

TCS3 Command Reference

1. Introduction

This document describes the set of commands available to the user through the TCS3 telescope control software. These commands may be entered directly on the Command Line Interface (CLI) of the TCS3 MCC graphical user interface screens, through a telnet connection, or indirectly through the use of widgets on the MCC screens or the t3_remote interface.

2. Summary of Commands by Category

2.1 Observing and Servo

Add.Offset.opt – Options when adding offset to base position.

Autopid – Enables or disable the autopid function.

Autopid.set – Specifies a set of PID coefficients.

Base - Load a new position into the position table base.

Base.inc - Increment the RA, Dec values of the base.

Beam.set - Specify the RA and Dec offsets for the beam

Beam.init – Initialize the beam offset.

Beam.inc - Apply an increment to the beam RA and Dec offsets

Beam.on or **Beam.B** - Enable application of the beam RA and Dec offsets

Beam.off or **Beam.A** - Disable application of the beam RA and Dec offsets

Beam.toggle - Toggle the beam offset enable status

Cat.search - Search catalog for the star closest to given RA/Dec within a specified radius

Cat.index - Search specified catalog by index and load results into 'next' buffer

CS - Set the default coordinate system

Epoch - Set the default epoch

Equinox - Set the default equinox

HSlew.Limit.Override – Override horizontal slew velocity limits.

Info - Return a selected subset of tcs information

Next.Clear - Clear a next star entry

Next – enter object data into the 'next' buffer (using RA, Dec coordinates).

Next.hadec – enter object data into the ‘next’ buffer using HA Dec coordinates.

NS.rate - Specifies an non-sidereal rate to be applied to the base position.

NS.rate.inc - Increments the base non-sidereal rate.

OS.2base - Transfer the enabled offsets and rates to the base and clear the offset values

MP - Execute a Motor Position move

MP.cnt - Specifiy the MP destination position in motor counts

MP.inc – Increments the MP destination position in arcseconds.

MP.Vel - Set the velocity for a motor position move

PID.Dec – Makes a requests to set the PID for the Dec axis.

PID.HA – Make a request to set the PID for the HA axis.

Polar.Motion - Specifies the earth's polar motion

MV - Execute a Motor Velocity move
Mw.zero – zero the measurement widget value.
Scan.Clear - Remove scan offsets to return to the original position
Scan.Go – Scans by moving to the offset ra, dec position.
Scan.Return – Scans by returning to the 0,0 offset position.
Scan.Set - Set up the parameters for scanning to an offset position
Slew - Slew to the next object in the specified buffer
Slew.Abort - Abort a slew and switch to track mode
Slew.Reslew – Re-issue a the slew command to the pmac (to fix “slew not slewing” problem).
Stop - Put the tcs system in the 'stop' mode
Sw.Limits.Override – Overrides software limit velocity controls.
Sw.Limits.Set – Set the software limits.
Track - Commands tcs to enter the 'track' servo mode
User.Inc - Apply an increment to user RA and Dec offsets
User.Init – Initialize the User Offsets.
User.Off - Disable user offsets
User.On - Enable user offsets
User.Set - Set the values for the user RA and Dec offsets
User.Toggle - Toggle the user offset enable setting
User.Spiral.Center – Move to the center of the user spiral..
User.Spiral.in – Move inwards on the user spiral trajectory.
User.Spiral.out – Move outwards on the user spiral trajectory.
User.Spiral.rate – Specify the velocity of the user spiral.
User.Spiral.stop – Stop moving on the user spiral.
User.Spiral.wid – Specify the width of 1 rotation of the user spiral
UT1Delta - Set the value of ut1 - utc.
Wavelength- Set the value of the observed wavelength

2.2. Facility Hardware Control

Ape.mode – Set the fio_ape execute mode.
Ape.Pos - Manual method for initializing the APE value.
Ape.set.pmac - Tells the tcs to initialize the position in the PMAC servo controller using the APEs..
Collimate.EW.Dpos- Set desired East/West collimation position
Collimate.EW.Dpos.Inc- Increment East/West collimation position
Collimate.NS.Dpos - Set desired North/South collimation position
Collimate.NS.Dpos.Inc – Increment North/South collimation position
Collimate.enable - Enable or disable collimation control loop
Collimate.table.read – Loads collimation table data into tcs3.
Collimation.table.set – Set the collimation desired position using the collimation table.
CW.Dir - Set the directory path for counterweight files
CW.Dpos- Set selected counterweight to position described as a voltage
CW.Enable - Enable or disable counterweight movements
CW.Manual.cntl - The CW command to set a counterweight up, down or off
CW.Mode - Select the counterweight operational mode
DHP.enable – Enables the DOME handpaddle.

DHP.swapEW – Swaps East and West inputs for the Dome HP.

DHP.swapNS – Swaps North and South inputs for the Dome HP.

DHP.rate – Sets the velocity for the Dome HP in as/s.

Dome.Auto.Offset – Set the an offset angle during auto (tracking) mode for dome control.

Dome.HP.Speed – Sets maximum speed for dome handpaddle mode.

Dome.Manual -Control dome motion while in manual mode

Dome.Manual.Speed – Sets the maximum speed for dome manual mode.

Dome.Mode - Set the dome movement control mode

Dome.Speed - Set the dome movement speed factor

Focus.Adj.Enable – Enables or disable the Temperatuue and Position adjustment to the focus.

Focus.Enable - Enable or disable the focus control loop

Focus.Dpos - Set the desired focus position

Focus.Dpos.Inc - Increment or decrement the focus position

Hexapod.init – runs the Hexapod initialize maco file.

Humidity.Wn - Set relative humidity level to trigger warning.

Mirror.Cover - Open or close the mirror cover

MS.Support – Turn mirror support off or on.

MS.Fault.Ack - Re-enable mirror support after a fault

MC.Actuator – Mirror cooling fan control.

MC.Fan – Mirror cooling fan control.

MC.Heater – Mirror cooling Heater control.

MC.Mode – Sets the Mirror cooling mode.

MC.SetPt – Sets Mirror cooling set point temperature.

OH1.enable – Enables the OH1 handpaddle.

OH1.swapEW – Swaps East and West inputs for the OH1.

OH1.swapNS – Swaps North and South inputs for the OH1.

OH1.rate – Sets the velocity for the OH1 in as/s.

OH2.enable – Enables the OH2 handpaddle.

OH2.swapEW – Swaps East and West inputs for the OH2.

OH2.swapNS – Swaps North and South inputs for the OH2.

OH2.rate – Sets the velocity for the OH2 in as/s.

SafetyBrd.Reset – Reset the error latch on the safety board.

Secondary – Identifies the secondary in use (chopper or hexapod).

Shutter.Lower - Control the lower shutter

Shutter.Upper - Control the upper shutter

System.power – Turns system power on or off.

Track.NoIOnOffset.HA – Controls the integrator hold option during tracking.

Track.NoIOnOffset.Dec – Controls the integrator hold option during tracking.

TOHP.enable – Enables the TO Handpaddle inputs.

TOHP.rate – Sets the velocity form the TOHP in “/s.

2.3. Environmental and Other setup

Elevation - Set the elevation of the observatory

Humidity - Manually set the relative humidity

Latitude - Set the latitude of the observatory

LTOffset - Set the ut to local time offset

Pressure - Specifies the atmospheric pressure

TempK - Set ambient temperature value in degrees Kelvin

VTCS.Env.Update – Enables environment data updates from FIO inputs.

2.4. Laser Traffic Control

Ltc.Enable - Enable/disable Laser Traffic Control updates

Ltc.Filename - Set the full path for the LTC file name

Ltc.Fov - Set Laser Traffic Control Field of View

Ltc.Impact - Set the value for the Laser Traffic Control 'impact' field

Ltc.Period - Set period between LTC file updates

2.5. Pointing Map

Pt.Add.Star - Append the pointing data for the current star data to the tpoint file

Pt.Caption - Specify the text of a caption for the pointing data file

Pt.Clear – Clears all user pointing offsets and rates.

Pt.Convert - Converts current HA & Dec to numbers to enter into t3remote to test pt runs

Pt.Dir - Define the directory path for pointing data files

Pt.Find - Find the nearest guide star to the given HA and Dec and load into the next object buffer.

Pt.MAdj – Add pointing corrections (peak, spiral, rates) to the map via the MAdj registers.

Pt.MAdj.Set – Set the IH/ID values of the madj pointing register.

Pt.Map - Turn the pointing map on or off

Pt.Map.Set - Set a pointing map coefficient value

Pt.Next - Get the next (or specified) pointing object HA and Dec from table

Pt.Open - Open the pointing data file (see pt.dir and pt.filename)

Pt.Peak.Clear - Clear the Peak IH/ID pointing coefficient values.

Pt.Peak.Set - Set the Peak IH/ID pointing coefficient values.

Pt.Peak.Inc - Increment the value of the Peak IH/ID coefficients

Pt.Restore – Restores the last saved MAdj IH, ID values saved by pt.save.

Pt.Rate – Sets the pointing rates.

Pt.Rate.inc – Increments the pointing rate.

Pt.Save – Add IH, ID correction to the MAdj register and save the value to disk.

Pt.Sep - Specify the separation between pointing targets

Pt.Spiral.In – Command to spiral inwards.

Pr.Spiral.Out – Command to spiral outwards.

Pt.Spiral.Stop – Stop the spiral..

Pt.Spiral.center – Centers the pointing map spiral.

Pt.Spiral.rate – Controls the pointing map spiral's speed.

Pt.Spiral.wid – Controls the pointing map spiral's size.

ID, IH, NP, CH, ME, MA, HCES, HCEC, DCES, DCEC, FO TF, TX – Commands to modify pointmap coefficients using their tpoint names (See **Pt.Map.Set**)

2.6. Application Control and Misc

Die - Terminate the main IC process

Dome.Sim - Enable or disable dome control simulation mode

FioA.Sim - Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_a processes

FioB.Sim - Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_b processes

Fioc.Env.Update - Enable or disable fio_c updating of vtcs environment variables

FioC.Sim - Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_c processes

FioD.Sim - Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_d processes

FioE.sim – Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_e process.

FioF.sim - Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_f processes

FioMC.sim- Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_mc process.

FioHexe.sim – Enable or disables the simulation mode for the fio_hexe process.

FioDome.Sim - Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_dome processes

Help - Print a list of available tcs3 commands

Hist – Enable/Disable recording of history data.

Hist.Dir - Set the directory path for the history file

Log - Log a message to the log file and XUI display(s)

Log.Err - Log message to log file, XUI display(s), and error log

Logxui - Log message to the XUI display(s)

Notice.Print – ON to enable print statements when a warning/error is played in IC xterm.

Notice.Text - Enable/disable display of an error or warning notice in the mcc 'Warnings' window

Notice.Sound - Enable/disable playing of the sound associated with a notice

Pstart - Start or kill and restart child task

Pstop - Kill a child application

3. TCS3 Commands Details

This section describes the full set of TCS3 commands, with syntax and an example for each.

Add.Offset.Opt – How to add offsets to the base position.

Syntax: Ape.Mode {none|cosdec}
none – Simple addition, target = base + offset.
cosdec – Apply cos(dec) to offset:
 $\text{target} = \text{base} + (\cos(\text{dec}) * \text{offset})$.

Example: Set to cosdec option
 Add.Offset.Opt cosdec

Ape.Mode – Specify the mode for the fio_ape program. This program obtains the APE data for tcs3.

Syntax: Ape.Mode {off|on|sim|simtac}
Off – No update are performed.
On – Obtains APE data from APE hardware.
Sim – Simulate data using vtcs mount(ha,dec) position.
Simtac – read data from simtac lab computer.

Example: Set the mode to on
 Ape.mode on

Ape.Pos – Manual method for initializing the APE value. In case of hardware failure you can set the APE using the following sequence of commands:

Kill fio_ape	Kill automatic apes update
Ape.pos HA DEC	Manually set ape position
Ape.set.apos	Initialize the APE position

Syntax: Ape.Pos HA DEC
 Example: TO set the APE data pos to zenith:
 Ape.pos 00:00:00 19:49:34.39

Ape.set.pmac – Tells the tcs to initialize the position in the PMAC servo controller.

Syntax: ape.set.pmac
 Example: ape.set.pmac

Autopid – Enable/Disable the AutoPID feature. AutoPID allow you to auto load different PID value during tracking and slewing..

Syntax: autopid {off|on}
 Example: autopid off

Autopid.Set – Specifies a set of auto PID coefficients.

Syntax: autopid.set ID P I D
ID – Identifies the PID set. Valid names are: track.ha, track.dec, slew.ha, slew.dec.
P I D – Numeric PID values. Ranges is -100000 to 100000.
 Example: autopid track.ha 40000 75000 6000

Base – Load a new position into the position table base.

Syntax: `base RA Dec pm_ra pm_dec epoch equinox CS Name`
RA - RA as time: hh:mm:ss.ss
Dec - Dec as angle: deg:mm:ss.ss
pm_ra - proper motion as sec(tm)/year. Optional, default = 0. In dRa/dt rather than cos(Dec)*dRA/dt.
pm_dec - proper motion as arcsec(tm)/year. Optional, default = 0
epoch – epoch in calendar years. Optional, Defaulted to ptable value.
equinox – equinox in calendar years Optional, Defaulted to ptable value.
CS - Coordinate system. Can be { FK5 | FK4 | APP }. Defaults to ptable value.
Name – Object name.

Example: Set the base position to the object SAO-93498:

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Base 0:34:56.51 19:48:36.1 0.0011 -0.0270 200 2000 FK5 SAO-93498
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Base.inc – Increment the RA, Dec values of the base.

Syntax: `base.inc ra dec`
Ra dec – value to increment in arcseconds.

Example: `Base.inc 0 1`

Beam.Init – Initializes the Beam offset by: making the current position the base (0,0), setting the ra, dec values to 0,0, and enabling the offset.

Syntax: `Beam.init`
Example: Initialize the Beam offsets
`Beam.init`

Beam.inc – Apply an increment to the beam RA and Dec offsets

Syntax: `beam.inc ra dec`
Ra dec – Offset increments in arcseconds
Example: Increment beam Dec offset by 1.8 arcseconds, leave RA offset as-is
`Beam.inc 0 1.8`

Beam.off – Disable application of the beam RA and Dec offsets

Syntax: `beam.off`
Example: Disable application of the current beam RA and Dec offsets
`Beam.off`

Beam.on – Enable application of the beam RA and Dec offsets

Syntax: `beam.on`
Example: Apply the current beam RA and Dec offset values
`Beam.on`

Beam.set – Specify the RA and Dec offsets for the beam

Syntax: `beam.set ra dec`
Ra dec – Offsets in arcseconds
Example: Set a beam offset of 10.2 arcseconds in RA, -6.5 arcseconds in Dec

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Beam.set 10.2 -6.5
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Beam.toggle – Toggle the beam offset enable status

Syntax: beam.toggle

Example: Toggle to alternate beam position
Beam.toggle

Cat.index – Search specified catalog by index and load results into ‘next’ buffer

Syntax: cat.index *CAT Index*

CAT - Catalog name (bsc5, fk5, gsc, text, sao, ukirt, hd_sao)

Index – catalog index of object to search for

Example: Load next buffer with GSC object with index 119001564
Cat.Index gsc 119001564

Cat.search – Search catalog for the star closest to given RA/Dec within a specified radius

Syntax: Cat.search *CAT RA Dec Radius*

CAT - Catalog name (bsc5, fk5, gsc, text, sao, ukirt, hd_sao, fk5m)

RA - RA as time: hh:mm:ss.ss

Dec - Dec as angle: deg:mm:ss.ss

Radius – Search radius around target RA/Dec in arcseconds

Example: Search GSC catalog for guide star within 200 arcsecond radius of object SAO-93498
Cat.search gsc 0:34:56.51 19:48:36.1 200

Collimate.enable – Enable or disable collimation control loop

Syntax: collimate.enable *control*

control – control command (OFF or ON)

Example: Turn collimation control loop off
Collimate.enable off

Collimate.EW.Dpos – Set desired East/West collimation position

Syntax: collimate.ew.dpos *dpos*

dpos – Target E/W collimation position as voltage Range is -4.80 to 8.08 volts for chopper, -43.63 to +43.63 for the Hexapod.

Example: Set East/West collimation position to 5.4 volts
Collimate.EW.Dpos 5.4

Collimate.EW.Dpos.Inc – Increments East/West collimation’s desired position

Syntax: collimate.ew.dpos.inc *inc*

inc – Increment value.

Example: Increments East/West collimation position to 0.1 units.
Collimate.EW.Dpos.Inc 0.1

Collimate.NS.Dpos – Set desired North/South collimation position

Syntax: collimate.ns.dpos *dpos*

dpos – Target N/S collimation position as voltage Range is -9.0 to 4.06 volts for chopper, -43.63 to +43.63 for the Hexapod.

Example: Set North/South collimation position to -3.6 .
 Collimate.NS.Dpos -3.6

Collimate.NS.Dpos.Inc – Increments North/South collimation’s desired position

Syntax: collimate.ns.dpos.inc inc
 inc – Increment value.

Example: Increments North/South collimation position to 0.1 units.
 Collimate.NS.Dpos.Inc 0.1

Collimate.Table.Read – Reads the file ~/data/collimate.txt and loads collimation table data into TCS3. As of 2/2020, default collimation and focus are provided by the collimation table.

Syntax: collimate.table.read
 Example:
 Collimate.table.read

Collimate.Table.Set – Sets the collimation’s desired position using *name* and the collimation table data.

Syntax: collimate.table.set name
 name – A text name of an entry in the collimation data.
 Example: Set the collimation for spex
 Collimate.table.set spex

CS – Set the default coordinate system

Syntax: CS coord_sys
 Coord_sys – Coordinate system (fk4, fk5, app)
 If using App, remember to set the ptable epoch to the current jepoch to ‘time stamp’ the apparent coordinates to the current date.
 Example: Set default coordinate system to fk5
 CS fk5

CW.Dir – Set the directory path for counterweight files

Syntax: cw.dir path
 path – full path name (defaults to /home/tcs3/data/cw)
 Example: Set counterweight path to /home/tcs3/data/cw_041214
 CW.dir cw.dir /home/tcs3/data/cw_041214

CW.Dpos – Set selected counterweight to position described as a voltage

Syntax: cw.dpos name position
 name – Name of the counterweight to be positioned (e.g. TV2S)
 position – Desired counterweight position as voltage. If the voltage is outside the min/max range of the counterweight, it will be clipped to its min/max value.
 Example: Move counterweight YH3F to position 4.23 volts
 CW.dpos yh3f 4.23

CW.Enable – Enable or disable counterweight movements

Syntax: cw.enable control
 control – Enable control (ON or OFF)

Example: Enable control of the counterweight system
 CW.enable on

CW.Manual.cntl – The CW command to set a counterweight up, down or off

Syntax: cw.manual.cntl *control*
control – { off | 01.up | 01.dn | 02.up | 02.dn | .. | 10_11.up | 10_11.dn)

Example: Enable counterweight manual control mode
 CW.manual.cntl on

CW.Mode – Select the counterweight operational mode

Syntax: cw.mode *mode*
Mode – operational mode (Auto | Manual | Lock)

Example: Place counterweights in manual mode
 CW.mode manual

DHP.Enable – Enable/Disable Dome Hand Paddle inputs.

Syntax: DHP.enable {off|on}
Off – ignores the dome handpaddle IO
On – accepts dome handpaddle inputs

Example: Enable the dome handpaddle.
 DHP.enable on

DHP.Rate – Set the maximum velocity for the dome handpaddle.

Syntax: DHP.rate *rate*
rate – This value represents arcseconds/seconds. Range is 0 to 800 as/s.
 Example: Set the rate to 200 as/s.
 DHP.rate 200

DHP.swapEW – Swap the logic for the East and West buttons on the dome handpaddle.

Syntax: DHP.swapEW {off|on}
Off – East is east, ...
On – East is west, ...

Example: Set the default mapping
 DHP.swapEW off

DHP.swapNS – Swap the logic for the North and South buttons on the dome handpaddle.

Syntax: DHP.swapNS {off|on}
Off – North is north, ...
On – North is south, ...
 Example: Set the default mapping
 DHP.swapNS off

Die – Terminate the main IC process

Syntax: die
 Example: Terminate the current ic process

Die

Dome.Auto.Offset – Specifies an offset angle to be used during Dome Control's auto (tracking) mode.

Syntax: `dome.auto.offset deg`
`deg` – offset in degrees (-180 to 180).

Example: Set the auto offset value to 20 degrees:
`Dome.auto.offset 20`

Dome.Capture – Capture some dome serial data to a file. Debugging command.

Syntax: `dome.capture`
Example: Start the dome capture:
`Dome.capture`

Dome.Goto – Specifies a dome position for goto mode.

Syntax: `dome.goto AZ_des`
`AZ_deg` – azimuth in degrees (0-360).
Example: Moved the dome to a azimuth of 90 degrees:
`Dome.goto 90`

Dome.HP.Speed – Sets the maximum speed in dome handpaddle mode.

Syntax: `dome.HP.Speed speed`
`speed` – speed factor 0.0 to 1.0 maps to 0 to 10 volt max output to the Ampifiers.
Example: Set the max speed to ½, or 0.5. Maximum of 5 volt to the amplifiers inputs.
`Dome.HP.Speed 0.5`

Dome.Manual – Control dome motion while in manual mode

Syntax: `dome.manual motion`
`motion` – Desired dome motion (forward, reverse, stop)
Example: Move dome in the reverse direction
`Dome.manual reverse`

Dome.Manual.Speed – Sets the maximum speed in dome manual mode.

Syntax: `dome.Manual.Speed speed`
`speed` – speed factor 0.0 to 1.0 maps to 0 to 10 volt max output to the Ampifiers.
Example: Set the max speed to ½, or 0.5. Maximum of 5 volt to the amplifiers inputs.
`Dome.Manual.Speed 0.5`

Dome.Mode – Set the dome movement control mode

Syntax: `dome.manual mode`
`mode` – Dome movement control mode (auto | manual | lock)
Example: Put dome in manual control mode
`Dome.mode manual`

Dome.Sim – Enable or disable dome simulation mode

Syntax: `dome.sim control`

control – Dome simulation mode (ON or OFF)

Example: Turn dome simulation off
Dome.sim off

Dome.Speed – Set the dome movement speed factor

Syntax: dome.speed *speed*
speed – Speed as a factor of full speed (0.0 to 1.0)

Example: Set dome speed to half of full speed
Dome.speed 0.5

Elevation – Set the elevation of the observatory

Syntax: elevation *meters*
meters – Elevation of the observatory above sea level (meters)

Example: Set the elevation to 4168 meters above sea level
Elevation 4168

Epoch – Set the default epoch

Syntax: epoch *year*
year – Epoch of the CS as a calendar year (1900 to 2100)

Example: Set the default epoch to 1950
Epoch 1950

Equinox – Set the default equinox

Syntax: equinox *year*
year – Equinox as a calendar year (1900 to 2100)

Example: Set the default equinox value to 2000
Equinox 2000

FioA.Sim – Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_a processes

Syntax: fioa.sim *control*
control – Simulation mode control (OFF or ON)

Example: Turn the simulation mode off for fio_a processes
Fioa.sim off

FioB.Sim – Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_b processes

Syntax: fiob.sim *control*
control – Simulation mode control (OFF or ON)

Example: Turn the simulation mode on for fio_b processes
Fiob.sim on

FioC.Sim – Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_c processes

Syntax: fioc.sim *control*
control – Simulation mode control (OFF or ON)

Example: Turn the simulation mode off for fio_c processes
Fioc.sim off

FioDome.Sim – Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_dome processes

Syntax: `fiodome.sim control`
`control` – Simulation mode control (OFF or ON)

Example: Turn the simulation mode off for fio_dome processes
`Fiodome.sim off`

FioD.Sim – Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_d processes

Syntax: `fiod.sim control`
`control` – Simulation mode control (OFF or ON)

Example: Turn the simulation mode on for fio_d processes
`Fiод.sim off`

FioE.Sim – Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_e processes

Syntax: `fioe.sim control`
`control` – Simulation mode control (OFF or ON)

Example: Turn the simulation mode on for fio_e processes
`Fioe.sim on`

FioF.Sim – Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_f processes

Syntax: `fiof.sim control`
`control` – Simulation mode control (OFF or ON)

Example: Turn the simulation mode on for fio_f processes
`Fioe.sim on`

FioHexe.Sim – Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_hexe processes

Syntax: `fioHexe.sim control`
`control` – Simulation mode control (OFF or ON)

Example: Turn the simulation mode on for fio_hexe processes
`FioHexe.sim on`

FioMC.Sim – Enable or disable the simulation mode for the fio_mc processes

Syntax: `fioMC.sim control`
`control` – Simulation mode control (OFF or ON)

Example: Turn the simulation mode on for fio_mc processes
`FioMC.sim on`

Focus.Adj.Enable – Enable or disable the focus adjustment value. A focus adjustment value is calculated by the TCS based on the telescope truss temperature and it position. These values are applied to the TCS in real-time when adj.enable is ON.

Syntax: `focus.adj.enable { OFF | ON }`
`OFF` – ignore the focus adjustment values. Dpos = user_dpos.
`ON` – apply adjustment value, dpos = user_dpos + adj.

Example: Turn on focus adjustment:
`Focus.adj.enable on`

Focus.Dpos – Set the desired focus position

Syntax: `focus.dpos position`
`position` – Desired focus position as voltage Range is -7.33 to 7.00 volts for the chopper, and -8 to 8 mm for the hexapod.

Example: Set the focus position to 2.4.

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Focus.dpos 2.4
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Focus.Dpos.Inc – Increment or decrement the focus position

Syntax: `focus.dpos.inc pos_inc`
`Pos_inc` – Position increment/decrement value.

Example: Decrements the focus position by 0.43.

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Focus.dpos.inc -0.43
```

Focus.Enable – Enable or disable the focus control loop

Syntax: `focus.enable control`
`control` – Focus loop control (ON or OFF)

Example: Disable the focus control loop

```
Focus.enable off
```

Help – Print a list of available tcs3 commands

Syntax: `help`

Example: Print the list of commands

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Help
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Hexapod.Init – Will cause the TCS to run the hexapod init macro /home/tcs3/data/hexapod_init. TCS3 has limited feedback, so it is suggested the the hexegui be used to initialize the hexapod.

Syntax: `Hexapod.init`

Example: `Hexapod.init`

Hist – Enable/Disable the collection of the realtime history data. Off is useful to freeze the graphical display on the mcc to view the data.

Syntax: `Hist { off | on }`
`on` – Collect the data.
`off` – Stop data collections.

Example: `Hist on`

Hist.Dir – Set the directory path for the history file

Syntax: `hist.dir path`
`path` – Directory path for the history file (defaults to /home/tcs3/data/hist)
Example: Set the history file directory path to /home/tcs3/data/hist

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Hist.dir /home/tcs3/data/hist
```

HSlew.limit.override – Override the Horizontal Slew Limits. This command affect the software only.

Syntax: `HSlew.limit.override { off | on }`
`on` – Override the limits
`off` – Slow down the max velocity to 400 as/s, if limit are triggered.

Example: Disable HSlew limit
 HSlew.limit.override on

Humidity – Manually set the relative humidity

Syntax: `humidity value`
`value` – Relative humidity value (0.0 to 1.0)

Example: Set the relative humidity to 0.56
 Humidity 0.56

Humidity.Wn – Set relative humidity level to trigger warning.

Syntax: `humidity.wn value`
`value` – Trigger a warning if relative humidity exceeds this value (0.0 – 1.0)

Example: Set the relative humidity warning level at 80%
 Humidity.wn 0.8

Stop – Put the tcs system in the ‘Stop mode

Syntax: `Stop`
 Example: Puts the TCS3 Servo in the stop mode. In Stop, the pmac is in open loop, telescope brakes are on.
`Stop`

Info – Return a selected subset of tcs information

Syntax: `info selection`
`selection` – The data to display using these identifiers: TM TMr SP SPr MP MPr
 OS OP OPr SM FO CO EN US DO PM ON NS WE SH MC GI SI WE1
 The format of each selection are described below. Multiple selections can be made, for example: `info TM OP`

The format for each parameter is described below:

TM = UTC(yyyy/mm/dd) UTC(hh:mm:ss.ss) UTC_local(yyyy/mm/dd) UTC_local(hh:mm:ss.ss) Last(hh:mm:ss.ss)
 TMr = UTC(mjd) UTC_local(mjd) Last(radians)

UTC is coordinated universal time.

UTC_local is the local time (HST).

Last is Local Apparent Sideral Time.

SP = target_ra(hh:mm:ss) Target_da(deg:mm:s) pm_ra(sec/year) pm_dec(arcsec/year) epoch(yyyy.y)
 equinox(yyyy.y) CS(string)

SPr = target_ra(radians) Target_dec(radians) pm_ra(sec/year) pm_dec(arcsec/year) epoch(yyyy.y) equinox(yyyy.y)
 CS(string)

The target RA, Dec is where the telescope is pointing (Base position + any offset).

Pm_ra/dec is the proper motion data.

Epoch is the epoch of the RA, Dec coordinates.

Equinox – is the epoch of the coordinate system.
 CS – identifies the coordinate system (fk5, fk4, app).

MP = mean_ra(hh:mm:ss) mean_da(deg:mm:s)

MPr = mean_ra(radians) mean_da(radians)

Mean_ra, dec – The mean (fk5, J2000 equinox, current epoch) RA and DEC.

OS = TotalOS(ra dec) UserOS(ra dec enable) BeamOS(ra dec enable) ScanOS(ra dec) [all in arcsec]

TotalOS – Total offset value.

UserOS – User offset magnitude of RA and DEC in arcseconds. Enable=1 of apply, 0 if ignored.

BeamOS – Beam offset magnitude of RA and DEC in arcseconds. Enable=1 of apply, 0 if ignored.

ScanOS – Scan offset magniture in RA and DEC.

OP = obs_ra(hh:mm:ss) obs_dec(deg:mm:s) obs_ha(hh:mm:ss) Am(1.00) Zn(deg) azimuth(deg) PA(deg)

OPr = obs_ra(radians) obs_dec(radians) obs_ha(radians) Am(1.00) Zn(deg) azimuth(deg) PA(deg)

Obs_ra, obs_dec, obs_ha – The obsevered RA and DEC, and Hour Angle coordinates.

Am is Airmass.

Zn is Zenith distance.

Azimuth is the telescope azimuth position.

PA is the parallactic angle.

SM = mode (track/slew/...) value

Mode is the current servo mode of the tcs3. They are: Track, slew, MV, MP, stop.

Value is data related to a particulare servo mode, for slew and MP the estimated completion time in seconds of the current move is retuned. All other mode return 0.

FO = Focus.dpos focus.apos focus.enable

Focus.dpos is the user requested focus position.

Focus.apos is the actual measured focus position.

Focus.enable is a flag (0 for OFF, 1 for ON) to indicate if remote focus commands are accepted by tcs3.

FO2 = Foscus.user_dpos Focus.adjustment Focus.dpos focus.apos focus.enable focus.adj.enable

Focus.user_dpos is the user requested focus position.

Focus.adjustment is the Temperature and Position adjustment value calculated by the TCS.

Focus.dpos is the desired position for the focus mechanism. dpos = user_dpos + adjust (if adj.enable is ON).

Focus.apos is the actual measured focus position.

Focus.enable is a flag (0 for OFF, 1 for ON) to indicate the software control loop is active. When OFF, focus position commands are not accepted by the TCS.

Focus.adj.enable flag is 0, or OFF when the adjustment value is ignore. When 1, or ON, the adjust value is added to user_dpos to get dpos.

CO = Coll_EW.dpos Coll_EW.apos Coll_NS.dpos Coll_NS.apos Collimation.enable

Coll_EW.dpos is the collimation EW desired position in volts.

Coll_EW.apos is the collimation EW actual position in volts.

Coll_NS.dpos is the collimation NS desired position in volts.

Coll_NS.apos is the collimation NS actual position in volts.

Collimation.enable is a flag (0 for OFF, 1 for ON) to indicate if collimation control is enable.

EN = Encoder data: motor_counts.ha(counts) motor_counts.dec(counts) apes.pos.ha(radians) apes.pos.dec(radians)

Motor_counts ha dec – Motor position in counts are reported by the Motor Controller Hardware (PMAC).

APE_pos ha dec – The Absolute Position Encoder position are reported by the APE Hardware.

US = User Spiral data: state position rate width

State: -1 for down, 0 for stop, 1 for up.

Position: position along the spiral where 2π is 1 rotation out from center.

Rate: Rate of speed while moving along the spiral in as/s.

Width: Width of 1 rotation, ie at position 6.28 the xy offset would be [1*width, 0]

DO = Dome Info: az(deg) vel(deg/s)

Az: dome azimuth in degrees.

Vel: dome velocity in arcseconds/seconds.

PM = Pointing Map information: Map.IH(as) Map.ID(as) madj.IH(as) madj.ID(as) peak.IH(as) peak.ID(as)
Sp.Rot Sp.IH(as) Sp.ID(as) Rates.pos.IH(as) Rate.pos.ID(as) Rate.vector.IH(as/s) Rate.vector.ID(as/s)

Map.IH/ID – The IH/ID values of the point map in arcseconds.

madj.IH/ID – The IH/ID values in the Map Adjustment registers, arcseconds.

peak.IH/ID – The IH/ID values in the Peak Adjustment registers, arcseconds.

Sp.Rot – Number of rotation for the spiral.

Sp.IH/ID – The IH/ID values for the Sprial registers, arcseconds.

Rates.pos.IH/ID – The IH/ID values from the pointing rates registers, arcseconds.

Rate.vector.IH/ID – The rates in the pointer rates register, arcseconds per seconds.

ON = Object_name Object_magnitude

ONS = Object_name Object_magnitude Object_source

Object_name: The object name in the ptable.

Object_magnitude: the magnitude from the ptable.

Object_source: Source for the information

NS = Non-sidereal rates: ra(as/s) dec(as/s)

Ra dec: the non-sidereal rates in the ptable.

WE = Weather: air_temperature(c) humidity(0-100) wind_speed(mph) Wind_dir(deg) dome_td6(c)

Air_temperature in celcius.

Humidity, 0 to 100.

Mean_Wind_speed West Sensor, mph

Wind_direction West Sensor, degrees.

Dome Temperature from sensor TD6 in celcius.

SH = sh_ulimit sh_touch sh_dlimit sh_block_time(hr)

Sh_ulimit – upper limit state of shutter, 0 or 1.

Sh_touch – The touch limit state, 0 or 1.

Sh_dlimit – The lower shutter down limit state, 0 or 1.

Block_time – Number of hours until view of field (while tracking) will be blocked by the shutter, hours.

MC = mc.air.in(degC) mc.air.out(degC) mc.glycol(degC) actuator(v) fan(0/1) heat(0/1) mc.pressure_err(0/1)

mc.air.in – Intake air temperature for mirror cooling in degrees C.

mc.air.out – Outtake air temperature for mirror cooling in degrees C.

mc.glycol – Glycol temperature used by mirror cooling in degrees C.

actuator – control value for mc.actuator command in volts.

Fan – control value for mc.fan command, 0 is OFF, 1 is ON.

Heat – control value for mc.heater command, 0 is OFF, 1 is ON.

mc.pressure_err – Mirror Cooling Pressure Error value , 0=no error, 1= pressure error.

SI = Secondary_information

Secondary_information: 0=chopper, 1=hexapod

GI = on-axis-mirror_state pt_peak_commands

On-axis-mirror – 1=IN, 0=OUT, -1=UnKnown

Pt_peak_commands = number of pt_peaks_* command over the last 60 sec. These are guider command send to the TCS.

WE1 = hmt300-humitidy(0-100) hm300-air_temp-degC hmt300.DewPt-degC

hmt300-humitidy(0-100) – HMT 300 humidity 1 to 100.

hm300-air_temp-degC - HMT 300 Air Temperature in DegC.

hmt300.DewPt-degC – HMT 300 Dew Point Temperature in DegC.

WE2 = BP MWSE WDE 0.0 0.0

BP – Pressure in mbar

MWSE – Mean Wind Speed, East sensor in MPH
 WDE – Wind Direction, East Sensor in degrees.
 2 zero values to follow. Reserved for future value.

MCS = mirror_cover mirror_support.offon mirror_support.volts mirror_support.fault_latch

Mirror_cover: 0=shut, 1=open
 Mirror_support.offon: 0=off, 1=on
 Mirror_support.volts: voltage representing mirror support air pressure.
 Mirror_support.fault_latch: 0=OK, 1=FAULT

LS = Last Slew: valid cs eq ra(rad) dec(rad) pm.ra(s/y) pm.dec(as/y) pm.ep nsrate.ra(as/s) nsrate.dec(as/s) name source

valid: 0=data not valid; 1=valid
 cs: coordinate system, ie “FK5”
 eq: equinox of cs.
 ra dec: ra and dec location in radians
 pm.ra dec: proper motion
 ep: epoch for the proper motion.
 nsrate.ra dec: non-sidereal rate of the object.
 name - name of the object
 src – source of the information.

SE1 = Seeing data 1: DIMM_valid DIMM MASS_valid MASS TAU_valid TAU225GHZ
 DIMM_valid: 0=not valid, 1=valid
 DIMM: DIMM seeing value
 MASS_valid: 0=not value, 1=valid
 MASS: MASS seeing value
 TAU_valid: 0=not valid, 1=valid
 TAU225GHZ – TAU seeing value.

Example: An example of each option is display below:

```
info TM
OK 2008-02-08 23:44:57.204 2008-02-08 13:44:57.20 22:36:54.44

info TMr
OK 54504.9899559505 54504.5732892839 5.923176443112

info SP
OK 22:36:25.63 19:46:07.7 0.0000 0.0000 2000.0 2000.0 fk5

info SPr
OK 5.91873876393661 0.34503048854095 0.0000 0.0000 2000.0 2000.0 fk5
```

```
info MP
OK 22:36:33.03 19:46:07.6

info MPr
OK 5.91925801245125 0.34503030521678

info OS
OK 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0 0.0 0.0 0.0

info OP
OK 22:37:09.28 19:48:37.2 00:00:47.77 1.000 0.188 265.185 -85.120

info OPr
OK 5.92218610367147 0.34575561422440 0.00347363680141 1.000 0.188 265.185 -
85.120

info SM
OK stop 0

info FO
OK -0.340 -0.338 0

Info FO2
OK 0.100 0.082 0.182 0.180 1 1

info CO
OK -2.71 -2.71 -2.15 -2.15 1

info EN
OK 13923 1426743 0.00199361128469 0.34680085134736

Info US
OK 0 0.00 20.0 60.0

Info DO
OK 116.6 2.0

Info PM
OK 91.1 -96.1 -11.0 -21.0 3.0 2.0 0.00 -0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0000 0.0000

Info ON
OK no_name 0.0

Info NS
OK 0.0000 0.0000

Info WE
OK 2.0 20.1 12.3 157.0

Info SH
OK 0 1 1 3.0000

Info SH
OK 0 1 1 2.9667

Info MC
OK 4.2 1.2 1.0 0.0 1 0
```

```

Info SI
OK 1

Info GI
OK 0 0

Info WE1
OK 10.5 10.9 -19.2

info we2
OK 620.80 15.4 57.0 0.0 0.0

info mcs
OK 0 0 -0.01 0

info ls
OK 0 fk5 2000.0 4.65260180469594 0.34603280752848 0.000000 0.000000 2000.000
0.000000 0.000000 noname unknown

info se1
OK 1 0.440 1 0.250 0 0.000

```

JS.Enable – Enable/Diable TO Panel Joystick inputs.

Syntax: JS.enable {off|on}
Off – disable the joystick inputs
On – enables the joystick inputs

Example: To enable the Joystick.
JS.enable on

JS.Rate – Set the maximum velocity for the TO Panel Joystick input.

Syntax: JS.rate rate
rate – This value represents arcseconds/seconds. Range is 0 to 800 as/s. When the tcs3, is in track mode it will limit the rate to under 60 as/s.

Example: Set the rate to 10 as/s.
JS.rate 10

JS.swapEW – Swap the logic for the East and West inputs on the TO Panel Joystick.

Syntax: JS.swapEW {off|on}
Off – East is east, ...
On – East is west, ...

Example: Set the default mapping
JS.swapEW off

JS.swapNS – Swap the logic for the North and South buttons on the TO Panel Joystick.

Syntax: OH1.swapNS {off|on}
Off – North is north, ...

On – North is south, ...

Example: Set the default mapping
 JS.swapNS off

Latitude – Set the latitude of the observatory

Syntax: `latitude latitude hemisphere`
latitude – Latitude in deg:mm:ss (must be <= 90)
hemisphere – Hemisphere of the observatory (N or S)

Example: Set to 19 deg, 49 min, 34.39 sec north latitude
 Latitude 19:49:34.39 N

Log – Log a message to the log file and XUI display(s)

Syntax: `log message`
message – Text of the message to be logged

Example: Log the message ‘object obscured by upper level clouds’
 Log object obscured by upper level clouds

Log.Err – Log message to log file, XUI display(s), and error log

Syntax: `log.err message`
message – Text of the message to be logged

Example: Log the error message ‘unable to acquire outside air temperature’
 Log.err unable to acquire outside air temperature

Log.xui – Log message to the XUI display(s)

Syntax: `logxui message`
message – Text of the message to be logged

Example: Display message ‘starting run’ on all XUI displays
 Log.xui starting run

Longitude – Sets the telescope’s longitude.

Syntax: `Longitude d:m:s E|W`
d:m:s – Longitude in deg, min, sec. Must be >= 180.
E W – Indicates East or West of Greenwich.

Example: The IRTF’s longitude:
 Longitude 155:28:19.2 W

Ltc.Enable – Enable/disable Laser Traffic Control updates

Syntax: `ltc.enable control`
control – LTC update control (ON or OFF)

Example: Turn LTC updating off
 Ltc.enable off

Ltc.Filename – Set the full path for the LTC file name

Syntax: `ltc.filename filename`
filename – LTC filename and path (defaults to /tmp/tcs_data.txt)

Example: Set the LTC file name to /tmp/ltc_data_041214.txt
 Ltc.filename /tmp/ltc_data_041214.txt

Ltc.Fov – Set Laser Traffic Control Field of View

Syntax: ltc.fov *fov*
fov – LTC field of view in degrees (0.001 to 1.6666667) [100 arcmin]
 Example: Set LTC field of view to 0.01 deg
 Ltc.fov 0.01

Ltc.Impact – Set the value for the Laser Traffic Control ‘impact’ field

Syntax: ltc.impact *value*
value – Value for LTC impact field (YES or NO)
 Example: Set LTC impact field to NO
 Ltc.impact no

Ltc.Period – Set period between LTC file updates

Syntax: ltc.period *time*
time – Time between file updates in seconds (5 to 300)
 Example: Set LTC file update period to 60 seconds
 Ltc.period 60

LTOffset – Set the ut to local time offset

Syntax: ltoffset *time*
time – Local time offset in minutes (-720 to 720)
 Example: Set local time offset to – 600 minutes (-10 hours west)
 Ltoffset -600

MC.Actuator – Sets the mirror cooling actuator voltage command used to control the glycol flow.

Syntax: mc.actuator *volt*
Volt – Control voltage for actuator. Range is 0 to 5.0 volts for close to fully open.
 Example: Close the actuator, or turns off cooling.
 mc.actuator 0

MC.fan – Sets the mirror cooling Fan control output to OFF or ON.

Syntax: mc.Fan { *off* | *on* }
 Example: Turning the fan on.
 mc.fan on

MC.Heater – Sets the mirror cooling Heater control output to OFF or ON.

Syntax: mc.heater { *off* | *on* }
 Example: Turning the heater off.
 mc.heater off

MC.Mode – Sets the mirror cooling control mode. The control mode tells the TCS how to control the mirror cooling

Syntax: mc.mode { *off* | *manual* | *auto* }

off – Off turns the Fan OFF, Heater OFF, and Actuator to 0v.
manual – Allow the user to control the fan, heater, and actuator manually.
auto – TCS control mirroring cooling.

Example: Tuning of mirror cooling off.
 mc.mode off

MC.SetPt – Sets the mirror cooling Set Point value in degrees C. The set point is the temperature you wish to cool the mirror to.

Syntax: mc.setpt *DegC*
 Example: Enter a set point of 1 degree C.
 mc.setpt 1

Mirror.Cover – Open or closes the mirror covers.

Syntax: mirror.cover { *shut* | *open* }
 Example: Close the mirror cover
 Mirror.cover shut

Mirror.Support – Turns off/on the mirror support

Syntax: Mirror.support {OFF | ON}
 Example: To turn mirror support on
 Mirror.support on

MP – Execute a Motor Position move

Syntax: mp *HA Dec*
HA - HA as time: hh:mm:ss.ss
Dec - Dec as angle: deg:mm:ss.ss
 Example: Do a motor position to the zenith
 Mp 00:00:00 19:49:34.39

MP.inc – Increments the MP destination position in arcseconds.

Syntax: mp.inc *HA Dec*
HA - HA in arcseconds.
Dec - Dec in arcseconds
 Example: Increments HA by 10, and dec by 20 arcseconds.
 Mp.inc 10 20

MP.cnt – Specify the MP destination position in motor counts.

Syntax: mp.cnt *HA Dec*
HA - HA in motor counts.
Dec - Dec in motor counts
 Example: Move to HA 0, Dec 0.
 Mp.cnt 0 0

MP.Vel – Set the velocity for a motor position move

Syntax: mp.vel *velocity*
velocity – Velocity in as/s (1 to 1600)

Example: Set MP velocity to 400 as/s
 Mp.vel 400

MS.Fault.Ack – Re-enable mirror support after a fault

Syntax: ms.fault.ack
 Example: Re-enable mirror support after a fault
 Ms.fault.ack

MV – Execute a Motor Velocity move

Syntax: mv HA Dec
HA - HA as time: hh:mm:ss.ss
Dec - Dec as angle: deg:mm:ss.ss
 Example: Do a motor velocity move to the zenith
 Mv 00:00:00 19:49:34.39

MW.Zero – Zeros the value of the measurement widget. The measure widget is a simple tool to allow the TO to make a distance measurement by moving the telescope using the Offsets (User, beam) or the IH, ID correction registers. These offsets are added to the measure widget, and are display in the tracking status area on MCC1. This command allow the TO to zero the values prior to any measurement.

Syntax: mw.zero
 Example: mw.zero

Next – Enter object data into the ‘next’ buffer

Syntax: next RA Dec pm_ra pm_dec epoch equinox CS Name Mag
NS_rate_RA *NS_rate_Dec*

RA - RA as time: hh:mm:ss.ss
Dec - Dec as angle: deg:mm:ss.ss
pm_ra - proper motion as sec(tm)/year. Optional, default = 0. In dRa/dt rather than cos(Dec)*dRA/dt.
pm_dec - proper motion as arcsec(tm)/year. Optional, default = 0
epoch – epoch in calendar years. Epoch used for proper motion correction. Optional, Defaulted to ptable value.
equinox – equinox of coordinate system, in calendar years. Optional, defaults to ptable value.
CS - Coordinate system. Can be { FK5 | FK4 | APP }. If not specified, defaults to current ptable value. App is Topocentric apparent.
Name – Object name.
Mag – Magnitude of object.
NS_rate_ra – RA non-sidereal rate in as/s.
NS_rate_dec – DEC non-sidereal rate in as/s.

When CS=FK5, the default epoch and equinox is 2000.0.

When CS=FK4, the default epoch and equinox is 1950.0.

When CS=App, the following field are ignored: pm_ra pm_dec, equinox and epoch.

Example: Set the star catalog next buffer to the object SAO-93498:

```
Next 0:34:56.51 19:48:36.1 0.0011 -0.0270 2000 2000 FK5 SAO-93498 8.8 0.0 0.0
```

Next.HADec – object data into the ‘next’ buffer using HA and Dec coordinates

Syntax: `next HA Dec`
HA - HA as time: hh:mm:ss.ss
Dec - Dec as angle: deg:mm:ss.ss

Example: Setup the next object to zenith, or 0 Hours Ha 19:50 degrees Dec.
`Next.hadec 0 19:50`

Next.Clear – Clear a next star entry

Syntax: `next.clear entry`
entry – Flag to select specific next entry (to, ob, sc)
Example: Clear the next observer object entry
`Next.clear ob`

Notice.Print – When ON, the audio task prints the notices detected when playing the sound. This output can be viewed in the IC xterm.

Syntax: `notice.print [off | on]`
off – Do not print..
on – Display messages.
Example: `Notice.print off`

Notice.Sound – Enable/disable playing of the sound associated with a notice

[Not intended for general use – notice indices may change between system releases]

Syntax: `notice.sound index offon`
index – Specify index of the notice sound to be enabled or disabled.
offon – disable/enable notice sound (off | on)
Example: Disable the sounds associated with the humidity warning notice
`Notice.sound 22 off`

Notice.Text – Enable/disable display of an error or warning notice in the mcc ‘Warnings’ window

[Not intended for general use – notice indices may change between system releases]

Syntax: `notice.text index offon`
index – Specify index of the notice to be enabled or disabled.
offon – disable/enable text display (off | on)
Example: Disable display of the humidity warning text
`Notice.text 22 off`

NS.rate – Specifies a non-sidereal rate to be applied to the base position.

Syntax: `ns.rate ra dec`
Ra dec – Rate in arcseconds/second
Example: To cancel the earth’s rotation during tracking:
`ns.rate -15.0411 0`

NS.rate.inc – Increments the base non-sidereal rate.

Syntax: `ns.rate.inc ra dec`

Ra dec – Add these values to the base rates in arcseconds/second

Example: ns.rate.inc 0 1.3

OH1.Enable – Enable/Diable Observers Hand Paddle #1 inputs.

Syntax: OH1.enable {off|on}
Off – ignores the OH1 handpaddle IO
On – accepts OH1 handpaddle inputs

Example: Enable the OH1 handpaddle.
OH1.enable on

OH1.Rate – Set the maximum velocity for the OH1 handpaddle.

Syntax: OH1.rate *rate*
rate – This value represents arcseconds/seconds. Range is 0 to 60 as/s.
Example: Set the rate to 10 as/s.
OH1.rate 10

OH1.swapEW – Swap the logic for the East and West buttons on the OH1 handpaddle.

Syntax: OH1.swapEW {off|on}
Off – East is east, ...
On – East is west, ...
Example: Set the default mapping
OH1.swapEW off

OH1.swapNS – Swap the logic for the North and South buttons on the OH1 handpaddle.

Syntax: OH1.swapNS {off|on}
Off – North is north, ...
On – North is south, ...
Example: Set the default mapping
OH1.swapNS off

OH2.Enable – Enable/Diables Observers Hand Paddle #2 inputs.

Syntax: OH2.enable {off|on}
Off – ignores the OH2 handpaddle IO
On – accepts OH2 handpaddle inputs
Example: Enable the OH2 handpaddle.
OH2.enable on

OH2.Rate – Set the maximum velocity for the OH2 handpaddle.

Syntax: OH2.rate *rate*
rate – This value represents arcseconds/seconds. Range is 0 to 60 as/s.
Example: Set the rate to 10 as/s.
OH2.rate 10

OH2.swapEW – Swap the logic for the East and West buttons on the OH2 handpaddle.

Syntax: OH2.swapEW {off|on}

Off – East is east, ...

On – East is west, ...

Example: Set the default mapping

OH2.swapEW off

OH2.swapNS – Swap the logic for the North and South buttons on the OH2 handpaddle.

Syntax: OH2.swapNS {off|on}

Off – North is north, ...

On – North is south, ...

Example: Set the default mapping

OH2.swapNS off

OS.2base – Transfer the enabled offsets and rates to the base and clear the offset values

Syntax: os.2base offset

offset – Specify offset(s) to be transferred (User, Beam, All)

Example: Transfer the enabled beam offsets and rates to the base

Os.2base beam

PID.Dec – Makes a request to the rtc to change the PID value for the Dec axis.

Syntax: pid.dec P I D

P I D – Numeric PID values. Range is -100000 to 100000.

Example: Set P=25000, I=75000, D=5000

pid.dec 25000 75000 5000

PID.HA – Makes a request to the rtc to change the PID value for the HA axis.

Syntax: pid.HA P I D

P I D – Numeric PID values. Range is -100000 to 100000.

Example: Set P=25000, I=75000, D=5000

pid.HA 25000 75000 5000

Polar.Motion – Specifies the earth's polar motion

Syntax: polar.motion ha dec

ha – HA polar motion in arcseconds (-10 to 10)

dec – Dec polar motion in arcseconds (-10 to 10)

Example: Set polar motion to 5.1 arcseconds in HA, -3.5 in Dec

Polar.motion 5.1 -3.5

Pressure – Specifies the atmospheric pressure

Syntax: pressure value

value – Pressure in mBars (200 to 2000)

Example: Set atmospheric pressure value to 547.8 mBars

Pressure 547.8

Pstart – Start or kill and restart child task

Syntax: Pstart task

task – Task name (e.g. pslow, audio, ...)

Example: Start (or kill and restart) the audio child process
Pstart audio

Pstop – Kill a child application

Syntax: pstop *task*
task – Task name (e.g. pslow, audio, ...)

Example: Kill the pslow child process
Pstop pslow

Pt.Add.Star – Append the pointing data for the current star data to the tpoint file

Syntax: pt.add.star
Example: Append the current star's pointing data
Pt.add.star

Pt.Caption – Specify the text of a caption for the pointing data file

Syntax: pt.caption *text*
text – Text of the caption (max 80 characters)
Example: Set the caption to “Pointing run 17 December 2004”
Pt.caption Pointing run 17 December 2004

Pt.Clear – Clears all the non-map pointing offset and rates. These are pt.adj, pt.spiral, and pt.rate.

Syntax: Pt.clear
Example: Pt.Clear

Pt.Convert – Converts current HA & Dec to numbers to enter into t3remote to test pt runs [temporary test command]

Syntax: pt.convert
Example: Print the current HA and Dec converted to t3remote values
Pt.convert

Pt.Dir – Define the directory path for pointing data files

Syntax: pt.dir *path*
path – Directory path [defaults to /home/tcs3/data/tpoint/\$DATE]
Example: Set the directory path to /home/tcs3/temp/tpoint
Pt.dir /home/tcs3/temp/tpoint

Pt.Filename – Set the name for the pointing file

Syntax: pt.filename *name*
name – Name to use for the pointing file
Example: Set the pointing file name to pt_test_number_2
Pt.filename pt_test_number_2

Pt.Find – Find the nearest guide star to the given HA and Dec and load into the next object buffer

Syntax: pt.find *ha dec*
ha – HA position in hh:mm:ss.ss

dec – Dec position in dd:mm:ss.ss
 Example: Find the guide star closest to the position -00:00:01.35 00:01:12.42
 Pt.find -00:00:01.35 00:01:12.42

Pt.MAdj – Adds the corrections (Peak, Spiral, Rates) to the MAdj (MapAdjustment) registers. The MAdj values are not cleared after a slew, thus is used to adjust the Map's IH/ID values. The Peak, Spiral, and Rates registers are zeroed.

Syntax: pt.madj
 Example: Pt.madj

Pt.MAdj.Set – Set the MAdj (MapAdjustment) IH/ID pointing coefficient values. The MAdj values are not cleared after a slew, thus is used to adjust the Map's IH/ID values.

Syntax: pt.madj.set *ID IH*
IH – IH correction in arcseconds.
ID – ID correction in arcseconds.
 Example: Set the adjustment IH /ID coefficient value to 5, 10 arcseconds
 Pt.madj.set 5 10

Pt.Map – Turn the pointing map on or off

Syntax: pt.map *control*
control – Turn the pointing map ON or OFF
 Example: Turn the pointing map on
 Pt.map on

Pt.Map.Set – Set a pointing map coefficient value.

Syntax: pt.map.set *id value*
id – ID of coefficient (IH, ID, NP, CH, ME, MA, FO, HCES, HCEC, DCES, DCEC, TF, TX)
value – Value for the coefficient
 Example: Set the ID pointing coefficient to 141.5
 Pt.map.set ID 141.5

Also coefficients can be set using their ID as keywords. The following are valid tcs3 commands:

IH	+3.4330
ID	-108.2731
NP	-2.5460
CH	+13.3261
ME	+10.4966
MA	+31.2848
HCES	-70.4861
DCES	+7.7726
FO	+31.0086
TF	+11.0809
TX	-39.3999

Pt.Next – Get the next (or specified) pointing object HA and Dec from tableSyntax: `pt.next index`*index* – Index of object [optional – defaults to the next in the list]

Example: Get the HA and Dec of the object with index 5

`Pt.next 5`**Pt.Open** – Open the pointing data file (see *pt.dir* and *pt.filename*)Syntax: `pt.open`

Example: Open the pointing data file

`Pt.open`**Pt.Peak.Clear** – Clear the Peak IH/ID pointing coefficient valuesSyntax: `pt.peak.clear`

Example: Clear the adjustment ID and IH values.

`Pt.peak.clear`**Pt.Peak.Inc** – Increment the value of the Peak IH/ID coefficients.Syntax: `pt.peak.inc ha dec`*ha* – Increment the adjustment IH coefficient in arcseconds.*dec* – Increment the adjustment ID coefficient in arcseconds.

Example: Increment the user IH by 23.9 and decrement the user ID by 4.3

`Pt.peak.inc 23.9 -4.3`**Pt.Peak.Set** – Set the Peak IH/ID pointing coefficient values.Syntax: `pt.peak.set coeff value`*coeff* – Coefficient to be set (ID or IH)*value* – Value to set the coefficient to (in arcseconds)

Example: Set the adjustment IH coefficient value to 9.2 arcseconds

`Pt.peak.set ih 9.2`

Pt.Rate – Sets the pointing correction rate. Positive values will move the telescope East & South, so the rate should be set to the measured drift. For example, if drifting West by 0.02 and North by 0.01 as/s, used `pt.rate 0.02 0.01`

Syntax: `pt.rate ih id`*ih* – The HA axis rate in AS/S. Ranges is +/- 5 as/s.*id* – The dec axis rate in AS/S. Ranges is +/- 5 as/s

Example: Set the ID pointing rate to 0.001 as/s

`Pt.rate 0 0.001`

Pt.Rate.inc – Increments the pointing rate. Positive values will move the telescope East & South, so the rate should be set to the measured drift. For example, if drifting West by 0.02 and North by 0.01 as/s, used `pt.rate 0.02 0.01`

Syntax: `pt.rate.inc ih id`*ih* – The HA axis rate in AS/S. Ranges is +/- 5 as/s.*id* – The dec axis rate in AS/S. Ranges is +/- 5 as/s

Example: Increments the IH pointing rate by 0.001 as/s

`Pt.rate.inc 0.001 0`

Pt.Restore – Clears the IH ID values in the Corrc, (Peak, Spiral, Rates) registers. And read the pt.save.txt file (created by pt.save), to load the last saved IH ID values into the MAdj registers..

Syntax: pt.restore

Example: pt.restore

Pt.Save – Makes the map ID, IH equal to the total value (Map + Adj + Spiral + Rates). The adj, spiral, and rates variable are reset to zero. The new map ID, IH values are written to a file, pt.save.txt, in the IC directory. If the TCS3 is re-started, the IC will used the lasted saved IH, ID values for the map.

Syntax: pt.save

Example: Pt.save

Pt.Sep – Specify the separation between pointing targets

Syntax: pt.sep *separation*

separation – Separation in degrees between pointing objects (5.0 to 30.0)

Example: Set up a pointing target array with a 20.0 degree separation

Pt.sep 20.0

Pt.Spiral.Center – Zero's the pointing map spiral's offset, return you to the center position.

Syntax: Spiral.center

Example: Spiral.center

Pt.Spiral.In – This command move the pointing map spiral inwards.

Syntax: Pt.spiral.in

Example: Start moving inward

Pt.spiral.in

Pt.Spiral.out – This command move the pointing map spiral out wards..

Syntax: Pt.spiral.out

Example: Start moving outward

Pt.spiral.out

Pt.spiral.rate – Sets the pointing map spiral velocity in as/s.

Syntax: Pt.spiral.rate *vel*

Vel – velocity in as/s, ranges is 10 to 70.

Example: Pt.spiral.rate 40.0

Pt.Spiral.Stop – This command stop the pointing map spiral.

Syntax: Pt.spiral.Stop

Example: Stops the pointing spiral

Pt.spiral.stop

Pt.spiral.wid – Sets the pointing map spiral width in arcseconds. Should be matched to your field of view.

Syntax: Pt.spiral.wid *arcsec*

arcsec – spiral's width in arcseconds, ranges is 10 to 180.

Example: Pt.spiral.width 60

SafetyBrd.Reset – Sends a reset pulse to the T3 Servo Electronic (clears safety board latched errors).

Syntax: `SafetyBrd.Reset`

Example: Send the reset command
`safetybrd.reset`

Scan.Clear – Turns off scanning, and sets to 0 the scan offset and duration.

Syntax: `scan.clear`

Example: `Scan.clear`

Scan.Go – Move to specified offset from the current position

Syntax: `scan.go`

Example: Start a scan as set up by *Scan.Se*
`Scan.go`

Scan.Return – scan by returning to the base (offset 0,0) position.

Syntax: `scan.return`

Example: Return to the original position
`Scan.return`

Scan.Set – Set up the parameters for scanning to an offset position

Syntax: `scan.set ra dec time`

ra – RA offset to be applied to the original position (arcseconds)

dec – Dec offset to be applied to the original position (arcseconds)

time – Duration of the move from the original to the offset position (seconds)

Example: Set up to offset by 200.2 arcsec in RA, -30.4 in Dec in a scan of 15.5 seconds
`Scan.set 200.2 -30.4 15.5`

Shutter.Lower – Control the lower shutter

Syntax: `shutter.lower control`

control – Shutter action (stop | down | up)

Example: Raise the lower shutter
`Shutter.lower up`

Shutter.Upper – Control the upper shutter

Syntax: `shutter.upper control`

control – Shutter action (stop | down | up)

Example: Stop the upper shutter movement
`Shutter.upper stop`

Slew – Slew to the next object in the specified buffer

Syntax: `Slew buffer`

buffer – Object buffer (TO, OB, or SC) [optional – defaults to TO]

Example: Slew to the next object in the SC next buffer
`Slew sc`

Slew.Abort – Abort a slew and switch to track mode

Syntax: `slew.abort`

Example: Abort the slew in progress and enter the track mode
`Slew.abort`

Slew.Reslew – Re-issue the slew command to the pmac. Something when commanded to slew, the PMAC will not move the axes. This command re-issue the command.

Syntax: `slew.reslew`

Example: `Slew.reslew`

Sw.Limits.Override – Control software limits

Syntax: `sw.limits.override control`
`control` – OFF or On {ON ignores software limits}

Example: Ignore software limits
`Sw.limits.override on`

Sw.Limits.Set – Sets the software limits. TCS only allow stricter software limits from the defaults. This command is used to restrict the TCS range for instrument configurations outside the ‘safety’ zone.

Syntax: `sw.limits.set EAST WEST SOUTH NORTH`
`EAST` – East limit in hours. Range is -1:00:00 to -05:35:00
`West` – West limit in hours. Range is 1:00:00 to 05:35:00
`SOUTH` – South limit in degrees. Range is 10:00:00 to -55:00:00
`NORTH` – North limit in degrees. Range is 30:00:00 to 67:00:00

Example: This example sets new software limits:
`Sw.limits.set -05:00:00 05:00:00 -45:00:00 45:00:00`
 This example sets the software limits back to their defaults:
`Sw.limits.set -05:35:00 05:35:00 -55:00:00 67:00:00`

System.power – Turns system power on or off.

Syntax: `system.power {off|on}`

Example: Turn system power on
`System.power on`

TempK – Set ambient temperature value in degrees Kelvin

Syntax: `tempk t`
`t` – temperature in deg Kelvin (100 – 350)

Example: Set ambient temperature value to 120.4 degrees Kelvin
`Tempk 120.4`

Track – Commands tcs to enter the ‘track’ servo mode

Syntax: `track`

Example: Command tcs to enter track mode
`Track`

Track.NoIOnOffset.HA

Track.NoIOnOffSet.Dec – Turn off/on a flag telling the tcs3 to hold the pmac's integrator value during an offset. This command is not intended for observers, operators, or daycrew. Its use should be reserved to the tcs3 servo engineer.

Syntax: `track.NoIOnOffset.HA { off | on }`
`track.NoIOnOffset.Dec { off | on }`

Example: To Hold the integrator during offsets on the HA axis:
`Track.NoIOnOffset.HA on`

TOHP.Enable – Enable/Diables TO Hand Paddle inputs.

Syntax: `TOHP.enable {off|on}`
Off – ignores the handpaddle IO
On – accepts handpaddle inputs

Example: Enable the TOHP handpaddle.
`TOHP.enable on`

TOHP.Rate – Set the maximum velocity for the handpaddle.

Syntax: `TOHP.rate rate`
rate – This value represents arcseconds/seconds. Range is 0 to 60 as/s.
Example: Set the rate to 10 as/s.
`TOHP.rate 10`

User.Init – Initializes the users offset by: making the current position the base (0,0), setting the ra, dec values to 0,0, and enabling the offset.

Syntax: `user.init`
Example: Initialize the user offsets
`User.init`

User.Inc – Apply an increment to user RA and Dec offsets

Syntax: `user.inc ra dec`
ra – RA offset increment (arcseconds)
dec – Dec offset increment (arcseconds)
Example: Apply an incremental Dec offset of -25.1 arcseconds
`User.inc 0 -25.1`

User.Off – Disable user offsets

Syntax: `user.off`
Example: Disable user offsets
`User.off`

User.On – Enable user offsets

Syntax: `user.on`
Example: Enable user offsets
`User.on`

User.Set – Set the values for the user RA and Dec offsets

Syntax: `user.set ra dec`

ra – Value of user RA offset (arcseconds)

dec – Value of user Dec offset (arcseconds)

Example: Set user Ra offset to 110.7 and Dec to -29.0 arcseconds
User.set 110.7 -29

User.Spiral.center – Zero's the user spiral's offset, return you to the center position.

Syntax: User.Spiral.center

Example: User.spiral.center

User.Spiral.in – Command to move inwards along the spiral.

Syntax: User.Spiral.In

Example: User.Spiral.In

User.Spiral.Out – Command to move outwards along the spiral.

Syntax: User.Spiral.Out

Example: User.Spiral.Out

User.Spiral.rate – Sets the user spiral velocity in as/s.

Syntax: User.Spiral.rate *vel*

Vel – velocity in as/s, ranges is 10 to 40.

Example: Spiral.rate 40.0

User.Spiral.Stop – Stops moving along the spiral.

Syntax: User.Spiral.Stop

Example: User.Spiral.Stop

User.Spiral.wid – Sets the spiral width in arcseconds. Should be matched to your field of view.

Syntax: User.Spiral.wid *arcsec*

arcsec – spiral's width in arcseconds, ranges is 10 to 180.

Example: User.Spiral.wid 60

User.Toggle – Toggle the user offset enable setting

Syntax: user.toggle

Example: Toggle currently enabled user offsets to disabled

User.toggle

UT1Delta – Set the value of ut1 – utc. This value is need to calculate UT1 (ut1 = utc + ut1delta). You can obtain this value from the International Earth Rotation Service 's Bulletin B reports.
(<http://maia.usno.navy.mil>)

Syntax: ut1delta *sec*

sec – Value of ut1 – utc in seconds (-0.51 to 0.51)

Example: Set ut1 – utc delta value to 0.35 seconds

Ut1delta 0.35

VTCS.Env.Update – Enable or disable fio_c updating of vtcs environment variables

Syntax: VTCS.env.update *mode*

Mode can be:

- 0 – Don't update
- 1 – update from fio_c (old tcs1 HM & temp sensors).
- 2 – update from fio_a (Vaisala HMT300 Sensors).

Example: Updates the vtcs using the HMT300 device

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vtcs.env.update 2
```

Wavelength– Set the value of the observed wavelength

Syntax: wavelength *m*

m – Wavelength in microns (0.1 – 50.0)

Example: Set observed wavelength to 43.8 microns

```
Wavelength 43.8
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