

TSP Toolkit

Visual Studio Code Extension



Test Script Processor ([TSP™](#)) technology is a unique instrument automation command set and programming language. TSP-enabled instruments contain an embedded scripting engine that's capable of executing both instrument control commands and basic programming functionality.

The TSP Toolkit is a [Visual Studio Code](#) extension that provides rich support for TSP technology to edit and execute scripts. The extension includes command-set documentation and language features such as syntax error detection and code navigation, as well as code completion suggestions, inline help, and built-in TSP command documentation.

Key features

The TSP Toolkit allows you to:

- Write your code with the assistance of autocompletion and syntax checking
- Access detailed information on individual commands such as definition, accepted parameters and usage examples
- Send commands and interact directly with your instruments through the terminal
- Export and save instrument buffers to a PC
- Debug TSP Scripts
- Discover available instruments on your local network
- Remotely upgrade the instrument firmware
- Open saved factory scripts to view or edit
- Export the output of a TSP script from the terminal to a *.csv or *.txt file
- Leverage all the benefits of TSP scripting more easily than ever

Applications

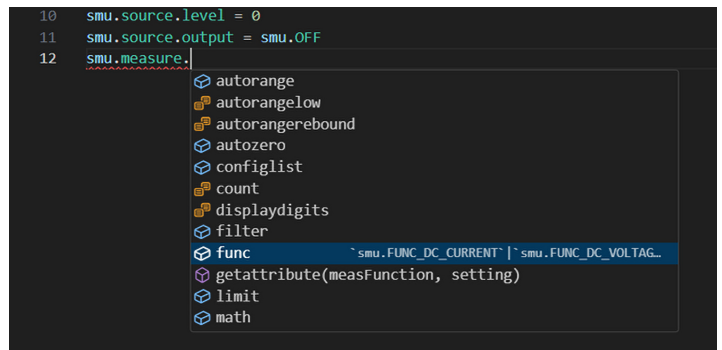
- Test automation via embedded script execution
- Scalable test systems
- Synchronized test system control

A New Era in Test Script Development

The TSP Toolkit is an updated script development environment that includes instrument support for a majority of TSP-enabled instrumentation plus many quality-of-life features that improve the script development experience.

TSP Toolkit features the modern user interface of the Visual Studio Code IDE, complete with syntax highlighting and the increased readability it affords, along with the convenience of the many extensions available on the VSCode marketplace.

The TSP Toolkit extension also features autocompletion alongside in-line and hover help, reducing pesky mistakes from copying/pasting TSP commands improperly and eliminating the need to manually parse through dense reference manuals to confirm proper command usage and syntax.



The autocompletion feature assists with writing code and reducing mistakes

Optimizing Productivity and Increasing Throughput

TSP technology is both an instrument automation command set and programming language. TSP-enabled instruments, like source measure units (SMU), data acquisition (DAQ) systems, and digital multimeters (DMMs), contain an embedded scripting engine that can execute basic programming functionality and instrument control commands.

```

1  reset()
2  local volts = smu.FUNC_DC_VOLTAGE
3  local fun
4  local lim
5  local lev
6
7  function setSMU(fun, lim, lev)
8      smu.source.func = fun
9      smu.source.ilimit.level = lim
10     smu.source.level = lev
11     print("2460 (global smu.source.level: any = 0|20|300|5|6|600
12     print("2460
13     print("2460 Discharge the capacitor to 0 V and turn off the output.
14 end
15     Discharge the device to 0 V and turn off the output.
16 function toggle
17     smu.source.
18     print("2460 Set to pulselevel (amplitude) and save to list
19 end
20     Set to biaslevel and save to list
21 function main()
22     setSMU(volt
23     toggleOutput
24     delay(0.5)
25     setSMU(volts, 0.001, 0)
26     toggleOutput(smu.OFF)
27 end
28
29 main()
30
31 print("done")
32
33
                
```

smu.source.level

This attribute immediately selects a fixed amplitude for the selected source function.

Type	TSP-Link accessible	Affected by	Where saved	Default value
Attribute (RW)	Yes	Restore configuration Instrument reset Power cycle Source configuration list Function change	Configuration script Source configuration list	0

(global smu.source.level: any = 0|20|300|5|6|600
 Discharge the capacitor to 0 V and turn off the output.
 Discharge the device to 0 V and turn off the output.
 Set to pulselevel (amplitude) and save to list
 Set to biaslevel and save to list

smu.source.level

This attribute immediately selects a fixed amplitude for the selected source function.

sourceLevel	Current: -1.05 A to 1.05 A Voltage: -210 V to 210 V
function	The source function: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current source: smu.FUNC_DC_CURRENT Voltage source: smu.FUNC_DC_VOLTAGE

Details
 This command sets the output level of the voltage or current source. If the output is on, the new level is sourced immediately.
 The sign of the source level dictates the polarity of the source. Positive values generate positive voltage or current from the high terminal of the source relative to the low terminal. Negative

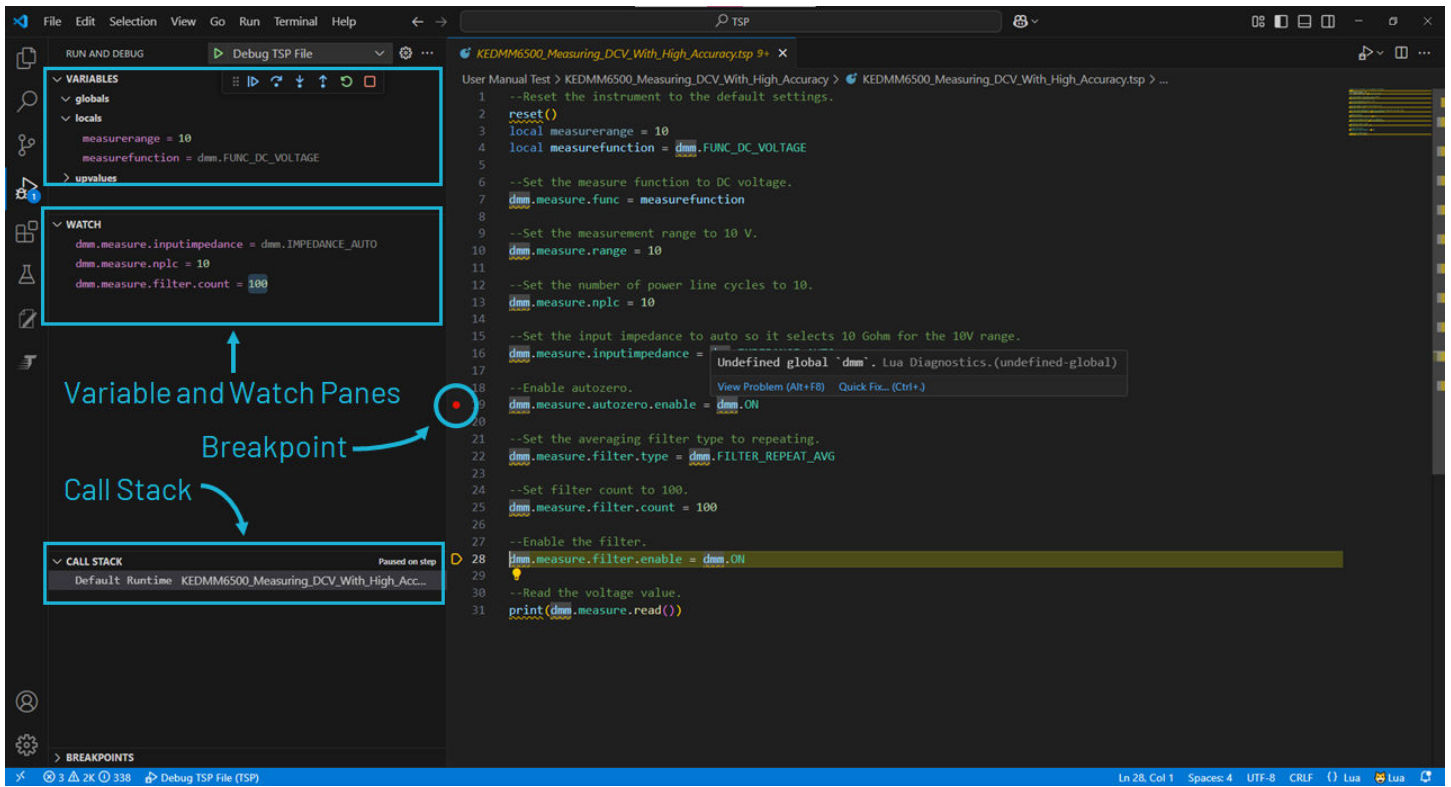
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Advanced Features

On-Instrument Debugger

Gives a user the ability to debug scripts as they run in the instrument environment.

- **Variable Pane:** Monitor the status of declared variables and edit values dynamically
- **Watch Pane:** Monitor the status of selected variables, commands, tables, and expressions dynamically as the debugger steps through the code
- **Call Stack:** View the function or procedure calls that are currently on the stack
- **Compatible with all currently-supported instrumentation**



The debugger feature allows you to monitor variables, watch expressions and view the call stack

Automated TSP Script Generation

Perform current vs. voltage (I-V) test on a variety of materials, such as two-terminal and multi-terminal semiconductor devices, solar cells, and more. You can configure each SMU or PSU for a variety of bias and sweep sourcing operations, then run, edit, and leverage the resulting TSP code.

- **Interactive GUI:** Quickly create I-V characterization routines by entering test parameters in a user interface and generate TSP scripts with a single mouse click
- **Waveform Previews:** Verify sourcing behavior prior to generating a script to eliminate guesswork
- **Compatible with MP5000 Series SMUs and PSUs**

The screenshot displays the TSP Script Generation interface. On the left, a configuration panel for 'sweep1' includes fields for ID, Start, Stop, Source Function (Voltage), Source Range (20 V), Measure Function (Current), Measure Range (AUTO), Style (LIN), Sense Mode (Four-wire), Source Limit I (100 mA), and Source Limit V (20 V). The main area contains three waveform preview plots: 'bias1' (a constant 2.4 V line), 'step1' (a staircase waveform from -0.1 V to 1.1 V), and 'sweep1' (a sawtooth waveform from -1 V to 11 V).

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TriggerFlow for Building Trigger Models

The trigger model of the MP5000 can be represented through a graphical display within TSP Toolkit called TriggerFlow™. The TriggerFlow™ UI allows complex trigger models to be configured visually by simply arranging the operation blocks that the instrument executes.

- **Interactive GUI:** Drag and drop trigger model blocks to build complex trigger flows in an infinite canvas
- **Templates:** Pre-configured groups of trigger model blocks that perform common operations such as pulse sweeps can be added to a TriggerFlow
- **Help Text:** Comments within the generated test script define which additional TSP commands are needed to create a functional trigger model
- **Compatible with MP5000 Series SMUs and PSUs**

The screenshot displays the TSP Toolkit Visual Studio Code extension interface. On the left, the 'TriggerFlow' GUI is visible, showing a 'Model Settings' panel and a 'Blocks' panel with various action blocks like 'Source Action Step', 'Log Event', 'Constant Delay', 'Measure', and 'Loop Counter'. The main workspace shows a graphical flowchart of a trigger model. On the right, the '2ChannelCurves.tsp' script is shown, which contains TSP code generated from the GUI flowchart. The script includes comments explaining the trigger model and the generated code blocks.

```

27 for i = 1, CH do
47 end
48
49 -- If your trigger model requires TSP-Linked instruments, be sure to initialize TSP-Link h
50 -- tsplink.initialize()
51
52 -- Initialize and configure any reading buffers into which you wish to put your readings
53 drainSMU.trigger.source.linearv(0, 10, 5)
54 drainSMU.trigger.measure.iv(drainSMU.defbuffer1, drainSMU.defbuffer2)
55
56
57 -- BEGIN GENERATED TRIGGER MODEL --
58 -- The lines between "BEGIN GENERATED TRIGGER MODEL" and "END GENERATED TRIGGER MODEL"
59 -- are machine generated and will be replaced when the trigger model is edited in the
60 -- TriggerFlow UI in TSP Toolkit. Any manual changes between these two comments will
61 -- be lost.
62
63
64 -- Drain --
65 slot[1].trigger.model.delete("Drain")
66 slot[1].trigger.model.create("Drain")
67 slot[1].trigger.model.addblock.source.action_step("Drain", "Source Action Step", { 1 })
68 slot[1].trigger.model.addblock.logevent("Drain", "Log Event", slot[1].trigger.model.LOG_INI
69 slot[1].trigger.model.addblock.delay.constant("Drain", "Constant Delay", 1 )
70
71 slot[1].trigger.model.addblock.measure("Drain", "Measure 8", { 1 })
72 slot[1].trigger.model.addblock.delay.constant("Drain", "Constant Delay 1", 1 )
73
74 slot[1].trigger.model.addblock.logevent("Drain", "Log Event 3", slot[1].trigger.model.LOG_
75 slot[1].trigger.model.addblock.branch.counter("Drain", "Loop Counter", "Source Action Step", 10)
76 -- IMPORTANT: Don't forget to start your trigger model by
77 -- uncommenting the following line (after you complete the setup)
78 -- slot[1].trigger.model.initiate("Drain")
79
80 -- do not remove the line below
81 -- END GENERATED TRIGGER MODEL --
82 -- Process and/or print your data as needed after this point.
83 -- e.g. printbuffer(startIndex, endIndex, buffername)
84 slot[1].trigger.model.initiate("Drain")
    
```

Configure a trigger model graphically with TriggerFlow

Supported Instruments

Source Measure Units	Digital Multimeters	Data Acquisition Systems	Power Supplies
MP5000 SMU Series Modular Precision Test System Source Measure Units	DMM7510 7.5-Digit Graphical Sampling Meter	DAQ6510 6.5-Digit Data Acquisition and Logging Multimeter System	MP5000 PSU Series Modular Precision Test System Power Supply Units
2400 Graphical Touchscreen Series	DMM6500 6.5-Digit Multimeter with Graphical Touchscreen	3700A System Switch / Multimeter	
2600B Single and Dual Channel Systems			
2650 Series for High Power			

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Learn More about TSP Toolkit

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For questions, please contact your local Tektronix sales office.

Recommended System Requirements and Prerequisites

- 1.6 GHz or faster processor
- 1 GB of RAM
- Windows 10 and 11 (64-bit)
- Linux (Debian): Ubuntu Desktop 24.04, Debian 13
- Linux (Red Hat): Red Hat Enterprise Linux 10, Fedora 40
- Instrument communication interfaces: USB and LAN
 - VISA drivers are supported for instrument connectivity and required for USB connections
 - LAN communications are supported via raw sockets or via VXI-11 and HiSLIP using VISA drivers.

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