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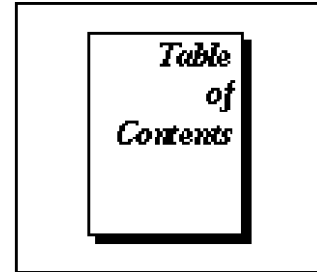
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## VISA Interoperability Requirements for USBTMC Revision History

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This section is an overview of the revision history of the VISA Interoperability Requirements for USBTMC specification.

**Table 1-1.** VISA Interoperability Requirements for USBTMC Specification Revisions

<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Date of Revision</b>	<b>Revision Notes</b>
Revision 1.0	March 23, 2010	First approved version.

# 1. Overview of the VISA Interoperability Requirements for USBTMC Specification

## 1.1 Introduction

This section summarizes the *VISA Interoperability Requirements for USBTMC Specification* itself and contains general information that the reader may need to understand, interpret, and implement aspects of this specification. These aspects include the following:

- Audience
- Organization
- Overview
- References
- Terms and Acronyms

## 1.2 Audience of Specification

The intended readers for this specification are the vendors who wish to interface with the IVI Foundation USBTMC Windows operating systems drivers, and the implementors of the IVI Foundation USBTMC Windows operating systems drivers.

## 1.3 Organization of Specification

This specification is organized in sections, with each section discussing a particular aspect of the VISA model. Section 3, *Windows Specific Information*, describes the USBTMC Windows operating systems drivers. Section 4, *USBTMC Include File*, presents the USBTMC driver include file. Section 5, *Available USBTMC Functions*, lists the available USBTMC functions.

## 1.4 VISA Interoperability Requirements for USBTMC Overview

To achieve USBTMC interoperability, a VISA I/O library running in user-space must be able to interact with the USB Host kernel driver stack in a predictable way. The accepted strategy is to specify the kernel API – the system call semantics and behaviors. This enables a VISA I/O library to communicate successfully with the IVI USBTMC kernel driver.

For Windows, specifying an API means specifying the behaviors of `CreateFile ()`, `WriteFile ()`, `ReadFile ()`, `DeviceIoControl ()`, and `CloseHandle ()`.

In addition to the specification of an API, error codes must be specified. This is because a VISA I/O library implementing the USBTMC specification or a USBTMC subclass specification must know when certain error conditions occur.

## 1.5 References

Several other documents and specifications are related to this specification. These other related documents are the following:

### USB Implementers Forum

- USB 2.0 Specification ([www.usb.org](http://www.usb.org))

- USBTMC Specification ([http://www.usb.org/developers/devclass\\_docs#approved](http://www.usb.org/developers/devclass_docs#approved))
- USBTMC USB488 Specification ([http://www.usb.org/developers/devclass\\_docs#approved](http://www.usb.org/developers/devclass_docs#approved))

**Microsoft**

- Microsoft Platform SDKs for Windows operating systems
- Microsoft DDKs for Windows operating systems

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- VPP-4.3 & 4.3.x, The VISA Library and detailed VISA and VISA-COM specifications
- VPP-9: Instrument Vendor Abbreviations

## 1.6 Definition of Terms and Acronyms

The following are some commonly used terms and acronyms used in this document.

<b>API</b>	Application Programmers Interface. The direct interface that an end user sees when creating an application. The VISA API consists of the sum of all of the operations, attributes, and events of each of the VISA Resource Classes.
<b>Host</b>	This is similar to the term “Controller” used in other VISA specifications. From the USB 2.0 specification: “The host computer system where the Host Controller is installed. This includes the host software platform (CPU, bus, etc.) and the operating system in use.”
<b>Instrument Driver</b>	Library of functions for controlling a specific instrument
<b>IRP</b>	I/O Request Packet. From the USB 2.0 specification: “An identifiable request by a software client to move data between itself (on the host) and an endpoint of a device in an appropriate direction.”
<b>SRQ</b>	IEEE 488 Service Request. This is an asynchronous request from a remote GPIB device that requires service. A service request is essentially an interrupt from a remote device. For USBTMC, this is a notification on the interrupt IN pipe.
<b>USBTMC client software</b>	USBTMC software resident on the host that interacts with the USB System Software to arrange data transfer between a function and the host. The client is often the data provider and consumer for transferred data. A VISA I/O library implementation for USBTMC is the USBTMC client software.
<b>USBTMC device dependent command message</b>	A type of USBTMC command message in which the USBTMC message data bytes are a sequence of bytes defined by the device vendor. Typically a query for a measurement result or a request to change measurement state. Sent from a Host to a device. The VISA method viWrite transfers these messages.
<b>USBTMC interface</b>	A collection of endpoints on a device that conform to the requirements in this USB Test and Measurement Class specification and can be used to provide the physical/signaling/packet connectivity to a Host. The interface descriptor must have bInterfaceClass and bInterfaceSubClass equal to the appropriate values for a USB Test and Measurement Class interface.

**USBTMC response message**

A type of USBTMC message containing a response to a USBTMC command message. Sent from a device to a Host. The VISA method viRead transfers these messages.



## 2. Windows Specific Information

The Windows system call behaviors for a USBTMC driver are defined here to resemble the behaviors for a pass-through driver. A pass-through driver allows software to send bulk-OUT and control pipe requests with arbitrary content and to receive bulk-IN and interrupt-IN packets with arbitrary content. The motivation to define system call behaviors in this way are:

- Minimizes the work done by the kernel driver.
- Enables the USBTMC protocol and USBTMC subclass protocols to be implemented in user-space, which is easier to debug and is less likely to crash the system.
- Makes it easy to change the protocol above the kernel driver. The kernel driver does not need to change in order to support changes to the protocol.
- Minimizes the volume of USBTMC interoperability specification material that has to be written and agreed to.
- Multiple protocols may be layered above a pass-through driver.
- Enables using a native pass-through driver if and when it exists.

The sections below describe specific behaviors for each system call. All USB Host USBTMC kernel drivers loaded for Class=0xFE, Subclass=0x03 devices must implement the system call behaviors defined below.

### 2.1 CreateFile()

Parameters and behaviors are as specified in the Windows documentation.

In addition, for USBTMC, CreateFile() will open transfer pipes to the control endpoint and to each of the USBTMC interface endpoints.

The actual filename of the kernel driver is irrelevant. In other words, user-level client USBTMC code should not be searching for a specific filename. The correct way to find USBTMC resources is to use the class GUID reserved for USBTMC. Windows defines the routines necessary to query kernel filenames that can be passed to CreateFile().

The algorithm for finding all available USBTMC kernel filenames is to first call SetupDiGetClassDevs. This returns a handle to be used with the remaining calls. In a loop, you call SetupDiEnumDeviceInterfaces and SetupDiGetDeviceInterfaceDetail. The SP\_INTERFACE\_DEVICE\_DETAIL\_DATA structure gives you the kernel filename to pass to CreateFile(). Finally, release the class handle with the function SetupDiDestroyDeviceInfoList.

A VISA I/O library must always set FILE\_FLAG\_OVERLAPPED when calling CreateFile(). This is required for waiting on interrupt data while simultaneously performing normal I/O.

In reality, the kernel driver does not know and should not care whether the user calls CreateFile() with or without FILE\_FLAG\_OVERLAPPED. This text is here mainly for clarification.

The USBTMC kernel driver allows multiple handles to a device to be active at any time.

### 2.2 WriteFile()

Parameters and behaviors are as specified in the Windows documentation.

In addition, for USBTMC, the data in the buffer passed in is sent unmodified to the bulk-OUT endpoint associated with the file handle.

The implementation of WriteFile() must support transferring data buffers that are larger than the internal maximum transfer size. For example, if the internal USB buffer is 8KB, and the user buffer is 30KB, then the implementation of WriteFile() must transfer the entire user buffer by looping over the buffer (in this case 4 times) and sending a portion from the user buffer each time. The implementation of WriteFile() may send less than the entire transfer count only if an error occurs.

Regardless of whether the user called CreateFile() with FILE\_FLAG\_OVERLAPPED, the USBTMC kernel implementation of WriteFile() must be able to implement requests asynchronously, in other words, it must be capable of returning STATUS\_PENDING. This is not a requirement for all transfer sizes, in other words, it is valid for a USBTMC kernel implementation to perform tiny transfers synchronously. Note that if the user did not call CreateFile() with FILE\_FLAG\_OVERLAPPED, the operating system will cause the call to WriteFile() to block until the USBTMC kernel driver marks the IRP as complete.

### 2.3 ReadFile()

Parameters and behaviors are as specified in the Windows documentation.

In addition, for USBTMC, the data received is placed into the specified buffer and is returned unmodified.

ReadFile() must return if a non-maximum length packet is received or the amount of data requested has been received.

The implementation of ReadFile() must support transferring data buffers that are larger than the internal maximum transfer size. For example, if the internal USB buffer is 8KB, and the user buffer is 30KB, then the implementation of ReadFile() must transfer the entire user buffer by looping over the buffer (in this case 4 times) and reading a portion into the user buffer each time. The implementation of ReadFile() may read less than the entire transfer count only if an error occurs or it receives a short packet.

Regardless of whether the user called CreateFile() with FILE\_FLAG\_OVERLAPPED, the USBTMC kernel implementation of ReadFile() must be able to implement requests asynchronously, in other words, it must be capable of returning STATUS\_PENDING. This is not a requirement for all transfer sizes, in other words, it is valid for a USBTMC kernel implementation to perform tiny transfers synchronously. Note that if the user did not call CreateFile() with FILE\_FLAG\_OVERLAPPED, the operating system will cause the call to ReadFile() to block until the USBTMC kernel driver marks the IRP as complete.

### 2.4 DeviceIoControl()

Parameters and behaviors are as specified in the Windows documentation.

In addition, for USBTMC, drivers must support the following IOCTL codes. See also section 3.

IOCTL macro	Value	Description
IOCTL_USBTMC_GETINFO	0x8000_2000	Gets information about the Windows USB Host USBTMC driver.
IOCTL_USBTMC_CANCEL_IO	0x8000_2004	Cancels all IRPs on caller-designated pipe.
IOCTL_USBTMC_WAIT_INTERRUPT	0x8000_2008	Waits for data to arrive on interrupt-IN endpoint. If overlapped, the overlapped event is set when interrupt-IN DATA is received.

IOCTL_USBTCM_RESET_PIPE	0x8000_201C	Clears a Halt condition on a pipe.
IOCTL_USBTCM_SEND_REQUEST	0x8000_2080	Sends an arbitrary request to the device control endpoint.
IOCTL_USBTCM_GET_LAST_ERROR	0x8000_2088	Gets the most recent error returned from the lower-level USB driver.

**Table 2-1 -- USBTCM IOCTL codes**

All DeviceIoControl() requests have the following parameters.

Parameter Type	Parameter Name	Description
HANDLE	hDevice	Device handle, obtained by calling CreateFile.
DWORD	dwControlCode	Operation control code. One of the IOCTL's in Table 1.
LPVOID	lpInBuffer	Input data buffer
DWORD	nInBufferSize	Size of input data buffer
DWORD	lpOutBuffer	Output data buffer
DWORD	nOutBufferSize	Size of output data buffer
LPDWORD	lpBytesReturned	Pointer to a location to receive the number of bytes returned.
LPOVERLAPPED	lpOverlapped	Optional pointer to an OVERLAPPED structure (described in the Windows Platform SDK documentation).

**Table 2-2 -- DeviceIoControl parameters**

### 2.4.1 IOCTL\_USBTCM\_GETINFO

Returns information about the USBTCM driver.

Parameter Name	Description
hDevice	Device handle, obtained by calling CreateFile.
dwControlCode	IOCTL_USBTCM_GETINFO
lpInBuffer	NULL
nInBufferSize	0
lpOutBuffer	Output data buffer. Pointer to a USBTCM_DRV_INFO structure.
nOutBufferSize	Size of output data buffer. Must be sizeof(USBTCM_DRV_INFO).
lpBytesReturned	Pointer to a location to receive the number of bytes returned.
lpOverlapped	Optional pointer to an OVERLAPPED structure (described in the Windows Platform SDK documentation).

When the DeviceIoControl function is called with the IOCTL\_USBTCM\_GETINFO I/O control code, the caller must specify the address of a USBTCM\_DRV\_INFO structure as the function's lpOutBuffer parameter. The kernel-mode driver fills in the structure members.

## Code Example

```
USBTMC_DRV_INFO    drvInfo;
DWORD              cbRet;

OVERLAPPED       overlapped;
BOOL              bRet;

memset(&overlapped, 0, sizeof(OVERLAPPED));
overlapped.hEvent = CreateEvent(NULL, FALSE, FALSE, NULL);
bRet = DeviceIoControl( DeviceHandle,
                        (DWORD) IOCTL_USBTMC_GETINFO,
                        NULL,
                        0,
                        &drvInfo,
                        sizeof(USBTMC_DRV_INFO),
                        &cbRet,
                        &overlapped);

if( bRet == TRUE )
    WaitForSingleObject(overlapped.hEvent, INFINITE);

CloseHandle(overlapped.hEvent);
```

### 2.4.1.1 Data structure – USBTMC\_DRV\_INFO

```
typedef struct {
    DWORD major; // major revision of driver
    DWORD minor; // minor revision of driver
    DWORD build; // internal build number
    WCHAR manufacturer[64]; // unicode manufacturer string
} USBTMC_DRV_INFO, *PUSBTMC_DRV_INFO;
```

As with all Unicode strings, the manufacturer field must be NULL-terminated. This field can contain any valid Unicode character, and this specification does not impose any further restrictions.

Note that this entire data structure (USBTMC\_DRV\_INFO) and its IOCTL (IOCTL\_USBTMC\_GETINFO) are for diagnostic purposes. If a future Microsoft pass-through driver does not support this IOCTL or all of its fields, USBTMC client software should not be severely affected. USBTMC client software should not rely on any part of this IOCTL for normal and proper operation.

### 2.4.2 IOCTL\_USBTMC\_CANCEL\_IO

This IOCTL cancels activity on the specified USB transfer pipe that is associated with the specified device handle.

Parameter Name	Description
hDevice	Device handle, obtained by calling CreateFile.
dwControlCode	IOCTL_USBTMC_CANCEL_IO
lpInBuffer	Pointer to a location containing a USBTMC_PIPE_TYPE-typed value
nInBufferSize	Sizeof(USBTMC_PIPE_TYPE)
lpOutBuffer	NULL

nOutBufferSize	0
lpBytesReturned	0
lpOverlapped	Optional pointer to an OVERLAPPED structure (described in the Windows Platform SDK documentation).

When the DeviceIoControl function is called with the IOCTL\_USB\_TMC\_CANCEL\_IO I/O control code, the caller must specify one of the USB\_TMC\_PIPE\_TYPE-typed values as the function's lpInBuffer parameter. This value indicates on which of the transfer pipes (interrupt, bulk IN, bulk OUT) the operation should be performed.

The driver creates an URB with function = URB\_FUNCTION\_ABORT\_PIPE to carry out the request.

### Code Example

```

BOOL bState = FALSE;
DWORD cbRet = 0;
OVERLAPPED overlapped;

memset(&overlapped, 0, sizeof(OVERLAPPED));
overlapped.hEvent =
    CreateEvent(NULL, // pointer to security attributes
               FALSE, // automatic reset
               FALSE, // initialize to nosignaled
               NULL); // pointer to the event-object name
bState =
    DeviceIoControl(hdlDevice,
                   (DWORD) IOCTL_USB_TMC_CANCEL_IO,
                   (LPVOID) &pipeType,
                   sizeof(USB_TMC_PIPE_TYPE),
                   NULL,
                   0,
                   &cbRet,
                   &overlapped);

```

#### 2.4.2.1 Data Structures – USB\_TMC\_PIPE\_TYPE

```

typedef enum {
    USB_TMC_INTERRUPT_IN_PIPE = 1,
    USB_TMC_READ_DATA_PIPE = 2,
    USB_TMC_WRITE_DATA_PIPE = 3,
    USB_TMC_ALL_PIPES = 4
} USB_TMC_PIPE_TYPE;

```

The USB\_TMC\_PIPE\_TYPE data type is used as input to the DeviceIoControl function, if the I/O control code is IOCTL\_USB\_TMC\_CANCEL\_IO or IOCTL\_USB\_TMC\_RESET\_PIPE. An interrupt pipe, a bulk IN pipe, and a bulk OUT pipe are associated with each device handle supplied to DeviceIoControl. The specified USB\_TMC\_PIPE\_TYPE value indicates on which of these pipes the operation should be performed.

#### 2.4.3 IOCTL\_USB\_TMC\_WAIT\_INTERRUPT

Returns data arriving on a USB interrupt pipe.

Parameter Name	Description
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hDevice	Device handle, obtained by calling CreateFile.
dwControlCode	IOCTL_USBTCM_WAIT_INTERRUPT
lpInBuffer	NULL
nInBufferSize	0
lpOutBuffer	Pointer to a buffer that is large enough to receive the largest packet the device is capable of sending on the interrupt pipe. May be large enough to receive several packets.
nOutBufferSize	Size of the output buffer.
lpBytesReturned	Pointer to a location to receive the number of bytes returned.
lpOverlapped	Optional pointer to an OVERLAPPED structure (described in the Windows Platform SDK documentation).

Any application process or thread can issue a DeviceIoControl() with IOCTL\_USBTCM\_WAIT\_INTERRUPT. The USBTCM kernel driver distributes interrupt-IN DATA to multiple processes. A VISA I/O library may issue a new IOCTL\_USBTCM\_WAIT\_INTERRUPT if one is already outstanding for a given USBTCM interface.

### Code Example

```

DWORD dwError;
BOOL bRet;
BYTE InterruptData[64];
OVERLAPPED overlappedIntIn;

memset(&overlappedIntIn, 0, sizeof(overlappedIntIn));
overlappedIntIn.hEvent = CreateEvent( NULL, TRUE, FALSE, NULL );

bRet = DeviceIoControl( hHandle,
                       IOCTL_USBTCM_WAIT_INTERRUPT,
                       NULL,
                       0,
                       &InterruptData,
                       sizeof(InterruptData),
                       &dwError,
                       &overlappedIntIn );

if ( bRet != 0 ) {
    printf("DeviceIoControl err\n");
}

WaitForSingleObject(overlappedIntIn.hEvent, INFINITE);

```

### 2.4.4 IOCTL\_USBTCM\_RESET\_PIPE

Resets the specified USB transfer pipe that is associated with the specified device handle. This clears a Halt condition on the pipe.

Parameter Name	Description
hDevice	Device handle, obtained by calling CreateFile.
dwControlCode	IOCTL_USBTCM_RESET_PIPE
lpInBuffer	NULL

nInBufferSize	0
lpOutBuffer	Pointer to a location containing a USBTMC_PIPE_TYPE-typed value.
nOutBufferSize	Size of the output buffer.
lpBytesReturned	Pointer to a location to receive the number of bytes returned.
lpOverlapped	Optional pointer to an OVERLAPPED structure (described in the Windows Platform SDK documentation).

When the DeviceIoControl function is called with the IOCTL\_USBTMC\_RESET\_PIPE I/O control code, the caller must specify one of the USBTMC\_PIPE\_TYPE-typed values as the function's lpInBuffer parameter. This value indicates on which of the transfer pipes (interrupt, bulk IN, bulk OUT) the operation should be performed.

The driver creates an URB with function = URB\_FUNCTION\_RESET\_PIPE to carry out the request.

## 2.4.5 IOCTL\_USBTMC\_SEND\_REQUEST

Sends a vendor-defined or class-specific request to a USB device, using the control pipe, and optionally sends or receives additional data.

Parameter Name	Description
hDevice	Device handle, obtained by calling CreateFile.
dwControlCode	IOCTL_USBTMC_SEND_REQUEST
lpInBuffer	Pointer to an USBTMC_IO_BLOCK structure.
nInBufferSize	sizeof(USBTMC_IO_BLOCK)
lpOutBuffer	Pointer to the same buffer identified by the PbyData member of the USBTMC_IO_BLOCK structure, or NULL if a data transfer is not being requested.
nOutBufferSize	Size of the output buffer, or zero if a data transfer is not being requested.
lpBytesReturned	Pointer to a location to receive the number of bytes returned.
lpOverlapped	Optional pointer to an OVERLAPPED structure (described in the Windows Platform SDK documentation).

When the DeviceIoControl function is called with the IOCTL\_USBTMC\_SEND\_REQUEST control code, the caller must specify the address of an USBTMC\_IO\_BLOCK structure as the function's lpInBuffer parameter. The type of request specified with this I/O control code is device-specific and vendor-defined, as are the type and size of any information that might be sent or received.

The USBTMC kernel implementation must support all vendor-specific requests. For class-specific requests, if the Windows operating system implements a given request, then the USBTMC kernel implementation must support that request. If the Windows operating system does not define an implementation for a given request, such as if the bmRequestType or bRequest parameter is an undefined class request, then the USBTMC kernel implementation must return the error STATUS\_INVALID\_PARAMETER.

The following table shows how input arguments should be specified.

	Read Operation	Write Operation	No data transfer
lpInBuffer	USBTMC_IO_BLOCK	USBTMC_IO_BLOCK	USBTMC_IO_BLOCK

	pointer.	pointer.	pointer.
lpOutBuffer	Pointer to buffer that will receive data to be read.	Pointer to buffer containing data to be written.	NULL
lpOutBufferSize	Size of buffer.	Size of buffer.	Zero
pbyData member of USBTMC_IO_BLOCK	Same pointer as lpOutBuffer.	Same pointer as lpOutBuffer.	NULL
wLength member of USBTMC_IO_BLOCK	Same value as lpOutBufferSize.	Same value as lpOutBufferSize.	Zero
fTransferDirectionIn member of USBTMC_IO_BLOCK	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE

### 2.4.5.1 Data Structure – USBTMC\_IO\_BLOCK

The USBTMC\_IO\_BLOCK structure is used as a parameter to DeviceIoControl, when the specified I/O control code is IOCTL\_USB\_TMC\_SEND\_REQUEST. Values contained in structure members are used to create a USB Device Request (described in the Universal Serial Bus Specification).

```
typedef struct {
    IN unsigned char bmRequestType;
    IN unsigned char bRequest;
    IN unsigned short wValue;
    IN unsigned short wIndex;
    IN unsigned short wLength;
    IN OUT PCHAR pbyData;
    IN UCHAR fTransferDirectionIn;
} USBTMC_IO_BLOCK, *PUSB_TMC_IO_BLOCK;
```

USBTMC_IO_BLOCK field	Usage
bmRequestType	Used as the Setup DATA bmRequestType
bRequest	Used as the Setup DATA bRequest
wValue	Used as the Setup DATA wValue
wIndex	Used as the Setup DATA wIndex
wLength	Used as the Setup DATA wLength
pbyData	Pointer to a data buffer with a length of wLength.
fTransferDirectionIn	TRUE for transfers from device to host; FALSE for transfers from host to device.

The following rules apply when using this data structure:

- pbyData must match lpOutBuffer. If it does not match, ensuing behavior is not guaranteed.
- fTransferDirectionIn must be 0 for a write (data transfer direction = OUT) operation and must be 1 for a read (data transfer direction = IN) operation. Must match direction in bmRequestType. If it does not match, ensuing behavior is not guaranteed.



## 2.4.6 IOCTL\_USBTCM\_GET\_LAST\_ERROR

Gets the last error code returned from the lower-level USB driver.

Parameter Name	Description
hDevice	Device handle, obtained by calling CreateFile.
dwControlCode	IOCTL_USBTCM_GET_LAST_ERROR
lpInBuffer	NULL
nInBufferSize	0
lpOutBuffer	Output data buffer. Pointer to a USB_D_STATUS.
nOutBufferSize	Size of output data buffer. Must be <code>sizeof(USB_D_STATUS)</code> .
lpBytesReturned	Pointer to a location to receive the number of bytes returned.
lpOverlapped	Optional pointer to an OVERLAPPED structure (described in the Windows Platform SDK documentation).

When the DeviceIoControl function is called with the IOCTL\_USBTCM\_GET\_LAST\_ERROR I/O control code, the caller must specify the address of a USB\_D\_STATUS value as the function's lpOutBuffer parameter. The kernel-mode driver fills in the value with the last error code that it received from USB\_D.

If the USBTCM kernel driver has never encountered a USB\_D error, this output value must be 0. The USBTCM kernel driver must not change this value when it returns an error code other than a USB\_D error. Querying the last error does not cause the USBTCM kernel to reset the cached error code value.

## 2.5 CloseHandle()

Parameters and behaviors are as specified in the Windows documentation.

## 2.6 INF files for USBTCM devices

INF files determine the kernel driver associated with a USBTCM device. INF files also determine where USBTCM devices show up in the Windows “Device Manager”.

### 2.6.1 Class and ClassGUID for USBTCM devices

None of the existing Windows device setup classes apply to USBTCM devices. A USBTCM INF file may define a new device setup class for USBTCM devices. The Class and ClassGUID fields appropriate for USBTCM devices are shown below.

```
[Version]
...
Class=%USBTCM_CLASS%
ClassGUID=%USBTCM_GUID%
...
[Strings]
USBTCM_CLASS="USBTestAndMeasurementDevice"
USBTCM_GUID="{A9FDBB24-128A-11d5-9961-00108335E361}"
```

### 2.6.2 INF ClassInstall32 section

An INF file for USBTCM devices may have a [ClassInstall] section to add a class description and a class icon to the registry. An example of INF file content to accomplish this is shown below.

```

...
[ClassInstall32]
AddReg=UsbTmcAddReg
...
[UsbTmcAddReg]
HKR,,,%UsbTmcDevClassName%
HKR,,Icon,,-20
...
[Strings]
UsbTmcDevClassName="USB Test and Measurement Devices"
...

```

The example above uses icon number -20. This is a standard icon for the Windows device manager for USB devices. It has existed since Windows 98 and works on all current Windows WDM operating systems. A vendor is allowed to use a different icon as long as they provide the Windows resource for it.

### 2.6.3 INF DDInstall.Interfaces section

An INF file for USBTMC devices may have a [DDInstall.Interfaces] section to add the DeviceClasses\{InterfaceClassGUID} to the registry. {InterfaceClassGUID} is the same as the ClassGUID above. Note that the use of the term DDInstall here is a placeholder for an install section name in the vendor's INF file.

```

[install-section-name.Interfaces]
AddInterface=%USBTMC_GUID%

```

### 2.6.4 Product specific INF files

Any vendor may supply product specific INF files for USBTMC device(s). An example of part of such an INF file is shown below.

```

...
[Models]
device-description = install-section-name, USB\Vid_XX&Pid_YY
device-description = install-section-name, USB\Vid_XX&Pid_ZZ
...

```

where

- XX is the idVendor in the device descriptor
- YY is the idProduct in the device descriptor for product #1
- ZZ is the idProduct in the device descriptor for product #2

Any software that installs a product specific INF file must also install all of the necessary files required by the INF file.

### 2.6.5 Class, SubClass, Protocol specific INF files

Any vendor may supply an INF file generic to a set of USBTMC devices with the same bInterfaceClass, bInterfaceSubClass, and bInterfaceProtocol. This mechanism provides a way for a vendor to override operating system vendor supplied INF files for USBTMC devices. An example of part of such an INF file is shown below.

```

...
[Models]
device-description = install-section-name, USB\Class_XX&SubClass_YY&Prot_ZZ
...

```

where

- XX is the bInterfaceClass in the interface descriptor
- YY is the bInterfaceSubClass in the interface descriptor
- ZZ is the bInterfaceProtocol in the interface descriptor

Any software that installs a class, subclass, and protocol specific INF file must also install all of the necessary files required by the INF file.

### 2.6.6 Class, SubClass specific INF files and Class specific INF files

Only the operating system vendor is allowed to supply an INF file generic to a set of USBTMC devices with the same bInterfaceClass and bInterfaceSubClass. An example of part of such an INF file is shown below.

```
...
[Models]
device-description = install-section-name, USB\Class_XX&SubClass_YY
...
```

where

- XX is the bInterfaceClass in the interface descriptor
- YY is the bInterfaceSubClass in the interface descriptor

**Table 2-3 -- INF file syntax permissions**

INF file syntax:	Operating System Vendor (eg. Microsoft)	VISA I/O Library Vendor	Instrument Vendor
Class_##&Subclass_##	Yes	No	No
Class_##&Subclass_##&Prot_##	No	Yes	No
Vid_##	No	No	Yes
Vid_##&Pid_##	No	No	Yes

### 3. USBTMC include file

The following content summarizes the content that must be placed in a header file associated with the USBTMC kernel driver.

```
#ifndef USBTMC_IOCTL_H
#define USBTMC_IOCTL_H

#include <windows.h>
#include <devioctl.h>

//=====
// The following are the I/O control codes that this driver supports.
#define FILE_DEVICE_USBTMC          0x8000
#define IOCTL_INDEX                 0x0800
#define IOCTL_USBTMC(idx,meth)     CTL_CODE(FILE_DEVICE_USBTMC, (idx), (meth), FILE_ANY_ACCESS)

#define IOCTL_USBTMC_GETINFO        IOCTL_USBTMC(IOCTL_INDEX, METHOD_BUFFERED) // 0x80002000
#define IOCTL_USBTMC_CANCEL_IO      IOCTL_USBTMC(IOCTL_INDEX+1, METHOD_BUFFERED) // 0x80002004
#define IOCTL_USBTMC_WAIT_INTERRUPT IOCTL_USBTMC(IOCTL_INDEX+2, METHOD_BUFFERED) // 0x80002008
#define IOCTL_USBTMC_RESET_PIPE     IOCTL_USBTMC(IOCTL_INDEX+7, METHOD_BUFFERED) // 0x8000201C
#define IOCTL_USBTMC_SEND_REQUEST   IOCTL_USBTMC(IOCTL_INDEX+32, METHOD_BUFFERED) // 0x80002080
#define IOCTL_USBTMC_GET_LAST_ERROR IOCTL_USBTMC(IOCTL_INDEX+34, METHOD_BUFFERED) // 0x80002088

//=====
// The following are required data structures used for DeviceIoControl.
// Applications will pass data to the driver using these data structures.

// This data structure is used for:
// IOCTL_USBTMC_SEND_REQUEST
typedef struct USBTMC_IO_BLOCK
{
    UCHAR    bmRequestType;
    UCHAR    bRequest;
    USHORT   wValue;
    USHORT   wIndex;
    USHORT   wLength;
    PUCHAR   pbyData;
    UCHAR    fTransferDirectionIn; // ignore - use lpOutBuffer instead - usbscan compatible
    UCHAR    fTransferDirectionOut; // ignore - use bmRequestType instead - usbscan compatible
} USBTMC_IO_BLOCK, *PUSBTMC_IO_BLOCK;

// This data structure is used for:
// IOCTL_USBTMC_CANCEL_IO
// IOCTL_USBTMC_RESET_PIPE
typedef enum USBTMC_PIPE_TYPE
{
    USBTMC_INTERRUPT_IN_PIPE = 1,
    USBTMC_READ_DATA_PIPE    = 2,
    USBTMC_WRITE_DATA_PIPE   = 3,
    USBTMC_ALL_PIPES         = 4
} USBTMC_PIPE_TYPE, *PUSBTMC_PIPE_TYPE;

// This data structure is used for:
// IOCTL_USB_GETINFO
typedef struct USBTMC_DRV_INFO
{
    USHORT   major;
    USHORT   minor;
    USHORT   build;
    WCHAR    manufacturer[64];
} USBTMC_DRV_INFO, *PUSBTMC_DRV_INFO;

//=====
// Class GUID for all USBTMC devices is {A9FDBB24-128A-11D5-9961-00108335E361}
#define USBTMC_CLASS_GUID (GUID)\
    { 0xa9fdbb24, 0x128a, 0x11d5, { 0x99, 0x61, 0x00, 0x10, 0x83, 0x35, 0xe3, 0x61 } }

#endif
```

## 4. Available USB D Functions

Not all “Standard Request Codes” listed in Table 9.4 of the Universal Serial Bus Specification are supported by USB D. Following is an excerpt from `usbdi.h`, the header file that defines function codes and error codes for USB D:

```
#define URB_FUNCTION_SELECT_CONFIGURATION          0x0000
#define URB_FUNCTION_SELECT_INTERFACE            0x0001
#define URB_FUNCTION_ABORT_PIPE                 0x0002
#define URB_FUNCTION_TAKE_FRAME_LENGTH_CONTROL  0x0003
#define URB_FUNCTION_RELEASE_FRAME_LENGTH_CONTROL 0x0004
#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_FRAME_LENGTH          0x0005
#define URB_FUNCTION_SET_FRAME_LENGTH          0x0006
#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_CURRENT_FRAME_NUMBER  0x0007
#define URB_FUNCTION_CONTROL_TRANSFER          0x0008
#define URB_FUNCTION_BULK_OR_INTERRUPT_TRANSFER 0x0009
#define URB_FUNCTION_ISOCH_TRANSFER            0x000A
#define URB_FUNCTION_RESET_PIPE                0x001E

// These functions correspond to the standard commands on
// the default pipe. The direction is implied.

#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_DESCRIPTOR_FROM_DEVICE 0x000B
#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_DESCRIPTOR_FROM_ENDPOINT 0x0024
#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_DESCRIPTOR_FROM_INTERFACE 0x0028

#define URB_FUNCTION_SET_DESCRIPTOR_TO_DEVICE    0x000C
#define URB_FUNCTION_SET_DESCRIPTOR_TO_ENDPOINT 0x0025
#define URB_FUNCTION_SET_DESCRIPTOR_TO_INTERFACE 0x0029

#define URB_FUNCTION_SET_FEATURE_TO_DEVICE      0x000D
#define URB_FUNCTION_SET_FEATURE_TO_INTERFACE  0x000E
#define URB_FUNCTION_SET_FEATURE_TO_ENDPOINT   0x000F
#define URB_FUNCTION_SET_FEATURE_TO_OTHER      0x0023

#define URB_FUNCTION_CLEAR_FEATURE_TO_DEVICE    0x0010
#define URB_FUNCTION_CLEAR_FEATURE_TO_INTERFACE 0x0011
#define URB_FUNCTION_CLEAR_FEATURE_TO_ENDPOINT  0x0012
#define URB_FUNCTION_CLEAR_FEATURE_TO_OTHER     0x0022

#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_STATUS_FROM_DEVICE     0x0013
#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_STATUS_FROM_INTERFACE  0x0014
#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_STATUS_FROM_ENDPOINT   0x0015
#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_STATUS_FROM_OTHER      0x0021

// Direction is specified in TransferFlags.

#define URB_FUNCTION_RESERVED0                   0x0016

// These are for sending vendor and class commands on the
// default pipe. The direction is specified in TransferFlags.

#define URB_FUNCTION_VENDOR_DEVICE              0x0017
#define URB_FUNCTION_VENDOR_INTERFACE          0x0018
#define URB_FUNCTION_VENDOR_ENDPOINT           0x0019
#define URB_FUNCTION_VENDOR_OTHER              0x0020

#define URB_FUNCTION_CLASS_DEVICE              0x001A
#define URB_FUNCTION_CLASS_INTERFACE           0x001B
#define URB_FUNCTION_CLASS_ENDPOINT            0x001C
#define URB_FUNCTION_CLASS_OTHER               0x001F

// Reserved function codes.

#define URB_FUNCTION_RESERVED                  0x001D
#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_CONFIGURATION         0x0026
#define URB_FUNCTION_GET_INTERFACE            0x0027
#define URB_FUNCTION_LAST                      0x0029
```

Upon mapping Table 9-4 onto the above function codes defined for USB, the following “Required USB Function Code Support” table becomes apparent. These mappings of bmRequestType and bmRequest to USB’s are required:

**Table 4-1: Required USB Function Code Support**

Required USB Function Code Support			
bmRequestType (with value)	bRequest (with value)	Recipient (with value)	
Class (0x20)	NA	DEVICE (0)	URB_FUNCTION_CLASS_DEVICE (0x001A)
		INTERFACE (1)	URB_FUNCTION_CLASS_INTERFACE (0x001B)
		ENDPOINT (2)	URB_FUNCTION_CLASS_ENDPOINT (0x001C)
		OTHER (3)	URB_FUNCTION_CLASS_OTHER (0x001F)
Vendor (0x40)	NA	DEVICE (0)	URB_FUNCTION_VENDOR_DEVICE (0x0017)
		INTERFACE (1)	URB_FUNCTION_VENDOR_INTERFACE (0x0018)
		ENDPOINT (2)	URB_FUNCTION_VENDOR_ENDPOINT (0x0019)
		OTHER (3)	URB_FUNCTION_VENDOR_OTHER (0x0020)
Reserved (0x60)	NA	URB_FUNCTION_RESERVED (0x001D)	
Standard (0x00)	GET_STATUS (0)	DEVICE (0)	URB_FUNCTION_GET_STATUS_FROM_DEVICE (0x0013)
		INTERFACE (1)	URB_FUNCTION_GET_STATUS_FROM_INTERFACE (0x0014)
		ENDPOINT (2)	URB_FUNCTION_GET_STATUS_FROM_ENDPOINT (0x0015)
		OTHER (3)	URB_FUNCTION_GET_STATUS_FROM_OTHER (0x0021)
	CLEAR_FEATURE (1)	DEVICE (0)	URB_FUNCTION_CLEAR_FEATURE_TO_DEVICE (0x0010)
		INTERFACE (1)	URB_FUNCTION_CLEAR_FEATURE_TO_INTERFACE (0x0011)
		ENDPOINT (2)	URB_FUNCTION_CLEAR_FEATURE_TO_ENDPOINT (0x0012)
		OTHER (3)	URB_FUNCTION_CLEAR_FEATURE_TO_OTHER (0x0022)
	SET_FEATURE (3)	DEVICE (0)	URB_FUNCTION_SET_FEATURE_TO_DEVICE (0x000D)
		INTERFACE (1)	URB_FUNCTION_SET_FEATURE_TO_INTERFACE (0x000E)
		ENDPOINT (2)	URB_FUNCTION_SET_FEATURE_TO_ENDPOINT (0x000F)
		OTHER (3)	URB_FUNCTION_SET_FEATURE_TO_OTHER (0x0023)
	GET_DESCRIPTOR (6)	DEVICE (0)	URB_FUNCTION_GET_DESCRIPTOR_FROM_DEVICE (0x000B)
		INTERFACE (1)	URB_FUNCTION_GET_DESCRIPTOR_FROM_INTERFACE (0x0028)
		ENDPOINT (2)	URB_FUNCTION_GET_DESCRIPTOR_FROM_ENDPOINT (0x0024)
		OTHER (3)	None
	SET_DESCRIPTOR (0x07)	DEVICE (0)	URB_FUNCTION_SET_DESCRIPTOR_TO_DEVICE (0x000C)
		INTERFACE (1)	URB_FUNCTION_SET_DESCRIPTOR_TO_INTERFACE (0x0029)
		ENDPOINT (2)	URB_FUNCTION_SET_DESCRIPTOR_TO_ENDPOINT (0x0025)
		OTHER (3)	None
	GET_CONFIGURATION (0x08)	DEVICE (0)	URB_FUNCTION_GET_CONFIGURATION (0x0026)
		INTERFACE (1)	None
		ENDPOINT (2)	None
		OTHER (3)	None
	GET_INTERFACE (0x0A)	DEVICE (0)	URB_FUNCTION_GET_INTERFACE (0x0027)
		INTERFACE (1)	None
		ENDPOINT (2)	None

		OTHER (3)	None
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