

TAM API

Release Notes

This document describes the evolution of the Triamec Advanced Motion application programming interface as a log of notable changes.

There is a similar document, the TAM System Explorer release notes [1], documenting changes relevant for the respective application. Most of the changes to the TAM System Explorer do also affect the API, so these are not repeated in this document.

The API is deployed in the form of different <u>NuGet packages</u> described in the developer manual [2].

The release notes for the Tama compiler are maintained as part of its <u>NuGet package</u>.

Sometimes, a regression is described using a reference to the breaking release. That version is a package version if not otherwise noted.

Deprecation Policy

When an API is changed breaking backwards compatibility, a deprecation hint is provided whenever possible during compilation, or at runtime when called from 3d-party languages like for example Python.

These deprecation attributes are maintained for at least one year, but are dropped eventually. Therefore, in order to update from a years old code base, please consider doing this in several version steps.

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TAM Software 7.28.1

Handle drive tables using a new API.

Release date: 26.2.2025

Triamec.Tam.Core 18.3.0

New

- Introduces ITamNodeComposite.IndexOfChild: the index of the specified child node.
- TamTable: Provides convenience in generating tables and transferring them to or from the drive.

Triamec.Tam.TriaLink 7.22.0, Triamec.Tam.EtherCAT 7.22.0

New

Allows enumerating register composite array elements without casting.

TAM Software 7.27.0

Calculate initial gains and feed forward amplitude for the controllers in frequency response tuning.

Release date: 4.11.2024

Triamec.Tam.Core 18.2.0

New

TamAxis.Halt: Reprogrammable variant of Stop.

Triamec.Common 7.3.10

New

Improve debugger experience for evaluations requiring communication.



TAM Software 7.26.0

Load .TAMsnap device snapshot files into simulation.

Configure axis compensation with AxisCompensator.

Release date: 27.6.2024

Triamec.Tam.Core 18.1.0

New

- Triamec.Tam.ITamDevice.Homepage
 Gets the address where the device has its web interface exposed.
 This property was already present in the public Triamec.Tam.TamDevice implementation since 11.0.1. Raising the property to the interface relieves the developer of the duty of casting.
- Triamec.Tam.Net.DeviceWebService
 Web services provided by devices.
 The class was already introduced in 17.0.2, but is now officially documented.
 The class currently exposes the following functionalities:
 - Transfer a file to the device.
 - Get a diagnostic report.
- Triamec.TriaLink.DeviceSnapshot
 Low level parser to interpret .TAMsnap device snapshot files.

Changes

- ITamDevice.Homepage has been deprecated in favor of GetHomepageAsync.
- TamTopology.EnableWebServerAsync no longer needs to be called in general prior calling APIs accessing the device web server.
- IProduct.PackageUpdater has been deprecated in favor of GetPackageUpdaterAsync.

Triamec.Tam.Simulation 7.2.0

New

- Triamec.TriaLink.Adapter.Simulation.SimulatedTriaLink.CreateFrozen Initializes a new instance which doesn't execute in cycles.
- DeviceSnapshot.WriteToSimulation extension method.
 Import the Triamec.TriaLink.Adapter.Simulation namespace to use it with a simulated device of a frozen link.

Triamec.Tam.UI 8.1.1

New

Triamec.Tam.Modules.AxisCompensation.AxisCompensator
 High level class containing all business logic used for the Axis Compensation Wizard.



TAM Software 7.25.0

Places address field at the top and offers search functionality. Updates firmware faster.

Release date: 22.12.2023

Triamec.Tam.Core 18.0.0

New

 Adds new methods WaitForTermination(TimeSpan) and WaitForTerminationAsync(Time-Span) to the Triamec.Tam.Requests.TamRequest class, complementing the existing API.

Change

Changes ITamNodeComposite.Nodes type from IList to IReadOnlyList<ItamNode>.

Bug

• Fixes implementation of the ITamNode.AsDepthFirst... extension methods which didn't actually return a depth-first enumeration.

Triamec.Common 7.3.9

Bug

• Fixes a spurious NullReferenceException at startup in WorkspaceConfigurationSettings.

TAM Software 7.24.1

Required for new firmware features.

Release date: 2.11.2023

Change

 The Tama Compiler desktop icon has been moved to the project folder of the default Triamec workspace.

Triamec.Tam.Core 17.0.2

Changes

Retires the IRegisterComponent.Revert method. Don't longer use shadow registers for mid-term storage. Always commit prepared shadow registers instantaneously.

Bugs

- Restores compatibility with Visual Studio 2017 which broke with 17.0.0. The defect showed up as an SQLite related error at startup.
- Changed the Triamec.Tam.Requests.TamRequest.WaitForSuccessAsync extension method to throw a Triamec.Tam.TimeoutException when the wait times out, as documented. Previously, a System.TimeoutException was thrown instead.



Triamec.Tam.Core 17.0.3, Triamec.Tam.TriaLink 7.19.3, Triamec.Tam.EtherCAT 7.19.3

Bug

 Adopts a changed NuGet dependency. The mismatch between library and NuGet dependencies could make firmware update impossible.

TAM Software 7.24.0

Fixes some bugs.

Release date: 4.7.2023

Triamec.Tam.UI 7.20.0

Change

 TAM API Developer Samples are now <u>hosted with GitHub</u>. They are no longer packed with the installer.

TAM Software 7.23.0

Access homing from within the axis GUI.

Release date: 15.6.2023

Triamec.Tam.Core 17.0.0

New

Property TamLink.LocalEndPoint : object.

In case of a network connection, returns an System.Net.IPEndPoint object which you can use to determine the right device connection in its General.Signals.Ethernet.TriaLinkConnections register. Otherwise it shows the local node number of the local Tria-Link station.

Change

• [BREAKING] Changes the type of TamAxis.ControlSystemTreatment to an interface.

Bug

• Makes the implementation of IRegisterComponent.FindTaggedComponents thread safe.



TAM Software 7.22.0

Allows to protect setup.

Release date: 1.2.2023

Discontinued

• The Tama Compiler isn't longer deployed to the MSBuild extensions path.

Triamec.Tam.Core 16.0.0

New

- System suppliers can protect setup modifications through the TAM System Explorer or other setup applications. The new ITamDevice.Protection provides an interface to enable setup protection and track protection status.
- ITamRegisterList.WriteValues(params IConvertible[] values) method. This is a more convenient way than ITamRegisterList.Write(params TamValue32[] values) to write several registers at once. The performance penalty due to not reusing the TamValue32 buffer should mostly be subordinate.
- Adds properties NodesChangingEventArgs.IsRemoval and NodesChangedEventArgs.IsRemoval such that handlers no longer need to implement a cumbersome test to determine whether the given nodes are removed from the collection.

Changes

- [BREAKING] The RegisterComposite's Count and this[int] members now always produce the same output as when using the same members on the Nodes property. Previously, the TAM Software considered *non-accessible* members in these two members. This release removes this inconsistency and never gives access to registers marked as not accessible in the layout. As a maintainer of the register layout, you must update projects not using the ESI feature to depend on the Triamec.Tools.Registers NuGet to 5.0.5 or above.
- The TamAxis.ControlTestSignalGenerator and ITamDrive.ControlTestSignalGenerator methods are now obsolete. Use registers to control the test signal generator since current firmware doesn't support this method, and isn't suitable for slow frequencies due to the limits of the frameSize parameter.

Bug

• Fixes a defect where in some long running scenarios, an exception *Identical request tracked twice* would occur unnecessarily.



TAM Software 7.21.0

Decomposed bit fields

Release date: 22.11.2022

New

 Decomposes bit fields. A bit field register continues to have a Read method, but at the same time, it is a composite made of its individual fields. You can use the bit field register as well as the individual field registers like ordinary registers, that is, acquire values, access them in Tama programs, or put them in lists.

When accessing several fields of a bit field register in one acquisition or register list, the TAM stack still transfers the bit field as single resource.

Triamec.Tam.Core 15.0.0

New

• Task-based ITamVariable. AcquireAsync extensions methods. Prefer these over the existing overloads taking an AcquireFuture argument since those will become obsolete in a future release.

Changes

- [BREAKING] Some APIs have changed their return type from a class to an interface. Except for the RegisterComposite class, the former classes are now obsolete:
 - ReadOnlyCollection<T> → IReadOnlyList<T>
 - RegisterComposite → IRegisterComposite
 - TamArray<T> → ITamRegisterArray<T>
 - TamRegister<T> → ITamRegister<T>
 - TamReadonlyRegister<T> → ITamReadonlyRegister<T>
- [BREAKING] The static TamRegisterBase<T>.Read methods are obsolete. Instead, use the new Read<T> extension methods upon the former searchRoot argument.
- [BREAKING] Removes the barely used ITamNodeComposite indexer taking an integer value. Use an expression like(ITamNode)composite.Nodes[i] instead.
- [BREAKING] The IsArray property is now only defined for register composites, but no longer for leaves.
- [BREAKING] ITamNode.FindTamNode with a leaf and a relative address now starts upward navigation from that leaf instead from its parent.
- Many members of the register classes are now hidden by default with the intent to make it easier to discover register composite members. However, for this to work within Visual Studio, check Tools > Options > Text Editor > C# > Statement completion > Hide advanced members.
- Renames AxisState.Startup to NotReady which better describes the state.



TAM Software 7.20.0

Usability improvements and bug fixes.

Release date: 26.8.2022

Triamec.Tam.Core 14.0.0

Change

Addition to an internal plugin interface.

TAM Software 7.19.0

Improves usability.

Release date: 8.6.2022

Triamec.Tam.Core 13.0.0

Changes

- Don't longer pass a name when constructing a TamTopology. The previous overload stays accessible, but is hidden from Intellisense and documentation.
- When an instance in the topology is disposed due to surprise removal, accessing members which previously threw an System.ObjectDisposedException now throw an Triamec.Tam.TimeoutException with its InnerException set to System.ObjectDisposedException.

Triamec.Tam.TriaLink 7.15.0, Triamec.Tam.EtherCAT 7.15.0

Feature

Extension method

TamTopology.ScanNetworkInterfaces(params string[] networkInterfaceNames) : TamAdapter[]

allows to get hold onto all Triamec devices attached to the specified network interface cards (NIC). Not passing any name results in a scan on all available NICs.

Change

 Network access is now implemented in the new TriaLink.ETH library. Ensure to update your deployment accordingly.



TAM Software 7.18.0

Improves usability.

Release date: 29.3.2022

Triamec.Tam.Core 12.0.5

Changes

- When calling one of the Wait methods of TamRequest while inside of a ITamRequestDestination.Transition event handler, instead of dead-locking, the request is now immediately terminated with a value WaitedForInHandler.
- When a request is created while ITamDevice.StateObserverCount is 0, the TamRequest is immediately set terminated. The respective TamRequest.Termination value has been renamed from Unknown to NotObserved.

TAM Software 7.17.1

Improves usability.

Release date: 14.12.2021

Triamec.Tam.Core 12.0.3

Change

 Reduced lock contention in the ITamRequestDestination.Transition handler calling code. This circumvents a dead-lock scenario in user code.

TAM Software 7.17.0

Introduces new elements in the Axis Monitor.

Release date: 22.11.2021

Change

• The NuGet packages are no longer bundled with the setup, but provided with <u>nuget.org</u>.

Triamec.Tam.Core 12.0.2

Bug

• Fixes a regression as of 12.0.0 when acquiring only 32-bit of a 40-bit register.

Samples

Bug

 Fixes a regression in the Tama project template as of 7.16.1 where the build failed with a missing TamaCompilerOutput task. This was due to an erroneous setting of the TriamecTamaCompilerPath property in the project file.



TAM Software 7.16.1

This release contains bug fixes.

Release date: 20.9.2021

Triamec.Tam.Core 12.0.0

Bug

Restores compatibility with Visual Studio 2015 lost in 10.1.2.

TAM Software 7.16.0

This release features handling of a new kind of data logging files, that is, dump files produced by recent firmware.

This release also improves usability and fixes some notable issues.

Release date: 15.6.2021

Triamec.Tam.UI 7.13.0

Change

Removed the autoComplete parameter from configuration dialog APIs, using true implicitly.

Triamec.Tam.Core 11.4.0

Feature

 API in Triamec.Tam.Acquisitions to process .TAMdmp dump files produced by recent firmware: DumpVariable, DumpFile and related classes;

ITamReadonlyRegister<T>.CreateVariable(DumpSignal).

- Triamec.Tam.Registers.EtherCatTimeRegisterValueConverter.DeserializeEtherCatTime static method to convert the General.Signals.GlobalTime register to a DateTime value.
- It's now possible to create a register layout representation without a device: LayoutManager.Instance.GetRegisterLayoutFactory(rlid: 19)

.CreateRegisterLayout(device: null)

Note however, that any attempt to use functionality which needs a device results in undefined behavior.

Bug

ITamDevice.SetReadyToSwitchOn now throws a TamException if the device is in state NotReadyToSwitchOn. Previously, the method returned without action in that case.



TAM Software 7.15.0

This release supports file system tables, a new firmware feature introduced with firmware release 4.11.x.

The software was backported to .NET framework 4.6.2, which should help out some customers to run applications on some older Beckhoff IPCs running Windows Enterprise 2016.

There were quite some bug fixes stemming from the analysis of crashes reported with the telemetry feature introduced with TAM SDK 7.14.1.

We decided to rename the installer from *TAM SDK* to *TAM Software*, since software development is not its main use case.

Release date: 25.3.2021

Triamec.Tam.Core 11.3.3

Change

The TamRequest.WaitForSuccess and WaitForSuccessAsync methods are defined directly in the class. Previously, they were extension methods.

TAM SDK 7.14.1

This is the first version we deploy a component with the TAM System Explorer gathering anonymous usage and crash data. The libraries coming with the NuGet package don't have this functionality enabled, though.

Release date: 15.12.2020

Triamec.Common 7.3.1

Change

 Maintain commissioning tool of a workspace based on path instead of a version, supporting non-install scenarios.



TAM SDK 7.14.0

This release addresses an issue where not all required content of various NuGet packages was available at runtime for some project types.

Release date: 12.11.2020

Triamec.Tam.Core 11.3.0

Features

- Extension methods TamRequest.WaitForSuccess and WaitForSuccessAsync which simplifies request handling.
- TamAxis.ControlSystemTreatment property to control and monitor whether the control system is overridden.

Bug fix

 Allow to set up the limit torque flag for scheduled moves by means of a new IssueMoveScheduleEntry constructor.

Previous Releases

A textual change log of previous releases is deployed with the documentation [3].

References

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