

## Introduction

This manual describes the parts, programming and use of the photovoltaic performance monitoring system (PVPM). PVPM is an automated system for collecting data from a PV system. This system has been developed for, and is in use at the Solar Performance Testing Unit of the PV Research Lab of the Department of Physics, Moi University. In this manual, the various parts comprising the system and how they function are described.

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## Parts

The PVPM system comprises three main components; the CPC/PV system, the interfacing component and the software component. The CPC/PV system comprises a PV panel equipped with low-concentration parabolic reflectors. The interfacing component includes a constant voltage electronic bridge, an IO card and a PC. The software component is a program that collects and interprets data from the CPC/PV system via the interface.

The bridge for which this program was designed is a constant voltage bridge. This means that it keeps the voltage reading across the panel at a constant value so that only the current varies. Moreover, the bridge converts the current reading into a voltage reading and steps down the voltages so that they can be fed into the computer. Conversion factors are provided with the bridge to enable the user to convert the readings back to the actual voltage and current values. These conversion values are:

**Current: Multiply by 14.8**

**Voltage: Multiply by 8.5**

The IO card for this program is a Computer Boards card. The details concerning this card are comprehensively covered in the technical manuals supplied with the card.

The output from the card is in **counts**, which the PVPM program then converts to voltages before the bridge conversion factors are applied.

The card comes with its own installation software, which is used for configuration purposes. Libraries for different programming languages are also provided in the Universal Library diskette. For this case, the software for the data access has been written in Visual Basic 3.0. The program has been left in its raw form (not compiled as stand alone) so as to enable future modifications when necessary. The setback with this, however, is that the program can only be run in a PC that has the Visual Basic 3.0 program installed and all the necessary files must be manually loaded. Details of this are given in the Technical manual that accompanies this user manual.

The user manual gives a screen-by-screen description of how to use the PVPM software while the technical manual gives the source code for the software.

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Three of the card's channels are in use for this program, one for irradiance, the other voltage and the third current. The PVPM program can be run in two modes, the single channel mode and the multi-channel mode. The single channel mode allows the user to read only one channel at a time while the multi channel mode reads all three channels and processes the data. In both modes the data is saved to a data file specified by the user.

When the program begins, a screen as shown in fig. 1.1 is displayed. This is the main starting screen from which the two modes of the program are started.

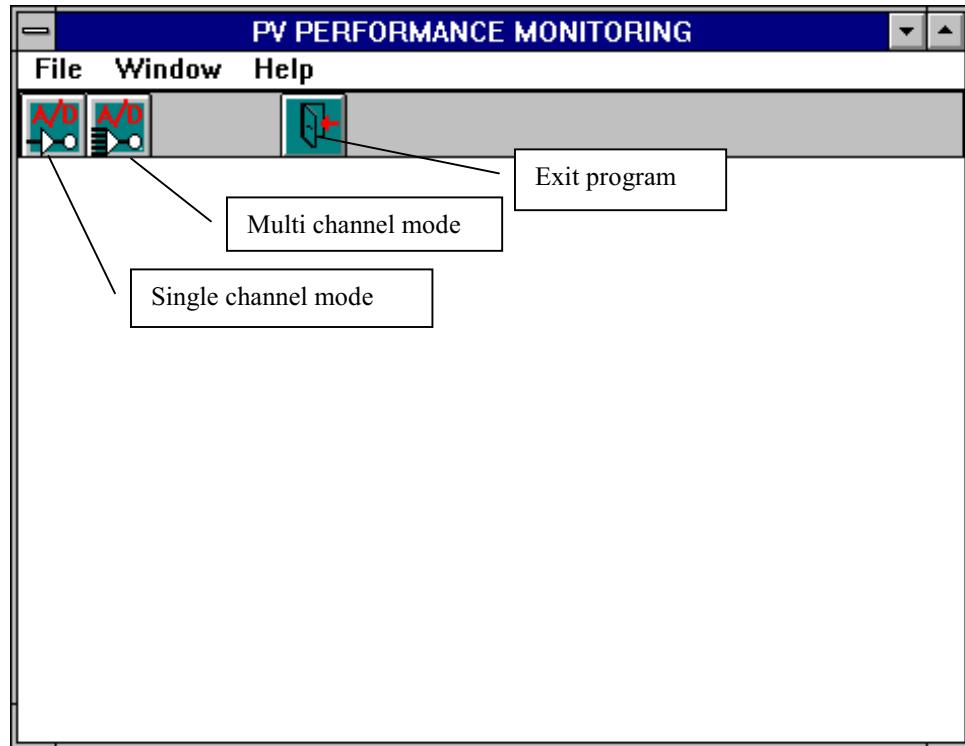


Fig. 1.1 The opening screen

By pressing the icon indicated, one can start the program in single channel or multi channel mode. Alternatively, the File menu can be used. Similarly, one can quit the program from the icon shown or from the File menu.

### 1.1 Single Channel Mode

When the user opts for the single channel mode, the screen shown in figure 1.1.1 appears. The user then runs the program by: pressing the "start" button, pressing the "start" icon on the toolbar or using the Start item on the File menu.

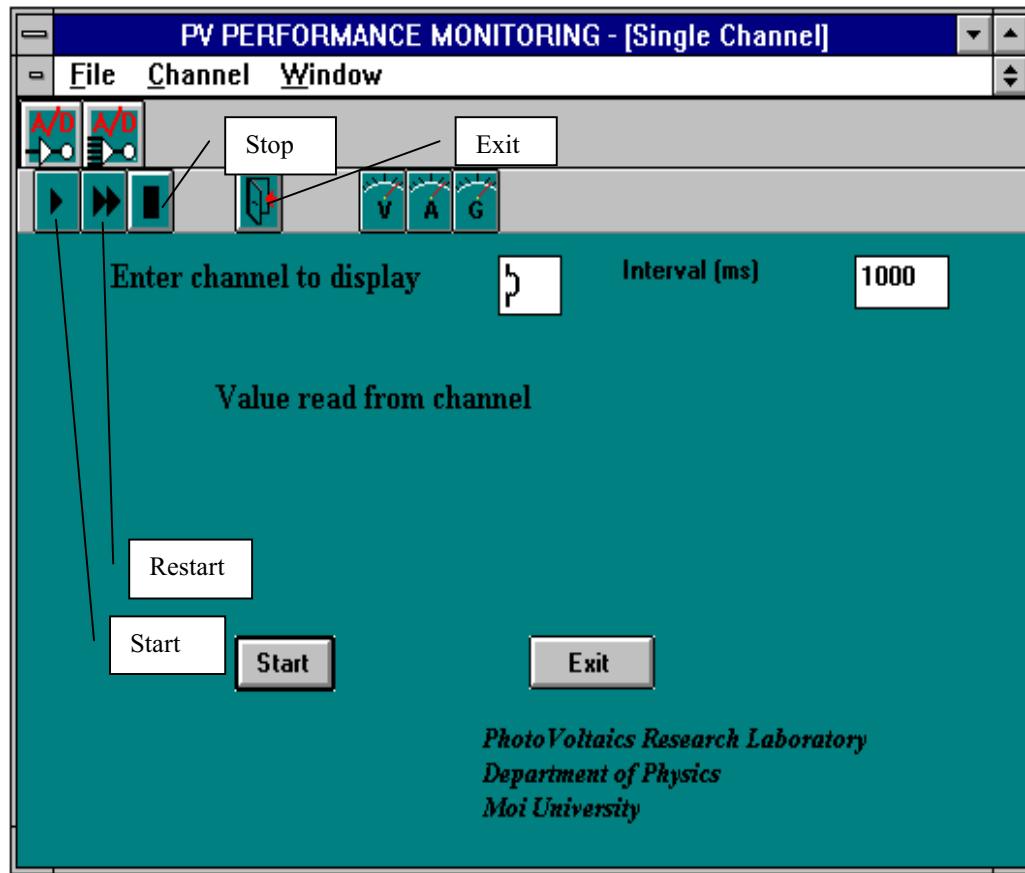


Fig. 1.1.1 The Single channel mode

Immediately the program begins, the user will be prompted to give a name for the file in which the data collected will be saved, as shown in figure 1.1.2.

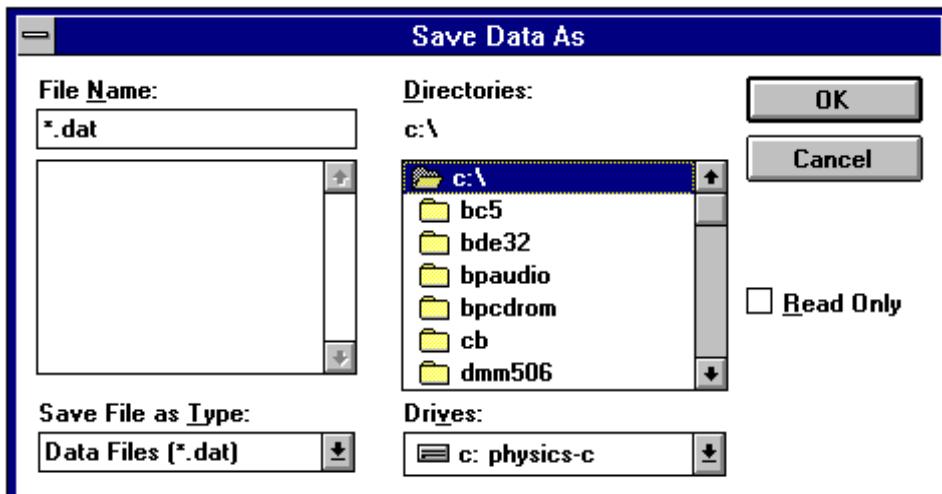


Fig. 1.1.2 Prompt to save data

The data file will have the extension .DAT and can then be accessed and imported into any desired software for analysis. The data is saved in comma-separated format (CSV).

Once the user has specified the name and location of the file, the program then begins running. The user should also specify the channel he desires to read by entering the channel number in the "Enter Channel to Display" box. The channels available presently are:

- 0      Voltage**
- 1      Current**
- 2      Irradiance**

The default channel is 0. If the box is left empty, channel 0 is assumed. If a number between 2 and 8 is entered, a self-explanatory error message appears warning the user that these channels are not available. If a number greater than 8 is entered, a Computer Boards error is generated and the program aborts. This is because the card only has eight channels and only these are supported.

If the user presses OK then the program resumes and waits for user input. If the user presses HELP a help screen appears showing the user the available channels. To avoid confusion, the user is advised to use the icons on the toolbar to select the channel to be read. These are indicated in figure 1.1.3.

Once an acceptable channel is selected, the program runs showing both the name of the channel being monitored and the value being read and the units. Voltage will be in Volts, current in Amperes and irradiance in Watts per square meter. The rate of data collection, i.e., the interval between consecutive data points is set by default at 1000ms but this can be adjusted by changing the value in the "Interval" box.

Figure 1.1.3 shows a sample screen of the PVPM program running in Single channel mode.

To stop the program, the user can press the Stop button, press the Stop icon  or use the File menu. A Restart button appears and can be used to restart the data access process.



Similarly, the Restart icon  on the toolbar or the Restart item on the File menu can be used. Restarting the program does not interfere with the data that is already saved on file. The new data is simply added at the end of the previous data and so no data is lost. The saved data has a column indicating time and so the user will be able to tell when the program was stopped and when it was restarted.

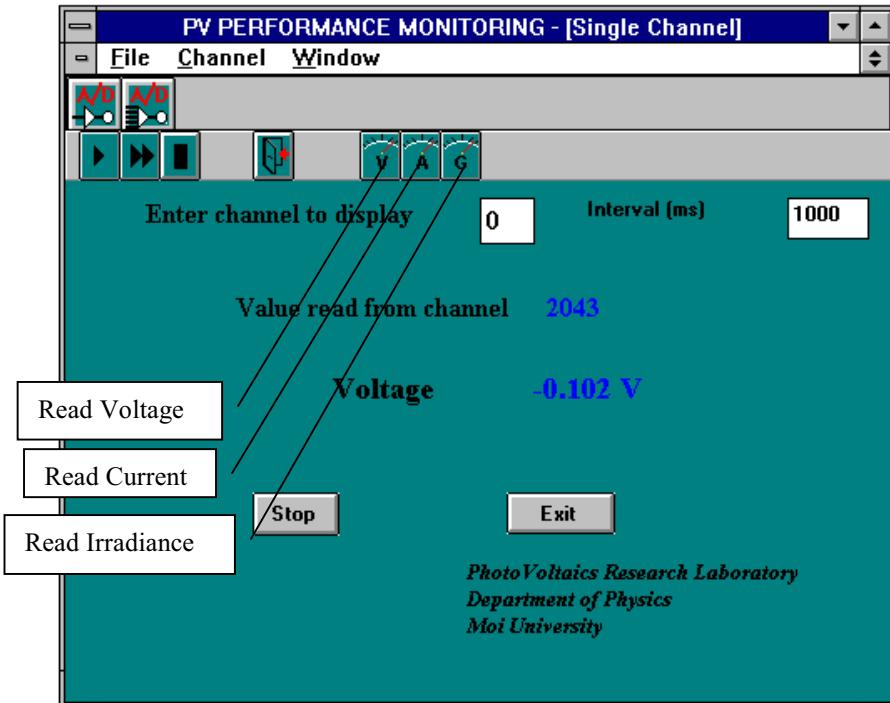


Figure 1.1.3 PVPM program running in Single channel mode.

To exit the program, it is advisable to first stop the program and then press the exit button or press the exit icon or use the File menu. The program will prompt the user to confirm that he wishes to Quit. This is illustrated in figure 1.1.4.

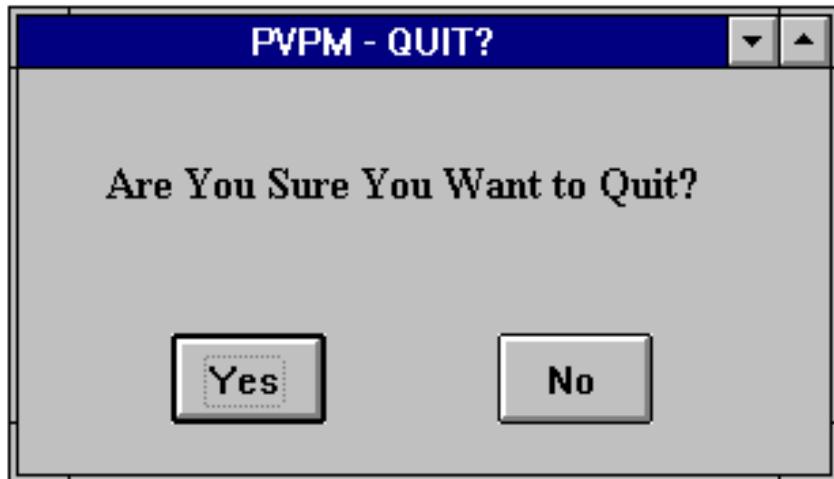


Figure 1.1.4 Confirm that you wish to Quit.

If the user presses yes, the Single channel mode exits and the user is returned to the main PVPM program (figure 1.1). If No is chosen, the user is taken back to the Single Channel mode.

## 1.2. Multi Channel Mode

When the user opts for the multi channel mode, the screen shown in figure 1.2.1 appears. The user then runs the program by: pressing the "start" button, pressing the "start" icon on the toolbar or using the Start item on the File menu. The mode of data access should be left at the Default. Details on the other modes can be obtained from the manuals supplied with the card. As in the case of the Single channel mode, the interval between consecutive readings can be varied using the interval box.

The multi channel program works in a similar way to the single channel mode in the case of starting, restarting, stopping, quitting and saving data. The buttons, icons or File menu options may be used for these purposes.

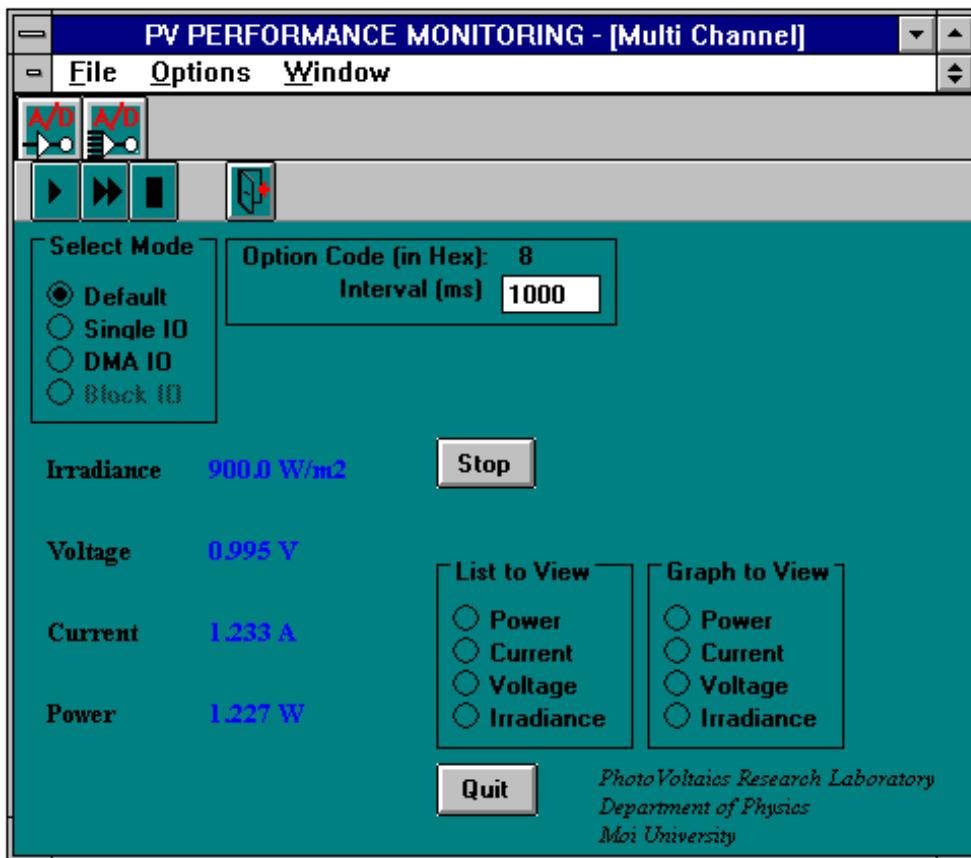


Figure 1.2.1 The PVPM program in multi channel mode

The three channels are read simultaneously and the values of voltage and current multiplied to give the power output in Watts. This data is again saved in the file specified by the user (figure 1.1.2).

The user can choose to view a list or plot of the data as it is being collected. Only one or list or plot can be viewed at a time by selecting the desired option from the List/Graph to View options.

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The PVPM program has been written in Visual Basic 3.0. The program has been left in an uncompiled (“raw”) state. This is for two main reasons:

1. It makes it easier to modify the code for any adjustments made to the set up.
2. The card comes with its own software, which would need to be incorporated into the resulting stand-alone program.

The main setback to leaving the program in this manner is that it can only be run in a computer that has Visual Basic 3.0 installed.

In case there is a need to transfer the program to another computer, the following steps must be followed:

1. Ensure that Visual Basic 3.0 is loaded onto the computer you are transferring the program to.
2. Create a folder to hold the program and all the files that are required to run it, as listed below.
3. Copy the project file together with all the files into the folder.
4. Open the project and ensure that it is running. You can then create an executable file (File|Make exe file) and use this to create a shortcut to the program.

The following files (List 2.1) are necessary for the program to run. These are the files that were created specifically for this program.

### List 2.1 Files for the PVPM program

Actual name of file in Computer	Visual basic name
ABPERF.FRM	frmperAbout
CHANERR.FRM	frmError
CONFIRM1.FRM	frmConfPerf1
CONFPERF.FRM	frmConfPerf
DATAIRR.FRM	frmDataListI
DATALC.FRM	frmDataListC
DATALIST.FRM	frmDataListP
DATAV.FRM	frmDataListV
GRAPHC.FRM	frmGraphC
GRAPHI.FRM	FrmGraphI
GRAPHV.FRM	FrmGraphV
GRAPHP.FRM	FrmGraphP
HELPPERF.FRM	frmDD1Help
LOADBMP.FRM	FrmLoadBmp
MDIBASE.FRM	MdifrmBase
PERF1.FRM	frmDataDisplay1
PERF2.FRM	FrmDataDisplay
PERF4.FRM	FrmProgInfo
CBW.BAS	

The last file, CBW.BAS, comes with the Universal Library for Visual Basic and MUST be loaded into any project that runs with the card. List 2.2 gives the Visual Basic controls that are

necessary for the program to run. These are mostly located in the Windows/System folder in the computer.

## List 2.2 Visual basic controls for the PVPM program

ANIBUTTON.VBX  
 CMDIALOG.VBX  
 CRYSTAL.VBX  
 GAUGE.VBX  
 GRAPH.VBX  
 GRID.VBX  
 KEYSTAT.VBX  
 MSCOMM.VBX  
 MSMASKED.VBX  
 MSOLE2.VBX  
 MSOUTLIN.VBX  
 PICCLIP.VBX  
 SPIN.VBX  
 THREED.VBX

Some of these load automatically whenever a new project is started in VB. Some have to be added to the project manually using the File | Add File menu.

## The Code

This section gives the code for the entire PVPM program. Each interface is shown followed by the code for that interface.

Note that

- Each interface has various objects (text boxes, labels, timers, etc.) and each object has its own section of code. Some objects may have more than one section of code depending on how many of the methods belonging to that object have been utilized.
- The beginning and end of each section of code (**Sub** and **End Sub**) are in bold while comments are in italics.
- Comments always have an apostrophe ( ' ) preceding them and this instructs the compiler to ignore them.
- Each comment explains the line(s) of code immediately following it, but in some cases the comment is written immediately after the code, on the same line.
- Some sections of code are blank.
- Note that an underscore ( \_ ) indicates that the line of code continues onto the next line. The visual basic editor supports long sentences that are wrapped in Word.
- Procedures: In Visual basic, the word **Sub** precedes any procedure and the words **End Sub** mark the end of that procedure. The word immediately following the word Sub is the name of the procedure. For example

```
Sub Objectname_Event  

...code here...
```

**End Sub**

where **Objectname** is the name of the object, e.g a command button, a text box, etc. and **Event** is the name of the event that will trigger the execution of the code, for example Click, Change, etc.

- Within the code, properties of objects are set using the VB format as below:

***Objectname.Property = Value***

where ***Objectname*** is the name of the object, ***Property*** is the property of that object that you wish to set, e.g Visible, Hide, etc., and ***Value*** is the value that the object will take, for example False, True etc. The exception to this rule is in the case where objects being referred to are in a different child form, in which case the name of the form is first given followed by the name of the object and then the property. (The mdifrmbase form is the parent form and all the rest are child forms). For example

frmdatadisplay1.lblshowparameter.Visible = 0

where frmdatadisplay1 is the name of the form, lblshowparameter is the name of an object on that form and Visible is the name of the property being set.

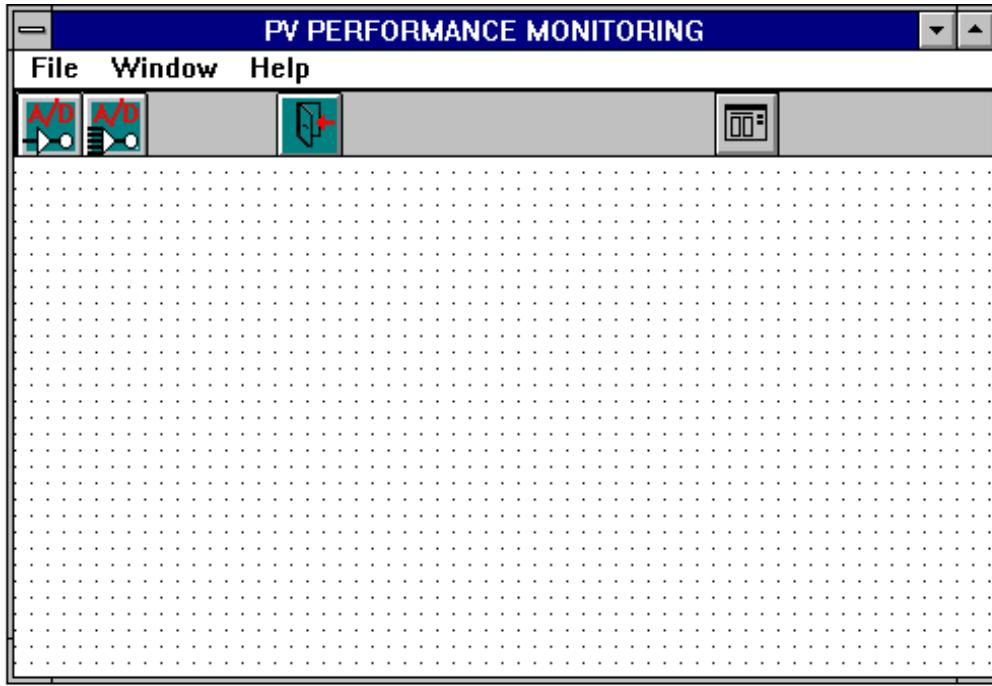
- A naming convention has been used for ease of identifying objects. The names of the objects used begin with a prefix that identifies the type of object. The most commonly used are summarized below.

Prefix	Object
cmd	Command button
cmd3D	3D command button
frm	Form
lbl	Label
mnu	Menu item
tmr	Timer
txt	Text box

The most important user interfaces for the PVPM program are the main startup interface (fig.1.1.1) called **MdifrmBase**, the single channel interface (fig. 1.2.1) called **frmDataDisplay1** and the multi channel interface (fig. 1.3.1) called **frmDataDisplay**. All other files are called from these three. We therefore begin by giving the code for these three and then give the code for the rest of the interfaces in alphabetical order.

(All files are referred to by their actual names with their visual basic object names in brackets).

## Code 2.1 MDIBASE.FRM (MdfrmBase)



### Declarations:

'File: *PVPM.MAK*

'Library Call Used: *cbAIn%()*, *cbAInScan%()* sampling mode options.

'Purpose: *i. Reads a user specified A/D Input Channel.*

*'ii.Scans a range of A/D Input Channels and  
stores the sample data in an array using  
a user specified sampling mode.*

'Current Output: *i. Displays the analog input on a user-specified  
channel.*

*'ii.Displays the analog input on 3 channels.*

'Other Library Calls: *cbErrHandling%()*

'Special Requirements: *Board 0 must have an A/D converter.  
Board must support the mode selected for (ii).*

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'=====

**Sub MDIForm\_Load ()**

**End Sub**

```

Sub cmdExit_Click ()
  ' Exit the program
  End
End Sub

Sub cmdMulti_Click ()
  ' Open the Multi Channel monitoring form
  frmDataDisplay.Show

  ' Hide the main exit icon to prevent accidentally closing the
  ' program while it is still executing
  cmdExit.Visible = False
End Sub

Sub cmdSingle_Click ()
  ' Open the Single Channel monitoring form
  frmDataDisplay1.Show
  ' Hide the main exit icon to prevent accidentally closing the
  ' program while it is still executing
  cmdExit.Visible = False
End Sub

Sub mnuFile_Click ()
End Sub

Sub mnuFileDash_Click ()
End Sub

Sub mnuFileExit_Click ()
  ' Exit the program
  End
End Sub

Sub mnuFileMulti_Click ()
  ' Open the Multi Channel monitoring form
  frmDataDisplay.Show

  ' Hide the main menu exit option to prevent accidentally closing the
  ' program while it is still executing
  cmdExit.Visible = False
End Sub

Sub mnuFileSingle_Click ()
  ' Open the Single Channel monitoring form
  frmDataDisplay1.Show

  ' Hide the main menu exit option to prevent accidentally closing the

```

```

' program while it is still executing
cmdExit.Visible = False
End Sub

Sub mnuHelp_Click ()

End Sub

Sub mnuHelpAbout_Click ()

' Display the About information by sending the following text to the label lblAbout in the
' form frmPerfAbout and then display the form.
CaptionText1 = "This program has been developed for the Photovoltaic Research Group by"
CaptionText2 = " M Mueni and M Mwamburi"
CaptionText3 = " The PhotoVoltaics Research Group"
CaptionText4 = " Department of Physics"
CaptionText5 = " Moi University"
CaptionText6 = " P.O.Box 1125"
CaptionText7 = " Eldoret"
CaptionText8 = " Kenya."
frmPerfAbout.lblAbout.Caption = CaptionText1 & Chr$(10) & Chr$(10) & CaptionText2 & _
Chr$(10) & CaptionText3 & Chr$(10) & CaptionText4 & Chr$(10) & CaptionText5 & _
Chr$(10) & CaptionText6 & Chr$(10) & CaptionText7 & Chr$(10) & CaptionText8
frmPerfAbout.Show
End Sub

Sub mnuHelpInfo_Click ()
' Display information about the program by sending the following text to the label lblProgInfo
' in the form frmProgInfo and then display the form.
CaptionText1 = "This program allows you to do performance monitoring of a PV system._"
    Three channels are available; these channels are Irradiance, Voltage, and Current."
CaptionText2 = "Two monitoring options are available. The 'Single Channel' Option _"
    allows you to monitor one channel at a time while with the 'Multi Channel' option you _"
    can monitor all three channels simultaneously. The second option also shows the _"
    calculated total power output at each instant and can display a list as well as a plot of any_"
    chosen parameter."
CaptionText3 = " In both cases, the data collected is saved to a data file specified by the _"
    user. This allows one to afterwards analyze and manipulate the data as desired."
CaptionText4 = "The user is allowed to specify the time interval between consecutive data_"
    collection times. This is provided for in the box designated 'Interval'. Note that the figure_"
    you specify is in milliseconds. The default is 1000 milliseconds, i.e. 1 second. "
frmProgInfo.lblProgInfo.Caption = CaptionText1 & Chr$(10) & Chr$(10) & CaptionText2 & _
& Chr$(10) & Chr$(10) & CaptionText3 & Chr$(10) & Chr$(10) & CaptionText4 & _
Chr$(10) & Chr$(10)
frmProgInfo.Show
End Sub

Sub MnuWindow_Click ()

```

**End Sub****Sub mnuWindowCascade\_Click ()***' The index 0 represents the Cascade arrangement*

mdfrmBase.Arrange 0

**End Sub****Sub mnuWindowTileH\_Click ()***' The index 1 represents the Tile Horizontal arrangement*

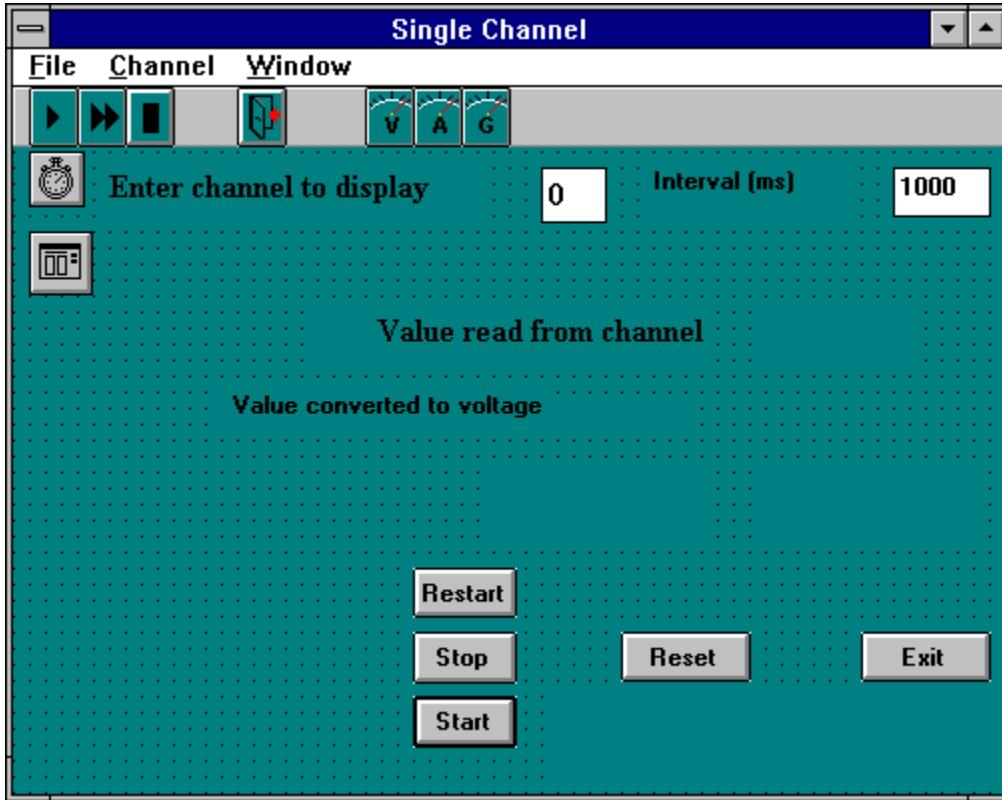
mdfrmBase.Arrange 1

**End Sub****Sub mnuWindowTileV\_Click ()***' The index 2 represents the Tile Horizontal arrangement*

mdfrmBase.Arrange 2

**End Sub****Sub Picture1\_Click ()****End Sub**

## Code 2.2 PERF1.FRM (frmDataDisplay1)



### Declarations:

```
Const BoardNum% = 0      ' Board number
```

### Sub Form\_Load ()

```
' define the overwrite prompt
' declare revision level of Universal Library
Const OFN_OVERWRITEPROMPT = &H2&
ULStat% = cbDeclareRevision(CURRENTREVNUM)

' Initiate error handling
' activating error handling will trap errors like
' bad channel numbers and non-configured conditions.
' Parameters:
' PRINTALL    :all warnings and errors encountered will be printed
' DONTSTOP   :if an error is encountered, the program will not stop,
'               errors must be handled locally
```

```
' Change working directory to the directory
' where the application was executed.
```

```
ChDir app.Path
```

```
ChDrive app.Path
```

```
ULStat% = cbErrHandling%(PRINTALL, DONTSTOP)
```

If ULStat% <> 0 Then Stop

' If cbErrHandling% is set for STOPALL or STOPFATAL during the program design stage, Visual Basic will be unloaded when an error is encountered.  
 ' We suggest trapping errors locally until the program is ready for compiling  
 ' to avoid losing unsaved data during program design. This can be done by  
 ' setting cbErrHandling options as above and checking the value of ULStat%  
 ' after a call to the library. If it is not equal to 0, an error has occurred.

' Center the form on the screen when it loads

Top = Screen.Height / 2 - Height / 2

Left = Screen.Width / 2 - Width / 2

' Enter the caption into the label in the form immediately it loads

lblFoot1.Caption = "PhotoVoltaics Research Laboratory" & Chr\$(10) & "Department of Physics" & Chr\$(10) & "Moi University"

**End Sub**

**Sub cmd3DCurrent\_Click()**

' Display channel number 1  
 txtNumchan(i%).Text = 1

**End Sub**

**Sub cmd3DExit\_Click()**

' Show the Confirm Quit dialog  
 frmConfPerf1.Show

**End Sub**

**Sub cmd3DIrrad\_Click()**

' Display channel number 2  
 txtNumchan(i%).Text = 2

**End Sub**

**Sub cmd3DRestart\_Click()**

cmdStopConvert.Visible = 1 ' Show the Stop command button  
 cmd3DStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar  
 cmdStopConvert.Default = 1 ' Set the Stop command button as the default  
 cmdRestart.Visible = 0 ' Hide the ReStart command button  
 cmd3DRestart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Restart icon on the toolbar  
 cmdReset.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Reset command button  
 mnuFileStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop option in the File menu  
 mnuFileReset.Enabled = False ' Disable the Reset option in the File menu

' Show the parameter and value boxes

lblShowParameter.Visible = 1

lblParameter.Visible = 1

tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 ' Enable the timer

tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) ' Set the timer interval at the user-specified value

**End Sub**

**Sub cmd3DStart\_Click ()**

```

' CancelError is True
On Error GoTo errhandling
' Set filters
CMDDialog1.Filter = "All Files (*.*)|*.|Data Files (*.dat)|*.dat|Text Files (*.txt)|*.txt"
' Specify default filter
CMDDialog1.FilterIndex = 2
' display the File Open dialog
CMDDialog1.Action = 2
CMDDialog1.Flags = OFN_OVERWRITEPROMPT
CMDDialog1.DialogTitle = "Save Data As"
Filename = CMDDialog1.Filename

' Open the file and write the column names and then close the file
Fnum = 2
Open Filename For Output As Fnum
Write #Fnum, "Date", "Time", "Channel", "Value"
Close

cmdStartConvert.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Start command button
cmd3DStart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Start icon on the toolbar
cmdStopConvert.Visible = 1 ' Show the Stop command button
cmd3DStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar
cmdStopConvert.Default = 1 ' Set the Stop button as default
cmdReset.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Reset command button
cmdRestart.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Restart command button
mnuFileStart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Start option in the File menu
mnuFileStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop option in the File menu
mnuFileReset.Enabled = False ' Disable the Reset option in the File menu
mnuFileRestart.Enabled = False ' Disable the ReStart option in the File menu

tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 ' Enable the timer
tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) ' Set the timer interval at user-specified value
lblParameter.Visible = 1 ' Show the parameter caption
lblShowParameter.Visible = 1 ' Show the value
errhandling:
' user pressed cancel button
Exit Sub
End Sub

```

**Sub cmd3DStop\_Click ()**

```

tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 ' Disable the timer
cmdRestart.Visible = 1 ' Show the Restart command button
cmd3DRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart icon on the toolbar
cmdReset.Visible = 1 ' Show the Reset command button
mnuFileRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart option in the File menu
mnuFileStop.Enabled = False ' Disable the Stop option in the File menu
mnuFileReset.Enabled = True ' Enable the Reset option in the File menu
End Sub

```

```

Sub cmd3DVoltage_Click ()
  ' Display channel number 0
  txtNumchan(i%).Text = 0
End Sub

Sub cmdExit_Click ()
  ' Show the Confirm Quit dialog
  frmConfPerf1.Show
End Sub

Sub cmdReset_Click ()
  ' Reset all values to zero
  txtNumchan(i%).Text = 0
  lblShowData(i%).Caption = 0
  ' Hide the parameter and value boxes
  lblShowParameter.Visible = 0
  lblParameter.Visible = 0
  cmdStartConvert.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Start command button
  cmdRestart.Visible = 1 ' Show the Restart command button
  mnuFileStart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Start option in the File menu
  mnuFileRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart option in the File menu
End Sub

Sub cmdRestart_Click ()
  cmdStopConvert.Visible = 1 ' Show the Stop command button
  cmd3DStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar
  cmdStopConvert.Default = 1 ' Set the Stop command button as the default
  cmdRestart.Visible = 0 ' Hide the ReStart command button
  cmd3DRestart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Restart icon on the toolbar
  cmdReset.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Reset command button

  mnuFileStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop option in the File menu
  mnuFileReset.Enabled = False ' Disable the Reset option in the File menu

  ' Show the parameter and value boxes
  lblShowParameter.Visible = 1
  lblParameter.Visible = 1
  tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 ' Enable the timer
  tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) ' Set the timer interval at the user-specified value
End Sub

Sub cmdStartConvert_Click ()
  ' CancelError is True
  On Error GoTo errH
  ' Set filters
  CMDDialog1.Filter = "All Files (*.*)|*.dat|Data Files (*.dat)|*.dat|Text Files (*.txt)|*.txt"
  ' Specify default filter
  CMDDialog1.FilterIndex = 2
  ' display the File Open dialog
  CMDDialog1.Action = 2

```

```

CMDDialog1.Flags = OFN_OVERWRITEPROMPT
CMDDialog1.DialogTitle = "Save Data As"
Filename = CMDDialog1.Filename

' Open the file and write the column names and then close the file
Fnum = 2
Open Filename For Output As Fnum
Write #Fnum, "Date", "Time", "Channel", "Value"
Close

cmdStartConvert.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Start command button
cmd3DStart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Start icon on the toolbar
cmdStopConvert.Visible = 1 ' Show the Stop command button
cmd3DStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar
cmdStopConvert.Default = 1 ' Set the Stop button as default
cmdReset.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Reset command button
cmdRestart.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Restart command button

mnuFileStart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Start option in the File menu
mnuFileStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop option in the File menu
mnuFileReset.Enabled = False ' Disable the Reset option in the File menu
mnuFileRestart.Enabled = False ' Disable the ReStart option in the File menu

tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 ' Enable the timer
tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) ' Set the timer interval at user-specified value
lblParameter.Visible = 1 ' Show the parameter caption
lblShowParameter.Visible = 1 ' Show the value

errH:
' user pressed cancel button
Exit Sub
End Sub

Sub cmdStopConvert_Click ()
tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 ' Disable the timer
cmdRestart.Visible = 1 ' Show the Restart command button
cmd3DRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart icon on the toolbar
cmdReset.Visible = 1 ' Show the Reset command button

mnuFileRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart option in the File menu
mnuFileStop.Enabled = False ' Disable the Stop option in the File menu
mnuFileReset.Enabled = True ' Enable the Reset option in the File menu
End Sub

Sub lblChanPrompt_Click ()

End Sub

Sub lblfoot1_Click ()

```

**End Sub****Sub lblInterval\_Click ()****End Sub****Sub lblParameter\_Click ()****End Sub****Sub lblShowData\_Click (Index As Integer)****End Sub****Sub lblShowParameter\_Click ()****End Sub****Sub lblShowVolts\_Click (Index As Integer)****End Sub****Sub lblValueRead\_Click ()****End Sub****Sub lblVoltsRead\_Click ()****End Sub****Sub mnuChanCurrent\_Click ()***'Display channel number 1*

txtNumchan(i%).Text = 1

**End Sub****Sub mnuChanIrrad\_Click ()***'Display channel number 2*

txtNumchan(i%).Text = 2

**End Sub****Sub mnuChannel\_Click ()****End Sub****Sub mnuChanVoltage\_Click ()***'Display channel number 0*

txtNumchan(i%).Text = 0

**End Sub****Sub mnuFile\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

```
Sub mnuFileExit_Click()
    ' Show the Confirm Quit dialog
    frmConfPerf1.Show
End Sub
```

```
Sub mnuFileReset_Click()
    ' Reset all values to zero
    txtNumchan(i%).Text = 0
    lblShowData(i%).Caption = 0
    ' Hide the parameter and value boxes
    lblShowParameter.Visible = 0
    lblParameter.Visible = 0
    cmdStartConvert.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Start command button
    cmdRestart.Visible = 1 ' Show the Restart command button
    mnuFileStart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Start option in the File menu
    mnuFileRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart option in the File menu
End Sub
```

```
Sub mnuFileRestart_Click()
    cmdStopConvert.Visible = 1 ' Show the Stop command button
    cmd3DStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar
    cmdStopConvert.Default = 1 ' Set the Stop command button as the default
    cmdRestart.Visible = 0 ' Hide the ReStart command button
    cmd3DRestart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Restart icon on the toolbar
    cmdReset.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Reset command button

    mnuFileStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop option in the File menu
    mnuFileReset.Enabled = False ' Disable the Reset option in the File menu

    ' Show the parameter and value boxes
    lblShowParameter.Visible = 1
    lblParameter.Visible = 1
    tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 ' Enable the timer
    tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) ' Set the timer interval at the user-specified value
End Sub
```

```
Sub mnuFileStart_Click()
    ' CancelError is True
    On Error GoTo errhandle
    ' Set filters
    CMDDialog1.Filter = "All Files (*.*)|*.|Data Files (*.dat)|*.dat|Text Files (*.txt)|*.txt"
    ' Specify default filter
    CMDDialog1.FilterIndex = 2
    ' display the File Open dialog
    CMDDialog1.Action = 2
    CMDDialog1.Flags = OFN_OVERWRITEPROMPT
    CMDDialog1.DialogTitle = "Save Data As"
```

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Filename = CMDDialog1.Filename

' Open the file and write the column names and then close the file
Fnum = 2
Open Filename For Output As Fnum
Write #Fnum, "Date", "Time", "Channel", "Value"
Close

cmdStartConvert.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Start command button
cmd3DStart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Start icon on the toolbar
cmdStopConvert.Visible = 1 ' Show the Stop command button
cmd3DStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar
cmdStopConvert.Default = 1 ' Set the Stop button as default
cmdReset.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Reset command button
cmdRestart.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Restart command button

mnuFileStart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Start option in the File menu
mnuFileStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop option in the File menu
mnuFileReset.Enabled = False ' Disable the Reset option in the File menu
mnuFileRestart.Enabled = False ' Disable the ReStart option in the File menu

tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 ' Enable the timer
tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) ' Set the timer interval at user-specified value
lblParameter.Visible = 1 ' Show the parameter caption
lblShowParameter.Visible = 1 ' Show the value

errhandle:
' user pressed cancel button
Exit Sub
End Sub

Sub mnuFileStop_Click ()
tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 ' Disable the timer
cmdRestart.Visible = 1 ' Show the Restart command button
cmd3DRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart icon on the toolbar
cmdReset.Visible = 1 ' Show the Reset command button
mnuFileRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart option in the File menu
mnuFileStop.Enabled = False ' Disable the Stop option in the File menu
mnuFileReset.Enabled = True ' Enable the Reset option in the File menu
End Sub

Sub mnusep_Click ()
End Sub

Sub mnuWindow_Click ()
End Sub

```

**Sub mnuWindowCascade\_Click ()**

' Cascade all open windows

mdiffrmbase.Arrange 0

**End Sub****Sub mnuWindowTileH\_Click ()**

' Tile all open windows horizontally

mdiffrmbase.Arrange 1

**End Sub****Sub mnuWindowTileV\_Click ()**

' Tile all open windows vertically

mdiffrmbase.Arrange 2

**End Sub****Sub Panel3D1\_DragDrop (Source As Control, X As Single, Y As Single)****End Sub****Sub tmrConvert\_Timer ()**

' Collect the data with cbAIn%

' Parameters:

' BoardNum% :the number used by CB.CFG to describe this board

' Chan% :the input channel number

' Gain% :the gain for the board.

' DataValue% :the name for the value collected

Gain% = BIP5VOLTS ' set the gain

chan% = Val(txtNumchan(i%).Text) ' set input channel to that specified by the user

tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) ' Set the timer interval to the value specified by the user

mdiffrmbase.cmdExit.Visible = False ' the Exit icon button in the main form is hidden

ULStat% = cbAIn%(BoardNum%, chan%, Gain%, DataValue%) ' Read the specified channel

If ULStat% = 30 Then MsgBox "Change the Gain% argument to one supported by this board.", 0, "Unsupported Gain"

If ULStat% &lt;&gt; 0 Then Stop ' Error message

' Convert the counts to volts using the cbToEngUnits function

ULStat% = cbToEngUnits(BoardNum%, Gain%, DataValue%, EngUnits!)

If ULStat% &lt;&gt; 0 Then Stop

lblShowData(i%).Caption = Format\$(DataValue%, "0") ' print the counts

lblShowVolts(i%).Caption = Format\$(EngUnits!, "0.000 ") + " V" ' print the voltage

lblShowData(0).Visible = True ' Show the value read in counts

' Allocate the channel name and value to be displayed depending on the user's selection

If chan% = 0 Then lblParameter.Caption = "Voltage"

If chan% = 0 Then lblShowParameter.Caption = Format\$(Val(lblShowVolts(i%).Caption) \* \_

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8.5, "0.000") + " V"

If chan% = 1 Then lblParameter.Caption = "Current"
If chan% = 1 Then lblShowParameter.Caption = Format$(Val(lblShowVolts(i%).Caption) *_
14.5, "0.000") + " A"

If chan% = 2 Then lblParameter.Caption = "Irradiance"
If chan% = 2 Then lblShowParameter.Caption = Format$(Val(lblShowVolts(i%).Caption) *_
10000, "0.0") + " W/m2 "

' Generates an error message if the user enters an invalid channel number
Do While chan% > 2
Close Filename ' Closes the data file
Beep
tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 ' Stops the timer
CaptionText1 = " Invalid Channel Number!"
CaptionText2 = " Please enter a number between 0 and 2."
frmError.lblError.Caption = CaptionText1 & Chr(10) & Chr(10) & CaptionText2
frmError.Show
Exit Do
Loop

' Display the channel name and value
Channel = lblParameter.Caption
value = lblShowParameter.Caption

' Write the data to a file specified by the user.
' The Common Dialog control is used here.
Fnum = 2

Filename = CMDDialog1.Filename
Open Filename For Append As Fnum
Write #Fnum, Date$, Time$, Channel, value
Close
End Sub

Sub txtInterval_Change ()

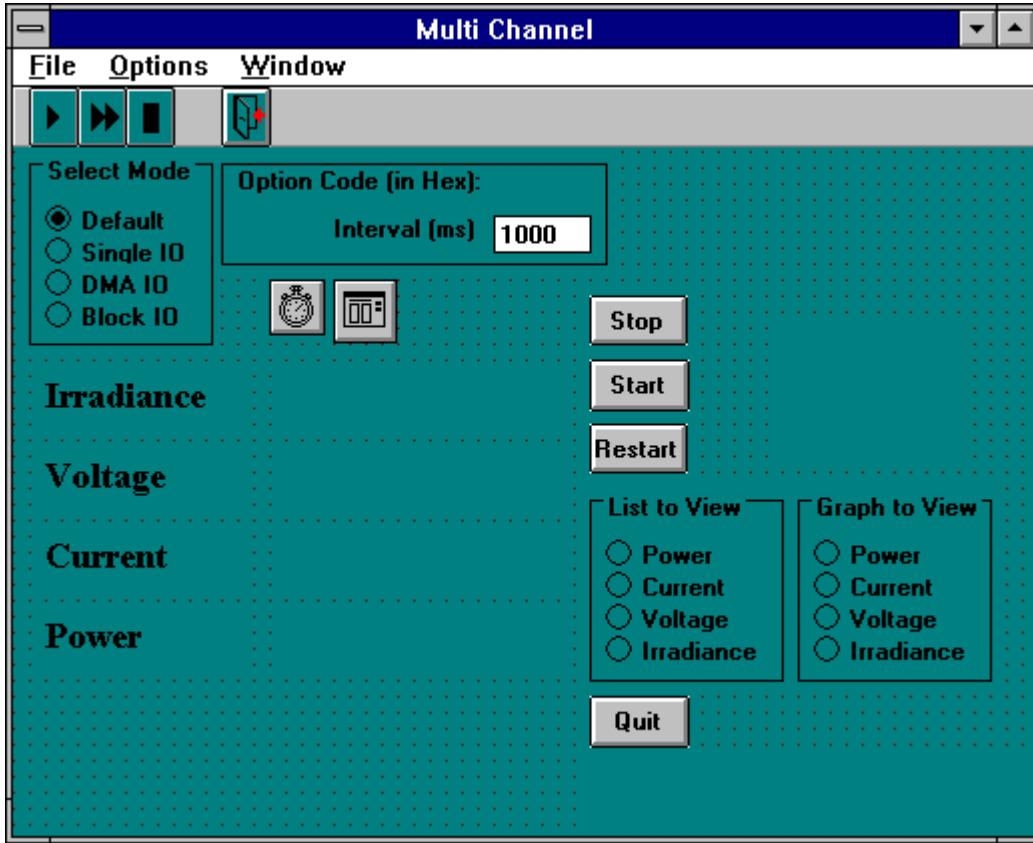
End Sub

Sub txtNumChan_Change (Index As Integer)

End Sub

```

## Code 2.3 PERF2.FRM (frmDataDisplay)



### Declarations:

```

Const BoardNum = 0      'Board number
Const NumPoints& = 2048   'Number of data points to collect
Const FirstPoint& = 0     'set first element in buffer to transfer to array

Dim ADData%(NumPoints&)  'dimension an array to hold the input values
Dim ShowVolts%(NumPoints&)
Dim MemHandle%           'define a variable to contain the handle for
                           'memory allocated by Windows through cbWinBufAlloc%()
Dim Options%             'define cbAInScan() Options as Module level variable

```

### Sub Form\_Load()

' Define the overwrite prompt  
 Const OFN\_OVERWRITEPROMPT = &H2&

' declare revision level of Universal Library  
 ULStat% = cbDeclareRevision(CURRENTREVNUM)

' Initiate error handling  
 ' activating error handling will trap errors like  
 ' bad channel numbers and non-configured conditions.

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' Parameters:
' PRINTALL :all warnings and errors encountered will be printed
' DONTSTOP :if an error is encountered, the program will not stop,
'             errors must be handled locally
ULStat% = cbErrHandling%(PRINTALL, DONTSTOP)
If ULStat% <> 0 Then Stop

MemHandle% = cbWinBufAlloc%(NumPoints&) ' set aside memory to hold data
If MemHandle% = 0 Then Stop

Options% = CONVERTDATA
' Change working directory to the directory
' where the application was executed.
ChDir app.Path
ChDrive app.Path

' Set the option buttons for viewing data lists and graphs at false
OptPowerList.Value = False
OptCurrentList.Value = False
OptVoltList.Value = False
OptIrradList.Value = False
OptPowerGraph.Value = False
OptCurrentGraph.Value = False
OptVoltGraph.Value = False
OptIrradGraph.Value = False

' Set the foot caption of the form
lblFoot.Caption = "PhotoVoltaics Research Laboratory" & Chr$(10) & "Department of_
Physics" & Chr$(10) & "Moi University"
End Sub

Sub Form_Click()
' Set the option buttons for viewing data lists and graphs at false
OptPowerList.Value = False
OptCurrentList.Value = False
OptVoltList.Value = False
OptIrradList.Value = False
OptPowerGraph.Value = False
OptCurrentGraph.Value = False
OptVoltGraph.Value = False
OptIrradGraph.Value = False
End Sub

Sub cmd3DExit_Click()
If ULStat% <> 0 Then Stop
tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 ' Disable the timer
frmConfPerf.Show ' Show the Confirm Quit dialogue
End Sub

Sub cmd3DRestart_Click()

```

```

cmdStop.Visible = 1 'Show the Stop command button
cmdStop.Default = 1 'Set the Stop command as default
cmd3DStop.Enabled = True 'Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar
cmdRestart.Visible = 0 'Hide the Restart command button
cmd3DRestart.Enabled = False 'Disable the Restart icon on the toolbar
mnuFileStop.Enabled = True 'Enable the Stop option in the File menu
mnuFileRestart.Enabled = False 'Disable the Restart option in the File menu

tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 'Enable the timer
tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) 'Set the timer interval at the value specified by the
' user
End Sub

Sub cmd3DStart_Click ()
' CancelError is True
On Error GoTo errhandling
'Set filters
CMDDialog1.Filter = "All Files (*.*)|*.*|Data Files (*.dat)|*.dat|Text Files (*.txt)|*.txt"
'Specify default filter
CMDDialog1.FilterIndex = 2
'display the File Open dialog
CMDDialog1.Action = 2
'Set the flags property to the overwrite prompt
CMDDialog1.Flags = OFN_OVERWRITEPROMPT
'Set the title for the Save As dialog
CMDDialog1.DialogTitle = "Save Data As"
'Set the file name to the name specified by the user
Filename = CMDDialog1.Filename

'Open the data file and write the column titles
Fnum = 2
Open Filename For Output As Fnum
Write #Fnum, "Date", "Time", "Irradiance", "Voltage", "Current", "Power"
Close

cmdStart.Visible = 0 'Hide the Start command button
cmd3DStart.Enabled = False 'Disable the Start icon on the toolbar
mnuFileStart.Enabled = False 'Disable the Start option in the File menu
cmdStop.Visible = -1 'Show the Stop command button
cmd3DStop.Enabled = True 'Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar
mnuFileStop.Enabled = True 'Enable the Stop option in the File menu
tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 'Enable the timer
tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) 'Set the timer interval to the value specified by the
' user

errhandling:
'user pressed cancel button
Exit Sub
End Sub

```

**Sub cmd3DStop\_Click ()**

```

tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 'Disable the timer
cmdStop.Visible = 0 'Hide the Stop command button
cmd3DStop.Enabled = False 'Disable the Stop icon on the toolbar
mnuFileStop.Enabled = False 'Disable the Stop option in the File menu
cmdRestart.Visible = 1 'Show the Restart command button
cmd3DRestart.Enabled = True 'Enable the Restart icon on the toolbar
mnuFileRestart.Enabled = True 'Enable the Restart option in the File menu
End Sub

```

**Sub cmdRestart\_Click ()**

```

cmdStop.Visible = 1 'Show the Stop command button
cmdStop.Default = 1 'Set the Stop command as default
cmd3DStop.Enabled = True 'Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar
cmdRestart.Visible = 0 'Hide the Restart command button
cmd3DRestart.Enabled = False 'Disable the Restart icon on the toolbar
mnuFileStop.Enabled = True 'Enable the Stop option in the File menu
mnuFileRestart.Enabled = False 'Disable the Restart option in the File menu

tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 'Enable the timer
tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) 'Set the timer interval at the value specified by the
' user
End Sub

```

**Sub cmdStart\_Click ()**

```

' CancelError is True
On Error GoTo errhandle
'Set filters
CMDDialog1.Filter = "All Files (*.*)|*.|Data Files (*.dat)|*.dat|Text Files (*.txt)|*.txt"
'Specify default filter
CMDDialog1.FilterIndex = 2
'display the File Open dialog
CMDDialog1.Action = 2
'Set the flags property to the overwrite prompt
CMDDialog1.Flags = OFN_OVERWRITEPROMPT
'Set the title for the Save As dialog
CMDDialog1.DialogTitle = "Save Data As"
'Set the file name to the name specified by the user
Filename = CMDDialog1.Filename

'Open the data file and write the column titles
Fnum = 2
Open Filename For Output As Fnum
Write #Fnum, "Date", "Time", "Irradiance", "Voltage", "Current", "Power"
Close

cmdStart.Visible = 0 'Hide the Start command button
cmd3DStart.Enabled = False 'Disable the Start icon on the toolbar
mnuFileStart.Enabled = False 'Disable the Start option in the File menu

```

```

cmdStop.Visible = -1 ' Show the Stop command button
cmd3DStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar
mnuFileStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop option in the File menu
tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 ' Enable the timer
tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) ' Set the timer interval to the value specified by the
' user

```

```

errhandle:
' user pressed cancel button
    Exit Sub
End Sub

```

```

Sub cmdStop_Click ()
    tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 ' Disable the timer
    cmdStop.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Stop command button
    cmd3DStop.Enabled = False ' Disable the Stop icon on the toolbar
    mnuFileStop.Enabled = False ' Disable the Stop option in the File menu
    cmdRestart.Visible = 1 ' Show the Restart command button
    cmd3DRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart icon on the toolbar
    mnuFileRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart option in the File menu
End Sub

```

```

Sub cmdStopConvert_Click ()
    If ULStat% <> 0 Then Stop
    tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 ' Disable the timer
    frmConfPerf.Show ' Show the Confirm Quit dialogue
End Sub

```

```

Sub framGraph_DragDrop (Source As Control, X As Single, Y As Single)
End Sub

```

```

Sub framList_DragDrop (Source As Control, X As Single, Y As Single)
End Sub

```

```

Sub fraMode_DragDrop (Source As Control, X As Single, Y As Single)
End Sub

```

```

Sub fraOptInt_DragDrop (Source As Control, X As Single, Y As Single)
End Sub

```

```

Sub Label2_Click ()
End Sub

```

```

Sub lblADDData_Click (Index As Integer)

```

**End Sub**

**Sub lblChan3\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblChan4\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblCurrent\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblfoot\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblInterval\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblirrad\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblModeNo\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblOptCode\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblShowCurrent\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblShowIrrad\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblShowPower\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblShowVoltage\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblShowVolts\_Click (Index As Integer)**

**End Sub**

**Sub lblVoltage\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuFile\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuFileQuit\_Click ()**

If ULStat% <> 0 Then Stop  
 tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 ' Disable the timer  
 frmConfPerf.Show ' Show the Confirm Quit dialogue

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuFileRestart\_Click ()**

cmdStop.Visible = 1 ' Show the Stop command button  
 cmdStop.Default = 1 ' Set the Stop command as default  
 cmd3DStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar  
 cmdRestart.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Restart command button  
 cmd3DRestart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Restart icon on the toolbar  
 mnuFileStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop option in the File menu  
 mnuFileRestart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Restart option in the File menu  
 tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 ' Enable the timer  
 tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) ' Set the timer interval at the value specified by the user

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuFileStart\_Click ()**

' CancelError is True  
 On Error GoTo errhand  
 ' Set filters  
 CMDDialog1.Filter = "All Files (\*.\*)|\*.dat|Data Files (\*.dat)|\*.dat|Text Files (\*.txt)|\*.txt"  
 ' Specify default filter  
 CMDDialog1.FilterIndex = 2  
 ' display the File Open dialog  
 CMDDialog1.Action = 2  
 ' Set the flags property to the overwrite prompt  
 CMDDialog1.Flags = OFN\_OVERWRITEPROMPT  
 ' Set the title for the Save As dialog  
 CMDDialog1.DialogTitle = "Save Data As"  
 ' Set the file name to the name specified by the user  
 Filename = CMDDialog1.Filename

' Open the data file and write the column titles

Fnum = 2

Open Filename For Output As Fnum

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Write #Fnum, "Date", "Time", "Irradiance", "Voltage", "Current", "Power"
Close
```

```
cmdStart.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Start command button
cmd3DStart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Start icon on the toolbar
mnuFileStart.Enabled = False ' Disable the Start option in the File menu
cmdStop.Visible = -1 ' Show the Stop command button
cmd3DStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop icon on the toolbar
mnuFileStop.Enabled = True ' Enable the Stop option in the File menu
tmrConvert.Enabled = -1 ' Enable the timer
tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text) ' Set the timer interval to the value specified by the
' user
```

errhand:

' user pressed cancel button

Exit Sub

**End Sub**

```
Sub mnuFileStop_Click ()
    tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 ' Disable the timer
    cmdStop.Visible = 0 ' Hide the Stop command button
    cmd3DStop.Enabled = False ' Disable the Stop icon on the toolbar
    mnuFileStop.Enabled = False ' Disable the Stop option in the File menu
    cmdRestart.Visible = 1 ' Show the Restart command button
    cmd3DRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart icon on the toolbar
    mnuFileRestart.Enabled = True ' Enable the Restart option in the File menu
End Sub
```

**Sub mnuOptBlockIO\_Click ()**

' A/D conversions are initiated by a trigger.

' Transfers are handled by REP/INSW

Options% = CONVERTDATA + BLOCKIO

' Select the option button for BLOCKIO

OptModeBlock.Value = True

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuOptDefault\_Click ()**

' The data will automatically be converted to 12-bit A/D values

Options% = CONVERTDATA

' Select the option button for Default

OptDefault.Value = True

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuOptDMAIO\_Click ()**

' A/D conversions are initiated by a trigger.

' Transfers are initiated by a DMA request

Options% = CONVERTDATA + DMAIO

' Select the option button for DMA

OptModeDMA.Value = True

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuOptions\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuOptSingleIO\_Click ()**

*' A/D conversions and transfers to  
' memory are initiated by an interrupt.  
Options% = CONVERTDATA + SINGLEIO  
' Select the option button for SINGLEIO  
OptModeSing.Value = True*

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuWindow\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuWindowCascade\_Click ()**

*' Cascade all open windows  
mdifrmbase.Arrange 0*

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuWindowTileH\_Click ()**

*' Tile all open windows horizontally  
mdifrmbase.Arrange 1*

**End Sub**

**Sub mnuWindowTileV\_Click ()**

*' Tile all open windows vertically  
mdifrmbase.Arrange 2*

**End Sub**

**Sub OptCurrentGraph\_Click ()**

*' Show the graph for Current  
frmGraphC.Show*

**End Sub**

**Sub OptCurrentList\_Click ()**

*' Show the data list for Current  
frmDataListC.Show*

**End Sub**

**Sub optDefault\_Click ()**

*' The data will automatically be converted to 12-bit A/D values  
Options% = CONVERTDATA*

**End Sub**

**Sub OptIrradGraph\_Click ()**

*' Show the graph for Irradiance*

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    frmGraphI.Show
End Sub
```

```

Sub OptIrradList_Click ()
    ' Show the data list for Irradiance
    frmDataListI.Show
End Sub
```

```

Sub optModeBlock_Click ()
    ' A/D conversions are initiated by a trigger.
    ' Transfers are handled by REP/INSW
    Options% = CONVERTDATA + BLOCKIO
End Sub
```

```

Sub optModeDMA_Click ()
    ' A/D conversions are initiated by a trigger.
    ' Transfers are initiated by a DMA request
    Options% = CONVERTDATA + DMAIO
End Sub
```

```

Sub optModeSing_Click ()
    ' A/D conversions and transfers to
    ' memory are initiated by an interrupt.
    Options% = CONVERTDATA + SINGLEIO
End Sub
```

```

Sub OptPowerGraph_Click ()
    ' Show the graph for Power
    frmGraphP.Show
End Sub
```

```

Sub OptPowerList_Click ()
    ' Show the data list for Power
    frmDataListp.Show
End Sub
```

```

Sub OptVoltGraph_Click ()
    ' Show the graph for Voltage
    frmGraphV.Show
End Sub
```

```

Sub OptVoltList_Click ()
    ' Show the data list for Voltage
    frmDataListV.Show
End Sub
```

```

Sub Panel3D1_DragDrop (Source As Control, X As Single, Y As Single)
End Sub
```

**Sub tmrConvert\_Timer ()**

'Display the data conversion mode

lblModeNo.Caption = Hex\$(Options%)

mdifrmbase.cmdExit.Visible = False 'the Exit icon button in the main form is hidden

'Collect the values with cbAInScan%()

' Parameters:

' BoardNum :the number used by CB.CFG to describe this board

' LowChan% :the first channel of the scan

' HighChan% :the last channel of the scan

' CBCCount&amp; :the total number of A/D samples to collect

' CBRate&amp; :sample rate

' Gain% :the gain for the board

' ADData% :the array for the collected data values

' Options% :data collection options (determined by

' Set Mode option buttons in this program)

LowChan% = 0 'first channel to acquire

HighChan% = 2 'last channel to acquire

CBCCount&amp; = NumPoints&amp; 'total number of data points to collect

CBRate&amp; = 290 'sampling rate (in Hz per channel)

Gain% = BIP5VOLTS 'set the gain

If MemHandle% = 0 Then Stop 'check that a handle to a memory buffer exists

ULStat% = cbAInScan%(BoardNum%, LowChan%, HighChan%, CBCCount&, CBRate&,\_  
Gain%, MemHandle%, Options%)

'Set the timer interval to the value specified by the user

tmrConvert.Interval = Val(txtInterval.Text)

Select Case ULStat%

Case 0

Case 84

MsgBox "The CONVERT option cannot be used with 16 bit converters. Set Options% to\_  
NOCONVERTDATA."

Stop 'Change Options% above to NOCONVERTDATA (Options% = 0)

Case 91

ULStat% = cbErrHandling%(DONTPRINT, DONTSTOP)

' Turn off library error handling for subsequent calls

Case Else

Stop

End Select

'Transfer the data from the memory buffer set up by Windows to an array for use by Visual

'Basic

ULStat% = cbWinBufToArray%(MemHandle%, ADData%(0), FirstPoint&amp;, CBCCount&amp;)

If ULStat% &lt;&gt; 0 Then Stop

For I% = 0 To 2

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' Display data for channels 0 to 2. However these values are not visible at run time
lblADDData(I%).Caption = Format$(ADDData%(I%), "0")
' Calculate the value from each channel in volts. These values are also not visible at run time
lblShowVolts(I%).Caption = Format$(((10 / 4096) * Val(lblADDData(I%).Caption)) - 5,_
"0.000") + "V"
```

Next I%

```
' Make the final output captions visible at run time
lblShowIrrad.Visible = True
lblShowVoltage.Visible = True
lblShowCurrent.Visible = True
lblShowPower.Visible = True
```

```
' Apply the conversion factors and display the final output values with the corresponding units
lblShowIrrad.Caption = Format$(Val(lblShowVolts(2)) * 10000, "0.0") + " W/m2 "
lblShowVoltage.Caption = Format$(Val(lblShowVolts(0)) * 8.5, "0.000") + " V "
lblShowCurrent.Caption = Format$(Val(lblShowVolts(1)) * 14.5, "0.000") + " A "
lblShowPower.Caption = Format$(Val(lblShowVoltage.Caption) *_
Val(lblShowCurrent.Caption), "0.000") + " W "
```

```
' Define variables for data storage
Irrad = Val(lblShowIrrad.Caption)
Voltage = Val(lblShowVoltage.Caption)
Current = Val(lblShowCurrent.Caption)
Power = Val(lblShowPower.Caption)
```

Fnum = 2 ' File number for data storage

```
' Open file for data storage and store the data
Filename = CMDDialog1.Filename
Open Filename For Append As Fnum
NL = Chr(10)
Write #Fnum, Date$, Time$, Irrad, Voltage, Current, Power
Close
```

```
' Allocate values to display in the graphs
frmGraphI.GraphI.GraphData = Val(lblShowIrrad.Caption)
frmGraphV.GraphV.GraphData = Val(lblShowVoltage.Caption)
frmGraphC.GraphC.GraphData = Val(lblShowCurrent.Caption)
frmGraphP.GraphP.GraphData = Val(lblShowPower.Caption)
```

```
' Allocate values to display in lists
frmDataListI.GridI.Col = 0
frmDataListI.GridI.Row = 0
frmDataListI.GridI.Text = "Irradiance"
frmDataListI.GridI.Col = 0
frmDataListI.GridI.Row = 0
frmDataListI.GridI.AddItem Format$(Val(lblShowVolts(2)) * 10000, "0.0")
frmDataListV.GridV.Col = 0
frmDataListV.GridV.Row = 0
```

```

frmDataListV.GridV.Text = "Voltage"
frmDataListV.GridV.Col = 0
frmDataListV.GridV.Row = 0
frmDataListV.GridV.AddItem Format$(Val(lblShowVolts(0)) * 8.5, "0.000")
frmDataListC.GridC.Col = 0
frmDataListC.GridC.Row = 0
frmDataListC.GridC.Text = "Current"
frmDataListC.GridC.Col = 0
frmDataListC.GridC.Row = 0
frmDataListC.GridC.AddItem Format$(Val(lblShowVolts(1)) * 14.5, "0.000")
frmDataListp.GridP.Col = 0
frmDataListp.GridP.Row = 0
frmDataListp.GridP.Text = "Power"
frmDataListp.GridP.Col = 0
frmDataListp.GridP.Row = 0
frmDataListp.GridP.AddItem Format$(Val(lblShowVoltage.Caption) * _
    Val(lblShowCurrent.Caption), "0.000")

```

*' Error handling*

```

On Error GoTo TopRowError
frmDataListI.GridI.TopRow = frmDataListI.GridI.TopRow + 1
frmDataListV.GridV.TopRow = frmDataListV.GridV.TopRow + 1
frmDataListC.GridC.TopRow = frmDataListC.GridC.TopRow + 1
frmDataListp.GridP.TopRow = frmDataListp.GridP.TopRow + 1
On Error GoTo 0
Exit Sub

```

TopRowError:

```

frmDataListI.GridI.TopRow = 1
frmDataListV.GridV.TopRow = 1
frmDataListC.GridC.TopRow = 1
frmDataListp.GridP.TopRow = 1

```

Resume Next

**End Sub**

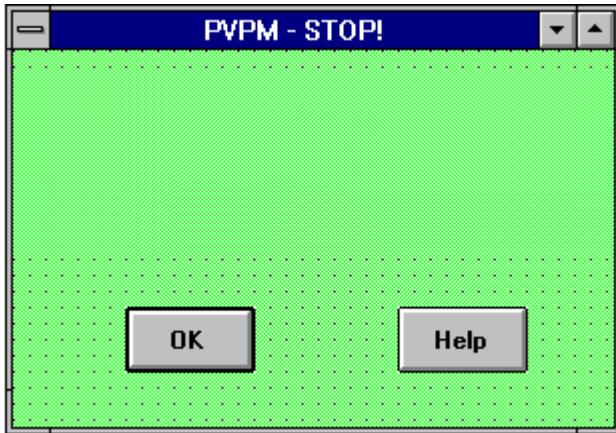
**Sub txtInterval\_Change ()**

**End Sub**

**Code 2.4 ABPERF.FRM (frmperAbout)**

```
Sub lblAbout_Click ()  
End Sub  
  
Sub Form_Load ()  
End Sub  
  
Sub cmdAboutOK_Click ()  
    Unload frmProgInfo  
    Unload frmPerfAbout  
    mdifrmBase.Show  
End Sub
```

## Code 2.5 CHANERR.FRM (frmError)



```
Sub Form_Load ()
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Sub lblError_Click ()
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Sub cmdErr_Click (Index As Integer)
```

Select Case Index

Case 0

*' Reset all the data to zero*

```
frmError.Hide
frmDataDisplay1.txtNumChan(i%).Text = 0
frmDataDisplay1.lblShowData(i%).Caption = 0
frmDataDisplay1.lblShowParameter.Visible = 0
frmDataDisplay1.lblParameter.Visible = 0
frmDataDisplay1.cmdStartConvert.Visible = 0
frmDataDisplay1.cmdRestart.Visible = 1
frmDataDisplay1.mnuFileStart.Enabled = False
' the Restart option is activated.
frmDataDisplay1.mnuFileRestart.Enabled = True
frmDataDisplay1.Show
```

Case 1

*' if the user clicks Help, the text as outlined below is set to appear in the blank label*  
*' lblDD1Help.Caption in the form frmDD1Help.*

CaptionText1 = "You have entered a channel number that is not valid for this application. In

total, eight channels are available, but for the present application, only three are in use. The channels in use are:"

CaptionText3 = " Channel 0 Voltage"

CaptionText4 = " Channel 1 Current"

CaptionText5 = " Channel 2 Irradiance"

CaptionText6 = "Specifying any channels other than these generates an 'invalid channel' \_

error, as long as the channel is within the range supported by the data access board. \_

Specifying a channel number outside the r ange supported by the board generates a\_

'ComputerBoards Error' and causes the program to abort. Note that if you do not specify a\_ channel, i.e. if you leave the channel box blank, Channel 0 is assumed."

CaptionText7 = "If you have a problem remembering what each channel represents, it will be\_ helpful to use the options given in the 'Options' menu item to select the parameter that you\_ wish to monitor."

frmDD1Help.lblDD1Help.Caption = CaptionText1 & Chr(10) & Chr(10) & CaptionTe xt3 &\_ Chr(10) & CaptionText4 & Chr(10) & CaptionText5 & Chr(10) & Chr(10) & CaptionText6\_ & Chr(10) & CaptionText7

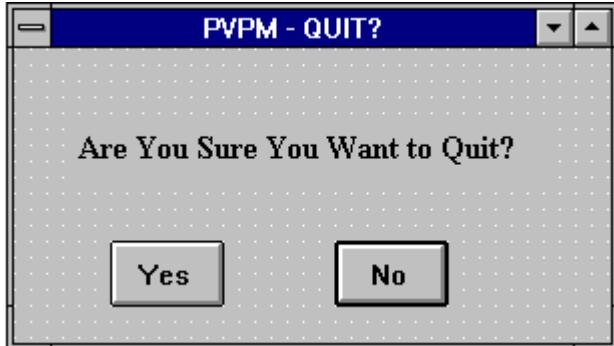
*' The Help dialogue is then shown with the above text on it.*

frmDD1Help.Show

End Select

**End Sub**

## Code 2.6 CONFIRM1.FRM (frmConfPerf1)



```

Sub Form_Load ()
End Sub

Sub Label1_Click ()
End Sub

Sub cmdQuitYes_Click ()
  ' This dialogue appears prompting the user to confirm the quit command.
  ' If the user clicks Yes, the following code is executed.

  Close Filename ' any open data files are closed

  mdifrmbase.cmdExit.Visible = True ' the Exit icon button in the main form appears
  frmDataDisplay1.tmrConvert.Enabled = 0

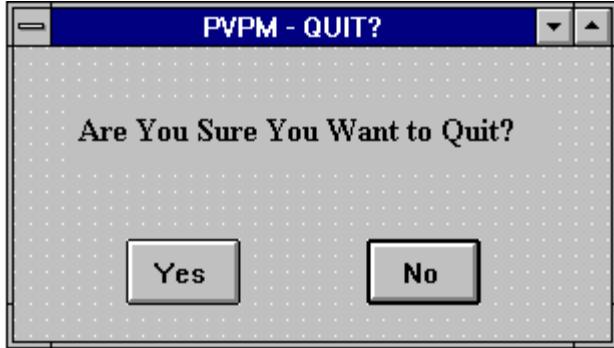
  ' Reset all the values in the form frmDataDisplay1.
  frmDataDisplay1.lblShowData(0).Visible = False
  frmDataDisplay1.lblParameter.Visible = False
  frmDataDisplay1.lblShowParameter.Visible = False
  frmDataDisplay1.txtNumChan(0).Text = 0
  frmDataDisplay1.txtInterval.Text = 1000
  frmDataDisplay1.cmdStartConvert.Visible = True
  frmDataDisplay1.cmdStopConvert.Visible = False
  frmDataDisplay1.cmdRestart.Visible = False
  frmDataDisplay1.cmdReset.Visible = False
  frmDataDisplay1.mnuFileStart.Enabled = True
  frmDataDisplay1.mnuFileRestart.Enabled = False
  frmDataDisplay1.mnuFileReset.Enabled = False
  frmDataDisplay1.mnuFileStop.Enabled = False

  Unload frmConfPerf1
  Unload frmDataDisplay1 ' Unload the forms
End Sub

```

```
Sub cmdQuitNo_Click ()
    frmDataDisplay1.Show ' Show the form
    ' Enable the timer to continue executing the program
    frmDataDisplay1.tmrConvert.Enabled = -1
End Sub
```

### Code 2.8 CONFPERF.FRM (frmConfPerf)



```
Sub Form_Load ()
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Sub Label1_Click ()
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Sub cmdQuitYes_Click ()
```

```
' This dialogue appears prompting the user to confirm the quit command.
' If the user clicks Yes, the following code is executed.

Close Filename ' any open data files are closed
```

```
mdifrmbase.cmdExit.Visible = True ' the Exit icon button in the main form appears
frmDatadisplay.tmrConvert.Enabled = 0 ' the timers in the data display forms are all disabled
```

```
' Reset all the values in the form frmDataDisplay.
frmDatadisplay.lblShowIrrad.Visible = False
frmDatadisplay.lblShowVoltage.Visible = False
frmDatadisplay.lblShowCurrent.Visible = False
frmDatadisplay.lblShowPower.Visible = False
frmDatadisplay.txtInterval.Text = 1000
frmDatadisplay.cmdStart.Visible = True
frmDatadisplay.cmdStopConvert.Visible = False
frmDatadisplay.mnuFileStart.Enabled = True
frmDatadisplay.mnuFileQuit.Enabled = False
frmGraphP.GraphP.GraphData = 0
```

```
Unload frmConfPerf
```

```
Unload frmDatadisplay ' Unload all the forms
mdifrmbase.Show ' Display the parent form for the application.
End Sub

Sub cmdQuitNo_Click ()
    frmDatadisplay.Show ' Show the form

    ' Enable the timer for the program to continue executing
    frmDatadisplay.tmrConvert.Enabled = -1
End Sub
```

**Code 2.9 DATAIRR.FRM (frmDataListI)**

```
Sub Form_Load ()  
    GridI.ColWidth(col1) = 9800  
End Sub
```

```
Sub GridI_Click ()
```

```
End Sub
```

**Code 2.10 DATALC.FRM (frmDataListC)**

*[Figure as in Code 2.9]*

```
Sub Form_Load ()  
    GridC.ColWidth(col1) = 9800  
End Sub
```

```
Sub GridC_Click ()
```

```
End Sub
```

**Code 2.11 DATALIST.FRM (frmDataListP)**

*[Figure as in Code 2.9]*

```
Sub Form_Load ()
```

**End Sub**

**Sub GridP\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Code 2.12 DATAV.FRM (frmDataListV)**

*[Figure as in Code 2.9]*

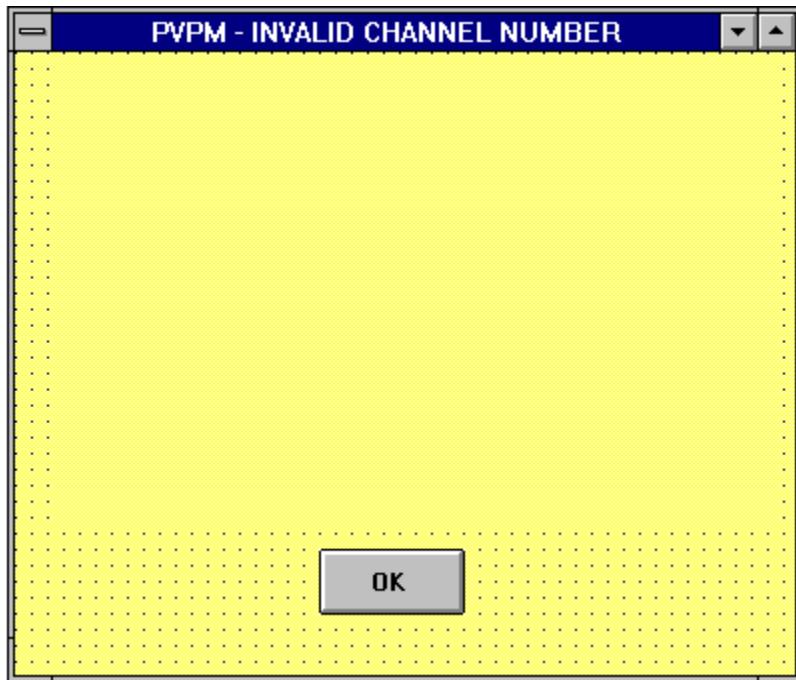
**Sub Form\_Load ()**

    GridV.ColWidth(col1) = 9800

**End Sub**

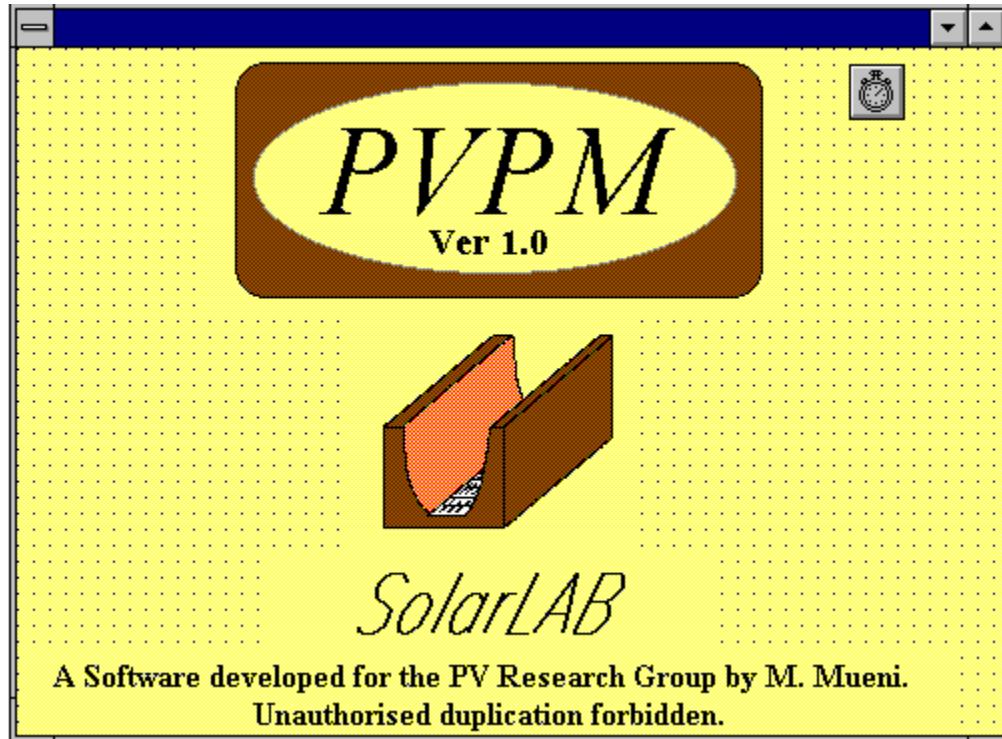
**Sub GridV\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

**Code 2.13 HELPPERF.FRM (frmDD1Help)**

```
Sub Form_Load ()  
End Sub  
  
Sub IblDD1Help_Click ()  
End Sub  
  
Sub cmdHelpOK_Click ()  
    'Exit the help dialogue and return to the error alert  
    Unload frmDD1Help  
    frmError.Show  
End Sub
```

## Code 2.14 LOADBMP.FRM (frmLoadBmp)



### **Sub Form\_Load ()**

*' This brief sub serves to position the form automatically  
' in the desired position as soon as it loads*

**Top = 300**

*' The statement above sets the vertical position of the form  
' from the top of the screen*

**Left = Screen.Width / 2 - Width / 2**

*' This statement then sets the horizontal position of the  
' form by centering it on the screen*

**End Sub**

### **Sub Label1\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

### **Sub Label2\_Click ()**

**End Sub**

### **Sub Picture1\_Click ()**

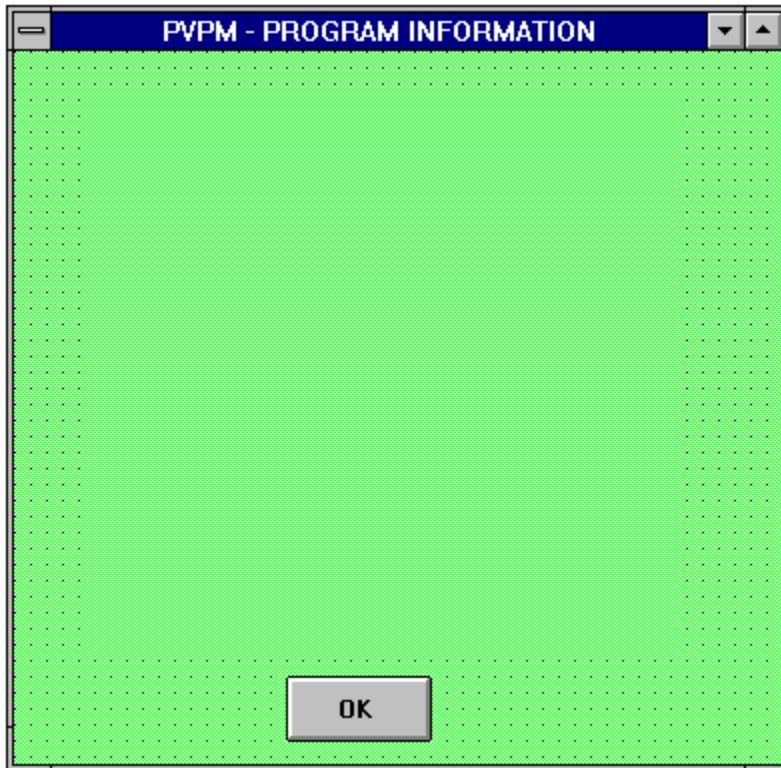
**End Sub**

### **Sub Picture2\_Click ()**

**End Sub****Sub Timer1\_Timer ()**

'Unload the form once the prescribed time has elapsed.

Unload frmloadbmp

**End Sub****Code 2.15 PERF4.FRM (frmProgInfo)****Sub Form\_Load ()****End Sub****Sub lblProgInfo\_Click ()****End Sub****Sub cmdOK\_Click ()**

Unload frmProgInfo

mdifrmBase.Show

**End Sub**

## APPENDIX A: CBW.BAS

NOTE THAT THIS FILE SHOULD **NOT** BE MODIFIED AT ALL.

```
*****
'
' Computer Boards Library
'
' By: Computer Boards
'    125 High St.
'    Mansfield MA 02048
'    (508) 261_1123
'
' File: CBW.BAS
'
' (c) Copyright 1996 by Computer Boards
' All Rights Reserved
'
'This file contains the Visual BASIC declarations for all Computer
'Boards library commands. This file should be included in the
'project as a Global Module
'
*****
'

' Current Revision Number
Global Const CURRENTREVNUM = 3.4

' Error Codes
Global Const NOERRORS = 0
Global Const BADBOARD = 1
Global Const DEADDIGITALDEV = 2
Global Const DEADCOUNTERDEV = 3
Global Const DEADDADEV = 4
Global Const DEADADDEV = 5
Global Const NOTDIGITALCONF = 6
Global Const NOTCOUNTERCONF = 7
Global Const NOTDACONF = 8
Global Const NOTADCONF = 9
Global Const NOTMUXCONF = 10
Global Const BADPORTNUM = 11
Global Const BADCOUNTERDEVNUM = 12
Global Const BADDADEVNUM = 13
Global Const BADSAMPLEMODE = 14
Global Const BADINT = 15
Global Const BADADCHAN = 16
Global Const BADCOUNT = 17
Global Const BADCNTRCONFIG = 18
Global Const BADDaval = 19
Global Const BADDACHAN = 20
```

Global Const ALREADYACTIVE = 22  
Global Const BADRATE = 24  
Global Const COMPATMODE = 25  
Global Const TRIGSTATE = 26  
Global Const ADSTATUSHUNG = 27  
Global Const TOOFEW = 28  
Global Const OVERRUN = 29  
Global Const BADRANGE = 30  
Global Const NOPROGGAIN = 31  
Global Const BADFILENAME = 32  
Global Const DISKISFULL = 33  
Global Const COMPATWARN = 34  
Global Const BADPOINTER = 35  
Global Const RATEWARNING = 37  
Global Const CONVERTDMA = 38  
Global Const DTCONNECTERR = 39  
Global Const FORECONTINUOUS = 40  
Global Const BADBOARDTYPE = 41  
Global Const WRONGDIGCONFIG = 42  
Global Const NOTCONFIGURABLE = 43  
Global Const BADPORTCONFIG = 44  
Global Const BADFIRSTPOINT = 45  
Global Const ENDOFFILE = 46  
Global Const NOT8254CTR = 47  
Global Const NOT9513CTR = 48  
Global Const BADTRIGTYPE = 49  
Global Const BADTRIGVALUE = 50  
Global Const BADOPTION = 52  
Global Const BADPRETRIGCOUNT = 53  
Global Const BADDIVIDER = 55  
Global Const BADSOURCE = 56  
Global Const BADCOMPARE = 57  
Global Const BADTIMEofday = 58  
Global Const BADGATEINTERVAL = 59  
Global Const BADGATECNTRL = 60  
Global Const BADCOUNTEREDGE = 61  
Global Const BADSPCLGATE = 62  
Global Const BADRELOAD = 63  
Global Const BADRECYCLEFLAG = 64  
Global Const BADBCDFLAG = 65  
Global Const BADDIRECTION = 66  
Global Const BADOUTCONTROL = 67  
Global Const BADBITNUMBER = 68  
Global Const NONEENABLED = 69  
Global Const BADCTRCONTROL = 70  
Global Const BADMUXCHAN = 71  
Global Const WRONGADRANGE = 72  
Global Const OUTOFRANGE = 73  
Global Const BADTEMPSCALE = 74  
Global Const BADERRCODE = 75

Global Const NOQUEUE = 76  
Global Const CONTINUOUSCOUNT = 77  
Global Const UNDERRUN = 78  
Global Const BADMEMMODE = 79  
Global Const FREQOVERRUN = 80  
Global Const NOJCCHAN = 81  
Global Const BADCHIPNUM = 82  
Global Const DIGNOTENABLED = 83  
Global Const CONVERT16BITS = 84  
Global Const NOMEMBOARD = 85  
Global Const DTACTIVE = 86  
Global Const NOTMEMCONF = 87  
Global Const ODDCHAN = 88  
Global Const CTRNOINIT = 89  
Global Const NOT8536CTR = 90  
Global Const FREERUNNING = 91  
Global Const INTERRUPTED = 92  
Global Const NOSELECTORS = 93  
Global Const NOBURSTMODE = 94  
Global Const NOTWINDOWSFUNC = 95  
Global Const NOTSIMULCONF = 96  
Global Const EVENODDMISMATCH = 97  
Global Const M1RATEWARNING = 98  
Global Const NOTRS485 = 99  
Global Const NOTDOSFUNC = 100  
Global Const RANGEMISMATCH = 101  
Global Const CLOCKTOOSLOW = 102  
Global Const BADCALFACTORS = 103  
Global Const BADCONFIGTYPE = 104  
Global Const BADCONFIGITEM = 105  
Global Const NOPCMCIABOARD = 106  
Global Const NOBACKGROUND = 107  
Global Const STRINGTOOSHORT = 108  
Global Const CONVERTEXTMEM = 109  
Global Const BADEUADD = 110  
Global Const DAS16JRRATEWARNING = 111  
Global Const DAS08TOOLOWRATE = 112  
Global Const AMBIGSENSORONGP = 114  
Global Const NOSENSORTYPEONGP = 115  
Global Const NOEXTCONTINUOUS = 117

Global Const BADPCMSLOTREF = 118  
Global Const AMBIGPCMSLOTREF = 119  
Global Const INVALIDPRETRIGCONVERT = 120  
Global Const CSSCALLFAILURE = 121  
Global Const BADSENSORTYPE = 129

Global Const INTERNALERR = 200

*' Windows error codes*

```
Global Const CANTLOCKDMABUF = 301
Global Const DMAINUSE = 302
Global Const BADMEMHANDLE = 303
Global Const NOENHANCEDMODE = 304
Global Const NOVDDINSTALLED = 305
Global Const NOWINDOWSMEMORY = 306
Global Const OUTOFDOSMEMORY = 307
```

*' These are the commonly occurring remapped DOS error codes*

```
Global Const DOSBADFUNC = 501
Global Const DOSFILENOTFOUND = 502
Global Const DOSPATHNOTFOUND = 503
Global Const DOSNOHANDLES = 504
Global Const DOSACCESSDENIED = 505
Global Const DOSINVALIDHANDLE = 506
Global Const DOSNOMEMORY = 507
Global Const DOSBADDRIE = 515
Global Const DOSTOOMANYFILES = 518
Global Const DOSWRITEPROTECT = 519
Global Const DOSDRIVENOTREADY = 521
Global Const DOSSEEKERROR = 525
Global Const DOSWRITEFAULT = 529
Global Const DOSREADFAULT = 530
Global Const DOSGENERALFAULT = 531

Global Const WIN_UNK_INT = 607
Global Const WIN_CANNOT_SET_INT = 608
Global Const WIN_CANNOT_ENABLE_INT = 609
Global Const WIN_CANNOT_RESET_INT = 610
Global Const WIN_CANNOT_DISABLE_INT = 611
```

```
Global Const NOTUSED = -1
```

*' Maximum length of error string*

```
Global Const ERRSTRLEN = 80
```

*' Maximum length of board name string*

```
Global Const BOARDNAMELEN = 25
```

*' Status values*

```
Global Const IDLE = 0
Global Const RUNNING = 1
```

*' Option Flags*

```
Global Const FOREGROUND = &H0
Global Const BACKGROUND = &H1
```

```
Global Const SINGLEEXEC = &H0
```

```
Global Const CONTINUOUS = &H2
```

Global Const TIMED = &H0

Global Const EXTCLOCK = &H4

Global Const NOCONVERTDATA = &H0

Global Const CONVERTDATA = &H8

Global Const NODTCONNECT = &H0

Global Const DTCONNECT = &H10

Global Const DEFAULTIO = &H0

Global Const SINGLEIO = &H20

Global Const DMAIO = &H40

Global Const BLOCKIO = &H60

Global Const BYTEXFER = &H0

Global Const WORDXFER = &H100

Global Const INDIVIDUAL = &H0

Global Const SIMULTANEOUS = &H200

Global Const FILTER = &H0

Global Const NOFILTER = &H400

Global Const NORMMEMORY = &H0

Global Const EXTMEMORY = &H800

Global Const BURSTMODE = &H1000

Global Const NOTODINTS = &H2000

Global Const EXTTRIGGER = &H4000

Global Const NOCALIBRATEDATA = &H8000

Global Const CALIBRATEDATA = &H0

Global Const CBENABLED = 1

Global Const CBDISABLED = 0

*' Types of error reporting*

Global Const DONTPRINT = 0

Global Const PRINTWARNINGS = 1

Global Const PRINTFATAL = 2

Global Const PRINTALL = 3

*' Types of error handling*

Global Const DONTSTOP = 0

Global Const STOPFATAL = 1

Global Const STOPALL = 2

*' Types of digital input ports*

Global Const DIGITALOUT = 1  
 Global Const DIGITALIN = 2

*' DT Modes for cbSetDTMode ()*

Global Const DTIN = 0  
 Global Const DTOOUT = 2

Global Const FROMHERE = -1

Global Const GETFIRST = -2

Global Const GETNEXT = -3

*' Temperature scales*

Global Const CELSIUS = 0  
 Global Const FAHRENHEIT = 1  
 Global Const KELVIN = 2

*' Types of digital I/O Ports*

Global Const AUXPORT = 1  
 Global Const FIRSTPORTA = 10  
 Global Const FIRSTPORTB = 11  
 Global Const FIRSTPORTCL = 12  
 Global Const FIRSTPORTCH = 13  
 Global Const SECONDPORTA = 14  
 Global Const SECONDPORTB = 15  
 Global Const SECONDPORTCL = 16  
 Global Const SECONDPORTCH = 17  
 Global Const THIRDPORTA = 18  
 Global Const THIRDPORTB = 19  
 Global Const THIRDPORTCL = 20  
 Global Const THIRDPORTCH = 21  
 Global Const FOURTHPORTA = 22  
 Global Const FOURTHPORTB = 23  
 Global Const FOURTHPORTCL = 24  
 Global Const FOURTHPORTCH = 25  
 Global Const FIFTHPORTA = 26  
 Global Const FIFTHPORTB = 27  
 Global Const FIFTHPORTCL = 28  
 Global Const FIFTHPORTCH = 29  
 Global Const SIXTHPORTA = 30  
 Global Const SIXTHPORTB = 31  
 Global Const SIXTHPORTCL = 32  
 Global Const SIXTHPORTCH = 33  
 Global Const SEVENTHPORTA = 34  
 Global Const SEVENTHPORTB = 35  
 Global Const SEVENTHPORTCL = 36  
 Global Const SEVENTHPORTCH = 37  
 Global Const EIGHTHPORTA = 38

Global Const EIGHTPORTB = 39  
 Global Const EIGHTPORTCL = 40  
 Global Const EIGHTPORTCH = 41

## ' Selectable A/D Ranges codes

Global Const BIP10VOLTS = 1  
 Global Const BIP5VOLTS = 0  
 Global Const BIP2PT5VOLTS = 2  
 Global Const BIP1PT25VOLTS = 3  
 Global Const BIP1VOLTS = 4  
 Global Const BIPPT625VOLTS = 5  
 Global Const BIPPT5VOLTS = 6  
 Global Const BIPPT1VOLTS = 7  
 Global Const BIPPT05VOLTS = 8  
 Global Const BIPPT01VOLTS = 9  
 Global Const BIPPT005VOLTS = 10  
 Global Const BIP1PT67VOLTS = 11

## ' Bipolar Ranges (-10 to +10 Volts)

Global Const UNI10VOLTS = 100  
 Global Const UNI5VOLTS = 101  
 Global Const UNI2PT5VOLTS = 102  
 Global Const UNI2VOLTS = 103  
 Global Const UNI1PT25VOLTS = 104  
 Global Const UNI1VOLTS = 105  
 Global Const UNIPT1VOLTS = 106  
 Global Const UNIPT01VOLTS = 107  
 Global Const UNIPT02VOLTS = 108  
 Global Const UNI1PT67VOLTS = 109

## ' Unipolar Ranges (0 to 10 Volts)

Global Const MA4TO20 = 200  
 Global Const MA2to10 = 201  
 Global Const MA1TO5 = 202  
 Global Const MAPT5TO2PT5 = 203

## ' Current Ranges (4 to 20 ma )

' Types of D/A  
 Global Const ADDA1 = 0  
 Global Const ADDA2 = 1

' 8536 counter output 1 control  
 Global Const NOTLINKED = 0  
 Global Const GATECTR2 = 1  
 Global Const TRIGCTR2 = 2  
 Global Const INCTR2 = 3

' Types of 8254 Counter configurations  
 Global Const HIGHONLASTCOUNT = 0  
 Global Const ONESHOT = 1  
 Global Const RATEGENERATOR = 2  
 Global Const SQUAREWAVE = 3

Global Const SOFTWARESTROBE = 4  
 Global Const HARDWARESTROBE = 5

*' Where to reload from for 9513 counters*  
 Global Const LOADREG = 0  
 Global Const LOADANDHOLDREG = 1

*' Counter recycle modes*  
 Global Const ONETIME = 0  
 Global Const RECYCLE = 1

*' Direction of counting for 9513 counters*  
 Global Const COUNTDOWN = 0  
 Global Const COUNTUP = 1

*' Types of count detection for 9513 counters*  
 Global Const POSITIVEEDGE = 0  
 Global Const NEGATIVEEDGE = 1

*' Counter output control*  
 Global Const ALWAYSLOW = 0  
 Global Const HIGHPULSEONTC = 1  
 Global Const TOGGLEONTC = 2  
 Global Const DISCONNECTED = 4  
 Global Const LOWPULSEONTC = 5  
 Global Const HIGHUNTILTC = 6

*' Counter input sources*  
 Global Const TCPREVCTR = 0  
 Global Const CTRINPUT1 = 1  
 Global Const CTRINPUT2 = 2  
 Global Const CTRINPUT3 = 3  
 Global Const CTRINPUT4 = 4  
 Global Const CTRINPUT5 = 5  
 Global Const GATE1 = 6  
 Global Const GATE2 = 7  
 Global Const GATE3 = 8  
 Global Const GATE4 = 9  
 Global Const GATE5 = 10  
 Global Const FREQ1 = 11  
 Global Const FREQ2 = 12  
 Global Const FREQ3 = 13  
 Global Const FREQ4 = 14  
 Global Const FREQ5 = 15  
 Global Const CTRINPUT6 = 101  
 Global Const CTRINPUT7 = 102  
 Global Const CTRINPUT8 = 103  
 Global Const CTRINPUT9 = 104  
 Global Const CTRINPUT10 = 105  
 Global Const GATE6 = 106

Global Const GATE7 = 107  
 Global Const GATE8 = 108  
 Global Const GATE9 = 109  
 Global Const GATE10 = 110  
 Global Const FREQ6 = 111  
 Global Const FREQ7 = 112  
 Global Const FREQ8 = 113  
 Global Const FREQ9 = 114  
 Global Const FREQ10 = 115

Global Const CTRINPUT11 = 201  
 Global Const CTRINPUT12 = 202  
 Global Const CTRINPUT13 = 203  
 Global Const CTRINPUT14 = 204  
 Global Const CTRINPUT15 = 205  
 Global Const GATE11 = 206  
 Global Const GATE12 = 207  
 Global Const GATE13 = 208  
 Global Const GATE14 = 209  
 Global Const GATE15 = 210  
 Global Const FREQ11 = 211  
 Global Const FREQ12 = 212  
 Global Const FREQ13 = 213  
 Global Const FREQ14 = 214  
 Global Const FREQ15 = 215  
 Global Const CTRINPUT16 = 301  
 Global Const CTRINPUT17 = 302  
 Global Const CTRINPUT18 = 303  
 Global Const CTRINPUT19 = 304  
 Global Const CTRINPUT20 = 305  
 Global Const GATE16 = 306  
 Global Const GATE17 = 307  
 Global Const GATE18 = 308  
 Global Const GATE19 = 309  
 Global Const GATE20 = 310  
 Global Const FREQ16 = 311  
 Global Const FREQ17 = 312  
 Global Const FREQ18 = 313  
 Global Const FREQ19 = 314  
 Global Const FREQ20 = 315

*' Counter registers*

Global Const LOADREG1 = 1  
 Global Const LOADREG2 = 2  
 Global Const LOADREG3 = 3  
 Global Const LOADREG4 = 4  
 Global Const LOADREG5 = 5  
 Global Const LOADREG6 = 6  
 Global Const LOADREG7 = 7  
 Global Const LOADREG8 = 8

Global Const LOADREG9 = 9  
Global Const LOADREG10 = 10

Global Const LOADREG11 = 11  
Global Const LOADREG12 = 12  
Global Const LOADREG13 = 13  
Global Const LOADREG14 = 14  
Global Const LOADREG15 = 15  
Global Const LOADREG16 = 16  
Global Const LOADREG17 = 17  
Global Const LOADREG18 = 18  
Global Const LOADREG19 = 19  
Global Const LOADREG20 = 20

Global Const HOLDREG1 = 101  
Global Const HOLDREG2 = 102  
Global Const HOLDREG3 = 103  
Global Const HOLDREG4 = 104  
Global Const HOLDREG5 = 105  
Global Const HOLDREG6 = 106  
Global Const HOLDREG7 = 107  
Global Const HOLDREG8 = 108  
Global Const HOLDREG9 = 109  
Global Const HOLDREG10 = 110

Global Const HOLDREG11 = 111  
Global Const HOLDREG12 = 112  
Global Const HOLDREG13 = 113  
Global Const HOLDREG14 = 114  
Global Const HOLDREG15 = 115  
Global Const HOLDREG16 = 116  
Global Const HOLDREG17 = 117  
Global Const HOLDREG18 = 118  
Global Const HOLDREG19 = 119  
Global Const HOLDREG20 = 120

Global Const ALARM1CHIP1 = 201  
Global Const ALARM2CHIP1 = 202  
Global Const ALARM1CHIP2 = 301  
Global Const ALARM2CHIP2 = 302  
Global Const ALARM1CHIP3 = 401  
Global Const ALARM2CHIP3 = 402  
Global Const ALARM1CHIP4 = 501  
Global Const ALARM2CHIP4 = 502

*' Counter Gate Control*  
Global Const NOGATE = 0  
Global Const AHLTCPREVCTR = 1  
Global Const AHLNEXTGATE = 2  
Global Const AHLPREVGATE = 3

Global Const AHLGATE = 4  
 Global Const ALLGATE = 5  
 Global Const AHEGATE = 6  
 Global Const ALEGATE = 7

*' Types of triggers*

Global Const TRIGABOVE = 0  
 Global Const TRIGBELOW = 1

*' Types of configuration information*

Global Const GLOBALINFO = 1  
 Global Const BOARDINFO = 2  
 Global Const DIGITALINFO = 3  
 Global Const COUNTERINFO = 4  
 Global Const EXPANSIONINFO = 5  
 Global Const MISCINFO = 6

*' Types of global configuration information*

Global Const GIVERSION = 36      *' Config file format version number*  
 Global Const GINUMBOARDS = 38      *' Maximum number of boards*  
 Global Const GINUMEXPBOARDS = 40      *' Maximum number of expansion boards*

*' Types of board configuration information*

Global Const BIBASEADR = 0      *' Base Address*  
 Global Const BIBOARDTYPE = 1      *' Board Type (0x101 - 0x7FFF)*  
 Global Const BIINTLEVEL = 2      *' Interrupt level*  
 Global Const BIDMACHAN = 3      *' DMA channel*  
 Global Const BIINITIALIZED = 4      *' TRUE or FALSE*  
 Global Const BICLOCK = 5      *' Clock freq (1, 10 or bus)*  
 Global Const BIRANGE = 6      *' Switch selectable range*  
 Global Const BINUMADCHANS = 7      *' Number of A/D channels*  
 Global Const BIUSESEXPS = 8      *' Supports expansion boards TRUE/FALSE*  
 Global Const BIDINUMDEVS = 9      *' Number of digital devices*  
 Global Const BIDIDEVNUM = 10      *' Index into digital information*  
 Global Const BICINUMDEVS = 11      *' Number of counter devices*  
 Global Const BICIDEVNUM = 12      *' Index into counter information*  
 Global Const BINUMDACHANS = 13      *' Number of D/A channels*  
 Global Const BIWAITSTATE = 14      *' Wait state enabled TRUE/FALSE*  
 Global Const BINUMIOPORTS = 15      *' I/O address space used by board*  
 Global Const BIPARENTBOARD = 16      *' Board number of parent board*  
 Global Const BIDTBOARD = 17      *' Board number of connected DT board*

*' Types of digital device information*

Global Const DIBASEADR = 0      *' Base address*  
 Global Const DIINITIALIZED = 1      *' TRUE or FALSE*  
 Global Const DIDEVTYPE = 2      *' AUXPORT or xPORTA - CH*  
 Global Const DIMASK = 3      *' Bit mask for this port*  
 Global Const DIREADWRITE = 4      *' Read required before write*  
 Global Const DICONFIG = 5      *' Current configuration*  
 Global Const DINUMBITS = 6      *' Number of bits in port*

Global Const DICURVAL = 7      ' Current value of outputs

' Types of counter device information

Global Const CIBASEADR = 0      ' Base address  
 Global Const CIINITIALIZED = 1      ' TRUE or FALSE  
 Global Const CICTRTYPE = 2      ' Counter type 8254, 9513 or 8536  
 Global Const CICTRNUM = 3      ' Which counter on chip  
 Global Const CICONFIGBYTE = 4      ' Configuration byte

' Types of expansion board information

Global Const XIBOARDTYPE = 0      ' Expansion board type  
 Global Const XIMUXADCHAN1 = 1      ' 0 - 15  
 Global Const XIMUXADCHAN2 = 2      ' 0 - 15 or NOTUSED  
 Global Const XIRANGE1 = 3      ' Range (gain) of low 16 chans  
 Global Const XIRANGE2 = 4      ' Range (gain) of high 16 chans  
 Global Const XICJCCHAN = 5      ' 0 - 15 or NOTUSED  
 Global Const XITHERMTYPE = 6      ' TYPEJ, TYPEK, TYPEB, TYPET, TYPEE, TYPER,\_  
                                   or TYPES  
 Global Const XINUMEXPCHANS = 7      ' Number of expansion channels on board  
 Global Const XIPARENTBOARD = 8      ' Board number of parent A/D board  
 Global Const XISPARE0 = 9      ' 16 words of misc options

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Declare Function cbAConvertData% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal NumPoints&,_
  ADData%, ChanTags%)  

Declare Function cbACalibrateData% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal NumPoints&,_
  ByVal Gain%, ADData%)  

Declare Function cbAConvertPretrigData% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal_
  PretrigCount&, ByVal TotalCount&, ADData%, ChanTags%)  

Declare Function cbAIn% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal Chan%, ByVal Gain%,_
  DataValue%)  

Declare Function cbAInScan% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal LowChan%, ByVal_
  HighChan%, ByVal CBCCount&, CBRate&, ByVal Gain%, ByVal MemHandle%, ByVal_
  Options%)  

Declare Function cbALoadQueue% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum %, ChanArray%,_
  GainArray%, ByVal NumChans%)  

Declare Function cbAOut% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal Chan%, ByVal Gain%,_
  ByVal DataValue%)  

Declare Function cbAOutScan% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal LowChan%,_
  ByVal HighChan%, ByVal CBCCount&, CBRate&, ByVal Gain%, ByVal MemHandle%,_
  ByVal Options%)  

Declare Function cbAPretrig% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal LowChan%, ByVal_
  HighChan%, PretrigCount&, CBCCount&, CBRate&, ByVal Gain%, ByVal MemHandle%,_
  ByVal Options%)  

Declare Function cbATrig% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal Chan%, ByVal_
  TrigType%, ByVal TrigValue%, ByVal Gain%, DataValue%)  

Declare Function cbC8254Config% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal CounterNum%,_
  ByVal Config%)  

Declare Function cbC8536Config% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal CounterNum%,_
  ByVal OutputControl%, ByVal RecycleMode%, ByVal Retrigger%)  

Declare Function cbC9513Config% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal CounterNum%,_
  ByVal Config%)
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    ByVal GateControl%, ByVal CounterEdge%, ByVal Cou ntSource%, ByVal SpecialGate%,
    ByVal Reload%, ByVal RecycleMode%, ByVal BCDMode%, ByVal CountDirec%, ByVal_
    OutputCtrl%)

Declare Function cbC8536Init% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal ChipNum%,
    ByVal Ctr1Output%)

Declare Function cbC9513Init% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal ChipNum%,
    ByVal FOutDivider%, ByVal FOutSource%, ByVal Compare1%, ByVal Compare2%, ByVal_
    TimeOfDay%)

Declare Function cbCStoreOnInt% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal IntCount%,
    CntrControl%, ByVal DataBuffer%)

Declare Function cbCFreqIn% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal SigSource%, ByVal_
    GateInterval%, CBCCount%, Freq&)

Declare Function cbCIIn% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal CounterNum%,
    CBCCount%)

Declare Function cbCLoad% Lib "cbw.dll" (By Val BoardNum%, ByVal RegNum%, ByVal_
    LoadValue%)

Declare Function cbDBitIn% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortType%, ByVal_
    BitNum%, BitValue%)

Declare Function cbDBitOut% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortType%, ByVal_
    BitNum%, ByVal BitValue%)

Declare Function cbDConfigPort% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortNum%,
    ByVal Direction%)

Declare Function cbDeclareRevision% Lib "cbw.dll" (RevNum!)

Declare Function cbDIIn% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortNum%, DataValue%)

Declare Function cbDInScan% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortNum%, ByVal_
    CBCCount&, CBRate&, ByVal MemHandle%, ByVal Options%)

Declare Function cbDOOut% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortNum%, ByVal_
    DataValue%)

Declare Function cbDOOutScan% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortNum%, ByVal_
    CBCCount&, CBRate&, ByVal MemHandle%, ByVal Options%)

Declare Function cbErrHandling% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal ErrReporting%, ByVal ErrHandling%)

Declare Function cbFileAInScan% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal LowChan%,
    ByVal HighChan%, ByVal CBCCount&, CBRate&, ByVal Gain%, ByVal FileName$, ByVal_
    Options%)

Declare Function cbFileGetInfo% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal FileName$, LowChan%, HighChan%,
    PretrigCount&, TotalCount&, CBRate&, Gain%)

Declare Function cbFilePretrig% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal LowChan%,
    ByVal HighChan%, PretrigCount&, CBCCount&, CBRate&, ByVal Gain%, ByVal FileName$,
    ByVal Options%)

Declare Function cbFileRead% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal FileName$, ByVal FirstPoi nt&,
    NumPoints&, DataBuffer%)

Declare Function cbGetErrMsg% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal ErrorCode%, ByVal ErrMsg$)

Declare Function cbGetRevision% Lib "cbw.dll" (DLLRevNum!, VXDRevNum!)

Declare Function cbGetStatus% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, Status%, CurCo unt&,
    CurIndex&)

Declare Function cbStopBackground% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%)

Declare Function cbMemSetDTMode% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal Mode%)

Declare Function cbMemReset% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%)

Declare Function cbMemRead% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, DataBuffer%, ByVal_
    FirstPoint&, ByVal CBCCount&)

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Declare Function cbMemWrite% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, DataBuffer%, ByVal_
FirstPoint&, ByVal CBCCount&)
Declare Function cbMemReadPretrig% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNu m%, DataBuffer%,_
ByVal FirstPoint&, ByVal CBCCount&)
Declare Function cbRS485% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal Transmit%, ByVal_
Receive%)
Declare Function cbTIn% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal Chan%, ByVal_
CBScale%, TempValue!, ByVal Options%)
Declare Function cbTInScan% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal LowChan%, ByVal_
HighChan%, ByVal CBScale%, DataBuffer!, ByVal Options%)
Declare Function cbWinBufToArray% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal MemHandle%, DataBuffer%,_
ByVal FirstPoint&, ByVal CBCCount&)
Declare Function cbWinArrayToBuf% Lib "cbw.dll" (DataBuffer%, ByVal MemHandle%,_
ByVal FirstPoint&, ByVal CBCCount&)
Declare Function cbWinBufAlloc% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal NumPoints&)
Declare Function cbWinBufFree% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal MemHa ndle%)
Declare Function cbInByte% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortNum%)
Declare Function cbOutByte% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortNum%, ByVal_
PortVal%)
Declare Function cbInWord% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortNum%)
Declare Function cbOutWord% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal PortNum%, ByVal_
PortVal%)
Declare Function cbGetConfig% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal InfoType%, ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal_
DevNum%, ByVal ConfigItem%, ConfigVal%)
Declare Function cbSetConfig% Lib "cb w.dll" (ByVal InfoType%, ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal_
DevNum%, ByVal ConfigItem%, ByVal ConfigVal%)
Declare Function cbToEngUnits% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal Range%, ByVal_
DataVal%, EngUnits!)
Declare Function cbFromEngUnits% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVa l BoardNum%, ByVal Range%,_
ByVal EngUnits!, DataVal%)
Declare Function cbGetBoardName% Lib "cbw.dll" (ByVal BoardNum%, ByVal BoardName$)

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