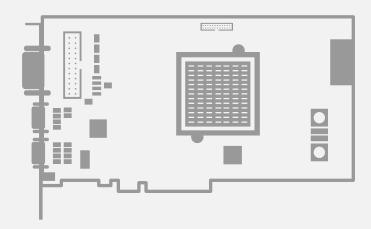


RELEASE NOTES

MultiCam

MultiCam 6.19.0 Release Notes

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1. Release Benefits

Improved security on Microsoft Windows

The **MultiCam** driver is now compatible with the Windows *Core Isolation* security feature.

Core Isolation provides added protection against malware and other attacks by isolating computer processes from the operating system and device.

Windows 11 support

The **MultiCam** driver is now supporting Windows 11, including the server versions, on x86-64 (64-bit) platforms.

Support of recent Linux distributions & kernels

The MultiCam driver is now supporting the latest Linux distributions and kernels.

New Python bindings for MultiCam

The new Python bindings for **MultiCam** allow users to call MultiCam functions and operate **Grablink** cards from Python scripts. They are compatible with Python 2.7 and Python 3.x under Windows and Linux.

On Windows, the MultiCam installer adds a shortcut in the Windows Start Menu to install the MultiCam Python bindings.

Important notice



NOTE

Kindly note that this is the last release that supports the development of 32-bit applications and the use of 32-bit operating systems with MultiCam.

Of course, developing or running 32-bit applications developed using MultiCam packages that have been released before 31-Dec-2024 will remain possible.

All developers are highly encouraged to migrate to 64-bit operating systems and 64-bit applications.



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2.1. MultiCam Products

Grablink main products

| Product | S/N Prefix | lcon |
|------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1622 Grablink Full | FM1 | Full |
| 1623 Grablink DualBase | GDB | DualBase |
| 1624 Grablink Base | GBA | Base |
| 1626 Grablink Full XR | FXR | FullXR |

Grablink accessories

| Product | S/N Prefix | Icon |
|------------------------------|------------|------|
| 1625 DB25F I/O Adapter Cable | DBC | 1625 |
| 3304 HD26F I/O Adapter Cable | | 3304 |
| 3305 C2C SyncBus Cable | | 3305 |
| 3306 C2C Quad SyncBus Cable | | 3306 |

Domino main products

| Product | S/N Prefix | lcon |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1167 Domino Melody | DML | Melody |
| 1601 Domino Symphony PCle | DSE | Symphony |

Picolo main products

| Product | S/N Prefix | lcon |
|------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1157 Picolo Pro 2 | PP2 | Pro2 |
| 1641 Picolo Alert PCIe | PAX | Alert-e |
| 1685 Picolo PCIe | PIE | Picolo-e |



2.2. Supported Operating Systems

Windows

The MultiCam drivers are designed to support all Windows version from 7 SP1 to 11, including the server versions, on x86-64 (64-bit) and x86 (32-bit)¹ platforms.

This release has been validated with the following Windows versions:

| OS Name & Version | Platform | Notes |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|
| Microsoft Windows 7 | x86 (32-bit) | Service Pack 1 with the latest updates |
| Microsoft Windows 10 | x86-64 (64-bit) | Enterprise edition - Version 22H2 |



NOTE

The driver is signed by Microsoft.



NOTE

Power saving modes of the operating systems (StandBy, Sleep, Suspend...) are not supported.



NOTE

The PCI Express Active-State Power Management (ASPM) must be disabled!



NOTE

Kindly note that this is the last release that supports the development of 32-bit applications and the use of 32-bit operating systems with MultiCam.

Of course, developing or running 32-bit applications developed using MultiCam packages that have been released before 31-Dec-2024 will remain possible.

All developers are highly encouraged to migrate to 64-bit operating systems and 64-bit applications.



WARNING

We will discontinue the distribution of the installation file of **MultiCam** for Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 after 2024-12-31.

¹ Windows 11 doesn't support x86 (32-bit) platforms!



Linux

The MultiCam drivers are designed to be distribution-independent on x86 (32-bit) and x86-64 (64-bit) platforms. They are expected to work with a wide range of distributions.

This release has been validated with the following distribution(s):

| OS Name & Version | Platform | Notes |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Linux Debian Lenny 5.0.1 | x86 (32-bit) | Kernel versions 2.6.35 |
| Linux Ubuntu 18.04 LTS | x86-64 (64-bit) | Kernel version 4.15.0 |



WARNING

Power saving modes of the operating systems (StandBy, Sleep, Suspend...) are not supported.

The PCI Express Active-State Power Management (ASPM) must be disabled.

Minimum kernel version requirements

MultiCam tools and libraries requires kernel version 2.6.32 or higher

GNU C library (glibc) requirements

- MultiCam Studio requires glibc version 2.12 (or higher)
- Other tools and libraries require glibc version 2.4 (or higher)



NOTE

Kindly note that this is the last release that supports the development of 32-bit applications and the use of 32-bit operating systems with MultiCam.

Of course, developing or running 32-bit applications developed using MultiCam packages that have been released before 31-Dec-2024 will remain possible.

All developers are highly encouraged to migrate to 64-bit operating systems and 64-bit applications.

2.3. Memento

MultiCam (version 6.12 and later) supports Memento (version 4.5 or later).

2.4. Development Tools

MultiCam **6.19.0** should be usable with any development tool that supports at least one of these interfaces.





NOTE

Please note that these programming interfaces also cover most of the available development tools used with other languages.

C/C++

MultiCam 6.19.0 is supplied as:

- A 32-bit binary library (Windows and Linux) designed to be used with ISO-compliant C/C++ compilers for the development of x86 (32-bit) applications.
- A **64-bit binary library** (Windows and Linux) designed to be used with ISO-compliant C/C++ compilers for the development x86-64 (64-bit) applications.

DirectShow filters (Windows and Picolo series only)

- **DirectShow 32-bit filters** designed to be used with x86 (32-bit) Microsoft Visual C++ compilers for the development of x86 (32-bit) applications.
- **DirectShow 64-bit filters** designed to be used with x86-64 (64-bit) Microsoft Visual C++ compilers for the development of x86-64 (64-bit) applications.

Serial communication DLL (Windows and Linux on Grablink series only)

• **32-bit and 64-bit dynamic libraries** (Windows and Linux on **Grablink series** only) designed to be used for the serial communication with Camera Link cameras.

.NET

MultiCam **6.19.0** is delivered with **32-bit and 64-bit .NET** MultiCam_NetApi.dll **assemblies**, based on the MultiCam.cs interface file provided with the C# sample programs.

They are designed to be used with development environments compatible with .NET frameworks version 2.0 or higher.

You can find more information on this API in the sample programs source code.



NOTE

The previously available **ActiveX controls library** and **.NET assembly** are now deprecated and have been removed from the MultiCam package.

MultiCam can still be used with Microsoft Visual Basic 6 or a .NET language provided that the C API is called directly.

Sample programs are available beside the driver in the MultiCam download area of the Euresys website.



NEW Python

Python bindings for **MultiCam** allow users to call MultiCam functions and operate **Grablink** frame grabbers from Python scripts.

They are compatible with Python 2.7 and 3.x under Windows and Linux.

On Windows, the MultiCam installer adds a shortcut in the Windows Start Menu to install the MultiCam Python bindings.

2.5. Software Tools

| Tool Name | Tool Description |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| MultiCam Studio (64-bit) | 64-bit version of the GUI tool giving access to all the MultiCam features including image acquisition and display |
| MultiCam Studio | 32-bit version of MultiCam Studio |
| Camera Link Validation Tool (64-bit) | 64-bit version of the Euresys tool used to validate the operational parameters of a Camera Link installation |
| Camera Link Validation Tool | 32-bit version of the Camera Link Validation Tool |

2.6. MultiCam Distribution

MultiCam is distributed on the "Software, Drivers & Installers" pages of the Grablink, Domino and Picolo products series on the Euresys web site: https://www.euresys.com/Embedded-Vision-Software-Drivers-and-Documentation



NOTE

The first time access requires a profile creation to obtain a user ID and a password.

The MultiCam panel contains 4 sections:

- "Release Notes section" on page 10
- "Documentation section" on page 11
- "Setup Files section" on page 11
- "Sample Programs section" on page 12

Release Notes section

The "Release Notes" section provides the MultiCam Release Notes in PDF format.



Documentation section

The "Documentation" section provides:

- View MultiCam <ma.mi> online documentation (including PDFs): a direct link to the online MultiCam Documentation
- multicam-win-offline-documentation-<ma.mi.re.bu>.exe: a Windows installer for the offline MultiCam Documentation
- multicam-linux-offline-documentation-<ma.mi.re.bu>.tar.gz: a compressed archive of the MultiCam Documentation

The Windows installer installs locally the MultiCam Documentation and creates shortcuts in the Windows Start menu.

The compressed archive can be unpacked anywhere.

Setup Files section

The "Setup Files" section provides MultiCam drivers setup files for Windows and Linux:

MultiCam driver setup files for Windows

- For Windows 10 and higher: multicam-win10-<ma.mi.re.bu>.exe
- For prior editions of Windows: multicam-win7-<ma.mi.re.bu>.exe



NOTE

- On x86-64 (64-bit) Host PC's, the Windows installers install the 64-bit MultiCam driver, the 32-bit and 64-bit variants of the "Development Tools" on page 8 and the 32-bit and 64-bit variants of the "Software Tools" on page 10.
- On x86 (32-bit) Host PC's, the Windows installers install the 32-bit MultiCam driver, the 32-bit and 64-bit variants of the "Development Tools" on page 8 and only the 32-bit variant of the "Software Tools" on page 10.

MultiCam driver setup files for Linux

- For x86-64 (64-bit) processor architecture: multicam-linux-x86_64-<ma.mi.re.bu>.tar.gz
 Installs also the 64-bit variants of the "Development Tools" on page 8 and the "Software Tools" on page 10.
- For x86 (32-bit) processor architecture: multicam-linux-x86-<ma.mi.re.bu>.tar.gz
 Installs also the 32-bit variants of the "Development Tools" on page 8 and the "Software Tools" on page 10.



Sample Programs section

The "Sample Programs" section provides two sample programs packages that demonstrate how to interface a frame grabber, acquire images and activate various functions on Grablink, Domino and Picolo products:

- multicam-win-sample-programs-<ma.mi.re.bu>.zip compressed archive for Windows
- multicam-linux-sample-programs-<ma.mi.re.bu>.tar.gz compressed archive for Linux



NOTE

For a short description of each program, refer to the D404EN-MultiCam Sample Programs PDF document available on PDF Guides page of the MultiCam Documentation:

https://documentation.euresys.com/Products/MultiCam/MultiCam/Content/00_Home/PDF_Guides.htm



3. Important Notices

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3.1. Notices Overview

This topic summarizes all the notices applicable to MultiCam products.

Global notices

- Power saving modes of the operating systems (StandBy, Sleep, Suspend...) are not supported.
- The maximum buffer size is 2 GB. Refer to "Buffer Size Limits" on page 18 for more information.
- Despite the support of 64-bit OS, the physical memory addressable by a frame grabber is determined by the hardware capabilities. Refer to "DMA Addressing Capability" on page 19 for a list a products supporting 64-bit DMA transfers.
- For boards having only a 32-bit physical addressing capability, it is mandatory to allocate the image buffer into the lowest 4 GB of the physical memory. For systems having more than 4 GB of physical memory, it is mandatory to use the automatic memory allocation mode of MultiCam. For more information, refer to "Memory Allocation" on page 19.

See also: "Notices for Windows" on page 15 and "Notices for Linux" on page 17

Additional notices for Grablink

- 4-lane PCI Express Grablink cards support only the x4 link width. Refer to "PCI Express Compatibility Issue" on page 20 for more information.
- To operate latest generation of Grablink boards with a Camera Link clock rate lower than 30 MHz, refer to "Low Camera Link Clock Rate" on page 20 for more information.
- Restrictions apply on allowed values for the Camera and CamConfig parameters. Refer to "Camera and CamConfig Parameters" on page 21 for more information.
- There are configuration switches on the latest generation of Grablink products. Refer to "Configuration Switches" on page 21 for more information.
- PoCL mode control is only effective when the MultiCam channel is in the Ready state. Refer to "PoCL Mode Control" on page 21 for more information.
- The value of the BoardTopology parameter cannot be changed while a Camera Link serial port is in use. Refer to "BoardTopology Limitations" on page 22 for more information.

Additional notices for Picolo

 Picolo cards based on the Conexant Fusion 878a have specific PCI and PCI Express bus requirements. Refer to "PCI and PCI Express Compatibility Note" on page 22 for more information.



3.2. Notices for Windows

Important notifications to be read before installing and/or using the product on your Windows PC

Always trust Euresys code-signing certificate on Windows 7 and 8.1

The following Windows Security warning message may occur at driver installation on Microsoft Windows 7 and 8.1:



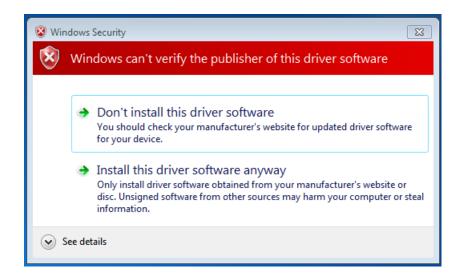
This Windows security warning message occurs when the Euresys code-signing certificate is missing from the "Trusted Publishers" Windows Certificate store. This happens, for instance, when the Euresys code-signing certificate must be renewed.

Follow the instructions to install the current Euresys code-signing certificate into the "Trusted Publishers" Windows certificate store.

Missing time-stamping certificate

The following Windows Security warning message may occur at driver installation on Microsoft Windows:





This Windows security warning occurs when the **GlobalSign Root CA - R6** certificate is missing from the Windows certificate store.

This issue can be solved by installing this missing certificate which can be downloaded here on the GlobalSign website then installed in the Trusted Root Certification Authorities (local computer) certificate store.

Support of SHA-256 certificates for Windows 7

Microsoft Windows 7 and Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 now require at least SP1 as well as some specific Windows updates in order to support SHA-256 certificates.

The following Windows update is required and must be installed before using Euresys drivers on Microsoft Windows 7 and Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2:

 KB3033929 (provides support for SHA-256 certificates which are required by Microsoft): without this one, a "Windows cannot verify the digital signature for the drivers required for this device" (code 52) error will prevent the Euresys drivers from loading.

Additional notices for Windows

- MultiCam Service must be started before opening the driver. On Windows operating systems,
 MultiCam relies on a service named "MultiCam Service". This service is automatically started
 when the computer boots. Software should only access MultiCam when this service is
 started. McOpenDriver will return MC_SERVICE_ERROR if the MultiCam service is not started
 when called.
- Windows Fast Startup feature is not supported. Refer to "Turning-off Windows Fast Startup" on page 18 for more information.



Additional notices for Windows 32-bit

- When PAE —Physical Address Extension— is activated, it is mandatory to use the automatic memory allocation mode of MultiCam.
- The development of 64-bit applications with MultiCam is also possible on a 32-bit Windows installation, providing that the x86-64 (64-bit) development tools are properly installed. Both the 32-bit and 64-bit versions of MultiCam.lib import libraries are installed when the import libraries installation option is checked.

3.3. Notices for Linux

Important notifications to be read before installing and/or using the product on your Linux PC

Memento installation

Memento must be installed prior to MultiCam.

If the MultiCam package is already installed, proceed as follows:

- 1. Uninstall MultiCam.
- Install Memento.
- Re-install MultiCam.

Additional notices for Linux 64-bit

- It is allowed to allocate memory anywhere in the available physical memory addressing space. When memory is allocated beyond the lowest 4 GB of the physical memory addressing space, the OS performs automatically a buffer copy.
- For systems with more than 2 GB of RAM:
 - The kernel reserves swiotlb memory for DMA transfers with devices that do not support 64bit addressing.
 - Usually, the default is 64MB for the whole system. This may be insufficient for the total amount of memory used by your surfaces. To increase the amount of memory that can be used for acquisitions, you can use the swiotlb boot option swiotlb = n where n is the desired number of swiotlb slabs (1 slab = 2KB).
 - Refer to "DMA Addressing Capability" on page 19 for a list a products supporting 64-bit DMA transfers.



Additional notices for Linux 32-bit

- PAE —Physical Address Extension— is not supported. The memory allocated for MultiCam must be below 4 GB in the physical memory addressing space.
- For systems with more than 2 GB of RAM:
 - Devices that do not support 64-bit addressing must use memory below 4 GB for DMA transfers.
 - □ The mem kernel boot option can be used to restrict the amount of memory used by the OS. For example: mem = 3000M
 - Refer to "DMA Addressing Capability" on page 19 for a list a products supporting 64-bit DMA transfers.

3.4. Turning-off Windows Fast Startup

Microsoft Windows Fast Startup feature turn-off procedure

The Microsoft Windows Fast Startup feature which is available since Windows 8 is not supported by the MultiCam driver. Please make sure to turn it off before using MultiCam.

To turn off the *Fast Startup* feature, perform the following few steps:

- 1. Go to the *Control Panel* then click on the *Power Options* icon.
- 2. Click on the "Choose what the power buttons do" link on the left side.
- 3. Click on the "Change settings that are currently unavailable" link at the top.
- 4. If prompted by UAC, then click on "Yes".
- 5. Under *Shutdown settings*, uncheck the "*Turn on fast startup*" checkbox if it is listed, then click on the "*Save changes*" button.

The Fast Startup feature is now disabled.



WARNING

After a Windows 10 upgrade, the Fast Startup feature can be enabled automatically again. Please, re-apply the procedure after any Windows 10 upgrade.

3.5. Buffer Size Limits

Buffer size limits for MultiCam surfaces

The maximum buffer size allowed per MultiCam surface is 2 GB.

If a MultiCam surface exceeds this limit, MultiCam returns MC_IO_ERROR at channel activation.



3.6. Memory Allocation

Allocating memory for MultiCam surfaces

The recommended method allocating memory to the surfaces of MultiCam is the "Automatic method" since this is the only method that is always applicable.

The usage of the "manual" memory allocation method" is restricted to the following cases:

- On "Windows 32-bit without PAE" systems, without any further restrictions
- On boards having 64-bit DMA addressing capability, without any further restrictions
- On Linux operating systems, without any further restrictions: The Linux kernel provides a buffering system ensuring that the DMA operates always in the lowest 4 GB of physical addressing space.

The "manual" method is prohibited when:

- The board has no 64-bit DMA capability and…
- The system has physical memory beyond the 4 GB address boundary and…
- The operating systems is "Windows x86 (32-bit) with PAE" or "Windows x86-64 (64-bit)"

Since MultiCam 6.5.1, MultiCam returns the "MC_INVALID_SURFACE" error on channel activation if the manual memory allocation method is used in a prohibited case.

3.7. DMA Addressing Capability

The following products have a 64-bit DMA engine allowing the MultiCam surfaces to be allocated anywhere in the user memory space:

Grablink Products

| Product | S/N Prefix | lcon |
|------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1622 Grablink Full | FM1 | Full |
| 1623 Grablink DualBase | GDB | DualBase |
| 1624 Grablink Base | GBA | Base |
| 1626 Grablink Full XR | FXR | FullXR |

Other MultiCam products have a 32-bit DMA engine. The MultiCam surfaces must be allocated in the lowest 4 Gigabytes of the memory space.



3.8. PCI Express Compatibility Issue

PCI Express Compatibility Issue

Applies to: DualBase Full FullXR

Since version 138 (0x8A) of the PCI Express endpoint interface, **1623 Grablink DualBase**, **1622 Grablink Full** and **1626 Grablink Full XR** support exclusively the x4 link width.



WARNING

The x1 link width is no longer supported!



NOTE

The version of the PCI Express endpoint interface is given by the PCIeEndpointRevisionID board parameter

3.9. Low Camera Link Clock Rate

Operating latest generation of Grablink boards with a Camera Link clock rate lower than 30 MHz

Applies to: Base Full

Since MultiCam 6.7.2.1677, to be able to use cameras with a Camera Link clock rate lower than 30 MHz, an application must set the BoardTopology board parameter value to MONO_SLOW.

Applies to: DualBase

Since MultiCam 6.7.2.1677, to be able to use cameras with a Camera Link clock rate lower than 30 MHz, an application must set the BoardTopology board parameter value to DUO_SLOW.



NOTE

Both channels are configured for low speed operation. It is not possible to configure only one channel for low-speed operation.

Applies to: FullXR



WARNING

1626 Grablink Full XR doesn't operate with a Camera Link clock rate lower than 30 MHz!



3.10. Camera and CamConfig Parameters

Restriction on allowed values for the Camera and CamConfig parameters

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

The allowed values for the CamConfig parameters are PxxSC, PxxRC, PxxRG, LxxxxSC, LxxxxSP, LxxxxRC, LxxxxRG and LxxxxRG2.

All CamFiles have been adapted accordingly and can be downloaded from the support pages of the Euresys website using the following URL: https://www.euresys.com/Frame-Grabeers-Supported-Cameras

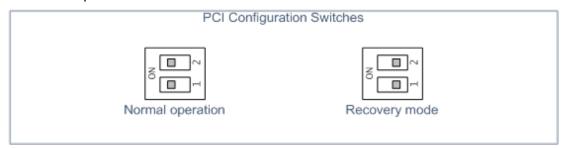
Other boards are not concerned but it is however recommended to use the latest available CamFiles in each case.

3.11. Configuration Switches

Configuration switches on latest generation of Grablink products

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

These boards feature a set of configuration switches. For normal operation, both switches must be in the ON position.



Should recovery mode be enabled by error, the Grablink board appear respectively as "GRABLINK Base (Recovery)", "GRABLINK DualBase (Recovery)", "GRABLINK Full (Recovery)" and "GRABLINK Full XR (Recovery)" in Windows Device Manager and is not functional.

To restore normal operation, power off the PC, change the switches to normal position and then reboot.

3.12. PoCL Mode Control

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

Any modification of the PoCL_Mode parameter is only effective when the MultiCam channel is in the Ready state.

Specifically, to turn off the power of the camera:

Set the PoCL_Mode parameter to value OFF.



2. Set the ChannelState parameter to value READY.

3.13. BoardTopology Limitations

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

The value of the BoardTopology parameter can be modified only if no Camera Link serial port is in use.



NOTE

This occurs for instance when a camera manufacturer application uses the Virtual COM port or the Camera Link serial library.

Besides this restriction, in a MultiCam application, BoardTopology should always be modified at initialization before doing anything else since it implies hardware reconfiguration.

3.14. PCI and PCI Express Compatibility Note

PCI and PCI Express bus requirements for Picolo cards based on the Conexant Fusion 878a

Applies to: Picolo-e Pro2



WARNING

This notice applies only to Picolo cards based on the Conexant Fusion 878a chip.

These cards do not have a large on-board frame buffer and in order to ensure correct image/video transfer, the response time (also called latency) of the PCI or PCIe bus of the motherboard must be low enough. The latency of the PCI or PCIe bus primarily depends on the architecture of the motherboard. It may also depend on the operating system, the BIOS version and BIOS settings. We have observed that the latency of the PCIe bus of many motherboards using the latest generation CPUs (for example Intel Core CPU 6th and 7th generations) is too long and causes issues with these Picolo cards. If the latency of the bus is too long, randomly distributed black lines may appear in the image acquired. They are caused by the long response time of the PCI or PCIe bus, leading to FIFO overruns. The acquisition may also eventually stop.

The requirements for correct operation depend on the color format and the buffer pitch used. Both are set by the application using the Picolo through MultiCam parameters:

- When the color format is RGB24 (this is the default setting in MultiCam Studio), the maximum allowed bus latency is 11 us. (This is the least favorable case.)
- When the color format is RGB24 and the MultiCam buffer pitch is set to 4096, the maximum allowed bus latency is 17 us.
- When the color format is YUV422 (packed) or RGB16 and the MultiCam buffer pitch is set to 4096, the maximum allowed bus latency is 29 us.
- When the color format is YUV411 (packed) and the MultiCam buffer pitch is set to 4096, the maximum allowed bus latency is 37 us. (This is the most favorable case.)



If you experience this problem, try changing these parameters towards a more favorable case. If this is not possible or if this does not solve the problem, this Picolo card may not be compatible with your motherboard. We recommend you use the **1641 Picolo Alert PCIe** instead.



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4.1. Products Update

Modification(s) to the list of supported products and or accessories in MultiCam 6.19

No longer supported product

Applies to: Value Express Alpha2

Grablink Value, **Grablink Express** and **Domino Alpha 2** are no longer supported starting from MultiCam 6.19.



4.2. Added/Improved Features

Improved security on Microsoft Windows

The MultiCam driver is now compatible with the Windows Core Isolation security feature.

Core Isolation provides added protection against malware and other attacks by isolating computer processes from the operating system and device.

Improved installation of driver on Linux

- Improved installation of drivers on recent Linux distributions
- Improved installation on Linux:
 - □ List modules in /etc/modules to ensure that they are loaded when DKMS is activated
 - Ensure enrollment of keys in check-install.sh when "Secure Boot" is enabled
 - Improved installation of drivers on Red Hat 8.8

NEW Added Python bindings for MultiCam

The Python bindings for MultiCam are provided in a Python wheel installation package (a .whl file) located in the python subdirectory of the MultiCam installation directory.

Depending on your Python setup, installation can be as easy as:

python -m pip install <PATH_TO_MULTICAM_WHL>

NEW Added Python sample program

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

Added Python GrablinkSnapshot sample program

NEW Added Microsoft Visual C++ sample program

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

Added Microsoft Visual C++ GrablinkPipelineController sample program

Updated sample programs

Updated Testlo and io test sample programs to avoid using deprecated parameters

4.3. Solved Issues

- Fixed installation on Linux kernels 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8
- Fixed installation on RHEL/CentOS 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3
- Fixed build of Microsoft Visual C++ sample programs with Visual Studio 2022
- Fixed build of multicam_advanced_waitsignal Linux sample program



4.4. Breaking Changes

Since MultiCam 6.19

The minimal GLIBC version required for **MultiCam Studio** Linux binaries is now 2.12



5. Known Issues

Incorrect trigger delays

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

The effective trigger delay is only 80% of the TrigDelay_us set value.

As a workaround, you can set TrigDelay_us to 125% of the desired value.

Unsupported padding when using McConvertSurface for pixel format conversion

The McConvertSurface conversion does not work as expected when there is padding in the input surface, i.e. when image width is not a multiple of 8 bytes.

Missing image format filter when saving images with MultiCam Studio

The user has the possibility to select three different file formats for saving images (BMP, TIFF and JPEG). However, none of these formats support all available image formats (e.g.: BMP does not support 16-bit images). The user should always choose himself an appropriate file format to save images. The user should also not use the "All" option when not all displayed images are compatible with the chosen file format. If the user chooses the wrong format, no image will be saved on the hard disk.

Invalid "0x00" character sent on Camera Link serial port at FPGA initialization

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

These boards send a spurious "0x00" character on Camera Link serial port at FPGA initialization.

Please contact Euresys support when this cause troubles with your camera.

MultiCam Studio is unable to display 30-bit and 40-bit MultiCam Packed Pixel Formats

Applies to: Full FullXR

MultiCam Studio does not support display of RGB30P and RGBI40P color formats.

Acquisition settings restrictions on Picolo Alert

Applies to: Alert-e

These boards provide 16 channels grouped by 4. Channel 1, 5, 9, 13 belong to the first group; channels 2, 6, 10, 14 belong to the second group and so on.

Within a group, all channels must be configured with the same video standard and the same resolution. Other settings are free.



Infrequent device start failure after cold boot

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

Some cards may infrequently fail to start properly after power up (PC cold boot) and are not detected by the PC. The card operates properly again, after a power down / power up cycle of the PC.

The cards with the following version numbers may exhibit this issue: v128 (0x80), v129 (0x81), v130 (0x82), v131 (0x83), v132 (0x84), v133 (0x85), v134 (0x86), v135 (0x87), v136 (0x88), v160 (0xA0), v161 (0xA1). Cards with other version numbers do not present this issue.

Refer to "Reading PCIe Endpoint Version Number" on page 32.

MC_SIG_END_ACQUISITION_SEQUENCE sometimes occurs before last MC_SIG_ SURFACE_PROCESSING

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

When using AcquisitionMode = LONGPAGE, the MC_SIG_END_ACQUISITION_SEQUENCE signal is sometimes issued before the last MC_SIG_SURFACE_PROCESSING signal of a sequence.

Invalid image borders when using Cropping with a Bayer CFA camera

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

When using a cropped window with a Bayer CFA camera, the 4 borders of acquired images (i.e. the first and last lines as well as the first and last columns) contain invalid data.

Line-scan acquisitions with PageLength_Ln = 1 may lead to segmentation fault or kernel panic under Linux

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

When performing line-scan acquisitions with PageLength_Ln set to 1, some segmentation fault or kernel panic issues have been observed in rare cases, depending on the Linux distribution used.

As a workaround, if the problem occurs, setting PageLength_Ln to a value greater than 1 will make it disappear.

MC_SIG_END_ACQUISITION_SEQUENCE signal is generated twice when EndTrigEffect = FOLLOWINGLINE

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

When using the LONGPAGE acquisition mode with EndTrigMode = HARD and EndTrigEffect = FOLLOWINGLINE, the MC_SIG_END_ACQUISITION_SEQUENCE signal is generated twice when enabled.

As a workaround, you can either use EndTrigEffect = PRECEDINGLINE or handle the MC_SIG_END_ACQUISITION_SEQUENCE signal twice.



Misbehaviour of the trigger decimation unit when using both software and hardware triggers together

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

The trigger decimation unit does not take the occurrence of software triggers into account for the decimation counter. This may lead to misbehavior especially when the first acquisition phase has been software triggered. In this case the trigger decimation unit is still continuing to consider the value of TrigDelay_Pls parameter instead of NextTrigDelay_Pls parameter. The NextTrigDelay_Pls parameter is only taken into account from the second hardware initiated trigger event.

As a workaround you can either avoid using software triggers with this feature or use the same value for both TrigDelay_Pls and NextTrigDelay_Pls parameters.

Synchronized acquisition broken on slave channels for AcquisitionMode = LONGPAGE, BreakEffect = FINISH and EndTrigMode = HARD when master channel is stopped before hardware end trigger

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

Synchronized acquisition using two or more line-scan cameras connected on several boards is broken on slaves when channels are restarted in the following conditions:

- AcquisitionMode = LONGPAGE;
- BreakEffect = FINISH;
- EndTrigMode = HARD;
- The master channel is set to the IDLE state before receiving the hardware end trigger and before setting the slave channels to the IDLE state.

As a workaround, this problem can be avoided by setting all slave channels to IDLE before setting the master channel to IDLE.

LineTriggerViolation wrongly incremented at channel (de)activation when using the rate converter

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

The LineTriggerViolation parameter is wrongly incremented when a channel is activated or deactivated if LineRateMode is set to CONVERT.

The upper limit of Hactive_Px is 65504 instead of 65535

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

The upper limit for the Hactive_Px parameter is currently 65504 instead of 65535 (this value depends on the TapConfiguration parameter value). When setting a value greater than 65504, MultiCam returns MC_RANGE_ERROR.



Cannot change connector for a camera without creating the channel again

Applies to: DualBase

If a channel is first created on the A connector, no acquisition will be performed by just setting the Connector parameter to the B value when changing the camera from the A connector to the B connector. In that case, the channel must be created again using the B connector.

Inoperative timeout for clSerialRead and clSerialWrite functions of the Camera Link serial Linux library

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

Under Linux, the clSerialRead and clSerialWrite functions of the libclseremc.so library do not take the timeout passed as fourth argument into account. These functions simply return CL_ERR_NO_ERR immediately instead of CL_ERR_TIMEOUT when no data could be read or written within the specified timeout.

Inoperative StartExposure signal for subsequent images in a sequence

Applies to: Base DualBase Full FullXR

When acquiring a sequence of 2 or more images, the MC_SIG_ACQUISITION_FAILURE signal is only issued for the first acquired image.

There is no workaround.

Invalid strobe pulse when using PreStrobe_us parameter

Applies to: Melody

The pre-strobe function is not functional.

There is no workaround.

MULTIPLE_IRP_COMPLETE_REQUESTS Blue Screen occasionally occurs on some systems

Applies to: Picolo-e Pro2

On some systems a MULTIPLE_IRP_COMPLETE_REQUESTS Blue Screen might occasionally occur.

ImageSizeX is 702 instead of 704 when Standard = PAL and PixelTiming = BROADCAST

Applies to: Picolo-e Pro2

When Standard = PAL and PixelTiming = BROADCAST, ImageSizeX is wrongly set to 702 pixels instead of 704.

As a workaround, manually set ImageSizeX to the correct value.



Left-over binaries after uninstalling MultiCam from Windows 7

Since Windows 7, some MultiCam driver binaries located in C:\Windows\system\euresys\multicam are left on the system after uninstalling MultiCam. Deleting them manually is allowed once MultiCam has been uninstalled.

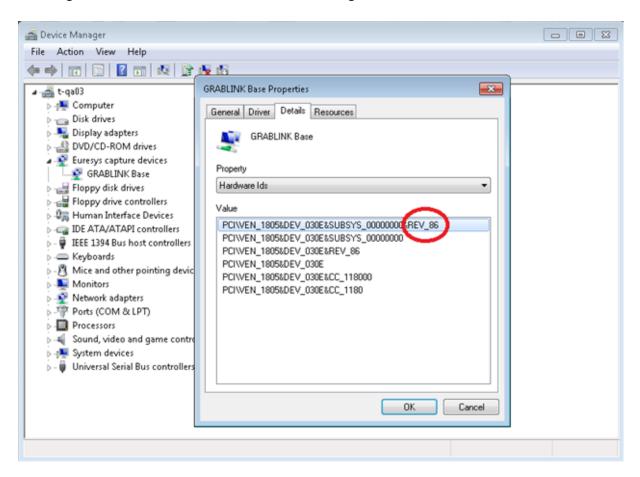


6. Appendix

6.1. Reading PCIe Endpoint Version Number

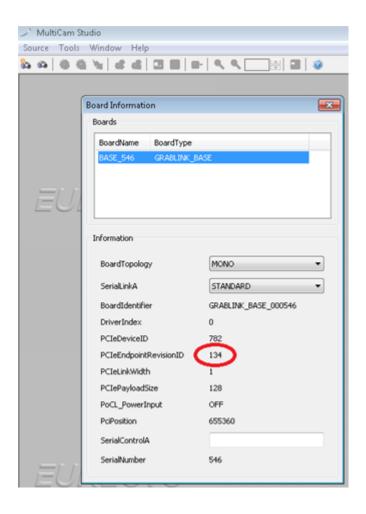
There are two methods to read the PCIe endpoint version number of a Grablink card:

- 1. Using Windows Device Manager Properties Dialog
- 2. Using MultiCam Studio Board Information Dialog



Windows Device Manager – Properties Dialog showing the PCIe endpoint version number in hexadecimal format





MultiCam Studio – Board Information Dialog showing the PCIe endpoint version number in decimal format