Getting Started with TWAIN Direct!

TWAIN Direct is a command set used by applications to control scanners. Its goal is to replace the existing scanner APIs as the preferred method of image capture control. The TWAIN Working Group (TWG) provides a Specification document that describes how to generate and interpret TWAIN Direct. This specification discusses the current challenges in capturing image data, and how TWAIN Direct addresses those issues. Application developers and scanner vendors can use this Specification (and sample code) to develop their own products while adding their own UI/UX and branding customizations.

The complete specification for TWAIN Direct v1.1 includes definitions and the command structures needed for applications to work with scanners.

The following documents are included in the TWAIN Direct Specification Package:
- TWAIN Direct Users Guide
- TWAIN Direct Local mDNS and DNS-SD
- TWAIN Direct Local RESTful API
- TWAIN Direct Task
- TWAIN Direct Metadata

To download the complete specification package, visit the TWAIN direct specifications home page at http://twaindirect.org/specification/. You will be required to complete a short form to gain access to the available documentation.

Video resources are also available at the bottom of the specification page, which include:

- Installing and Configuring the TWAIN Bridge (for those already using TWAIN Classic)
- Installing and Scanning with the TWAIN Direct Application
- TWAIN Direct Sample Code Files and Certificates

For detailed information on individual components of TWAIN Direct, you can visit our Frequently Asked Questions homepage at http://twaindirect.org/faq/