

## Communication Interface

HT9980 has standard communication RS232 and GPIB communication as optional.

In this chapter, you may learn the following:

- Setting communication parameters
- SCPI instruction set
- Internal register
- Trigger system

### 6.1 RS232 communication mode

1. Press the "**Page**" button on the measurement page to select the "**Settings**" page.
2. Rotate the encoder to **Mode** to select communication mode, and set the baud rate to 9600, 19200,38400 and press the "**ESC**" button to go to the testing page.

### 6.2 SCPI Commands

Instrument commands are divided into two types: common command and SCPI command (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments). Common command defined by the IEEE488.2-1987 standard.

These commands are to be used with all instruments, but this instrument does not support all common commands. SCPI command is a tree structure.

#### 1. \*IDN? command

Function: Query version number

Example:

Send: \*IDN?

Return: HOPETECH, HT9980, V1.0

#### 6.2.2 SCPI Command Structure

The commands at the top of the command tree are called "root command" or simply "root." To access lower-level commands in the tree, you need to specify a specific path.

**Command terminator:** command input terminator, such as NL (newline character, ASCII code 10)

**Colon (:)**

A colon is the level of command, means to lower the level of the current command

**Semicolon (;)**

A semicolon indicates the beginning of multiple commands

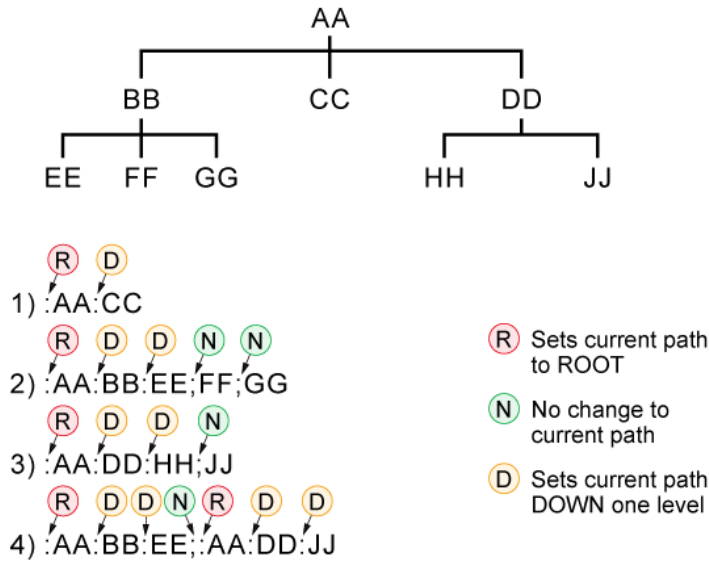
**Question mark (?)**

A question mark (?) indicates query

**Comma (,)**

The following figure 6.1 shows an example of how to use colons and semicolons to efficiently access commands in the command tree.

*Using colons and semicolons*



**Figure 6.1 SCPI command tree**

**6.3 SCPI Subsystem**

1. FUNCTION:START

Function: start the tester

Returns: None

2. FUNCTION:STOP

Function: stop the tester

Returns: None

3. FUNCTION:SOUR:GROUP?

Function: query the current test group

Returns: 1-6

4. FUNCTION:SOUR:GROUP

Function: set the current test group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GROUP 1

Set Group 1 as the current test group

5. FUNCTION:SOUR:MODE?

Function: test mode for query group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:MODE? 1

Query the test mode for group 1

Return:AC (AC Hipot Test), DC (DC Hipot Test), IR (Insulation Test), GD (Grounding Test)

6. FUNCTION:SOUR:MODE

Function: Set the test mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:MODE 1, AC

Set Group 1 as the AC test

7. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:VOLTage?

Function: Query the voltage setting value in AC mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:VOLTage? 1

Query the voltage setting value in AC mode in group 1

8. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:VOLTage

Function: Set the voltage set value in AC mode of the setting group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:VOLTage 1,1000

Set the voltage set value in AC mode for group 1 to 1000

9. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:UPPC?

Function: Query the upper limit of leakage current in AC mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:UPPC? 1

Query the upper limit of leakage current in AC mode in group 1

10. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:UPPC

Function: Set the upper limit of leakage current in AC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:UPPC 1,10

Set the upper limit of leakage current in AC mode for Group 1 to 10mA

11. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:LOWC?

Function: Query the lower limit of leakage current in AC mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:LOWC? 1

12. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:LOWC

Function: Set the lower limit of leakage current in AC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:LOWC 1,0

Set the lower limit of leakage current in AC mode for group 1 to 0mA

13. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:TTIM?

Function: Query the test time of a group in AC mode

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:TTIM? 1

Query the test time of group 1 in AC mode

14 FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:TTIM

Function: Set the test time in AC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:TTIM 1,1.5

The test time in AC mode of group 1 is set to 1.5S.

15. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:RTIM?

Function: Query the voltage rising time in AC mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:RTIM? 1

16. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:RTIM

Function: Set the voltage rising time in AC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:RTIM 1,0.8

17. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:FTIM?

Function: Query the voltage falling time in AC mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:FTIM? 1

18. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:FTIM

Function: Set the voltage falling time in AC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:FTIM 1,0.4

19. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:ARC?

Function: Query the arc sensitivity of a group in AC mode

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:ARC? 1

20. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:ARC

Function: Set the arc sensitivity of the group in AC mode

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:ARC 1,5

Arc sensitivity, 0-9, 9 is the most sensitive

21. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:FREQ?

Function: Query the voltage frequency in AC mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:FREQ? 1

22. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:FREQ

Function: Set the voltage frequency in AC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:FREQ, 1,50Hz

23. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:CONNEct?

Function: Test continuity in AC mode for query groups

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:CONNEct? 1

24. FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:CONNEct

Function: Set the test continuity in AC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:AC:CONNECT 1, All

No (do not continue the test) All (continue test), Pass (continue the test if passed).

25. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:VOLTage?

Function: Query the voltage value of the group in DC mode

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:VOLTage? 1

26. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:VOLTage

Function: Set the voltage value in DC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:VOLTage 1,1000

27. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:UPPC?

Function: Query the upper limit of the leakage current in DC mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:UPPC? 1

28. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:UPPC

Function: Set the upper limit of leakage current in DC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:UPPC 1,5

29. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:LOWC?

Function: Query the lower limit of leakage current in DC mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:LOWC? 1

30. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:LOWC

Function: Set the lower limit of leakage current in DC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:LOWC 1,0

31. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:TTIM?

Function: Query the test time of a group in DC mode

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:TTIM? 1

32. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:TTIM

Function: Set the test time in DC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:TTIM 1,0.5

33. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:RTIM?

Function: Query the voltage rising time in DC mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:RTIM? 1

34. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:RTIM

Function: Set the voltage rising time in DC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:RTIM 1,0.8

35. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:FTIM?

Function: Query the voltage falling time in DC mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:FTIM? 1

36. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:FTIM

Function: Set the voltage falling time in DC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:FTIM 1,0.5

37. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:ARC?

Function: Query the arc sensitivity of a group in DC mode

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:ARC? 1

38. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:ARC

Function: Set the arc sensitivity in DC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:ARC 1,5

39. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:CONNECT?

Function: Test continuity in DC mode for query groups

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:CONNECT? 1

40. FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:CONNECT

Function: Set the continuity of the test in DC mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:DC:CONNECT 1,All

41. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:VOLTage?

Function: Query the voltage value in IR mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:VOLTage? 1

42. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:VOLTage

Function: Set the voltage value in the IR mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:VOLTage 1,1000

43. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:RANGe?

Function: Query the range of a group in IR mode

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:RANGe? 1

Return: Auto, 100G, 300M, 30M, 3M, 300k

44. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:RANGe

Function: Set the range in the IR mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:RANGe 1, Auto

45. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:UPPC?

Function: Query the upper limit of resistance in IR mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:UPPC? 1

45. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:UPPC

Function: Set the upper limit of resistance in the IR mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:UPPC 1,500

Note: The unit is M

46. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:LOWC?

Function: Query the lower limit of resistance in IR mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:LOWC? 1

47. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:LOWC

Function: Set the lower limit of resistance in IR mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:LOWC 1,100

Note: The unit is M

48. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:TTIM?

Function: Query the test time in IR mode of a group

or example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:TTIM? 1

49. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:TTIM

Function: Set the test time in IR mode for the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:TTIM 1,1.5

50. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:RTIM?

Function: Query the voltage rising time in IR mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:RTIM? 1

51. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:RTIM

Function: Set the voltage rising time in IR mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:RTIM 1,0.5

52. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:FTIM?

Function: Query the IR mode voltage falling time of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:FTIM? 1

53. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:FTIM

Function: Set the voltage falling time in the IR mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:FTIM 1,0.5

54. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:WTIM?

Function: Query the waiting time of a group in IR mode

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:WTIM? 1

55. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:WTIM

Function: Set the waiting time in IR mode for the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:WTIM 1,0.5

56. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:CONNECT?

Function: Test continuity in IR mode of query group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:CONNECT? 1

57. FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:CONNECT

Function: Set the test continuity in IR mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:IR:CONNECT 1,All

58. FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:CURRENT?

Function: Query the current value of a group in GD mode

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:CURRENT? 1

59. FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:CURRENT

Function: Set the current value in GD mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:CURRENT 1,10

Note: The unit is A

60. FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:UPPC?

Function: Query the upper limit of resistance in GD mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:UPPC? 1

61. FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:UPPC

Function: Set the upper limit of resistance in GD mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:UPPC 1,10

62. FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:LOWC?

Function: Query the lower limit of resistance in GD mode of a group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:LOWC? 1

63. FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:LOWC

Function: Set the upper limit of resistance in GD mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:LOWC 1,5

64. FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:TTIM?

Function: Query the test time of a group in GD mode

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:TTIM? 1

65. FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:TTIM

Function: Set the test time in GD mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:TTIM 1,2.5

66. FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:CONNECT?

Function: Test continuity in GD mode for query groups

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:CONNECT? 1

67. FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:CONNECT

Function: Set the test continuity in GD mode of the group

For example: FUNCTION:SOUR:GD:CONNECT 1,All



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