Keysight Technologies

N5467A Infiniium User Defined Application (UDA)

Custom Automation for Your Infiniium Oscilloscope

Data Sheet









Create the applications that you need

Automated testing continues to be an extremely important part of today's engineering environment. Today's oscilloscope vendors provide compliance applications such as USB 3.0 (U7243A) to provide specific automation for the technology that you need to ensure certification of your design.

However, compliance applications are created specifically to the technology that you purchase. These applications lacked the ability to be modified, which meant limited flexibility until the addition of UDA. Any custom automation had to be done on your own with more complicated programming environments.

Infiniium oscilloscopes now solve this problem with the User Defined Application (UDA). UDA is the only fully customizable automated environment made for an oscilloscope by an oscilloscope designer. It provides full automation, including the ability to control other Keysight Technologies, Inc. instruments, external applications such as MATLAB, and your DUT software. UDA also provides the ability to add custom tests to your Infiniium compliance applications. In addition, UDA automates and customizes your multi-lane interface testing with available switch matrix (Keysight U3020AS26 and BitifEye BIT-2100 Series) or custom switch matrix. UDA switches the signal under test from a multi-lane interface automatically so you do not have to be in front of the test setup to do this manually. It also supports test plan feature, which iteratively runs through the different permutations of your device setup and tracks the results. It makes testing of multi-lane signals more efficient and saves you time.

Easy-to-use tool, lets you generate custom GUIs with minimum programming

Use your generated GUI to:

- Automate testing
- Generate reports
- Consistently test across your organization
- Control switch matrix for automated multi-lane interface testing
- Add analysis to your compliance and debug software

Infiniium User Defined Application (UDA)

UDA's environment was designed by Infiniium for Infiniium

There are two key differentiators for UDA from programs such as Keysight's VEE. The first is that UDA was designed specifically for an Infiniium oscilloscope. The UDA development environment is easier to use than other test and measurement automation packages, which allows you to spend less time programming and more time testing your application. The second key differentiator is that the environment built around the Infiniium proprietary compliance testing framework, which gives you features developed for Infiniium's compliance testing and the customization you wanted. Other oscilloscope vendors may have compliance applications or leverage development environments such as VEE; however, only Keysight Infiniium oscilloscopes have the added advantage of the flexibility and ease of use of UDA.

UDA's development environment

Similar to other programming applications; UDA has its own development environment. The environment can be downloaded for free at www.keysight.com/find/uda

The UDA environment includes all the tabs that you would see in a typical compliance application, however, you control the tests and automation that you need.

To make developing simple and easy, the development environment has two modes (Basic and Advanced). Basic mode allows you to quickly build an application. Tests written for basic mode will load a single setup file and execute a single script or command. You get variable set up, and can load your own company logo.

All the features that are included in basic mode are also included in advanced mode. In addition, advanced mode adds connection diagrams, external instrument control, external application value source (file based), test grouping, sequential test steps, and independent scripts running during testing.

Combining UDA add-in capability with your Infiniium compliance applications.

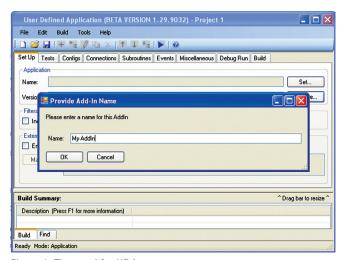


Figure 1: The need for UDA

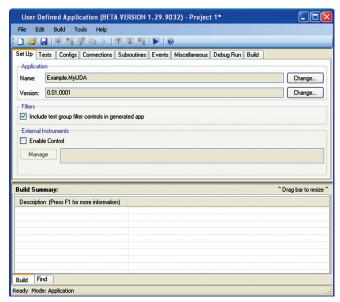


Figure 2: Basic UDA development environment

Integrate other Infiniium analysis software into your UDA

UDA is fully compatible with all the Infiniium oscilloscope applications via SCPI commands. This compatibility includes Infiniium applications such as serial data equalization (N5461A), serial data analysis (N5384A), and InfiniiScan (N5414A). By combining UDA with these Infiniium applications, you are able to get exactly the automated analysis that you need. For example, you can create a UDA to find which equalization algorithm will open your eye the best. Simply combine UDA with the Serial data equalization and the eye height measurement and you can quickly find the filter you need for the optimal filter design. Not only will you know which tap values to use, but you will also have your customized HTML report to show it!

In addition to working with all other Infiniium software, UDA is fully compatible with MATLAB (DSO90000A-061 and DSO90000A-062) and Infiniium's user-defined function (N5430A), which allows you unprecedented flexibility in your measurement capability and in your automation software. UDA even allows you to import MATLAB graphics into your user-defined application report.

Use your add-in capability to create tests that unlock the power of de-embedding and your application. Compliance applications may allow you to de-embed a fixture, but UDA allows you to show the improvement in your design by removing the cable and the fixture.

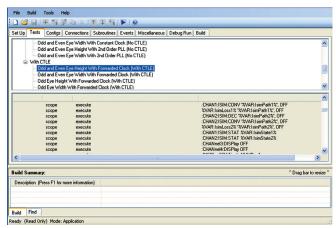


Figure 3: Using InfiniiSim and user defined application

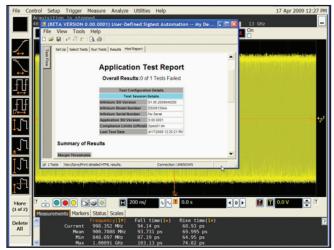


Figure 4: After the UDA has run, you get your own customized HTML report. You can import any image onto the report, allowing for customization of the application that you are running.

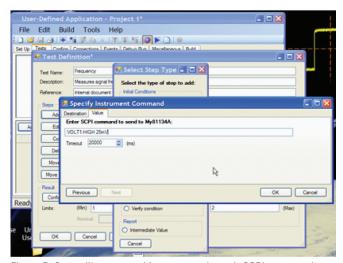


Figure 5: Controlling external instrument through SCPI commands

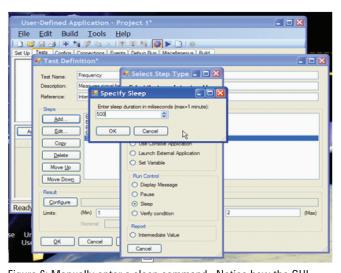


Figure 6: Manually enter a sleep command. Notice how the GUI allows for easy execution.

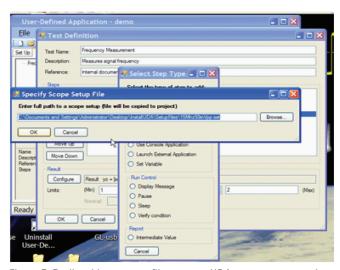


Figure 7: Easily add any setup files to your UDA to guarantee testing repeatability.

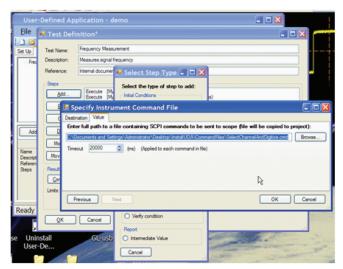


Figure 8: Add your own command files

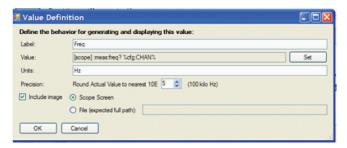


Figure 9: Add scope screen shot after the test executes. This will be added to your HTML report

User-defined application provides features with ease of use in mind

Once you have created a test, you can copy it, delete it, move it to a group or edit it. The same is true about a group of tests, you can easily copy a group of tests and create a new group of tests and then edit each individual test. Because UDA allows you to do this, you don't need to type the same test multiple times. This saves you time and helps to eliminate errors.

Add your own external applications

One of the most advanced features of UDA is the ability to run any external application to your UDA. You can create a script from VBA or C# and then execute it into the UDA application. This allows you to add customizable consoles.

Figure 11 shows a UDA that was created for setting up testing of SDI (serial data interface). The VBA example occurs at run time and allows the user to test to the exact conditions the user wishes for testing.

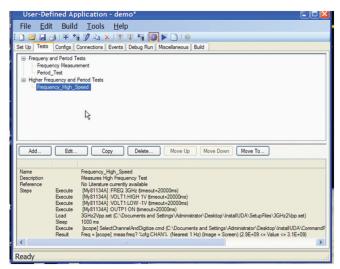


Figure 10: Create, copy, edit your tests and groups of tests

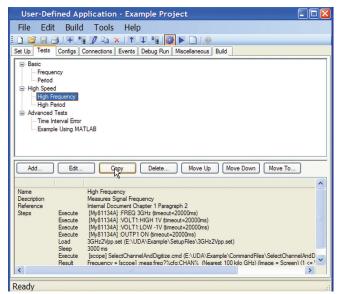


Figure 11: Easily set up a UDA for testing

Complete variable control

UDA also allows you to set up and use variables. This simplifies your programs. For instance if you are using CHAN as the variable for my oscilloscopes' four channels, you can set channel 1 as the default. Create variables that are input by the user at run-time on the scope.

Building Your Program

Once you have completed your UDA you can "generate" the application that you have developed. There are four different options for building your applications that include the following:

- Build application
- Launch application (Works when you are developing the UDA on your oscilloscope. This will launch the application on the oscilloscope).
- Generate installer (Generates the application and generates a zipfile to be downloaded and installed on your oscilloscopes desktop).
- Install application (Works when you are developing the UDA on your oscilloscope. This will install everything you need to run the UDA. When you use this option, the application is permanently installed on your oscilloscope).

At any time during the development of your application you can do a "debug" run, which allows you to check for any errors, such as a file not existing or a path being incorrect. Debug runs also can check to see if any external instruments you are controlling can be found.

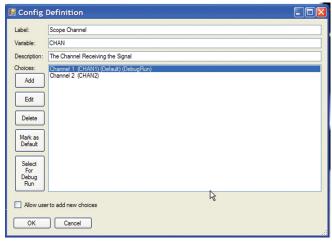


Figure 12: Setting up variables

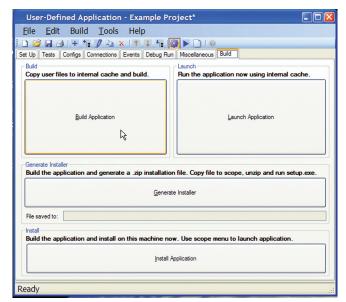


Figure 13: Four different options to build your program

After the application is installed

Once you have developed your UDA and installed it on your oscilloscope. The application is fully integrated into the Infiniium GUI. You run your UDA like any of Infiniium's best-in-class compliance applications. The application can be found in the Analyze menu under the automated test apps.

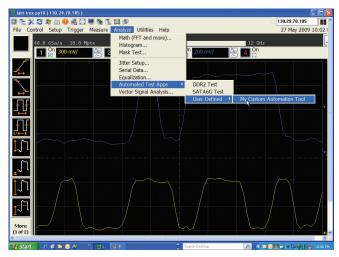


Figure 14: Full Integration of UDA in Infiniim baseline software

Combining UDA add-in capability with your Infiniium compliance applications

Available in UDA version 2.50 and later, you can now create test add-ins. A test add-in can be added to your Infiniium compliance application, such as SAS-2 or PCIe gen3. This capability now allows you to test to the exact compliance specification and then create additional customized automation tests through UDA and test them all in the same report. This now gives you the unmatched combination of the ease of use of compliance applications and the flexibility customized technologies. There is no other tool in the oscilloscope industry that allows this combination.

Using add-in capability

User defined application can be combined with any Infiniium compliance application, making it possible to get the ease-of-use of Keysight's compliance applications with the flexibility of UDA.

UDA add-in capability adds a completely unique experience when using Keysight's software. Create a test you need in UDA, then add it to your compliance application!

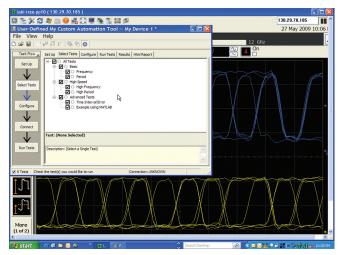


Figure 15: The appearance of the application software is very close to Infiniium's industry leading compliance applications.

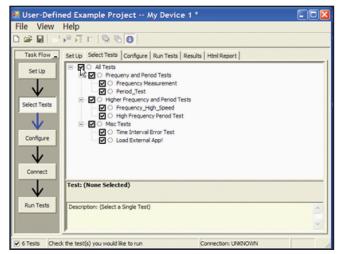


Figure 16: You can choose to run all tests or run each test individually.

Switch matrix

The custom switch matrix software option for UDA used together with switch matrix hardware provides automated and customizable testing for multi-lane digital bus interfaces. The benefits of the automated switching solution include:

- Eliminate reconnections which saves time and reduces errors through automating test for each lane of a multilane bus.
- Maintain accuracy with the use of unique N2809A PrecisionProbe or N5465A InfiniiSim to compensate switch path losses and skew.
- Customize testing with the use of remote programming interface and N5467A user-defined application for device control, instrument control and test customization.

More information of the switching solution and configuration, visit www.keysight.com/find/switching and "Using Microwave Switches When Testing High Speed Digital Interfaces" app note (Keysight publication number 5991-2375EN).

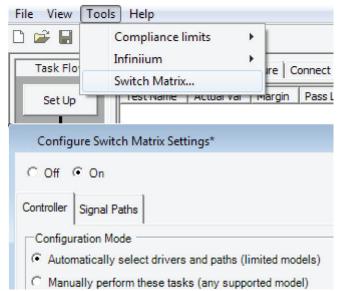


Figure 17: Switch matrix software feature enabled in the UDA.



Figure 18: Automated testing for multi-lane digital bus interface through switching solution.

Share, modify and transfer user-defined applications and add-ins

UDA development environment is free to download at www.keysight.com/find/uda. You can create your UDA and shares your application both on site or trans-regionally. You can run as many UDAs on your oscilloscope as you would like with one license.

You can find examples of UDA at www.keysight.com/find/share_uda You can also share the UDAs that you have developed. You can download an example and then modify the application to be the exact application that you need with one license.



Figure 19: Share your applications at www.keysight.com/find/share_uda

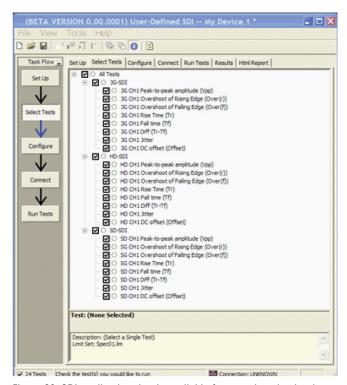


Figure 20: SDI application that is available for your download today

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