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# **Getting Connected**

The Phoenix node uses an ASCII based command system for external control. Connectivity is available via an RJ-45 (Ethernet) connection, using a human readable (ASCII) command/response set.

Each command sent to the controller must be terminated with a carriage return character, and the commands and arguments must be separated by a space character. All responses from the controller will be terminated with a '>' character.

# **Ethernet Connectivity**

The Phoenix node can be controlled remotely by sending the ASCII commands listed later within this document by first opening a TCP socket connection to port 11135 on the frame.

# Logon

Upon establishing connection, the first command sent by the client should be a logon command. The logon command authenticates a supplied username / password against a previously created Phoenix user account, and sets the permission level for subsequent commands (a 'NotAuthorized' response will be returned for commands if the logged on user lacks sufficient permissions).

Data Formats

The format for the command argument and response parts are:

//TODO: Fill in Date/Time, Number, and Text



# **Commands and Responses**

This section contains the command arguments and responses in the required format.

# **Command Overview Table**

The following commands are available when using an Ethernet connection to a Phoenix controller.

Command	Description	Page Reference
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Logoff	Logs user off.	10
Logon	Logs on a user.	10
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Restart	Restarts all the nodes connected to the controller.	24
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Command	Description	Page Reference
Shutdown	Powers off all the nodes assigned to the controller.	24
SourceApply	Applies a source to a layer.	19
TreatmentApply	Applies a treatment to a layer.	24

Notes: Commands are not case sensitive.

Some commands display their last argument as 'Argument  $x \sim XX$ :'. These commands allow the last argument field to be repeated, allowing multiples of the last argument to be specified with a single command.

Some commands display argument(s) with an asterisk. These arguments are optional; however no further arguments may be entered in the command.

String argument spaces must be replaced with the three character ASCII string %20 to create a valid command, as space is used as the argument delimiter.

When used as part of a response, the '>' character will be replaced with the four character ASCII string &gt; since this is the character used as a response terminator.

Commands sent from the client must be terminated with a carriage return character. The external controller response will be terminated with two carriage returns and a > character.

# **Command Responses**

A response is returned for every command sent to the Phoenix controller. If multiple values are returned in a single response, the argument delimiter is an ASCII space character, and argument values containing a space will be converted to the three character ASCII string "%20". The first response argument is always the result code for the command, which lets you know if a command was successfully processed. The table below displays the various responses that can be returned by the Phoenix controller.

Response	Description
Success	Command was successfully processed.
Empty	Data requested is not available.
InvalidCommand	Invalid command specified.
InvalidArgCount	Missing required minimum number of arguments.
InvalidArgValue	One or more arguments were invalid.
Execution	An execution error occurred while processing the command.
NotAuthorized	No user is logged on, or the user who is logged on does not have the permission level necessary to run the command.

# **Supported Command Descriptions**

This section describes the details for each command.



# Logon

Associated a user to the current external control connection by sending a username / password to the controller.

Command: Logon

Argument 1: [Text] UserName Argument 2: [Text] Password

Response 1: [Number] Result code, with one of the following values:

0: Success

1: Invalid Username / Password

• 2: Password Expired

• 3: Unknown / Other Failure

#### 1: Logon Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Logon as Joe, with a password of Test12345	
Command	Logon Joe Test12345	
Response	Success 0>	

# Logoff

Removes any previously logged in user from the current external control session.

Command: Logoff

#### 2: Logoff Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Log off the currently logged on user
Command	Logoff
Response	Success>

# **LayerAdd**

Adds a new layer to a wall, specifying the associated source, size, and position for the new layer.

Command: LayerAdd

Argument 1: [Number] Wall ID to create the new layer on.

Argument 2: [Number] Source ID for the new layer.

Argument 3: [Number] X Position, in pixels, relative to the left edge of the wall. Argument 4: [Number] Y Position, in pixels, relative to the top edge of the wall.

Argument 5: [Number] Width, in pixels, for the new layer

Response 1: [Number] Resulting layer ID created, or -1 if no layer was created



Response 2: [Number] Result code, with one of the following values:

- 0: Success
- 1: Failed Unknown Error occurred
- 2: Failed Too many layers would be created on the output
- 3: Failed Unable to start a required transcode operation for the specified source

#### 3: Layer Add Example

Command Description	Add source with ID 3 as a new layer onto the wall with ID 0 and an X,Y of 330,500 and a width of 800 pixels	
Command	LayerAdd 0 3 330 500 800	
Response	Success 14 0>	
Response Description	Layer ID 14 was created successfully	

# LayerResetAspect

Resets the aspect ratio of a layer. Command: LayerResetAspect Argument 1: [Number] Layer ID

Response 1: Success Response 2: Failure:

#### 4: Reset Layer Aspect Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Resets the aspect ratio of a layer	
Command	LayerResetAspect 1	
Response	Success >	
Response Description	The aspect ratio for Layer ID 1 was reset successfully	

# **LayoutRecall**

Recalls a provided layout ID on the preset's associated wall(s).



After using this command, use the GetLayers command to get the current layers on the wall.

Command: LayoutRecall

Argument 1: [Number] Preset ID to recall

Response: <No Response Parameters>

#### 5: Layout Recall Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Recall Layout ID 25
Command	LayoutRecall 25
Response	Success>



# **LayerRemove**

Removes one or more layer(s) from one or more walls.

Command: LayerRemove

Argument 1-XX: [Number] Layer ID

#### 6: Layer Remove Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Remove layer IDs 5, 8, and 16 from their various walls	
Command	LayerRemove 5 8 16	
Response	Success>	

# LayerMove

Moves the position of one or more layers to either an absolute pixel location on a wall, or offsets the current layer position by a horizontal and/or vertical offset.

Command: LayerMove

Argument 1: [Number] Move Type (0 = Absolute Position, 1 = Offset Position)
Argument 2: [Number] Move Directions (H = Horizontal, V = Vertical, B = Both)

Argument 3: [Number] Horizontal Offset in Pixels (Not used but **required** if move direction is V) Argument 4: [Number] Vertical Offset in Pixels (Not used but **required** if move direction is H)

Argument 5-XX: [Number] Layer ID(s) to move

Response 1-XX: Result code for each layer specified in the command, taking the form: <Layer ID>:<Result Code>. Possible result codes are listed below:

- 0: Success
- 1: Move would have created too many layers on a single output
- 2: Unknown Error processing request

#### 7: Layer Move Example 1 - Absolute Positioning

<b>Command Description</b>	Move Layer ID 10 to position 200, 100 on its wall
Command	LayerMove 0 B 200 100 10
Response	Success 10:0>

#### 8: Layer Move Example 2 - Relative Positioning

<b>Command Description</b>	Move Layer IDs 12 and 13 up 50 pixels on their respective walls
Command	LayerMove 1 V 0 -50 12 13
Response	Success 12:0 13:0>



# **GetLayer**

Gets information on a single layer on a wall.

Command: GetLayer

Argument 1: [Number] Wall ID Argument 2: [Number] Layer ID

Response 1: [Number] Layer ID
Response 2: [Number] Wall ID
Response 3: [Number] Source ID
Response 4: [Number] z index
Response 5: [Number] absolute top
Response 6: [Number] absolute left
Response 7: [Number] Width
Response 8: [Number] Height

#### 9: Get Layer Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Gets information on a single layer on a wall
Command	GetLayer 0 0
Response	Success 0 0 5 0 12 100 693 433 >

# **GetLayers**

Gets a list of layers on a wall.

Command: GetLayers

Argument 1: [Number] Wall ID

Response 1: [Number] Number of layer on the wall

Response 2: [Number] Layer ID
Response 3: [Number] Wall ID
Response 4: [Number] Source ID
Response 5: [Number] z index
Response 6: [Number] absolute top

Response 7: [Number] absolute left

Response 8: [Number] Width Response 9: [Number] Height

Response X: [Loop] Responses 2-9 loop for each wall in the response



#### 10: Get Layers Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Gets a list of layers on a wall.
Command	GetLayers 0
Response	Success 2 0 0 5 0 12 100 693 433 1 0 3 1 247 849 960 540 >

# **GetLayouts**

Returns a brief listing of layouts (Presets) defined in the system.

Command: GetLayouts

<No Arguments Required>

Response 1: [Number] Number of layouts in the system being returned

Response 2: [Number] Layout ID Response 3: [Text] Layout Name

Response X: [Loop] Responses 2-3 loop for each layout in the response

#### 11: Get Layouts Example

Command Description	Get a listing of all layouts in the system. Two layouts will be returned:  - Layout ID 0 ("Main Look")  - Layout ID 1 ("PC1 FullScreen")
Command	GetLayouts
Response	Success 2 0 Main%20Look 1 PC1%20FullScreen>

## **GetSource**

Returns detailed information about a source. The first part of the response is always the same but depending on the type the remaining responses will change.

Command: GetSource

Argument 1: [Number] Source ID to get information on

Response 1: [Number] Source ID Response 2: [Text] Source Name

Response 3: [Text] Title

Response 4: [Number] Width Response 5: [Number] Height

Response 6: [Number] Aspect Ratio

Response 7: [Number] Default Treatment ID, or -1 if no Default Treatment is set

Response 8: [Number] Type ID of the Source

• 0 - RTSP Stream



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- 3 Remote Desktop
- 4 Application
- 5 Phoenix DVI Input

#### **RTSP Stream**

Response 9: [Text] IP Address Response 10: [Number] Port

Response 11: [Text] Video File Name

Response 12: [Number] Keep Alive Interval

Response 13: [Number] Audio Available (0 = False, 1 = True) Response 14: [Number] Force Unicast (0 = False, 1 = True)

#### Still Image

Response 9: [Text] File Name

#### VNC

Response 9: [Text] IP Address Response 10: [Number] Port

Response 11: [Number] Display Index Response 12: [Number] Encode Bit Rate

Response 13: [Number] Reachback Available (0 = False, 1 = True)

Response 14: [Number] Is Manned (0 = False, 1 = True)

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Response 9: [Text] IP Address Response 10: [Number] Port

Response 11: [Text] User Name

Response 12: [Number] Encode Bit Rate

Response 13: [Number] Audio Available (0 = False, 1 = True)
Response 14: [Number] Reachback Available (0 = False, 1 = True)

Response 15: [Number] Is Manned (0 = False, 1 = True)

#### **Application**

Response 9: [Text] Command

#### **Phoenix DVI Input**

Response 9: [Text] Encoder Node Mac Address

Response 10: [Text] Input Channel (A = Input A, B = Input B)

Response 11: [Number] Encode Bit Rate

Response 12: [Number] Audio Available (0 = False, 1 = True)

Response 13: [Number] Reachback Available (0 = False, 1 = True)

Response 14: [Number] Is Manned (0 = False, 1 = True)



### 12: Get Source [RTSP Stream] Example

Command Description	Get details of a RTSP Stream Source with the following values:  - ID: 8  - Name: Axis 1  - Title: Office Camera  - Width: 1920  - Height: 1080  - Aspect Ratio: 16 x 9  - Default Treatment: -1  - Type: RTSP Stream  - IP Address: 10.10.30.25  - Port: 554  - Video File Name: axismedia/media.amp?videocodec=h264&audio=1  - Keep Alive Interval: 30  - Audio Available: True  - Force Unicast: False
Command	GetSource 8
Response	Success 8 Axis%201 Office%20Camera 1920 1080 1.7778 -1 0 10.10.30.25 554 axis-media/media.amp?videocodec=h264&audio=1 30 1 0 >

### 13: Get Source [Still Image] Example

Command Description	Get details of a Still Image Source with the following values:
	- ID: 32
	- Name: Jellyfish
	- Title: Box Jellyfish
	- Width: 1024
	- Height: 768
	- Aspect Ratio: 4 x 3
	- Default Treatment: 1
	- Type: Still Image
	- File Name: Jellyfish.jpg
Command	GetSource 32
Response	Success 32 Jellyfish Box%20Jellyfish 1024 768 1.3333 1 1
	Jellyfish.jpg >



### 14: Get Source [VNC] Example

Command Description	Cat datails of a VNC Source with the following values
Command Description	Get details of a VNC Source with the following values:
	- ID: 9
	- Name: Windows 7 VNC
	- Title: Test Machine 2
	- Width: 1024
	- Height: 768
	- Aspect Ratio: 4 x 3
	- Default Treatment: -1
	- Type: VNC
	- IP Address: 10.10.30.250
	- Port: 5900
	- Display Index: 0
	- Encode Bit Rate: 4000
	- Reachback Available: True
	- Is Manned: False
Command	GetSource 9
Response	Success 9 Windows%207%20VNC Test%20Machine%202 1024 768
	1.3333 -1 2 10.10.30.250 5900 0 4000 1 0 >

### 15: Get Source [Remote Desktop] Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Get details of a Remote Desktop Source with the following values:
	- ID: 1
	- Name: Windows 7 RDP
	- Title: Test Machine
	- Width: 1920
	- Height: 1080
	- Aspect Ratio: 16 x 9
	- Default Treatment: -1
	- Type: Remote Desktop
	- IP Address: 10.10.30.249
	- Port: 3389
	- User Name: Eric
	- Encode Bit Rate: 4000
	- Audio Available: False
	- Reachback Available: True
	- Is Manned: False
Command	GetSource 1
Response	Success 1 Windows%207%20RDP Test%20Machine 1920 1080
	1.7778 -1 3 10.10.30.249 3389 Eric 4000 0 1 0 >



#### 16: Get Source [Application] Example

Command Description	Get details of an Application Source with the following values:  - ID: 21  - Name: Test Application  - Title: Microsoft Website  - Width: 1920  - Height: 1080  - Aspect Ratio: 16 x 9  - Default Treatment: -1  - Type: Web  - Website: www.microsoft.com
Command	- Website: www.microsoft.com GetSource 21
Response	Success 21 Test%20Application Microsoft%20Website 1920 1080
- Nesponse	1.7778 -1 4 www.microsoft.com >

#### 17: Get Source [Phoenix DVI Input] Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Get details of a Phoenix DVI Input Source with the following values:
	- ID: 31
	- Name: Test
	- Title: Desktop
	- Width: 1920
	- Height: 1080
	- Aspect Ratio: 16 x 9
	- Default Treatment: -1
	- Type: Phoenix DVI Input
	·
	- Encoder Node Mac Address: E8-40-F2-D2-37-EF
	- Input Channel: A
	- Encode Bit Rate: 4000
	- Audio Available: False
	- Reachback Available: False
	- Is Manned: False
Command	GetSource 31
Response	Success 31 Test Desktop 1920 1080 1.7778 -1 5 E8-40-F2-D2-37-EF
	A 4000 0 0 0 >

## **GetSources**

Returns a brief listing of sources defined in the system.

Command: GetSources

<No Arguments Required>

Response 1: [Number] Number of sources in the system being returned

Response 2: [Number] Source ID



Response 3: [Text] Source Name

Response X: [Loop] Responses 2-3 loop for each source in the response

18: Get Sources Example

Command Description	Get a listing of all sources in the system. Two sources will be returned:
	<ul><li>Source ID 0 ("Blu-Ray 1")</li><li>Source ID 1 ("PC 1")</li></ul>
Command	GetSources
Response	Success 2 0 Blu-Ray%201 1 PC%201>

# **SourceApply**

Applies a source to a layer.

Command: SourceApply

Argument 1: [Number] Layer ID Argument 2: [Number] Source ID

Response 1: Success

Response 2: Failed - Unknown Error occurred or invalid layer or source ID

#### 19: Source Apply Example

Command Description	Applies a source to a layer
Command	SourceApply 0 2
Response	Success >
Response Description	Applied source 2 to layer 0

## **ResetSource**

Resets all decoders that are currently using the source.

Command: ResetSource

Argument 1: [Number] Source ID to reset

#### 20: ResetSource Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Resets the source on all decoders
Command	ResetSource 1
Response	Success>



# **SetAudioSource**

Sets the audio source for a wall.

Command: SetAudioSource

Argument 1: [Number] Wall ID

Argument 2: [Number] Source ID, use -1 to set no audio source

Response: <No Response Parameters>

An InvalidArgValue may occur for the following reasons:

- Wall does not exist
- Source does not exist
- Source does not support audio
- Source does not allow audio

#### 21: Set Audio Source Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Set Audio Source for Wall 0 with Source 8	
Command	SetAudioSource 0 8	
Response	Success>	

### **GetNodes**

Returns a brief listing of nodes defined in the system.

Command: GetNodes

<No Arguments Required>

Response 1: [Number] Number of nodes in the system being returned

Response 2: [Text] Node serial number Response 3: [Text] Node MAC address

Response X: [Loop] Responses 2-3 loop for each node in the response

#### 22: Get Nodes Example

Command Description	Get a listing of all nodes in the system. Two nodes will be returned:	
	- Number of nodes	
	<ul> <li>Node serial number and MAC Address("03FF28</li> </ul>	
	00094803FF28")	
	<ul> <li>Node serial number and MAC Address("00008B</li> </ul>	
	E840F2D29140")	
Command	GetNodes	
Response	Success 2 3FF28 00094803FF28 00008B E840F2D29140>	



## **GetUser**

Returns detailed information on a specified user ID.

Command: GetUser

Argument 1: [Number] User ID to get information on

Response 1: [Number] User ID
Response 2: [Text] UserName
Response 3: [Text] First Name
Response 4: [Text] Last Name
Response 5: [Text] Company Name

Response 6: [Date/Time] Last Logon Time

Response 7: [Text] Notes associated with the user account

Response 8: [Text] Image File name for user account

Response 9: [Number] Email Address Count

Response 10: [Text] Email Address Type (Home / Work)

Response 11: [Text] Email Address

Response X: [Loop] Response 10-11 repeated for the number count provided in response 9

Response 12: [Number] Contact Number Count

Response 13: [Text] Contact Number Type (Home / Cell / Work)

Response 14: [Text] Contact Number

Response X: [Loop] Response line 13-14 loop for each contact type (# indicated in Response 10)

#### 23: Get User Example

Command Description	Get details on User ID 7, which has the following parameters: - User ID: 7		
	- UserName: jsmith		
	- First Name: Joe		
	- Last Name: Smith		
	- Company: AV Integrators, Inc.		
	- Last Logon Time: February 21, 2013 8:32AM		
	- Notes: Integrator service account		
	<ul> <li>Image File: jsmith-thumbnail.jpg</li> </ul>		
	- Cell Phone: 555-123-4567		
	- Home Phone: 555-123-8223		
	- Work Email: joe.smith@avintegratorsinc.com		
	- Home Email: joe.smith@outlook.com		
Command	GetUser 1		
Response	Success 7 jsmith Joe Smith AV%20Integrators,%20Inc.		
	01/21/13%208:32 Integrator%20service%20account jsmith-		
	thumbnail.jpg 2 Work joe.smith@avintegratorsinc.com Home		
	joe.smith@outlook.com 2 Cell 555-123-4567 Home 555-123-8223>		



### **GetUsers**

Returns a brief listing of all users defined in the system.

Command: GetUsers

<No Arguments Required>

Response 1: [Number] Number of users in the system being returned

Response 2: [Number] User ID Response 3: [Text] UserName Response 4: [Text] First Name Response 5: [Text] Last Name

Response X: [Loop] Responses 2-5 loop for each user in the response

#### 24: Get Users Example

Command Description	Get a listing of all users in the system. Two users will be returned: - User ID 0 ("jsmith") Joe Smith - User ID 8 ("tjamison") Tom Jamison	
Command	GetUsers	
Response	Success 2 jsmith Joe Smith tjamison Tom Jamison>	

### **GetWall**

Returns detailed configuration information about a specified wall ID.

Command: GetWall

Argument 1: [Number] Wall ID

Response 1: [Number] Wall ID Response 2: [Text] Wall Name

Response 3: [Number] Width in pixels Response 4: [Number] Height in pixels

Response 5: [Number] Background Color – Red (0-255) Response 6: [Number] Background Color – Green (0-255) Response 7: [Number] Background Color – Blue (0-255)

Response 8: [Text] Background Image Name

Response 9: [Text] Background Image Horizontal Alignment (L=Left, C=Center, R=Right)
Response 10: [Text] Background Image Vertical Alignment (T=Top, M=Middle, B=Bottom)
Response 11: [Text] Background Stretch (N=None, F=Fill, U=Uniform, UF=Uniform Fill, T=Tile)

Response 12: [Number] Audio Source ID, or -1 for no audio source

#### 25: Get Wall Example

Command Description	Get information on wall ID 3, which has the following parameters:
	- Name: Main Wall
	- Size: 3840 x 1024



	<ul> <li>Background Color: Black</li> <li>Background Image: LogoBG.jpg</li> <li>Audio Source: 4</li> </ul>	
Command	GetWall 3	
Response	Success 3 Main%20Wall 3840 1024 0 0 0 LogoBG.jpg 4>	

## **GetWalls**

Returns a brief listing of walls defined in the system.

Command: GetWalls

<No Arguments Required>

Response 1: [Number] Number of walls in the system being returned

Response 2: [Number] Wall ID Response 3: [Text] Wall Name

Response X: [Loop] Responses 2-3 loop for each wall in the response

#### 26: Get Walls Example

Command Description	Get a listing of all walls in the system. Two walls will be returned:  - Wall ID 0 ("Wall 1") width of 3840 and a height of 1024  - Wall ID 1 ("Wall 2") width of 2560 and a height of 1600	
Command	GetWalls	
Response	Success 2 0 0 Wall%201 3840 1024 1 Wall%202 2560 1600>	

### **GetTreatments**

Returns a brief listing of treatments defined in the system.

Command: GetTreatments

<No Arguments Required>

Response 1: [Number] Number of treatments in the system being returned

Response 2: [Number] Treatment ID Response 3: [Text] Treatment Name

Response X: [Loop] Responses 2-3 loop for each treatment in the response

#### 27: Get Treatments Examples

<b>Command Description</b>	Get a listing of all treatments in the system. Two treatments will be		
	returned:		
	<ul> <li>Treatment ID 0 ("Red Border")</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Treatment ID 1 ("Letterbox Crop")</li> </ul>		
Command	GetTreatments		



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Success 2 0 Red%20Border 1 Letterbox%20Crop>

# **TreatmentApply**

Applies a treatment to a layer.

Command: TreatmentApply

Argument 1: [Number] Treatment ID Argument 2: [Number] Layer ID2 Argument 3: [Number] Layer ID3 Argument 4: [Number] Layer ID4 Argument 5: [Number] Layer IDN

Response 1: Success

Response 2: Failed - Unknown Error occurred

#### 28: Treatment Apply Example

Command Description	Applies a treatment to one or more layers
Command	TreatmentApply 1 0
Response	Success >
Response Description	Applied treatment 1 to layer 0

#### Restart

Restarts all nodes that are currently connected to the controller.

Command: Restart

#### 29: Restart Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Restarts all nodes connected to the controller
Command	Restart
Response	Success>

# **Shutdown**

Shutsdown (powers off) all nodes that are currently connected to the controller.

Command: Shutdown



#### 30: Shutdown Example

<b>Command Description</b>	Shutsdown all nodes connected to the controller
Command	Shutdown
Response	Success>



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