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Multi-Function Data Acquisition Card

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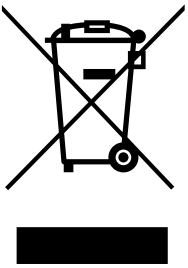
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1 Introduction

The DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx is an advanced data acquisition card based on the 32-bit PCI architecture. High performance designs and the state-of-the-art technology make this card ideal for data logging and signal analysis ap-plications in medical, process con-trol, etc.

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1.1 Features

The DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx Advanced Data Acquisition Card provides the following advanced features:

- 32-bit PCI-Bus, plug and play
- 4-channel simultaneous differential analog inputs
- DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010: 14-bit Analog input resolution with sampling rate up to 2MS/s
- DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005: 16-bit Analog input resolution with sampling rate up to 500KS/s
- DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2006: 16-bit Analog input resolution with sampling rate up to 250KS/s
- Programmable bipolar/unipolar analog input
- Programmable gain (x1, x2, x4, x8 for all DQ-20XX)
- DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010: Total 8K samples A/D FIFO
- DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005/2006: Total 512 samples A/D FIFO
- Versatile trigger sources: software trigger, external digital trigger, analog trigger and trigger from System Synchronization Interface (SSI).
- A/D Data transfer: software polling & bus-mastering DMA with Scatter/Gather functionality
- Four A/D trigger modes: post-trigger, delay-trigger, pre-trigger and middle-trigger
- 2 channel DA outputs with waveform generation capability
- 2K samples output data FIFO for DA channels
- DA Data transfer: software update and bus-mastering DMA with Scatter/Gather functionality
- System Synchronization Interface (SSI)
- A/D/DA fully auto-calibration
- Completely jumper-less and software configurable

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1.2 Applications

- Automotive Testing
- Cable Testing
- Transient signal measurement
- ATE
- Laboratory Automation
- Biotech measurement

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1.3 Specifications

Analog Input (AI)

- Number of channels: 4 differential
- A/D converter:
  - 2010: LTC1414 or equivalent
  - 2005: A/D7665 or equivalent
  - 2006: A/D7663 or equivalent
- Max sampling rate:
  - 2010: 2MS/s
  - 2005: 500kS/s
  - 2006: 250kS/s
- Resolution:
  - 2010: 14 bits, no missing code
  - 2005/2006:16 bits, no missing code
- FIFO buffer size:
  - 2010:8K samples
  - 2005/2006: 512 samples
- Programmable input range:
  - Bipolar: ±10V, ±5V, ±2.5V, ±1.25V
  - Unipolar: 0~10V, 0~5V, 0~2.5V, 0~1.25V
- Operational common mode voltage range: ±11V
- Overvoltage protection:
  - Power on: continuous ±30V
  - Power off: continuous ±15V
- Input impedance: 1GΩ/100pF

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- -3dB small signal bandwidth: (Typical, 25°C)

Device	Input Range	Bandwidth (-3dB)	Input Range	Bandwidth (-3dB)
2010	±10V	1170 kHz	0~10V	1090 kHz
	±5V	1050 kHz	0~5V	1020 kHz
	±2.5V	800 kHz	0~2.5V	790 kHz
	±1.25V	530 kHz	0~1.25V	530 kHz
2005	±10V	1160 kHz	0~10V	1210 kHz
	±5V	1050 kHz	0~5V	1050 kHz
	±2.5V	780 kHz	0~2.5V	770 kHz
	±1.25V	520 kHz	0~1.25V	530 kHz
2006	±10V	630 kHz	0~10V	640 kHz
	±5V	620 kHz	0~5V	620 kHz
	±2.5V	540 kHz	0~2.5V	540 kHz
	±1.25V	410 kHz	0~1.25V	420 kHz

Table 1-1: -3dB small signal bandwidth

- Large signal bandwidth (1% THD): 300 kHz

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▶ System Noise: (Typical)

Device	Input Range	System noise	Input Range	System noise
2010	±10V	0.6 LSBrms	0~10V	0.8 LSBrms
	±5V	0.6 LSBrms	0~5V	0.8 LSBrms
	±2.5V	0.6 LSBrms	0~2.5V	0.9 LSBrms
	±1.25V	0.6 LSBrms	0~1.25V	0.9 LSBrms
2005	±10V	1.2 LSBrms	0~10V	1.9 LSBrms
	±5V	1.2 LSBrms	0~5V	2.0 LSBrms
	±2.5V	1.3 LSBrms	0~2.5V	2.1 LSBrms
	±1.25V	1.3 LSBrms	0~1.25V	2.2 LSBrms
2006	±10V	1.0 LSBrms	0~10V	1.5 LSBrms
	±5V	1.0 LSBrms	0~5V	1.6 LSBrms
	±2.5V	1.1 LSBrms	0~2.5V	1.7 LSBrms
	±1.25V	1.1 LSBrms	0~1.25V	1.8 LSBrms

Table 1-2: System Noise

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- CMRR: (DC to 60Hz, Typical)

Device	Input Range	CMRR	Input Range	CMRR
2010	±10V	90 dB	0~10V	89 dB
	±5V	92 dB	0~5V	92 dB
	±2.5V	95 dB	0~2.5V	94 dB
	±1.25V	97 dB	0~1.25V	97 dB
2005	±10V	86 dB	0~10V	85 dB
	±5V	88 dB	0~5V	88 dB
	±2.5V	91 dB	0~2.5V	90 dB
	±1.25V	93 dB	0~1.25V	93 dB
2006	±10V	87 dB	0~10V	86 dB
	±5V	89 dB	0~5V	88 dB
	±2.5V	91 dB	0~2.5V	91 dB
	±1.25V	93 dB	0~1.25V	93 dB

Table 1-3: CMRR: (DC to 60Hz)

- Time-base source:
  - Internal 40MHz or External clock Input (fmax: 40MHz, fmin: 1MHz, 50% duty cycle)
- Trigger modes:
  - Post-trigger, Delay-trigger, Pre-trigger and Middle-trigger
- Data transfers:
  - Programmed I/O, and bus-mastering DMA with scatter/gather
- Input coupling: DC
- Offset error:
  - ±8mV max for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010
  - ±3mV max for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005/2006
- Gain error: 0.5% of output max for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010, ±0.05% of output max for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005/2006

Analog Output (AO)

- Number of channels: 2 channel voltage output
- DA converter: LTC7545 or equivalent
- Max update rate: 1MS/s

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- Resolution: 12 bits
- FIFO buffer size:
  - 1k samples per channel when both channels are enabled for timed DA output, and 2k samples when only one channel is used for timed DA output
- Data transfers:
  - Programmed I/O, and bus-mastering DMA with scatter/gather
- Output range:
  - Bipolar: ±10V or ±AOEXTREF
  - Unipolar: 0~10V or 0~AOEXTREF
- Settling time: 3μS to 0.5 LSB accuracy
- Slew rate: 20V/μS
- Output coupling: DC
- Protection: Short-circuit to ground
- Output impedance: 0.3Ω typical
- Output driving current: ±5mA max.
- Stability: Any passive load, up to 1500pF
- Power-on state: 0V steady-state
- Power-on glitch: ±1.5V/500uS
- Relative accuracy:
  - ±0.5 LSB typical, ±1 LSB max
- DNL:
  - ±0.5 LSB typical, ±1.2 LSB max
- Offset error: ±1mV max
- Gain error: ±0.05% of output max
- General Purpose Digital I/O (G.P. DIO, 82C55A)
- Number of channels: 24 programmable Input/Output
- Compatibility: TTL/CMOS
- Input voltage:
  - Logic Low: VIL=0.8V max; IIL=0.2mA max.
  - High: VIH=2.0V max; IIH=0.02mA max

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- Output voltage:
  - Low: VOL=0.5V max; IOL=8mA max.
  - High: VOH=2.7V min; IOH=400µA
- Synchronous Digital Inputs (SDI, for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010 only)
- Number of channels: 8 digital inputs sampled simultaneously with the analog signal input
- Compatibility: TTL/CMOS
- Input voltage:
  - Logic Low: VIL=0.8V max; IIL=0.2mA max.
  - Logic High: VIH=2.7V min; IIL=0.02mA max.

General Purpose Timer/Counter (GPTC)

- Number of channel: 2 Up/Down Timer/Counters
- Resolution: 16 bits
- Compatibility: TTL
- Clock source: Internal or external
- Max source frequency: 10MHz

Analog Trigger (A.Trig)

- Source:
  - All analog input channels; external analog trigger (EXTATRIG)
- Level: ±Full-scale, internal; ±10V external
- Resolution: 8 bits
- Slope: Positive or negative (software selectable)
- Hysteresis: Programmable
- Bandwidth: 400khz

External Analog Trigger Input (EXTATRIG)

- Input Impedance:
  - 40kΩ for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010
  - 2kΩ for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005/2006
- Coupling: DC
- Protection: Continuous ±35V maximum

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Digital Trigger (D.Trig)

- Compatibility: TTL/CMOS
- Response: Rising or falling edge
- Pulse Width: 10ns min

System Synchronous Interface (SSI)

- Trigger lines: 7

Stability

- Recommended warm-up time: 15 minutes
- Onboard calibration reference:
  - Level: 5.000V
  - Temperature coefficient: ±2ppm/°C
  - Long-term stability: 6ppm/1000Hr

Physical

- Dimensions:
  - 175mm by 107mm for DAQ/DAQe-20xx
  - Standard CompactPCI form factor for PXI-20XX
- I/O connector: 68-pin female VHDCI type (e.g. AMP-787254-1)

Power Requirement (typical)

- +5VDC: 1.82 A for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010
  - 2.04 A for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005
  - 1.82 A for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2006

Operating Environment

- Ambient temperature: 0 to 55°C
- Relative humidity: 10% to 90% non-condensing

Storage Environment

- Ambient temperature: -20 to 80°C
- Relative humidity: 5% to 95% non-condensing

Interface Connector

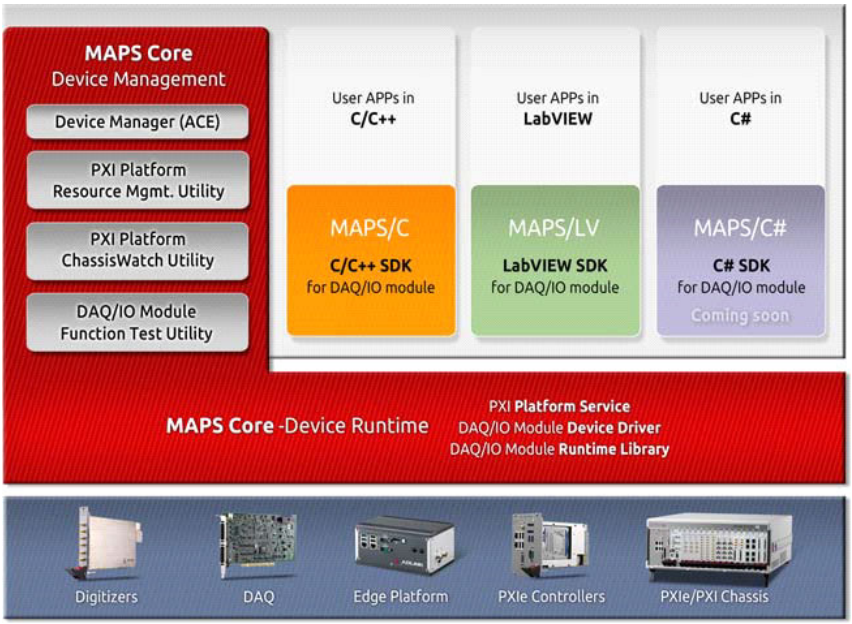
- 68-pin AMP-787254-1 or equivalent

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1.4 Software Support

ADLINK provides versatile software drivers and packages to suit various user approaches to building a system. Aside from programming libraries, such as DLLs, for most Windows-based systems, ADLINK also provides drivers for other application environments such as LabVIEW. All software can be downloaded from the ADLINK official website. Commercial software drivers are protected with licensing authorization codes. Without an authorization code, you can install and run the demo version for trial/demonstration purposes for up to two hours. Contact your ADLINK dealer to purchase a software license. ADLINK Measurement, Automation & Platform Service (MAPS) is a software service package designed for data acquisition, automation and PXI platforms.

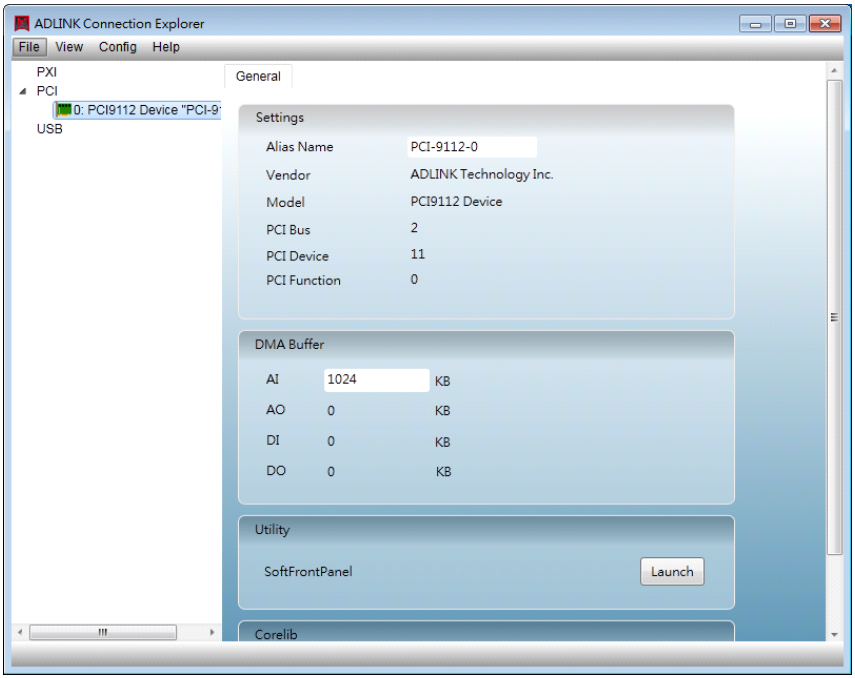
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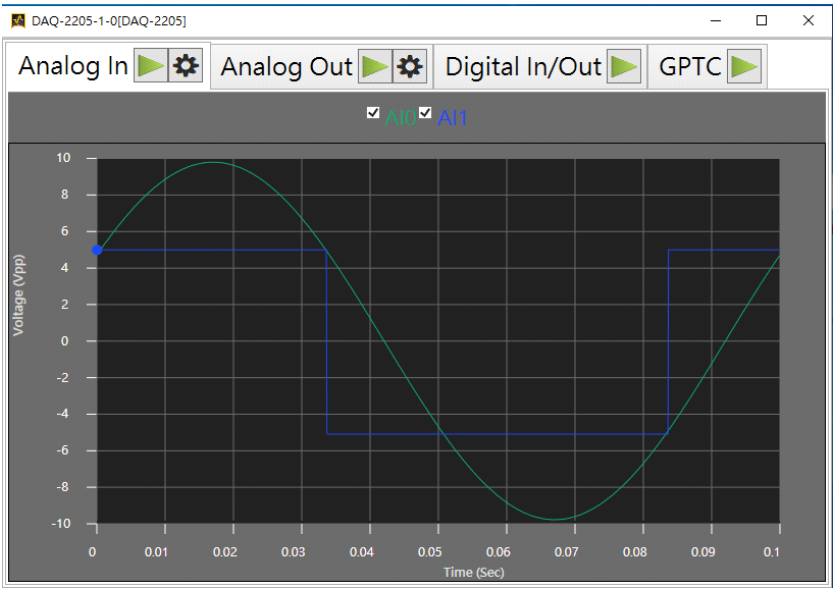
1.4.1 MAPS Core

ADLINK MAPS Core is a software package that includes all the device drivers for Windows and a system level management tool called ACE (ADLINK Connection Explorer). With MAPS Core installed, the operating system can identify ADLINK devices and assign the necessary resources for low-level access, such as IO read/write or direct memory access. MAPS Core is necessary for all ADLINK DAQ modules. To ensure the user has the latest software, go to the ADLINK product webpage or contact ADLINK technical service. MAPS Core also comes with a system management portal called ADLINK Connection Explorer (ACE). Through ACE, users can discover and manage ADLINK DAQ modules to reserve a certain size of memory buffer for DMA operation or set the user alias name for operating the module in a LabVIEW environment.



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ADLINK Connection Explorer (ACE) also provides a ready-to-use soft-front panel for digitizer products. Clicking the Launch button in the "Utility" block allows users to control digitizers through the UI and display the acquired waveform/data on the screen.



1.4.2 MAPS/LV, LabVIEW Support

Customers who develop their own programs in LabVIEW must install the MAPS/LV software package. MAPS/LV, also called DAQ-LabVIEW Plus, includes the software library and sample program for LabVIEW. For more information, download and install the latest MAPS/LV software from the following website and refer to the MAPS/LV manual:

https://www.adlinktech.com/Products/Data_Acquisition/DAQSoftware_Utility/MAPS_LV

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1.4.3 MAPS/C, C & C++ Support

Customers who develop their own programs in C or C++ environments must install the MAPS/C software package. MAPS/C includes all the software components required for developing applications in C/C++, such as header files, a device API library and versatile sample programs for understanding how to manipulate the device correctly. Find the latest MAPS/C on the ADLINK website.

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2 Installation

This chapter describes how to install the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx. The contents of the package and unpacking information that you should be aware of are outlined first.

2.1 Contents of Package

In addition to this User's Guide, the package should include the following items:

- DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx Multi-function Data Acquisition Card
- Software Installation Guide

If any of these items are missing or damaged, contact the dealer from whom you purchased the product. Save the shipping materials and carton in case you want to ship or store the product in the future.

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2.2 Unpacking

Your DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx Series card contains electro-static sensitive components that can be easily be damaged by static electricity.

Therefore, the card should be handled on a grounded anti-static mat. The operator should be wearing an anti-static wristband, grounded at the same point as the anti-static mat.

Inspect the card module carton for obvious damages. Shipping and han-dling may cause damage to your module. Be sure there are no shipping and handling damages on the modules carton before continuing.

After opening the card module carton, extract the system module and place it only on a grounded anti-static surface with component side up.

Again, inspect the module for damages. Press down on all the socketed IC's to make sure that they are properly seated. Do this only with the module place on a firm flat surface.

You are now ready to install your DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx.



DO NOT APPLY POWER TO THE CARD IF IT HAS BEEN DAMAGED.

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2.3 DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx Layout

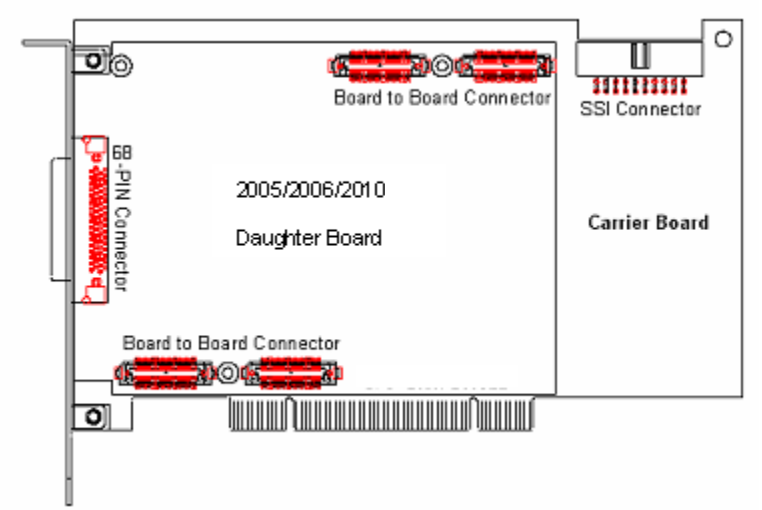


Figure 2-1: PCB Layout of the DAQ/DAQe-20xx

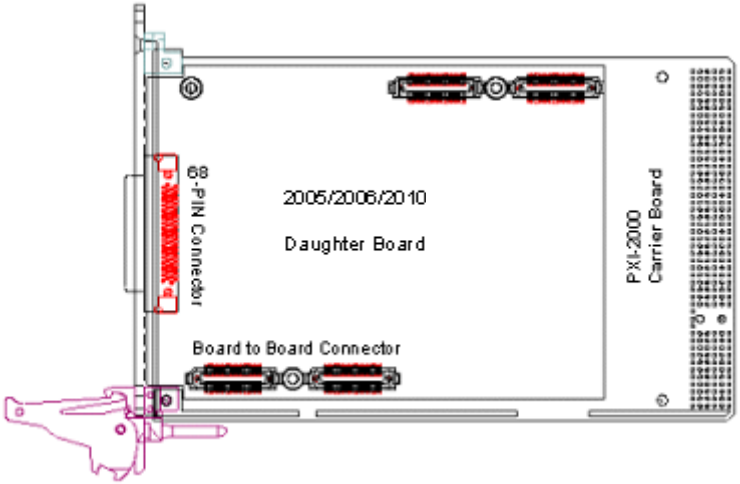


Figure 2-2: PCB Layout of the PXI-20XX

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2.4 Switch and Jumper Settings

2.4.1 Board ID (SW1)

The DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx Series has a built-in DIP switch (SW1), which is used to define each card's board ID. When there are multiple cards on the same platform, this board ID switch is useful for identifying each card's device number. After setting each DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx Series card, you can identify each card in the system with different device numbers. The default value of the Board ID is 0 and if you need to adjust it to another value, set the SW1 switch as shown in the table below.



Figure 2-3: Board ID SW1 DIP Switch

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SW1	Pin 1	Pin 2	Pin 3	Pin 4
Board ID	**ID0**	**ID1**	**ID2**	**ID3**
0	Off	Off	Off	Off
1	On	Off	Off	Off
2	Off	On	Off	Off
3	On	On	Off	Off
4	Off	Off	On	Off
5	On	Off	On	Off
6	Off	On	On	Off
7	On	On	On	Off
8	Off	Off	Off	On
9	On	Off	Off	On
10	Off	On	Off	On
11	On	On	Off	On
12	Off	Off	On	On
13	On	Off	On	On
14	Off	On	On	On
15	On	On	On	On

Table 2-1: Board ID SW1 DIP Switch Settings

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NOTE:

Board ID configuration is disabled by default. To enable Board ID configuration, install D2K-DASK and launch W2K_D2kUtil.exe in C:\ADLINK\D2K-DASK\Utility\. Select your Card Type and uncheck Ignore Board ID. See figure below.

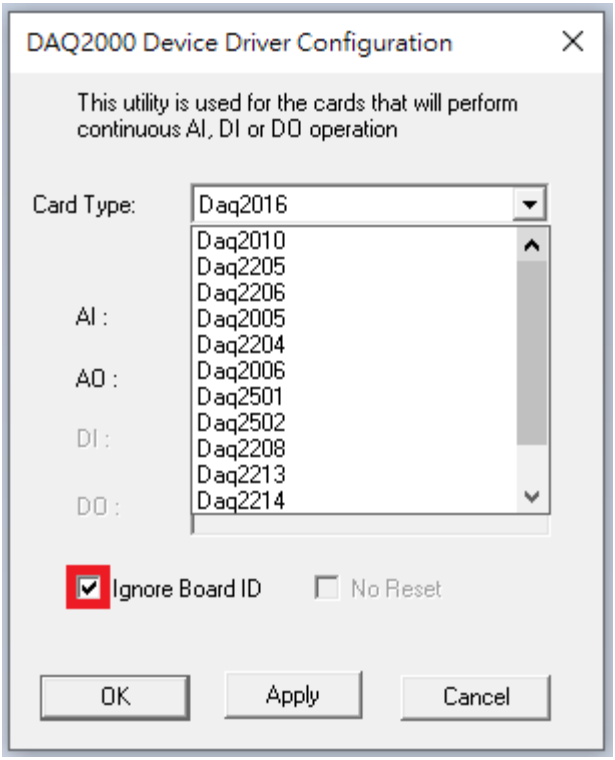


Figure 2-4: Enable Board ID Configuration

2.4.2 DIO Initial Status (JP4)

The default jumper setting is enabled, making the DIO initial status low by using a 1K ohm resistor poll down to GND. To disable this feature, move the jumper cap as shown in the table below.

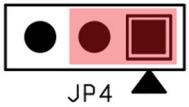
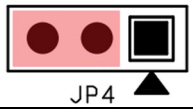
Disabled	
Enabled	

Figure 2-5: DIO Initial Status (JP4)

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2.5 PCI Configuration

1. Plug and Play:

   As a plug and play component, the card requests an interrupt number via its PCI controller. The system BIOS responds with an interrupt assignment based on the card information and on known system parameters. These system parameters are determined by the installed drivers and the hardware load seen by the system.

2. Configuration:

   The board configuration is done on a board-by-board basis for all PCI boards on your system. Because configuration is controlled by the system and software, there is no jumper setting required for base-address, DMA, and interrupt IRQ.

   The configuration is subject to change with every boot of the sys-tem as new boards are added or removed.

3. Troubleshooting:

   If your system doesn't boot or if you experience erratic operation with your PCI board in place, it's likely caused by an interrupt con-flict (perhaps the BIOS Setup is incorrectly configured). In general, the solution, once you determine it is not a simple oversight, is to consult the BIOS documentation that comes with your system.

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3 Signal Connections

This chapter describes the connectors of the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx, and the signal connection between the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx and external devices.

3.1 Connectors Pin Assignment

The DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx is equipped with one 68-pin VHDCI-type connector (AMP-787254-1). It is used for digital input/output, analog input / output, and timer/counter signals, etc. One 20-pin ribbon male connector is used for SSI (System Synchronous Interface) in DAQ/DAQe-20xx. The pin assign-ments of the connectors are defined in Table 3-1 and Table 3-2.

CH0+	1	35	CH0-
CH1+	2	36	CH1-
CH2+	3	37	CH2-
CH3+	4	38	CH3-
EXTATRIG	5	39	AIGND
DA1OUT	6	40	AOGND
DA0OUT	7	41	AOGND
AOEXTREF	8	42	AOGND
SDI3_1 / NC*	9	43	SDI3_0 / NC*
SDI2_1 / NC*	10	44	SDI2_0 / NC*
SDI1_1 / NC*	11	45	SDI1_0 / NC*
SDI0_1 / NC*	12	46	SDI0_0 / NC*
AO_TRIG_OUT	13	47	EXTWFTRG
AI_TRIG_OUT	14	48	EXTDTRIG
GPTC1_SRC	15	49	DGND
GPTC0_SRC	16	50	DGND
GPTC0_GATE	17	51	GPTC1_GATE
GPTC0_OUT	18	52	GPTC1_OUT
GPTC0_UPDOWN	19	53	GPTC1_UPDOWN
EXTTIMEBASE	20	54	DGND

Table 3-1: 68-pin VHDCI-type pin assignment

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AFI1	21	55	AFI0
PB7	22	56	PB6
PB5	23	57	PB4
PB3	24	58	PB2
PB1	25	59	PB0
PC7	26	60	PC6
PC5	27	61	PC4
DGND	28	62	DGND
PC3	29	63	PC2
PC1	30	64	PC0
PA7	31	65	PA6
PA5	32	66	PA4
PA3	33	67	PA2
PA1	34	68	PA0

Table 3-1: 68-pin VHDCI-type pin assignment

* SDI for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010 only; NC for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005/2006

Legend:

Pin #	Signal Name	Reference	Direction	Description
1~4	CH<0..3>+	CH0<0..3>-	Input	Differential positive input for AI channel <0..3>
5	EXTATRIG	AIGND	Input	External AI analog trigger
6	DA0OUT	AOGND	Output	AO channel 0
7	DA1OUT	AOGND	Output	AO channel 1
8	AOEXTREF	AOGND	Input	External reference for AO channels
9~12	SDI<3..0>_1 (2010) NC (2005/2006)	DGND	Input	Synchronous digital inputs
13	AO_TRIG_OUT	DGND	Output	AO trigger signal
14	AI_TRIG_OUT	DGND	Output	AI trigger signal

Table 3-2: 68-pin VHDCI-type Connector Legend

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Pin #	Signal Name	Reference	Direction	Description
15,16	GPTC<0,1>_SRC	DGND	Input	Source of GPTC<0,1>
17,51	GPTC<0,1>_GATE	DGND	Input	Gate of GPTC<0,1>
18,52	GPTC<0,1>_OUT	DGND	Input	Output of GPTC<0,1>
19,53	GPTC<0,1>_UPDOWN	DGND	Input	Up/Down of GPTC<0,1>
20	EXTTIMEBASE	DGND	Input	External TIME-BASE
21,28,49,50,54,62	DGND	--------	--------	Digital ground
22,56,23,57,24,58,25,59	PB<7,0>	DGND	PIO*	Programmable DIO pins of 8255 Port B
26,60,27,61,29,63,30,64	PC<7,0>	DGND	PIO*	Programmable DIO pins of 8255 Port C
31,65,32,66,33,67,34,68	PA<7,0>	DGND	PIO*	Programmable DIO pins of 8255 Port A
35~38	CH<0..3>-	--------	Input	Differential negative input for AI channel <0..3>
39	AIGND	--------	--------	Analog ground for AI
40~42	AOGND	--------	--------	Analog ground for AO
43~46	SDI<3..0>_0 (2010) NC (2005/2006)	DGND	Input	Synchronous digital inputs
47	EXTWFTRIG	DGND	Input	External AO waveform
trigger				
48	EXTDTRIG	DGND	Input	External AI digital trigger

Table 3-2: 68-pin VHDCI-type Connector Legend

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Pin #	Signal Name	Reference	Direction	Description
55	AFI0	DGND	Input	Auxiliary Function Input 0 (ADCONV, AD_START)
21	AFI1	DGND	Input	Auxiliary Function Input 1 (DAWR, DA_START)

Table 3-2: 68-pin VHDCI-type Connector Legend

*PIO means programmable I/O

SSI_TIMEBASE	1	2	DGND
SSI_ADCONV	3	4	DGND
SSI_DAWR	5	6	DGND
SSI_SCAN_START	7	8	DGND
RESERVED	9	10	DGND
SSI_AD_TRIG	11	12	DGND
SSI_DA_TRIG	13	14	DGND
RESERVED	15	16	DGND
RESERVED	17	18	DGND
RESERVED	19	20	DGND

Table 3-3: SSI connector pin assignment for DAQ/DAQe-20xx

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SSI Connector Signal Description on PXI J2:

Sync. Signal	PXI J2 location	PXI Trigger Bus
SSI_TIMEBASE	B18	PXI_TRIG4
SSI_ADCONV	A16	PXI_TRIG1
SSI_SCAN_START	A18	PXI_TRIG3
SSI_AD_TRIG	C18	PXI_TRIG5
SSI_DAWR	A17	PXI_TRIG2
SSI_DA_START	B16	PXI_TRIG0
SSI_DA_TRIG	E18	PXI_TRIG6

Table 3-4: SSI Connector Pin Assignment on PXI J2

Legend:

SSI timing signal	Functionality
SSI_TIMEBASE	SSI master: send the TIMEBASE out SSI slave: accept the SSI_TIMEBASE to replace the internal TIMEBASE signal.
SSI_ADCONV	SSI master: send the ADCONV out SSI slave: accept the SSI_ADCONV to replace the internal ADCONV signal.
SSI_SCAN_START	SSI master: send the SCAN_START out SSI slave: accept the SSI_SCAN_START to replace the internal SCAN_START signal.
SSI_AD_TRIG	SSI master: send the internal AD_TRIG out SSI slave: accept the SSI_AD_TRIG as the digital trigger signal.
SSI_DAWR	SSI master: send the DAWR out. SSI slave: accept the SSI_DAWR to replace the internal DAWR signal.
SSI_DA_TRIG	SSI master: send the DA_TRIG out. SSI slave: accept the SSI_DA_TRIG as the digital trigger signal.

Table 3-5: Legend of SSI connector

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3.2 Analog Input Signal Connection

The DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx provides 4 differential analog input channels. The analog signal can be converted to digital values by the A/D converter. To avoid ground loops and get more accurate measurements from the A/D conversion, it is quite important to understand the signal source type and how to connect the analog input signals.

3.2.1 Types of signal sources

Ground-Referenced Signal Sources

A ground-referenced signal means it is connected in some way to the building system. That is, the signal source is already connected to a common ground point with respect to the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx, assuming that the computer is plugged into the same power system. Non- isolated out-puts of instruments and devices that plug into the buildings power system are ground-referenced signal sources.

Floating Signal Sources

A floating signal source means it is not connected in any way to the buildings ground system. A device with an isolated output is a floating signal source, such as optical isolator outputs, transformer outputs, and thermocouples.

3.2.2 Single-Ended Measurements

For single-ended connection, the analog input signal is referenced to the common ground of the system. In this case, all the negative ends of analog input channels should be connected to the AIGND on the connector in-stead of floating. Please refer to the Figure 3-1.

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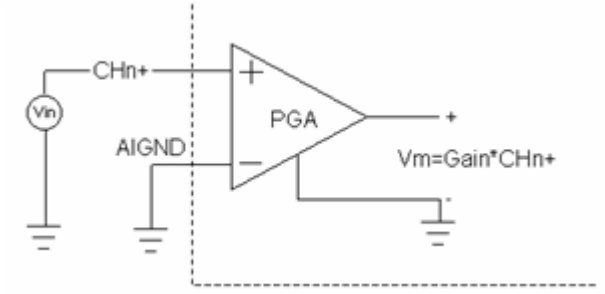


Figure 3-1: Single-Ended connections

In single-ended configurations, more electrostatic and magnetic noise couples into the single connections than in differential configurations. Therefore, the single-ended connection is not recommended unless minimal wire connections are necessary.

3.2.3 Differential Measurements

Differential Connection for Grounded-Reference Signal Sources

The differential analog input provides two inputs that respond to the signal voltage difference between them. If the signal source is ground-referenced, the differential mode can be used for the common-mode noise rejection. Figure 3-2 shows the connection of ground-referenced signal sources under the differential input mode.

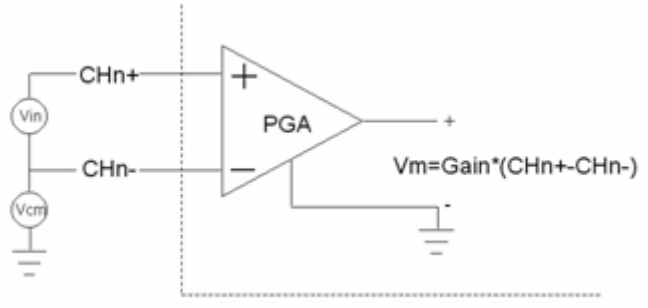


Figure 3-2: Ground-referenced source and differential input

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Differential Connection for Floating Signal Sources

Figure 3-3 shows how to connect a floating signal source to DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx in differential input mode. For floating signal sources, you need to add a resistor at each channel to provide a bias return path. The resistor value should be about 100 times the equivalent source impedance. If the source impedance is less than 100ohms, you can simply connect the negative side of the signal to AGND as well as the negative input of the Instru-mentation Amplifier, without any resistors at all. In differential input mode, less noise couples into the signal connections than in single-ended mode.

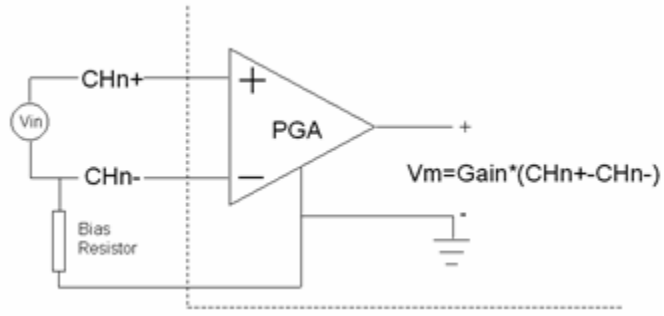


Figure 3-3: Floating source and differential input

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4 Operation Theory

The operation theory of the functions on the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx is described in this chapter. The functions include the A/D conversion, D/A conversion, Digital I/O and General Purpose Counter/Timer. The operation theory can help you understand how to configure and program the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx.

The whole DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2000 series cards, including DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx, DAQ/DAQe/PXI-22xx and DAQ/DAQe/PXI-25xx, are designed based on the same logic-timing template of DAQ/DAQe/PXI-22xx. In the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-22xx cards, all the A/D related timings are for multiplexing A/D sampling based on scanning, so that DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx also adopts the same concept, except there is only one conversion signal in a scan which could generate up to 4 samples from the different 4 channels at the same time. In the following description, to conform to the original timing design, we still use “scan” as the unit of A/D data acquisition. All the DA and GPTC functions are the same in DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx and DAQ/DAQe/PXI-22xx, while DAQ/DAQe/PXI-25xx provides improved DA timing comparing the former 2 series.

4.1 A/D Conversion

When using an A/D converter, users should first know about the properties of the signal to be measured. Users can decide which channel to use and where to connect the signals to the card. Please refer to 3.2 for signal connections. In addition, users should define and control the A/D signal configurations, including channels, gains, and A/D signal types.

There are 2 ways to initiate A/D conversion, either by Software Polling or Programmable Scan Acquisition; these are described below.

The A/D acquisition is initiated by a trigger source; users must decide how to trigger the A/D conversion. The data acquisition will start once a trigger condition is matched.

After the end of A/D conversion, the A/D data is buffered in a Data FIFO. The A/D data should be transferred into the PC's memory for further processing.

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4.1.1 DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010 AI Data Format

Synchronous Digital Inputs (for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010 only)

When each A/D conversion is completed, the 14-bits converted digital data accompanied with 2 bits of SDI<1..0>_X per channel from J5 will be latched into the 16-bit register and data FIFO, as shown in Figure 8 and Figure 9. Therefore, users can simultaneously sample one analog signal with four digital signals. The data format of every acquired 16-bit data is as follows:

```
D13, D12, D11 ..... D1, D0, b1, b0
Where
D13, D12, D11 ..... D1, D0: 2's complement A/D
     14-bit data
b1, b0: Synchronous Digital Inputs SDI<1..0>
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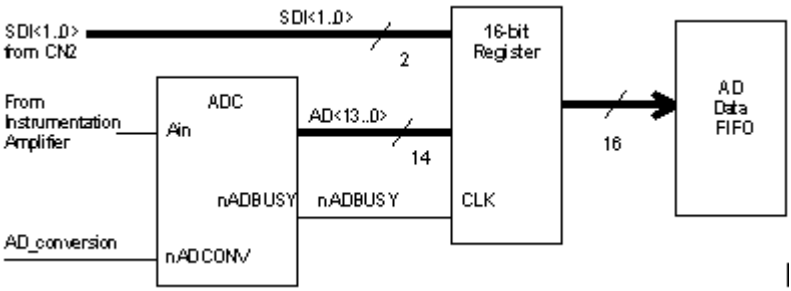


Figure 4-1: Synchronous Digital Inputs Block Diagram

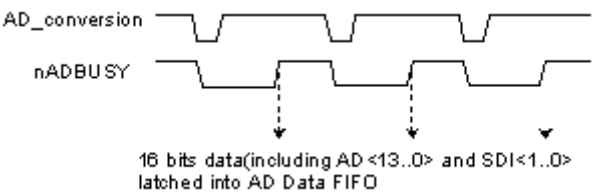


Figure 4-2: Synchronous Digital Inputs timing

NOTE:

Since the analog signal is sampled when an A/D conversion starts (falling edge of A/D_conversion signal), while SDI<1..0> are sam-pled right after an A/D conversion completes (rising edge of nADBUSY signal). Precisely SDI<1..0> are sampled within 220 to 400ns lag to the analog signal, due to the variation of the conversion time of the A/D converters.

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Table 4-1 and 4-2 illustrate the ideal transfer characteristics of various input ranges of DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx. The converted digital codes for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010 are 14-bit and 2's complement, and here we present the codes as hexa-decimal numbers. Note that the last 2 bits of the transferred data, which are the synchronous digital input (SDI), should be ignored when retrieving the analog data.

Description	Bipolar Analog Input Range				Digital code
Full-scale Range	±10V	±5V	±2.5V	±1.25V	
Least significant bit	1.22mV	0.61mV	0.305mV	0.153mV	
FSR-1LSB	9.9988V	4.9994V	2.4997V	1.2499V	1FFF
Midscale +1LSB	1.22mV	0.61mV	0.305mV	0.153mV	0001
Midscale	0V	0V	0V	0V	0000
Midscale –1LSB	-1.22mV	-0.61mV	-0.305mV	-0.153mV	3FFF
-FSR	-10V	-5V	-2.5V	-1.25V	2000

Table 4-1: Bipolar analog input range and the output digital code on DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010

Note that the last 2 digital codes are SDI<1..0>.

Description	Unipolar Analog Input Range				Digital code
Full-scale Range	0V to 10V	0 to +5V	0 to +2.5V	0 to +1.25V	
Least significant bit	0.61mV	0.305mV	0.153mV	76.3uV	
FSR-1LSB	9.9994V	4.9997V	2.9999V	1.2499V	1FFF
Midscale +1LSB	5.00061V	2.50031V	1.25015V	625.08mV	0001
Midscale	5V	2.5V	1.25V	625mV	0000
Midscale –1LSB	4.99939V	2.49970V	1.24985V	624.92mV	3FFF
-FSR	0V	0V	0V	0V	2000

Table 4-2: Unipolar analog input range and the output digital code on DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010

Note that the last 2 digital codes are SDI<1..0>.

4.1.2 DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005/2006 AI Data Format

The data format of the acquired 16-bit A/D data is Binary coding. Table 7 and 8 illustrate the valid input ranges and the ideal transfer characteristics. The converted digital codes for DAQ/DAQe/

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PXI-2005/2006 are 16-bit and direct binary, and here we present the codes as hexadecimal numbers.

Description	Bipolar Analog Input Range				Digital code
Full-scale Range	±10V	±5V	±2.5V	±1.25V	
Least significant bit	305.2uV	152.6uV	76.3uV	38.15uV	
FSR-1LSB	9.999695V	4.999847V	2.499924V	1.249962V	FFFF
Midscale +1LSB	305.2uV	152.6uV	76.3uV	38.15uV	8001
Midscale	0V	0V	0V	0V	8000
Midscale -1LSB	-305.2uV	-152.6uV	-76.3uV	-38.15uV	7FFF
-FSR	-10V	-5V	-2.5V	-1.25V	0000

Table 4-3: Bipolar analog input range and the output digital code on the DAQ/ DAQe/PXI-2005/2006

Description	Unipolar Analog Input Range				Digital code
Full-scale Range	0V to 10V	0 to +5V	0 to +2.5V	0 to +1.25V	
Least signifi-cant bit	152.6uV	76.3uV	38.15uV	19.07uV	
FSR-1LSB	9.999847V	4.999924V	2.499962V	1.249981V	FFFF
Midscale +1LSB	5.000153V	2.500076V	1.250038V	0.625019V	8001
Midscale	5V	2.5V	1.25V	0.625V	8000
Midscale -1LSB	4.999847V	2.499924V	1.249962V	0.624981V	7FFF
-FSR	0V	0V	0V	0V	0000

Table 4-4: Unipolar analog input range and the output digital code on the DAQ/ DAQe/PXI-2005/2006

4.1.3 Software conversion with polling data transfer acqui-sition mode (Software Polling)

This is the easiest way to acquire a single A/D data. The A/D converter starts one conversion whenever the dedicated software command is executed. Then the software would poll the conversion status and read the A/D data back when it is available.

This method is very suitable for applications that needs to process A/D data in real time. Under this mode, the timing of the A/D con-

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version is fully controlled under software. However, it is difficult to control the A/D con-version rate.

Specifying Channel, Gain, and Polarity

In both the Software Polling and programmable scan acquisition mode, the channel, gain, and polarity for each channel can be specified and selected. With this configuration, signal sources must be connected to the right connector as the specified settings.

When the specified channels have been sampled from the first to the last data, the settings applied to each channel would be the same until next change.

Example:

Typically you can set the input configuration for different channels:

```
Ch1 with unipolar ±10V
Ch2 with bipolar ±2.5V
Ch3 with no signal input (disabled)
Ch4 with bipolar ±1.25V
```

4.1.4 Programmable scan acquisition mode

Scan Timing and Procedure

It's recommended that this mode be used if your applications need a fixed and precise A/D sampling rate. You can accurately program the period between conversions of individual channels. There are at least 2 counters, which need to be specified:

```
SI_counter (24 bit):Specify the Scan Interval =
     SI_counter / TIMEBASE
PSC_counter (24 bit):Specify Post Scan Counts,
     i.e. the total sample count after a trigger
     event,
```

The acquisition timing and the meanings of the 2 counters are illustrated in Figure 10. The SCAN_START signal is derived from the SI_counter, which will lead to the A/D conversion signal generation. Note that the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx Series is a simultaneous sampling A/D card, so the “scan interval” equals to the “sampling interval”.

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Example: (Post-trigger acquisition)

```
Set
      SI_counter = 160
      PSC_counter = 30
      TIMEBASE = Internal clock source
Then
Scan Interval  = 160/40M s = 4 us
Total acquisition time = 30 X 4 us = 120 us
```

TIMEBASE clock source

In scan acquisition mode, all the A/D conversions start on the output of counters, which use TIMEBASE as the clock source. By software you can specify the TIMEBASE to be either an internal clock source (Onboard 40MHz clock) or an external clock input (EXTTIMEBASE) on J5 connector (68-pin VHDCI). The external TIMEBASE is useful when you want to ac-quire data at rates not available with the internal A/D sample clock. The external clock source should generate TTL-compatible continuous clocks; with a maximum frequency of 40MHz while the minimum should be 1MHz. Please refer to 4.6 for informa-tion of user-controllable timing signals.

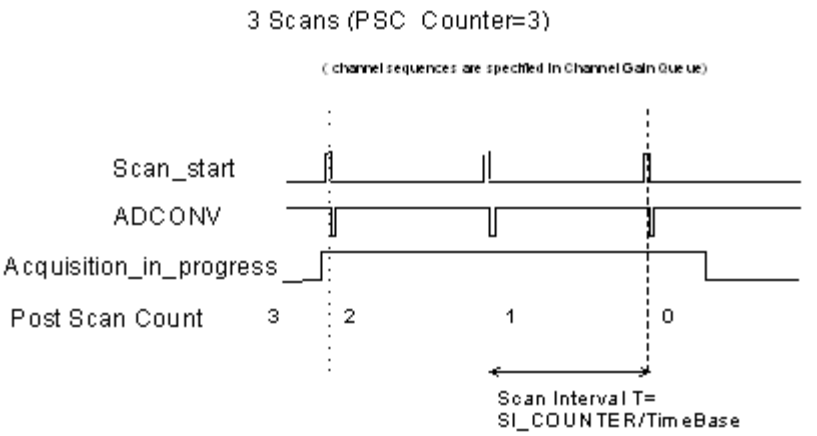


Figure 4-3: Scan Timing

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There are 4 trigger modes to start the scan acquisition, please refer to section 4.1for more details. The data transfer mode is discussed below.

NOTE:

- The maximum A/D sampling rate is 2MHz for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010, 500kHz for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005, 250kHz for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2006. Therefore, the minimum setting of SI_counter is 20 for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010, 80 for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005, 160 for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2006 while using the internal TIMEBASE.
- The SI_counter is a 24-bit counter. Therefore, the maximum scan in-terval while using an internal TIMEBASE = 224/40M s = 0.419s.

4.1.5 Trigger Modes

DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx provides 4 trigger sources (internal software trigger, ex-ternal analog trigger, external digital trigger or SSI trigger signals). You must select one of them as the source of the trigger event. A trigger event occurs when the specified condition is detected on the selected trigger source (For example, a rising edge on the external digital trigger input). Please refer to section 4.6 for more information about SSI signals.

There are 4 trigger modes (pre-trigger, post-trigger, middle-trigger, and delay-trigger) working with the 4 trigger sources to initiate different scan data acquisition timing when a trigger event occurs. They are described as follows. For information of trigger sources, please refer to section 4.5.

Pre-Trigger Acquisition

Use pre-trigger acquisition in applications where you want to collect data before a trigger event. The A/D starts to sample when you execute the specified function calls to begin the pre-trigger operation, and it stops when the trigger event occurs. Users must program the value M in M_counter (16 bits) to specify the amount of the stored scans before the trigger event. If an external trigger occurs, the program only stores the last M scans of data converted before the trigger event, as illustrated in Figure 4-4, where M_counter = M =3, PSC_counter = 0. The post scan count is 0 because there is no sampling after the trig-

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ger event in pre-trigger acquisition. The total stored amount of data = Number of enabled channels * M_counter.

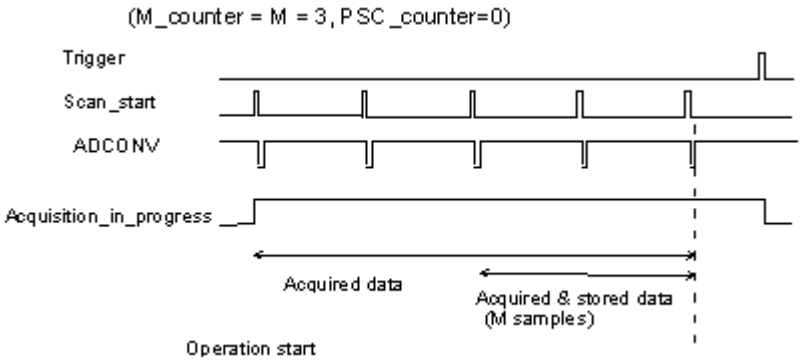


Figure 4-4: Pre-trigger (trigger occurs after at least M scans acquired)

Note that If the trigger event occurs when a conversion is in progress, the data acquisition won't stop until this conversion is completed, and the stored M scans of data include the last scan, as illustrated in Figure 4-5, where M_counter = M =3, PSC_counter = 0.

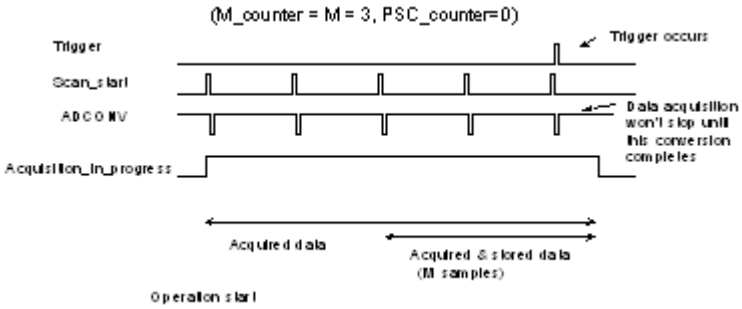


Figure 4-5: Pre-trigger scan acquisition (trigger occurs when a conversion is in progress)

When the trigger signal occurs before the first M scans of data are con-verted, the amount of stored data could be fewer than the originally speci-fied amount M_counter, as illustrated in Figure 4-6. This situation can be avoided by setting M_enable. If M_enable is set to 1, the trigger signal will be ignored until the first M scans

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of data are converted, and it assures the user M scans of data under pre-trigger mode, as illustrated in Figure 4-7. However, if M_enable is set to 0, the trigger signal will be accepted any time, as illustrated in Figure 13. Note that the total amount of stored data will always be equal to the number in the M_counter because the data acquisition won't stop until a scan is completed.

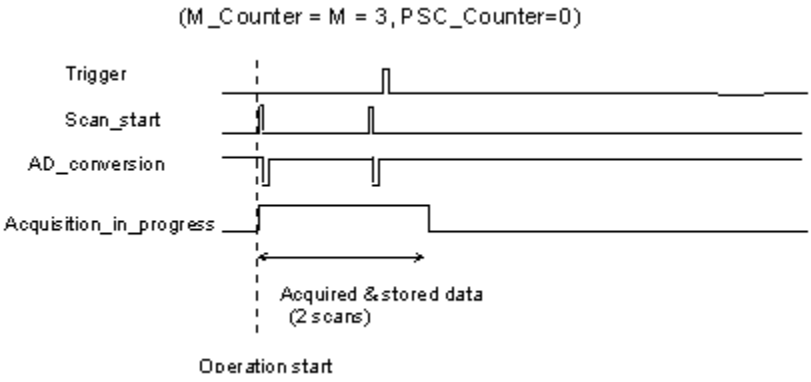


Figure 4-6: Pre-trigger with M_enable = 0 (Trigger occurs before M scans)

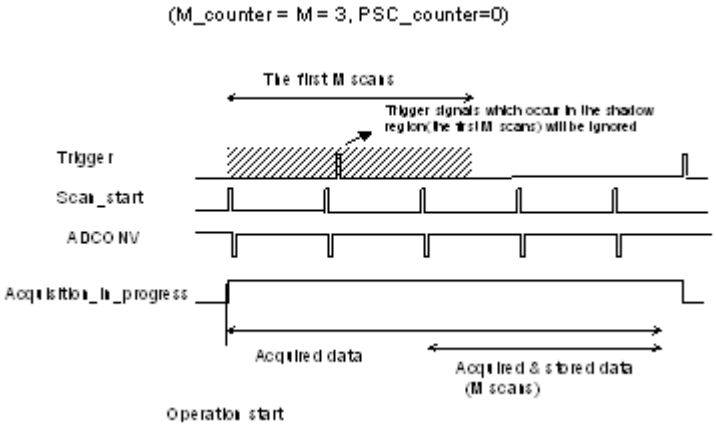


Figure 4-7: Pre-trigger with M_enable = 1

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NOTE:

The PSC_counter is set to 0 in pre-trigger acquisition mode.

Middle-Trigger Acquisition

Use middle-trigger acquisition in applications where you want to collect data before and after a trigger event. The number of scans (M) stored before the trigger is specified in M_counter, while the number of scans (N) after the trigger is specified in PSC_counter.

Like pre-trigger mode, the number of stored data could be less than the specified amount of data (M+N), if an external trigger occurs before M scans of data are converted. The M_enable bit in middle-trigger mode takes the same effect as in pre-trigger mode. If M_enable is set to 1, the trigger signal will be ignored until the first M scans of data are converted, and it assures the user with (M+N) scans of data under middle-trigger mode. However, if M_enable is set to 0, the trigger signal will be accepted at any time. Figure 4-8 shows the acquisition timing with M_enable=1.

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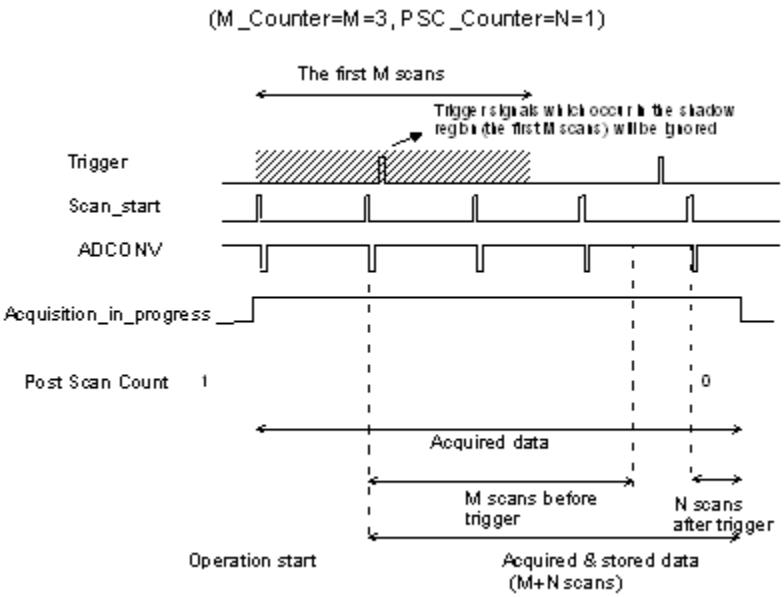


Figure 4-8: Middle trigger with M_enable = 1

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If the trigger event occurs when a scan is in progress, the stored N scans of data would include this scan, as illustrated in Figure 4-9.

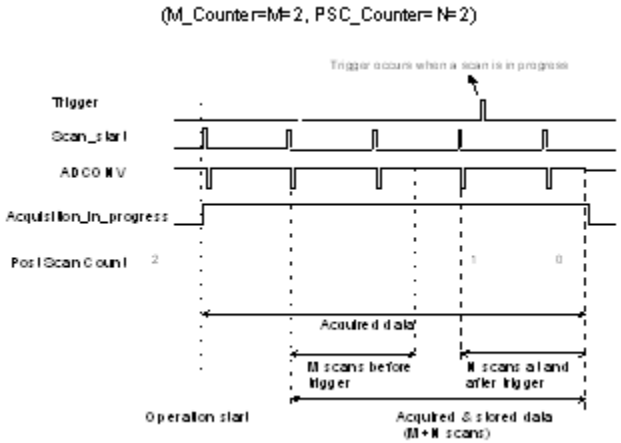


Figure 4-9: Middle trigger (trigger when scan in progress)

NOTE:

M_counter defined in Middle-Trigger is different from that of Pre-Trigger. In Middle-trigger, M_Counter ends counting before the trigger event while in Pre-Trigger, M_Counter ends counting right at or before trigger event. Please refer to Figure 4-6 and Figure 4-9.

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Post-Trigger Acquisition

Use post-trigger acquisition in applications where you want to collect data after a trigger event. The number of scans after the trigger is specified in PSC_counter, as illustrated in Figure 4-10. The total acquired data length = number of enable-channel * PSC_counter.

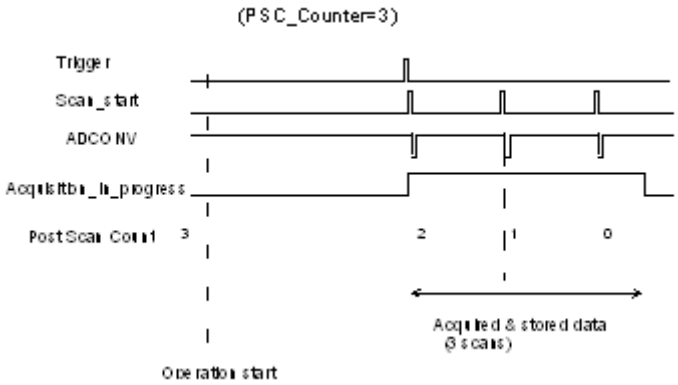


Figure 4-10: Post trigger

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Delay Trigger Acquisition

Use delay trigger acquisition in applications where you want to delay the data collection after the occurrence of a specified trigger event. The delay time is controlled by the value, which is pre-loaded in the Delay_counter (16bit). The counter counts down on the rising edge of the Delay_counter clock source after the trigger condition is met. The clock source can be software programmed either by the TIMEBASE clock (40MHz) or A/D sampling clock (TIMEBASE / SI_counter). When the count reaches 0, the counter stops and the card starts to acquire data. The total acquired data length = number of enable-channel * PSC_counter.

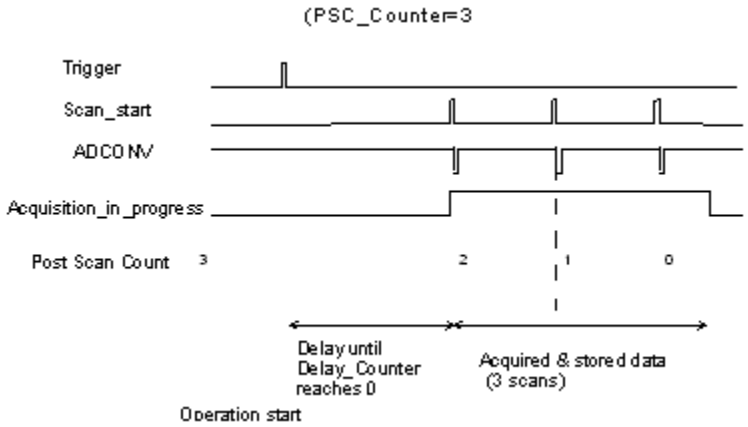


Figure 4-11: Delay trigger

NOTE:

When the Delay_counter clock source is set to TIMEBASE, the maximum delay time = 2^{16}/40M s = 1.638ms, and when the source is set to A/D sampling clock, the maximum delay time can be as higher as (2^{16} * SI_counter / 40M).

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Post-Trigger or Delay-trigger Acquisition with re-trigger

Use post-trigger or delay-trigger acquisition with re-trigger function in ap-plications where you want to collect data after several trigger events. The number of scans after each trigger is specified in PSC_counter, and users could program Retrig_no to specify the re-trigger numbers. Figure 4-12 il-lus-trates an example. In this example, 2 scans of data is acquired after the first trigger signal, then the card waits for the re-trigger signal (re-trigger signals which occur before the first 2 scans is completed will be ignored). When the re-trigger signal occurs, 2 more scan is performed. The process repeats until specified amount of re-trigger signals are detected. The total acquired data length = number of enable-channel * PSC_counter * Re-trig_no.

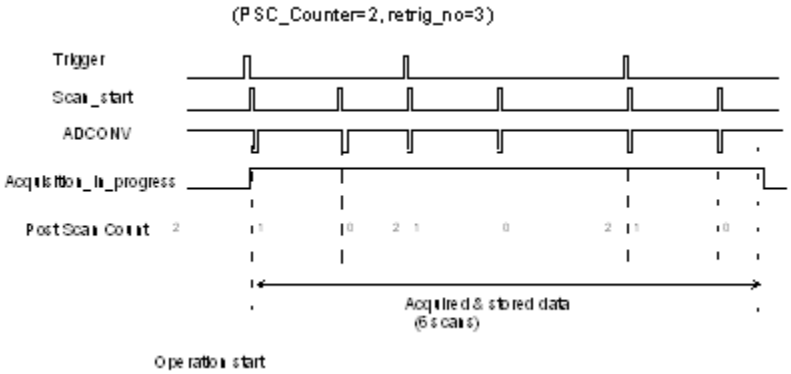


Figure 4-12: Post trigger with re-trigger

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Bus-mastering DMA Data Transfer

In programmable scan acquisition mode, all DAQ/DAQe/PXI series cards supports bus-mastering DMA data transfer. PCI bus-mastering DMA is necessary for high speed DAQ in order to utilize the maximum bus bandwidth. The bus-mastering controller controls the PCI bus when it becomes the master. Bus mastering reduces the size of the onboard memory and reduces CPU loading since data is directly transferred to the system memory with no host CPU intervention.

Bus-mastering DMA provides the fastest data transfer rate on a PCI bus. Once the analog input operation starts, control returns to your program. The hardware temporarily stores the acquired data in the onboard AD Data FIFO, then transfers the data to a user-defined DMA buffer memory in the computer. Note that even when the acquired data length is less than the Data FIFO, the AD data is not kept in the Data FIFO but rather directly transferred to the host memory by the bus-mastering DMA.

The DMA transfer mode is very complex to program. It is recommended that you use a high-level program library provided by the ADLINK driver to configure this card. By using a high-level programming library for high speed DMA data acquisition, you convert through their specified counters. After the AD trigger condition is matched, the data will be transferred to the system memory by the bus-mastering DMA.

The PCI controller also supports the scatter/gather bus mastering DMA function that enables transfer of large amounts of data by linking all the memory blocks into a continuous linked list.

In a multi-user or multitasking OS, like Windows or Linux, it is difficult to allocate a large continuous memory block to do the DMA transfer. Therefore, the PCI controller provides the function of scatter-gather or chaining mode DMA to link the non-continuous memory blocks into a linked list, allowing transfers of very large amounts of data without being limited by the fragment of small size memory. You may configure the linked list for the input DMA channel or the output DMA channel. Figure 4-6 shows a linked list that is constructed by three DMA descriptors. Each descriptor contains a PCI address, a PCI dual-address, a transfer size, and the pointer to the next

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descriptor. PCI address and PCI dual address cycle support 64-bit addresses which can be mapped into more than 4 GB of the address space. You can allocate many small size memory blocks and chain their associative DMA descriptors altogether by their application programs.

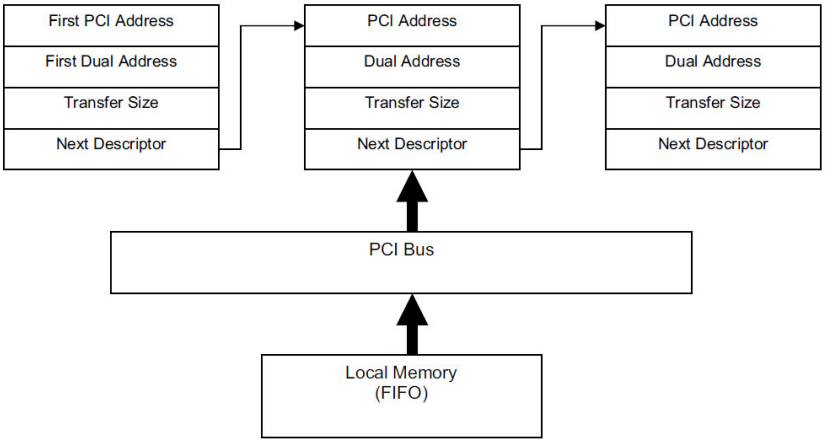


Figure 4-13: Linked List of PCI Address DMA Descriptors

In non-chaining mode, the maximum DMA data transfer size is 2M double words (8 MB). However, by using chaining mode-scatter/gather, there is no limitation for the DMA data transfer size. You may also link the descriptor nodes circularly to achieve a multi-buffered mode DMA.

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4.2 D/A Conversion

There are 2 channels of 12-bit D/A output available in the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx. When using D/A converters, users should assign and control the D/A converter reference sources for the D/A operation mode and D/A channels. Users could also select the output polarity: unipolar or bipolar.

The reference selection control lets users fully utilize the multiplying characteristics of the D/A converters. Internal 10V reference and external reference inputs are available in the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx. The range of the D/A output is directly related to the reference. The digital codes that are up-dated to the D/A converters will multiply with the reference to generate the analog output. While using internal 10V reference, the full range would be –10V ~ +9.9951V in the bipolar output mode, and 0V ~ 9.9976V in the unipolar output mode. While using an external reference, users can reach different output ranges by connecting different references. For example, if connecting a DC –5V with the external reference, then the users can get a full range from –4.9976V to +5V in the bipolar output with inverting char-acteristics due to the negative reference voltage. Users could also have an amplitude modulated (AM) output by feeding a sinusoidal signal into the reference input. The range of the external reference should be within ±10V. Table 4-5 and 4-6 illustrates the relationship between digital code and output voltages.

Digital Code	Analog Output
111111111111	Vref * (2047/2048)
100000000001	Vref * (1/2048)
100000000000	0V
011111111111	-Vref * (1/2048)
000000000000	-Vref

Table 4-5: Bipolar output code table (Vref=10V if internal reference is selected)

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Digital Code	Analog Output
111111111111	Vref * (4095/4096)
100000000000	Vref * (2048/4096)
000000000001	Vref * (1/4096)
000000000000	0V

Table 4-6: Unipolar output code table (Vref=10V if internal reference is selected)

The D/A conversion is initiated by a trigger source. Users must decide how to trigger the D/A conversion. The data output will start when a trigger condition is met. Before the start of D/A conversion, D/A data is transferred from PC's main memory to a buffering Data FIFO.

There are two modes of the D/A conversion: Software Update and Timed Waveform Generation are described, including timing, trig-ger source con-trol, trigger modes and data transfer methods. Either mode may be ap-plied to D/A channels independently. You can software update DA CH0 while generate timed waveforms on CH1 at the same time.

4.2.1 Software Update

This is the easiest way to generate D/A output. First, users should specify the D/A output channels, set output polarity: unipolar or bipolar, and ref-erence source: internal 10V or external AOEX-TREF. Then update the digital values into D/A data registers through a software output command.

4.2.2 Timed Waveform Generation

This mode can provide your applications with a precise D/A output with a fixed update rate. It can be used to generate an infinite or finite waveform. You can accurately program the update period of the D/A converters.

The D/A output timing is provided through a combination of coun-ters in the FPGA on board. There are totally 5 counters to be spec-ified.

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These counters are:

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UI_counter (24 bits): specify the DA Update
     Interval = CHUI_counter/TIMEBASE.
UC_counter (24 bits): specify the total Update
     Counts in a single waveform
IC_counter (24 bits): specify the Iteration
     Counts of waveform.
DA_DLY1_counter (16 bits): specify the Delay from
     the trigger to the first update start.
DA_DLY2_counter (16 bits): specify the Delay
     between two consecutive waveform
     generations.
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Figure 21 shows a typical D/A timing diagram. D/A updates its output on each rising edge of DAWR. The meaning of the counters above is dis-cussed more in the following sections.

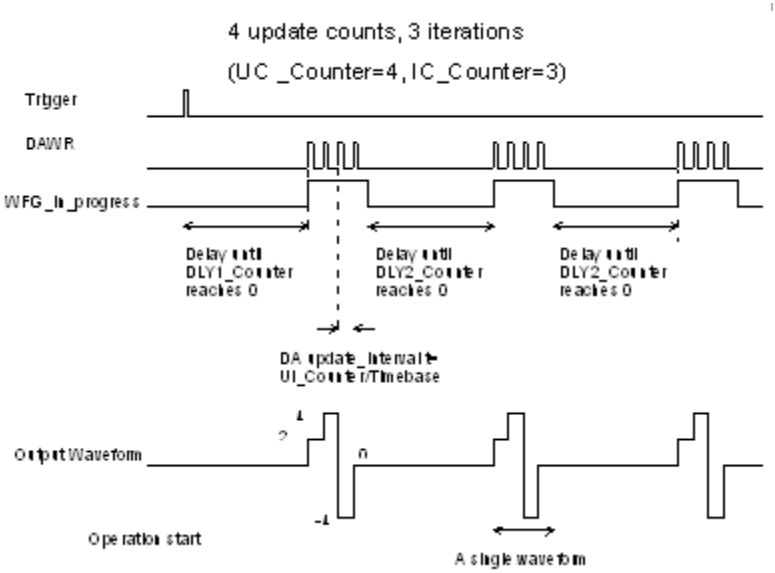


Figure 4-14: Typical D/A timing of waveform generation (Assuming the data in the data buffer are 2V, 4V, -4V, 0V)

NOTE: The maximum D/A update rate is 1MHz. Therefore, the minimum setting of the UI_counter is 40 while using an internal TIMEBASE(40MHz).

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4.2.3 Trigger Modes

Post-Trigger Generation

Use post trigger when you want to perform DA waveform right after a trigger event occurs. In this trigger mode DLY1_Counter is not used and you don't need to specify it. Figure 4-15 shows a single waveform generated right after a trigger signal is detected. The trigger signal could come from a software command, an analog trigger or a digital trigger. Please refer to section 4.5 for detailed information.

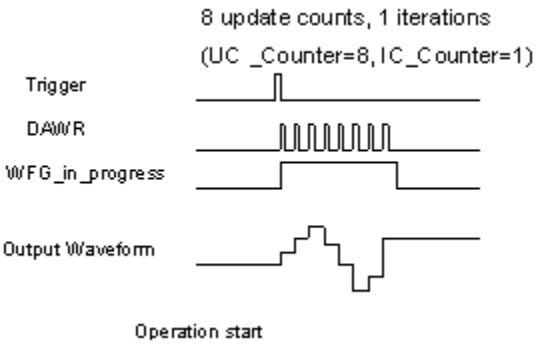


Figure 4-15: Post trigger waveform generation (Assuming the data in the data buffer are 2V, 4V, 6V, 3V, 0V, -4V, -2V, 4V)

Delay-Trigger Generation

Use delay trigger when you want to delay the waveform generation after a trigger event. In Figure 4-16, DA_DLY1_counter determines the delay time from the trigger signal to the start of the waveform generation. DLY1_counter counts down on the rising edge of its clock source after the trigger condition is met. When the count reaches 0, the counter stops and the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx starts the waveform generation. This DLY1_Counter is 16-bit's wide and users can set the delay time in units of TIMEBASE (delay time = DLY1_Counter/TIMEBASE) or in units of update period (delay time = DLY1_Counter * UI_counter/TIMEBASE), such that the delay time can reach a wider range.

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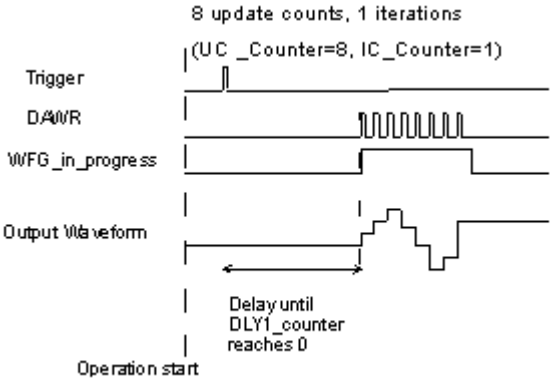


Figure 4-16: Delay trigger waveform generation (Assuming the data in the data buffer are 2V, 4V, 6V, 3V, 0V, -4V, -2V, 4V)

Post-Trigger or Delay-Trigger with Re-trigger

Use post-trigger or delay-trigger with re-trigger function when you want to generate waveform after more than one trigger events. The re-trigger function can be enabled or disabled by software setting. In Figure 4-17, each trigger signal will initiate a waveform generation. However, the trigger event would be ignored while the waveform generation is ongoing.

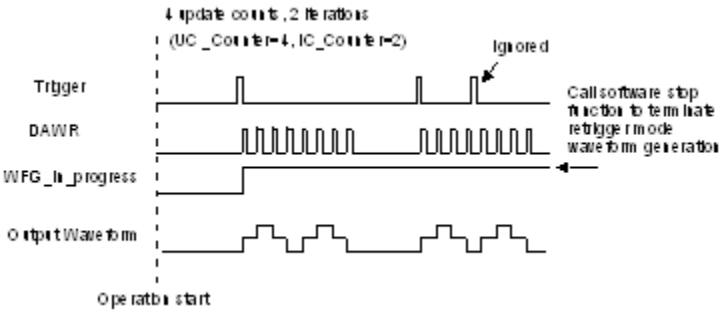


Figure 4-17: Re-triggered waveform generation (Assuming the data in the data buffer are 2V, 4V, 2V, 0V)

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Iterative Waveform Generation

Set IC_Counter in order to generate iterative waveforms from the data of a single waveform. The counter stores the iteration number, and the itera-tions can be finite (Figure 4-12) or infinite (Figure 4-13).

A data FIFO on board is used to buffer the digital data for DA output. If the data size of a single waveform you specified (That is, Update Counts in UC_counter) is less than the FIFO size, after initially transferring the data from the host PC memory to the FIFO on board, the data in the FIFO will be automatically re-transmitted whenever a single waveform is completed. Therefore, it won't occupy the PCI bandwidth when repetitive waveforms are performed. However, if the size of a single waveform were larger than that of the FIFO, it needs to be intermittently loaded from the host PC's memory via DMA, when a repetitive waveforms is performed thus PCI bandwidth would be occupied.

The data FIFO size on DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010 is 2k samples and on DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2005/2006 it is 512 samples.

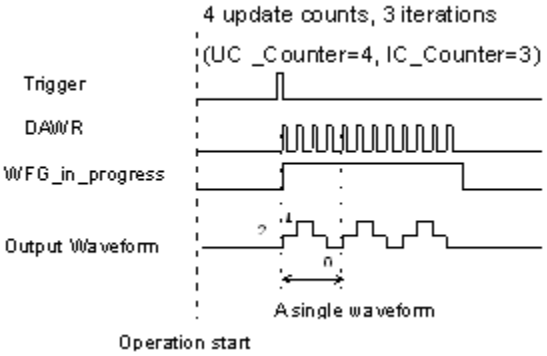


Figure 4-18: Finite iterative waveform generation with Post-trigger and DLY2_Counter = 0 (Assuming the data in the data buffer are 2V, 4V, 2V, 0V)

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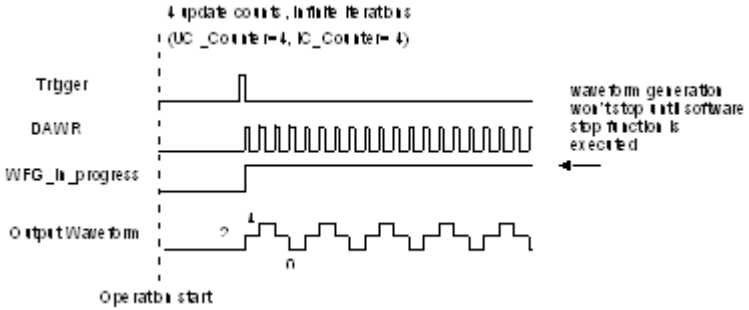


Figure 4-19: Infinite iterative waveform generation with Post-trigger and DLY2_Counter = 0 (Assuming the data in the data buffer are 2V, 4V, 2V, 0V)

NOTE:

- When running infinite iterative waveform generation, setting IC_Counter is ineffective to the waveform generation. It only makes a difference when setting stop mode III.
- How to set finite and infinite iterative waveform generation is not in-cluded in this manual. Please refer to software manual for further in-formation.

Delay2 in Repetitive Waveform Generation

To diversify the D/A waveform generation, we add a DLY2 Counter to separate 2 consecutive waveforms in repetitive waveform generation. The time between two waveforms is set by the value of DLY2 Counter. The Delay2 counter starts to count down after a waveform generation finishes, and the next waveform generation starts right after it counts down to zero, just as shown in Figure 21. This DLY2_Counter is 16-bits wide and users can set the delay time in units of TIMEBASE (delay time = DLY2_Counter/TIMEBASE) or in units of update period (delay time = DLY2_Counter * UI_counter/TIMEBASE), such that the delay time can reach a wider range

Stop Modes of Scan Update

You can call software stop function to stop waveform generation when it is still in progress. Three stop modes are provided for timed waveform gen-eration, which means when it is to stop

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the waveform generation. You can apply these 3 modes to stop waveform generation no matter infinite or finite waveform generation mode is selected.

Figure 4-20 illustrates an example for stop mode I, in this mode the waveform stops immediately when software command is asserted.

In stop mode II, after a software stop command is given, the waveform generation won't stop until a complete single waveform is finished. Take Figure 4-21 for an example, since UC_counter is set to 4, the total DA update counts (that is, number of pulses of DAWR signal) must be a multiple of 4.(update counts = 20 in this example)

In stop mode III, after a software stop command is given, the waveform generation won't stop until the performed number of waveforms is a mul-tiple of IC_Counter. Take Figure 4-22 for an example, since IC_Counter is set to 3, the total generated waveforms must be a multiple of 3(waveforms = 6 in this example), and the total DA update counts must be a multiple of 12(UC_counter * IC_Counter). You can compare these three figures to see their differences.

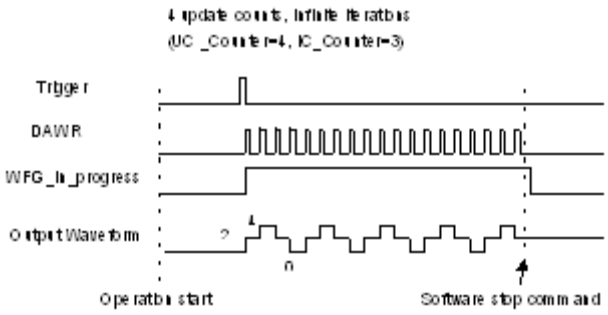


Figure 4-20: Stop mode I (Assuming the data in the data buffer are 2V, 4V, 2V, 0V)

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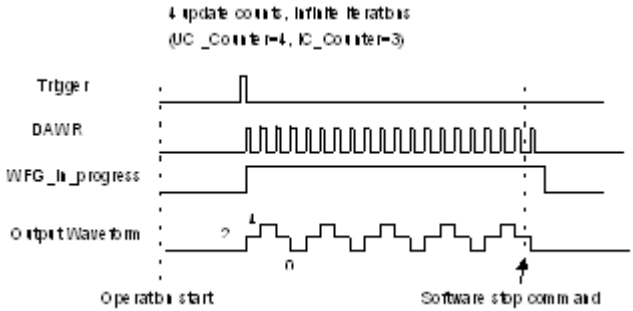


Figure 4-21: Stop mode II

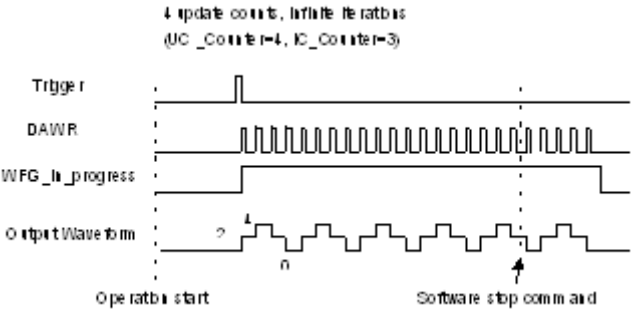


Figure 4-22: Stop mode III

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4.3 Digital I/O

The DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx contains 24-lines of general-purpose digital I/O (GPIO), which is provided through a 82C55A chip.

The 24-line GPIO are separated into three ports: Port A, Port B and Port C. High nibble (bit[7…4]), and low nibble (bit[3…0]) of each port can be indi-vidually programmed to be either inputs or outputs. Upon system startup or reset, all the GPIO pins are reset to high impedance inputs.

DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2010 also provides 2 digital inputs per channel (SDI from J5), which are sampled simultaneously with an analog signal input and is stored with the 14-bit AD data. Please refer to section 4.1 for the more details.

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4.4 General Purpose Timer/Counter Operation

Two independent 16-bit up/down timer/counter are designed within FPGA for various applications. They have the following features:

- Count up/down controlled by hardware or software
- Programmable counter clock source (internal or external clock up to 10MHz)
- Programmable gate selection (hardware or software control)
- Programmable input and output signal polarities (high active or low active)
- Initial Count can be loaded from software
- Current count value can be read-back by software without affecting circuit operation

4.4.1 Timer/Counter functions basics

Each timer/counter has three inputs that can be controlled via hardware or software. They are clock input (GPTC_CLK), gate input (GPTC_GATE), and up/down control input (GPTC_UPDOWN). The GPTC_CLK input provides a clock source input to the timer/counter. Active edges on the GPTC_CLK input make the counter increment or decrement. The GPTC_UPDOWN input controls whether the counter counts up or down. The GPTC_GATE input is a control signal which acts as a counter enable or a counter trigger signal under different applications.

The output of timer/counter is GPTC_OUT. After power-up, GPTC_OUT is pulled high by a pulled-up resister about 10K ohms. Then GPTC_OUT goes low after the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx is initialized.

All the polarities of input/output signals can be programmed by software. In this chapter, for easy explanation, all GPTC_CLK, GPTC_GATE, and GPTC_OUT are assumed to be active high or rising-edge triggered in the figures.

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4.4.2 General Purpose Timer/Counter modes

Eight programmable timer/counter modes are provided. All modes start operating following a software-start signal that is set by the software. The GPTC software reset initializes the status of the counter and re-loads the initial value to the counter. The operation remains halted until the soft-ware-start is re-executed. The operating theories under different modes are described as below.

Mode 1: Simple Gated-Event Counting

In this mode, the counter counts the number of pulses on the GPTC_CLK after the software-start. Initial count can be loaded from software. Current count value can be read-back by software any time without affecting the counting. GPTC_GATE is used to enable/disable counting. When GPTC_GATE is inactive, the counter halts the current count value. Figure 4-23 illustrates the operation with initial count = 5, count-down mode.

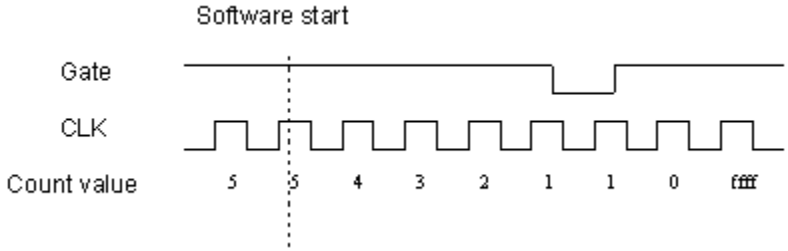


Figure 4-23: Mode 1 Operation

Mode 2: Single Period Measurement

In this mode, the counter counts the period of the signal on GPTC_GATE in terms of GPTC_CLK. Initial count can be loaded from software. After the software-start, the counter counts the number of active edges on GPTC_CLK between two active edges of GPTC_GATE. After the com-pletion of the period interval on GPTC_GATE, GPTC_OUT outputs high and then current count value can be read-back by software. Figure

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4-24 il-lustrates the operation where initial count = 0, count-up mode.

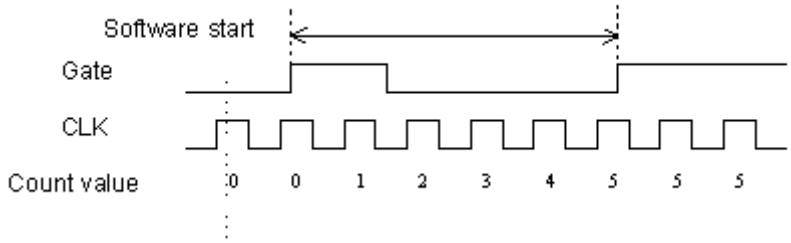


Figure 4-24: Mode 2 Operation

Mode 3: Single Pulse-width Measurement

In this mode the counter counts the pulse-width of the signal on GPTC_GATE in terms of GPTC_CLK. Initial count can be loaded from software. After the software-start, the counter counts the number of active edges on GPTC_CLK when GPTC_GATE is in its active state. After the completion of the pulse-width interval on GPTC_GATE, GPTC_OUT out-puts high and then current count value can be read-back by soft-ware. Figure 4-25 illustrates the operation where initial count = 0, count-up mode.

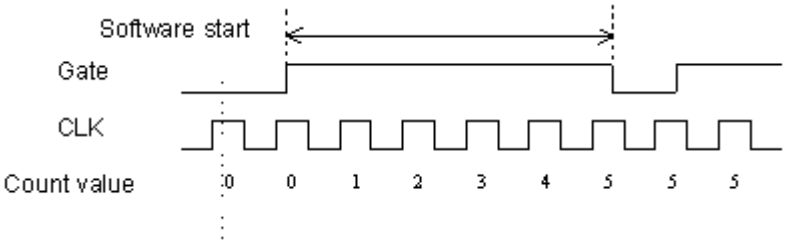


Figure 4-25: Mode 3 Operation

Mode 4: Single Gated Pulse Generation

This mode generates a single pulse with programmable delay and pro-grammable pulse-width following the software-start. The two programma-ble parameters could be specified in terms of periods of the GPTC_CLK input by software.

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GPTC_GATE is used to enable/disable counting. When GPTC_GATE is inactive, the counter halts the current count value. Figure 4-26 illustrates the generation of a single pulse with a pulse delay of two and a pulse-width of four.

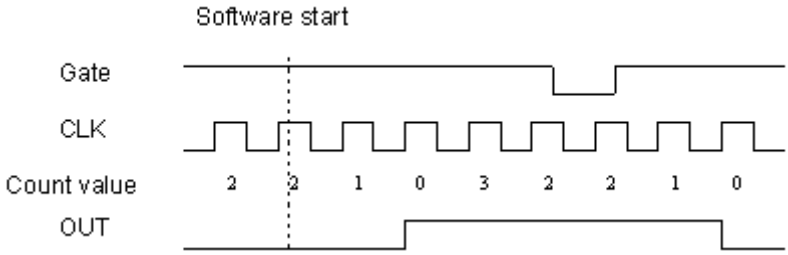


Figure 4-26: Mode 4 Operation

Mode 5: Single Triggered Pulse Generation

This function generates a single pulse with programmable delay and pro-grammable pulse-width following an active GPTC_GATE edge. You could specify these programmable parameters in terms of periods of the GPTC_CLK input. Once the first GPTC_GATE edge triggers the single pulse, GPTC_GATE takes no effect until the software-start is re-exe-cuted. Figure 4-27 illustrates the generation of a single pulse with a pulse delay of two and a pulse-width of four.

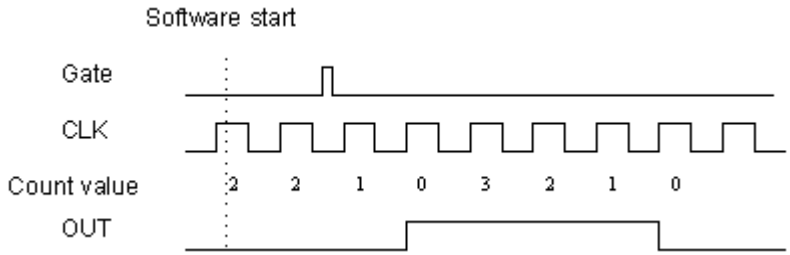


Figure 4-27: Mode 5 Operation

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Mode 6: Re-triggered Single Pulse Generation

This mode is similar to mode5 except that the counter generates a pulse following every active edge of GPTC_GATE. After the software-start, every active GPTC_GATE edge triggers a single pulse with programmable delay and pulse-width. Any GPTC_GATE triggers that occur when the prior pulse is not completed would be ignored. Figure 4-28 illustrates the generation of two pulses with a pulse delay of two and a pulse-width of four.

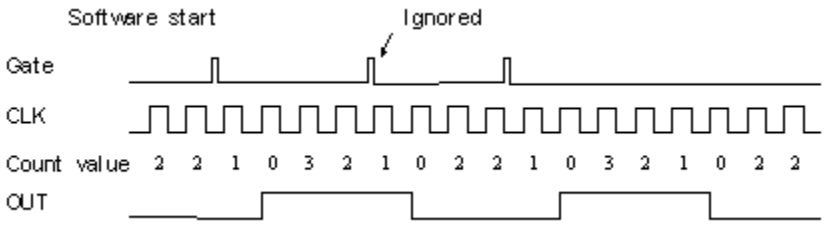


Figure 4-28: Mode 6 Operation

Mode 7: Single Triggered Continuous Pulse Generation

This mode is similar to mode5 except that the counter generates con-tinuous periodic pulses with programmable pulse interval and pulse-width following the first active edge of GPTC_GATE. Once the first GPTC_GATE edge triggers the counter, GPTC_GATE takes no effect until the soft-ware-start is re-executed. Figure 4-29 illustrates the generation of two pulses with a pulse delay of four and a pulse-width of three.

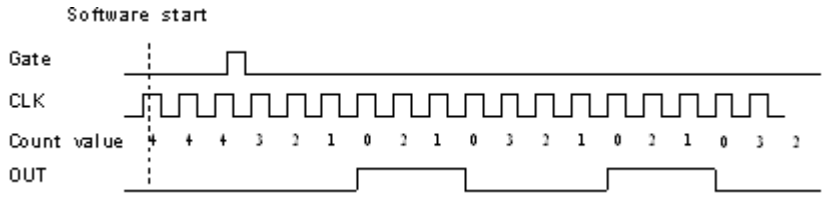


Figure 4-29: Mode 7 Operation

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Mode 8: Continuous Gated Pulse Generation

This mode generates periodic pulses with programmable pulse interval and pulse-width following the software-start. GPTC_GATE is used to enable/disable counting. When GPTC_GATE is inactive, the counter halts the current count value. Figure 4-30 illustrates the generation of two pulses with a pulse delay of four and a pulse-width of three.

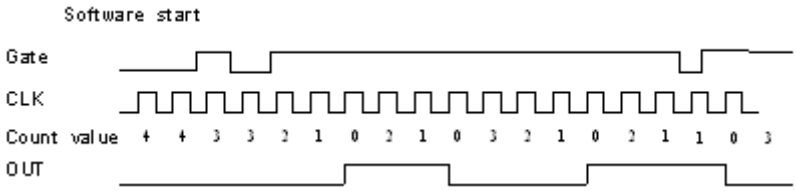


Figure 4-30: Mode 8 Operation

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4.5 Trigger Sources

We provide flexible trigger selections in the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xxseries products. In addition to the internal software trigger, DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx also supports external analog, digital triggers and SSI triggers. Users can configure the trigger source by software for A/D and D/A processes individually. Note that the A/D and the D/A conversion share the same analog trigger.

4.5.1 Software-Trigger

This trigger mode does not need any external trigger source. The trigger asserts right after you execute the specified function calls to begin the operation. A/D and D/A processes can receive an individual software trigger.

4.5.2 External Analog Trigger

The analog trigger circuitry routing is shown in the Figure 4-31. The analog multiplexer can select either a direct analog input from the EXTATRIG pin (SRC1 in Figure 4-31) in the 68-pin connector or the input signal of ADC (SRC2 in Figure 4-31). That is, one of the 4 channel inputs you can select as a trigger source). Both trigger sources can be used for all trigger modes. The range of trigger level for SRC1 is ±10V and the resolution is 78mV (please refer to Table 4-6), while the trigger range of SRC2 is the full-scale range of the selected channel input, and the resolution is the desired range divided by 256. For example, if the channel input selected to be the trigger source is set bipolar and ±5V range, the trigger volt-

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age would be 4.96V when the trigger level code is set to 0xFF while 0V when the code is set to 0x80.

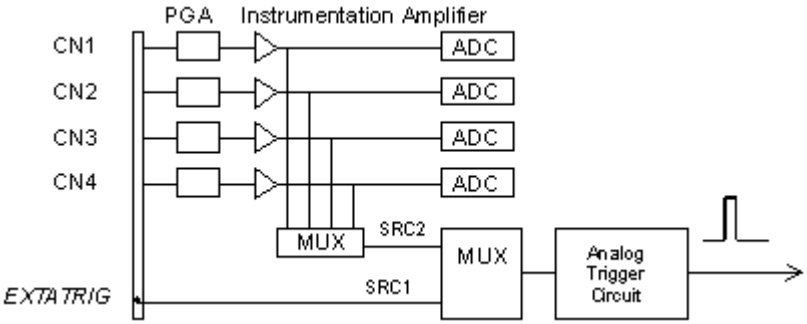


Figure 4-31: Analog trigger block diagram

Trigger Level digital setting	Trigger voltage
0xFF	9.92V
0xFE	9.84V
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0x81	0.08V
0x80	0
0x7F	-0.08V
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0x01	-9.92V

Table 4-7: Analog trigger SRC1 (EXTATRIG) ideal transfer characteristic

The trigger signal is generated when the analog trigger condition is satis-fied. There are five analog trigger conditions in the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx. The DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx uses 2 threshold voltages, Low_Threshold and High_Threshold to build the 5 different trigger conditions. Users could configure the trigger conditions easily by software.

Below-Low analog trigger condition

Figure 4-32 shows the below-low analog trigger condition, the trigger signal is generated when the input analog signal is less

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than the Low_Threshold voltage, and the High_Threshold setting is not used in this trigger condi-tion.

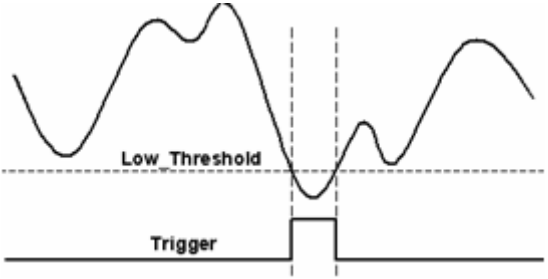


Figure 4-32: Below-Low analog trigger condition

Above-High analog trigger condition

Figure 4-33 shows the above-high analog trigger condition, the trigger signal is generated when the input analog signal is higher than the High_Threshold voltage, and the Low_Threshold setting is not used in this trigger condition.

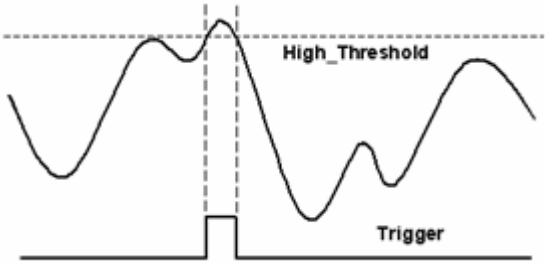


Figure 4-33: Above-High analog trigger condition

Inside-Region analog trigger condition

Figure 4-34 shows the inside-region analog trigger condition, the trigger signal is generated when the input analog signal level falls in the range between the High_Threshold and the Low_Threshold voltages. Note: the High_Threshold setting

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should be always higher then the Low_Threshold voltage setting.

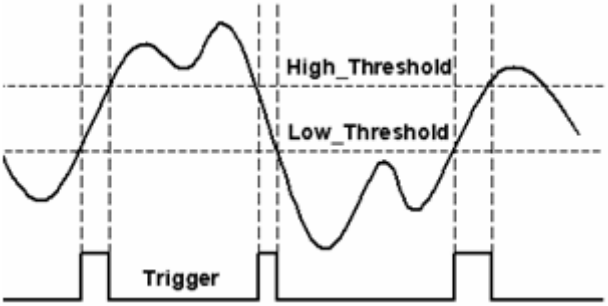


Figure 4-34: Inside-Region analog trigger condition

High-Hysteresis analog trigger condition

Figure 4-35 shows the high-hysteresis analog trigger condition, the trigger signal is generated when the input analog signal level is greater than the High_Threshold voltage, and the Low_Threshold voltage determines the hysteresis duration. Note the High_Threshold setting should be always higher then the Low_Threshold voltage setting.

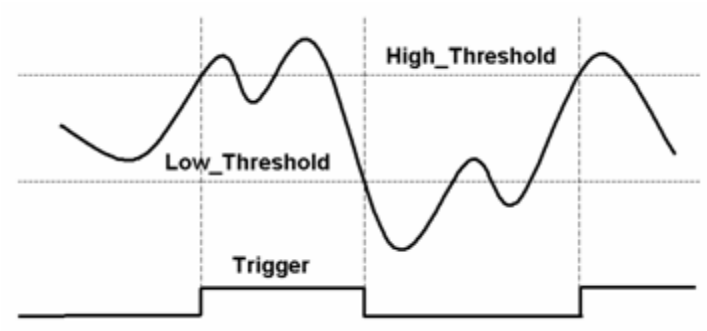


Figure 4-35: High-Hysteresis analog trigger condition

Low-Hysteresis analog trigger condition

Figure 4-36 shows the low-hysteresis analog trigger condition, the trigger signal is generated when the input analog signal level is less than the Low_Threshold voltage, and the

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High_Threshold voltage determines the hysteresis duration. Note the High_Threshold setting should be always higher then the Low_Threshold voltage setting.

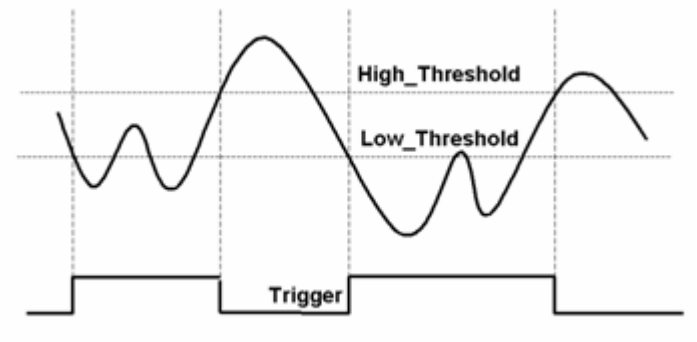


Figure 4-36: Low-Hysteresis analog trigger condition

External Digital Trigger

An external digital trigger occurs when a rising edge or a falling edge is detected on the digital signal connected to the EXTDTRIG or the EXTWFTRG of the 68-pin connector for external digital trigger. The EXTDTRIG is dedicated for A/D process, and the EXTWFTRG is used for D/A process. Users can program the trigger polarity through ADLINK's software drivers easily. Note that the signal level of the external digital trigger signals should be TTL-compatible, and the minimum pulse is 20ns.



Figure 4-37: External digital trigger

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4.6 User-controllable Timing Signals

In order to meet the requirements for user-specific timing and the re-quirements for synchronizing multiple cards, the DAQ/DAQe/ PXI-20xx Series provides flexible user-controllable timing signals to connect to external circuitry or additional cards.

The whole DAQ timing of the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx Series is composed of a bunch of counters and trigger signals in the FPGA. These timing signals are related to the A/D, D/A conversions and Timer/Counter applications. These timing signals can be inputs to or outputs from the I/O connectors, the SSI connector and the PXI bus. Therefore the internal timing signals can be used to control external devices or circuitry's. Note that in different series of DAQ/ DAQe/PXI-20xx, the user-controllable timing signals would be slightly different. However, the SSI/PXI timing signals remain the same for every DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx card.

We implemented signal multiplexers in the FPGA to individually choose the desired timing signals for the DAQ operations, as shown in the Figure 4-38.

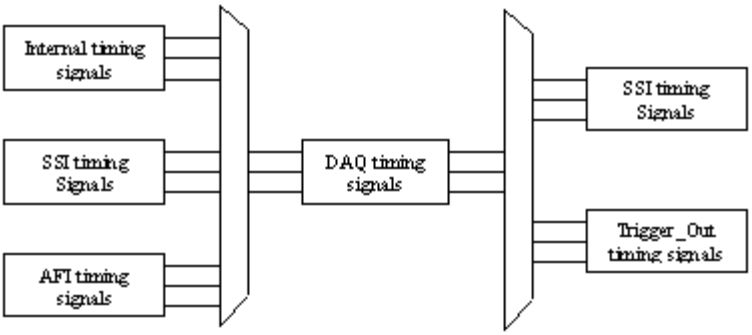


Figure 4-38: DAQ signals routing

Users can utilize the flexible timing signals through our software drivers, and simply and correctly connect the signals with the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx se-ries cards. Here is the summary of the

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DAQ timing signals and the corre-sponding functionalities for DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx Series.

Timing signal category	Corresponding functionality
SSI/PXI signals	Multiple cards synchronization
AFI signals	Control DAQ-2000 by external timing signals
AI_Trig_Out, AO_Trig_Out	Control external circuitry or boards

Table 4-8: Summary of user-controllable timing signals and the corresponding functionalities

4.6.1 DAQ timing signals

The user-controllable internal timing-signals contain: (Please refer to Section 4.1 for the internal timing signal definition)

1. TIMEBASE, providing TIMEBASE for all DAQ operations, which could be from internal 40MHz oscillator, EXTTIMEBASE from I/O connector or the SSI_TIMEBASE. Note that the frequency range of the EXTTIMEBASE is 1MHz to 40MHz, and the EXTTIMEBASE should be TTL-compatible.
2. AD_TRIG, the trigger signal for the A/D operation, which could come from external digital trigger, analog trigger, internal software trigger and SSI_AD_TRIG. Refer to Section 4.5 for detailed description.
3. SCAN_START, the signal to start a scan, which would bring the following ADCONV signals for AD conversion, and could come from the internal SI_counter, AFI[0] and SSI_AD_START. This signal is synchronous to the TIMEBASE. Note that the AFI[0] should be TTL-compatible and the minimum pulse width should be the pulse width of the TIMEBASE to guarantee correct functionalities.

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4. ADCONV, the conversion signal to initiate a single conversion, which could be derived from internal counter, AFI[0] or SSI_ADCONV. Note that this signal is edge-sensitive. When using AFI[0] as the external ADCONV source, each rising edge of AFI[0] would bring an effective conversion signal. Also note that the AFI[0] signal should be TTL-compatible and the minimum pulse width is 20ns.
5. DA_TRIG, the trigger signal for the D/A operation, which could be derived from external digital trigger, analog trigger, internal software trigger and SSI_AD_TRIG. Refer to Section 4.5 for detailed de-scription.
6. DAWR, the update signal to initiate a single D/A conversion, which could be derived from internal counter, AFI[1] or SSI_DAWR. Note that this signal is edge-sensitive. When using AFI[1] as the external DAWR source, each rising edge of AFI[1] would bring an effective update signal. Also note that the AFI[1] signal should be TTL-compatible and the minimum pulse width is 20ns.

4.6.2 Auxiliary Function Inputs (AFI)

Users could use the AFI in applications that take advantage of external circuitry to directly control the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-2000 series cards. The AFI in-cludes 2 categories of timing signals: one group is the dedicated input, and the other is the multi-function input. Table 4-9 illustrates this categorization.

Table 4-9 summarizes the auxiliary function input signals and the corre-sponding functionalities

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Category	Timing signal	Functionality	Constraints
Dedicated input	EXTTIMEBASE	Replace the internal TIMEBASE	1. TTL-compatible
			2. 1MHz to 40MHz
			3. Affects on both A/D and D/A operations
	EXTDTRIG	External digital trigger input for A/D operation	1. TTL-compatible
			2. Minimum pulse width = 20ns
			3. Rising edge or falling edge
	EXTWFTRG	External digital trigger input for D/A operation	1. TTL-compatible
			2. Minimum pulse width = 20ns
			3. Rising edge or falling edge
Multi-function input	AFI[0] (Dual functions)	Replace the internal ADCONV	1. TTL-compatible
			2. Minimum pulse width = 20ns
			3. Rising–edge sensitive only
		Replace the internal SCAN_START	1. TTL-compatible
			2. Minimum Pulse width > 2/TIMEBASE
	AFI[1]	Replace the internal DAWR	1. TTL-compatible
			2. Minimum pulse width = 20ns
			3.Rising–edge sensitive only

Table 4-9: Auxiliary function input signals and the corresponding functionalities

EXTDTRIG and EXTWFTRIG

EXTDTRIG and EXTWFTRIG are dedicated digital trigger input signals for A/D and D/A operations respectively. Please refer to section 4.5 for detailed descriptions.

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EXTTIMEBASE

When the applications needs specific sampling frequency or update rate that the card could not generate from its internal TIMEBASE, the 40MHz clock, users could utilize the EXTTIMEBASE with internal counters to achieve the specific timing intervals for both A/D and D/A operations. Note that once you choose the TIMEBASE source, both A/D and D/A operations will be affected because A/D and D/A operations share the same TIMEBASE.

AFI[0]

Alternatively, users can also directly apply an external A/D conversion signal to replace the internal ADCONV signal. This is another way to achieve customized sampling frequencies. The external ADCONV signal can only be inputted from the AFI[0]. As section 4.1 describes, the SI_counter triggers the generation of the A/D conversion signal, ADCONV, but when using the AFI[0] to replace the internal ADCONV signal, then the SI_counter and the internally generated SCAN_START will not be effective. By controlling the ADCONV externally, users can sample the data ac-cording to external events. In this mode, the Trigger signal and trigger mode settings will are not available.

AFI[0] could also be used as SCAN_START signal for A/D operations. Please refer to sections 4.1 and 4.6.1 for detailed descriptions of the SCAN_START signal. When using external signal (AFI[0]) to replace the internal SCAN_START signal, the pulse width of the AFI[0] must be greater than two time of the period of Timebase. This feature is suitable for the DAQ-2200/ PXI-2200 series, which can scan multiple channels data controlled by an external event. Note that the AFI[0] is a multi-purpose input, and it can only be utilized for one function at any one time.

AFI[1]

Regarding the D/A operations, users could directly input the external D/A update signal to replace the internal DAWR signal. This is another way to achieve customized D/A update rates. The external DAWR signal can only be inputted from the AFI[1]. Note that the AFI[1] is a multi-purpose input, and it can only be utilized for one function at any one time. AFI[1] currently only has one function. ADLINK reserves it for future development.

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4.6.3 System Synchronization Interface

SSI (System Synchronization Interface) provides the DAQ timing syn-chronization between multiple cards. In DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx Series, we de-signed a bi-directional SSI I/O to provide flexible connection between cards and allow one SSI master to output the signal and up to three slaves to receive the SSI signal. Note that the SSI signals are designed for card synchronization only, not for external devices.

SSI timing signal	Functionality
SSI_TIMEBASE	SSI master: send the TIMEBASE out
	SSI slave: accept the SSI_TIMEBASE to replace the internal TIMEBASE signal.
	Note: Affects on both A/D and D/A opera-tions
SSI_AD_TRIG	SSI master: send the internal AD_TRIG out
	SSI slave: accept the SSI_AD_TRIG as the digital trigger signal.
SSI_ADCONV	SSI master: send the ADCONV out
	SSI slave: accept the SSI_ADCONV to replace the internal ADCONV signal.
SSI_SCAN_START	SSI master: send the SCAN_START out
	SSI slave: accept the SSI_SCAN_START to replace the internal SCAN_START signal.
SSI_DA_TRIG	SSI master: send the DA_TRIG out.
	SSI slave: accept the SSI_DA_TRIG as the digital trigger signal.
SSI_DAWR	SSI master: send the DAWR out.
	SSI slave: accept the SSI_DAWR to replace the internal DAWR signal.

Table 4-10: Summary of SSI timing signals and the corresponding functionalities as the master or slave

In PCI form factor, there is a connector on the top right corner of the card for the SSI. Refer to section 2.3 for the connector posi-tion. All the SSI signals are routed to the 20-pin connector from the FPGA. To synchronize multiple cards, users can connect a special ribbon cable (ACL-SSI) to all the cards in a daisy-chain configura-tion

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In PXI form factor, we utilize the PXI trigger bus built on the PXI backplane to provide the necessary timing signal connections. All the SSI signals are routed to the P2 connector. No additional cable is needed. For detailed information of the PXI specifications, please refer to PXI specification Re-vision 2.0 from PXI System Alliance (www.pxisa.org).

The 6 internal timing signals could be routed to the SSI or the PXI trigger bus through software drivers. Please refer to section 4.6.1 for detailed in-formation of the 6 internal timing signals. Physically the signal routings are accomplished in the FPGA. Cards that are connected together through the SSI or the PXI trigger bus, will still achieve synchronization on the 6 timing signals.

The mechanism of the SSI/PXI

1. We adopt master-slave configuration for SSI/PXI. In a system, for each timing signal, there shall be only one master, and other cards are SSI slaves or with the SSI function disabled.
2. For each timing signal, the SSI master doesn't have to be in a single card.

For example:

We want to synchronize the A/D operation through the ADCONV signal for 4 DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx cards. Card 1 is the master, and Card 2, 3, 4 are slaves. Card 1 receives an external digital trigger to start the post trigger mode acquisition. The SSI setting could be:

1. Set the SSI_ADCONV signal of Card 1 to be the master.
2. Set the SSI_ADCONV signals of Card 2, 3, 4 to be the slaves.
3. Set external digital trigger for Card 1's A/D operation.
4. Set the SI_counter and the post scan counter (PSC) of all other cards.
5. Start DMA operations for all cards, thus all the cards are waiting for the trigger event.

When the digital trigger condition of Card 1 occurs, Card 1 will internally generate the ADCONV signal and output this ADCONV signal to SSI_ADCONV signal of Card 2, 3 and 4 through the SSI/ PXI connectors. Thus we can achieve 16-channel acquisition simultaneously.

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You could arbitrarily choose each of the 6 timing signals as the SSI master from any one of the cards. The SSI master can output the internal timing signals to the SSI slaves. With the SSI, users could achieve better card-to-card synchronization.

Note that when power-up or reset, the DAQ timing signals are reset to use the internal generated timing signals.

4.6.4 AI_Trig_Out and AO_Trig_Out

AI_Trig_Out (or AO_Trig_Out) is the signal output following one of the four trigger sources (software trigger, analog trigger, digital trigger and SSI trigger) selected by the user. That is, AI_Trig_Out follows the A/D trigger source, and AO_Trig_Out follows the D/A trigger source. These two sig-nals can be used to control external peripheral circuits or boards, or can be used as synchronization control signals. The signal level of the AI_Trig_Out and AO_Trig_Out are TTL-compatible.


NOTE:

AI_Trig_Out and AO_Trig_Out are output pins on J5 (68-pin VHDCI). Connecting them to any signal source may cause permanent damage.

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5 Calibration

This chapter introduces the calibration process to minimize AD meas-urement errors and DA output errors.

5.1 Loading Calibration Constants

The DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx is factory calibrated before shipment by writing the associated calibration constants of TrimDACs to the Onboard EEPROM. TrimDACs are devices containing multiple DACs within a single package. TrimDACs do not have memory capability. That means the calibration constants do not retain their values after the system power is turned off. Loading calibration constants is the process of loading the values of TrimDACs stored in the Onboard EEPROM. ADLINK provides software to make it easy to read the calibration constants automatically when neces-sary.

There is a dedicated space for calibration constants In the EEPROM. In addition to the default bank of factory calibration con-stants, there are three extra user-modifiable banks. This means users can load the TrimDACs values either from the original fac-tory calibration or from a calibration that is subsequently per-formed.

Because of the fact that errors in measurements and outputs will vary with time and temperature, it is recommended re-calibratation when the card is installed in the users environment. The auto-cali-bration function used to minimize errors will be introduced in the next sub-section.

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5.2 Auto-calibration

By using the auto-calibration feature of the DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx, the calibration software can measure and correct almost all the calibration errors without any external signal connections, reference voltages, or measurement de-vices.

The DAQ/DAQe/PXI-20xx has an Onboard calibration reference to ensure the accuracy of auto-calibration. The reference voltage is measured at the factory and adjusted through a digital potentiometer by using an ul-tra-precision calibrator. The impedance of the digital potentiometer is memorized after this adjustment. It is not recommended for users to adjust the Onboard calibration reference except when an ultra-precision cali-brator is available.

Note:

1. Before auto-calibration procedure starts, it is recommended to warn up the card for at least 15 minutes.
2. Please remove the cable before an auto-calibration procedure is initiated because the DA outputs would be changed in the process of calibration.

5.3 Saving Calibration Constants

After an auto-calibration is completed, users can save the new calibration constants into one of the three user-modifiable banks in the EEPROM. The date and the temperature when you ran the auto-calibration will be saved accompanied with the calibration constants. This means users can store three sets of calibration constants according to three different environ-ments and re-load the calibration constants later.

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Important Safety Instructions

For user safety, please read and follow all instructions, Warnings, Cautions, and Notes marked in this manual and on the associated device before handling/operating the device, to avoid injury or damage.

S'il vous plaît prêter attention stricte à tous les avertissements et mises en garde figurant sur l'appareil , pour éviter des blessures ou des dommages.

- Read these safety instructions carefully.
- Keep the User's Manual for future reference.
- Read the Specifications section of this manual for detailed information on the recommended operating environment.
- The device can be operated at an ambient temperature of 50ºC.
- When installing/mounting or uninstalling/removing device, or when removal of a chassis cover is required for user servicing:
  - Turn off power and unplug any power cords/cables.
  - Reinstall all chassis covers before restoring power.
- To avoid electrical shock and/or damage to device:
  - Keep device away from water or liquid sources.
  - Keep device away from high heat or humidity.
  - Keep device properly ventilated (do not block or cover ventilation openings).
  - Always use recommended voltage and power source settings.
  - Always install and operate device near an easily accessible electrical outlet.
  - Secure the power cord (do not place any object on/over the power cord).
  - Only install/attach and operate device on stable surfaces and/or recommended mountings.
- If the device will not be used for long periods of time, turn off and unplug it from its power source
- Never attempt to repair the device, which should only be serviced by qualified technical personnel using suitable tools
- A Lithium-type battery may be provided for uninterrupted backup or emergency power.

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CAUTION:

Risk of explosion if battery is replaced with one of an incorrect type; please dispose of used batteries appropriately.
Risque d'explosion si la pile est remplacée par une autre de type incorrect. Veuillez jeter les piles usagées de façon appropriée.

- The device must be serviced by authorized technicians when:
  - The power cord or plug is damaged.
  - Liquid has entered the device interior.
  - The device has been exposed to high humidity and/or moisture.
  - The device is not functioning or does not function according to the User's Manual.
  - The device has been dropped and/or damaged and/or shows obvious signs of breakage.
- Disconnect the power supply cord before loosening the thumbscrews and always fasten the thumbscrews with a screwdriver before starting the system up.
- It is recommended that the device be installed only in a server room or computer room where access is:
  - Restricted to qualified service personnel or users familiar with restrictions applied to the location, reasons therefor, and any precautions required.
  - Only afforded by the use of a tool or lock and key, or other means of security, and controlled by the authority responsible for the location.



BURN HAZARD
Touching this surface could result in bodily injury. To reduce risk, allow the surface to cool before touching.

RISQUE DE BRÛLURES
Ne touchez pas cette surface, cela pourrait entraîner des blessures.
Pour éviter tout danger, laissez la surface refroidir avant de la toucher.

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