
- String
- Register

### **Dealing with registers**

- IntReg
- FloatReg
- StringReg

### **Mapping integers**

- Boolean
- Command
- Enumeration/EnumEntry

### Formulas

- Converter / IntConverter
- SwissKnife / IntSwissKnife

### Administration

- Category
- Port

### Helpers

- Group
- StructReg

### Others

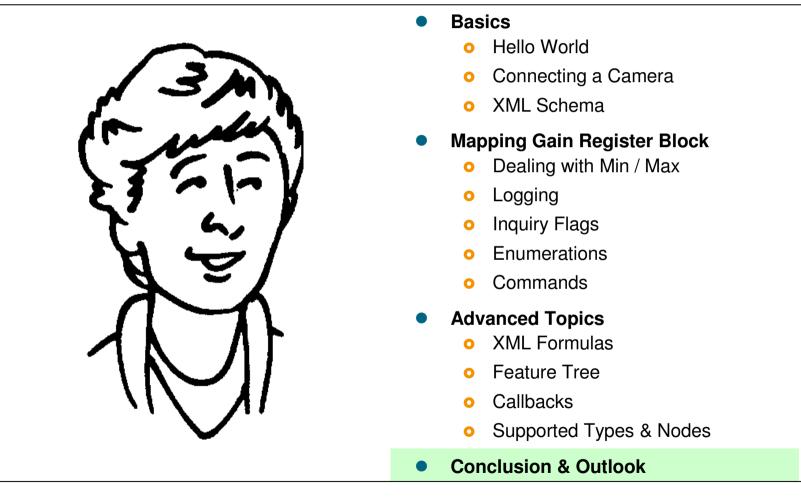
 Node, ConfROM, DcamLock, SmartFeatureAdr, Extension





### Content



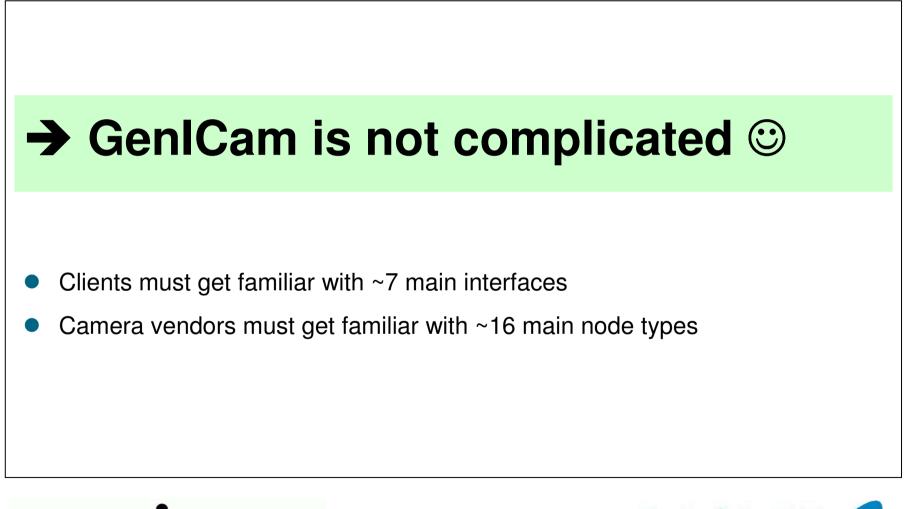






### Conclusion









### Outlook



- XML embedded documentation (tootips, description, docu URL)
- Code generator (static camera pointer, no XML parser for embedded systems)
- **Parsing Chunks** (treating chunk layout like a register space)
- **Delivering Events** (through callbacks, with data)
- Array support (e.g. for look-up tables through address arithmethic)
- Selector support (e.g. for Gain red / green / blue via multiplexer)
- **XML injection** (on-the-fly merging of XML files)
- Non-Register based cameras (e.g. for CameraLink via protocol driver DLL)
- Etc. etc.







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### Standard Features Naming Convention

Version 1.4

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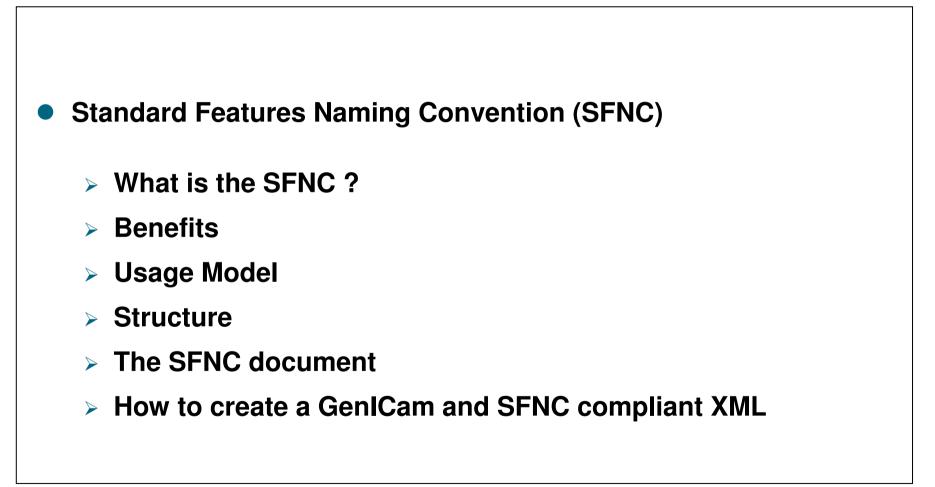
Software development director, Matrox Imaging Official maintainer of the Standard Features Naming Convention for the GenICam Standard Group





### **Overview**









### What is the SFNC ?



- The Standard Features Naming Convention is a specification.
- The SFNC defines:
  - Standard names to control a GenICam device
  - A simple usage model to control a GenICam device
  - The relation between those standard control features
- The SFNC:
  - Is independent of device type (Camera, Control box, ...)
  - Covers many categories of features (Acquisition, I/O, …)
  - Is much more than a simple features naming convention
  - Is stable, but continuously expanding (Now at version 1.4)





### **Benefits of the SFNC**



- Provides a standard way to control a device
- Permits interoperability between software and hardware of different vendors
- Provides a consistent and portable behavior to GenICam users
- Defines the basic model for Acquisition, Triggers, Exposure, Timers, I/O, Events, ...
- Provides manufacturers a rich feature set to start with





### Usage model



- Simple and intuitive
- Procedural (step by step)
- Selector based
- Default behavior is easy to implement
- Specifies the behavior of Acquisition, Triggers, Exposure, Timers, I/O, Events, ...





### Usage model (Example #1)



### // Acquisition with an exposure of 400us:

```
Camera.ExposureMode = Timed;
```

```
Camera.ExposureTime = 400;
```

- // Set the exposure mode.
- // Set the exposure time.

```
Camera.AcquisitionMode = Continuous; // Continuous capture mode.
```

```
Camera.AcquisitionStart();
```

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```
Camera.AcquisitionStop();
```

- - -

- // Start the acquisition and transmission.
- // Stop the acquisition.





### Usage model (Example #2)



### // Acquisition using a trigger for each frame:

Camera.TriggerSelector = FrameStart; // Select Trigger type Camera.TriggerActivation = RisingEdge;// Set Trigger criteria Camera.TriggerSource = Line 1; // Select the external connection Camera.TriggerMode = On; // Activate the trigger Camera.AcquisitionMode = Continuous;// Continuous capture mode Camera.AcquisitionStart(); // Restart the acquisition

Camera.AcquisitionStop();

. . . .

// Stop the acquisition





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### **SFNC structure (Features categories)**



### 14 Categories for the features:

- DEVICE CONTROL
- > IMAGE FORMAT CONTROL
- ACQUISITION CONTROL
- DIGITAL I/O CONTROL
- > COUNTER AND TIMER CONTROL
- EVENT CONTROL
- > ANALOG CONTROL
- LUT CONTROL
- > USER SET CONTROL
- > CHUNK DATA CONTROL
- > FILE ACCESS CONTROL
- > COLOR TRANSFORMATION CONTROL
- > ACTION CONTROL
- > TRANSPORT LAYER CONTROL





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### **SFNC structure (Features)**



3 types of features (Mandatory, Recommended, Optional)

### • 7 mandatory features:

- AcquisitionMode=Continuous, AcquisitionStart, AcquisitionStop, Width, Height, PixelFormat, PayloadSize
- > Permit continuous acquisition on all cameras in a standard way
- Same features that the GigE Vision cameras must implement
- 400 other Recommended or Optional features:
  - Recommended features should be used when this functionality exists
  - > Optional features are less common but deserve a standard name.
  - They cover the Categories mentioned above (Acquisition, Triggers, Exposure, Timers, I/O, Events, …)





### **SFNC** compliance



### GenICam Devices' XML follow the SFNC names and model:

- If a feature described in the SFNC exists in the camera (ex:Trigger), it must follow the convention
- Implies to use the same feature name, type and behaviour
- > Permits GenICam software libraries to look for known names
- Permits GenICam software libraries to assume a defined model
- Provides full GenICam compliance
- If a functionality is not defined in SFNC, it can be added:
  - Manufacturer specific features are easy to add to the XML
  - Manufacturer specific features will appear in the GenICam browsers automatically
  - > They just need to be defined outside of the standard namespace





### The SFNC document



### The SFNC source is a Microsoft Word document

- Contains a features summary table
- Features are grouped in categories
- One chapter per category
- > Each chapter describes the user model of the category
- > Numerous typical usage examples are provided at the end
- An Acrobat reader (PDF) version is available
  - Generated at every release
  - Published on the GenICam Web site: <u>http://genicam.org/genicam/genicam™ document download</u>







- A machine readable version of the SFNC is available
  - Regular ASCII .TXT file with all the SFNC features included
  - Generated from the SFNC source document with a VB macro
  - Can be used to automate features generation (ex: Parsed using Perl)
- A reference GenICam SFNC XML is also available
  - Generated from the source document using the ASCII version above
  - Incarnation of the ideal camera with all the features already included
  - Can be used as a template to easily create a GenICam compliant XML
- The GenICam group is there to help you
  - Strong GenICam community
  - > Plenty of resources on the GenICam member web site and the mailing list





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### Thank you for your attention

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See the latest Standard Features Naming Convention at:

http://genicam.org/genicam/genicam<sup>™</sup> document download







# GEN(i)CAM

### **Generic Transport Layer Interface**

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### Content



### **Generic Transport Layer Interface**

- Some wording
- The Modules
- Configuration
- Signaling
- The acquisition
- Buffer handling
- Feature Wrap Up





**GenTL Overview** 



### **Generic Transport Layer Interface**

Provides a technology agnostic API to enumerate and control devices ( cameras ) and acquire (image)data.

- C-API
- No Device Functionality
- Uses GenApi to configure
- Interacts closely with GenApi





### **GenTL Wording**



### **GenTL Producer**

A GenTL Producer is the implementation of a GenTL interface in form of a dynamic link library. It provides enumeration, control and image acquisition services.

### **GenTL Consumer**

A GenTL Consumer is a library or application which is able to access / use the interface provided by a GenTL Producer.





### **GenTL Modules internal structure**



### **GenTL Modules**

- System Abstraction of the Host
- Interface Abstraction of a single interface board
- Device Abstraction of a single device
- Stream Abstraction of a data source on a device
- Buffer Representing the buffer which receives the data





### **GenTL Module Enumeration & Instantiation**



### Open the GenTL Producer

```
HMODULE hDll = LoadLibrary(TLPath.c_str());
if (hDll == NULL)
{
    cerr << "Error loading TL Client: " << TLPath.c_str() << endl;
    return NULL;
}
```

```
TL_HANDLE hTl = NULL;

if (Client::TLOpen(&hTl) < 0)

{

cerr << "Error loading TL\n";

return hTl;

}
```

### **Instantiate Module**

if (**TLGetNumInterfaces**(hTl, &iNumInterfaces) < 1) return NULL;

char szBuffer[1024]; size\_t iSize = 1024; // retrieve name of interface with index 0 status = TLGetInterfaceID(hTl, 0, szBuffer, &iSize); if (status < 0) { cerr << "Error retrieving interface name\n"; }

```
// Open th interface
status = TLOpenInterface(hTl, szBuffer, &hInterface);
if (status < 0)
{
    cerr << "Error opening interface name\n";</pre>
```

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**Basic Module parameter inquiry through C API.** 

The C API provides functions in each module to inquire basic settings. This interface does not allow setting any of these parameters.

Advanced Module configuration through GenApi access.

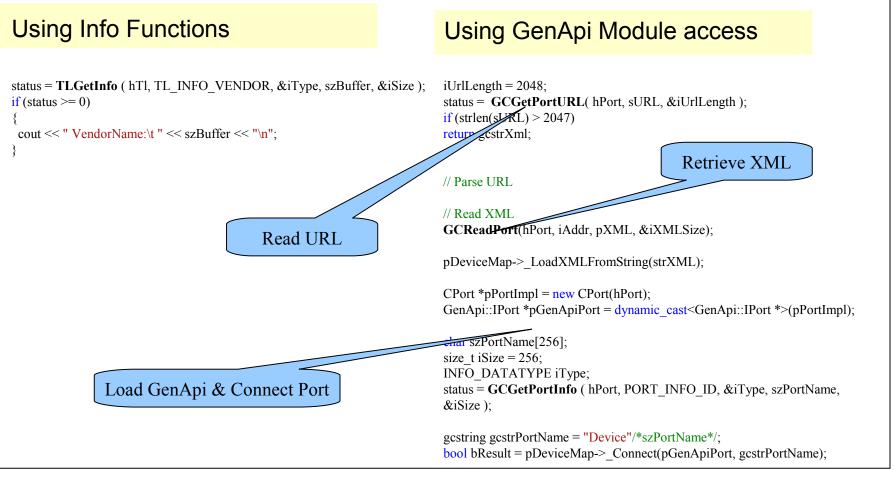
The Module configuration (parameter setting) is done through a GenICam interface. Each module provides a "virtual" register map and a GenICam XML to describe that register map.





### **GenTL Module Configuration**





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Each Module provides an Event Signaling Mechanism.

This allows the GenTL Consumer to wait for defined event types from within the thread context of the calling application. Such an event can carry arbitrary data.

For Example after a buffer is filled in the acquisition engine a "NewBuffer" event is signaled to the GenTL Consumer. The GenTL Consumer can now fetch the data associated with the event to know which buffer has been filled and process the data.





### **GenTL Acquisition Interface**



### **Generic Acquisition Interface**

The GenTL Producer does not need to interpret the buffer. Therefor ANY data can be acquired.

But

It can interpret the buffer to do some preprocessing



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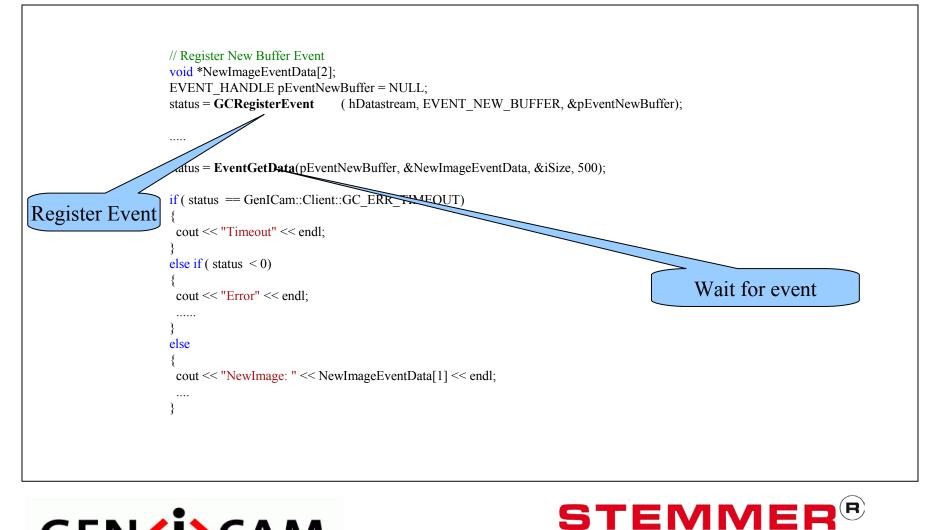




### **GenTL Signaling**



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### **GenTL Acquisition Interface**



### Announce Buffer

- Queue Buffer for Acquisition
- StartAcquisition
- Wait for Buffer
  - ...
- Queue Buffer for Acquisition
- StopAcquisition
- RevokeBuffer





### **GenTL Buffer Handling**



```
Allocating, Announcing and Queuing
BUFFER HANDLE pB = NULL;
for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++)
     pImageBuffer[i] = malloc(iImageSize);
     status = DSAnnounceBuffer
                                    (hDatastream, plmageBuffer[i], ilmageSize, (void *)i, &pB);
     if (status < 0) { HandleError( "Error in DSAnnounceBuffer: "); return;}
     status = DSQueueBuffer
                                  (hDatastream, pB);
     if (status < 0) { HandleError( "Error in DSQueueBuffer: "); return;}
}
```





### **GenTL Start Acquisition**



Starting the Acquisition // Start Acquisition status = **DSStartAcquisition**(hDatastream, ACQ\_START\_FLAGS\_DEFAULT, INFINITE); if (status < 0) { HandleError( "DSStartAcquisition failed: " ); return;} CCommandPtr ptrStartAcq= pDeviceMap-> GetNode("AcquisitionStart"); (\*ptrStartAcq).Execute();





## **GenTL Acquisition Loop**



```
while (bRun)
 size_t iSize = sizeof(NewImageEventData);
 status = EventGetData(pEventNewBuffer, &NewImageEventData, &iSize, 500);
 if (status == GenICam::Client::GC ERR TIMEOUT)
     // Timeout
 else if (status < 0)
     // Error
 else
  // Process Image Data
  status = DSQueueBuffer
                                (hDatastream, NewImageEventData[0]);
```





## **GenTL Acquisition Shutdown**



// Stop Acquisition
status = DSStopAcquisition(hDatastream, ACQ\_STOP\_FLAGS\_DEFAULT);
if (status < 0) { HandleError( "DSStopAcquisition failed: " ); return;}</pre>

// Stop Remote Device CCommandPtr ptrStopAcq= pDeviceMap->\_GetNode("AcquisitionStop"); (\*ptrStopAcq).Execute();

// Cleanup
status = DSFlushQueue ( hDatastream,
ACQ\_QUEUE\_INPUT\_TO\_OUTPUT);
if (status < 0) { HandleError( "DSFlushQueue failed: " ); return;}</pre>

status = DSFlushQueue ( hDatastream, ACQ\_QUEUE\_OUTPUT\_DISCARD); if (status < 0) { HandleError( "DSFlushQueue failed: " ); return;}</pre>





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## **GenTL Compliance**



### GenICam Trac

- Discussions
- Bugs
- Test Framework
  - In SVN
- Simple Demo Implementation
- Standard Text
  - V 1.1, RC for 1.2 is out
- Plugfest





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## **GenTL Features**



## Technology Agnostic

- Any number of devices
- Any number of data streams per device
- Data streams of any data type
- Using GenTL Consumer Thread environment
- Allows multithreaded processing
- Flexible Cofiguration Mechanism





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## **How to Participate?**

## Membership, Benefits, Ressources

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## **Overview**



- GenICam members
- Official downloads
- Membership
  - Benefits
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- How to become a member?



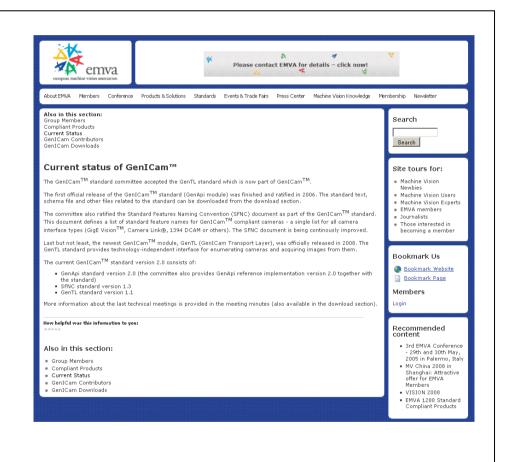


## **Official GenICam Web Site**



#### http://www.genicam.org/

- Overview
- Group Members
- Current Status
- GenICam Contributors
- GenICam Downloads







## **GenlCam Group Members**



- ~80 associated member companies
- Currently, there are 8 contributing members:
  - Basler
  - DALSA
  - Leutron Vision
  - Matrox
  - MVTec
  - National Instruments
  - Pleora
  - STEMMER IMAGING







## **Official GenICam Downloads**



#### • Standard documents

- GenICam GenApi Standard (incl. CLProtocol) and GenApi schema
- GenICam GenTL Standard
- GenICam SFNC
- Reference implementations
  - GenApi reference implementation (including CLProtocol with v2.1)
  - GenTL reference header file
  - SFNC reference XML file
- Marketing material and presentations
- Meeting minutes







## **GenApi Reference Implementation**



- Available for free to anybody
- Runtime and SDK installation including documentation and test code
- Supported platforms
  - Windows i86 & x64 (with installer)
  - Linux i86 & x64 (as tar archives)
- Distributable by modified BSD license
- Source code only available for associated members

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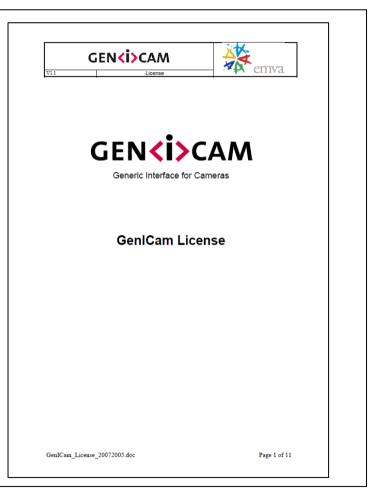




## **Membership Benefits**



- Membership to GenICam committee is free
- Membership listing at www.genicam.org
- All individual members...
  - ...get access to GenICam code repository
  - ...get account to Wiki, ticket system, and discussion forum
  - ...can subscribe to GenICam mailing list
  - ...can attend the technical meetings
- 1-2 technical meetings per year
- Homework between meetings
- Companies contributing homework can vote







## **GenlCam Member Ressources**



- Mailing list (including archive)
- Subversion source code repository
- Ticket system
- Wiki
- Discussion forum

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## **Product Compliancy**



#### GenlCam compliancy

## GEN**<i>**CAM

- Produces or consumes a GenApi XML file
- All public features are present in GenApi XML file
- Follows the GenICam SFNC whenever applicable
- Examples: cameras, libraries and SW packages
- GenICam TL compliancy



- Produces a transport layer interface compatible with GenTL
- Examples: drivers and software packages
- See also official GenlCam flyer at <u>http://www.genicam.org/files/u102/GENiCAM\_Flyer.pdf</u>

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## Become a GenICam member!



- Membership application form is part of the <u>GenICam license</u> document
- Download license from <u>http://www.genicam.org/</u>
- Fill in and sign membership application.
- Send to EMVA secretariat by fax +49(0)69 66032470 or by email <u>info@emva.org</u>
- After verification of the data provided in the form, the company becomes associated member of the GenlCam group and gets access to the mailing list and repository

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