



Remote API Functions (C/C++)

simxAddStatusbarMessage

regular API equivalent: [simAddStatusbarMessage](#)

ROS service equivalent: [simRosAddStatusbarMessage](#)

Description	Adds a message to the status bar.
C synopsis	simxInt simxAddStatusbarMessage(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* message,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . message : the message to display operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxApendStringSignal (ROS service equivalent: simRosAppendStringSignal)

Description	DEPRECATED. Refer to simxWriteStringStream instead. Appends a string to a string signal. If that signal is not yet present, it is added. See also simxSetStringSignal .
C synopsis	simxInt simxApendStringSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,const simxUChar* signalValueToAppend,simxInt signalLength,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal signalValueToAppend : value to append to the signal. That value may contain any value, including embedded zeros. signalLength : size of the signalValueToAppend string. operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxAuxiliaryConsoleClose

regular API equivalent: [simAuxiliaryConsoleClose](#)

ROS service equivalent: [simRosAuxiliaryConsoleClose](#)

Description	Closes an auxiliary console window. See also simxAuxiliaryConsoleOpen .
C synopsis	simxInt simxAuxiliaryConsoleClose(simxInt clientID,simxInt consoleHandle,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . consoleHandle : the handle of the console window, previously returned by the simxAuxiliaryConsoleOpen command operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxAuxiliaryConsoleOpen

regular API equivalent: [simAuxiliaryConsoleOpen](#)

ROS service equivalent: [simRosAuxiliaryConsoleOpen](#)

Description	Opens an auxiliary console window for text display. This console window is different from the application main console window. Console window handles are shared across all simulator scenes. See also simxAuxiliaryConsolePrint , simxAuxiliaryConsoleShow and simxAuxiliaryConsoleClose .
C synopsis	simxInt simxAuxiliaryConsoleOpen(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* title,simxInt maxLines,simxInt mode,simxInt* position,simxInt* size,simxFloat* textColor,simxFloat* backgroundColor,simxInt* consoleHandle,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . title : the title of the console window maxLines : the number of text lines that can be displayed and buffered mode : bit-coded value. Bit0 set indicates that the console window will automatically close at simulation end, bit1 set indicates that lines will be wrapped, bit2 set indicates that the user can close the console window, bit3 set indicates that the console will automatically be hidden during simulation pause, bit4 set indicates that the console will not automatically hide when the user switches to another scene. position : the initial position of the console window (x and y value). Can be NULL size : the initial size of the console window (x and y value). Can be NULL textColor : the color of the text (rgb values, 0-1). Can be NULL backgroundColor : the background color of the console window (rgb values, 0-1). Can be NULL

	consoleHandle: pointer to a location receiving the handle of the created console operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxAuxiliaryConsolePrint

regular API equivalent: [simAuxiliaryConsolePrint](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosAuxiliaryConsolePrint](#)

Description	Prints to an auxiliary console window. See also simxAuxiliaryConsoleOpen .
C synopsis	simxInt simxAuxiliaryConsolePrint(simxInt clientID,simxInt consoleHandle,const simxChar* txt,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . consoleHandle: the handle of the console window, previously returned by the simxAuxiliaryConsoleOpen command txt: the text to append, or NULL to clear the console window operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxAuxiliaryConsoleShow

regular API equivalent: [simAuxiliaryConsoleShow](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosAuxiliaryConsoleShow](#)

Description	Shows or hides an auxiliary console window. See also simxAuxiliaryConsoleOpen and simxAuxiliaryConsoleClose .
C synopsis	simxInt simxAuxiliaryConsoleShow(simxInt clientID,simxInt consoleHandle,simxChar showState,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . consoleHandle: the handle of the console window, previously returned by the simxAuxiliaryConsoleOpen command showState: indicates whether the console should be hidden (0) or shown (!=0) operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxBreakForceSensor

regular API equivalent: [simBreakForceSensor](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosBreakForceSensor](#)

Description	Allows breaking a force sensor during simulation. A broken force sensor will lose its positional and orientational constraints. See also simxReadForceSensor .
C synopsis	simxInt simxBreakForceSensor(simxInt clientID,simxInt forceSensorHandle,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . forceSensorHandle: handle of the force sensor operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxClearFloatSignal

regular API equivalent: [simClearFloatSignal](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosClearFloatSignal](#)

Description	Clears a float signal (removes it). See also simxSetFloatSignal , simxClearIntegerSignal and simxClearStringSignal .
C synopsis	simxInt simxClearFloatSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName: name of the signal or an empty string to clear all float signals operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxClearIntegerSignal

regular API equivalent: [simClearIntegerSignal](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosClearIntegerSignal](#)

Description	Clears an integer signal (removes it). See also simxSetIntegerSignal , simxClearFloatSignal and simxClearStringSignal .
C synopsis	simxInt simxClearIntegerSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal or an empty string to clear all integer signals operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxClearStringSignal**regular API equivalent:** [simClearStringSignal](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosClearStringSignal](#)

Description	Clears a string signal (removes it). See also simxSetStringSignal , simxClearIntegerSignal and simxClearFloatSignal .
C synopsis	simxInt simxClearStringSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal or an empty string to clear all string signals operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxCloseScene**regular API equivalent:** [simCloseScene](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosCloseScene](#)

Description	Closes current scene, and switches to another open scene. If there is no other open scene, a new scene is then created. Should only be called when simulation is not running and is only executed by continuous remote API server services . See also simxLoadScene .
C synopsis	simxInt simxCloseScene(simxInt clientID,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</code>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxCopyPasteObjects**regular API equivalent:** [simCopyPasteObjects](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosCopyPasteObjects](#)

Description	Copies and pastes objects, together with all their associated calculation objects and child scripts. To copy and paste whole models, you can simply copy and paste the model base object.
C synopsis	simxInt simxCopyPasteObjects(simxInt clientID,const simxInt* objectHandles,simxInt objectCount,simxInt** newObjectHandles,simxInt* newObjectCount,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandles : an array containing the handles of the objects to copy objectCount : the number of handles the above array contains newObjectHandles : a pointer to a value receiving an array of handles of newly created objects. Individual objects of a new model are not returned, but only the model base. The array remains valid until next remote API function is called. newObjectCount : a pointer to a value receiving the number of handles the above array contains operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</code>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxCreatBuffer (regular API equivalent: simCreateBuffer)

Description	Creates a buffer. The buffer needs to be released with simxReleaseBuffer except otherwise explicitly specified. This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	simxUChar* simxCreatBuffer(simxInt bufferSize)
C parameters	bufferSize : size of the buffer in bytes
C return value	A pointer to the created buffer
Other languages	Python , Matlab

simxCreatDummy**regular API equivalent:** [simCreateDummy](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosCreateDummy](#)

Description	Creates a dummy in the scene.
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxCreateDummy(simxInt clientID,simxFloat size,const simxUChar* colors,simxInt* dummyHandle,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	<p>clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart.</p> <p>size: the size of the dummy.</p> <p>colors: 4*3 bytes (0-255) for ambient_diffuse RGB, 3 reserved values (set to zero), specular RGB and emissive RGB. Can be NULL for default colors.</p> <p>dummyHandle: pointer to a value that will receive the dummy handle.</p> <p>operationMode: a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</code></p>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxDisplayDialog**regular API equivalent:** [simDisplayDialog](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosDisplayDialog](#)

Description	Displays a generic dialog box during simulation (and only during simulation!). Use in conjunction with simxGetDialogResult , simxGetDialogInput and simxEndDialog . Use custom user interfaces instead if a higher customization level is required.
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxDisplayDialog(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* titleText,const simxChar* mainText,simxInt dialogType,const simxChar* initialText,simxFloat* titleColors,simxFloat* dialogColors,simxInt* dialogHandle,simxInt* uiHandle,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	<p>clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart.</p> <p>titleText: Title bar text</p> <p>mainText: Information text</p> <p>dialogType: a generic dialog style</p> <p>initialText: Initial text in the edit box if the dialog is of type <code>sim_dlgstyle_input</code>. Cannot be NULL!</p> <p>titleColors: Title bar color (6 simxFloat values for RGB for background and foreground), can be NULL for default colors</p> <p>dialogColors: Dialog color (6 simxFloat values for RGB for background and foreground), can be NULL for default colors</p> <p>dialogHandle: handle of the generic dialog (different from custom user interface handle!! (see hereafter)). This handle should be used with the following functions: simxGetDialogResult, simxGetDialogInput and simxEndDialog.</p> <p>uiHandle: a pointer to a value accepting the handle of the corresponding custom user interface. Can be NULL</p> <p>operationMode: a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</code></p>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxEndDialog**regular API equivalent:** [simEndDialog](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosEndDialog](#)

Description	Closes and releases resource from a previous call to simxDisplayDialog . Even if the dialog is not visible anymore, you should release resources by using this function (however at the end of a simulation, all dialog resources are automatically released).
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxEndDialog(simxInt clientID,simxInt dialogHandle,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	<p>clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart.</p> <p>dialogHandle: handle of generic dialog (return value of simxDisplayDialog)</p> <p>operationMode: a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code></p>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxEraseFile (ROS service equivalent: simRosEraseFile)

Description	Erases a file on the server side. This function is used by several other functions internally (e.g. simxLoadModel). See also simxTransferFile . This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxEraseFile(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* fileName_serverSide,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	<p>clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart.</p> <p>fileName_serverSide: the file to erase on the server side. For now, do not specify a path (the file will be erased in the remote API plugin directory)</p> <p>operationMode: a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code></p>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxFinish

Description	Ends the communication thread. This should be the very last remote API function called on the client
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	side. simxFinish should only be called after a successfull call to simxStart . This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	<code>simxVoid simxFinish(simxInt clientID)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . Can be -1 to end all running communication threads.
C return value	none

simxGetAndClearStringSignal

Description	DEPRECATED. Refer to simxReadStringStream instead. Gets the value of a string signal, then clears it. Useful to retrieve continuous data from the server. See also simxGetStringSignal .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetAndClearStringSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,simxUChar** signalValue,simxInt* signalLength,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal signalValue : pointer to a pointer receiving the value of the signal. The signal value will remain valid until next remote API call signalLength : pointer to a location receiving the value of the signal length, since it may contain any data (also embedded zeros). operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Since this function will clear a read signal, and we cannot afford to wait for a reply (well, we could, but that would mean a blocking operation), the function operates in a special mode and should be used as in following example:
	<pre>// Initialization phase: simxUChar* signal; simxInt sLength; simxGetAndClearStringSignal(cid,"sig",&signal,&sLength,simx_opmode_streaming); // while we are connected: while (simxGetConnectionId(cid)!=-1) { if (simxGetAndClearStringSignal(cid,"sig",&signal,&sLength,simx_opmode_buffer)== simx_return_ok) { // A signal was retrieved! // Enable streaming again (was automatically disabled with the positive event): simxGetAndClearStringSignal(cid,"sig",&signal,&sLength,simx_opmode_streaming); } .. }</pre>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetArrayParameter

regular API equivalent: [simGetArrayParameter](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetArrayParameter](#)

Description	Retrieves 3 values from an array. See the array parameter identifiers . See also simxSetArrayParameter , simxGetBooleanParameter , simxGetIntegerParameter , simxGetFloatingParameter and simxGetStringParameter .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetArrayParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt paramIdentifier,simxFLOAT* paramValues,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . paramIdentifier : an array parameter identifier paramValues : a pointer to 3 values that will receive the parameters operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</code> (if not called on a regular basis)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetBooleanParameter

regular API equivalent: [simGetBooleanParameter](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetBooleanParameter](#)

Description	Retrieves a boolean value. See the Boolean parameter identifiers . See also simxSetBooleanParameter , simxGetIntegerParameter , simxGetFloatingParameter , simxGetArrayParameter and simxGetStringParameter .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetBooleanParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt paramIdentifier,simxUChar* paramValue,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . paramIdentifier : a Boolean parameter identifier

	paramValue : a pointer that will receive the parameter value operationMode : a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait (if not called on a regular basis)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxGetCollisionHandle

regular API equivalent: [simGetCollisionHandle](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetCollisionHandle](#)

Description	Retrieves a collision object handle based on its name. If the client application is launched from a child script, then you could also let the child script figure out what handle correspond to what collision object, and send the handles as additional arguments to the client application during its launch. See also simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetCollisionHandle(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* collisionObjectName,simxInt* handle,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . collisionObjectName : name of the collision object. If possible, don't rely on the automatic name adjustment mechanism, and always specify the full collision object name, including the #: if the collision object is "myCollision", specify "myCollision#", if the collision object is "myCollision#0", specify "myCollision#0", etc. handle : pointer to a value that will receive the handle operationMode : a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxGetConnectionId

Description	Returns the ID of the current connection. Use this function to track the connection state to the server. See also simxStart . This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetConnectionId(simxInt clientID)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart .
C return value	a connection ID, or -1 if the client is not connected to the server. Different connection IDs indicate temporary disconnections in-between.
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxGetDialogInput

regular API equivalent: [simGetDialogInput](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetDialogInput](#)

Description	Queries the text the user entered into a generic dialog box of style sim_dlgstyle_input. To be used after simxDisplayDialog was called and after simxGetDialogResult returned sim_dlgret_ok.
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetDialogInput(simxInt clientID,simxInt dialogHandle,simxChar** inputText,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . dialogHandle : handle of generic dialog (return value of simxDisplayDialog) inputText : pointer to a pointer receiving the string the user entered. The pointer is valid until another remote API function is called. operationMode : a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxGetDialogResult

regular API equivalent: [simGetDialogResult](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetDialogResult](#)

Description	Queries the result of a dialog box. To be used after simxDisplayDialog was called.
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetDialogResult(simxInt clientID,simxInt dialogHandle,simxInt* result,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . dialogHandle : handle of generic dialog (return value of simxDisplayDialog) result : pointer receiving the result value. Note. If the return value is sim_dlgret_still_open, the dialog was not closed and no button was pressed. Otherwise, you should free resources with simxEndDialog (the dialog might not be visible anymore, but is still present) operationMode : a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxGetDistanceHandle**regular API equivalent:** simGetDistanceHandle**ROS service equivalent:** simRosGetDistanceHandle

Description	Retrieves a distance object handle based on its name. If the client application is launched from a child script, then you could also let the child script figure out what handle correspond to what distance object, and send the handles as additional arguments to the client application during its launch. See also simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetDistanceHandle(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* distanceObjectName,simxInt* handle,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . distanceObjectName : name of the distance object. If possible, don't rely on the automatic name adjustment mechanism , and always specify the full distance object name, including the #: if the distance object is "myDistance", specify "myDistance#", if the distance object is "myDistance#0", specify "myDistance#0", etc. handle : pointer to a value that will receive the handle operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxGetFloatingParameter**regular API equivalent:** simGetFloatingParameter**ROS service equivalent:** simRosGetFloatingParameter

Description	Retrieves a floating point value. See the floating-point parameter identifiers . See also simxSetFloatingParameter , simxGetBooleanParameter , simxGetIntegerParameter , simxGetArrayParameter and simxGetStringParameter .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetFloatingParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt paramIdentifier,simxFLOAT* paramValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . paramIdentifier : a floating parameter identifier paramValue : a pointer that will receive the parameter value operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait (if not called on a regular basis)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxGetFloatSignal**regular API equivalent:** simGetFloatSignal**ROS service equivalent:** simRosGetFloatSignal

Description	Gets the value of a float signal. Signals are cleared at simulation start. See also simxSetFloatSignal , simxClearFloatSignal , simxGetIntegerSignal and simxGetStringSignal .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetFloatSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,simxFLOAT* signalValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal signalValue : pointer to a location receiving the value of the signal operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxGetInMessageInfo

Description	Retrieves information about the last received message from the server. This is a remote API helper function. See also simxGetOutMessageInfo . If the client didn't receive any command reply from the server for a while, the data retrieved with this function won't be up-to-date. In order to avoid this, you should start at least one streaming command, which will guarantee regular message income.
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetInMessageInfo(simxInt clientID,simxInt infoType,simxInt* info)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . infoType : an inbox message info type info : pointer to a simxInt value receiving the requested information
C return value	-1 in case of an error
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxGetIntegerParameter**regular API equivalent:** simGetIntegerParameter

ROS service equivalent: simRosGetIntegerParameter

Description	Retrieves an integer value. See the integer parameter identifiers . See also simxSetIntegerParameter , simxGetBooleanParameter , simxGetFloatingParameter , simxGetArrayParameter and simxGetStringParameter .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetIntegerParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt paramIdentifier,simxInt* paramValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . paramIdentifier : an integer parameter identifier paramValue : a pointer that will receive the parameter value operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait (if not called on a regular basis)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetIntegerSignal**regular API equivalent: simGetIntegerSignal****ROS service equivalent: simRosGetIntegerSignal**

Description	Gets the value of an integer signal. Signals are cleared at simulation start. See also simxSetIntegerSignal , simxClearIntegerSignal , simxGetFloatSignal and simxGetStringSignal .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetIntegerSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,simxInt* signalValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal signalValue : pointer to a location receiving the value of the signal operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetJointForce**regular API equivalent: simGetJointForce****ROS service equivalent: simRosGetJointState**

Description	Retrieves the force or torque applied to a joint along/about its active axis. This function retrieves meaningful information only if the joint is prismatic or revolute, and is dynamically enabled. With the Bullet engine, this function returns the force or torque applied to the joint motor (torques from joint limits are not taken into account). With the ODE or Vortex engine, this function returns the total force or torque applied to a joint along/about its z-axis. See also simxSetJointForce , simxReadForceSensor and simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetJointForce(simxInt clientID,simxInt jointHandle,simxFLOAT* force,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . jointHandle : handle of the joint force : the force or the torque applied to the joint along/about its z-axis operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetJointMatrix**regular API equivalent: simGetJointMatrix****ROS service equivalent: simRosGetJointMatrix**

Description	Retrieves the intrinsic transformation matrix of a joint (the transformation caused by the joint movement). See also simxSetSphericalJointMatrix .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetJointMatrix(simxInt clientID,simxInt jointHandle,simxFLOAT* matrix,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . jointHandle : handle of the joint matrix : pointer to 12 simxFLOAT values. See the regular API equivalent function for details operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetJointPosition**regular API equivalent: simGetJointPosition****ROS service equivalent: simRosGetJointState**

Description	Retrieves the intrinsic position of a joint. This function cannot be used with spherical joints (use simxGetJointMatrix instead). See also simxSetJointPosition and simxGetObjectGroupData .
Other languages	

C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetJointPosition(simxInt clientID,simxInt jointHandle,simxFLOAT* position,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . jointHandle : handle of the joint position : intrinsic position of the joint. This is a one-dimensional value: if the joint is revolute, the rotation angle is returned, if the joint is prismatic, the translation amount is returned, etc. operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are <code>simx_opmode_streaming</code> (the first call) and <code>simx_opmode_buffer</code> (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetLastCmdTime

Description	<p>Retrieves the simulation time of the last fetched command (i.e. when the last fetched command was processed on the server side). The function can be used to verify how "fresh" a command reply is, or whether a command reply was recently updated. For example:</p> <pre>if (simxGetVisionSensorImage(cid,handle,res,&img,0,simx_opmode_buffer)==simx_return_ok) imageAcquisitionTime=simxGetLastCmdTime(cid);</pre> <p>This is a remote API helper function.</p>
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetLastCmdTime(simxInt clientID)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart .
C return value	The simulation time in milliseconds when the command reply was generated, or 0 if simulation was not running.
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetLastErrors**regular API equivalent:** [simGetLastError](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosGetLastErrors](#)

Description	Retrieves the last 50 errors that occurred on the server side, and clears the error buffer there. Only errors that occurred because of this client will be reported.
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetLastErrors(simxInt clientID,simxInt* errorCnt,simxChar** errorStrings,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . errorCnt : pointer receiving the number of error strings returned errorStrings : pointer to a string pointer receiving the address of an error string (individual strings are separated by a zero character). The address is valid until next remote API function is called operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are <code>simx_opmode_streaming</code> (the first call) and <code>simx_opmode_buffer</code> (the following calls) when not debugging. For debugging purposes, use <code>simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</code> .
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetModelProperty**regular API equivalent:** [simGetModelProperty](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosGetModelProperty](#)

Description	Retrieves the properties of a model. See also simxSetModelProperty .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetModelProperty(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxInt* prop,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object prop : pointer to a location receiving the model property value operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are <code>simx_opmode_streaming</code> (the first call) and <code>simx_opmode_buffer</code> (the following calls), or <code>simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</code> (depending on the intended usage)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjectChild**regular API equivalent:** [simGetObjectChild](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosGetObjectChild](#)

Description	Retrieves the handle of an object's child object. See also simxGetObjectParent .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetObjectChild(simxInt clientID,simxInt parentObjectHandle,simxInt childIndex,simxInt* childObjectHandle,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . parentObjectHandle : handle of the object

	childIndex: zero-based index of the child's position. To retrieve all children of an object, call the function by increasing the index until the child handle is -1 childObjectHandle: pointer to a value receiving the handle of the child object. If the value is -1, there is no child at the given index operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjectFloatParameterregular API equivalent: [simGetObjectFloatParameter](#)ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetObjectFloatParameter](#)

Description	Retrieves a floating-point parameter of a object. See also simxSetObjectFloatParameter and simxGetObjectIntParameter .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetObjectFloatParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxInt parameterID,simxFLOAT* parameterValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle: handle of the object parameterID: identifier of the parameter to retrieve. See the list of all possible object parameter identifiers parameterValue: pointer to a location that will receive the value of the parameter operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls), or simx_opmode_oneshot_wait (depending on the intended usage)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjectGroupData (ROS service equivalent: simRosGetObjectGroupData)

Description	Simultaneously retrieves data of various objects in a V-REP scene.
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetObjectGroupData(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectType,simxInt dataType,simxInt* handlesCount,simxInt** handles,simxInt* intDataCount,simxInt** intData,simxInt* floatDataCount,simxFLOAT** floatData,simxInt* stringDataCount,simxChar** stringData,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectType: a scene object type , or sim_appobj_object_type for all scene objects . dataType: the type of data that is desired: 0: retrieves the object names (in stringData). 1: retrieves the object types (in intData) 2: retrieves the parent object handles (in intData) 3: retrieves the absolute object positions (in floatData. There are 3 values for each object (x,y,z)) 4: retrieves the local object positions (in floatData. There are 3 values for each object (x,y,z)) 5: retrieves the absolute object orientations as Euler angles (in floatData. There are 3 values for each object (alpha,beta,gamma)) 6: retrieves the local object orientations as Euler angles (in floatData. There are 3 values for each object (alpha,beta,gamma)) 7: retrieves the absolute object orientations as quaternions (in floatData. There are 4 values for each object (qx,qy,qz,qw)) 8: retrieves the local object orientations as quaternions (in floatData. There are 4 values for each object (qx,qy,qz,qw)) 9: retrieves the absolute object positions and orientations (as Euler angles) (in floatData. There are 6 values for each object (x,y,z,alpha,beta,gamma)) 10: retrieves the local object positions and orientations (as Euler angles) (in floatData. There are 6 values for each object (x,y,z,alpha,beta,gamma)) 11: retrieves the absolute object positions and orientations (as quaternions) (in floatData. There are 7 values for each object (x,y,z,qx,qy,qz,qw)) 12: retrieves the local object positions and orientations (as quaternions) (in floatData. There are 7 values for each object (x,y,z,qx,qy,qz,qw)) 13: retrieves proximity sensor data (in intData (2 values): detection state, detected object handle. In floatData (6 values): detected point (x,y,z) and detected surface normal (nx,ny,nz)) 14: retrieves force sensor data (in intData (1 values): force sensor state. In floatData (6 values): force (fx,fy,fz) and torque (tx,ty,tz)) 15: retrieves joint state data (in floatData (2 values): position, force/torque) 16: retrieves joint properties data (in intData (2 values): joint type, joint mode (bit16=hybrid operation). In floatData (2 values): joint limit low, joint range (-1.0 if joint is cyclic)) 17: retrieves the object linear velocity (in floatData. There are 3 values for each object (vx,vy,vz)) 18: retrieves the object angular velocity as Euler angles per seconds (in floatData. There are 3 values for each object (dAlpha,dBeta,dGamma)) 19: retrieves the object linear and angular velocity (in floatData. There are 6 values for each object (vx,vy,vz,dAlpha,dBeta,dGamma)) handlesCount (output): the number of returned object handles. Can be NULL. handles (output): the object handles. The pointer remains valid until the next remote API call. Can be NULL.

intDataCount (output): the number of returned integer values. Can be NULL. intData (output): the integer values. The pointer remains valid until the next remote API call. Can be NULL. floatDataCount (output): the number of returned float values. Can be NULL. floatData (output): the float values. The pointer remains valid until the next remote API call. Can be NULL. stringDataCount (output): the number of returned strings. Can be NULL. stringData (output): the strings. Each string is separated by the zero char ('\0'). The pointer remains valid until the next remote API call. Can be NULL. operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait or simx_opmode_streaming.
C return value a remote API function return code
Other languages Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjectHandle

regular API equivalent: [simGetObjectHandle](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetObjectHandle](#)

Description	Retrieves an object handle based on its name. If the client application is launched from a child script , then you could also let the child script figure out what handle correspond to what objects, and send the handles as additional arguments to the client application during its launch. See also simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetObjectHandle(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* objectName,simxInt* handle,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectName : name of the object. If possible, don't rely on the automatic name adjustment mechanism , and always specify the full object name, including the #: if the object is "myJoint", specify "myJoint#", if the object is "myJoint#0", specify "myJoint#0", etc. handle : pointer to a value that will receive the handle operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjectIntParameter

regular API equivalent: [simGetObjectIntParameter](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetObjectIntParameter](#)

Description	Retrieves an integer parameter of a object. See also simxSetObjectIntParameter and simxGetObjectFloatParameter .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetObjectIntParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxInt parameterID,simxInt* parameterValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object parameterID : identifier of the parameter to retrieve. See the list of all possible object parameter identifiers parameterValue : pointer to a location that will receive the value of the parameter operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls), or simx_opmode_oneshot_wait (depending on the intended usage)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjectOrientation

regular API equivalent: [simGetObjectOrientation](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetObjectPose](#)

Description	Retrieves the orientation (Euler angles) of an object. See also simxSetObjectOrientation , simxGetObjectPosition and simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetObjectOrientation(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxInt relativeToObjectHandle,simxFLOAT* eulerAngles,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object relativeToObjectHandle : indicates relative to which reference frame we want the orientation. Specify -1 to retrieve the absolute orientation, sim_handle_parent to retrieve the orientation relative to the object's parent, or an object handle relative to whose reference frame you want the orientation eulerAngles : pointer to 3 values receiving the Euler angles (alpha, beta and gamma) operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjectParent

regular API equivalent: simGetObjectParent
ROS service equivalent: simRosGetObjectParent

Description	Retrieves the handle of an object's parent object. See also simxGetObjectChild and simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetObjectParent(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxInt* parentObjectHandle,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object parentObjectHandle : pointer to a value receiving the handle of the parent object. If the value is -1, the object has no parent operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjectPosition

regular API equivalent: simGetObjectPosition
ROS service equivalent: simRosGetObjectPose

Description	Retrieves the position of an object. See also simxSetObjectPosition , simxGetObjectOrientation and simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetObjectPosition(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxInt relativeToObjectHandle,simxFLOAT* position,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object relativeToObjectHandle : indicates relative to which reference frame we want the position. Specify -1 to retrieve the absolute position, sim_handle_parent to retrieve the position relative to the object's parent, or an object handle relative to whose reference frame you want the position position : pointer to 3 values receiving the position operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjects

regular API equivalent: simGetObjects
ROS service equivalent: simRosGetObjects

Description	Retrieves object handles of a given type, or of all types (i.e. all object handles). See also simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetObjects(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectType,simxInt* objectCount,simxInt** objectHandles,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectType : object type (sim_object_shape_type, sim_object_joint_type, etc., or sim_handle_all for any type of object) objectCount : pointer to a value that will receive the number of retrieved handles objectHandles : pointer to a pointer that will receive an object handle array. The array remains valid until next remote API function is called. operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjectSelection

regular API equivalent: simGetObjectSelection
ROS service equivalent: simRosGetObjectSelection

Description	Retrieves all selected object's handles. See also simxSetObjectSelection .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetObjectSelection(simxInt clientID,simxInt** objectHandles,simxInt* objectCount,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandles : pointer to a pointer that will receive an object handle array. The array remains valid until next remote API function is called. objectCount : pointer to a value that will receive the number of elements in above's array. operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls), or simx_opmode_oneshot_wait depending on the intent.
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetObjectVelocity

regular API equivalent: simGetObjectVelocity

ROS publisher equivalent: simros_strmcmd_get_twist_status

Description	Retrieves the linear and angular velocity of an object. See also simxGetObjectPosition , simxGetObjectOrientation and simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetObjectVelocity(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxFLOAT* linearVelocity,simxFLOAT* angularVelocity,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object linearVelocity : pointer to 3 values receiving the linearVelocity (vx, vy, vz). Can be NULL. angularVelocity : pointer to 3 values receiving the angularVelocity (dAlpha, dBeta, dGamma). Can be NULL. operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are <code>simx_opmode_streaming</code> (the first call) and <code>simx_opmode_buffer</code> (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetOutMessageInfo

Description	Retrieves information about the next message to send to the server. This is a remote API helper function. See also simxGetInMessageInfo .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetOutMessageInfo(simxInt clientID,simxInt infoType,simxInt* info)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . infoType : an outbox message info type info : pointer to a simxInt value receiving the requested information
C return value	-1 in case of an error
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetPingTime

Description	Retrieves the time needed for a command to be sent to the server, executed, and sent back. That time depends on various factors like the client settings, the network load, whether a simulation is running, whether the simulation is real-time, the simulation time step, etc. The function is blocking. This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetPingTime(simxInt clientID,simxInt* pingTime)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . pingTime : a pointer to a simxInt value accepting the ping time in milliseconds.
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetStringParameter**regular API equivalent: simGetStringParameter****ROS service equivalent: simRosGetStringParameter**

Description	Retrieves a string value. See the string parameter identifiers . See also simxGetBooleanParameter , simxGetIntegerParameter , simxGetArrayParameter and simxGetFloatingParameter .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetStringParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt paramIdentifier,simxChar** paramValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . paramIdentifier : a string parameter identifier paramValue : a pointer to a pointer that will receive the string. The string pointer is valid until next remote API function is called. operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</code> (if not called on a regular basis)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetStringSignal**regular API equivalent: simGetStringSignal****ROS service equivalent: simRosGetStringSignal**

Description	Gets the value of a string signal. Signals are cleared at simulation start. See also simxSetStringSignal , simxGetAndClearStringSignal , simxClearStringSignal , simxGetIntegerSignal and simxGetFloatSignal .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetStringSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,simxUChar** signalValue,simxInt* signalLength,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal signalValue : pointer to a pointer receiving the value of the signal. The signal value will remain valid until next remote API call signalLength : pointer to a location receiving the value of the signal length, since it may contain any data (also embedded zeros). operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are <code>simx_opmode_streaming</code> (the first call) and <code>simx_opmode_buffer</code> (the following calls)

C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetUIButtonProperty
regular API equivalent: [simGetUIButtonProperty](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetUIButtonProperty](#)

Description	Retrieves the properties of a custom user interface button. See also simxSetUIButtonProperty .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetUIButtonProperty(simxInt clientID,simxInt uiHandle,simxInt uiButtonID,simxInt* prop,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . uiHandle : handle of the custom user interface uiButtonID : handle (or id) of the custom user interface button prop : pointer to an integer accepting a button property value . operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are <code>simx_opmode_streaming</code> (the first call) and <code>simx_opmode_buffer</code> (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetUIEventButton
regular API equivalent: [simGetUIEventButton](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetUIEventButton](#)

Description	Gets the button handle (i.e. ID) and some auxiliary values of the last occurred event in that custom user interface. The function will then clear the event. When a custom user interface button is pressed, a slider is moved or an edit box is changed, an event is registered and stored in the custom user interface.
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetUIEventButton(simxInt clientID,simxInt uiHandle,simxInt* uiEventButtonID,simxInt* auxValues,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . uiHandle : handle of the custom user interface uiEventButtonID : id of the UI button where an event occurred, or -1 if no event occurred auxValues : 2 values (can be NULL). value1: the button property value2: for sliders: slider state (0-1000), for stay down buttons: down state (0 or 1), for up/down event buttons: up/down events (0 or 1) operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Since this function will clear a read event, and we cannot afford to wait for a reply (well, we could, but that would mean a blocking operation), the function operates in a special mode and should be used as in following example:
	<pre>// Initialization phase: int uiHandle=-1; simxGetUIHandle(cid,"UI",&uiHandle,simx_opmode_oneshot_wait); int buttonEventID=-1; simxGetUIEventButton(cid,uiHandle,&buttonEventID,NULL,simx_opmode_streaming); // while we are connected: while (simxGetConnectionId(cid)!=-1) { if ((simxGetUIEventButton(cid,uiHandle,&buttonEventID,NULL,simx_opmode_buffer)== simx_return_ok)&&(buttonEventID!=-1)) { // A button was pressed/edited/changed. React to it here! // Enable streaming again (was automatically disabled with the positive event): simxGetUIEventButton(cid,uiHandle,&buttonEventID,NULL,simx_opmode_streaming); } ... } </pre>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetUIHandle
regular API equivalent: [simGetUIHandle](#)
ROS service equivalent: [simRosGetUIHandle](#)

Description	Retrieves the handle of a custom user interface. If the client application is launched from a child script , then you could also let the child script figure out what handle correspond to what UIs, and send the handles as additional arguments to the client application during its launch. See also simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxGetUIHandle(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* uiName,simxInt* handle,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . uiName : name of the UI. If possible, don't rely on the automatic name adjustment mechanism , and always specify the full object name, including the #: if the UI is "myUI", specify "myUI#", if the UI is "myUI#0", specify "myUI#0", etc.

	handle: pointer to a value that will receive the handle operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetUISlider**regular API equivalent:** [simGetUISlider](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosGetUISlider](#)

Description	Gets the slider position of a custom user interface button (must be slider-type button). See also simxSetUISlider .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetUISlider(simxInt clientID,simxInt uiHandle,simxInt uiButtonID,simxInt* position,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . uiHandle: handle of the custom user interface uiButtonID: handle of a button inside the specified custom user interface position: pointer to an integer receiving the slider position (value between 0 and 1000) operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetVisionSensorDepthBuffer**regular API equivalent:** [simGetVisionSensorDepthBuffer](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosGetVisionSensorDepthBuffer](#)

Description	Retrieves the depth buffer of a vision sensor. The returned data doesn't make sense if simHandleVisionSensor wasn't called previously (simHandleVisionSensor is called by default in the main script if the vision sensor is not tagged as explicit handling). Use the simxGetLastCmdTime function to verify the "freshness" of the retrieved data. See also simxGetVisionSensorImage .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetVisionSensorDepthBuffer(simxInt clientID,simxInt sensorHandle,simxInt* resolution,simxFloat** buffer,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . sensorHandle: handle of the vision sensor resolution: pointer to 2 simxInt values receiving the resolution of the image buffer: pointer to a pointer to the depth buffer data. The data remains valid until next remote API function is called (i.e. the data is automatically released). Values are in the range of 0-1 (0=closest to sensor, 1=farthest from sensor). operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxGetVisionSensorImage**regular API equivalent:** [simGetVisionSensorImage](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosGetVisionSensorImage](#)

Description	Retrieves the image of a vision sensor. The returned data doesn't make sense if simHandleVisionSensor wasn't called previously (simHandleVisionSensor is called by default in the main script if the vision sensor is not tagged as explicit handling). Use the simxGetLastCmdTime function to verify the "freshness" of the retrieved data. See also simxSetVisionSensorImage , simxGetVisionSensorDepthBuffer and simxReadVisionSensor .
C synopsis	simxInt simxGetVisionSensorImage(simxInt clientID,simxInt sensorHandle,simxInt* resolution,simxUChar** image,simxUChar options,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . sensorHandle: handle of the vision sensor resolution: pointer to 2 simxInt values receiving the resolution of the image image: pointer to a pointer to the image data. The data remains valid until next remote API function is called (i.e. the data is automatically released) options: image options, bit-coded: bit0 set: each image pixel is a byte (greyscale image), otherwise each image pixel is a rgb byte-triplet operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxJointGetForce (DEPRECATED)

Description	DEPRECATED. See simxGetJointForce instead.
C synopsis	simxInt simxJointGetForce(simxInt clientID,simxInt jointHandle,simxFloat* force,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart .

	jointHandle: handle of the joint force: the force or the torque applied to the joint along/about its z-axis operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxLoadModel**regular API equivalent:** [simLoadModel](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosLoadModel](#)

Description	Loads a previously saved model. See also simxLoadUI , simxLoadScene and simxTransferFile .
C synopsis	simxInt simxLoadModel(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* modelPathAndName,simxUChar options,simxInt* baseHandle,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	<p>clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart.</p> <p>modelPathAndName: the model filename, including the path and extension ("ttm"). The file is relative to the client or server system depending on the options value (see next argument)</p> <p>options: options, bit-coded: bit0 set: the specified file is located on the client side (in that case the function will be blocking since the model first has to be transferred to the server). Otherwise it is located on the server side</p> <p>baseHandle: the loaded model base. Can be NULL.</p> <p>operationMode: a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</p>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxLoadScene**regular API equivalent:** [simLoadScene](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosLoadScene](#)

Description	Loads a previously saved scene. Should only be called when simulation is not running and is only executed by continuous remote API server services . See also simxCloseScene , simxLoadModel , simxLoadUI and simxTransferFile .
C synopsis	simxInt simxLoadScene(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* scenePathAndName,simxUChar options,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	<p>clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart.</p> <p>scenePathAndName: the scene filename, including the path and extension ("ttt"). The file is relative to the client or server system depending on the options value (see next argument)</p> <p>options: options, bit-coded: bit0 set: the specified file is located on the client side (in that case the function will be blocking since the scene first has to be transferred to the server). Otherwise it is located on the server side</p> <p>operationMode: a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</p>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxLoadUI**regular API equivalent:** [simLoadUI](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosLoadUI](#)

Description	Loads previously saved custom user interfaces. See also simxLoadModel , simxLoadScene and simxTransferFile .
C synopsis	simxInt simxLoadUI(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* uiPathAndName,simxUChar options,simxInt* count,simxInt** uiHandles,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	<p>clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart.</p> <p>uiPathAndName: the ui filename, including the path and extension ("ttb"). The file is relative to the client or server system depending on the options value (see next argument)</p> <p>options: options, bit-coded: bit0 set: the specified file is located on the client side (in that case the function will be blocking since the UI file first has to be transferred to the server). Otherwise it is located on the server side</p> <p>count: a pointer to a value receiving the number of loaded custom user interfaces (one UI file might contain several custom user interfaces).</p> <p>uiHandles: a pointer to a pointer receiving the loaded UI handles. The user is in charge of releasing the buffer with simxReleaseBuffer(*uiHandles)</p> <p>operationMode: a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait</p>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxPauseCommunication

Description	Allows to temporarily halt the communication thread from sending data. This can be useful if you need to send several values to V-REP that should be received and evaluated at the same time. This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxPauseCommunication(simxInt clientID,simxUChar pause)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . pause : whether the communication thread should pause or run normally. Usage example: <pre>simxPauseCommunication(clientID,1); simxSetJointPosition(clientID,joint1Handle,joint1Value,simx_opmode_oneshot); simxSetJointPosition(clientID,joint2Handle,joint2Value,simx_opmode_oneshot); simxSetJointPosition(clientID,joint3Handle,joint3Value,simx_opmode_oneshot); simxPauseCommunication(clientID,0); // Above's 3 joints will be received and set on the V-REP side at the same time</pre>
C return value	0 in case of operation success.
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxPauseSimulation**regular API equivalent:** [simPauseSimulation](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosPauseSimulation](#)

Description	Requests a pause of a simulation. See also simxStartSimulation and simxStopSimulation .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxPauseSimulation(simxInt clientID,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code> .
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxQuery

Description	Sends a query string to V-REP, and waits for a reply string. Query and reply strings can be accessed via string signals. This function allows for instance to have a child script , another remote API client or a ROS node handle special requests coming from this remote API client, then send a reply back. Usage example where a child script handles a request: <pre>// Following is the remote API client side: simxUChar* replyData; simxInt replySize; if (simxQuery(clientID,"request","send me a 42",12,"reply",&replyData,&replySize,5000)==0) printf("The reply is: %s\n",replyData)</pre> <pre>-- This is the child script side. The child script is non-threaded and -- following part executed at each simulation pass: req=simGetStringSignal("request") if (req) then simClearStringSignal("request") if (req=="send me a 42") then simSetStringSignal("reply","42\0") -- will be automatically cleared by the client end end</pre>
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxQuery(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,const simxUChar* signalValue,simxInt signalLength,const simxChar* retSignalName,simxUChar** retSignalValue,simxInt* retSignalLength,simxInt timeOutInMs)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal that contains the request string signalValue : pointer to the request string. signalLength : the size of the request string, since it may contain any data (also embedded zeros). retSignalName : name of the signal that contains the reply string retSignalValue : pointer to a pointer receiving the value of the reply string. The string pointer will remain valid until next remote API call retSignalLength : pointer to a location receiving the value of the reply string length, since it may contain any data (also embedded zeros). timeOutInMs : the maximum time in milliseconds that the function will wait for a reply.
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxReadCollision**regular API equivalent:** [simReadCollision](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosReadCollision](#)

Description	Reads the collision state of a registered collision object. This function doesn't perform collision detection, it merely reads the result from a previous call to simHandleCollision (simHandleCollision is called in the default main script). See also simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxReadCollision(simxInt clientID,simxInt collisionObjectHandle,simxUChar* collisionState,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . collisionObjectHandle : handle of the collision object collisionState : a pointer to a value receiving the collision state (0: not colliding) operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxReadDistance**regular API equivalent:** [simReadDistance](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosReadDistance](#)

Description	Reads the distance that a registered distance object measured. This function doesn't perform minimum distance calculation, it merely reads the result from a previous call to simHandleDistance (simHandleDistance is called in the default main script). See also simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxReadDistance(simxInt clientID,simxInt distanceObjectHandle,simxFLOAT* minimumDistance,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . distanceObjectHandle : handle of the distance object minimumDistance : a pointer to a value receiving the minimum distance operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxReadForceSensor**regular API equivalent:** [simReadForceSensor](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosReadForceSensor](#)

Description	Reads the force and torque applied to a force sensor (filtered values are read), and its current state ('unbroken' or 'broken'). See also simxBreakForceSensor , simxGetJointForce and simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxReadForceSensor(simxInt clientID,simxInt forceSensorHandle,simxUChar* state,simxFLOAT* forceVector,simxFLOAT* torqueVector,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . forceSensorHandle : handle of the force sensor state : pointer to a byte value receiving the state of the force sensor. Can be NULL bit 0 set: force and torque data is available, otherwise it is not (yet) available (e.g. when not enough values are present for the filter) bit 1 set: force sensor is broken, otherwise it is still intact ('unbroken') forceVector : pointer to 3 float values receiving the force vector. Can be NULL torqueVector : pointer to 3 float values receiving the torque vector. Can be NULL operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxReadProximitySensor**regular API equivalent:** [simReadProximitySensor](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosReadProximitySensor](#)

Description	Reads the state of a proximity sensor. This function doesn't perform detection, it merely reads the result from a previous call to simHandleProximitySensor (simHandleProximitySensor is called in the default main script). See also simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxReadProximitySensor(simxInt clientID,simxInt sensorHandle,simxUChar* detectionState,simxFLOAT* detectedPoint,simxInt* detectedObjectHandle,simxFLOAT* detectedSurfaceNormalVector,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . sensorHandle : handle of the proximity sensor detectionState : pointer to a value receiving the detection state (0=no detection). Can be NULL. detectedPoint : pointer to 3 values receiving the detected point coordinates (relative to the sensor reference frame). Can be NULL. detectedObjectHandle : pointer to a value receiving the handle of the detected object. Can be NULL. detectedSurfaceNormalVector : pointer to 3 values receiving the normal vector (normalized) of the detected surface. Relative to the sensor reference frame. Can be NULL. operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxReadStringStream

Description	Gets the value of a string signal, then clears it. Useful to retrieve continuous data from the server. See also simxWriteStringStream .
C synopsis	simxInt simxReadStringStream(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,simxUChar** signalValue,simxInt* signalLength,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	<p>clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart.</p> <p>signalName: name of the signal</p> <p>signalValue: pointer to a pointer receiving the value of the signal. The signal value will remain valid until next remote API call</p> <p>signalLength: pointer to a location receiving the value of the signal length, since it may contain any data (also embedded zeros).</p> <p>operationMode: a remote API function operation mode. Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls). simx_opmode_oneshot_wait is forbidden. Use a construction like following in order to continuously exchange data with V-REP:</p>
Remote API client side:	
<pre>// Initialization phase: simxUChar* signal; simxInt sLength; simxReadStringStream(cid,"toClient",&signal,&sLength,simx_opmode_streaming); // while we are connected: while (simxGetConnectionId(cid)!=-1) { if (simxReadStringStream(cid,"toClient",&signal,&sLength,simx_opmode_buffer)== simx_return_ok) { // Data produced by the child script was retrieved! Send it back to the child script: simxWriteStringStream(cid,"fromClient",signal,sLength,simx_opmode_oneshot); } }</pre>	
Server side (V-REP), from a non-threaded child script:	
<pre>if (sim_call_type==sim_childscriptcall_initialization) then -- initialization phase: i=0 lastReceived=-1 end if (sim_call_type==sim_childscriptcall_actuation) then -- First send a stream of integers that count up: dat=simGetStringSignal('toClient') if not dat then dat='' end dat=dat..simPackInts({i}) i=i+1 simSetStringSignal('toClient',dat) -- Here receive the integer stream in return and check if each number is correct: dat=simGetStringSignal('fromClient') if dat then simClearStringSignal('fromClient') dat=simUnpackInts(dat) for j=1,#dat,1 do if (dat[j]~=lastReceived+1) then print('Error') else io.write('.') lastReceived=dat[j] end end end end</pre>	
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxReadVisionSensorregular API equivalent: [simReadVisionSensor](#)ROS service equivalent: [simRosReadVisionSensor](#)

Description	Reads the state of a vision sensor. This function doesn't perform detection, it merely reads the result from a previous call to simHandleVisionSensor (simHandleVisionSensor is called in the default main script). See also simxGetVisionSensorImage and simxGetObjectGroupData .
C synopsis	simxInt simxReadVisionSensor(simxInt clientID,simxInt sensorHandle,simxUChar* detectionState,simxFLOAT** auxValues,simxInt** auxValuesCount,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	<p>clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart.</p> <p>sensorHandle: handle of the vision sensor</p>

	detectionState: pointer to a byte that receives the detection state (i.e. the trigger state). Can be NULL auxValues: auxiliary values returned from the applied filters . By default V-REP returns one packet of 15 auxiliary values:the minimum of {intensity, red, green, blue, depth value}, the maximum of {intensity, red, green, blue, depth value}, and the average of {intensity, red, green, blue, depth value}. If additional filter components return values, then they will be appended as packets to the first packet. AuxValues can be NULL if auxValuesCount is also NULL. The user is in charge of releasing the auxValues buffer with simxReleaseBuffer(*auxValues) . auxValuesCount: contains information about the number of auxiliary value packets and packet sizes returned in auxValues. The first value is the number of packets, the second is the size of packet1, the third is the size of packet2, etc. Can be NULL if auxValues is also NULL. The user is in charge of releasing the auxValuesCount buffer with simxReleaseBuffer(*auxValuesCount) . operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_streaming (the first call) and simx_opmode_buffer (the following calls)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxReleaseBuffer (regular API equivalent: simReleaseBuffer)

Description	Releases a buffer previously created with simxCreatBuffer or a buffer returned by a remote API function. This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	<code>simxVoid simxReleaseBuffer(simxUChar* buffer)</code>
C parameters	buffer: buffer to be released
C return value	none
Other languages	Python , Matlab

simxRemoveModel**regular API equivalent: simRemoveModel****ROS service equivalent: simRosRemoveModel**

Description	Removes a model from the scene. See also simxRemoveObject .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxRemoveModel(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle: handle of the model to remove (object should be flagged as model base). operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot (or simx_opmode_oneshot_wait)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxRemoveObject**regular API equivalent: simRemoveObject****ROS service equivalent: simRosRemoveObject**

Description	Removes a scene object. See also simxRemoveModel .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxRemoveObject(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle: handle of the object to remove operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot (or simx_opmode_oneshot_wait)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxRemoveUI**regular API equivalent: simRemoveUI****ROS service equivalent: simRosRemoveUI**

Description	Removes a custom user interface.
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxRemoveUI(simxInt clientID,simxInt uiHandle,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID: the client ID. refer to simxStart . uiHandle: handle of the custom user interface operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot (or simx_opmode_oneshot_wait)
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetArrayParameter**regular API equivalent: simSetArrayParameter****ROS service equivalent: simRosSetArrayParameter**

Description	Sets 3 values of an array parameter . See also simxGetArrayParameter , simxSetBooleanParameter , simxSetIntegerParameter and simxSetFloatingParameter .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxSetArrayParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt paramIdentifier,const simxFLOAT*</code>

C parameters	paramValues,simxInt operationMode) clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . paramIdentifier : an array parameter identifier paramValues : the array containing the 3 values to set operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetBooleanParameterregular API equivalent: [simSetBooleanParameter](#)ROS service equivalent: [simRosSetBooleanParameter](#)

Description	Sets a boolean parameter . See also simxGetBooleanParameter , simxSetIntegerParameter , simxSetArrayParameter and simxSetFloatingParameter .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetBooleanParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt paramIdentifier,simxUChar paramValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . paramIdentifier : a Boolean parameter identifier paramValue : the parameter value operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetFloatingParameterregular API equivalent: [simSetFloatingParameter](#)ROS service equivalent: [simRosSetFloatingParameter](#)

Description	Sets a floating point parameter . See also simxGetFloatingParameter , simxSetBooleanParameter , simxSetArrayParameter and simxSetIntegerParameter .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetFloatingParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt paramIdentifier,simxFLOAT paramValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . paramIdentifier : a floating parameter identifier paramValue : the parameter value operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetFloatSignalregular API equivalent: [simSetFloatSignal](#)ROS service equivalent: [simRosSetFloatSignal](#)

Description	Sets the value of a float signal. If that signal is not yet present, it is added. See also simxGetFloatSignal , simxClearFloatSignal , simxSetIntegerSignal and simxSetStringSignal .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetFloatSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,simxFLOAT signalValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal signalValue : value of the signal operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetIntegerParameterregular API equivalent: [simSetIntegerParameter](#)ROS service equivalent: [simRosSetIntegerParameter](#)

Description	Sets an integer parameter . See also simxGetIntegerParameter , simxSetBooleanParameter , simxSetArrayParameter and simxSetFloatingParameter .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetIntegerParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt paramIdentifier,simxInt paramValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . paramIdentifier : an integer parameter identifier paramValue : the parameter value operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetIntegerSignal**regular API equivalent:** simSetIntegerSignal**ROS service equivalent:** simRosSetIntegerSignal

Description	Sets the value of an integer signal. If that signal is not yet present, it is added. See also simxGetIntegerSignal , simxClearIntegerSignal , simxSetFloatSignal and simxSetStringSignal .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetIntegerSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,simxInt signalValue,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal signalValue : value of the signal operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxSetJointForce**regular API equivalent:** simSetJointForce**ROS service equivalent:** simRosSetJointForce

Description	Sets the maximum force or torque that a joint can exert. This function has no effect when the joint is not dynamically enabled, or when it is a spherical joint. See also simxGetJointForce .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetJointForce(simxInt clientID,simxInt jointHandle,simxFloat force,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . jointHandle : handle of the joint force : the maximum force or torque that the joint can exert operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxSetJointPosition**regular API equivalent:** simSetJointPosition**ROS service equivalent:** simRosSetJointPosition

Description	Sets the intrinsic position of a joint. May have no effect depending on the joint mode. This function cannot be used with spherical joints (use simxSetSphericalJointMatrix instead). If you want to set several joints that should be applied at the exact same time on the V-REP side, then use simxPauseCommunication . See also simxGetJointPosition and simxSetJointTargetPosition .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetJointPosition(simxInt clientID,simxInt jointHandle,simxFloat position,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . jointHandle : handle of the joint position : position of the joint (angular or linear value depending on the joint type) operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_oneshot or simx_opmode_streaming
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxSetJointTargetPosition**regular API equivalent:** simSetJointTargetPosition**ROS service equivalent:** simRosSetJointTargetPosition

Description	Sets the target position of a joint if the joint is in torque/force mode (also make sure that the joint's motor and position control are enabled). See also simxSetJointPosition .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetJointTargetPosition(simxInt clientID,simxInt jointHandle,simxFloat targetPosition,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . jointHandle : handle of the joint targetPosition : target position of the joint (angular or linear value depending on the joint type) operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_oneshot or simx_opmode_streaming
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxSetJointTargetVelocity**regular API equivalent:** simSetJointTargetVelocity**ROS service equivalent:** simRosSetJointTargetVelocity

Description	Sets the intrinsic target velocity of a non-spherical joint. This command makes only sense when the joint
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	mode is: (a) motion mode: the joint's motion handling feature must be enabled (<code>simHandleJoint</code> must be called (is called by default in the main script), and the joint motion properties must be set in the joint settings dialog), (b) torque/force mode: the dynamics functionality and the joint motor have to be enabled (position control should however be disabled)
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxSetJointTargetVelocity(simxInt clientID,simxInt jointHandle,simxFLOAT targetVelocity,simxFLOAT operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . jointHandle : handle of the joint targetVelocity : target velocity of the joint (linear or angular velocity depending on the joint-type) operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code> or <code>simx_opmode_streaming</code>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetModelProperty**regular API equivalent:** [simSetModelProperty](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetModelProperty](#)

Description	Sets the properties of a model. See also simxGetModelProperty .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxSetModelProperty(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxFLOAT prop,simxFLOAT operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object prop : a model property value operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetObjectFloatParameter**regular API equivalent:** [simSetObjectFloatParameter](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetObjectFloatParameter](#)

Description	Sets a floating-point parameter of a object. See also simxGetObjectFloatParameter and simxSetObjectIntParameter .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxSetObjectFloatParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxFLOAT parameterID,simxFLOAT parameterValue,simxFLOAT operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object parameterID : identifier of the parameter to set. See the list of all possible object parameter identifiers parameterValue : the desired value of the parameter operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetObjectIntParameter**regular API equivalent:** [simSetObjectIntParameter](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetObjectIntParameter](#)

Description	Sets an integer parameter of a object. See also simxGetObjectIntParameter and simxSetObjectFloatParameter .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxSetObjectIntParameter(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxFLOAT parameterID,simxFLOAT parameterValue,simxFLOAT operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object parameterID : identifier of the parameter to set. See the list of all possible object parameter identifiers parameterValue : the desired value of the parameter operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetObjectOrientation**regular API equivalent:** [simSetObjectOrientation](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetObjectQuaternion](#)

Description	Sets the orientation (Euler angles) of an object. Dynamically simulated objects will implicitly be reset before the command is applied (i.e. similar to calling simResetDynamicObject just before). See also simxGetObjectOrientation and simxSetObjectPosition .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxSetObjectOrientation(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxFLOAT relativeToObjectHandle,const simxFLOAT* eulerAngles,simxFLOAT operationMode)</code>

C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object relativeToObjectHandle : indicates relative to which reference frame the orientation is specified. Specify -1 to set the absolute orientation, sim_handle_parent to set the orientation relative to the object's parent, or an object handle relative to whose reference frame the orientation is specified. eulerAngles : Euler angles (alpha, beta and gamma) operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetObjectParent**regular API equivalent:** [simSetObjectParent](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetObjectParent](#)

Description	Sets an object's parent object. See also simxGetObjectParent .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetObjectParent(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxInt parentObject,simxUChar keepInPlace,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object that will become child of the parent object. Can be combined with sim_handleflag_assembly , if the two objects can be assembled via a predefined assembly transformation (refer to the assembling option in the object common properties). In that case, parentObject can't be -1, and keepInPlace should be set to false. parentObject : handle of the object that will become parent, or -1 if the object should become parentless keepInPlace : indicates whether the object's absolute position and orientation should stay same operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot or simx_opmode_oneshot_wait depending on the intent
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetObjectPosition**regular API equivalent:** [simSetObjectPosition](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetObjectPosition](#)

Description	Sets the position of an object. Dynamically simulated objects will implicitly be reset before the command is applied (i.e. similar to calling simResetDynamicObject just before). See also simxGetObjectPosition and simxSetObjectOrientation .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetObjectPosition(simxInt clientID,simxInt objectHandle,simxInt relativeToObjectHandle,const simxFLOAT* position,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandle : handle of the object relativeToObjectHandle : indicates relative to which reference frame the position is specified. Specify -1 to set the absolute position, sim_handle_parent to set the position relative to the object's parent, or an object handle relative to whose reference frame the position is specified. position : the position values (x, y and z) operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetObjectSelection (ROS service equivalent: simRosSetObjectSelection)

Description	Sets the selection state for objects. See also simxGetObjectSelection .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetObjectSelection(simxInt clientID,const simxInt* objectHandles,simxInt objectCount,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . objectHandles : an array of object handles objectCount : the number of elements in the array operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot or simx_opmode_oneshot_wait depending on the intent.
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetSphericalJointMatrix**regular API equivalent:** [simSetSphericalJointMatrix](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetSphericalJointMatrix](#)

Description	Sets the intrinsic orientation matrix of a spherical joint object. This function cannot be used with non-spherical joints (use simxSetJointPosition instead). See also simxGetJointMatrix .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetSphericalJointMatrix(simxInt clientID,simxInt jointHandle,simxFLOAT* matrix,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart .

	jointHandle: handle of the joint matrix: pointer to 12 simxFloat values. See the regular API equivalent function for details operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function are simx_opmode_oneshot or simx_opmode_streaming
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetStringSignal**regular API equivalent:** [simSetStringSignal](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetStringSignal](#)

Description	Sets the value of a string signal. If that signal is not yet present, it is added. See also simxAppendStringSignal , simxGetStringSignal , simxClearStringSignal , simxSetIntegerSignal and simxSetFloatSignal .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetStringSignal(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,const simxUChar* signalValue,simxInt signalLength,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID, refer to simxStart . signalName: name of the signal signalValue: value of the signal (which may contain any value, including embedded zeros) signalLength: size of the signalValue string. operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetUIButtonLabel**regular API equivalent:** [simSetUIButtonLabel](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetUIButtonLabel](#)

Description	Sets the up-state and down-state labels of a custom user interface button.
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetUIButtonLabel(simxInt clientID,simxInt uiHandle,simxInt uiButtonID,const simxChar* upStateLabel,const simxChar* downStateLabel,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID, refer to simxStart . uiHandle: handle of the custom user interface uiButtonID: handle (or ID) of the custom user interface button upStateLabel: pointer to a string containing the label of the button when it is up. Cannot be NULL. downStateLabel: pointer to a string containing the label of the button when it is down. Cannot be NULL. operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetUIButtonProperty**regular API equivalent:** [simSetUIButtonProperty](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetUIButtonProperty](#)

Description	Sets the properties of a custom user interface button. See also simxGetUIButtonProperty .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetUIButtonProperty(simxInt clientID,simxInt uiHandle,simxInt uiButtonID,simxInt prop,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID, refer to simxStart . uiHandle: handle of the custom user interface uiButtonID: handle (or ID) of the custom user interface button prop: a button property value . operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetUISlider**regular API equivalent:** [simSetUISlider](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetUISlider](#)

Description	Sets the slider position of a custom user interface button (must be a slider-type button). See also simxGetUISlider .
C synopsis	simxInt simxSetUISlider(simxInt clientID,simxInt uiHandle,simxInt uiButtonID,simxInt position,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID: the client ID, refer to simxStart . uiHandle: handle of the custom user interface uiButtonID: id of the button (slider) in the custom user interface position: slider position. valid values are between 0 and 1000 operationMode: a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot

C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSetVisionSensorImage**regular API equivalent:** [simSetVisionSensorImage](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosSetVisionSensorImage](#)

Description	Sets the image of a vision sensor (and applies any image processing filter if specified in the vision sensor dialog). Make sure the vision sensor is flagged as use external image . The "regular" use of this function is to first read the data from a vision sensor with simxGetVisionSensorImage , do some custom filtering, then write the modified image to a passive vision sensor. The alternate use of this function is to display textures, video images, etc. by using a vision sensor object (without however making use of the vision sensor functionality), since a vision sensor can be "looked through" like camera objects.
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxSetVisionSensorImage(simxInt clientID,simxInt sensorHandle,simxUChar* image,simxInt bufferSize,simxUChar options,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . sensorHandle : handle of the vision sensor image : pointer to the image data bufferSize : size of the image data options : image options, bit-coded: bit0 set: each image pixel is a byte (greyscale image), otherwise each image pixel is a rgb byte-triplet operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code>
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxStart

Description	Starts a communication thread with the server (i.e. V-REP). A same client may start several communication threads (but only one communication thread for a given IP and port). This should be the very first remote API function called on the client side. Make sure to start an appropriate remote API server service on the server side, that will wait for a connection. See also simxFinish . This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxStart(const simxChar* connectionAddress,simxInt connectionPort,simxUChar waitUntilConnected,simxUChar doNotReconnectOnceDisconnected,simxInt timeOutInMs,simxInt commThreadCycleInMs)</code>
C parameters	connectionAddress : the ip address where the server is located (i.e. V-REP) connectionPort : the port number where to connect waitUntilConnected : if different from zero, then the function blocks until connected (or timed out). doNotReconnectOnceDisconnected : if different from zero, then the communication thread will not attempt a second connection if a connection was lost. timeOutInMs : connection time-out in milliseconds (for the first connection). commThreadCycleInMs : indicates how often data packets are sent back and forth. Reducing this number improves responsiveness, and a default value of 5 is recommended.
C return value	the client ID, or -1 if the connection to the server was not possible (i.e. a timeout was reached). A call to simxStart should always be followed at the end with a call to simxFinish if simxStart didn't return -1
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxStartSimulation**regular API equivalent:** [simStartSimulation](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosStartSimulation](#)

Description	Requests a start of a simulation (or a resume of a paused simulation). This function is only executed by continuous remote API server services . See also simxPauseSimulation and simxStopSimulation .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxStartSimulation(simxInt clientID,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code> .
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxStopSimulation**regular API equivalent:** [simStopSimulation](#)**ROS service equivalent:** [simRosStopSimulation](#)

Description	Requests a stop of the running simulation. See also simxStartSimulation and simxPauseSimulation .
C synopsis	<code>simxInt simxStopSimulation(simxInt clientID,simxInt operationMode)</code>
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation modes for this function is <code>simx_opmode_oneshot</code> .
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python , Java , Matlab , Octave , Urbi

simxSynchronous (ROS service equivalent: simRosSynchronous)

Description	Enables or disables the synchronous operation mode for the remote API server service that the client is connected to. The function is blocking. While in synchronous operation mode, the client application is in charge of triggering the next simulation step. Only pre-enabled remote API server services will successfully execute this function. See also simxSynchronousTrigger and the remote API overview . This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	simxInt simxSynchronous(simxInt clientID,simxUChar enable)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . enable : the enable state of the synchronous operation
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxSynchronousTrigger (ROS service equivalent: simRosSynchronousTrigger)

Description	Sends a synchronization trigger signal to the server. The function is blocking. The server needs to be previously enabled for synchronous operation via the simxSynchronous function. The trigger signal will inform V-REP to execute the next simulation step (i.e. to call simHandleMainScript). While in synchronous operation mode, the client application is in charge of triggering the next simulation step, otherwise simulation will stall. See also the remote API overview . This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	simxInt simxSynchronousTrigger(simxInt clientID)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart .
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxTransferFile (ROS service equivalent: simRosTransferFile)

Description	Allows transferring a file from the client to the server. This function is used by several other functions internally (e.g. simxLoadModel). See also simxEraseFile . This is a remote API helper function.
C synopsis	simxInt simxTransferFile(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* filePathAndName,const simxChar* fileName_serverSide,simxInt timeOut,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . filePathAndName : the local file name and path (i.e. on the client side) fileName_serverSide : a file name under which the transferred file will be saved on the server side. For now, do not specify a path (the file will be saved in the remote API plugin directory) timeOut : a timeout value in milliseconds operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot_wait
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi

simxWriteStringStream (ROS service equivalent: simRosAppendStringSignal)

Description	Appends a string to a string signal. If that signal is not yet present, it is added. See also simxReadStringStream .
C synopsis	simxInt simxWriteStringStream(simxInt clientID,const simxChar* signalName,const simxUChar* signalValueToAppend,simxInt signalLength,simxInt operationMode)
C parameters	clientID : the client ID. refer to simxStart . signalName : name of the signal signalValueToAppend : value to append to the signal. That value may contain any value, including embedded zeros. signalLength : size of the signalValueToAppend string. operationMode : a remote API function operation mode . Recommended operation mode for this function is simx_opmode_oneshot
C return value	a remote API function return code
Other languages	Python, Java, Matlab, Octave, Urbi