Getting Started Guide



CR1000X

Measurement and Control Datalogger



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1. Getting started

Getting started provides a cursory view of data acquisition and walks you through a procedure to set up a simple system. You may not find it necessary to progress beyond this. However, should you want to dig deeper into the complexity of the data logger functions or quickly look for details, extensive information is available in the full CR1000X manual.

This exercise guides you through the following steps:

- Connecting the data logger to a computer
- Attaching a sensor to the data logger
- Creating a program for the data logger to measure the sensor
- Making a simple measurement
- Storing measurement data on the data logger
- Collecting data from the data logger with a computer
- Viewing real-time and historical data with a computer

In addition to your data logger, the following items are used in this exercise (many are shipped with your data logger and all are available on www.campbellsci.eu): \square

- Type T thermocouple, 4 to 5 inches long; one is shipped with the data logger
- Computer with a USB port
- USB cable
- Data logger support software such as LoggerNet or PC400 installed on your computer

Additional Campbell Scientific publications are available online at www.campbellsci.eu Video tutorials are available at www.campbellsci.eu/videos of the data logger requires a peripheral hardware device, more information is available in the help or manual written for that device.

2. USB communications

Setting up a USB connection is a good way to begin communicating with your data logger. Because this connection does not require configuration (like an IP address), you need only set up the communications between your computer and the data logger. Use the following instructions or watch the Quickstart videos at https://www.campbellsci.eu/videos

TIP:

You will physically connect your data logger to your computer in step 6.

Follow these steps to get started. These settings can be revisited using the data logger support software **Edit Datalogger Setup** option *****.

1. Using data logger support software, launch the EZSetup Wizard.

NOTE:

New software installations automatically open the EZSetup Wizard the first time they run.

- LoggerNet users, click Setup[™], select the View menu and ensure you are in the EZ (Simplified) view, then click Add Datalogger[™].
- PC400 users, click Add Datalogger .
- 2. Click Next.
- 3. Select your data logger from the list. In the **Datalogger Name** field, type a meaningful name for your data logger (for example, a site identifier or project name), and click **Next**.
- 4. Select the Direct Connect connection type and click Next.
- 5. If this is the first time connecting this computer to a CR1000X via USB, click **Install USB Driver**, select your data logger, click **Install**, and follow the prompts to install the USB driver.
- 6. Plug the data logger into your computer using a USB cable. The USB connection supplies 5 V power as well as a communications link, which is adequate for setup. A 12 V battery will be needed for field deployment. If using RS-232, external power must be provided to the data logger, and a CPI/RS-232 RJ45 to DB9 cable is required to connect to the computer.

NOTE:

The Power LED on the data logger indicates the program and power states. Because the data logger ships with a program set to run on power-up, the Power LED flashes three times every 10 seconds when powered over USB. When powered with a 12 V battery, it flashes once every 10 seconds. When no program is running, the LED is always on.

- 7. From the **COM Port** list, select the COM port used for your data logger. It will appear as CR1000X (COM number).
- 8. USB connections do not typically require a **COM Port Communication Delay**; this type of delay allows time for hardware devices to "wake up" and negotiate a communications link. Accept the default value of **00 seconds** and click **Next**.
- 9. You **must match** the PakBus address hardware settings of your data logger. A USB connection does not require a baud rate selection, keep the default. The default PakBus address is **1**.
- 10. Set an **Extra Response Time** if you have a difficult or marginal connection and you want the data logger support software to wait a certain amount of time before returning a communications failure error. Accept the default value of **00 seconds**.
- Set a Max Time On-Line to limit the amount of time the data logger remains connected. When the data logger is connected, communications with it are terminated when this time limit is exceeded. A value of 0 in this field indicates that there is no time limit for maintaining a connection to the data logger.
- 12. Leave the Neighbor PakBus Address as the default of 0.
- 13. Click Next.
- 14. By default, the data logger does not use a security code or a PakBus encryption key. Therefore, the Security Code can be set to 0, and the PakBus Encryption Key can be left blank. If either setting has been changed, enter the new code or key.
- 15. Click Next.
- 16. Review the **Setup Summary**. If you need to make changes, click **Previous** to return to a previous window and change the settings.
- 17. Setup is now complete. The EZSetup Wizard allows you to **Finish**, or you may click **Next** to test communications, set the data logger clock, and send a program to the data logger.

3. Testing communications with EZSetup

1. Advance to, or select, the **Communication Test** step in EZ Setup. See USB communications (p. 2) for more information.

Progress	Communication Test
Introduction	You now have the option of testing communication with the datalogger.
Communication Setup	This will ensure that the datalogger has been set up correctly. The connection will be kept online so that other setup tasks can be
Datalogger Settings	performed (i.e., check/set clock, program send).
Setup Summary	
Communication Test	Test Communication?
	Yes
Datalogger Clock	⊖ No
Send Program	

- 2. Ensure the data logger is physically connected to the computer, select **Yes** to test communications, then click **Next** to initiate the test.
- 3. With a successful connection, the **Connection Time** with the data logger is displayed in the lower-left corner of the wizard. Click **Next**.
- 4. The **Datalogger Clock** window displays the time for both the data logger and the computer (server).
 - The Adjusted Server Date/Time displays the current reading of the clock for the computer running your data logger support software. If the Datalogger Date/Time and Adjusted Server Date/Time do not match, click Set Datalogger Clock to set the data logger clock to the computer clock.
 - Optionally, specify a positive or negative **Time Zone Offset** to apply when setting the data logger clock. This offset allows you to set the clock for a data logger that is in a different time zone than the computer (or to accommodate for changes in daylight saving time).
- 5. Click Next.

- 6. The data logger ships with a default **GettingStarted** program. If the data logger does not have a program, you can choose to send one by clicking **Select and Send Program**. Click **Next**.
- 7. *LoggerNet* only Use the following instructions or watch the Scheduled/Automatic Data Collection video ::
 - The Datalogger Table Output Files window displays the data tables available to be collected from the data logger and the output file name. By default, all data tables set up in the data logger program will be included for collection. Make note of the Output File Name and location. Click Next.
 - Check Scheduled Collection Enabled to have *LoggerNet* automatically collect data from the data logger on the Collection Interval entered. When the Base Date and Time are in the past, scheduled collection will begin immediately after finishing the EZSetup wizard. Do not set up a scheduled collection during this tutorial. Click Next.
- 8. Click **Finish**, or you may click **Next** to test communications, set the data logger clock, and send a program to the data logger.

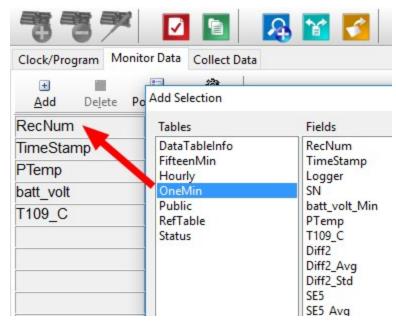
4. Making the software connection

Once you have configured your hardware connection (see USB communications (p. 2)), your data logger and computer can communicate. Use the **Connect** screen to send a program, set the clock, view real-time data, and manually collect data.

LoggerNet users, select the Main category and Connect and the *LoggerNet* toolbar, then select the data logger from the **Stations** list, then click **Connect**. Once connected, select a table to view in the **Table Monitor**.

Stations	Table Monitor: Real	Time Monitoring	
StationOne StationOne	Public	~	Show Uni
	DataTableInfo		
	Public		
	Status		
	Test		2:25 PM
	PTemp	26.82343	
	batt_volt	0	

PC400 users, click **Connect** ¹/₄, then **Monitor Data**. When this tab is first opened for a data logger, values from the **Public** table are displayed. To view data from other tables, click **Add 1**, select a table or field from the list, then drag it into a cell on the **Monitor Data** tab.



For more information, see Working with data (p. 14).

NOTE:

When powered only by USB, the battery voltage is reported as **0.00**. This is to remind you that a 12 V battery is needed for field deployment.

See Collecting data (p. 15) for more information on copying stored data from the data logger to the computer.

To disconnect, click **Disconnect** 🔌.

For more information, see the Connect Window Tutorial **D**.

5. Creating a *Short Cut* data logger program

You must provide a program for the data logger in order for it to make measurements, store data, or control external devices. There are several ways to write a program. The simplest is to use the program generator called **Short Cut**. For more complex programming, *CRBasic Editor* is used. The program file may use the extension **.CR1X**, **.CRB**, or **.DLD**.

Data logger programs are executed on a precise schedule termed the scan interval, based on the data logger internal clock.

Measurements are first stored in temporary memory called variables in the **Public** table. Data stored in variables is usually overwritten each scan. Periodically, generally on a time interval, the data logger stores data in tables. The data tables are later copied to a computer using your data logger support software.

Use *Short Cut* software to generate a program for your data logger. *Short Cut* is included with your data logger support software.

This section guides you through programming a CR1000X data logger to measure the voltage of the data logger power supply, the internal temperature of the data logger, and a thermocouple. With minor changes, these steps can apply to other measurements. Use the following instructions or watch the Quickstart part 3 video E:

- 1. Using data logger support software, launch Short Cut.
 - LoggerNet users, click Program then Short Cut 6.
 - PC400 users, click Short Cut 6.
- 2. Click Create New Program.
- 3. Select CR1000X Series and click Next.

NOTE:

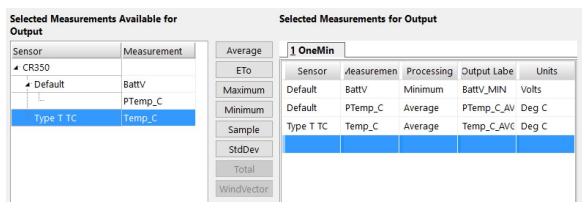
The first time *Short Cut* is run, a prompt asks for a noise rejection choice. Select **60 Hz Noise Rejection** for North America and areas using 60 Hz ac voltage. Select **50 Hz Noise Rejection** for most of the Eastern Hemisphere and areas that operate at 50 Hz.

A second prompt lists sensor support options. **Campbell Scientific, Inc. (US)** is usually the best fit outside of Europe.

To change the noise rejection or sensor support option for future programs, use the **Program** menu.

- 4. Lists of Available Sensors and Devices and Selected Measurements Available for Output are displayed. Battery voltage BattV and internal temperature PTemp_C are selected by default. During operation, battery and temperature should be recorded at least daily to assist in monitoring system status.
- 5. Use the Search feature or expand folders to locate your sensor or device. Double-click on a sensor or measurement in the Available Sensors and Devices list to configure the device (if needed) and add it to the Selected list. For the example program, expand the Sensors and Temperature folders and double-click Type T Thermocouple.
- If the sensor or device requires configuration, a window displays with configuration options. Click Help at the bottom of the window to learn more about any field or option. For the example program, accept the default options:
 - 1Type T TC sensor
 - Temp_C as the Temperature label, and set the units to Deg C
 - PTemp_C as the Reference Temperature Measurement
- 7. Click the **Wiring** tab at the top of the page to see how to wire the sensor to the data logger. With the power disconnected from the data logger, insert the wires as directed in the diagram. Ensure you clamp the terminal on the wire, not the colored insulation. Use the included flat-blade screwdriver to open and close the terminals.
- 8. Click OK.
- 9. Click Next.
- 10. Use the **Output Setup** options to specify how often to make measurements and how often outputs are to be stored. Type **1** in the **How often should the data logger measure its sensor(s)?** box. Leave the units as **Seconds**.
- 11. Multiple output intervals can be specified, one for each output table (**Table1** and **Table2** tabs). For the example program, only one table is needed. Click the **Table2** tab and click **Delete Table**.
- 12. In the Table Name box, type a name for the table. For example: OneMin.
- 13. Select a Data Output Storage Interval. For example: 1 minute.
- 14. Click Next.

15. Select a measurement from the Selected Measurements Available for Output list, then click an output processing option to add the measurement to the Selected Measurements for Output list. For the example program, select BattV and click the Minimum button to add it to the Selected Measurements for Output list. Do not store the exact time that the minimum occurred. Repeat this procedure for an Average PTemp_C and Average Temp_C.



- 16. Click Finish and give the program a meaningful name such as a site identifier. Click Save.
- 17. If *LoggerNet* or other data logger support software is running on your computer, and the data logger is connected to the computer, you can choose to send the program. Generally it is best to collect data first; so, we recommend sending the program using the instructions in Sending a program to the data logger (p. 12). Click **No**, do not send the program to the data logger.

TIP:

It is good practice to always retrieve data from the data logger before sending a program; otherwise, data may be lost. See Collecting data (p. 15) for detailed instruction.

- 18. Make note of the newly generated program location and filename. By default, programs created with *Short Cut* are stored in C:\Campbellsci\SCWin\.
- 19. Close Short Cut.

If your data acquisition requirements are simple, you can probably create and maintain a data logger program exclusively with *Short Cut*. If your data acquisition needs are more complex, the files that *Short Cut* creates are a great source for programming code to start a new program or add to an existing custom program using CRBasic. See the *CRBasic Editor* help for detailed information on program structure, syntax, and each instruction available to the data logger https://help.campbellsci.eu/crbasic/cr1000x/.

NOTE:

Once a *Short Cut* generated program has been edited with *CRBasic Editor*, it can no longer be modified with *Short Cut*.

6. Sending a program to the data logger

TIP:

It is good practice to always retrieve data from the data logger before sending a program; otherwise, data may be lost. See Collecting data (p. 15) for detailed instruction.

Some methods of sending a program give the option to retain data when possible. Regardless of the program upload tool used, data will be erased when a new program is sent if any change occurs to one or more data table structures in the following list:

- Data table name(s)
- Data output interval or offset
- Number of fields per record
- Number of bytes per field
- Field type, size, name, or position
- Number of records in table

Use the following instructions or watch the Quickstart part 4 video \triangleright .

- 1. Connect the data logger to your computer.
 - *LoggerNet* users, select Main and Connect and the *LoggerNet* toolbar, select the data logger from the Stations list, then Connect .
 - PC400 users, select the data logger from the list and click Connect 🍡.
- 2. *LoggerNet* users, click **Send New...** (located in the **Current Program** section on the right side of the window).

PC400 users, click **Send Program...** (located in the **Datalogger Program** section on the right side of the window).

- 3. *PC400* users, confirm that you would like to proceed and erase all data tables saved on the data logger. Click **Yes**.
- 4. Navigate to the program, select it, and click **Open**. For example: navigate to **C:\Campbellsci\SCWin** and select **MyTemperature.CR1X**. Click **Open**.
- 5. *LoggerNet* users, confirm that you would like to proceed and erase all data tables saved on the data logger. Click **Yes**.
- 6. The program is sent and compiled.
- 7. Review the **Compile Results** window for errors, messages and warnings.

8. LoggerNet users, click Details, select the Table Fill Times tab.

PC400 user click OK then click *Station Status* , select the **Table Fill Times** tab.

Ensure that the times shown are expected for your application. Click OK.

T-LL-NI	# of Descela	Table Fill Times
Table Name	# of Records	Table Fill Time
FifteenMin	31575	328 days 21 hours 45 mins 0.0 secs
Hourly	8040	335 days 0 hours 0 mins 0.0 secs
OneMin	471760	327 days 14 hours 40 mins 0.293 secs
RefTable	47585	330 days 10 hours 49 mins 59.707 se

After sending a program, it is a good idea to monitor the Public table to make sure sensors are taking good measurements. See Working with data (p. 14) for more information.

7. Working with data

7.1 Default data tables

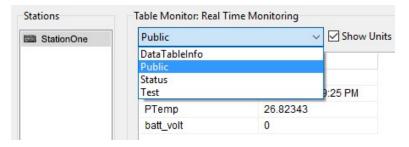
By default, the data logger includes three tables: **Public**, **Status**, and **DataTableInfo**. Each of these tables only contains the most recent measurements and information.

- The **Public** table is configured by the data logger program, and updated at the scan interval set within the data logger program. It shows measurement and calculation results as they are made.
- The **Status** table includes information about the health of the data logger and is updated only when viewed.
- The **DataTableInfo** table reports statistics related to data tables. It also only updates when viewed.
- User-defined data tables update at the schedule set within the program.

For information on collecting your data, see Collecting data (p. 15).

Use these instructions or follow the Connect Window tutorial 🕨 to monitor real-time data.

LoggerNet users, select the Main category and Connect and the *LoggerNet* toolbar, then select the data logger from the **Stations** list, then click **Connect**. Once connected, select a table to view in the **Table Monitor**.



PC400 users, click **Connect** ^{SA}, then **Monitor Data**. When this tab is first opened for a data logger, values from the **Public** table are displayed. To view data from other tables, click **Add I**, select a table or field from the list, then drag it into a cell on the **Monitor Data** tab.

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Clock/Program Mon	itor Data Collect Data	
🛨 🚺 Add Delete F	Add Selection	
RecNum 🛌	Tables	Fields
TimeStamp PTemp	DataTableInfo FifteenMin Hourly	RecNum TimeStamp Logger
batt_volt T109_C	OneMin Public RefTable Status	SN batt_volt_Min PTemp T109_C Diff2 Diff2_Avg Diff2_Std SE5 SE5 Avg

7.2 Collecting data

The data logger writes to data tables based on intervals and conditions set in the CRBasic program. After the program has been running for enough time to generate data records, data may be collected by using data logger support software. During data collection, data is copied to the computer and still remains on the data logger. Collections may be done manually, or automatically through scheduled collections set in *LoggerNet* Setup. Use these instruction or follow the Collect Data Tutorial **D**.

7.2.1 Collecting data using LoggerNet

- 1. From the *LoggerNet* toolbar, click **Main** and **Connect**, select the data logger from the **Stations** list, then **Connect**.
- 2. Click Collect Now 🥯
- 3. After the data is collected, the **Data Collection Results** window displays the tables collected and where they are stored on the computer.
- 4. Select a data file, then View File to view the data. See Viewing historic data (p. 16)

7.2.2 Collecting data using PC400

- 1. Click **Connect *** on the main *PC400* window.
- 2. Go to the Collect Data tab.

- 3. By default, all output tables set up in the data logger program are selected for collection. Typically, the default tables (DataTableInfo, Public, and Status) are not collected.
- 4. Select an option for **What to Collect**. Either option creates a new file if one does not already exist.
 - New data from data logger (Append to data files): This is the default, and most often used option. Collect only the data, in the selected tables, stored since the last data collection from this instance of *PC400* and append this data to the end of the existing files on the computer.
 - All data from data logger (Overwrite data files): Collects all of the data in the selected tables and overwrites (or replaces) the existing data files on the computer.
- 5. Click Start Data Collection.
- 6. After the data is collected, the **Data Collection Results** window displays the tables collected and where they are stored on the computer.
- 7. Select a data file, then View File to view the data. See Viewing historic data (p. 16)

7.3 Viewing historic data

View Pro 🗟 contains tools for reviewing data in tabular form as well as several graphical layouts for visualization. Use these instructions or follow the View Data Tutorial 🔼.

Once the data logger has had enough time to store multiple records collect and review the data.

- 1. To view the most recent data, connect the data logger to your computer and collect your data (see Collecting data (p. 15) for more information).
- 2. Open View Pro:
 - LoggerNet users click Data then View Pro 😣 on the LoggerNet toolbar.
 - PC400 users click View Data Files via View Pro 4.
- 3. Click **Open** [▷], navigate to the directory where you saved your tables (the default directory is **C:\Campbellsci**[your data logger software application]). For example: navigate to the **C:\Campbellsci\LoggerNet** folder and select **OneMin.dat**.
- 4. Click Open.



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