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Introduction

VitML.Recognition.Client.dll is the .NET Framework assembly that allows .NET Framework applications to communicate with VIT Recognition System.

The assembly is delivered as **VitML.Recognition.Client.zip** archive. The archive contains the following folders:

- Samples some simple samples of code for quick integration;
- VitML.Recognition.Client the assembly and its dependencies;
- VitML.Recognition.Client.TestClient sample client application (.NET, WPF);
- VitML.Recognition.Client.TestClient_src source files of the sample client application.

The current document contains two main sections:

- "Classes and interfaces" will guide you through the VIT Recognition System API.
- "Sample GUI client" will introduce you to a sample GUI application that demonstrates the operation of VIT Recognition System API.

Classes and interfaces

First application

In the **Samples** folder, you will find a **first_API_usage_sample.cs** file. The file provides an example of a simple client code which communicates with VIT Recognition System. This code is also provided after the description of classes and interfaces defined in the assembly.

Alternatively you can check a **first_API_usage_sample_tasks.cs** file that contains similar integration code but with C# Tasks.

Step 1. Connecting to VIT Recognition System

First of all, you need to connect your program to the VIT Recognition System. Create an instance of the **RecognitionClient** class:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client
{
```

```
public class RecognitionClient : IRecognitionClient
{
     public RecognitionClient(IConnectionSettings aConnectionSettings);
}
```

The constructor of the **RecognitionClient** class requires an instance of object that implements **IConnectionSettings** interface:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client.Base
{
   /// <summary>
   /// Settings for recognition database connection
    /// </summary>
    public interface IConnectionSettings
    {
        /// <summary>
        /// Recognition database host machine IP-address
        /// </summary>
        string Host { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Recognition database port
        /// </summary>
        int Port { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Recognition access username
        /// </summary>
        string User { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Recognition access password
        /// </summary>
        string Password { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Recognition database name
        /// </summary>
        string DataBaseName { get; }
    }
}
```

There is a default implementation of the **IConnectionSettings** interface called **ConnectionSettings** class that has default property values:

```
private const string HostDefaultValue = "127.0.0.1";
private const int PortDefaultValue = 5432;
private const string UserDefaultValue = "autocode";
private const string PasswordDefaultValue = "autocode";
private const string DatabasenameDefaultValue = "autocode";
```

The **IRecognitionClient** interface (of the **RecognitionClient** class) defines the public API of the VIT Recognition System:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client.Base
{
   /// <summary>
   /// Represents a client for the Vit Recognition System
   /// </summary>
   public interface IRecognitionClient : IDisposable
   {
        /// <summary>
        /// Occurs when the recognition request is handled and the recognition request
result is received
        /// </summary>
        event EventHandler<RecognitionRequestResultEventArgs> RecognitionRequestResult;
        /// <summary>
        /// Sets settings of a recognition requests source. If the recognition requests
source does not exist, this method creates it.
        /// </summary>
        /// <param name="aRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings">Settings of a recognition
requests source</param>
        /// <exception cref="VitML.Recognition.Client.RecognitionClientException">
        /// Thrown if an error occurs while updating recognition requests source
settings
        /// </exception>
        void CreateOrUpdateRecognitionRequestsSource(IRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings
aRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings);
        /// <summary>
        /// Sends a recognition request to the server.
        /// </summary>
        /// <param name="req">A recognition request</param>
        /// <exception cref="VitML.Recognition.Client.RecognitionClientException">
        /// Thrown if an error occurs while sending the recognition requests to the
server
        /// </exception>
```

```
/// <returns>The recognition request id</returns>
Guid SendRecognitionRequest(IRecognitionRequest req);

/// <summary>
/// Sends a recognition request to the server.
/// </summary>
/// <param name="req">A recognition request</param>
/// <param name="req">A recognition request</param>
/// <param name="req">A recognition client.RecognitionClientException">
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```

Example (taken from first_API_usage_sample.cs):

```
//create default server connection settings
IConnectionSettings connectionSettings = new ConnectionSettings();
//create recognition client for the server
IRecognitionClient recognitionClient = new RecognitionClient(connectionSettings);
```

Step 2. Setting up the recognition

Before sending the recognition requests, you have to specify the options of license plate recognition. This may be done with **CreateOrUpdateRecognitionRequestsSource** method of **RecognitionClient** class. It receives an instance of the object that implements an **IRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings** interface:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client.Base
{
    /// <summary>
    /// Contains a set of settings for the recognition requests source.
    /// A recognition request source is the a notion that contains a set of recognition
settings and associates them with unique id.
    /// In most of cases the recognition request source is associated with the camera.
    /// If recognition settings is suitable for images from two or more cameras you can
consider all of the cameras as one recognition requests source.
    /// </summary>
    public interface IRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings
    {
        /// <summary>
    }
}
```

```
/// Gets the id of the recognition requests source.
        /// The user is responsible for the uniqueness of the id.
        /// </summary>
        Guid Id { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the name of the recognition requests source.
        /// </summary>
        string Name { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the minimum size (in pixels) of license plates images. If their sizes
are less than this value, the system will ignore such license plates.
        /// </summary>
        uint LicensePlateSizeMin { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the maximum size (in pixels) of license plates images. If their sizes
exceed this value, the system will ignore such license plates.
        /// </summary>
        uint LicensePlateSizeMax { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the maximum count of star symbols which is used in order to substitute
unrecognized symbols. If the count of unrecognized symbols exceeds this value the system
ignores the license plate.
        /// </summary>
        uint LicensePlateStarMaxCount { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the minimum value of the recognition validity. If the recognition
validity is less than this value the system ignores the license plate.
        /// </summary>
        uint LicensePlateValidityMin { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the list of license plate templates which the system have to recognize.
        /// </summary>
        IEnumerable<ILicensePlateTemplate> LicensePlateTemplates { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the list of vertexes of the area on the image where the system have to
recognize.
        /// </summary>
        IEnumerable<IVertex> Vertexes { get; }
   }
}
```

The default implementation of this interface is provided by the **RecognitionRequestsSourceSettings** class:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client
{
    public class RecognitionRequestsSourceSettings : IRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings
    {
        public RecognitionRequestsSourceSettings(Guid aId, string aName);
    }
}
```

The **RecognitionRequestsSourceSettings** constructor requires two arguments: an ID and the name of the *recognition requests source*. The notion of the *recognition source* name allows to group the recognition settings into a set with the unique identifier. For example, there might be a set of settings specified for some **Camera** object which requests recognition information.

Example (taken from first_API_usage_sample.cs):

Also, you can speed up the plate recognition by excluding areas that are certain to not contain an image of a license plate. To do this, use the **Vertexes** property of the **RecognitionRequestsSourceSettings** class. This property allows you to set a list of polygon vertices that describes an area of interest. The coordinates of a vertex are counted from the top left corner of a frame. Each vertex can be represented by an instance of the object that implements an **IVertex** interface:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client.Base
{
    public interface IVertex
    {
       float X { get; }
       float Y { get; }
    }
}
```

}

The default implementation of this interface is the Vertex class:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client
{
    public class Vertex : IVertex
    {
        public Vertex(float aX, float aY);
    }
}
```

Be careful, as **CreateOrUpdateRecognitionRequestsSource** method may throw an **RecognitionClientException** in a case of an error:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client
{
    public class RecognitionClientException : Exception
    {
        public int ErrorCode { get; private set; }
        public RecognitionClientException(int aErrorCode, string aMessage, Exception
aInnerException);
    }
}
```

Step 3. Asynchronous recognition

To perform the recognition action you should prepare an instance of object, that implements **IRecognitionRequest** interface and holds the recognition request data and options:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client.Base
{
    /// <summary>
    /// Represents a recogntion request.
    /// </summary>
    public interface IRecognitionRequest
    {
        int Id { get; set; }
        Guid Guid { get; set; }
```

/// <summary> /// Gets the jpeg image that the system have to recognize. /// </summary> byte[] Image { get; } /// <summary> /// Gets the id of the recognition requests source. /// </summary> Guid RecognitionRequestsSourceId { get; } /// <summary> /// Gets the user's context. The context will include in the recognition request result. /// </summary> string Context { get; } /// <summary> /// Gets the value that indicate whether include plate image to the result of the request. /// </summary> bool ReceivePlateImage { get; } /// <summary> /// Gets the value that indicate whether include car image to the result of the request. /// </summary> bool ReceiveBodyImage { get; } /// <summary> /// Gets the value that indicate whether include full image to the result of the request. /// </summary> bool ReceiveFullImage { get; } /// <summary> /// Gets or sets request's timestamp. /// </summary> DateTime TimeStamp { get; set; } /// <summary> /// Create light copy of IRequest. Used for storing sent request in memory. /// </summary> /// <returns></returns> IRecognitionRequest LightCopy(); } }

The IRecognitionRequest interface is implemented by the RecognitionRequest class:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client
{
    public class RecognitionRequest : IRecognitionRequest
    {
        public RecognitionRequest(Guid aRecognitionRequestsSourceId, byte[] aImage);
    }
}
```

The recognition result is described with IRecognitionRequestResult interface:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client.Base
{
   /// <summary>
   /// Represents result for the recognition request
   /// </summary>
   public interface IRecognitionRequestResult
   {
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the unique id of the license plate
        /// </summary>
        Guid Id { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the status of the recogniton request.
        /// </summary>
        Status Status { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the recognition result information
        /// </summary>
        RecognitionResult RecognitionResult { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the user's context that was passed by the user with the recognition
request.
        /// </summary>
        string Context { get; }
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the license plate image.
        /// </summary>
        byte[] PlateImage { get; }
```

```
/// <summary>
/// Gets the car image.
/// </summary>
byte[] BodyImage { get; }

/// <summary>
/// Get the full image.
/// </summary>
byte[] FullImage { get; }
}
}
```

The Status enumeration is defined as follows:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client
{
    public enum Status
    {
        Failed = 0,
        Timeout = 1,
        Succeed = 2
    }
}
```

Status.Succeed is returned when plate was recognized in request image.Status.Failed is returned when there was no plate in request image.Status.Timeout is returned when request is processing more than timeout time.

The **RecognitionResult** object has properties that contain all information about plate recognition. The corresponsing types are:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client
{
    public class RecognitionResult
    {
        public DateTime BestTimestamp { get; private set; }
        public long Id { get; private set; }
        public Guid Guid { get; private set; }
        public int Lane { get; private set; }
        public VehicleInfo Vehicle { get; private set; }
        public int Image { get; private set; }
        public PlateInfo Plate { get; private set; }
```

```
public ChannelInfo Channel { get; private set; }
    public RecognitionResult(
        string besttsfmt,
        long id,
        Guid guid,
        int lane,
        VehicleInfo vehicle,
        int image,
        PlateInfo plate,
        PostInfo post,
        ChannelInfo channel
    );
}
public class VehicleInfo
{
    public string Category { get; private set; }
    public double Length { get; private set; }
    public double Weight { get; private set; }
    public double Width { get; private set; }
    public VehicleInfo(
        string category,
        double length,
        double weight,
        double width);
}
public class PlateInfo
{
    public string BackgroundColor { get; private set; }
    public string Color { get; private set; }
    public int CountryCode { get; private set; }
    public int CountyCode { get; private set; }
    public string Country { get; private set; }
    public int Template { get; private set; }
    public string Text { get; private set; }
    public int Validity { get; private set; }
    public PlateRectangle Rectangle { get; private set; }
    public PlateInfo(
        string bcolor,
        string color,
        int country,
        int county,
        string strcountry,
```

```
int template,
            string text,
            int validity,
            PlateRectangle rect);
    }
   public class PlateRectangle
   {
        public int Bottom { get; private set; }
        public int Left { get; private set; }
        public int Right { get; private set; }
        public int Top { get; private set; }
        public PlateRectangle(int bottom, int left, int right, int top);
   }
   public class PostInfo
   {
        public Guid Guid { get; private set; }
        public long Id { get; private set; }
        public string Name { get; private set; }
        public PostInfo(Guid guid, long id, string name);
    }
   public class ChannelInfo
    {
        public string Description { get; private set; }
        public long Id { get; private set; }
        public string Name { get; private set; }
        public ChannelInfo(string description, long id, string name);
   }
}
```

There are 2 ways to perform plate recognition action:

- 1. With events.
- 2. With tasks.

Variant 1. Recognition with events

As you have already created a *recognition requests source*, in order to receive a recognition request result, you should subscribe to the **RecognitionRequestResult** event of delegate type **EventHandler<RecognitionRequestResultEventArgs>**.

Example of subscription (taken from first_API_usage_sample.cs):

The **sender** parameter is a reference to the object, that invoked the event. The type of the **e** parameter is a **RecognitionRequestResultEventArgs**:

```
namespace VitML.Recognition.Client
{
    /// <summary>
    /// Provides data for the VitML.Recognition.Client.RecognitionRequestResult event
    /// </summary>
    public class RecognitionRequestResultEventArgs : EventArgs
    {
        /// <summary>
        /// Gets the result for the recognition request
        /// </summary>
        public IRecognitionRequestResult RecognitionRequestResult { get; private set; }
        public RecognitionRequestResultEventArgs(IRecognitionRequestResult
        aRecognitionRequestResult);
        }
}
```

Send recognition requests by calling the **SendRecognitionRequest** method. The method requires the **IRecognitionRequest** as an argument.

Example (taken from first_API_usage_sample.cs):

```
// get image that we want to recognize
byte[] imageBytes = new byte[0];
// create recognition request
var recognitionRequest = new RecognitionRequest(recSourceGuid, imageBytes);
// send recognition request
recognitionClient.SendRecognitionRequest(recognitionRequest);
```

After the recognition completes on server, the recognition result will be available in a subscribed method as the **RecognitionRequestResult** property of the **RecognitionRequestResultEventArgs** instance (taken from **first_API_usage_sample.cs**):

Variant 2. Recognition with tasks

The alternative way to perform recognition is to call **Recognize** method which returns an instance of **Task<IRecognitionRequestResult>**:

```
Task<IRecognitionRequestResult> Recognize(
    IRecognitionRequest recognitionRequest,
    CancellationToken cancellationToken = default(CancellationToken));
```

This method requires an **IRecognitionRequest** and the optional **CancellationToken** arguments. With the instance of **CancellationToken** you can cancel recognition task if it takes too long to complete.

Code sample (from first_API_usage_sample_tasks.cs file):

```
// async recognition with task
IRecognitionRequestResult recognitionRequestResult = await
recognitionClient.Recognize(recognitionRequest);
Status status = recognitionRequestResult.Status;
if (Status.Succeed == status)
{
    string plateText = recognitionRequestResult.RecognitionResult.Plate.Text;
    string plateCountry = recognitionRequestResult.RecognitionResult.Plate.Country;
    Console.WriteLine("Plate: '{0}' ({1})", plateText, plateCountry);
}
else if (Status.Failed == status)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Recognition failed");
}
```

Simple client example (full listing)

```
using System;
using VitML.Recognition.Client;
using VitML.Recognition.Client.Base;
namespace ExampleClientApplication
{
   internal class Program
    {
        private static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // create default server connection settings
            var connectionSettings = new ConnectionSettings {Host = "127.0.0.1"};
            // create recognition client for the server
            var recognitionClient = new RecognitionClient(connectionSettings);
            // subscribe on the recognition result events
            recognitionClient.RecognitionRequestResult +=
                RecognitionRequestResultEventHandler;
            // create id for a new RecognitionRequestsSource (set of recognition
settings)
            Guid recSourceGuid = Guid.NewGuid();
           // create name for a new RecognitionRequestsSource (set of recognition
settings)
           const string recSourceName = "Camera_X";
            // create a IRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings instance
            var recSourceSettings =
                new RecognitionRequestsSourceSettings(recSourceGuid, recSourceName);
            // add new RecognitionRequestsSource (set of recognition settings) to the
server
recognitionClient.CreateOrUpdateRecognitionRequestsSource(recSourceSettings);
            // get image that we want to recognize
            byte[] imageBytes = new byte[0];
            // create recognition request
            var recognitionRequest = new RecognitionRequest(recSourceGuid, imageBytes);
            // send recognition request
            recognitionClient.SendRecognitionRequest(recognitionRequest);
        }
        private static void RecognitionRequestResultEventHandler(object sender,
```



Simple client example with tasks (full listing)

```
using System;
using VitML.Recognition.Client;
using VitML.Recognition.Client.Base;
namespace ExampleClientApplication
{
   internal class Program
    {
        private static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            // create recognition client for the server
            var recognitionClient = new RecognitionClient(
                connectionSettings: new ConnectionSettings
                {
                    Host = "127.0.0.1"
                });
            // create a IRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings instance
            var recSourceSettings =
                new RecognitionRequestsSourceSettings(
                    aId: Guid.NewGuid(),
                    aName: "Camera_X");
            // add new RecognitionRequestsSource (set of recognition settings) to the
server
recognitionClient.CreateOrUpdateRecognitionRequestsSource(recSourceSettings);
            // create recognition request
            var recognitionRequest = new RecognitionRequest(
```

```
aRecognitionRequestsSourceId: recSourceSettings.Id,
                aImage: new byte[0]); // get image that we want to recognize
            // async recognition with task
           Task.Run(async () =>
            {
                    IRecognitionRequestResult recognitionRequestResult = await
recognitionClient.Recognize(recognitionRequest);
                    Status status = recognitionRequestResult.Status;
                    if (Status.Succeed == status)
                    {
                           string plateText =
recognitionRequestResult.RecognitionResult.Plate.Text;
                           string plateCountry =
recognitionRequestResult.RecognitionResult.Plate.Country;
                           Console.WriteLine("Plate: '{0}' ({1})", plateText,
plateCountry);
                    else if (Status.Failed == status)
                    {
                           Console.WriteLine("Recognition failed");
                    }
             });
        }
   }
}
```

Frequently asked questions

(about sufficient number of IRecognitionClient instances)

How many IRecognitionClient instances are required? One per server, one per camera, one per request?

The client application requires at least one instance of **IRecognitionClient** per server.

(about usage of more than one client)

Let's say I want to use multiple cameras. What is the right way to do it? I need as many connections/clients representing as many cameras as I have? Alternatively, can I use one connection, so I can differentiate somehow between cameras while sending the requests?

You can use any number of clients. You can define a *post* for each camera by calling the **CreateOrUpdateRecognitionRequestsSource** method. When you receive a result you get a post GUID value from RecognitionResult.Post.Guid property value:

IRecognitionRequestResult recognitionRequestResult = e.RecognitionRequestResult; Guid postGuid = recognitionRequestResult.RecognitionResult.Post.Guid;

So, you can map a post with a specific camera used by you. When you send a request by calling the **SendRecognitionRequest** method of the **IRecognitionClient** instance, you have to pass a post/camera GUID in order to determine for which post/camera the result comes (as in the example).

In order to avoid misunderstanding, please note that the *recognition results source* notion, which is used by the **CreateOrUpdateRecognitionRequestsSource** and **SendRecognitionRequest** methods, is a synonym for a post or a camera in the context that we have just considered.

(about requirements for GUIDs)

Are there any requirements for GUIDs (IDs of the recognition request sources)?

There are no special requirements for GUID values. In case of any issues (incorrect operation of your system), check the following:

- values defined by calling the CreateOrUpdateRecognitionRequestsSource method are correct;
- recognition settings that you have defined for the post are correct.

(about recognition settings parameters)

What parameters do we exactly need for the settings? Can I manually do the set-up once (directly on the server), but use the settings later? In this case, I would be able to send the requests only, not the settings, so this would significantly speed up my work.

All the needed settings are defined as properties of the **IRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings** class. Its constructor explicitly requires two values (see the definition), but other parameters have default values.

You have to send the settings only when you want to create a new set or update the already existing one.

(about telling apart the IRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings instances)

How can I differentiate between various instances of IRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings?

Client application assigns the unique ID to each **IRecognitionRequestsSourceSettings** instance.

(about sending multiple recognition requests)

Do I have to call CreateOrUpdateRecognitionRequestsSource or can I just send in the images?

You can perform **SendRecognitionRequest** call to the Vit Recognition Server only when you have registered a recognition post with **CreateOrUpdateRecognitionRequestsSource**. If the post is registered you can send multiple recognition requests to that post.

(about open recognition requests limit)

Is there a limit of open requests?

No. There is no limit for open recognition requests.

(about recognition speed)

How often can I send the recognition requests?

It is recommended to send requests not often than 1 frame per second. If you'll send requests more often than this, the server recognitions queue will become full and all next requests will have timeout recognition result.

(about recognition requests locks)

Do I have to lock calls to SendRecognitionRequest?

No. There are locks in all requests to VitRecognitionServer inside an assembly implementation.

Sample GUI client

Application: VitML.Recognition.Client.TestClient.exe

Location (within the delivered package): **VitML.Recognition.Client.TestClient** folder Usage instruction: <u>https://vitcompany.atlassian.net/wiki/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=42729475</u>

Usage example:

VIT Recognitio	on Client View (SAI	MPLE)	
A Server con	nection settings	ſ	Settings and request image:
Host		192.168.101.97	
Port		5432 🗘	
User		autocode	
Password			
Database		autocode	-
Recognition Recognition	n settings		
Recognition request data		05844650 0425-4560 8724-420240508600	Response plate image:
Context		01004016-6483-4100-8784-430849356000	27512
Receive plate image			
Receive body im	age		Response body image:
Receive full imag	ge		Response full image:
Load image			
Send reco	gnition request		
A Recognition	n response data		
Request id	636f6a4d-3e1d-452a-8427-068cca690b30		
Status	Succeed		
Context			
	BestTimestamp = "11/28/2016 10:12:19" Id = "1480320739059504" Guid = "7f7e2f02-b542-11e6-a2da-6fbd5fcd10f8" Lane = "0"		

