

Serial Protocol of SCB-12 and EYE-12

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Introduction

The SCB-12 and EYE-12 can be controlled via the RS-232-port by a computer or a control-system. It is possible to perform all functions of the IR-remote-control and the key-panel on the unit such as Zoom, Focus, Presets, etc. as well as a lot of other functions like reading and setting zoom-position, etc.

The protocol is upward compatible to the one of the VZ-9plus.

Connection

The serial-port of the Visualizer is a standard 9-pin-Sub-D-connector, which can be found on most computers too. Only pin 2 (RxD), 3 (TxD) and 5 (GND) must be connected. The baud rate is (by default) 115200 and can be changed in the extra menu. There is no parity, 8 data-bits and 1 stop-bit.

Changing the Baud rate

It is possible to change the baud rate from 115200 to 9600, 19200, 38400, 115200 or 57600. To change the baud rate, switch the unit on and press the MENU-key for four seconds, until the Extra-Menu appears. Then enter the Serial Port-sub-menu. There you can change the baud rate.

Control-Commands

The controlling of the Visualizer is done by sending codes (each code is 1 byte) to the Visualizer: these codes perform the desired action. There is no need for Carriage Return, Linefeed or similar. By default the Visualizer doesn't respond to the commands on the serial-port (except commands which return status-information like zoom-position or Get Light on/off, etc.). With special commands this behavior can be changed so that the Visualizer sends a reply after each command (for details see "Reply Mode Control"). Some commands have a quiet long execution time therefore you shouldn't send different codes immediately one after another. If you want to check if the Visualizer is ready to receive new commands, you can send code 32 (' ') until the unit answers with 32 (' ') (Blank Echo). While the unit is not ready, there is no answer.

If you want to test the commands with a terminal-program, you may prefer to enter the commands as ASCII-text. To do so, press underscore ('_'), the Visualizer will respond with a question mark. Then enter the 3 digit decimal number within three seconds. The command will then be performed (e.g. type '_ '2' '0' '0' for Power On or '_ '0' '4' '9' to select command page 1).

In the following tables you will find the decimal and the hexadecimal codes. The dollar-sign ('\$') in front of the numbers indicates that the respective number is a hexadecimal number. The dollar-sign must not be sent.

Page-Commands

The commands are split into two pages (because for one command-page too many commands exist). Basically each command is a two Byte command, page-command + control-command.

If the command-reply mode is switched on, then the Visualizer sends a reply for each Byte, a reply for the control-command and also for the page-command (for details see "Reply Mode Control").

The standard command page is "0", that means, if you want to execute a command from the page "0" (standard page), then it's not necessary to select the page "0" before. If you want to execute a command from the page "1" then you must select the page "1" and input now your command.

If the page "1" command is executed, then the Visualizer switches automatically back to the page "0".

Check "Page" column for command page in the following tables.

Select Page Control

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	048	\$30	SER_Page0	By sending this command the Visualizer switches to the page "0" and waits for the control command. Page "0" is the standard page and it is not necessary to select it	
0	049	\$31	SER_Page1	By sending this command the Visualizer switches to the page "1" and waits for the control command. After the control command is executed (i.e. 136 for Show All) the Visualizer changes back to the standard page (page 0)	

Zoom Control

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	195	\$C3	Zoom wide	By sending this command the Visualizer zooms towards wide-position. For continuous zooming send this code repetitively (min. 10Hz) as long as you want to zoom.	1
0	199	\$C7	Zoom tele	By sending this command the Visualizer zooms towards tele-position. For continuous zooming send this code repetitively (min. 10Hz) as long as you want to zoom.	1
0	129	\$81	Start Zoom wide	This command starts to zoom towards the wide-position. The Visualizer zooms until the „Stop Zoom/Focus/Iris“-command or a different Start-Command is received (or the mechanical end-position is reached).	1
0	130	\$82	Start Zoom tele	This command starts to zoom towards the tele-position. The Visualizer zooms until the „Stop Zoom/Focus/Iris“-command or a different Start-Command is received (or the mechanical end-position is reached).	1
0	128	\$80	Stop All	see Miscellaneous Commands on page 9/11	
0	161	\$A1	Get Zoom-Position	After sending this command the Visualizer sends back the current zoom-position as a 3-digit hexadecimal number in the range from '000' (wide) to 'FFF' (tele) as an ASCII-string followed by LF + CR.	2, 3
0	162	\$A2	Set Zoom-Position	After this command the Visualizer echoes a question-mark ('?') with no LF + CR. After this question mark the controller should send the wished zoom-position as 3-digit hexadecimal number in the range from '000' (wide) to 'FFF'(tele) within max. 3 seconds. No CR or LF is needed. After receiving the 3 rd digit the Visualizer zooms to this position.	2, 3
1	163	\$A3	Set Digital Zoom	After this command the Visualizer echoes a question-mark ('?') with no LF + CR. After this question mark the controller should send the wished digital zoom-position as 3-digit hexadecimal number in the range from '000' (wide) to 'FFF'(tele) within max. 3 seconds. No CR or LF is needed. After receiving the 3 rd digit the Visualizer zooms to this position.	3
1	164	\$A4	Get Digital Zoom	After sending this command the Visualizer sends back the current digital zoom-position as a 3-digit hexadecimal number in the range from '000' (wide) to 'FFF' (tele) as an ASCII-string followed by LF + CR.	3

Focus Control

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	194	\$C2	Focus far	By sending this command the Visualizer focuses towards far. For continuous changing the focus, send this code repetitively (min. 10Hz) as long as you want to change the focus.	
0	198	\$C6	Focus near	By sending this command the Visualizer focuses towards near. For continuous changing the focus, send this code repetitively (min. 10Hz) as long as you want to change the focus.	
0	131	\$83	Start Focus far	This command starts to focus towards far. The Visualizer changes the focus until the „Stop Zoom/Focus/Iris“-command or a different Start-Command is received (or the mechanical end-position is reached).	
0	132	\$84	Start Focus near	This command starts to focus towards near. The Visualizer changes the focus until the „Stop Zoom/Focus/Iris“-command or a different Start-Command is received (or the mechanical end-position is reached).	
0	128	\$80	Stop All	see Miscellaneous Commands on page 9/11	
0	163	\$A3	Get Focus-Position	After sending this command the Visualizer sends back the current focus-position as a 3-digit hexadecimal number in the range from '000' (near) to 'FFF' (far) as an ASCII-string followed by LF + CR.	2, 3
0	164	\$A4	Set Focus-Position	After this command the Visualizer echoes a question-mark ('?') with no LF + CR. After this question mark the controller should send the wished focus-position as 3-digit hexadecimal number in the range from '000' (near) to 'FFF' (far) within max. 3 seconds. No CR or LF is needed. After receiving the 3 rd digit the Visualizer moves to this position.	2, 3
0	239	\$EF	AF-ON	Switches the Auto Focus on.	
0	240	\$F0	AF-OFF	Switches the Auto Focus off.	
0	173	\$AD	Get Auto Focus	This function returns '1' +LF+CR if the AF is switched on and '0' if the AF is switched off.	3

Iris Control

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	193	\$C1	Iris open / Brightness up	By sending this command the Visualizer opens the iris. For continuous opening the iris, send this code repetitively (min. 10Hz) as long as you want to open iris.	4
0	197	\$C5	Iris close / Brightness down	By sending this command the Visualizer closes the iris. For continuous closing the iris, send this code repetitively (min. 10Hz) as long as you want to close iris.	4
0	133	\$85	Start Iris open	This command starts to open the iris. The Visualizer opens the iris until the „Stop Zoom/Focus/Iris“-command or a different Start-Command is received (or the mechanical end-position is reached).	4
0	134	\$86	Start Iris close	This command starts to close the iris. The Visualizer closes the iris until the „Stop Zoom/Focus/Iris“-command or a different Start-Command is received (or the mechanical end-position is reached).	4
0	128	\$80	Stop All	see Miscellaneous Commands on page 9/11	
0	167	\$A7	Auto Iris on	Switches the Auto Iris on.	
0	168	\$A8	Auto Iris off	Switches the Auto Iris off.	
0	166	\$A6	Get Auto Iris	This function returns '1'+LF+CR if the Auto Iris is switched on and '0'+LF+CR if the Auto Iris is switched off.	3
0	165	\$A5	Get Iris-Position	After sending this command the Visualizer sends back the current iris-position as a 3-digit hexadecimal number in the range from '000' (close) to 'FFF' (open) as an ASCII-string followed by LF + CR. This command has no effect on shutter and gain.	2, 3
0	169	\$A9	Set Iris-Position	After this command the Visualizer echoes a question-mark ('?') with no LF + CR. After this question mark the controller should send the wished iris-position as 3-digit hexadecimal number in the range from '000' (close) to 'FFF'(open) within max. 3 seconds. No CR or LF is needed. After receiving the 3 rd digit the Visualizer moves to this position. This command has no effect on shutter and gain.	2, 3, 4

Power / Presets Control

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	200	\$C8	Power on / PowerOn-Preset	If the Visualizer is in standby-mode, the unit is switched on. Then the PowerOn-preset is recalled (even if the unit was already switched on). (approx. DIN A5, Light on)	5, 6, 7
0	201	\$C9	Power off	This command puts the unit in standby-mode (camera, light, etc. are switched off).	
0	171	\$AB	Get Power on or off	This function returns '1'+LF+CR if the power is switched on and '0'+LF+CR if the unit is in standby-mode.	3
0	186	\$BA	Power toggle switch	By sending this command the Visualizer switches on if it is off, or switches off if the Visualizer is on. (The power cord must be connected)	
0	154	\$9A	Recall Preset	This command sends "?" back and waits for character input "1"- "3" for preset number. Then the Preset recalls. (max. 3 seconds time for the character input)	7
0	155	\$9B	Store Preset	This command sends "?" back and waits for character input "1"- "3" for preset number. Then the Preset stores. (max. 3 seconds time for the character input)	7
0	213	\$D5	Preset 0 PowerOn-Preset	This command recalls the PowerOn-Preset. (approx. DIN A5, Light on)	5, 6, 7, 8
0	202	\$CA	Preset 1	This command recalls Preset 1.	7
0	203	\$CB	Preset 2	This command recalls Preset 2.	7
0	253	\$FD	Preset 3	This command recalls Preset 3.	7
0	216	\$D8	Save Preset 1	This command stores the current unit-settings as Preset 1.	7
0	217	\$D9	Save Preset 2	This command stores the current unit-settings as Preset 2.	7
0	254	\$FE	Save Preset 3	This command stores the current unit-settings as Preset 3.	7
0	229	\$E5	Preset Max. Wide	This command zooms to the maximum wide position	5, 6
0	230	\$E6	Preset DIN A4	This command zooms to approx. DIN A4-size	5, 6, 8
0	231	\$E7	Preset DIN A5	This command zooms to approx. DIN A5-size	5, 6, 8
0	232	\$E8	Preset DIN A6	This command zooms to approx. DIN A6-size	5, 6, 8
0	233	\$E9	Preset DIN A7	This command zooms to approx. DIN A7-size	5, 6, 8
0	234	\$EA	Preset DIN A8	This command zooms to approx. DIN A8-size	5, 6, 8
0	235	\$EB	Preset Max. Tele (no digital zoom)	This command zooms to the maximum optical tele end position, light is switched on.	5, 6

Visualizer Menu, Camera control

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	218	\$DA	Unlock Visualizer-Menu	This command unlocks the Visualizer-menu. After sending this command the menu can be entered by sending 206.	
0	206	\$CE	Visualizer-Menu on/off	This command enters the Visualizer menu (can be unlocked with 218!) which is then displayed on the screen. If the Menu is locked, then send this code 1 sec. With 10 Hz (repetitively). By sending this command again, the menu disappears and is locked again.	
0	139	\$8B	Unlock Extra-Menu (Baud rate, modem-settings)	This command unlocks the Visualizer-extra-menu. After sending this command the menu can be entered by sending 206.	9
0	208	\$D0	Function Up	Moves the menu-cursor up (if the menu is activated).	
0	209	\$D1	Function Down	Moves the menu-cursor down (if the menu is activated).	
0	210	\$D2	Data Right / White Balance	Changes the data of the current menu-item if the menu is activated. If the menu is not activated, a white-balance is performed.	
0	151	\$97	White Balance	By sending this command the camera performs a white balance. (Also works, when the menu is on.)	
0	211	\$D3	Data Left	Changes the data of the current menu-item if the menu is activated.	
0	214	\$D6	Help	This command gives a description off the settings in the Visualizer-menu.	
0	220	\$DC	Data Left + Data Right	This command behaves like if you press Data Right and Left together, i.e. the menu-item is preset to the default value.	
0	246	\$F6	Reset Menu	This command resets all Visualizer-menu-settings except resolution/refresh rate and Presets to their default-settings.	

Image On/Off Control

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	185	\$B9	Image toggle switch	By sending this command, the Visualizer toggles between image OFF and image ON.	
0	192	\$C0	Image on	By sending this command the Visualizer switches the image on.	
0	196	\$C4	Image off	By sending this command the Visualizer switches the image off.	

Reply Mode Control

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	156	\$9C	Reply Mode Off	By sending this command the Visualizer changes to the “no reply mode”. In this mode the unit does not send a reply when a command is received. This is the default mode after the mains power is switched on.	10, 11
0	157	\$9D	Reply One Byte	By sending this command the Visualizer changes to the “one byte-reply mode”. In this mode a byte is replied after each command that is received via the serial interface. If a valid command was received, the byte \$06 is replied. If an invalid command was received \$0F is replied. The Visualizer replies also a command if you send only the page select command.	10, 11, 12
0	158	\$9E	Reply Two Bytes	By sending this command the Visualizer changes to the “two byte-reply mode”. This mode is similar to one byte-reply mode except that the byte which was just received is repeated before the \$06 or \$0F. e.g. if the Visualizer receives \$C8 (i.e. Power On) it replies \$C8 \$06. If it receives \$10 (i.e. an invalid command) it replies \$10 \$0F.	10, 11, 12
0	159	\$9F	Reply String	By sending this command the Visualizer changes to the “string-reply mode”. In this mode the Visualizer replies ‘OKAY’+LF+CR if a valid command was received or ‘ERROR’+LF+CR if an invalid command was received.	3, 10, 11, 12

Image Storing Commands

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
1	140	\$8C	Memory Store x	This command sends “?” back and waits for character input “1”-“9” for memory number. Then the Memory stores (max. 3 seconds time for the character input).	
1	141	\$8D	Memory Recall x	This command sends “?” back and waits for character input “1”-“9” for memory number. Then the Memory recalls (max. 3 seconds time for the character input).	
1	142	\$8E	Memory Off	This command switches to the Live image.	
1	143	\$8F	Snapshot	This command stores one memory after the other memory, until all 9 memories are stored.	
1	136	\$88	Show All On/Off	This command toggles the Show All mode. (If this function is activated, the Visualizer is showing all stored images on the screen at the same time).	
1	137	\$89	Show All On	This command switches the Show All Memories mode On.	
1	138	\$8A	Show All Off	This command switches the Show All Memories mode Off.	
1	165	\$A5	Erase Memory	This command erases all stored memories.	
1	139	\$8B	Get Show All	This function returns ‘1’+LF+CR if the Show All memories mode is active and ‘0’+LF+CR if the Show All memories mode is inactive.	
0	215	\$D7	Freeze On/Off	This command toggles the Freeze-Mode	
1	166	\$A6	Freeze On	This command freezes the current image.	
1	167	\$A7	Freeze Off	This command switches from the frozen image to live image	
1	168	\$A8	Get Freeze	This function returns ‘1’+LF+CR if the Freeze mode is active and ‘0’+LF+CR if the Freeze mode is inactive.	

Image Turn Commands

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
1	132	\$84	Image Turn	This command toggles the Image turn mode (behaves same as the Image Turn key).	13
1	133	\$85	Portrait On	This command activates the image turn mode and turns the image by -90° .	
1	134	\$86	Image Turn Off	This command switches the image turn mode Off. Doesn't matter which setting was selected.	
1	135	\$87	Get Image Turn	When the image is turned by 0° , this command returns '0'+LF+CR, turned by -90° '1'+LF+CR, turned by 180° '2'+LF+CR and when it is turned by $+90^{\circ}$ this command returns '3'+LF+CR.	

Miscellaneous Commands

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	032	\$20	Blank-Echo (' ')	This command (\$20 is the ASCII-value of a blank) echoes a blank (' ', without CR or LF) back to the controller. This may be useful for checking if the Visualizer is ready for receiving commands.	3
0	118	\$76	Visualizer-Type and Software-Version output ('v')	This command returns the Visualizer-Type and the version no. of the built-in Software (firmware-version) back to controller. The output-format is as follows: e.g.: 'EYE-12 V1.10a '+LF+CR	3, 14
0	250	\$FA	Debug Mode on	This command switches the debug mode on.	
0	063	\$3F	Status	This command works only if the debug mode is activated.	
0	251	\$FB	Debug Mode off	This command switches the debug mode off.	
0	095	\$5F	ASCII ('_')	This command initiates direct ASCII-text input: After receiving '_', the Visualizer responds with a question-mark. After that you have to send the three-digit decimal-number of the desired command within three seconds. These three digits are echoed back by the Visualizer. This command will then be performed. (No CR or LF is needed.) This is useful for testing commands with a standard terminal-program.	
0	128	\$80	Stop All	This command stops zooming, focusing and iris movement (if activated with the respective „Start xxx“-command before).	
0	175	\$AF	Key Lock On	This command activates the Key Lock. When the Key Lock is active the Visualizer can only be controlled via RS-232 and not with the IR-remote-control or the keys on the unit.	
0	176	\$B0	Key Lock Off	This command deactivates the Key Lock. When the Key Lock is inactive the Visualizer can be normally operated with the keys on the unit, the IR-remote-control or via RS-232.	
0	174	\$AE	Get Key Lock	This function returns '1'+LF+CR if Key Lock is active and '0'+LF+CR if the Key Lock is inactive.	3

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	160	\$A0	Get Status	This command returns all settings of the Visualizer in following format (i.e. with firmware v 1.10a): 'Zoom:225 DigitalZoom:000 Focus:F48 Iris:FFF Power:1 AF:1 KeyLock:0 ImageTurn:0 ShowAll:0 Negative:0 ResolutionDVI:AUTO OSD-Menu:0' +LF+CR (in one line) (The Values are for example only, '1' means that the respective item is on, '0' means that it is off. The zoom/iris/focus-positions are 3 digit HEX-numbers in the range from 000 to FFF.) In the future further items may be added. Therefore you should search for a specific item-string (e.g. 'ShowAll') within the complete string and then analyze the next character(s). GetStatus-messages are depending on the installed firmware version!	2, 3
0	221	\$DD	Switch IR-Code	This command switches between IR-code A, B, C and D (,A , B, ..). It's useful if you have up to four Visualizers close together with separate remote-controls.	

Output Signal Setting Commands

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
1	151	\$97	Switch Positive On	This command switches to the positive image mode.	
1	152	\$98	Switch Negative On	This command switches to the negative image mode.	
1	153	\$99	Switch Negative Blue On	This command switches to negative blue image mode.	
1	154	\$9A	Get Positive/Negative	This function returns '0'+LF+CR if the Positive mode is active, '1'+LF+CR for the Negative mode and '2'+LF+CR for the Negative /Blue mode.	
1	155	\$9B	Switch Color On	This command switches the color image On.	
1	156	\$9C	Switch Black/White mode On	This command switches the image to a black/white image.	
1	157	\$9D	Get Black/White	This function returns '0'+LF+CR if the Color-mode is active and '1'+LF+CR if the Black/White mode is active.	
0	225	\$E1	Detail Off	This command de-activates the contour sharpness for soft contours with low detail.	
0	226	\$E2	Detail Medium	This command switches to average contour sharpness.	
0	227	\$E3	Detail High	This command changes to highest contour sharpness for most details.	

Output Resolution Commands

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
1	144	\$90	Resolution UP	This command switches the Output resolution on both outputs up (RGB and DVI).	15
1	145	\$91	Resolution Down	This command switches the Output resolution on both outputs down (RGB and DVI).	15
1	146	\$92	Resolution AUTO	This command switches the Output resolution on both outputs to AUTO-detect (RGB and DVI).	16
1	169	\$A9	Get Resolution	This function returns the current resolution setting on all outputs (RGB and DVI). E.g. "XGA/75Hz" for XGA-standard at 75Hz refresh rate.	

Trigger function Commands

Page	Dec. Code	Hex. Code	Command	Description	see Notes
0	145	\$91	Trigger On	This command switches the trigger function on.	
0	146	\$92	Trigger Off	This command switches the trigger function off.	
0	147	\$93	Trigger Edge Negative	This command switches to negative trigger edge.	
0	148	\$94	Trigger Edge Positive	This command switches to positive trigger edge.	

Notes

1. Zooming switches on the Auto-Iris.
2. Not all zoom-, focus- and iris-positions in the range from 000 to FFF are supported („missing codes“). Reading the position always returns the exact position. Setting the position moves to the wished position as exact as possible.
3. Text under 'quotation marks' are ASCII-strings. The quotation marks must not be sent to the Visualizer and are not sent by the Visualizer. CR means Carriage Return (\$0D), LF is for Line Feed (\$0A).
4. Changing the iris switches off the Auto Iris.
5. These presets are pre-defined and cannot be modified. Auto Focus, Auto Iris are switched on, and the Text Enhancer is switched off.
6. The exact size of the picture depends very much on the adjustments of the monitor / video-projector.
7. Following Visualizer-settings are stored/recalled: Zoom-Position, Focus-Position, Auto Iris on/off, Iris-Position (if AI off), Light on/off, Light box on/off, Text Enhancer on/off.
8. Image size depends on distance to the object. DIN A8 = 52mm x 74mm [≈2" x 2.9"], DIN A7 = 74mm x 105 [≈2,9" x 4.1"], DIN A6 = 105mm x 148mm[≈4.1" x 5.8"], DIN A5 = 148mm x 210mm [≈5.8" x 8.3"] and DIN A4 = 210 x 297mm [≈8.3" x 11.7"]
9. In this sub-menu it's possible to change the Baud rate of the Visualizer.
10. The verification if a command is valid or invalid is only done very roughly. E.g. if the Visualizer receives a zoom-command while the unit is in standby-mode, it recognizes a valid command and replies \$06 although the unit doesn't perform any action. Also the Visualizer identifies a valid code for commands that are only supported on the VZ-57 (and replies \$06 for a valid command), etc.
11. The reply mode is changed immediately after the respective command was received. This means that the new reply mode is already active for the command that changed the reply mode, i.e. after \$9C there is never a reply, after \$9F the Visualizer always sends 'OKAY'+LF+CR, etc.
12. The reply is always sent immediately after a command is received. When a command returns a status, this status is returned after the reply. E.g.: Reply mode = String Mode, Auto Iris = on: When the Visualizer receives \$A6 (i.e. Get Auto Iris) the unit replies 'OKAY'+LF+CR+'1'+LF+CR.
13. Image rotation depends on the settings in the on-screen menu (miscellaneous settings): +90°, 180°, -90° or cycle.
14. The current released version no. of today will be found on: <http://www.wolfvision.com/wolf/fware.html>.
15. These commands switches the output resolution on both outputs (VGA and DVI) up or down (i.e. VGA=XGA at 75Hz and DVI=XGA at 85Hz => "Resolution UP-command" => VGA=XGA at 85Hz and DVI= SXGA at 60Hz).
16. This command switches both outputs (VGA and DVI) to Auto detect equal which settings were selected before.

Commands of other Visualizers, Future

The serial protocols of all WolfVision Visualizers are almost the same. Only some commands more or less are supported on other Visualizer-types due to the different technologies.

(The VZ-7D has e.g. Auto Focus commands but no e.g. telescope-arm-command.)

In the future (at higher firmware-versions) further commands may be added which are not supported yet.