

# **SNAPPER!**

## **DEVELOPER'S MANUAL**

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# **SNAPPER SDK Overview**

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## Introduction

This introduction briefly explains what is contained in the Snapper Software Development Kit (SDK). The kit contains this manual (described below) and the release CD containing software libraries and example programs. Probably the best way to get started is install the software, skim through this manual and then run the example programs. For users developing their own applications, the example programs are probably the best starting point.

This manual is designed for all supported hardware platforms, that is ISA & PCI on IBM PCs; PCI on Mac & UltraSPARC; PMC on VME and PowerPC; and SBus on Sun Workstations. It also covers the following operating systems: Windows 3.1x/95/98/NT, MS-DOS, Solaris 2, MacOS 7 & MacOS 8 , VxWorks and LynxOS.

## Sections in this Manual

<b>INSTALLATION</b>	This section explains how to install the hardware into your computer and how to install and configure the software. System requirements are also explained for all supported platforms and operating systems. At the end of the Installation section there are various release notes including ones describing specific cameras supported.
<b>DEVELOPER'S GUIDE</b>	This section explains how to build applications under the various supported operating systems and compilers. At the end of the Developer's Guide section there are software change notes describing differences from the previous version.
<b>DIGITAL CAMERA INTERFACE GUIDE</b>	This section explains how to interface between a Snapper-Dig16 and a variety of digital cameras. It explains the cable requirements, and any required camera settings.
<b>ERROR HANDLING</b>	This section explains the error handling procedures used in all the libraries.
<b>BASEBOARD LIBRARY</b>	This is the manual for the Bus Interface Library. This software library performs basic configuration and initialization of the baseboard and provides an interface for the other libraries to use. This library provides a common interface for all baseboards and operating systems.
<b>COMPRESSION LIBRARY</b>	This is the manual for the "Crunch" JPEG compression and decompression library. On ISA and PCI systems there is the option of hardware compression and decompression. This library provides simple routines for JPEG compression either from system memory/disk or directly from/to Snapper acquisition/display modules.
<b>SNAPPER-DIG16 LIBRARY</b>	This manual section describes the Snapper-DIG16 functions and gives an overview about interfacing to digital video sources.
<b>SNAPPER-16 LIBRARY</b>	This manual section describes the Snapper-16 library functions and how to interface to composite video sources.
<b>SNAPPER-24 LIBRARY</b>	This manual section describes the Snapper-24 library functions and how to interface to RGB video sources. This also includes the associated Snapper-8 product.
<b>TMG LIBRARY</b>	This manual section is for the TMG graphics library. This library is a general purpose image processing library that is used by the compression library and the Snapper libraries. It performs basic functions such as TIFF reading/writing, conversion between numerous colour formats etc, as well as more exotic functions such as chroma keying.
<b>VXWORKS</b>	The VxWorks manual section describes how to use Snapper with the VxWorks operating system, running on PowerPC platforms. It details how custom functions may be required to support different hardware architectures.
<b>ACTIVEX</b>	This manual section outlines how to interface with the ActiveX server and provides an example application.
<b>DATASHEETS</b>	Technical Specifications for the current product range of Bus Interface Boards, hardware compression boards and Snapper acquisition modules.
<b>TECHNICAL NOTES</b>	This contains Technical Notes which answer common technical support questions.
<b>GLOSSARY</b>	A comprehensive glossary of terms used in image processing and video capture.
<b>APPENDICES</b>	The Appendices contain the following: Software Bug Report Form. Hardware Failure Report Form.

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- If the hardware appears to be failing, please check you have the latest software. Newer hardware revisions may not be compatible with previous software versions. Hardware failures should be reported using the “Hardware Failure Report Form” along with any additional information that may help fault diagnosis. This form must be faxed before an RMA number can be issued allowing return of the hardware. (A copy of this form is in the Appendices).

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