

# *Command Objects*

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The **Command** object specifies one of a variety of program Sequence commands. These include motion, conditional branch, computational, and time delay commands.

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# mpiCommandCreate

Declaration

const [MPICommand](#) **mpiCommandCreate**([MPICommandType](#) type,  
[MPICommandParams](#) \*params,  
const char \*label)

Required Header

stdmpi.h

Description

**CommandCreate** creates a Command object. The command type is specified by *type*. The type-specific parameters are specified by *params*. If *label* is not Null (i.e., something meaningful), then branch commands can call this Command (by using the *label*). *CommandCreate* is the equivalent of a C++ constructor.

Return Values	
handle	to a Command object
MPIHandleVOID	if the object could not be created

See Also

[mpiCommandDelete](#) | [mpiCommandValidate](#)

## *mpiCommandDelete*

**Declaration**      long `mpiCommandDelete`([MPICommand](#) `command`)

**Required Header**    stdmpi.h

**Description**      [CommandDelete](#) deletes a Command object and invalidates its handle (*command*). CommandDelete is the equivalent of a C++ destructor.

### Return Values

<b>MPIMessageOK</b>	if <i>CommandDelete</i> successfully deletes the Command object and invalidates its handle
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**See Also**      [mpiCommandCreate](#) | [mpiCommandValidate](#)

## *mpiCommandValidate*

### Declaration

```
long mpiCommandValidate(MPICommand command)
```

### Required Header

stdmpi.h

### Description

**CommandValidate** validates the Command object and its handle (*command*).

### Return Values

MPIMessageOK	if the Command object and its handle are valid
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### See Also

[mpiCommandCreate](#) | [mpiCommandValidate](#)

## *mpiCommandLabel*

## Declaration

```
long mpiCommandLabel( MPICommand command,  
                     char **label )
```

**Required Header**      stdmpi.h

<b>Description</b>	<b>CommandLabel</b> gets the string from a Command and puts it in the location pointed to by label.
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<b>command</b>	a handle to the Command object
<b>**label</b>	a pointer to a string returned by the method

## Return Values

<b>pointer</b>	to a Command's ( <b><i>command</i></b> ) label (that is in the location pointed to by <b><i>label</i></b> )
<b>MPIMessageOK</b>	if <i>CommandLabel</i> successfully returns a pointer to the Command's label that is in the location pointed to by <b><i>**label</i></b>

**See Also** [mpiCommandCreate](#)

## Declaration

```
long mpiCommandParams (MPICommand command,  
                      MPICommandParams *params)
```

<b>Description</b>	<b>CommandParams</b> gets the parameters from a Command and puts it in the location pointed to by params.
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<b>command</b>	a handle to the Command object
<b>*params</b>	a pointer to a MPICommandParams structure returned by the method

## Return Values

<b>Command (<i>command</i>) parameters</b>	in the structure pointed to by <i>params</i>
<b>MPIMessageOK</b>	if <i>CommandParams</i> successfully gets and writes the command parameters into <i>*params</i>

**See Also** [mpiCommandCreate](#) | [MPICommandParams](#)

## *mpiCommandType*

## Declaration

```
long mpiCommandType ( MPICommand command, MPICommandType *type )
```

**Required Header**      stdmpi.h

## Description

**CommandType** gets the type from a Command and puts it in the location pointed to by type.

<b>command</b>	a handle to the Command object
<b>*type</b>	a pointer to a MPICommandType returned by the method

## Return Values

<b>Command (<i>command</i>) parameters</b>	in the location pointed to by <i>type</i>
<b>MPIMessageOK</b>	if <i>CommandType</i> successfully gets and writes the command type into <i>*type</i>

**See Also** [mpiCommandCreate](#) | [MPICommandType](#)

## Required Header

<b>command</b>	a handle to the Command object
<b>*axisCount</b>	a pointer to a long, representing the number of axes returned by the method
<b>*axisList</b>	a pointer to an array of axis objects returned by the method

## Return Values

**See Also**      [MPICommand](#) | [MPIAxis](#) | [MPIMotion](#)



# ***MPICCommandAddress***

## **MPICCommandAddress**

```
typedef union {  
    long      *l;  
    float     *f;  
} MPICCommandAddress;
```

**Description**            **CommandAddress** defines a generic pointer that can specify either a *long* or a *float* pointer.

<b>*l</b>	is used to access the long pointer of MPICCommandAddress.
<b>*f</b>	is used to access the float pointer of MPICCommandAddress.

**See Also**            [MPICCommandConstant](#)

# ***MPICommandConstant***

## **MPICommandConstant**

```
typedef union {
    long    l;
    float   f;
} MPICommandConstant;
```

### **Description**

**CommandConstant** defines a generic variable that can specify either a *long* or *float* value.

<b>l</b>	is used to access the long value of MPICommandConstant.
<b>f</b>	is used to access the float value of MPICommandConstant.

### **See Also**

[MPICommandAddress](#)

# ***MPICommandExpr***

## **MPICommandExpr**

```
typedef struct MPICommandExpr {
    MPICommandOperator    oper;
    MPICommandAddress    address;
    union {
        MPICommandConstant value; /* ['address'] 'oper' ['value'] */
        MPICommandAddress  ref;   /* ['address'] 'oper' ['ref']   */
    } by;
} MPICommandExpr;
```

**Description**      **CommandExpr** is a structure that represents an expression for an MPICommand object.

The expression is evaluated as either:

*address <b>oper</b> value
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*address <b>oper</b> *ref
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depending on the command type.

**See Also**      [MPICommand](#) | [MPICommandParams](#) | [MPICommandType](#)

# MPICommandMessage

## MPICommandMessage

```
typedef enum {  
    MPICommandMessageCOMMAND_INVALID,  
    MPICommandMessageTYPE_INVALID,  
    MPICommandMessagePARAM_INVALID,  
} MPICommandMessage;
```

### Description

MPICommandMessageCOMMAND_INVALID	is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.
MPICommandMessageTYPE_INVALID	The MPICommandType passed to the mpiCommandCreate method is invalid.

See Also      [MPICommandType](#)

# ***MPICommandMotion***

## **MPICommandMotion**

```
typedef enum {
    MPICommandMotionINVALID,

    MPICommandMotionABORT,
    MPICommandMotionE_STOP,
    MPICommandMotionE_STOP_ABORT,
    MPICommandMotionMODIFY,
    MPICommandMotionRESET,
    MPICommandMotionRESUME,
    MPICommandMotionSTART,
    MPICommandMotionSTOP,
} MPICommandMotion;
```

### **Description**

**CommandMotion** specifies what type of motion action a motion MPICommand object will perform. Please refer to MPIAction for more information on particular actions.

<b>MPICommandMotionABORT</b>	Commands an ABORT action.
<b>MPICommandMotionE_STOP</b>	Commands an E-STOP action.
<b>MPICommandMotionE_STOP_ABORT</b>	Commands an E-STOP_ABORT action.
<b>MPICommandMotionMODIFY</b>	Modifies a particular motion profile. <b>This is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.</b>
<b>MPICommandMotionRESET</b>	Commands an Reset action.
<b>MPICommandMotionRESUME</b>	Commands an Resume action.
<b>MPICommandMotionSTART</b>	Starts a motion profile.
<b>MPICommandMotionSTOP</b>	Commands an STOP action.

### **See Also**

[MPIAction](#) | [MPICommand](#) | [MPICommandParams](#)

# ***MPICommandOperator***

## **MPICommandOperator**

```
typedef enum {
    MPICommandOperatorINVALID,

    /* Arithmetic operators */
    MPICommandOperatorADD,
    MPICommandOperatorSUBTRACT,
    MPICommandOperatorMULTIPLY,
    MPICommandOperatorDIVIDE,

    MPICommandOperatorAND,
    MPICommandOperatorOR,
    MPICommandOperatorXOR,

    /* Logical operators */
    MPICommandOperatorALWAYS,

    MPICommandOperatorEQUAL,
    MPICommandOperatorNOT_EQUAL,

    MPICommandOperatorGREATER_OR_EQUAL,
    MPICommandOperatorGREATER,

    MPICommandOperatorLESS_OR_EQUAL,
    MPICommandOperatorLESS,

    MPICommandOperatorBIT_CLEAR,
    MPICommandOperatorBIT_SET,
} MPICommandOperator;
```

## **Description**

The following are operators used by the MPICommand and MPICompare objects.

<b>Arithmetic Operators</b>	
<b>MPICommandOperatorADD</b>	Performs an addition. Equivalent to the C operator +.
<b>MPICommandOperatorSUBTRACT</b>	Performs a subtraction. Equivalent to the C operator -.
<b>MPICommandOperatorMULTIPLY</b>	Performs a multiplication. Equivalent to the C operator *.
<b>MPICommandOperatorDIVIDE</b>	Performs a division. Equivalent to the C operator /.
<b>MPICommandOperatorAND</b>	Performs a logical AND. Equivalent to the C operator &.
<b>MPICommandOperatorOR</b>	Performs a logical OR. Equivalent to the C operator  .

<b>MPICommandOperatorXOR</b>	Performs a logical XOR. Equivalent to the C operator ^.
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### Logical Operators

<b>MPICommandOperatorALWAYS</b>	Always evaluates TRUE. Equivalent in C to (1) or TRUE.
<b>MPICommandOperatorEQUAL</b>	Performs an equality comparison. Equivalent to the C operator ==.
<b>MPICommandOperatorGREATER_OR_EQUAL</b>	Performs an inequality comparison. Equivalent to the C operator !=.
<b>MPICommandOperatorGREATER_OR_EQUAL</b>	Performs a greater than or equal to comparison. Equivalent to the C operator >=.
<b>MPICommandOperatorGREATER</b>	Performs a greater than comparison. Equivalent to the C operator >.
<b>MPICommandOperatorLESS_OR_EQUAL</b>	Performs a less than or equal to comparison. Equivalent to the C operator <=.
<b>MPICommandOperatorLESS</b>	Performs a less than comparison. Equivalent to the C operator <.
<b>MPICommandOperatorBIT_CLEAR</b>	Clears specified bits. Equivalent in C to the statement: variable &= ~(bits)
<b>MPICommandOperatorBIT_SET</b>	Sets specified bits. Equivalent in C to the statement: variable  = (bits)

**See Also**     [MPICommand](#) | [MPICommandExpr](#) | [MPICommandParams](#) | [MPIComparePosition](#) | [MPICompareParams](#)

## ***MPICommandParams***

### **MPICommandParams**

```

typedef union {
    struct {      /* '*'dst' = 'value' */
        MPICommandAddress    dst;
        MPICommandConstant value;
        MPIControl        control;          /* Ignored by Sequence */
    } assign;

    struct {      /* branch to 'label' on 'expr' */
        char              *label;           /* NULL => stop sequence */
        MPICommandExpr      expr;             /* expr.oper => MPICommandOperatorLogical */
        MPIControl        control;          /* Ignored by Sequence */
    } branch;

    struct {      /* branch to 'label' on MPIEventMask('handle') 'oper' 'mask' */
        char              *label;           /* NULL => stop sequence */
        MPIHandle         handle;           /* [MPIMotor|MPIMotion|...] */
        MPICommandOperator   oper;            /* EQUAL/NOT_EQUAL/BIT_CLEAR/BIT_SET */
        /*
        MPIEventMask        mask;            /* MPIEventMask('handle') 'oper'
        'mask' */
    } branchEvent;

    struct {      /* branch to 'label' on Io.input 'oper' 'mask' */
        char              *label;           /* NULL => stop sequence */
        MPIIoType             type;            /* MOTOR,    USER */
        MPIIoSource          source;          /* MPIMotor    index */
        MPICommandOperator   oper;            /* EQUAL/NOT_EQUAL/BIT_CLEAR/BIT_SET */
        /*
        long              mask;            /* [motor|user]Io.input 'oper' 'mask'
        */
    } branchIO;

    struct {      /* '*'dst' = 'expr' */
        MPICommandAddress    dst;
        MPICommandExpr      expr;             /* expr.oper =>
MPICommandOperatorArithmetic */
        MPIControl        control;          /* Ignored by Sequence */
    } compute;

    struct {      /* Io.output = Io.output 'oper' 'mask' */
        MPIIoType             type;            /* MOTOR,    USER */
        MPIIoSource          source;          /* MPIMotor    index */
        MPICommandOperator   oper;            /* AND/OR/XOR */
        long              mask;
    } computeIO;

    struct {      /* memcpy(dst, src, count) */
        void              *dst;
        void              *src;
        long              count;
        MPIControl        control;          /* Ignored by Sequence */
    } copy;

```



```

float          delay;    /* seconds */

struct {
    long          value;    /* MPIEventStatus.type      = MPIEventTypeEXTERNAL */
                        /*                               .source = MPISequence/MPIProgram */
                        /*                               .info[0] = value */
    MPIEventMgr    eventMgr; /* Ignored by Sequence */
} event;

struct {          /* mpiMotion[Abort|EStop|Reset|Resume|Start|Stop](motion[, type,
params]) */
    MPICommandMotion    motionCommand;
    MPIMotion           motion;
    MPIMotionType       type;    /* MPICommandMotionSTART */
    MPIMotionParams     params; /* MPICommandMotionSTART */
} motion;

struct {          /* wait until 'expr' */
    MPICommandExpr      expr;    /* expr.oper => MPICommandOperatorLogical */
    MPIControl         control; /* Ignored by Sequence */
} wait;

struct {          /* wait until MPIEventMask('handle') 'oper' 'mask' */
    MPIHandle          handle; /* [MPIMotor|MPIMotion|...] */
    MPICommandOperator  oper;    /* EQUAL/NOT_EQUAL/BIT_CLEAR/BIT_SET */
    MPIEventMask       mask;    /* MPIEventMask('handle') 'oper' 'mask' */
} waitEvent;

struct {          /* wait until Io.input 'oper' 'mask' */
    MPIIoType           type;    /* MOTOR, USER */
    MPIIoSource         source; /* MPIMotor index */
    MPICommandOperator  oper;    /* EQUAL/NOT_EQUAL/BIT_CLEAR/BIT_SET */
    long              mask;    /* [motor|user]Io.input 'oper' 'mask' */
} waitIO;
} MPICommandParams;

```

## Description

<b>assign</b>	Assign a value to a particular controller address: <b>*dst = value</b> <b>assign.control is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.</b>
<b>branch</b>	Branch to a particular command (similar to a <i>goto</i> statement) if a particular comparison evaluates to TRUE: branch to <b>label</b> on <b>expr</b> If <i>label</i> = NULL, then no more commands will be executed if the comparison evaluates to TRUE. <b>branch.control is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.</b>
<b>branchEvent</b>	Branch to a particular command (similar to a <i>goto</i> statement) if a particular event occurs or has occurred: branch to <b>label</b> on <b>MPIEventMask(handle) oper mask</b> If <i>label</i> = NULL, then no more commands will be executed if a particular event occurs or has occurred.
<b>branchIO</b>	Branch to a particular command (similar to a <i>goto</i> statement) if a particular i/o state matches a specified condition: branch to <b>label</b> on <b>Io.input oper mask</b> If <i>label</i> = NULL, then no more commands will be executed if a particular i/o state matches a specified condition.
<b>compute</b>	perform some computation and place the result at some controller address: <b>*dst = expr</b> <b>compute.control is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.</b>
<b>computeIO</b>	Performs a computation on a set of i/o bits: <b>Io.output = Io.output oper mask</b>

<b>copy</b>	Copies controller memory from one place to another: <b>memcpy</b> ( <i>dst, src, count</i> ); Remember: <b>count</b> represents the number of <b>bytes</b> copied, NOT the number of controller words. <b>event.control is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.</b>
<b>delay</b>	Delays execution of the next command <i>delay</i> seconds.
<b>event</b>	Generates an event: MPIEventStatus.type = MPIEventTypeEXTERNAL MPIEventStatus.source = MPISequence MPIEventStatus.info[0] = value <b>event.eventMgr is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.</b>
<b>motion</b>	Commands a motion action (See MPICommandMotion): <b>mpiMotionStart</b> ( <i>motion, type, params</i> ); or <b>mpiMotionAction</b> ( <i>motion</i> , MPIAction[ABORT   E_STOP   E_STOP_ABORT   RESET   RESUME   STOP]);
<b>wait</b>	Delays execution of the next command until a particular comparison evaluates to TRUE: wait until <i>expr</i> <b>wait.control is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.</b>
<b>waitEvent</b>	Delays execution of the next command until a particular event occurs: wait until <b>MPIEventMask</b> ( <i>handle</i> ) <b>oper</b> <i>mask</i>
<b>waitIO</b>	Delays execution of the next command until a particular i/o state matches a specified condition: wait until <i>Io.input</i> <b>oper</b> <i>mask</i>

**See Also**

[MPICommand](#) | [MPICommandType](#) | [mpiCommandCreate](#) | [mpiCommandParams](#)

# ***MPICommandType***

## **MPICommandType**

```
typedef enum {
    MPICommandTypeASSIGN,
    MPICommandTypeASSIGN_FLOAT,

    MPICommandTypeBRANCH,
    MPICommandTypeBRANCH_REF,
    MPICommandTypeBRANCH_FLOAT,
    MPICommandTypeBRANCH_FLOAT_REF,
    MPICommandTypeBRANCH_EVENT,
    MPICommandTypeBRANCH_IO,

    MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE,
    MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE_REF,
    MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE_FLOAT,
    MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE_FLOAT_REF,
    MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE_IO,

    MPICommandTypeCOPY,

    MPICommandTypeDELAY,

    MPICommandTypeEVENT,

    MPICommandTypeMOTION,

    MPICommandTypeWAIT,
    MPICommandTypeWAIT_REF,
    MPICommandTypeWAIT_FLOAT,
    MPICommandTypeWAIT_FLOAT_REF,
    MPICommandTypeWAIT_EVENT,
    MPICommandTypeWAIT_IO,
} MPICommandType;
```

## **Description**

<b>MPICommandTypeASSIGN</b>	
<b>MPICommandTypeASSIGN_FLOAT</b>	These commands assign a value to a particular controller address. MPICommandTypeASSIGN assigns a long value while MPICommandTypeASSIGN_FLOAT assigns a float value.
<b>MPICommandTypeBRANCH</b>	These commands branch to a particular command (similar to a goto statement) if a particular comparison evaluates to TRUE. MPICommandTypeBRANCH compares a controller address to a specified constant long value. MPICommandTypeBRANCH_REF Compares a controller address to a long value at a specified controller address.

<b>MPICommandTypeBRANCH_FLOAT</b>	Compares a controller address to a specified constant float value.
<b>MPICommandTypeBRANCH_FLOAT_REF</b>	Compares a controller address to a float value at a specified controller address.
<b>MPICommandTypeBRANCH_EVENT</b>	Branch to a particular command (similar to a goto statement) if a particular event occurs or has occurred.
<b>MPICommandTypeBRANCH_IO</b>	Branch to a particular command (similar to a goto statement) if a particular i/o state matches a specified condition.
<b>MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE</b>	These commands perform some computation and place the result at some controller address.. MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE performs a computation of some controller address and a constant long value.
<b>MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE_REF</b>	Performs a computation of some controller address and a long value at a specified controller address.
<b>MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE_FLOAT</b>	Performs a computation of some controller address and a constant float value.
<b>MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE_FLOAT_REF</b>	Performs a computation of some controller address and a float value at a specified controller address.
<b>MPICommandTypeCOMPUTE_IO</b>	Performs a computation on a set of i/o bits.
<b>MPICommandTypeCOPY</b>	Copies controller memory from one place to another.
<b>MPICommandTypeDELAY</b>	Delays execution of the next command.
<b>MPICommandTypeEVENT</b>	Generate an event.
<b>MPICommandTypeMOTION</b>	Commands a motion action. See MPICommandMotion.
<b>MPICommandTypeWAIT</b>	These delays execution of the next command until a particular comparison evaluates to TRUE. MPICommandTypeWAIT compares a controller address to a specified constant long value. MPICommandTypeWAIT_REF Compares a controller address to a long value at a specified controller address.
<b>MPICommandTypeWAIT_FLOAT</b>	Compares a controller address to a specified constant float value.
<b>MPICommandTypeWAIT_FLOAT_REF</b>	Compares a controller address to a float value at a specified controller address.
<b>MPICommandTypeWAIT_EVENT</b>	Delays execution of the next command until a particular event occurs.
<b>MPICommandTypeWAIT_IO</b>	Delays execution of the next command until a particular i/o state matches a specified condition.

**See Also**

[MPICommand](#) | [MPICommandMotion](#) | [MPICommandParams](#) | [mpiCommandCreate](#) | [mpiCommandType](#)