Beta LJLogM - Windows Only

Supported devices

- T4
- T7
- T8

Overview

LJLogM - Beta is a Windows application that is capable of reading 20+ registers from a single T-Series device. The collected data can be named, organized, logged, and visualized in several ways. To facilitate collecting data from so many registers and displaying the data on the screen, LJLogM allows users to define "Tags" which can be organized into "Groups" and those groups can be selected from to be displayed on any of the data viewing pages.

Downloads

The beta version (latest v1.095) is currently not released in the LabJack installer. Instead, the application is being distributed through this page in a .zip file. After downloading and extracting the .zip file, the .exe can be installed into the LabJack Applications directory "C:\Program Files (x86)\LabJack\Applications" manually or by double clicking on the "install.bat" file. The "install.bat" file pops up a window to request for administrative permissions and moves the "LJLogM.exe" file into the Program Files directory.

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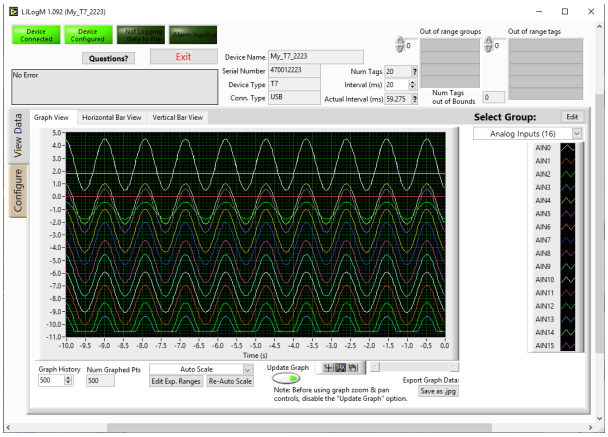
Subsections

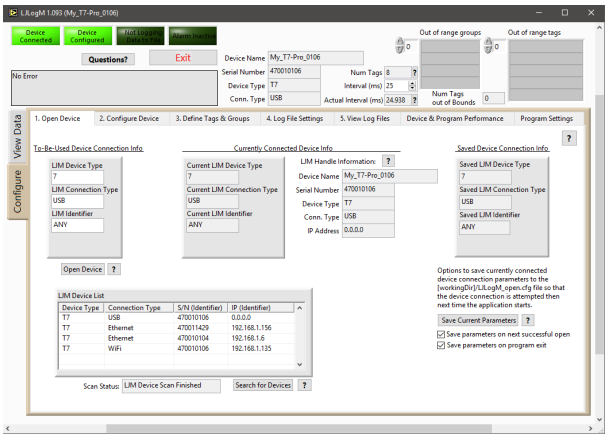
- Advanced: Program Settings & Start-up
- LJLogM Beta Change Log

Program Highlights



View Data in Real Time

LJLogM features 3 different data views: graph view, horizontal view, and vertical view. Each view has the ability to display a single data group worth of data at a time. The Graph view has features to take screen shots, as well as the ability to pause the graph and zoom in/out on data during a data logging session. The horizontal and vertical bar views can be used to see singular values within a customizable range. These views can also be used to display visual alarms, and whether or not a value is within a given range.



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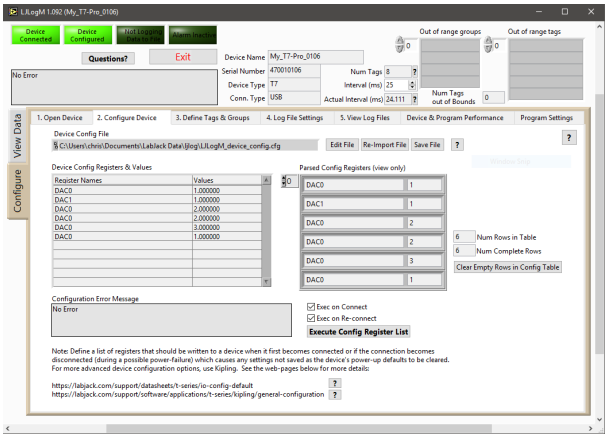

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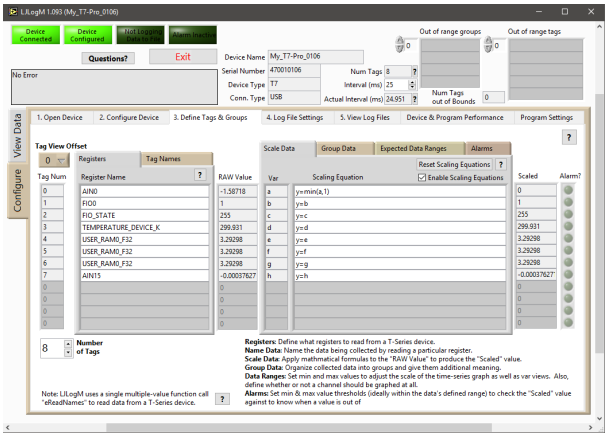

Define Tags, Groups, Ranges, and Alarms

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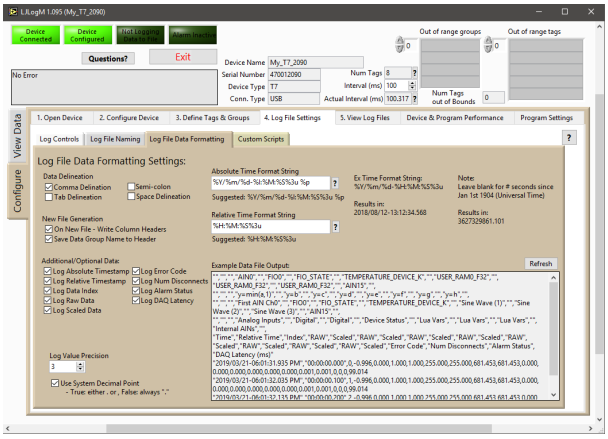
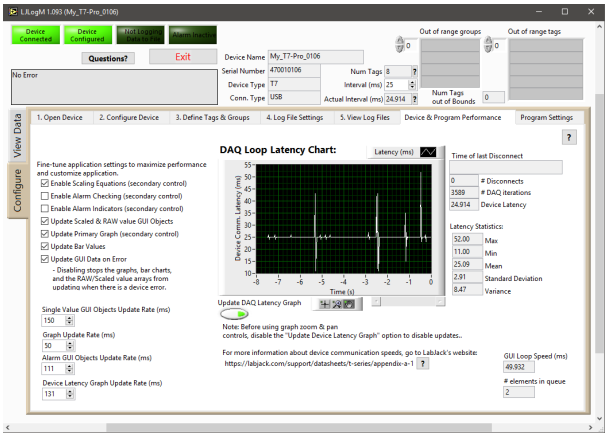


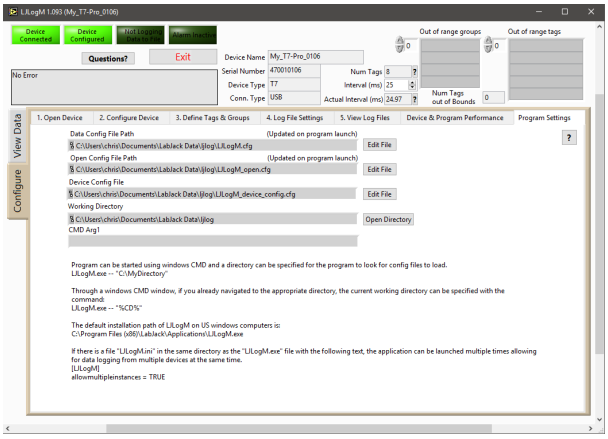
Data Logging, Viewing, and Reporting

This version of LJLogM has additional features to enable more customized log files. There are settings to customize the file name as well as what data gets saved to the file. After data has been logged, there is another section that lists what files have been created and has application short cuts to open the files in OpenOffice or Excel.



Program Performance

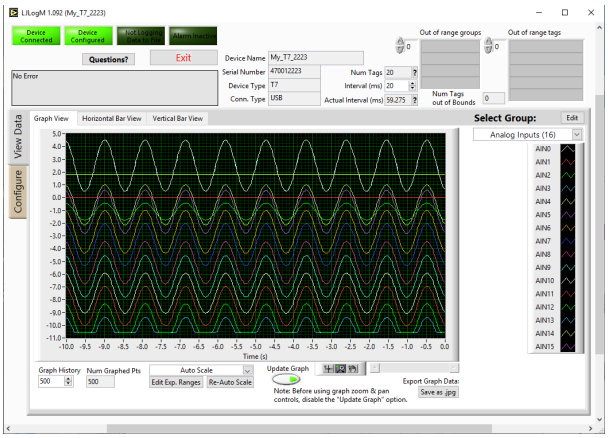
When collecting data from a LabJack at high data rates or trying to collect data at tightly controlled intervals, there are several factors to consider. The active connection type, how many channels are being logged, what type of data is being collected, and what calculations are being run afterwards are all important. This feature of LJLogM provides a method to detect, diagnose, and understand communication speed issues and limitations.



Program Settings

LJLogM is a highly configurable program and all of its features/settings can be configured by editing .cfg files so that the program starts up in the desired state. The program's configurations are saved when ever the program exits and loaded when it launches.

View Data



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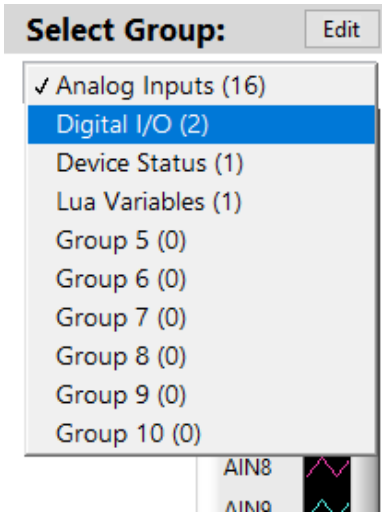
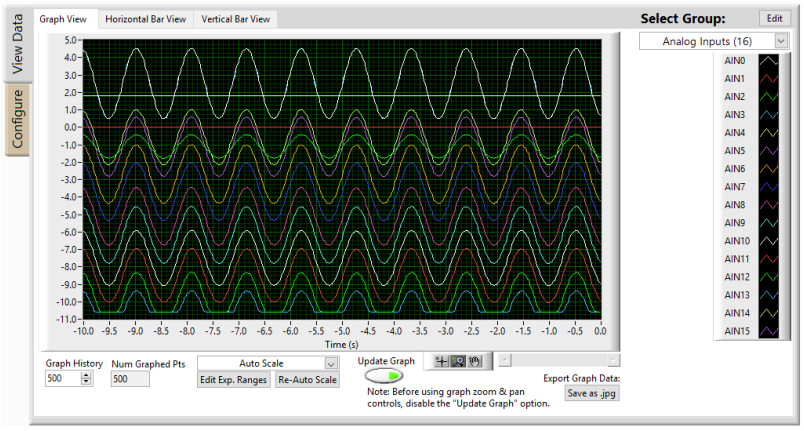
Select Group: Choose one of the 10 available data groups to display on the selected view.



Graph View

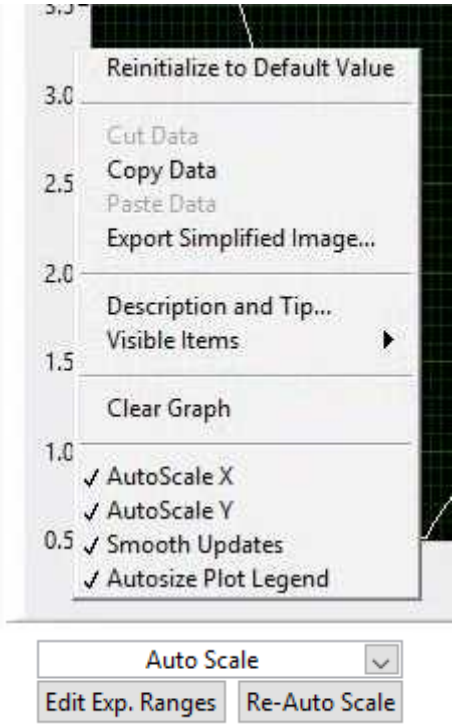


Number of displayed tags: The graph view page can display up to 20 tags at a time and several features are available.

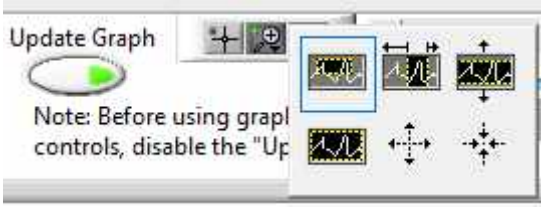
Tag Names: The names of all of the displayed tags by editing the `Tag Name` value under: `Configure` → `3. Define Tags & Groups` → `Tag Name`.

Graph History: Define how many historical data points to store in memory and display on the graph.

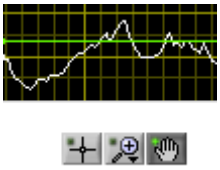
Graph Scaling: Enable/Disable graph Auto-Scaling features by right-clicking on the graph axis or select between one of the pre-defined modes.



Zoom Tools: After pausing the graph, zoom in, zoom out, or selectively highlight and view data by using the zoom tools. It is also possible to disable the "AutoScale X" or "AutoScale Y" modes and have the graph update while zoomed in.

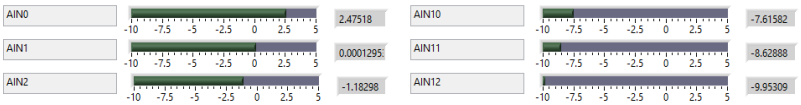


Hand Move: After pausing the screen and zooming into a section of data, use the hand tool or the scroll bar to view data around the zoomed in area.

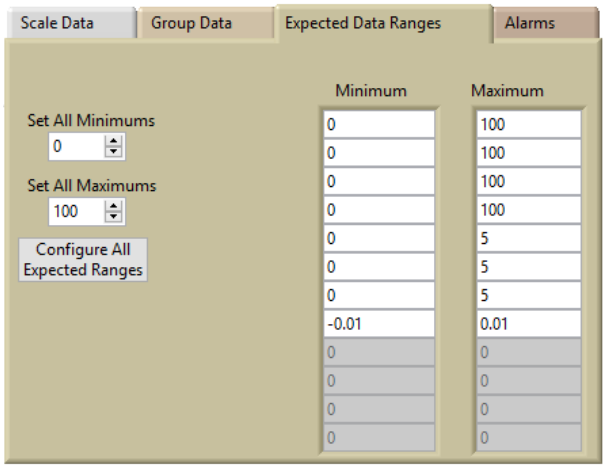


Take Screen Shots: If using the windows print screen or snipping tools aren't easily accessible, there is a button that saves a `.jpg` image of the data currently visible on the graph.

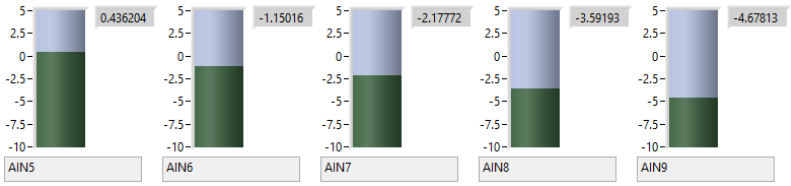
Horizontal Bar View



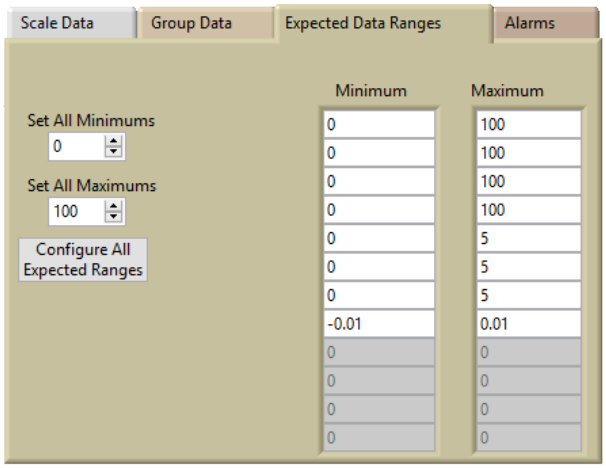
The horizontal bar view can display up to 20 tags at a time. The range of the horizontal bars can be adjusted by editing the tag's expected data range values: `Configure` → `3. Define Tags & Groups` → `Expected Data Ranges`.



Vertical Bar View

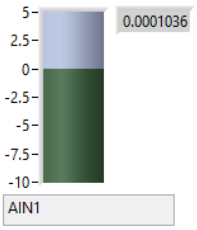


The vertical bar view can display up to 10 tags at a time. The range of each of the vertical bars can be adjusted by editing the tag's expected data range values: `Configure` → `3. Define Tags & Groups` → `Expected Data Ranges`.

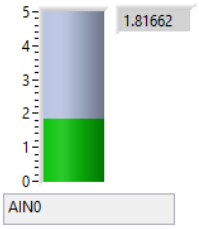


Bar View Alarm Indication

The colors of both the horizontal and vertical bars are capable of indicating when alarm conditions occur. Alarms can be edited in the in the `Configure` → `3. Define Tags & Groups` → `Alarms` section and look like the following:



No Alarm Configured



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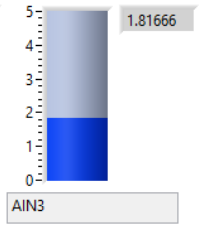

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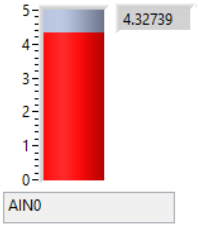

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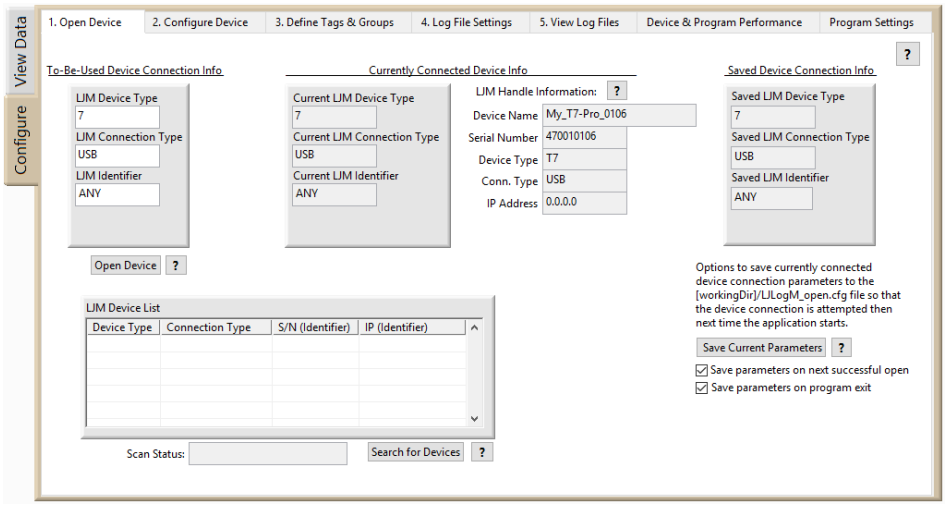
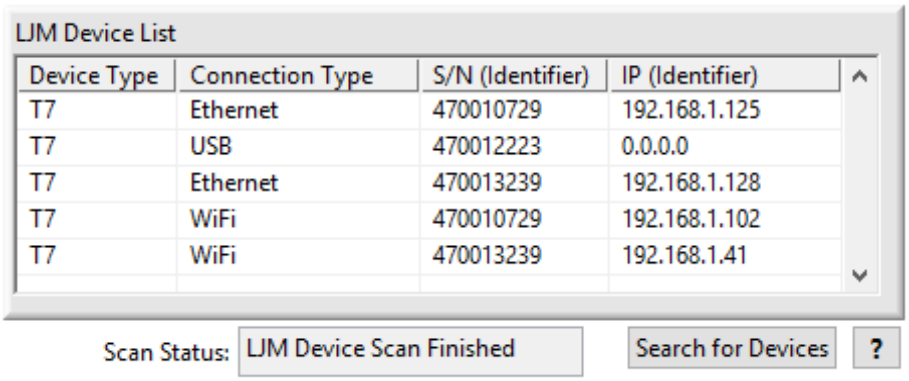
Opening and Searching for Devices



When LJLogM starts, it automatically attempts to connect to a device given a set of saved LJM Open parameters that are saved in the `LJLogM_open.cfg` file. This tab allows users to edit these settings, search for new devices, and open a new device.

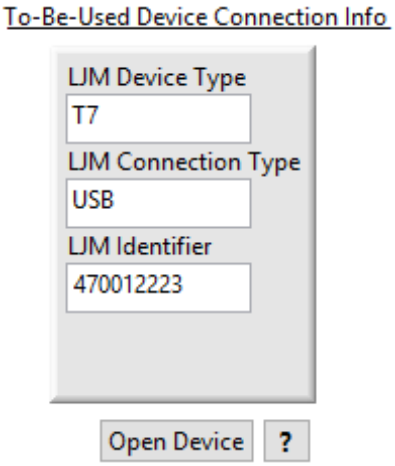
Searching for a new device: To search for a new device, press the `Search for Devices` button. The search can be around 5-30 seconds depending on a computers configuration, but it performs a LJM_ListAllS function call to find any available T-Series devices over USB, Ethernet or WiFi.



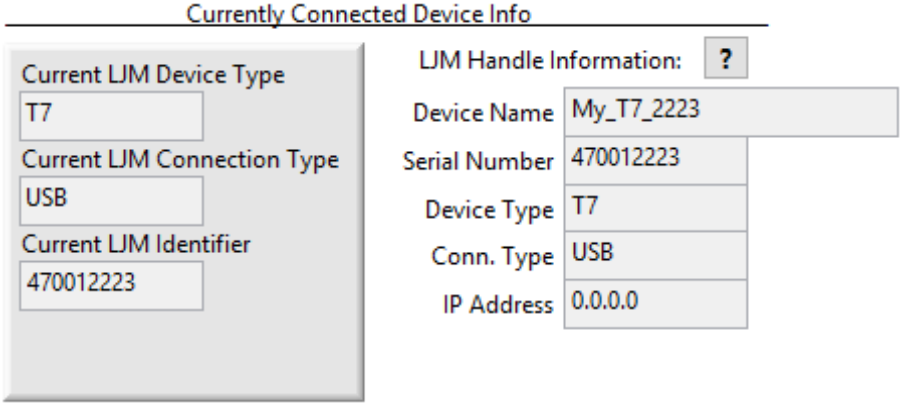
Device Not Found? If a device is not being correctly found, some useful debugging steps can be found in the Device Not Found App-Note. If a network connection needs to be debugged, check out the Setup WiFi and Ethernet App-Note as well.

Opening a new device: To open a new device, type in new connection parameters and then press the `Open Device` button. Any LJM_OpenS parameter can be used, a short list of the valid parameters is as follows:

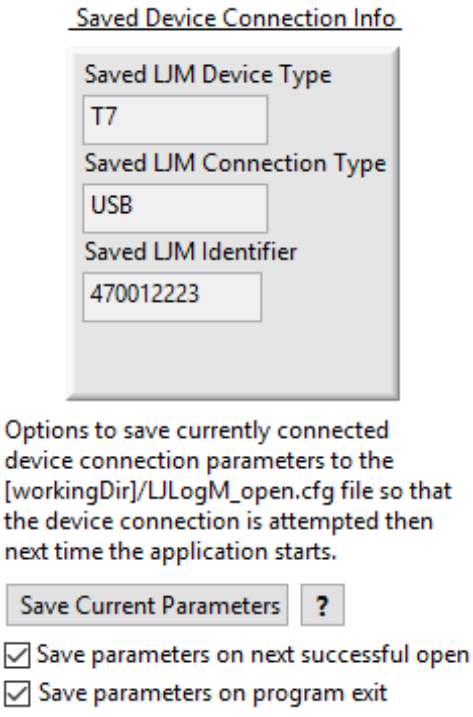
- Device Type: `ANY`, `T4`, `T7`
- Connection Type: `ANY`, `USB`, `Ethernet`, `WiFi`
- Identifier: `ANY`, `IP Address` (ex: `192.168.1.101`), `Device Name` (ex: `My_T7-Pro_0106`), `Serial Number` (ex: `470010106`)



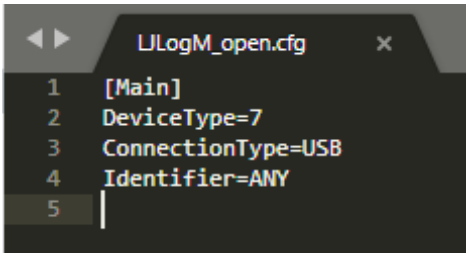
Currently Active Device Information: After a device has been connected, some basic information about the device and its active connection type can be found next to the device opening controls.



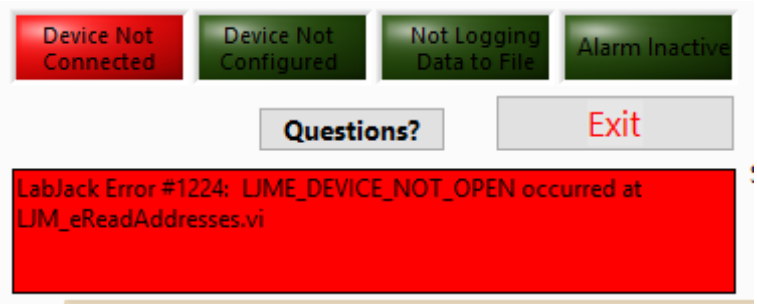
Saved Device Connection Info: The LJM parameters that are used to open a device when LJLogM first starts are visible in this section and there are options to control how these settings are updated.



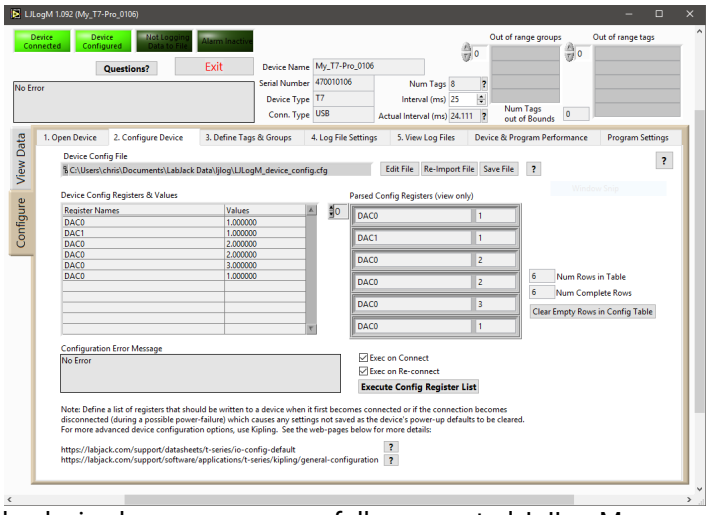
These settings can be edited manually by editing the `LJLogM_open.cfg` file with any text editing program, the format of this file looks like the following:



Device Opening Error: If a device doesn't get opened when LJLogM starts, there will be two sections that turn red indicating the error and a device scan will be initiated. It looks like the following:



Device Configuration



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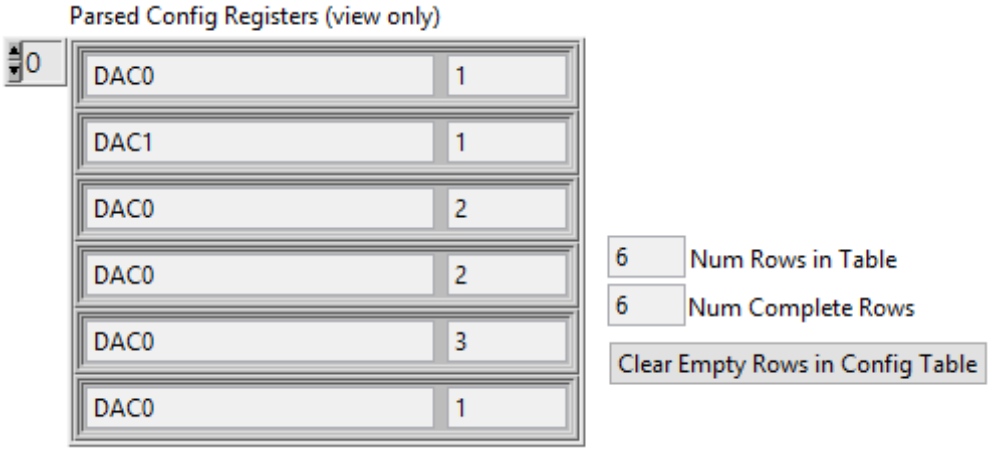
Defining Registers: Enter one register per row in the left column and the value that needs to be written to that register in the right column of the "Device Config Registers & Values" table.

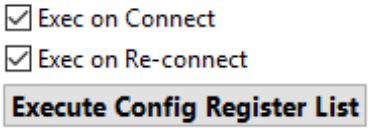
Device Config Registers & Values

Register Names	Values
DAC0	1.000000
DAC1	1.000000
DAC0	2.000000
DAC0	2.000000
DAC0	3.000000
DAC0	1.000000

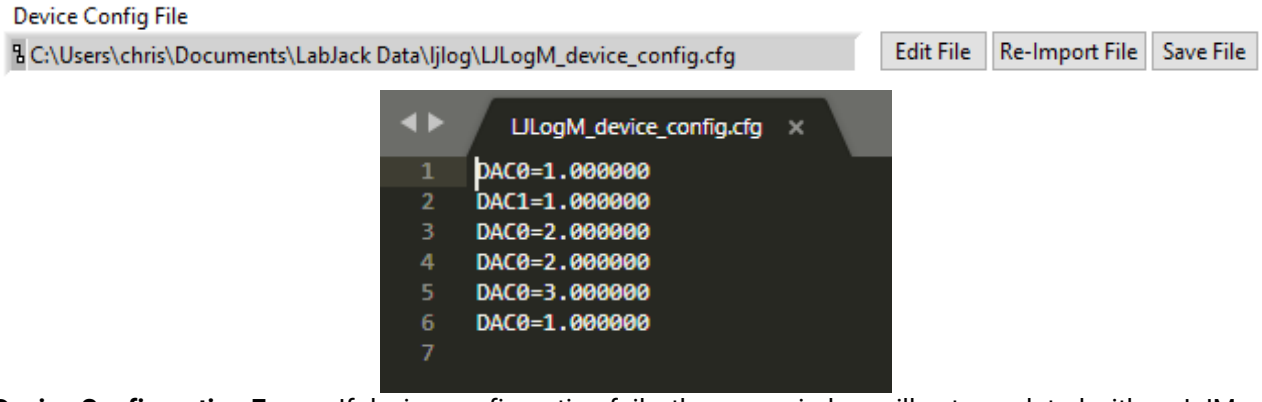
Parsed List of Config Registers: As new registers get added, a parsed list of registers and values get updated. The LabVIEW 7.1 table GUI element is not very clear/easy to use, so some extra tooling is in place to get things cleaned up if the `.cfg` file itself isn't being edited.



Configure the Device: After all of the required registers have been entered into the table, press the `Execute Config Register List` to instruct LJLogM to write the values to the connected T-Series device. LJLogM can be configured to execute this list of commands whenever a device connects, or when a device disconnects and then re-connects which can happen when the device power cycles. When a device disconnects, error code 1239, "LJME_RECONNECT_FAILED" is returned. When it re-connects there will be no error and the device will get reconfigured if the `Exec on Re-connect` is enable.



Config File: Instead of editing the list of configuration registers through LJLogM, users can edit the `LJLogM_device_config.cfg` file in their preferred text editor and then re-import the file into LJLogM with the following controls and format:



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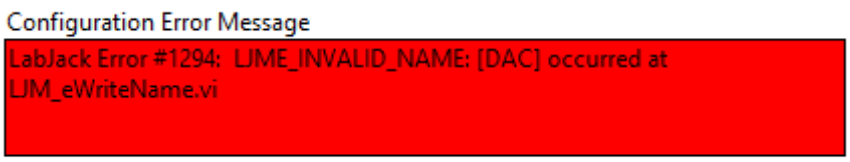

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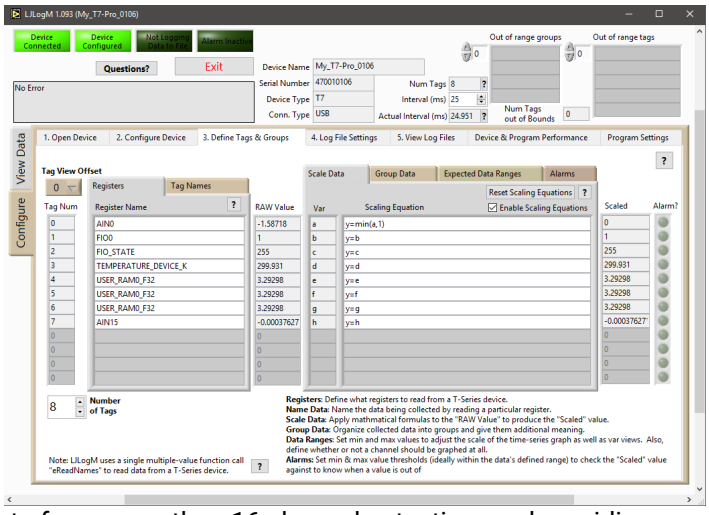

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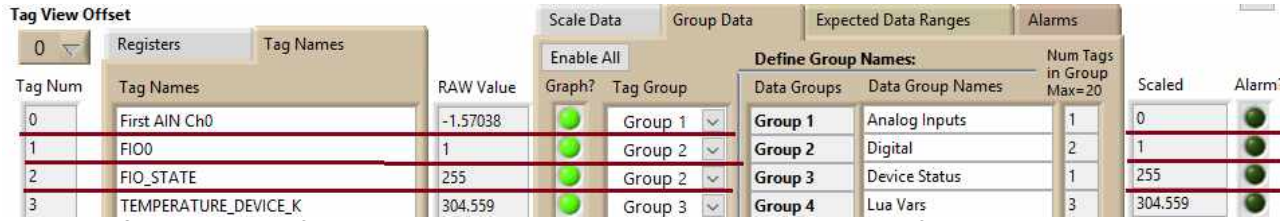
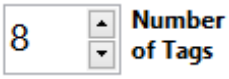
Horizontal Page Organization: Depending on what tabs are selected, data for a given Tag is organized horizontally across the page. Starting with `Tag Num` and finishing with the `Scaled` and `Alarm?` indicators. The one exception to this rule is how data Groups are defined and given names.

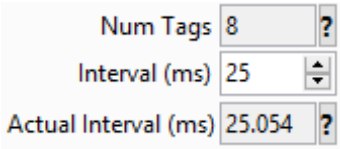


Number of Tags: This defines how many tags or registers LJLogM is reading from the connected T-Series device. To add a new tag, increment the Number of Tags by one.

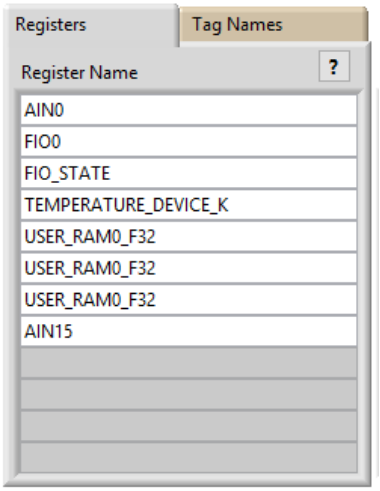


Tag View Offset: Sets the first Tag number in the display list of 12 Tags, allowing users to scroll through all enabled Tags.

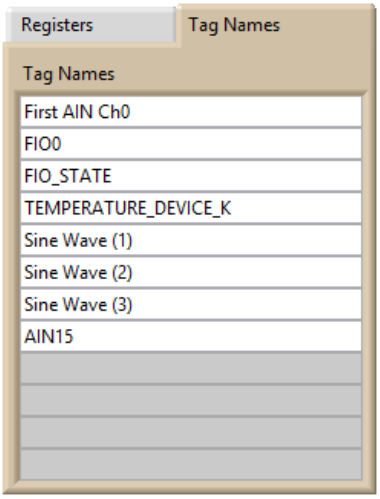
Data Collection Rate: To configure how fast data is collected from a device, look towards the top of the page and find the following controls. The "Interval (ms)" control lets users define how fast LJLogM should attempt to collect data from a device, and the "Actual Interval (ms)" indicator shows how fast data is actually being collected. For more data collection statistics, press the `?` button or look at the "Program Performance" section of LJLogM.



Registers: To edit the register being read by LJLogM from the connected T-Series device, edit the following field. The `?` button is a shortcut to take users to the Modbus Map page where a list of all the available registers can be found. For example: `AIN0`, `AIN9`, `EIO2`, `WIFI_STATUS`, `DIO0_EF_READ_A_F`, or `AIN3_EF_READ_A`, etc.



Tag Names: This control allows customers to define the name that gets displayed in all of the data views and what name is saved to the `.log` file. After editing a register, the associated Tag Name will be automatically changed to become the name of the register. To edit the name of the tag, simply edit the associated field.

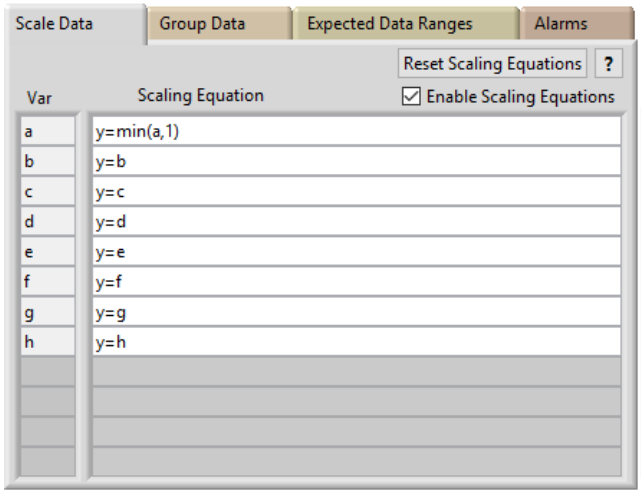


RAW Value: After defining a list of valid registers, the `RAW Value` array will begin updating. These are the values directly from the device before scaling.

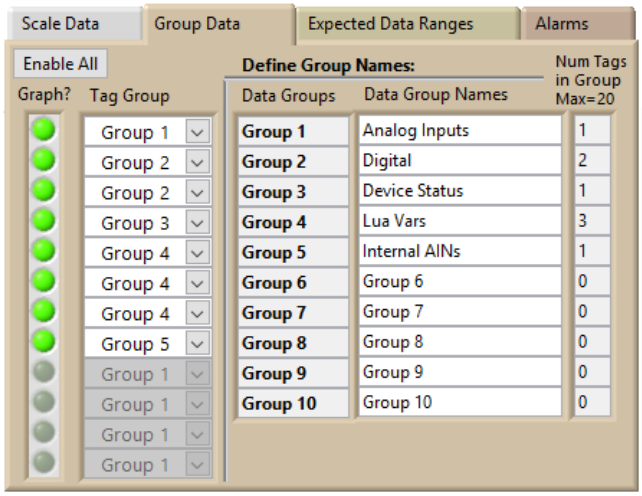
Scaling Equations: This should be something like `y=a`, where `y` is the scaled output and `a` is the raw value of Tag `0`. `b` through `p` would be Tags `1` to `15`, and so on. Everything after `//` is ignored, so use for comments. A few examples:

```
y=c                          // Scaled value equal to raw value from 3rd row
y=100*c                      // EI-1034/LM34 voltage to deg F
y=c-273.15                   // deg K to deg C
y=((c-273.15)*9/5)+32        // deg K to deg F
y=TCVoltsToTemp[K:c:a]       // Type K, t/c voltage from 3rd row, CJ temp from 1st row
```

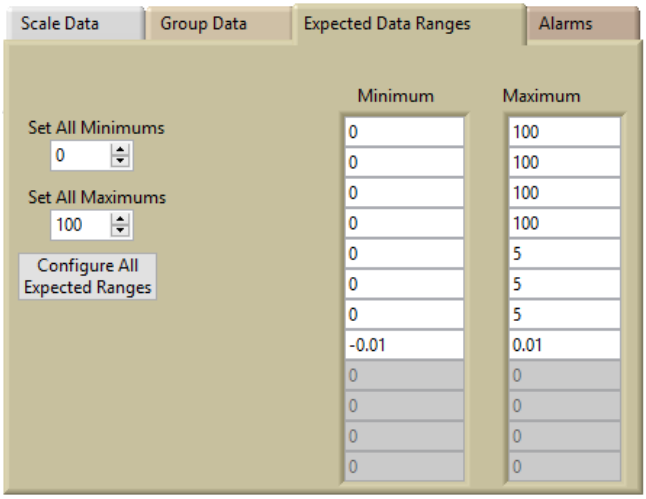
For more details see the LJLog/Stream Scaling Equations page. The defined scaling equations can be reset to default values by pressing the `Reset Scaling Equations` button. If scaling equations do not need to be applied or the maximum data throughput of LJLogM is being reached, uncheck the `Enable Scaling Equations` check box.



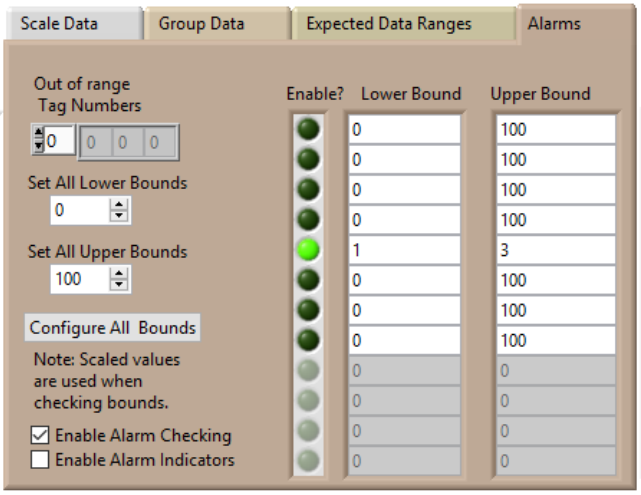
Group Data: After a list of Tags have been defined, they can be organized into Groups so that related data can be graphed together or displayed in the bar views. There are 10 groups that data can be organized into. Groups can be given customized human readable names.



Expected Data Ranges: If the data being read have explicit ranges or if users wish to customize the scales of the various views, edit the expected data ranges for each of the tags. All of the tags have the same ranges, edit the set all minimums and maximums controls and press the `Configure All Expected Ranges` button.

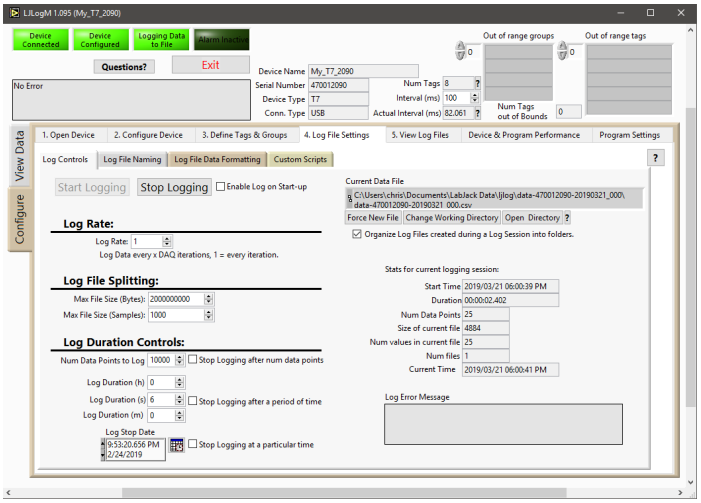


Alarms: Alarms can be configured, enabled, and disabled on a tag-by-tag basis. This tab is where they are edited. If all of the tags need to have the same alarm bounds, edit the `Set All Lower Bounds` and `Set All Upper Bounds` controls and press the `Configure All Bounds` button. Once configured, the `Enable?` indicator should be pressed to enable the alarm. When enabled it will light up bright green. The `Enable Alarm Checking` option enables LJLogM to perform the necessary math operations to calculate whether the values are in or out of bounds. The `Enable Alarm Indicators` option is a final catch-all that enables or disables the GUI from being updated to show the various alarm conditions.



Data Logging, Viewing, and Reporting

LJLogM is capable of collecting data from T-Series devices in a flexible and configurable manner. LJLogM is also capable of executing custom scripts that can execute command line scripts, custom Python programs, etc. that save collected data to databases, custom servers, or to the cloud. Once data has been collected and saved locally (after a logging session or an experiment), generated data files can be opened in local programs like Excel, Open Office, or have custom scripts be executed to expedite data analysis in programs like Matlab or Python.



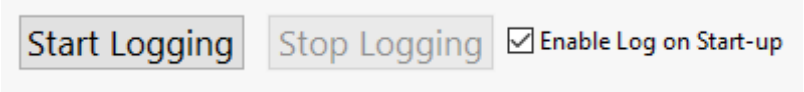
LJLogM is capable of generating customized log files that can be easily imported into spreadsheet tools such as OpenOffice, Excel, or any other post-processing tools. There are settings to customize the file name, data formatting and optional data. After data has been logged, users can go to the tab `5. View Log Files`, where they can find a list of the generated files and there are application short cuts to open the files in OpenOffice or Excel.

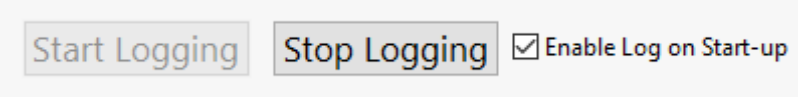
Subsections

- Custom Scripts
- timestamps

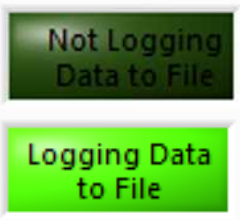
Log Controls

Start and Stop Logging: These controls start and stop data from being logged to a file. When logging, the program-wide logging indicator as well as the logging statistics will be updated. The `Enable Log on Start-up` checkbox allows users to configure LJLogM to begin logging data when the application starts and a device becomes connected/configured.

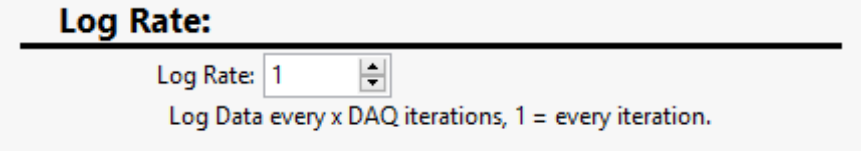




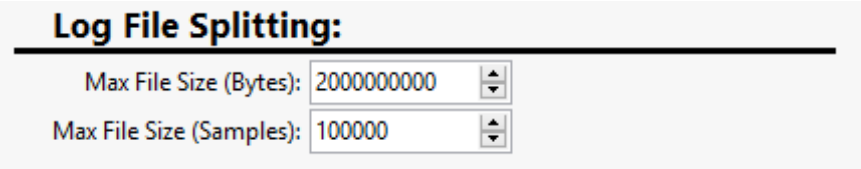
Logging Indicators: This program-wide indicator informs users whether or not data is being logged to a file. When it is illuminated light green, data is being logged to a file.



Log Rate: LJLogM can be configured to save data at a different rate than data is collected. When `Log Rate` is `1`, data is logged every data collection interval. When `Log Rate` is `2`, every other value gets saved, etc.

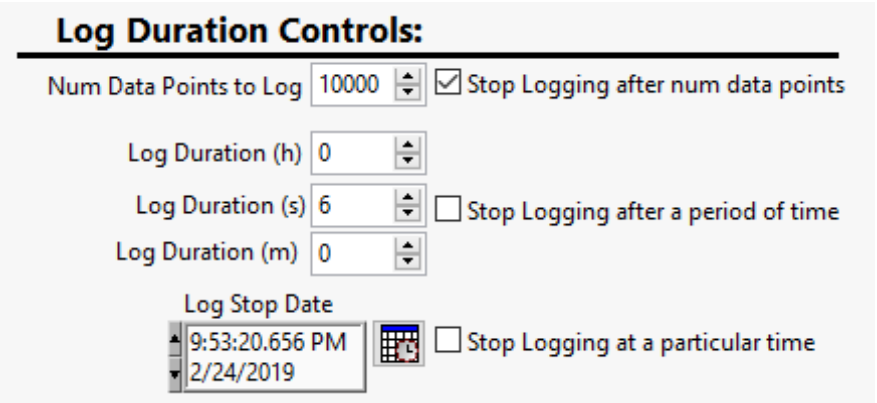


Log File Splitting:



Maximum file sizes can be set using either of the following two controls. When either of them is reached, a new file will be created.
- **Max File Size (Bytes):** Starts a new file after the current data file becomes larger than "x" number of Bytes in size.
- **Max File Size (Samples):** Starts a new file after the current data file has "x" number of samples saved to it.

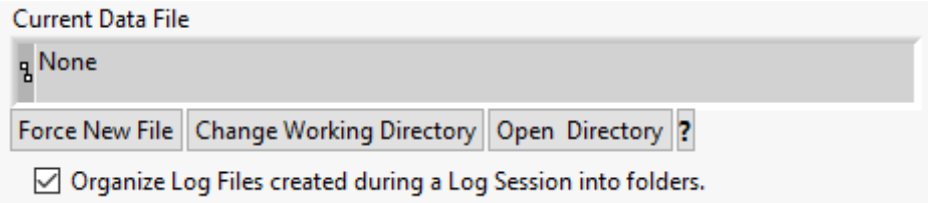
Log Duration:



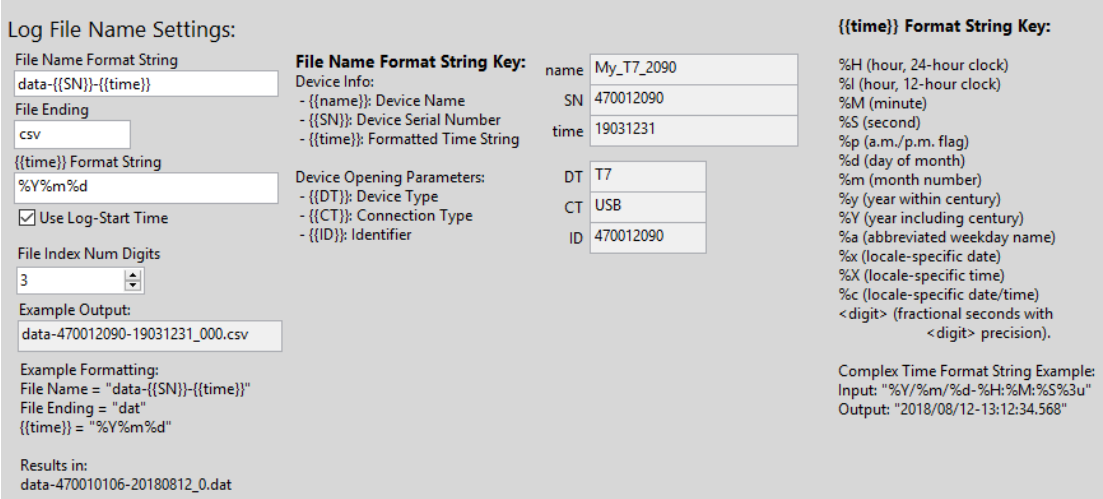
The log duration controls allow LJLogM to stop logging after either:
- A number of samples
- A duration (hours, minutes, seconds)
- A specific time.

Current Data File: When data is being logged to a file, this indicator displays the current file path and name of the file being logged to. There are buttons here that let users force a new file to be created, re-configure

LJLogM to change directories where data is being saved, and a button that lets users open Windows Explorer at the directory where data is being logged.



Log File Naming Settings



The file that gets generated during a logging session by LJLogM can be customized by defining a `File Name Format String` which can include bracketed strings/keys that get replaced by the applicable referenced device settings or a time string. At the end of the file, a file counter string `_0` is added which gets incremented each time a new file is created due to its size getting to large (`_1` , `_2` , etc).

To create the list of files:

`data_0.dat`

`data_1.dat`

Use the settings:

`File Name Format String: "data"`

`File Ending: "dat"`

`{{time}} Format String: N/A`

To create the list of files:

`data-20180812_0.csv`

`data-20180812_1.csv`

`data-20180812_2.csv`

Use the settings:

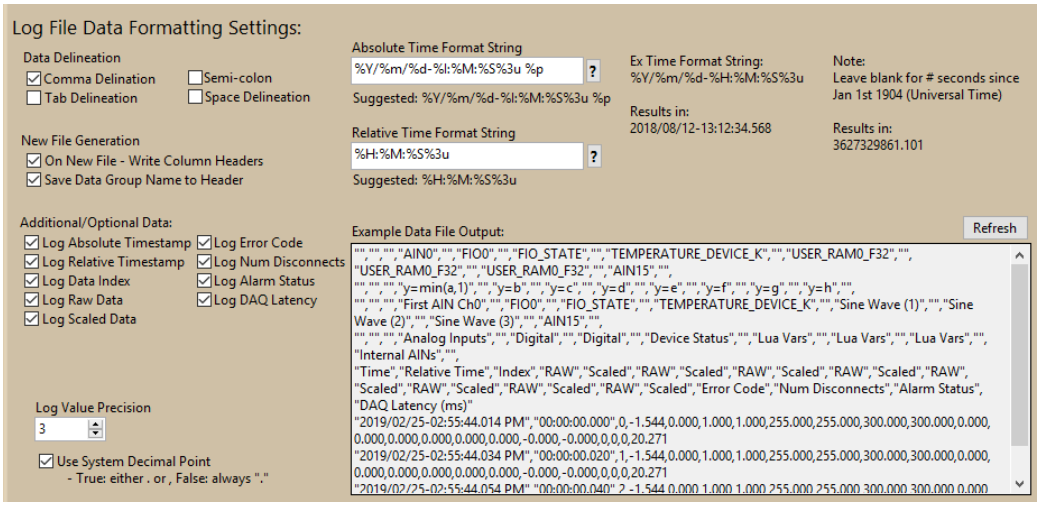
`File Name Format String: "data-{{time}}"`

`File Ending: "csv"`
`{{time}} Format String: "%Y%m%d"`

Known Issues with Log File Naming

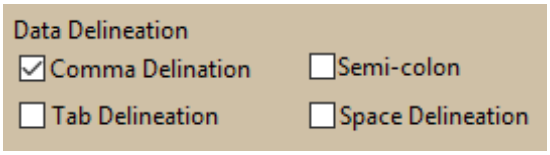
The `{{time}}` format string may not contain a colon (`:`).

Log File Data Formatting Settings

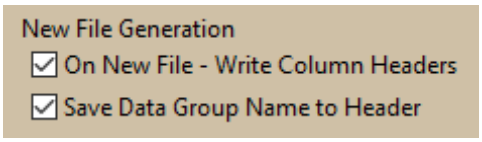


LJLogM also has a variety of settings to customize the data that gets logged to a file. As settings get enabled and disabled, a file-preview window is updated to reflect what data is going to be saved to the file. There are these options to customize:

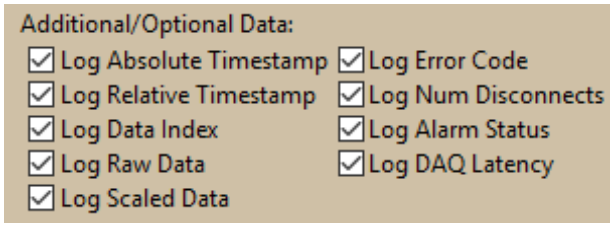
Data Delineation: Data is saved into a file with standard CSV (comma-separated values) formatting. Rows are terminated with a newline (`\r\n`), and columns are separated by comma (`,`), tab (`\t`), semi-colon (`;`) , and/or space (`" "`).



Spreadsheet Header: A header section can be optionally included or excluded from the generated file to save space and make it easier to parse data with post-processing tools. The `On New File` option lets users choose whether or not the header data is added. The `Save Data Group Name` is an option to include or exclude what data group each of the values were associated to.

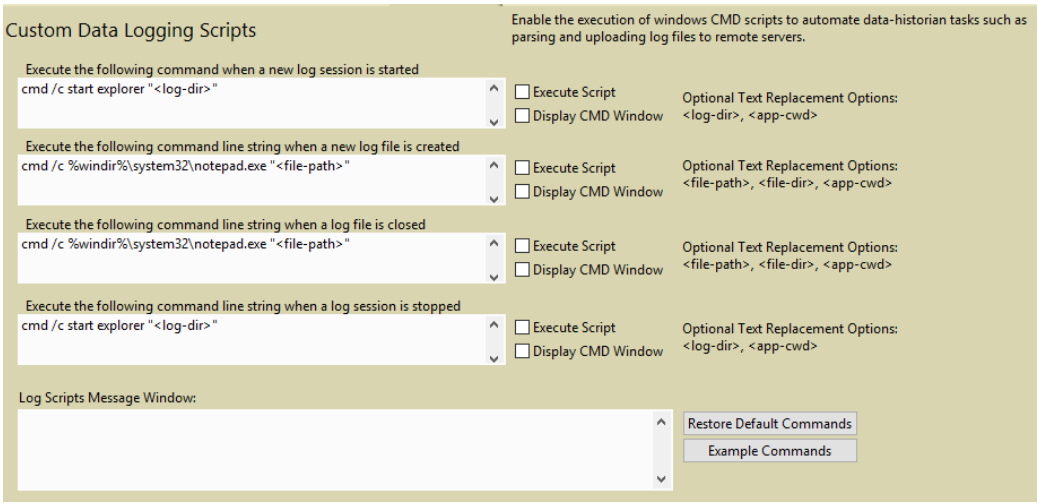


Additional/Optional Data:



- Log Absolute Timestamp: When enabled, a timestamp is logged for each interval that reflects the "computer time". The timestamp can be customized by editing the `Absolute Time Format String` field. For more information about what special characters can be used, see the timestamp section.
- Log Relative Timestamp: When enabled, a timestamp is logged for each interval that reflects how long it has been since the log started. The timestamp can be customized by editing the `Relative Time Format Strin` " field. For more information about what special characters can be used, see the timestamp section.
- Log Data Index: When enabled, an "index" value will be saved for each value that gets logged to the file. This can make some spreadsheet calculations easier and allows users to keep better track of data when multiple files are created.
- Log Raw Data: When enabled, the raw value for each register is logged to the file.
- Log Scaled Data: When enabled, the scaled value for each data point is logged to the file.
- Log Error Code: When enabled, the LJM error code returned by the `LJM_eReadNames` function is logged.
- Log Num Disconnects: LJLogM keeps track of how many times a device has become disconnected and re-connected. When enabled, LJLogM will log this value.
- Log Alarm Status: When enabled, LJLogM will save a boolean `Yes` or `No` value (`1` or `0`) to indicate whether or not there was an overall alarm condition triggered due to one of the scaled values being to high or low.
- Log DAQ Latency: When enabled, LJLogM will save the time between log intervals to the file which makes some post-processing calculations easier.

Custom Scripts

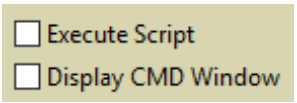


Configure LJLogM to run applications with configurable arguments at specific times during a logging session to automate repetitive tasks that are common when logging data. Scripts can be executed:

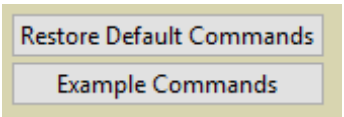
- At the start of a logging session.
- When a new file is generated and is starting to be written to.
- When a file finishes being written to. This happens when LJLogM is switching to a new file during a logging session or when a logging session finishes.
- At the end of a logging session.

For some ideas on what scripts to write and how this feature can be used, see the custom scripts sub-section.

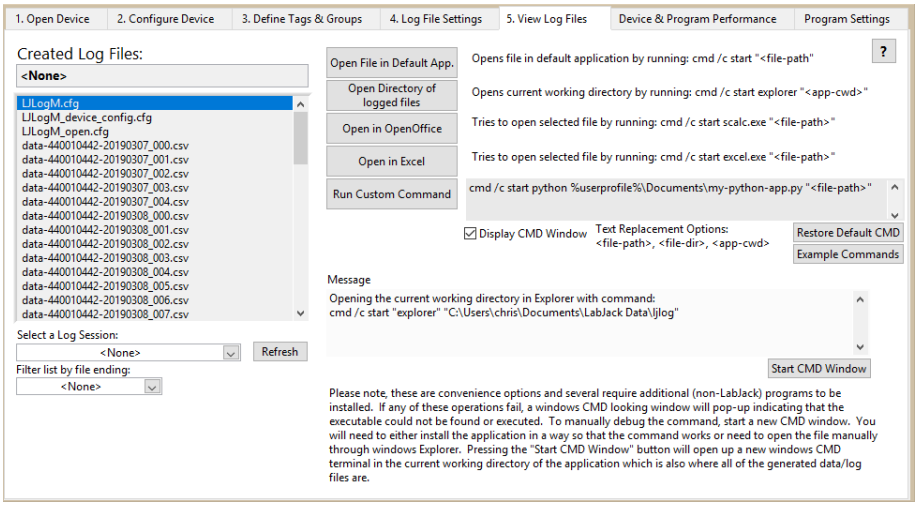
Script Execution Options: Scripts can be individually enabled and can optionally be configured to display a CMD window when being launched have them launch silently.



Restore Defaults & see Examples: If there is a concern that a script input field isn't working properly restore the scripts to default "safe" options. Also, view a few script ideas.



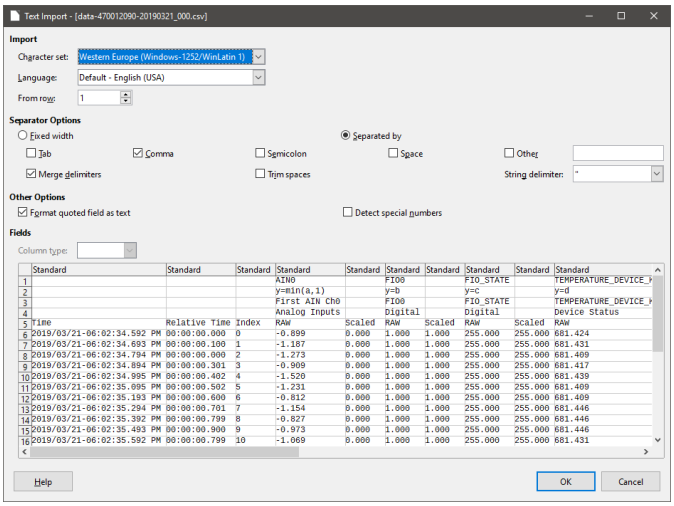
View Logged Data



After generating data log files, LJLogM can help users find and view the generated files by running some Windows command prompt commands. The list of log files that have been created can be filtered by the drop-down menu. After selecting a file, users have the option to:

- Open the file in its default application. This is set in Windows settings.
- Open the directory of where all of the logged files have been created.
- (If installed) Open the file in OpenOffice.
- (If installed) Open the file in Excel.

Importing data into a spreadsheet application is typically a pain-free process. OpenOffice, LibreOffice, and Excel all have a data importing wizard that pops up and looks something like the following:



LJLogM has configurable data delineation settings so select the appropriate options for how data was saved into the file. String data in LJLogM is saved as double-quoted text to allow strings to contain separator text options so make sure that option is selected as well and select the " string delimiter.

Once data has been imported, it is relatively easy to graph the data and perform additional calculations:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1				AIN0		FIO0		FIO_STATE		TEMPERATURE_DEVICE_K	
2				y=a		y=b		y=c		y=d	
3										_DEVICE_K	
4											
5	Time	Rel									Scaled
6	2019/03/21-06:45:44.394 PM	00:								681.11	681.11
7	2019/03/21-06:45:44.445 PM	00:								681.117	681.117
8	2019/03/21-06:45:44.493 PM	00:								681.168	681.168
9	2019/03/21-06:45:44.542 PM	00:								681.161	681.161
10	2019/03/21-06:45:44.592 PM	00:								681.139	681.139
11	2019/03/21-06:45:44.644 PM	00:								681.095	681.095
12	2019/03/21-06:45:44.693 PM	00:								681.095	681.095
13	2019/03/21-06:45:44.743 PM	00:								681.117	681.117
14	2019/03/21-06:45:44.792 PM	00:								681.168	681.168
15	2019/03/21-06:45:44.842 PM	00:								681.168	681.168
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18	2019/03/21-06:45:44.993 PM	00:								681.183	681.183
19	2019/03/21-06:45:45.042 PM	00:								681.161	681.161
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22	2019/03/21-06:45:45.192 PM	00:								681.175	681.175
23	2019/03/21-06:45:45.243 PM	00:00:00.698	17	2.435	2.435	1	1	255	255	681.095	681.095
24	2019/03/21-06:45:45.294 PM	00:00:00.900	18	2.236	2.236	1	1	255	255	681.11	681.11
25	2019/03/21-06:45:45.343 PM	00:00:00.949	19	2.038	2.038	1	1	255	255	681.095	681.095
26	2019/03/21-06:45:45.394 PM	00:00:01.000	20	1.847	1.847	1	1	255	255	681.139	681.139
27	2019/03/21-06:45:45.444 PM	00:00:01.050	21	1.661	1.661	1	1	255	255	681.154	681.154
28	2019/03/21-06:45:45.493 PM	00:00:01.099	22	1.484	1.484	1	1	255	255	681.168	681.168
29	2019/03/21-06:45:45.543 PM	00:00:01.149	23	1.317	1.317	1	1	255	255	681.175	681.175
30	2019/03/21-06:45:45.593 PM	00:00:01.199	24	1.162	1.162	1	1	255	255	681.175	681.175
31	2019/03/21-06:45:45.644 PM	00:00:01.250	25	1.021	1.021	1	1	255	255	681.168	681.168
32	2019/03/21-06:45:45.695 PM	00:00:01.301	26	0.894	0.894	1	1	255	255	681.146	681.146
33	2019/03/21-06:45:45.744 PM	00:00:01.350	27	0.783	0.783	1	1	255	255	681.11	681.11
34	2019/03/21-06:45:45.794 PM	00:00:01.400	28	0.69	0.69	1	1	255	255	681.146	681.146
35	2019/03/21-06:45:45.844 PM	00:00:01.450	29	0.614	0.614	1	1	255	255	681.161	681.161
36	2019/03/21-06:45:45.895 PM	00:00:01.501	30	0.557	0.557	1	1	255	255	681.19	681.19
37	2019/03/21-06:45:45.943 PM	00:00:01.549	31	0.52	0.52	1	1	255	255	681.175	681.175
38	2019/03/21-06:45:45.994 PM	00:00:01.600	32	0.503	0.503	1	1	255	255	681.183	681.183
39	2019/03/21-06:45:46.043 PM	00:00:01.649	33	0.506	0.506	1	1	255	255	681.168	681.168
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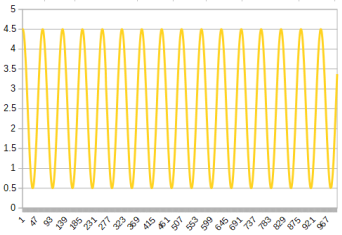
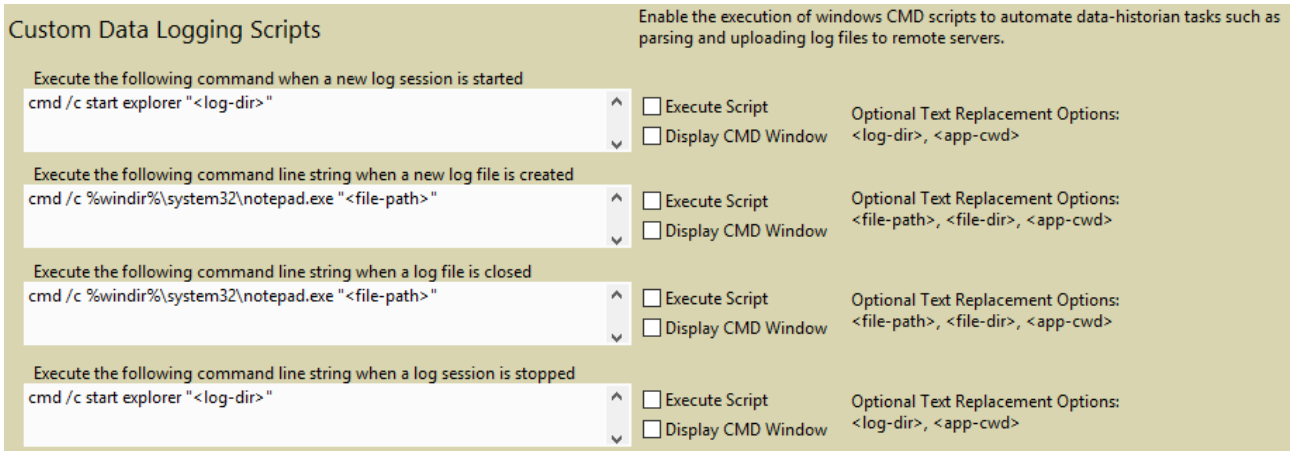


Custom Scripts

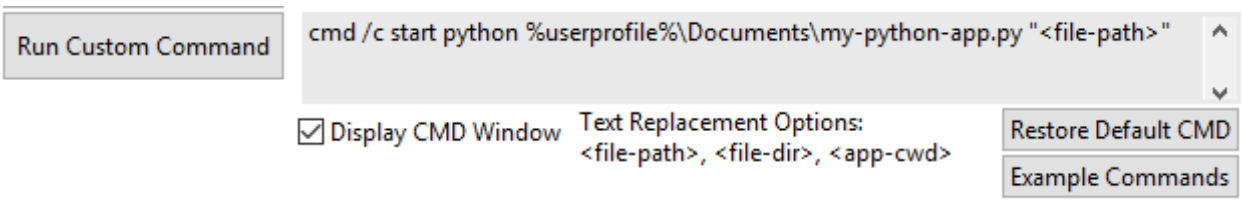
The possibilities for what to do in a custom script are almost endless. Some options:

- After a log file has been created, it can be copied to alternate locations using the `cp` command or copied to remote servers using the `scp` command.
- Data can also be uploaded to public cloud storage locations such as AWS, Dropbox, or Google Drive by calling custom python programs.

Data Logging Scripts



Data Viewing Scripts



Windows Batch Scripts & Commands

There are a plethora of online resources tailored to scripting for Windows machines. Here are a few good resources:

- Batch Files & Batch Commands: (DOS) Commands and their usage in batch files
- Batch Script Commands: Hosted by Tutorials Point.
- Windows Commands: Documentation by Microsoft.

Before running any scripts, it is recommend to look into the "CMD" command. At the start of each defined script, we recommend adding either:

```
// Terminate the CMD shell after executing the specified command.
cmd /c [your command..........]

// Leave the CMD window open after executing the specified command.
cmd /k [your command..........]
```

SCP & Linux commands on Windows

After installing a variety of Linux command line utilities onto a Windows machine, users can configure LJLogM to perform a lot of powerful features. Internally, we use and suggest others to download the tools provided by Cygwin and GnuWin32. Once installed and properly configured, users can copy files created by LJLogM to a remote host with SCP by following the following syntax:

```
scp "<file-path>" username@host:/remote/directory
```

There are many examples for how to use SCP online, here is a link to one: Linux - How to Securely Copy Files using SCP examples as well as a Stack Exchange topic: Use scp to transfer a file from local directory X to remote directory Y.

Going Further, Python and Node.js

If there aren't any existing Windows batch commands or Linux bash commands that accomplish the task at hand, look into installing tools like Python or Node.js to greatly enhance what can be done with LJLogM's scripting capabilities. Both Python and Node.js have a plethora of online libraries that can be leveraged to perform tasks that need to be automated. After installing python or installing node.js head back to Google and start searching for cool places to upload files. There are more tutorials out there than you can shake a stick at.

- How to upload files automatically to Google Drive with Python

Scripting with MATLAB

If the logged data needs to be analyzed and a variety of complex calculations need to be performed, consider writing a MATLAB program that reads in a log file and have it perform calculations either during an experiment (after each log file is created) or when the log session completes.

- MathWorks Documentation: Start MATLAB program from Windows system prompt
- Stack Overflow: Matlab: Running a m-file from command-line

Quickly read a `.csv` file using the "readtable" function and generate XY Plots.

Additional Potential Integrations

- How to Write Points from CSV to InfluxDB
- Getting started with Telegraf
- Telegraf Downloads

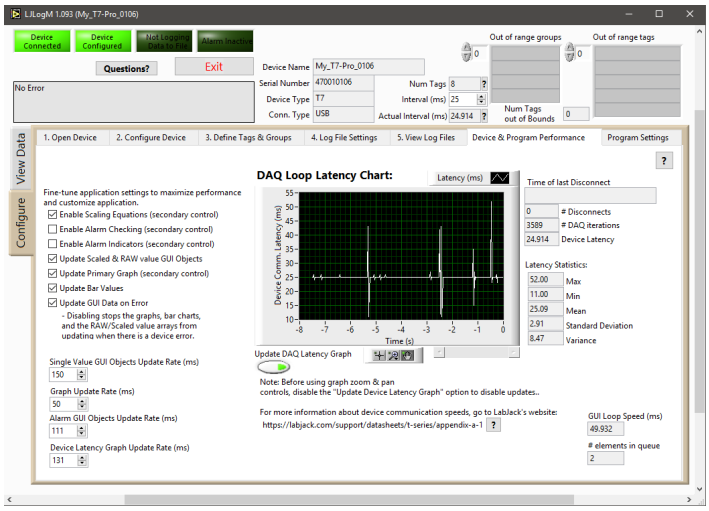
timestamps

Both absolute (current computer time) relative (time compared to a starting point) time stamps that get saved to a log file can be customized using the following special characters.

Relative Time Format Codes:
Weeks: %W
Days: %D
Hours: %H
Minutes: %M
Seconds: %S
Fractional seconds with <digit> %<digit>u
A single percent character: %

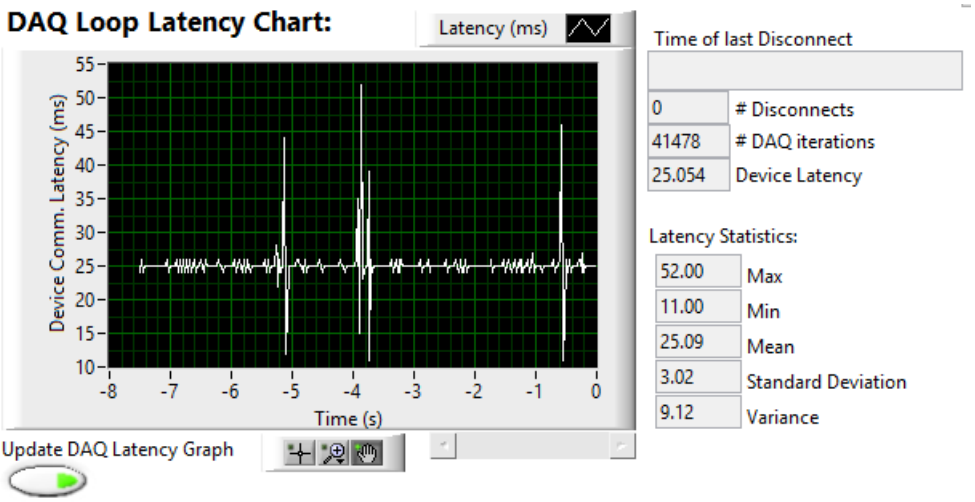
Absolute Time Format Codes:
Abbreviated weekday name: %a
Weekday name: %A
Abbreviated month name: %b
Month name: %B
Default date and time %c
Day of month (01-31): %d
Hour (24-hour clock) (00-23): %H
Hour (12-hour clock) (01-12): %I
Day of year (001-366): %j
Month number (01-12): %m
Minute (0-59): %M
AM or PM flag: %p
Seconds (00-59): %S
Fractional seconds with <digit> precision: %<digit>u
Week number (0-53) with Sunday as the first day of week 1: %U
Weekday number (0-6): %w
Week number (00-53) with Monday as the first day of week 1: %W
Locale date: %x
Locale time: %X
Year within century (00-99): %y
Year including century: %Y
Time zone: %Z

Device and Program Performance



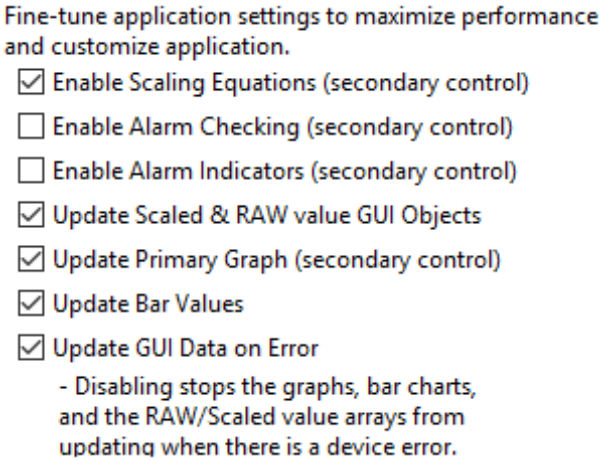
When collecting data from a LabJack at high data rates or trying to collect data at tightly controlled intervals, there are several factors to consider. The active connection type, how many channels are being logged, what type of data is being collected, and what calculations are being ran afterwards are all important. This feature of LJLogM provides a method to detect, diagnose, and understand communication speed issues and limitations.

This section of LJLogM directly correlates to section 3.0 Communication and section A-1 Data Rates of the T-Series datasheet. It is important to understand that the USB, Ethernet, and WiFi communication interfaces of T-Series devices perform differently, where some are inherently less reliable than others. WiFi connections, for example, can easily become temporarily disconnected due to excess network traffic or 2.4Ghz electrical noise in the surrounding environment. To assist with understanding communication interface performance LJLogM includes a chart that keeps track of how regular data is being polled from the connected device and calculates a few statistical metrics.

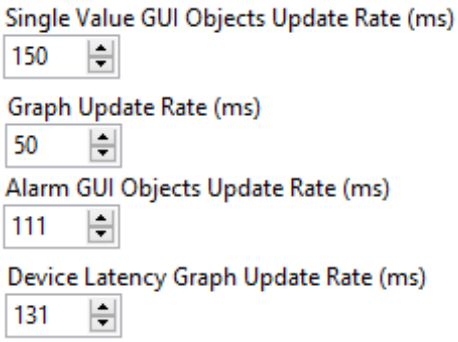


In addition to the communication medium's performance characteristics, users have to remember that Windows is not a real time operating system. For most customers, LJLogM won't be the only application running on the used computer and the CPU or associated memory buses may become seemingly "randomly" busy which can cause additional latency spikes. When trying to collect data as fast as possible (1-10ms intervals), these limitations are sometimes encountered. Therefore, LJLogM includes options to

selectively disable a variety of calculations that are performed on the incoming data as well as controls that adjust how often data is rendered to the various graphs and display indicators.

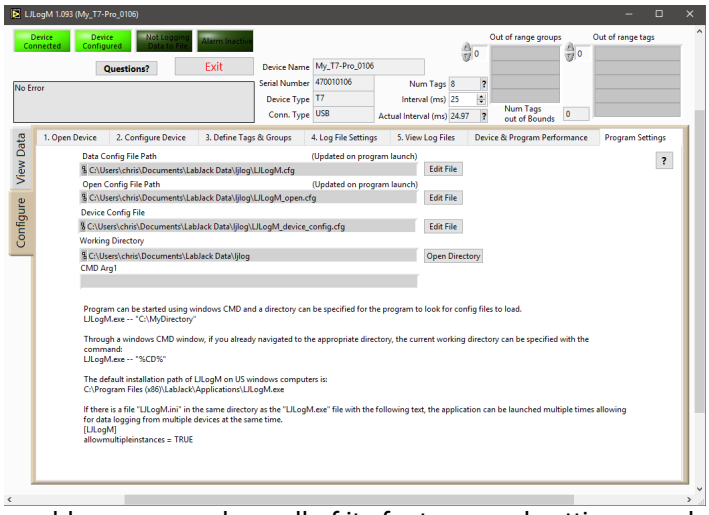


Users can enable or disable some calculations that are performed such as scaling equation and alarm checking from this tab. Users can also choose to disable the updating of indicators to increase data logging performance.



Several of the GUI elements can also have their update rates be individually controlled. Understanding the affects of graph refresh rates is also important if users wish to later design their own logging application starting with the provided example code.

Advanced: Program Settings & Start-up

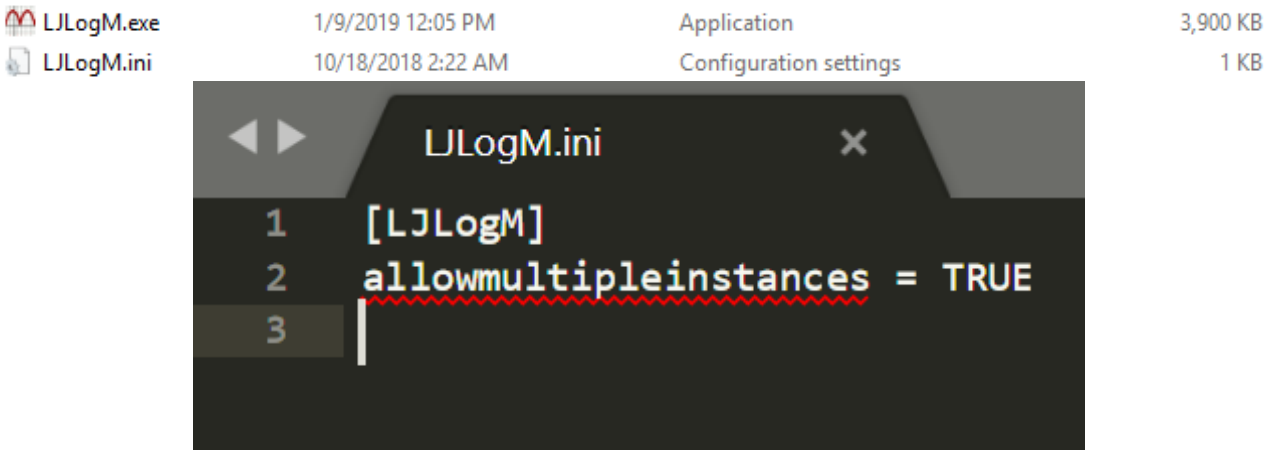


LJLogM is a highly configurable program where all of its features and settings can be configured by editing its `.cfg` files for the desired start up state. The program's configurations are saved whenever the program exits and loads during LJLogM launch.

Multiple Instances

Method A

Due to the application being highly configurable, some customers may wish to use it in some advanced ways. One example of this is to launch multiple instances of the application in order to collect data from several T-Series devices at the same time. Data collection can not be synchronized across instances of LJLogM but each instance can be configured to collect data at the same rate. The instances of LJLogM can be configured to save data to separate files and directories, and at high data rates this provides a fairly robust way to collect a large amount of data. This feature of LJLogM can be enabled by creating a `.ini` file in the same directory as the `.exe` (LabVIEW instructions):

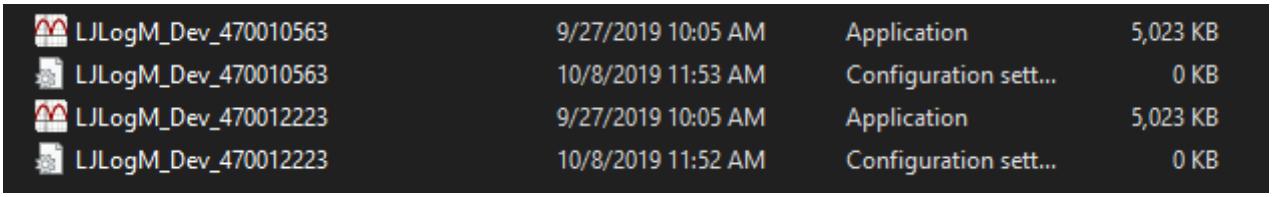


Note: In order to run multiple instances of `LJLogM.exe`, the `.exe` can not be started from the default `C:\Program Files (x86)\LabJack\Applications` directory without administrative privileges. The best way to run multiple instances of the application is to run it from a different directory where the application can create a `.ini` file that can be properly edited.

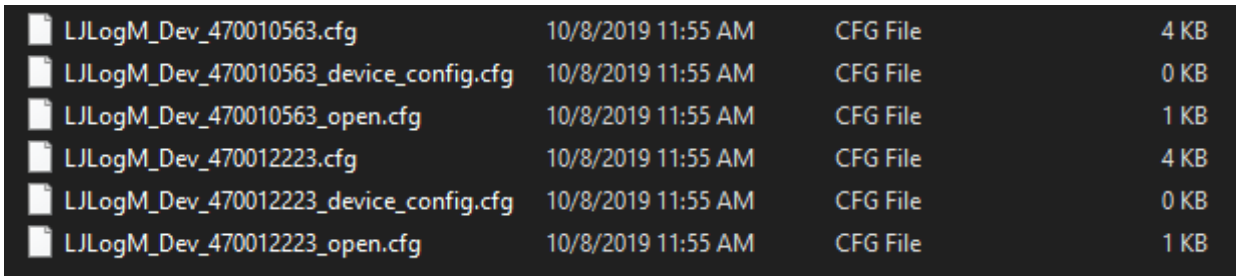
Method B

Another method for launching multiple instances of LJLogM in order to acquire data from multiple devices at the same time is to make multiple copies of the `LJLogM.exe` file. The first time each program copy is started an "active" directory will need to be configured so that the program's configurations will be saved correctly. This will allow each application to be started and automatically connect to a specified device with a specific configuration. In short,

1. Make two copies of the `LJLogM.exe`:



2. Make two copies of the LJLogM config files:



Command Line Arguments

LJLogM can be configured to start with a specific working directory by passing a single command line parameter like the following:

```
> LJLogM.exe -- "C:\MyDirectory"
```

or

```
> LJLogM.exe -- "%CD%"
```

or

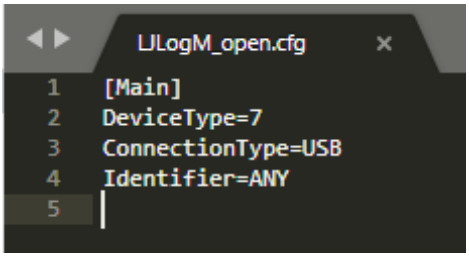
```
> "C:\Program Files (x86)\LabJack\Applications\LJLogM.exe" -- "%CD%"
```

After starting LJLogM with the command line argument, the "Program Settings" tab can be viewed again to see if the argument got properly parsed into the `CMD Arg1` field.

Default Working Directory

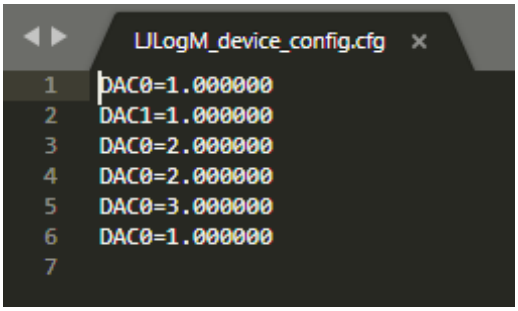
LJLogM has three primary configuration files, `LJLogM.cfg`, `LJLogM_open.cfg`, and `LJLogM_device_config.cfg` that can all be edited before the application starts. LJLogM also starts up and keeps track of a "Working Directory" which is where the `.cfg` files get generated and is also where log files are created. LJLogM saves this path to the Windows registry (viewable using Registry Editor) under: `HKEY_CURRENT_USER` → `Software` → `LabJack` → `LJLogM` → `workdir`.

`LJLogM_open.cfg`



This is a fairly simple configuration file that defines the LJM open parameters.

`LJLogM_device_config.cfg`



This is another fairly simple configuration file that defines a list of registers to be written to the device upon connection.

`LJLogM.cfg`

This is a complex configuration file for LJLogM customization. If multiple logging sessions need to be utilized, it is best to use LJLogM to generate and save these configuration files. Once saved, move these files to their own individual directories, and then use the Command Prompt to launch LJLogM specifying the working directory argument, as mentioned in the Command Lines Arguments section. A few notes about the `LJLogM.cfg` file are as follows.

1. Values are organized into key-value pairs. `[key]=[value]`

2. Most of the [key]'s are easy to interpret as they relate directly to an associated GUI element, but not all.
3. Keys that require arrays of data have values separated by the string `#!#` and end with a `#!#`.
4. Boolean values are `FALSE` or `TRUE`.

LJLogM Beta Change Log

v1.095:

- Fixed the feature that allows data to be logged at a different rate than data is collected.
- Fixed the feature that allows users to generate a new log file.
- Added a feature that allows users to sort logged data into folders. This feature also saves a snap-shot of the LJLogM .cfg files for later use.
- Added a feature that allows users to open created log files by running a custom windows "CMD" prompt script.
- Added a feature enabling LJLogM to run CMD scripts when a log starts and stops as well as when log files are first created and when the file is closed.

v1.094:

- Added abilities to log both absolute (computer time) and relative (from log start) time stamp values to log files as well as the value index.
- Added ability to stop logging after: a number of samples, a period of time, or an absolute time.
- Added the ability to start a new file after a certain number of samples have been collected instead of just the # bytes.
- Added indicators to display log stats.
- Changed from "write to file" button to "Start" and "Stop" buttons.
- Added quotes around strings that get logged to .dat files so that spreadsheet applications can properly load/parse files.
- Added the ability to check for & notify users of new "release" and "beta" versions of LJLogM.
- Other small fixes.

v1.093:

Initial public release of LJLogM-Beta