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## Overview

The Intel® INDE Visual Coding Framework (VCF) SDK (Software Development Kit) is a software development library that enables programmatic access to the VCF cross-platform runtime.

The VCF SDK is paired with the VCF Designer which allows developers to rapidly design, prototype and benchmark VCF workloads before application integration.

This document provides details on how to use the VCF API and SDK, including a complete reference for all the features of the API.

Please refer to separate VCF documentation for further details:

- VCF Release Notes Current release limitations and known issues
- VCF User's Manual Focusing on overall VCF architecture and VCF Designer tool

Please also refer to the VCF web page at <a href="https://software.intel.com/en-us/visual-coding-framework">https://software.intel.com/en-us/visual-coding-framework</a>, for additional information about the product, downloads, FAQ and support forum.

## **Document Conventions**

The Intel® INDE VCF SDK API uses the Verdana typeface for normal prose. With the exception of section headings and the table of contents, all code-related items appear in the Courier New typeface (e.g. XXXXX). All class-related items appear in all boldface, such as **VCFAPI** and **VCFGraph**. Member functions appear in boldface, such as **Init** and **Load**. Hyperlinks appear in underlined boldface, such as **VCFAPIStatus**.

## Acronyms and Abbreviations

API	Application Programming Interface	
FFmpeg*	Open source cross-platform for video/audio processing. VCF uses only muxing and demuxing capabilities of FFmpeg	
SDK	Software Development Kit	



## Architecture

The Intel® INDE VCF SDK is a component of the greater VCF framework. The SDK provides the necessary capabilities and APIs to allow developers to integrate and deploy VCF workloads with their applications.

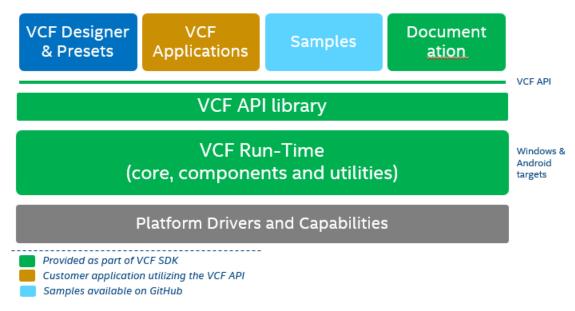


Figure 1: VCF Architecture

The components (colored "green") in the figure above are part of the VCF SDK. The VCF Designer component (colored "dark blue") is the front end user interface with which developers can develop and prototype VCF workloads. VCF sample code (colored "light blue" above) is published on GitHub\* repository, <a href="https://github.com/INDExOS/visual-coding-framework">https://github.com/INDExOS/visual-coding-framework</a>.

The VCF API is grouped into the following classes:

VCFAPI	This is the top level part of the API which harbors all the run- time level functions such as run-time initialization, loading of graph workloads and run-time level event subscriptions
VCFGraph	The <b>VCFGraph</b> API provides control of individual graph workloads including operations such as Run, Stop and Pause. The API also exposes subscriptions to graph level events.
	Instances of <b>VCFGraph</b> API are created via the <b>VCFAPI</b> :Load or <b>VCFAPI</b> :LoadFile operation.
VCFNode	The <b>VCFNode</b> API provides control of the behavior of individual nodes. User's may subscribe for node events or invoke commands on the node.



Nodes expose a set of generic events and commands and a set of optional node specific commands and/or events.

Instances of **VCFNode** API are created via the

**VCFGraph**: GetNode operation.

Callbacks All VCF APIs (VCFAPI, VCFGraph, VCFNode) offers a callback

interface associated with subscribed events.

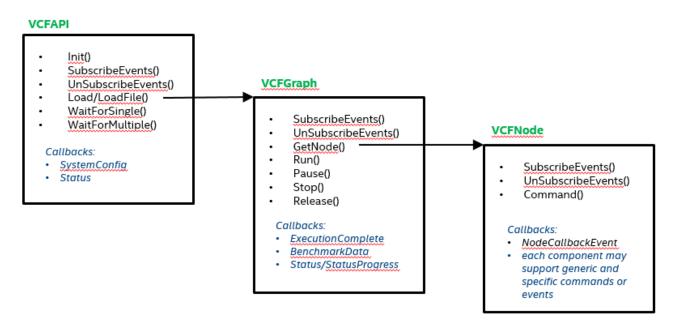


Figure 2: Overview and relationship of all the VCFAPI

The VCFAPI has language bindings for both C++ and C, as specified in the table below.

anguage Interface inding	Naming conventions
vcfapi++.h	Each section of the API is represented as a separate class:  class VCFAPI class VCFNode  With corresponding callbacks:  class VCFAPI_Callback



С	vcfapi.h	Operations are prefixed with the corresponding API section name:  VCFAPI_ <operation name=""> VCFGraph_<operation name=""> VCFNode_<operation name=""></operation></operation></operation>
		With corresponding callback signatures:
		<pre>void (*t_VCFAPICallback) (VCFAPIEventMask event,</pre>

Applications utilizing the VCF API must link with the static VCF run-time API library.

The VCF run-time consists of multiple re-distributable objects. Depending application workload, all or a subset of the objects are distributed with the customer application. The below table lists all the VCF re-distributable run-time objects.

Run-time capability	Windows Re- distributables	Android Re-distributables
FFmpeg* features	<pre>avcodec<version>.dll avformat<version>.dll avutil<version>.dll</version></version></version></pre>	<pre>libavcodec-<version>.so libavformat- <version>.so libavutil-<version>.so</version></version></version></pre>
Core VCF features	vcfrtcore.dll fgd_utils.dll graph.dll plugin_manager.dll xml_parser.dll fgd_graphml_reader.dll fgd_rule_check.dll	libvcfrtcore.so libfgd_utils.so libgraph.so libplugin_manager.so libxml_parser.so libfgd_graphml_reader.so libfgdrules.so libandroid environment.so
Software codecs (VideoDecode/	libmfxsw <arch>.dll libmfxaudiosw<arch>.dll</arch></arch>	NA
Encode/Process and AudioDecode/ Encode nodes)		



Intel® Threading Building blocks	tbb.dll	libtbb.so
vcF components (only need to distribute the set of nodes used by desired workload)	vcffilesource.dll vcfvideodecode.dll vcfrender.dll etc.	libnode_vcffilesource.so libnode_vcfvideodecode.so libnode_vcfrender.so etc.
VCF utilities  (only need to distribute the set of utilities used by desired workload)	vcfbuffermemmanager.dll vcfdevicemanager.dll etc.	libutilities_vcfbuffermemorymanager.so libutilities_vcfdevicemanager.so etc.

A utility is available to determine the minimum set of required objects (DLL/so) required for a specific workload. Use the utility as follows:

depcheck.exe [32|64] [graphml file name] [windows|android] [module copy folder]

Example: Determine required set objects for my.graphml workload for Windows (32 bit OS).

depcheck.exe 32 myfolder\my.graphml windows



## **Programming Guide**

This chapter describes the concepts and available operations of the VCF SDK.

Since VCF supports multiple language bindings, the function signature of the individual API operation varies depending on the language binding used by the application. The examples provided in this document focus on the C++ language bindings. Please refer to the SDK include files for signatures for other language bindings.

Below is a simple C++ code sample, which utilizes the VCF API to load and run a VCF graph workload (for simplicity, the sample ignores all VCF status codes error handling).

```
VCFAPI myVCFAPI; // Create VCF run-time instance
myVCFAPI.Init(); // Initialize VCF runtime

VCFGraph* myGraph;
myVCFAPI.LoadFile("workload.graphml", &myGraph); // Load and validate VCF graph
myGraph->Run(); // Execute the graph
myVCFAPI.WaitForSingle(myGraph); // Wait for graph execution to complete
myGraph->Release(); // Release all resources associated with the graph workload
```

The following chapters describe the API operations used in the above sample and the rest of the VCF API.

## Status Codes

The Intel® VCF SDK APIs has a unified set of status codes (VCFAPIStatus), which conveys the result of API operations. See below for the list of status codes with generic description.

Status Code	Description
VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	API operation was successful
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_UNKNOWN	Unknown or unspecified error
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_UNSUPPORTED	Unsupported feature
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_MEMORY_ALLOC	Out of memory
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_ABORTED	Operation aborted



VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_RT_NOT_FOUND	VCF run-time was not located
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_INVALID_GRAPH	Invalid VCF graph
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	Feature not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	Object or reference not found
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_INVALID_OPERATION	Invalid operation
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_TIMEOUT	Operation timeout
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid NULL pointer input
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_INVALID_VALUE	Invalid input value
VCFAPI_STATUS_WRN_UNSPECIFIED	Unspecified warning. TBD

For more verbose error details, please subscribe to VCFAPI\_EVENTMASK\_STATUS\_CORE\_ERROR and/or VCFGRAPH\_EVENTMASK\_STATUS\_ERROR.

Each API operation has a set possible status codes. Refer to following chapters for details.

VCF status code include file: "vcfapi\_def.h".

## **VCFAPI** Lifetime

Before calling any SDK functions, the application must initialize the VCF run-time by calling VCFAPI:Init() (or VCFAPI\_Init() for C ). This operation finds the VCF run-time and prepares it for use by the rest of the VCF API.

If needed, users can create multiple instances of VCFAPI on the application stack or heap. All instances of VCFAPI in the same application process shares the same backend VCF run-time instance.

Observe that applications must ensure that the VCFAPI instance is destructed/closed on the same application thread as it was created.

## Runtime level operations

The run-time level part of the VCFAPI, denoted **VCFAPI**, is the top level API, which harbors all the run-time level functions such as run-time initialization, loading of graph workloads and run-time level event subscriptions. Below table lists the available **VCFAPI** operations.

C++	C
Init	VCFAPI Init



SubscribeEvents	VCFAPI_SubscribeEvents
UnSubscribeEvents	VCFAPI_UnSubscribeEvents
LoadFile	VCFAPI LoadFile
Load	VCFAPI Load
WaitForSingle	VCFAPI WaitForSingle
WaitForMultiple	VCFAPI WaitForMultiple
	VCFAPI_Close

Please refer to the following chapters for detailed usage for each operation.

## Graph level operations

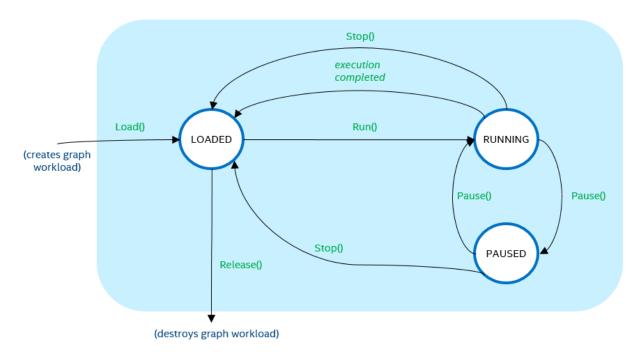
The **VCFGraph** API controls individual graph workloads including operations such as Run, Stop and Pause. The API also exposes subscriptions to graph level events. Below table lists the available **VCFGraph** operations.

C++	С
SubscribeEvents	VCFGraph_SubscribeEvents
UnSubscribeEvents	VCFGraph_UnSubscribeEvents
Run	VCFGraph_Run
Stop	VCFGraph_Stop
Pause	VCFGraph Pause
Release	VCFGraph_Release
GetNode	VCFGraph GetNode

Please refer to the following chapters for detailed usage for each operation.

Each graph workload has a state machine, which governs the behavior of the workload and available operations for each workload state. The following figure shows the workload state machine.





## Node level operations

The **VCFNode** API controls the behavior of individual nodes. User's may subscribe for node events or invoke commands on the node. Below table lists the available **VCFNode** operations.

C++	С
SubscribeEvents	VCFNode_SubscribeEvents
UnSubscribeEvents	VCFNode UnSubscribeEvents
Command	VCFNode_Command

Please refer to the following chapters for detailed usage for each operation.

## Graph and Node naming conventions

As a graph is created in the VCF Designer tool, each node is assigned a unique name. To retrieve a handle to the node use the VCFGraph: GetNode operation.

Nodes have the following naming convention: <node type name>\_<platform identifier>\_node\_<ID>



Where <node type name> denotes the node type such as "Video Decode", which is a built-in VCF node with the name "VCFVideoDecode".

<platform identifier> denotes the selected node platform capability type. Three values are
currently supported:

- "C" : Compatibility node. Node supports both "W" and "A"

- "W" : Windows node. Node supports Windows specific features

- "A" : Android node. Node supports Android specific features

<ID> denotes the unique node identifier.

Example unique node name: VCFVideoDecode\_W\_node\_5

To retrieve a handle for access to graph level properties, use the VCFGraph::GetNode call with nodeName value set to "General".



# **Function Reference**

This section describes SDK functions and their operations.

Each function is described as follows:

- The header of the below chapters show the function name as follows:
   <C++ class member name> / <C function name>
- The "Syntax" section shows the function signature of the C++ member function. For simplicity, the C++ signature is used throughout.
- The "Parameters" section lists all the input and/or output parameters exposed by the function
- The "Description" section provides a detailed description of the function and its purpose. Potential side effects listed, if any.
- The "Return Status" lists the set of possible return codes and how to interpret them.

## **VCFAPI** Functions

The following chapters details all of the available **VCFAPI** functions.

## Init / VCFAPI Init

## **Syntax**

VCFAPIStatus Init(VCFAPIConfig\* pConfig = 0);

#### **Parameters**

pConfig Run-time configuration options.

On Windows, this parameter is currently reserved! Do

not use.

On Android, this parameter is used to send Android Environment related items to the run-time. See:

VCFAPIConfigItemAndroidEnv.

## **Description**

This function initializes the VCF run-time.

Observe that application must ensure that the VCFAPI instance is destructed/closed on the same application thread as it was created.

## **Return Status**

VCFAPI STATUS SUCCESS

The opersation completed successfully



VCFAPI STATUS ERR RT NOT FOUND

VCF run-time was not found. Make sure that "vcfrtcore.dll" or "libvcfrtcore.so" is located in the same folder as the application executable.

## VCFAPI Close

## **Syntax**

```
void VCFAPI Close();
```

#### **Parameters**

none

## Description

This function releases the VCF run-time resources.

**Only applicable to C language use cases**. When using C++, this operation is invoked automatically when the **VCFAPI** object is destructed.

Observe that application must ensure that the VCFAPI instance is destructed/closed on the same application thread as it was created.

## **Return Status**

none

## SubscribeEvents / VCFAPI SubscribeEvents

## **Syntax**

## **Parameters**

eventMask Event mask for the selected set of events

pCB Callback object which implements the

VCFAPI Callback interface

## Description

Use this function to subscribe to VCF run-time level events. The set of available events are defined in VCFAPIEventMask (located in "vcfapi.h")



## **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	VCF run-time is not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid callback input pointer
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_UNSUPPORTED	Unsupported event type
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	Failed to find or initialize internal VCF runtime

## UnSubscribeEvents / VCFAPI\_UnSubscribeEvents

## **Syntax**

#### **Parameters**

eventMask	Event mask for the selected set of events
рСВ	Callback object which implements the
	<pre>VCFAPI_Callback interface</pre>

## Description

Use this function to un-subscribe VCF run-time level events. The set of available events are defined in VCFAPIEventMask (located in "vcfapi.h")

## **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	VCF run-time not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid callback input pointer
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_UNSUPPORTED	Unsupported event type
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	Failed to find or initialize internal VCF runtime



## LoadFile / VCFAPI LoadFile

## **Syntax**

## **Parameters**

graphFile File name of the graph to be loaded

ppGraph Returns the **VCFGraph** interface handle

## **Description**

This function loads a VCF workload (specified as GraphML) from a file and returns a **VCFGraph** interface handle.

The process of loading a graph involves multiple steps, such as graph validation (e.g. invalid syntax, node types or connections) and instantiation of a complete graph model required for execution.

## **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully. The ppGraph (VCFGraph) handle is valid
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	VCF run-time not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid input pointer
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_MEMORY_ALLOC	Out of memory while loading graph
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_INVALID_GRAPH	Graph is invalid or does not comply with VCF graph requirements
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	Failed to find or initialize VCF run-time or graph node

## Load / VCFAPI Load

## **Syntax**

## **Parameters**

graph

Full string representation of the graph to be loaded



ppGraph

## Returns the **VCFGraph** interface handle

## Description

This function loads a VCF workload (specified as GraphML) from a file and returns a **VCFGraph** interface handle.

The process of loading a graph involves multiple steps, such as graph validation (e.g. invalid syntax, node types or connections) and instantiation of a complete graph model required for execution.

#### **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully. The ppGraph (VCFGraph) handle is valid
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	VCF run-time not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid input pointer
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_MEMORY_ALLOC	Out of memory while loading graph
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_INVALID_GRAPH	Graph is invalid or does not comply with VCF graph requirements
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	Failed to find or initialize VCF run-time or graph node

## WaitForSingle / VCFAPI\_WaitForSingle

## **Syntax**

#### **Parameters**

pGraph	VCFGraph handle representing the workload
timeoutSec	Timeout in seconds. If not set, timeout is not defined (=infinite)

## **Description**

This function waits for a single VCF graph (identified by a **VCFGraph** handle) to complete execution.



The "timeoutSec" parameter allows specifying an optional time limit, within which the graph must execute. If the graph does not complete execution within the specified time, the workload is aborted and the function returns VCFAPI STATUS ERR TIMEOUT.

## **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully. Workload execution completed
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	VCF run-time not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid input pointer
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_INVALID_OPERATI ON	Not a valid operation. For instance, this will occur if the workload has not yet been started ( <b>VCFGraph:Run()</b> ).
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_TIMEOUT	Graph did not complete execution within the specified time limit.
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	<b>VCFGraph</b> handle not found. This will occur if invalid handle is used or if the graph has been released ( <b>VCFGraph:Release()</b> )

## WaitForMultiple / VCFAPI\_WaitForMultiple

## **Syntax**

## **Parameters**

ppGraph Pointer to array of VCFGraph handles

representing the workloads the user wants to wait

for

numGraphs The number of graphs in the array

timeoutSec Timeout in seconds. If not set, timeout is not

defined (=infinite)

## **Description**

This function waits for multiple VCF graphs (identified with a **VCFGraph** handle) to complete execution.



The "timeoutSec" parameter allows specifying an optional time limit, within which the graph must execute. If the graph does not complete execution within the specified time, the workload is aborted and the function returns VCFAPI STATUS ERR TIMEOUT.

## **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully. Workload execution completed
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	VCF run-time not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid input pointer
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_INVALID_OPERATI ON	Not a valid operation. For instance, this will occur if the workload has not yet been started ( <b>VCFGraph:Run()</b> ).
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_TIMEOUT	Graph did not complete execution within the specified time limit.
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	<b>VCFGraph</b> handle not found. This will occur if invalid handle is used or if the graph has been released ( <b>VCFGraph:Release()</b> )

## **VCFGraph Functions**

The following chapters details all of the available **VCFGraph** functions.

## SubscribeEvents / VCFGraph\_SubscribeEvents

## **Syntax**

## **Parameters**

eventMask	Event mask for the selected set of events
рСВ	Callback object which implements the
	VCFGraph Callback interface

## Description

Use this function to subscribe to VCF graph level events. The set of available events are defined in VCFGraphEventMask (located in "vcfapi.h")



## **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	<b>VCFGraph</b> handle not found. This will occur if invalid handle is used or if the graph has been released ( <b>VCFGraph:Release()</b> )
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_UNSUPPORTED	Unsupported event type
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid input pointer
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	VCF run-time not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully

## UnSubscribeEvents / VCFGraph\_UnSubscribeEvents

## **Syntax**

#### **Parameters**

eventMask	Event mask for the selected set of events
рСВ	Callback object which implements the
	VCFGraph Callback interface

## **Description**

Use this function to un-subscribe to VCF graph level events. The set of available events are defined in VCFGraphEventMask (located in "vcfapi.h")

## **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER  VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_UNSUPPORTED	Invalid input pointer Unsupported event type
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	<b>VCFGraph</b> handle not found. This will occur if invalid handle is used or if the graph has been released ( <b>VCFGraph:Release()</b> )



## Run / VCFGraph\_Run

## **Syntax**

VCFAPIStatus Run();

#### **Parameters**

None

## Description

This function starts execution of a VCF graph. The function is non-blocking and returns immediately. To block application execution until the VCF graph completes, use the **VCFAPI:WaitForSingle** or **VCFAPI:WaitForMultiple** functions.

#### **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	VCF run-time not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid input pointer
	(only applies to C language binding)
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_INVALID_OPERATI ON	Not a valid operation. For instance, this will occur if trying to execute a graph that is already in executing state.
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	Associated <b>VCFGraph</b> handle not found. This will occur if invalid handle is used or if the graph has been released ( <b>VCFGraph:Release()</b> )

## Pause / VCFGraph\_Pause

## **Syntax**

```
VCFAPIStatus Pause(VCFGraphState* pState = 0);
```

#### **Parameters**

pState

Optionally returns the new workload state after invoked Pause operation.



The parameter has two valid values: VCFGRAPH\_STATE\_RUNNING or VCFGRAPH\_STATE\_PAUSED

## Description

This function pauses or un-pauses a currently executing graph. The function is non-blocking and returns immediately.

## **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	VCF run-time not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid input pointer
	(only applies to C language binding)
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_INVALID_OPERATI ON	Not a valid operation. For instance, this will occur if trying to pause a graph which is not executing
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	Associated <b>VCFGraph</b> handle not found. This will occur if invalid handle is used or if the graph has been released ( <b>VCFGraph:Release()</b> )

## Stop / VCFGraph\_Stop

## **Syntax**

VCFAPIStatus Stop();

#### **Parameters**

none

## Description

This function stops graph execution. The function is non-blocking and returns immediately.

#### **Return Status**

VCFAPI\_STATUS\_SUCCESS The operation completed successfully



VCFAPI STATUS ERR NOT INITIALIZED VCF run-time not initialized

(only applies to C language binding)

VCFAPI\_STATUS\_ERR\_INVALID\_OPERATI

 $\bigcirc N$ 

Not a valid operation. For instance, this will occur if trying to stop a graph which is not

executing

VCFAPI\_STATUS\_ERR\_NOT\_FOUND Associated VCFGraph handle not found. This

will occur if invalid handle is used or if the

graph has been released (
VCFGraph:Release() )

## Release / VCFGraph\_Release

## **Syntax**

VCFAPIStatus Release();

#### **Parameters**

none

## **Description**

This function releases all the resources associated with a graph.

If the graph has not yet completed execution, the graph will be automatically stopped, then released.

Note that the graph must be released in the same thread as it was created (corresponding to the **VCFAPI:Load/LoadFile()** call).

All calls using the **VCFGraph** handle after release are invalid.

## **Return Status**

VCFAPI\_STATUS\_SUCCESS The operation completed successfully

VCFAPI STATUS ERR NULL POINTER Invalid input pointer

(only applies to C language binding)

VCFAPI\_STATUS\_ERR\_INVALID\_OPERATI Not a valid operation. For instance, release
ON invoked in other thread compared to the

invoked in other thread compared to the thread in which the graph was loaded

( VCFAPI:Load/LoadFile() )



VCFAPI STATUS ERR NOT FOUND

Associated **VCFGraph** handle not found. This will occur if invalid handle is used or if the graph has already been released ( **VCFGraph:Release()** )

## GetNode / VCFGraph\_GetNode

## **Syntax**

#### **Parameters**

nodeName Name of a valid node part of the VCF graph.

ppNode Returns the VCFNode interface handle

## Description

This function retrieves a node handle (**VCFNode** interface) to a node part of the graph. Please refer to the VCF node level functions for details about the **VCFNode** interface.

To retrieve a handle for access to graph level properties, use the GetNode call with nodeName value set to "General".

## **Return Status**

VCFAPI\_STATUS\_ERR\_NOT\_INITIALIZED 
VCFAPI\_STATUS\_ERR\_NOT\_INITIALIZED 
VCFAPI\_STATUS\_ERR\_NULL\_POINTER 
VCFAPI\_STATUS\_ERR\_NOT\_FOUND 
Associated VCFGraph handle not found. This will occur if invalid handle is used or if the graph has already been released (
VCFGraph:Release()) or if trying to gain access to a node which is NOT part of the graph.

## **VCFNode Functions**

The following chapters details all of the available **VCFNode** functions.



## SubscribeEvents / VCFNode SubscribeEvents

## **Syntax**

## **Parameters**

eventMask Event mask for the selected set of events

pCB Callback object which implements the

VCFNode\_Callback interface

## **Description**

Use this function to subscribe to VCF node level events. The set of available events are defined in VCFGenericComponentEvents (located in "vcfapi\_control.h"). Node specific events such as VCFDecodeComponentEvents (located in "vcfapi\_control.h").

#### **Return Status**

VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_FOUND	Associated <b>VCFGraph</b> or <b>VCFNode</b> handle not found. This will occur if invalid handle is used or if the graph has already been released ( <b>VCFGraph:Release()</b> )
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NULL_POINTER	Invalid input pointer
VCFAPI_STATUS_ERR_NOT_INITIALIZED	VCF run-time not initialized
VCFAPI_STATUS_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully

## UnSubscribeEvents / VCFNode UnSubscribeEvents

## **Syntax**

## **Parameters**

eventMask Event mask for the selected set of events

pCB Callback object which implements the

VCFNode Callback interface

## **Description**



Use this function to un-subscribe to VCF node level events. The set of available events are defined in VCFGenericComponentEvents (located in "vcfapi\_control.h"). Node specific events such as VCFDecodeComponentEvents (located in "vcfapi\_control.h").

#### **Return Status**

## Command / VCFNode\_Command

## **Syntax**

#### **Parameters**

commandId Identifier for the node command that should be

executed

pData Pointer to data object representing the selected

command

Pointer may be NULL for commands that do not

need to convey any data to the VCF node

## Description

This function invokes a command on the node. The set of available commands vary depending on the specific node.

Nodes may support any of the commands specified in VCFGenericComponentCommands. Nodes may also implement commands that are node specific, such as VCFNODE\_COMMAND\_RENDER\_SET\_TARGET. Note that all node specific commands must have an ID with offset VCFNODE COMMAND CUSTOM BASE

#### **Return Status**

VCFAPI\_STATUS\_SUCCESS The operation completed successfully

VCFAPI STATUS ERR NOT INITIALIZED VCF run-time not initialized



(only applies to C language binding)

VCFAPI\_STATUS\_ERR\_NOT\_FOUND

Associated **VCFGraph** or **VCFNode** handle not found. This will occur if invalid handle is used or if the graph has already been released ( **VCFGraph:Release()** )

This status code may apply to other scenarios where a particular resource is not found.

## VCFAPI Callback Interface

Subscribing to API events (realized as callbacks) is optional. To subscribe for **VCFAPI** (run-time level) events, user implements a callback interface and provide the pointer to the implementation to VCF via the **VCFAPI:SubscribeEvents()** call.

For the C++ API, the event callbacks is exposed via the VCFAPI\_Callback interface.

The event callback interface for the C API is exposed a as a generic function signature: typedef void (\*t\_VCFAPICallback)(VCFAPIEventMask event, void\* data);

The following chapters detail all of the available run-time level callback events.

## SystemConfig

## **Syntax**

## **Parameters**

component Origination. Can be "General" if applicable to

workload as a whole, or node name if data applies to

specific node only.

Name of the characteristic

Value The value of the characteristic

Attribute Additional attributes (optional)

## **Description**



This callback returns information about a platform and environment capabilities, such as Processor type or Graphics driver version.

To subscribe to this callback use the VCFAPIEventMask: VCFAPI EVENTMASK SYSTEM CONFIG event ID.

To retain the data returned by **SystemConfig** user must copy the data before returning from the function.

#### **Return Status**

None

## Status

## **Syntax**

#### **Parameters**

status Status message

res Error code associated with the event (optional)

## **Description**

This callback returns verbose status (errors and info) about VCF run-time.

To subscribe to this callback use any combination of the following event IDs: VCFAPIEventMask:VCFAPI\_EVENTMASK\_STATUS\_CORE\_ERROR VCFAPIEventMask:VCFAPI\_EVENTMASK\_STATUS\_CORE\_INFO

To retain the data returned by **Status** user must copy the data before returning from the function.

#### **Return Status**

none

## VCFGraph Callback Interface

Subscribing to API events (realized as callbacks) is optional. To subscribe for **VCFGraph** (graph level) events, user implements a callback interface and provide the pointer to the implementation to VCF via the **VCFGraph:SubscribeEvents()** call.

For the C++ API, the event callbacks is exposed via the VCFGraph\_Callback interface.



The event callback interface for the C API is exposed a as a generic function signature: typedef void (\*t\_VCFGraphCallback)(vcfGraphHandle graphHandle, VCFGraphEventMask event, void\* data);

The following chapters detail all of the available graph level callback events.

## Status

## **Syntax**

#### **Parameters**

pGraph Originating VCF graph handle

component Name of originating VCF node/component

status Status message

res Error code associated with the event (optional)

## **Description**

This callback returns verbose status (errors, warnings and info) about that graph workload.

To subscribe to this callback use any combination of the following event IDs: VCFGraphEventMask: VCFGRAPH EVENTMASK STATUS ERROR

VCFGraphEventMask: VCFGRAPH\_EVENTMASK\_STATUS\_ERROR VCFGraphEventMask: VCFGRAPH\_EVENTMASK\_STATUS\_WARNING VCFGraphEventMask: VCFGRAPH\_EVENTMASK\_STATUS\_INFO

To retain the data returned by **Status** user must copy the data before returning from the function.

#### **Return Status**

none

## StatusProgress

## **Syntax**



#### **Parameters**

pGraph Originating VCF graph handle

sourceComponent Name of originating VCF source node/component

numPackets Total number of packets processed

## Description

This callback reports graph execution progress. Progress is reported at  $\sim 1$  second interval.

To subscribe to this callback use the following event ID: VCFGraphEventMask:VCFGRAPH\_EVENTMASK\_STATUS\_PROGRESS

If graph has multiple source nodes, then each of the source nodes will report progress individually (sourceComponent conveys origin of the callback).

To retain the data returned by **StatusProgress** user must copy the data before returning from the function.

#### **Return Status**

None

## ExecutionComplete

## **Syntax**

## **Parameters**

pGraph Originating VCF graph handle

sts Status code indicating the reason for completion.

Possible values of are defined in VCFGraphExecutionCompleteStatus

## **Description**

This callback is invoked when the graph has been completely executed, aborted or stopped.

To subscribe to this callback use the following event ID: VCFGraphEventMask:VCFGRAPH EVENTMASK EXECUTION COMPLETE

## **Return Status**

None



## BenchmarkData

## **Syntax**

## **Parameters**

pGraph Originating VCF graph handle

data String containing interleaved key/value benchmark

data pairs

## **Description**

This callback delivers high level graph execution benchmarks and is invoked after graph workload has completed.

To subscribe to this callback use the following event ID: VCFGraphEventMask: VCFGRAPH\_EVENTMASK\_BENCHMARK\_DATA

The received data will depend on GraphML workload configuration.

To retain the data returned by **BenchmarkData** user must copy the data before returning from the function.

## **Return Status**

none

## VCFNode Callback Interface

Subscribing to API events (realized as callbacks) is optional. To subscribe for **VCFNode** (node level) events, user implements a callback interface and provide the pointer to the implementation to VCF via the **VCFNode:SubscribeEvents()** call.

For the C++ API, the event callbacks are exposed as a generic function signature, VCFNode\_Callback. A generic signature allows flexible extension for custom node events.

The callback interface for the C API is also exposed a as a generic function signature: typedef void (\*t VCFNodeCallback)(const VCFNodeEventContext\* evtCtx, void\* data);

The following chapters detail the currently available set of node level callback events.

#### NodeCallbackEvent

## **Syntax**



#### **Parameters**

evtCtx Event context. Contains details about the event

origination and event ID. Please refer to

VCFNodeEventContext for details.

pData Pointer to event specific data. Pointer must be casted

to corresponding event data type.

#### Description

This callback is invoked for all node level events. User must inspect the **eventId** member of the received VCFNodeEventContext (**evtCtx**) to determine the originating event.

Based on the event ID, the user must cast the received **pData** (void\*) pointer to the corresponding event data structure.

To subscribe to this callback use any combination of events from VCFGenericComponentEvents and/or node/component specific events such as VCFDecodeComponentEvents.

To retain the data returned by **NodeCallbackEvent** user must copy the data before returning from the function.

#### **Return Status**

none



# Data Structure Reference

This chapter describe the SDK data structures referenced in the previous chapters.

#### **VCFAPIEventMask**

The VCFAPI Callback (C++ API) interface is invoked when one of the above events occur.

Identifier name	Purpose
VCFAPI_EVENTMASK_SYSTEM_CONFIG	Subscribe for system configuration,
	including information such as processor
	details. C language binding data structure:
	VCFAPICallbackDataSystemConfig
VCFAPI_EVENTMASK_STATUS_CORE_INFO	Subscribe for execution status info. C
	language binding data structure:
	VCFAPICallbackDataStatus
VCFAPI_EVENTMASK_STATUS_CORE_ERROR	Subscribe for execution status errors. C
	language binding data structure:
	VCFAPICallbackDataStatus

## VCFGraphEventMask

The VCFGraph\_Callback (C++ API) interface is invoked when one of the above events occur.

Identifier name	Purpose
VCFGRAPH_EVENTMASK_STATUS_ERROR	Subscribe for execution status errors.
	C language binding data structure:
	VCFGraphCallbackDataStatus
VCFGRAPH_EVENTMASK_STATUS_WARNING	Subscribe for execution status warnings.
	C language binding data structure:
	VCFGraphCallbackDataStatus



VCFGRAPH_EVENTMASK_STATUS_INFO	Subscribe for execution status info. C language binding data structure:
	VCFGraphCallbackDataStatus
VCFGRAPH_EVENTMASK_STATUS_PROGRESS	Subscribe for execution progress
	C language binding data structure:
	VCFGraphCallbackDataStatusProgress
VCFGRAPH_EVENTMASK_EXECUTION_COMPLETE	Subscribe for graph execution complete
	event.
	C language binding data structure:
	VCFGraphCallbackDataExecutionComplete
VCFGRAPH_EVENTMASK_BENCHMARK_DATA	Subscribe for benchmark data. Data is
	collected after workload has completed
	execution.
	C language binding data structure:
	VCFGraphCallbackDataBenchmark

### VCFGenericComponentEvents

The VCFNode\_Callback (C++ API) interface is invoked when one of the above events occur.

All custom node events must be offset by VCFNODE EVENT CUSTOM BASE

Identifier name	Purpose
VCFNODE_EVENT_EXECUTION_COMPLETED	Subscribe for node execution completion
	event.
	Associated data structure:
	VCFNodeCallbackDataExecutionComplete
VCFNODE_EVENT_ACTUAL_CONFIG	Subscribe for actual configuration of node.
	Associated data structure:
	VCFNodeCallbackDataActualConfig
VCFNODE_EVENT_CUSTOM_BASE	<base custom="" events="" for="" node=""/>

## VCFGenericComponentCommands

```
typedef enum {
   VCFNODE_COMMAND_CHANGE_PARAM_VALUE = 1,
   VCFNODE_COMMAND_GET_PARAM_VALUE = 2,
   VCFNODE_COMMAND_DISABLE = 3,
   VCFNODE_COMMAND_ENABLE = 4,
   VCFNODE_COMMAND_CUSTOM_BASE = 1000
} VCFGenericComponentCommands;
```

All custom node commands must be offset by VCFNODE\_COMMAND\_CUSTOM\_BASE



Identifier name	Purpose
VCFNODE_COMMAND_CHANGE_PARAM_VALUE	Change a parameter value.
	(1) Any node parameter value may be changed after loading a graph (using VCFAPI:Load/LoadFile) but before calling VCFAPI:Run. (2) After calling VCFAPI:Run only a subset of node parameters may be modified. Refer to "Dynamic parameter control" chapter for parameters supporting dynamic modification.
	Associated data structure:
VCFNODE COMMAND GET PARAM VALUE	VCFNodeCommandChangeParam  Get a parameter value.
	Note: Current limitation prevents getting parameter value until after node has initialized (after invocation of VCFAPI:Run)  Associated data structure:
	VCFNodeCommandGetParam
VCFNODE_COMMAND_DISABLE	Not supported!
VCFNODE_COMMAND_ENABLE	Not supported!
VCFNODE_COMMAND_CUSTOM_BASE	<base commands="" custom="" for="" node=""/>

# VCFGraphExecutionCompleteStatus

Identifier name	Purpose
VCFGRAPH_EXECCOMPLETE_STATUS_STOPPED	Execution stopped
VCFGRAPH_EXECCOMPLETE_STATUS_ABORTED	Execution aborted due to an error
VCFGRAPH_EXECCOMPLETE_STATUS_COMPLETED	Execution completed
VCFGRAPH_EXECCOMPLETE_STATUS_TIMEOUT	Execution stopped due to timeout

# VCFAPICallbackDataSystemConfig

Only applies to C language binding.

```
typedef struct {
   const char* component;
   const char* name;
   const char* value;
   const char* attribute;
} VCFAPICallbackDataSystemConfig;
```



#### **VCFAPICallbackDataStatus**

Only applies to C language binding.

```
typedef struct {
   const char* status;
   int res;
} VCFGraphCallbackDataStatus;
```

### VCFGraphCallbackDataStatus

Only applies to C language binding.

```
typedef struct {
   const char* component;
   const char* status;
   int res;
} VCFGraphCallbackDataStatus;
```

## VCFGraphCallbackDataStatusProgress

Only applies to C language binding.

### VCFGraphCallbackDataExecutionComplete

Only applies to C language binding.

```
typedef struct {
    VCFGraphExecutionCompleteStatus status;
} VCFGraphCallbackDataExecutionComplete;
```

## VCFGraphCallbackDataBenchmark

Only applies to C language binding.

```
typedef struct {
    const char* data;
} VCFGraphCallbackDataBenchmark;
```

#### VCFNodeEventContext

VCFNodeEventContext provides details about the origin of the event.

```
struct _VCFNodeEventContext {
```



```
void* pGraph;
const char* instanceName;
unsigned int eventId;
} VCFNodeEventContext;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
pGraph	Originating VCFGraph handle
instanceName	Name of originating node instance in graph
eventId	ID of event that caused the callback

## VCFNodeCallbackDataExecutionComplete

```
typedef struct {
    unsigned int numPackets;
} VCFNodeCallbackDataExecutionComplete;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
numPackets	Number of data packets processed

## VCFNodeCallbackDataActualConfig

```
typedef struct {
    const char* config;
} VCFNodeCallbackDataActualConfig;
```

	oose
node	al node configuration after completed initialization. All node parameters are sented as a serialized key/value pair

## VCFNodeCommandChangeParam

```
typedef struct {
    char* pParamName;
    char* pParamValue;
} VCFNodeCommandChangeParam;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
pParamName	Parameter name
pParamValue	Parameter value

### VCFNodeCommandGetParam

```
typedef struct _VCFNodeCommandGetParam {
    char* pParamName;
    char* pParamValue;
```



#### } VCFNodeCommandGetParam;

Identifier name	Purpose
pParamName	Parameter name
pParamValue	Parameter value

# VCFAPIConfigItemAndroidEnv

Identifier name	Purpose
type	Type of config - use
	VCFAPIConfigItemTypeAndroidEnv
JavaVM	Handle to Java Virtual Machine
nativeLibraryDir	Absolute path to Native Libraries for the
	App



# Data Structure Reference - Node Specific

This section describe data structures used by specific nodes for commands and events.

### VCFEncodeComponentCommands

```
typedef enum {
    VCFNODE_COMMAND_ENCODE_PAYLOAD = VCFNODE_COMMAND_CUSTOM_BASE + 1,
    VCFNODE_COMMAND_ENCODE_INSERT_IDR = VCFNODE_COMMAND_CUSTOM_BASE + 2
} VCFEncodeComponentCommands;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
VCFNODE_COMMAND_ENCODE_PAYLOAD	Request insertion of provided payload into stream. Associated data structure: VCFNodeEncodeCommandPayload
VCFNODE_COMMAND_ENCODE_INSERT_IDR	Request insertion of IDR (key frame) into stream. Associated data structure: N/A

# VCFRenderComponentCommands

```
typedef enum {
    VCFNODE_COMMAND_RENDER_SET_TARGET = VCFNODE_COMMAND_CUSTOM_BASE + 1
} VCFRenderComponentCommands;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
VCFNODE_COMMAND_RENDER_SET_TARGET	Configure Render component with render target details.
	Associated data structure:
	VCFNodeRenderCommandSetTarget

## VCFCameraComponentCommands

```
typedef enum {
     VCFNODE_COMMAND_CAMERA_SET_PREVIEW_SURFACE = VCFNODE_COMMAND_CUSTOM_BASE + 1,
     VCFNODE_COMMAND_CAMERA_SET_ZOOM = VCFNODE_COMMAND_CUSTOM_BASE + 2
} VCFCameraComponentCommands;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
VCFNODE_COMMAND_CAMERA_SET_PREVIEW_SURFACE	Set preview camera surface holder handle.  Note: this command is only applicable to Android Camera node.
	Associated data structure:
	VCFNodeCameraCommandSetPreviewSurface



Set preview camera surface holder handle. Note: this command is only applicable to Android Camera node. Associated data structure:
VCFNodeCameraCommandSetZoom

## VCFNodeEncodeCommandPayload

```
typedef struct {
   unsigned int frameNo;
   unsigned int type;
   unsigned int dataLengthBits;
   unsigned int dataLengthBytes;
   unsigned char* pData;
} VCFNodeEncodeCommandPayload;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
frameNo	
type	
dataLengthBits	
dataLengthBytes	
pData	

## VCFNodeRenderCommandSetTarget

```
typedef struct {
    void* windowsHandle;
    int x;
    int y;
    int w;
    int h;
} VCFNodeRenderCommandSetTarget;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
windowsHandle	
X	
Υ	
W	
Н	

## VCFNodeCameraCommandSetPreviewSurface

```
typedef struct {
          void *androidSurfaceHolder;
} VCFNodeCameraCommandSetPreviewSurface;
```

Identifier name Purpose			
	Identifier name	Purpose	



androidSurfaceHolder

#### VCFNodeCameraCommandSetZoom

```
typedef struct {
         double zoomRatio;
} VCFNodeCameraCommandSetZoom;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
zoomRatio	

## VCFEncodeComponentEvents

Identifier name	Purpose
VCFNODE_EVENT_ENCODE_STREAM_INFO	Subscribe to encoded stream info details.
	Includes information such as frame type size
	and frame size.
	Associated data structure:
	VCFNodeEncodeCallbackDataStreamInfo

## VCFDecodeComponentEvents

Identifier name	Purpose
VCFNODE_EVENT_DECODE_PAYLOAD	Subscribe to decoded payload data.
	Associated data structure:
	VCFNodeDecodeCallbackDataPayload
VCFNODE_EVENT_DECODE_STREAM_HEADER_CHANGED	Subscribe to event indicating that stream
	header has changed.
	Associated data structure:
	VCFNodeDecodeCallbackDataStreamHeaderChanged

### VCFNodeEncodeCallbackDataStreamInfo

```
typedef struct {
   unsigned int frameSize;
   unsigned short frameType;
```



```
} VCFFrameSizeContainer;
typedef struct {
   VCFFrameSizeContainer* pFrameSizeInfo;
   unsigned int
                            numFrameSizeItems;
   unsigned int
                            capturedRangeStart;
   unsigned int
                            capturedRangeStop;
   unsigned int
                            totalSize[8]; // I=1, P=2, B=4
                            numFrames[8]; // I=1, P=2, B=4
   unsigned int
   unsigned int
                            maxFrameSize[8]; // I=1, P=2, B=4
   unsigned int
                            minFrameSize[8]; // I=1, P=2, B=4
   unsigned int
                            FrameRateExtN;
    unsigned int
                            FrameRateExtD;
} VCFNodeEncodeCallbackDataStreamInfo;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
frameSize	
frameType	
pFrameSizeInfo	
numFrameSizeItems	
capturedRangeStart	
capturedRangeStop	
totalSize	
numFrames	
maxFrameSize	
minFrameSize	
FrameRateExtN	
FrameRateExtD	

# VCFNodeDecodeCallbackDataStreamHeaderChanged

```
typedef struct {
    int frameNo;
} VCFNodeDecodeCallbackDataStreamHeaderChanged;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
frameNo	

## VCFNodeDecodeCallbackDataStreamPayload

```
typedef struct {
   unsigned int frameNo;
   unsigned long long timeStamp;
   unsigned int type;
   unsigned int dataLengthBits;
   unsigned char* pData;
} VCFNodeDecodeCallbackDataPayload;
```

Identifier name	Purpose
frameNo	



timeStamp	
type	
dataLengthBits	
pData	



# Dynamic Parameter Reference – Node Specific

This section describe the node parameters supporting dynamic modification of value during graph execution.

Node Type	Parameter name	Description
VCFVideoEncode	bitRate	Control encoder bit rate.  Note that the rate must stay within the range of max bit rate specified at encoder initialization.
VCFVideoEncode	QPI	Control Quantization Parameter for Constant Quantization Parameter (CQP) rate control mode.
VCFVideoProcess	Brightness	Frame processing brightness control. Member of the "Amplifiers" property group.
VCFVideoProcess	Contrast	Frame processing contrast control. Member of the "Amplifiers" property group.
VCFVideoProcess	Hue	Frame processing hue control. Member of the "Amplifiers" property group.
VCFVideoProcess	Saturation	Frame processing saturation control. Member of the "Amplifiers" property group.
VCFVideoProcess	DetailFactor	Frame detail filter control. Member of the "Detail" property group.
VCFVideoProcess	DenoiseFactor	Frame denoising control.  Member of the "Denoise"  property group.
VCFVideoProcess	cropWidth	Frame width cropping control. Cropping properties are enabled by enabling the "Basic:General:Cropping" property
VCFVideoProcess	cropHeight	Frame height cropping control. Cropping properties are enabled by enabling the "Basic:General:Cropping" property
VCFVideoProcess	сгорХ	Frame x-offset cropping control. Cropping properties are enabled by enabling the



		"Basic:General:Cropping"
		property
VCFVideoProcess	cropY	Frame y-offset cropping
		control. Cropping
		properties are enabled by
		enabling the
		"Basic:General:Cropping"
		property