Sequence Objects

Introduction

A **Sequence** object manages a set of Commands. The sequence is constructed on the host from a list of commands, then downloaded and executed in the controller. Typically, applications only use Sequences for very small or simple autonomous tasks that require execution in the controller. Due to their embedded execution, debugging can be difficult. It is best to use the host application to execute MPI methods directly for optimum flexibility and performance.

If you are considering using a program Sequencer or Command objects, please contact your support engineer. We recommend that you do NOT implement complex Sequences on your own.

Commands are implemented using <u>MPICommand</u> objects. Information about the different types of commands can be found on <u>MPICommandType</u> and <u>MPICommandParams</u>. Sample applications for using sequencers can be found in the Sample Applications section. Search for application names starting with **seq**. <u>Seqkill.c</u> is a good place to start.

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mpiSequenceCreate

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCreate creates a Sequence object associated with the program sequencer identified by **number** located on motion controller (control). SequenceCreate is the equivalent of a C++ constructor.

lf	Then
number is -1	SequenceCreate selects the next unused program sequencer. If this is the first use of the program sequencer, then SequenceCreate will attempt to allocate pageSize firmware command slots.
pageSize is -1	SequenceCreate will allocate all remaining firmware command slots, which may prevent any more Sequence objects from being created.

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

See Also

mpiSequenceDelete | mpiSequenceValidate

mpiSequenceDelete

Declaration

long mpiSequenceDelete(MPISequence sequence)

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceDelete deletes a Sequence object and invalidates its handle (**sequence**). SequenceDelete is the equivalent of a C++ destructor.

All Command objects in a Sequence are deleted when the Sequence object is deleted.

sequence a handle to the Sequence object.

Return Values

MPIMessageOK

See Also

mpiSequenceCreate | mpiSequenceValidate

mpiSequenceValidate

Declaration

long mpiSequenceValidate(MPISequence sequence)

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceValidate validates the Sequence object and its handle (sequence).

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MPIMessageOK

See Also

mpiSequenceCreate | mpiSequenceDelete

mpiSequenceConfigGet

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceConfigGet gets the configuration of a Sequence object (**sequence**) and writes it in the structure pointed to by **config**, and also writes it into the implementation-specific structure pointed to by **external** is not NULL).

The Sequence's configuration information in *external* is in addition to the Sequence's configuration information in *config*, i.e, the configuration information in *config* and in *external* is not the same information. Note that *config* or *external* can be NULL (but not both NULL).

Remarks

external either points to a structure of type MEISequenceConfig{} or is NULL.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

See Also

mpiSequenceConfigSet | MEISequenceConfig

mpiSequenceConfigSet

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceConfigSet sets the configuration of a Sequence (**sequence**) using data from the structure pointed to by **config**, and also using data from the implementation- specific structure pointed to by **external** is not NULL).

The Sequence's configuration information in *external* is in addition to the Sequence's configuration information in *config*, i.e, the configuration information in *config* and in *external* is not the same information. Note that *config* or *external* can be NULL (but not both NULL).

Remarks

external either points to a structure of type MEISequenceConfig{} or is NULL.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

See Also

mpiSequenceConfigGet | MEISequenceConfig

mpiSequenceFlashConfigGet

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceFlashConfigGet gets a Sequence's (**sequence**) flash configuration and writes it into the structure pointed to by **config**, and also writes it into the implementation-specific structure pointed to by **external** (if **external** is not NULL).

The Sequence's flash configuration information in *external* is in addition to the Sequence's flash configuration information in *config*, i.e., the flash configuration information in *config* and in *external* is not the same information. Note that *config* or *external* can be NULL (but not both NULL). The implementation-specific *flash* argument is used to access flash memory.

Remarks

external either points to a structure of type MEISequenceConfig{} or is NULL. **flash** is either an MEIFlash handle or MPIHandleVOID. If **flash** is MPIHandleVOID, an MEIFlash object will be created and deleted internally.

Return Values	
<u>MPIMessageOK</u>	

See Also

mpiSequenceFlashConfigSet

mpiSequenceFlashConfigSet

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceFlashConfigSet sets a Sequence's (**sequence**) flash configuration using data from the structure pointed to by **config**, and also using data from the implementation-specific structure pointed to by **external** is not NULL).

The Sequence's flash configuration information in *external* is in addition to the Sequence's flash configuration information in *config*, i.e., the flash configuration information in *config* and in *external* is not the same information. Note that *config* or *external* can be NULL (but not both NULL). The implementation-specific *flash* argument is used to access flash memory.

Remarks

external either points to a structure of type MEISequenceConfig{} or is NULL. **flash** is either an MEIFlash handle or MPIHandleVOID. If **flash** is MPIHandleVOID, an MEIFlash object will be created and deleted internally.

Return Values	
<u>MPIMessageOK</u>	

See Also

MEISequenceConfig | mpiSequenceFlashConfigGet

mpiSequencePageSize

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequencePageSize writes the *number* of command slots that are available to a Sequence (**sequence**, on its associated motion controller) to the contents of **pageSize**.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

mpiSequenceStatus

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceStatus returns the status of a Sequence (**sequence**), and writes it into the structure pointed to by **status**, and also writes it into the implementation-specific structure pointed to by **external** (if **external** is not NULL).

Remarks

external should always be set to NULL.

sequence	a handle to a Sequence object
*status	a pointer to Sequence's status structure
*external	a pointer to an implementation-specific structure

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	
MPIMessageARG_INVALID	

See Also

MPISequenceStatus

mpiSequenceEventNotifyGet

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceEventNotifyGet writes an event mask [that specifies the event types (generated by the Sequence **sequence**, for which host notification has been requested] to the structure pointed to by **eventMask**, and also writes it into the implementation-specific structure pointed to by **external** (if **external** is not NULL).

The event mask information in *external* is *in addition* to the event mask information in *eventMask*, i.e, the event mask information in *eventMask* and in *external* is not the same information. Note that *eventMask* or *external* can be NULL (but not both NULL).

Remarks

external either points to a structure of type MEIEventMask{} or is NULL.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

See Also

MEIEventMask | mpiSequenceEventNotifySet

mpiSequenceEventNotifySet

Declaration

long mpiSequenceEventNotifySet(MPISequence	sequence,
<u>MPIEventMask</u>	eventMask,
void	*external)

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceEventNotifySet requests host notification of the event(s) specified by **eventMask** and generated by a Sequence (**sequence**), and also using data from the implementation-specific structure pointed to by **external** is not NULL).

The event mask information in *external* is in addition to the event mask information in *eventMask*, i.e, the event mask information in *eventMask* and in *external* is not the same information. Note that *eventMask* or external can be NULL (but not both NULL).

The mask of event types generated by a Sequence object consists of MPIEventMaskEXTERNAL. When a Sequence issues a Command of type MPICommandTypeEVENT, an event of type MPIEventTypeEXTERNAL is generated. The only event generated by a Sequence is MPIEventTypeEXTERNAL, which is generated when a Sequence issues a Command of type MPICommandTypeEVENT.

Remarks

external either points to a structure of type MEIEventMask{} or is NULL.

То	Use "eventMask"
Disable host notification of all Sequence events	MPIEventTypeNONE
Enable host notification of all Sequence events	MPIEventMaskALL

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

See Also

MPIEventMaskEXTERNAL | MEIEventMask | mpiSequenceEventNotifyGet



mpiSequenceEventReset

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceEventReset resets the event(s) that are specified in **eventMask** and generated by a Sequence (**sequence**). Your application should not call SequenceEventReset *until* one or more latchable events have occurred.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

See Also

<u>mpiControlEventReset</u> | <u>mpiMotionEventReset</u> | <u>mpiMotorEventReset</u> | <u>mpiRecorderEventReset</u> | <u>mpiSequenceEventReset</u> | <u>mpiSequenceEventReset</u> | <u>mpiAxisEventReset</u> | <u>mpi</u>

Event Notification Methods

meiSequenceCompile

Declaration

long meiSequenceCompile(MPISequence sequence)

Required Header: stdmei.h

Description

meiSequenceCompile "compiles" a **sequence** object by reading its list of Command objects and then creating an equivalent list of XMP commands.

sequence a	handle to the Sequence objec	ct.
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Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

Compiling Program Sequencer Commands

An MPICommand will "compile" into one or more MEIXmpCommand{}s, each of which takes up a slot in the MEIXmpCommandBuffer{}. In general, an MPICommand will compile into a single MEIXmpCommand{}, but an MPICommand of type MPICommandTypeMOTION [with a motionCommand of MPICommandMotionSTART (i.e. mpiMotionStart(...))] will require several MEIXmpCommand{}s.

How many sequencer commands an MPI sequence command compiles to depends on the number of axes and number of positions in the move. The next table shows how many xmp sequencer commands it takes to do the equivalent of an mpiMotionStart(...).

Number of Sequencer Commands to be equivalent to mpiMotionStart(...)

Number of required sequencer commands	To do this:
axisCount +	One MEIXmpCommand{} per axis to write the axis number to MEIXmpLinkBuffer{}.MSLink[].Axis[].AxisNumber
1+	1 + One MEIXmpCommand{} to write axisCount to MEIXmpLinkBuffer{}.MSLink[].Axes
1+	One MEIXmpCommand{} to write the MEIXmpMotionType{} to MS[].Mode.
(((axisCount*pointCount) + 3) / 4) +	One MEIXmpCommand{} for every four MEIXmpPoint{}s written to PointBuffer.Point[]

axisCount +	One MEIXmpCommand{} per axis to load the MEIXmpPoint (s)
1	One MEIXmpCommand{} to start the motion

mpiSequenceLoad

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Change History: Modified in the 03.03.00

Description

mpiSequenceLoad loads the firmware command slots of a Sequence (**sequence**) as necessary, starting with the Command (**command**).

SequenceLoad is intended to be called initially by mpiSequenceStart(...) and called thereafter by mpiEventMgrService(...) (in response to reception of an *internal page fault event notification* from the firmware). Except when you are debugging a sequence via mpiSequenceStep(...), your application should never need to directly call SequenceLoad.

lf	Then
command is MPIHandleVOID	SequenceLoad loads Commands starting with the first Command of the Sequence
start is not FALSE	SequenceLoad starts the sequence after the commands are loaded

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

See Also

mpiSequenceStart | mpiEventMgrService | mpiSequenceStep

mpiSequenceResume

Declaration

long mpiSequenceResume(MPISequence sequence)

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceResume resumes a Sequence (**sequence**) from the point where the Sequence has stopped (if execution has been stopped).

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

mpiSequenceStart

Declaration

```
long mpiSequenceStart(<u>MPISequence</u> sequence,

<u>MPICommand</u> command)
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Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceStart begins the execution of a Sequence (**sequence**), starting with the Command (**command**). If **command** is MPIHandleVOID, execution starts with the first command of the Sequence.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

See Also

mpiSequenceStop

mpiSequenceStep

Declaration

long mpiSequenceStep(MPISequence sequence,
long count)

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceStep executes *count* steps (Commands) of a stopped Sequence (*sequence*). After executing the Commands, the Sequence will be in the MPISequenceStateSTOPPED state.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

mpiSequenceStop

Declaration

long mpiSequenceStop(MPISequence sequence)

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceStop stops a Sequence (**sequence**), if execution has been started. A stopped Sequence can be resumed from the point where it has stopped.

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MPIMessageOK

See Also

mpiSequenceStart

mpiSequenceMemory

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceMemory writes an address [used to access a Sequence's (sequence) memory] to the contents of *memory*. This address (or an address calculated from it) is passed as the *src* argument to mpiSequenceMemoryGet(...) and as the *dst* argument to mpiSequenceMemorySet(...).

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

See Also

mpiSequenceMemoryGet | mpiSequenceMemorySet

mpiSequenceMemoryGet

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Change History: Modified in the 03.03.00

Description

mpiSequenceMemoryGet copies *count* bytes of a Sequence's (*sequence*) memory (starting at address *src*) to application memory (starting at address *dst*).

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

See Also

mpiSequenceMemorySet | mpiSequenceMemory

mpiSequenceMemorySet

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Change History: Modified in the 03.03.00

Description

mpiSequenceMemorySet copies *count* bytes of application memory (starting at address *src*) to a Sequence's (*sequence*) memory (starting at address *dst*).

Return Values	
<u>MPIMessageOK</u>	

See Also

mpiSequenceMemory | mpiSequenceMemoryGet

mpiSequenceControl

Declaration

MPIControl mpiSequenceControl(MPISequence sequence)

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceControl returns a handle to the Control object with which the Sequence object is associated.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
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Return Values	
MPIControl	a handle to the Sequence object
MPIHandleVOID	if sequence is invalid

See Also

mpiSequenceCreate | mpiControlCreate

mpiSequenceNumber

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceNumber writes the index of a Sequence (**sequence**, on the motion controller that the Sequence object is associated with) to the contents of **number**.

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

mpiSequenceCommand

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommand returns the element at the position on the list indicated by index.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
index	a position in the list.

Return Values	
handle	to the <i>index</i> th Command of a Sequence (<i>sequence</i>)
MPIHandleVOID	if sequence is invalid if index is less than 0 if index is greater than or equal to mpiSequenceCount(sequence)
MPIMessageARG_INVALID	if <i>index</i> is a negative number.
MEIListMessageELEMENT_NOT_FOUND	if <i>index</i> is greater than or equal to the number of elements in the list.
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	if sequence is an invalid handle.

mpiSequenceCommandAppend

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandAppend appends a Command (command) to a Sequence (sequence).

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
command	a handle to a Command object.

Return Values	
<u>MPIMessageOK</u>	
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	
MPIMessageNO_MEMORY	

mpiSequenceCommandCount

Declaration

long mpiSequenceCommandCount(MPISequence sequence)

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandCount returns the number of elements on the list.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
sequence	a handle to the Dequence object.

Return Values	
number of Commands	in a Sequence (sequence)
-1	if sequence is invalid
0	if sequence is empty

mpiSequenceCommandFirst

Declaration

<u>MPICommand</u> mpiSequenceCommandFirst(<u>MPISequence</u> **sequence**)

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandFirst returns the first element in the list. This function can be used in conjuntion with mpiSequenceCommandNext() in order to iterate through the list.

sequence a handle to the Sequence object.

Return Values	
handle	to the first Command in a Sequence (sequence)
MPIHandleVOID	if sequence is invalid if sequence is empty
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	

See Also

mpiSequenceCommandNext | mpiSequenceCommandLast

mpiSequenceCommandIndex

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandIndex returns the position of "command" on the list.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
command	a handle to a Command object.

Return Values	
index	of a Command (<i>command</i>) in a Sequence (<i>sequence</i>)
-1	if sequence is invalid if the Command (command) was not found in the Sequence (sequence)

mpiSequenceCommandInsert

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandInsert inserts a Command (*insert*) in a Sequence (*sequence*) just after the specified Command (*command*).

Return Values	
<u>MPIMessageOK</u>	

See Also

mpiSequenceCommandNext | mpiSequenceCommandLast

mpiSequenceCommandLast

Declaration

<u>MPICommand</u> mpiSequenceCommandLast(<u>MPISequence</u> **sequence**)

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandLast returns the last element in the list. This function can be used in conjuntion with mpiSequenceCommandPrevious(...) in order to iterate through the list backwards.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.			
Return Values				
MPIMessageOK				
Return Values				
handle		to the last	Command in a Sequence (see	quence)
MPIHandleVOID		_	ce is invalid ce is empty	
MPIMessageHAND	LE_INVALID			

See Also

mpiSequenceCommandFirst | mpiSequenceCommandPrevious | mpiSequenceCommandNext

mpiSequenceCommandListGet

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandListGet gets the Commands in a Sequence (**sequence**). SequenceCommandListGet writes the number of Commands [in a Sequence (**sequence**)] to the location (pointed to by **commandCount**), and also writes an array (of **commandCount** Command handles) to the location (pointed to by **commandList**).

Return Values	
<u>MPIMessageOK</u>	

See Also

mpiSequenceCommandListSet

mpiSequenceCommandListSet

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandListSet creates a Sequence (**sequence**) of **commandCount** Commands using the Command handles specified by **commandList**. Any existing command Sequence is completely replaced.

The *commandList* parameter is the address of an array of *commandCount* Command handles, or is NULL (if *commandCount* is equal to zero).

You can also create a command Sequence incrementally (i.e., one command at a time), by using the Append and/or Insert methods. Use the List methods to examine and manipulate a command Sequence, regardless of how it was created.

Return Values	
<u>MPIMessageOK</u>	

See Also

mpiSequenceCommandListGet

mpiSequenceCommandNext

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandNext returns the next element following "command" on the list. This function can be used in conjuntion with mpiSequenceCommandFirst(...) in order to iterate through the list.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
command	a handle to a Command object.

Return Values	
handle	to the Command following the Command (<i>command</i>) in a Sequence (<i>sequence</i>)
MPIHandleVOID	if sequence is invalid if command is the last command in a Sequence (sequence)
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	

See Also

mpiSequenceCommandFirst | mpiSequenceCommandPrevious

mpi Sequence Command Previous

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandPrevious returns the previous element prior to "command" on the list. This function can be used in conjuntion with mpiSequenceCommandLast(...) in order to iterate through the list backwards.

sequence	a handle to the Sequence object.
command	a handle to a Command object.

Return Values	
handle	to the Command preceding the Command (<i>command</i>) in a Sequence (<i>sequence</i>)
MPIHandleVOID	if sequence is invalid if command is the first command in a Sequence (sequence)
MPIMessageHANDLE_INVALID	

See Also

mpiSequenceCommandLast | mpiSequenceCommandNext

mpiSequenceCommandRemove

Declaration

Required Header: stdmpi.h

Description

mpiSequenceCommandRemove removes a Command (command) from a Sequence (sequence).

Return Values	
MPIMessageOK	

MPISequenceConfig / MEISequenceConfig

Definition: MPISequenceConfig

typedef MPIEmpty MPISequenceConfig;

Description

MPISequenceConfig is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.

Definition: MEISequenceConfig

typedef MPIEmpty MEISequenceConfig;

Description

MEISequenceConfig is currently not supported and is reserved for future use.

See Also

mpiSequenceConfigGet | mpiSequenceConfigSet

MPISequenceMessage

Definition

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MPISequenceMessageSEQUENCE_INVALID,
    MPISequenceMessageCOMMAND_COUNT,
    MPISequenceMessageCOMMAND_NOT_FOUND,
    MPISequenceMessageSTARTED,
    MPISequenceMessageSTOPPED,
} MPISequenceMessage;
```

Description

MPISequenceMessage is an enumeration of Sequence error messages that can be returned by the MPI library.

MPISequenceMessageSEQUENCE_INVALID

The sequence number is out of range. This message code is returned by mpiSequenceCreate(...) if the sequence number is less than zero or greater than or equal to MEIXmpMAX_PSs. This message code is also returned if the specified sequence number is not active in the controller. To correct this problem, use mpiControlConfigSet(...) to enable the sequence object, by setting the sequenceCount to greater than the sequence number. For example, to enable sequence 0 to 3, set sequenceCount to 4. This message code is returned by mpiSequenceLoad(...) if the sequence buffer size and the sequence page size are not equal. This indicates an internal MPI Library problem.

MPISequenceMessageCOMMAND_COUNT

The sequence command count is out of range. This message code is returned by <u>mpiSequenceStart</u> (...) or <u>meiSequenceCompile(...)</u> if the sequence command count is less than or equal to zero. To correct this problem, set the command count to a value greater than zero.

MPISequenceMessageCOMMAND_NOT_FOUND

The sequence command is not found. This message code is returned by mpiSequenceStart(...), or meiSequenceCompile(...) if the specified command is not a member of the sequence. To correct this problem, specify a command that is a member of the sequence.

MPISequenceMessageSTARTED

The program sequencer is already running. This message code is returned by mpiSequenceResume (...), mpiSequenceStart(...), or mpiSequenceStep(...) if the program sequencer has already been started. If this is a problem, call mpiSequenceStop(...) to stop the program sequencer or monitor the sequence status and wait for the state to equal STOPPED.

MPISequenceMessageSTOPPED

The program sequencer is not running. This message code is returned by mpiSequenceStop(...) if the program sequencer has already been stopped. If this is a problem, call mpiSequenceStart(...) to start the program sequencer.

MPISequenceState

Definition

```
typedef enum {
    MPISequenceStateSTOPPED = 0,
    MPISequenceStateSTARTED,
} MPISequenceState;
```

Description

MPISequenceState is an enumeration of fan status bit for use in the MPIControlFanStatusMask. The status bits represent the present status condition(s) for the fan controller on a given Control object.

MPISequenceStateSTOPPED	Means that the XMP's on-board program sequencer state is stopped. The program sequencer is in this state after it is created, and is not running. If the program sequencer has already been started, then a call to the MPI method mpiSequenceStop will stop the sequencer, and the sequencer state will be MPISequenceStateSTOPPED.
MPISequenceStateSTARTED	Means that the XMP's on-board program sequencer state is running. The program sequencer is in this state after it has been created, and successfully started with a call to the MPI method mpiSequenceStart.

MPISequenceStatus

Definition

```
typedef struct MPISequenceStatus {
    MPICommand command;
    MPISequenceState state;
} MPISequenceStatus;
```

Description

MPISequenceStatus is a status structure for MPISequence objects.

command	The current command of the MPISequence object
state	The current state of the MPISequence object

See Also

MPISequence | mpiSequenceStatus

MEISequenceTrace

Definition

```
typedef enum {
    MEISequenceTraceLOAD,
} MEISequenceTrace;
```

Description

MEISequenceTrace sets tracing on for the mpiSequenceLoad(...) method.

See Also

MPISequence | MEITrace | mpiSequenceLoad