

# *Event Objects*

## Introduction

An **Event** object contains information about an asynchronous event. Typically, events are generated by the controller, but in some special cases it is possible to generate events from the host computer.

The Event object is retrieved through the EventMgr, via the Notify object. The Event object contains data about the type of event, its source, and other information. The user Event fields can be configured to collect data at the time when the event occurs in the controller.

## Methods

### Configuration and Information Methods

<a href="#"><u>mpiEventStatusGet</u></a>	Get Event status
<a href="#"><u>mpiEventStatusSet</u></a>	Set Event status

## Data Types

[MPIEventMessage](#)  
[MEIEventNotifyData](#)  
[MPIEventStatus](#)  
[MEIEventStatusInfo](#)  
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## Constants

[MPIEventStatusINFO\\_COUNT\\_MAX](#) defines the size of the MPIEventStatus.info[] array.

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## *mpiEventStatusGet*

## Declaration

```
long mpiEventStatusGet(MPIEvent event, MPIEventStatus *status)
```

## Required Header `event.h`

<b>Description</b>	<b>EventStatusGet</b> gets the status of an Event object ( <i>event</i> ) and writes it into the structure pointed to by <i>status</i> . Event status includes the event type, type-specific codes and the event source.
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## Return Values

<b>MPIMessageOK</b>	if <i>EventStatusGet</i> successfully gets the status of an Event object and writes it into the structure
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**See Also** [mpiEventStatusSet](#) | [meiEventStatusInfo](#)

## Declaration

```
long mpiEventStatusSet(MPIEvent event,  
                      MPIEventStatus *status)
```

## Required Header `event.h`

<b>Description</b>	<b>EventStatusSet</b> sets (writes) the status of <i>event</i> using data from the structure pointed to by <i>status</i> . Event status includes the event type, type-specific codes and the event source.
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## Return Values

<b>MPIMessageOK</b>	if <i>EventStatusSet</i> successfully sets (writes) the status of event using data from the structure
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**See Also** [mpiEventStatusGet](#) | [meiEventStatusInfo](#)

# ***MPIEventMessage***

## **MPIEventMessage**

```
typedef enum {  
    MPIEventMessageEVENT_INVALID,  
} MPIEventMessage;
```

## **Description**

### **MPIEventMessageEVENT\_INVALID**

<b>Meaning</b>	The MPIEvent handle passed to an MPIEvent method is invalid.
<b>Possible Causes</b>	Either the handle was never initialized or the mpiEventCreate method failed.
<b>Recommendations</b>	MPIEvent objects are used internally. <b>Do not create your own.</b> If you have not and you are receiving this error message, then please contact an applications engineer at Motion Engineering, Inc.

## **See Also**

## ***MEIEventNotifyData***

### **MPIEventNotifyData**

```
typedef struct MEIEventNotifyData {  
    void          *address[MEIXmpSignalUserData];  
} MEIEventNotifyData;
```

#### **Description**

The *address* of an **EventNotifyData** structure is passed as the third (void \*external) argument to mpi'Object'EventNotify[GS]et(). The address array contains host-based XMP addresses, the contents of which are returned in MEIEventStatusInfo{ }.data.

#### **See Also**

[MEIEventStatusInfo](#)

# *MPIEventStatus*

## MPIEventStatus

```
typedef struct MPIEventStatus {
    MPIEventType          type;
    void                *source;

    long                info[MPIEventStatusINFO\_COUNT\_MAX];
} MPIEventStatus;
```

**Description** [EventStatus](#) holds information about a particular event that was generated by the XMP.

<b>type</b>	identifies the type of event that was generated.
<b>*source</b>	identifies what the source of the event was. source will either be a handle to an MPI object or a host pointer. Use mpiObjectModuleId() to identify what source points to.

**See Also** [mpiObjectModuleId](#) | [MPIEventType](#) | [MPIEventMgr](#) | [MPINotify](#) | [MEIEventStatusInfo](#) | [MPIEventStatusINFO\\_COUNT\\_MAX](#)

MEIEventStatusInfo

MEIEventStatusInfo

```
typedef struct MEIEventStatusInfo {
    union {
        MPIHandle    handle;    /* generic */
        MPIAxis      axis;      /* MEIEventTypeAXIS_FIRST ... MEIEventTypeAXIS_LAST -
1 */
        long         number;    /* MPIEventTypeMOTION
MPIEventTypeMOTOR_FIRST ... MPIEventTypeMOTOR_LAST - 1
MEIEventTypeMOTOR_FIRST ... MEIEventTypeMOTOR_LAST - 1 */
        long         value;     /* MPIEventTypeEXTERNAL */
    } type;

    MEIXmpSignalID signalID;

    /* Contents of addresses specified by MEIEventNotifyData{} */
    union {
        long sampleCounter;
        struct {
            long sampleCounter;
        } motion;
        struct {
            long sampleCounter;
            long actualPosition;
        } axis;
        struct {
            long sampleCounter;
            long encoderPosition;
        } motor;
        long word[MEIXmpSignalUserData];
    } data;
} MEIEventStatusInfo;
```

**Description** [EventStatusInfo](#) is an information structure that tells the XMP what the data in MPIEventStatus.info holds.

type	A union that specifies the object handle, motion number, or external ID value that generated the event
type.handle	A generic object handle. Used by MPIRecorder and MPIMotor events
type.axis	An axis object handle. Used by MPIAxis events
type.number	The motion number of the MPIMotion object that generated the event
type.value	An ID value used to identify what external source or MPISequence event was generated
signalID	Specifies what type of object actually generated the event
data	A union that contains extra data about the event that was generated
data.sampleCounter	The value of the sampleCounter when the event was generated
data.motion	A union that contains extra data about the motion event that was generated
data.motion.sampleCounter	The value of the sampleCounter when the motion event was generated
data.axis	A union that contains extra data about the axis event that was generated
data.axis.sampleCounter	The value of the sampleCounter when the axis.event was generated
data.axis.actualPosition	The value of the axis' actual position when the event was generated
data.motor	A union that contains extra data about the motor event that was generated

<b>data.motor.sampleCounter</b>	The value of the sampleCounter when the motor event was generated
<b>data.motor.encoderPosition</b>	The value of the motor's ecoder position when the event was generated
<b>data.word[]</b>	The extra data about the event that was generated formatted as an array of long values

## Sample Code

```
MPINotify    notify
MPIEventStatus eventStatus;

...

/* Wait for event */
returnValue =
    mpiNotifyEventWait(notify,
                        &eventStatus,
                        MPIWaitFOREVER);
msgCHECK(returnValue);

if (eventStatus.type == MPIEventTypeMOTION_DONE) {
    MEIEventStatusInfo *info;

    info = (MEIEventStatusInfo *)eventStatus.info;

    ...
}
```

## See Also

[MPIEventStatus](#) | [MPIAxis](#)



## ***MPIEventType / MEIEventType***

### **MPIEventType**

```
typedef enum {
    MPIEventTypeINVALID,

    MPIEventTypeNONE,          /* 0 */

    /* Motor events */
    MPIEventTypeAMP_FAULT,     /* 1 */
    MPIEventTypeHOME,          /* 2 */
    MPIEventTypeLIMIT_ERROR,   /* 3 */
    MPIEventTypeLIMIT_HW_NEG,  /* 4 */
    MPIEventTypeLIMIT_HW_POS,  /* 5 */
    MPIEventTypeLIMIT_SW_NEG,  /* 6 */
    MPIEventTypeLIMIT_SW_POS,  /* 7 */
    MPIEventTypeENCODER_FAULT, /* 8 */

    /* Motion events */
    MPIEventTypeMOTION_DONE,   /* 9 */
    MPIEventTypeMOTION_AT_VELOCITY, /* 10 */

    /* Recorder events */
    MPIEventTypeRECORDER_FULL, /* 11 */
    MPIEventTypeRECORDER_DONE, /* 12 */

    /* External events */
    MPIEventTypeEXTERNAL,      /* 13 */
} MPIEventType;
```

### **Description**

**EventType** is used by the MPIEventMask macros to help generate event masks.

<b>MPIEventTypeNONE</b>	This event type indicates no event was generated.
<b>MPIEventTypeAMP_FAULT</b>	This event type indicates an Amp Fault event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MPIEventTypeHOME</b>	This event type indicates a Home event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MPIEventTypeLIMIT_ERROR</b>	This event type indicates a position Error Limit was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MPIEventTypeLIMIT_HW_NEG</b>	This event type indicates a Negative Hardware Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MPIEventTypeLIMIT_HW_POS</b>	This event type indicates a Positive Hardware Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MPIEventTypeLIMIT_SW_NEG</b>	This event type indicates a Negative Software Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MPIEventTypeLIMIT_SW_POS</b>	This event type indicates a Positive Software Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MPIEventTypeENCODER_FAULT</b>	This event type indicates an Encoder Fault event was generated from a Motor object.

<b>MPIEventType</b> MOTION_DONE	This event type indicates a Motion Done event was generated from a Motion Supervisor object.
<b>MPIEventType</b> MOTION_AT_VELOCITY	This event type indicates an At Velocity event was generated from a Motion Supervisor object.
<b>MPIEventType</b> RECORDER_FULL	This event type indicates a Recorder Full event was generated from a Recorder object.
<b>MPIEventType</b> RECORDER_DONE	This event type indicates a Recorder Done event was generated from a Recorder object.
<b>MPIEventType</b> EXTERNAL	This event type indicates an External event was generated from an external source.

## MEIEventType

```
typedef enum {
    /* Motor events */
    MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER0 = MPIEventTypeLAST,          /* 14 */
    MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER1,                             /* 15 */
    MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER2,                             /* 16 */
    MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER3,                             /* 17 */
    MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER4,                             /* 18 */
    MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER5,                             /* 19 */
    MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER6,                             /* 20 */
    MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER7,                             /* 21 */
    MEIEventTypeLIMIT_TORQUE,                             /* 22 */

    /* Motion events */
    MEIEventTypeMOTION_OUT_OF_FRAMES,                    /* 23 */
    MEIEventTypeMOTION_RESERVED0,                        /* 24 */

    /* Axis events */
    MEIEventTypeIN_POSITION_COARSE,                      /* 25 */
    MEIEventTypeIN_POSITION_FINE,                        /* 26 */
    MEIEventTypeAT_TARGET,                               /* 27 */
    MEIEventTypeFRAME,                                   /* 28 */
    MEIEventTypeAXIS_RESERVED0,                          /* 29 */
    MEIEventTypeAXIS_RESERVED1,                          /* 30 */
    MEIEventTypePOWER_FAILURE,                           /* 31 */

} MEIEventType;
```

**Description**

**EventType** is used by the MPIEventMask macros to help generate event masks.

<b>MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER0</b>	This event type indicates a User Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER1</b>	This event type indicates a User Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER2</b>	This event type indicates a User Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER3</b>	This event type indicates a User Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER4</b>	This event type indicates a User Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER5</b>	This event type indicates a User Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER6</b>	This event type indicates a User Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MEIEventTypeLIMIT_USER7</b>	This event type indicates a User Limit event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MEIEventTypeLIMIT_TORQUE</b>	This event type indicates a Torque event was generated from a Motor object.
<b>MEIEventTypeMOTION_OUT_OF_FRAMES</b>	This event type indicates a Motion Done event was generated from a Motion Supervisor object.
<b>MEIEventTypeMOTION_RESERVED0</b>	This event type indicates a Reserved Motion event was generated from a Motion Supervisor object. This event type is reserved for future use or custom motion events.
<b>MEIEventTypeIN_POSITION_COARSE</b>	This event type indicates an In Coarse Position event was generated from an Axis object.
<b>MEIEventTypeIN_POSITION_FINE</b>	This event type indicates an In Fine Position event was generated from an Axis object.
<b>MEIEventTypeAT_TARGET</b>	Reserved Frame Event.
<b>MEIEventTypeFRAME</b>	<b>This is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.</b>
<b>MEIEventTypeAXIS_RESERVED0</b>	This event type indicates a Reserved Axis event was generated from an Axis object. This event type is reserved for future use or custom axis events.
<b>MEIEventTypeAXIS_RESERVED1</b>	This event type indicates a Reserved Axis event was generated from an Axis object. This event type is reserved for future use or custom axis events.
<b>MEIEventTypePOWER_FAILURE</b>	This event type indicates a Power Failure event was generated from the controller.

## See Also

[MPIEventMask](#) | [MPIEventMgr](#) | [MPINotify](#) | [MPIEventStatus](#)  
[Special Note](#) on the use of MPIEventTypeENCODER\_FAULT

# ***MPIEventStatusINFO\_COUNT\_MAX***

## **MPIEventStatusINFO\_COUNT\_MAX**

#define **MPIEventStatusINFO\_COUNT\_MAX** (16)

**Description**      **EventStatusINFO\_COUNT\_MAX** defines the size of the MPIEventStatus.info[] array.

**See Also**      [MPIEventStatus](#) | [MPIEventMgr](#) | [MPINotify](#)

## Special Note: *Use of MPIEventTypeENCODER\_FAULT*

This event type is used to detect three types of encoder faults:

- **Broken wire errors**
- **Illegal state errors**
- **Absolute encoder initialization errors**
  - Timeout errors
  - Protocol errors

**Broken wire errors** are detected for either incremental or absolute encoders whenever both differential inputs of any encoder receiver (A, B, or Index) are at the same voltage level (i. e., whenever one or both inputs is disconnected from the encoders differential transmitter). The EncoderTermination configuration of the encoder input must be TRUE for correct detection of broken wires.

**Illegal state errors** occur whenever transitions are seen on both A and B phases of an encoder input at the same time (e.g. noise spikes).

There are two types of **absolute encoder initialization errors**: Timeout errors and Protocol errors. **Timeout errors** occur when an absolute encoder does not transmit absolute encoder data within the timeout period starting at the transition of the interrogation line (SEN line). **Protocol errors** are detected when serial absolute data is sent during the timeout, but the data cannot be interpreted by the XMP. Both error types result in an ENCODER\_FAULT event.

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