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16-ch General-Purpose SPDT Relay Module

User's Manual

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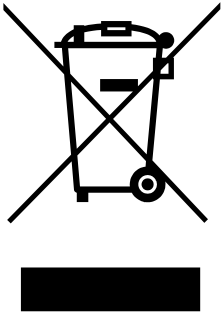
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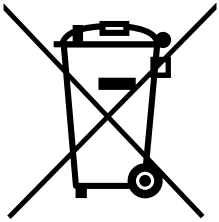
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How to Use This Manual

This User Manual is designed to assist users in the installation of the ADLINK PXI-7901, 16-ch General Purpose SPDT Relay PXI Switch module.

Chapter 1 **Introduction**

Gives an outline and overview of ADLINK switch modules' features, specifications, and applications.

Chapter 2 **Installation**

Describes how to install a switch module into a PXI chassis. For software library and utilities installation, please refer to the Software Users' Guide.

Chapter 3 **Signal Connection**

Shows the pin assignments and terminal board connection of the switch module.

Chapter 4 **Operation Theorem**

Describes function blocks on ADLINK switch modules and operation instructions.

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Introduction

ADLINK PXI-7901 is a general-purpose (GP) switch module implementing 16-CH independent single-pole double-throw (SPDT) relays (1 Form C). PXI-7901 can connect one input to one output, and be used as signal switching or routing for measurement systems as well as ATE.

Relays of PXI-7901 can be updated by either direct-update mode or auto-scan mode. The latter mode supports scanlist of 1k-sample for deterministic scanning.

PXI trigger functions are fully supported and software programmable. The multiple switch modules can be synchronized and triggered without additional field wiring.

For safety critical applications, PXI-7901 module can switch to the preset state by either asserting emergency shutdown manually, or watchdog timer overflow event.

1.1 Features

- PXI specifications Rev. 2.0 compliant
- 3U Eurocard form factor, CompactPCI compliant (PICMG 2.0 R3.0)
- PICMG 2.1 R2.0 CompactPCI Hot-Swap specifications compliant
- 16-ch SPDT (1 Form C) non-latching relays
- Contact rating
  - 3A switching, 3A carrying
  - $220V_{DC}$, $250V_{AC}$
- 125 operations per second
- 1k-sample scanlist for deterministic scanning
- Provides handshaking signals to trigger external instruments
- Programmable emergency shutdown function and Watchdog timer for safety critical applications
- Eight auxiliary 3.3 V/TTL digital inputs/outputs with 5V tolerance
- Supports PXI backplane triggers to synchronize multiple modules
- Fully software programmable

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1.2 Applications

- Industrial ON/OFF control
- External high power relay driving and signal switching
- Laboratory automation
- Industrial automation
- Switch contact status sensing
- Limit switch monitoring
- Cooperating with other modules such as A/D and D/A peripherals to implement a data acquisition and control system

1.3 Specifications

Relay Output

- Number of channels: 16
- Relay type: SPDT (1 Form C), non-latching
- Switching capacity:
  - Max. switching current: 3A
  - Max. switching voltage: $220V_{DC}$, $250V_{AC}$
  - Max. switching power: 50VA, 60W
    - ♦ Max. carrying current: 3A
- Failure rate: 10µA
- Contact resistance: 150mΩ max.
- Relay set/reset time
  - Operate time: 5ms max.
  - Release time: 5ms max.
  - Bounce time: 3ms max.
- Expected life:
  - Mechanical life: 10^8 operations min.
  - Electrical life: 10^6 operations min. (0.4A @ $12V_{AC}$, resistive load)
- Data transfer: Programmed I/O

Auxiliary Digital I/O

- Numbers of channel: 8 inputs/outputs
- Compatibility: 3.3 V/TTL (5V tolerant)
- Data transfers: programmed I/O

Handshaking Signals

- Programmable polarity
- Logic level: 3.3 V/TTL (5V tolerant)
- Trigger In source: AUX1, PXI trigger bus, PXI star trigger in
- Scanner Advanced destination: AUX0, PXI trigger bus

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Safety Functions

- Emergency shutdown
  - Logic level: 3.3 V/TTL (5V tolerant)
  - Active with logic low (for AUX2/SHDNn pin)
  - Emergency shutdown sources: AUX2/SHDNn, PXI star trigger input, PXI trigger bus
- Watchdog timer
  - Base clock available: 10MHz, fixed
  - Counter width: 32-bit
  - Watchdog Timer Overflow sources: Onboard 32-bit watchdog timer, PXI star trigger input, PXI trigger bus

General Specifications

- I/O Connector: 62-pin D-sub male
- Operating temperature: 0 to 55°C
- Storage temperature: -20 to 70°C
- Humidity: 5 to 95% non-condensing
- Power requirements (when all relays are activated simultaneously)

+5V	+3.3V
700mA	400mA

- Dimensions (not including connectors)
  - 160 mm x 100 mm

1.4 Software Support

ADLINK's ADL-SWITCH driver package is for Microsoft Windows operating systems, including Windows 98/ME/NT/2000/XP.

The driver package also provides utilities to test your switch module, as well as programming samples and source codes in Microsoft Visual Basic and Visual C/C++.

For other operating systems, please contact ADLINK for more information.

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Installation

This chapter describes the installation process for the ADLINK switch module. Please read the contents of the package and the disassembling information carefully as they are important in the implementation of the ADLINK switch module.

2.1 Contents

The package consists of the following items in addition to the User Manual:

- PXI-7901, 16-ch General Purpose SPDT Relay module
- This User's Guide
- ADLINK Software CD
- ADL-Switch User's Guide

If any of these items are missing or broken, please do not hesitate to contact ADLINK or the dealer from whom the product was purchased. Keep the shipping materials and carton for future storage or shipping.

2.2 Unpacking

ADLINK switch module contains sensitive electronic components that can be easily damaged by static electricity. The switch module should be operated on a grounded anti-static mat. It is strongly recommended that the operator wears an anti-static wristband, grounded at the same point as the anti-static mat.

Inspect the box for any obvious damage. Check the unit to ensure there are no shipping and handling damages that may have occurred before proceeding.

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

Again, inspect the module for any damage. Press down on all the socketed IC's to make sure they are all properly seated. Please do this only on a firm and flat surface.

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Note: Do not apply power to the module if it has been damaged.

You are now ready to install the PXI-7901.

2.3 Mechanical Drawing

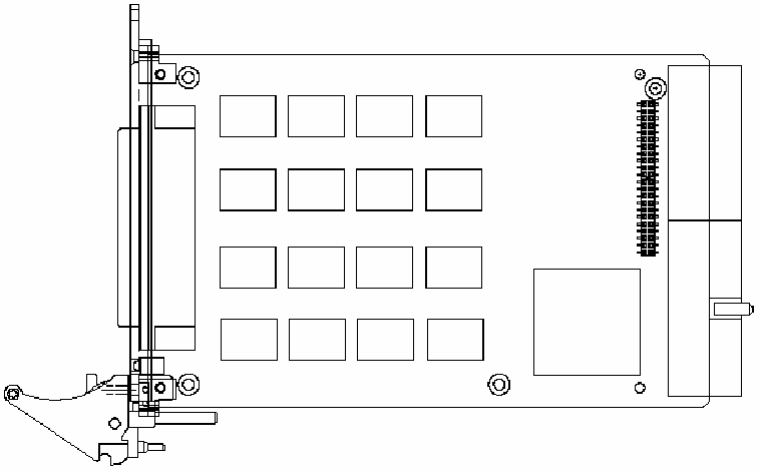


Figure 1: ADLINK Switch Module

ADLINK switch module is packaged in a Eurocard form factor compliant with PXI Specifications measuring 160 mm in length and 100 mm in height (not including connectors). A 62-pin connector is located at the front panel for wiring purposes and the J1/J2 IEC connectors in the rear are used to link the chassis backplane. With its modular, rugged, and high shock resistant mechanical features, the switch module functions exceptionally well in any harsh environment application.

2.4 Installing the switch module into a PXI Platform

To insert the ADLINK PXI switch module, align the module's edge with the card guide in the PXI chassis. Slide the switch module into the chassis, until resistance is felt from the PXI connector. Push the ejector upwards and fully insert the switch module into the chassis. Once inserted, a "click" can be heard from the ejector latch. Tighten the screws on the front panel.

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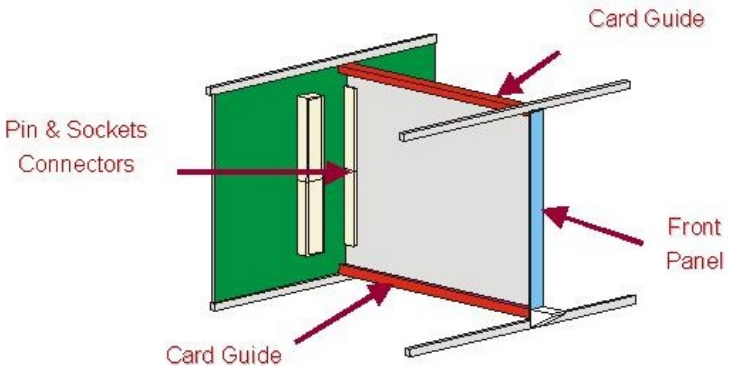


Figure 2: Installing the switch module into a PXI platform

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Signal Connection

3.1 PXI-7901 Topology

The PXI-7901 has 16 independent SPDT Relays onboard. Each relay has three terminals, NC (normally closed), NO (normally opened), and COM (common). When a relay is in its reset (de-energized) state, the NC connects to COM; while in set (energized) state, the NO connects to COM. Thus all signal paths on PXI-7901 are inherently break-before-make.

After power-up, all relays are in their reset (de-energized) state; i.e. NC connects to COM.

3.2 PXI-7901 Pin assignment & Description

	22. COM0	
43. NO0	23. COM1	1. NC0
44. NO1	24. COM2	2. NC1
45. NO2	25. COM3	3. NC2
46. NO3	26. COM4	4. NC3
47. NO4	27. COM5	5. NC4
48. NO5	28. COM6	6. NC5
49. NO6	29. COM7	7. NC6
50. NO7	30. COM8	8. NC7
51. NO8	31. COM9	9. NC8
52. NO9	32. COM10	10. NC9
53. NO10	33. COM11	11. NC10
54. NO11	34. COM12	12. NC11
55. NO12	35. COM13	13. NC12
56. NO13	36. COM14	14. NC13
57. NO14	37. COM15	15. NC14
58. NO15	38. NC	16. NC15
59. NC	39. NC	17. NC
60. AUX3	40. AUX4	18. AUX2/SHDNn
61. AUX6	41. +5V out	19. AUX5
62. AUX7	42. AUX1/TRG_IN	20. GND
		21. AUX0/S_ADV

Table 1: Pin Assignment

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Signal Name	Type	Description
NO[15..0]	Input/Output	Normally opened terminal of relays
NC[15..0]	Input/Output	Normally closed terminal of relays
COM[15..0]	Input/Output	Common terminal of relays
AUX[7..0]	Input/Output	Programmable Digital I/O with tri-state control. AUX[2..0] are dual function pins used for triggering, refer to chapter 4 for details.
TRG_IN	Input	Trigger input for handshaking operation
S_ADV	Output	Scanner Advanced trigger output for handshaking operation
SHDNn	Input	Active-low Emergency Shutdown trigger
+5V out	Output	Unregulated +5V DC Source, maximum 100mA current loading
GND	Output	Ground
NC	Not Connected	Unused pin

Table 2: Pin Description

3.3 TB-6201 Terminal Board

The TB-6201 is a screw terminal board with D-sub 62-pin female connector. The terminal board can attach to PXI-7901 directly, or through ADLINK custom-made high-capacity 62-pin D-sub cable.
The pin description is described in Table 2.

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Operation Theorem

4.1 Hardware Block Diagram

The ADLINK PXI Switch Module features an onboard FPGA for relay switching control, trigger control, scanlist storage and sequencing. The PXI triggering and synchronization functions, such as Star Trigger and Trigger Bus are also supported. In addition to the Trigger In and Scanner Advanced signals for external instruments handshaking, the switch module provides eight channels of programmable digital I/O interface to facilitate general purpose control applications.

To make full use of the flexible trigger and signaling system on the PXI platform, the switch module has a built-in signal routing matrix that can exchange signals between front panel digital I/O, Star Trigger, and Trigger Bus.

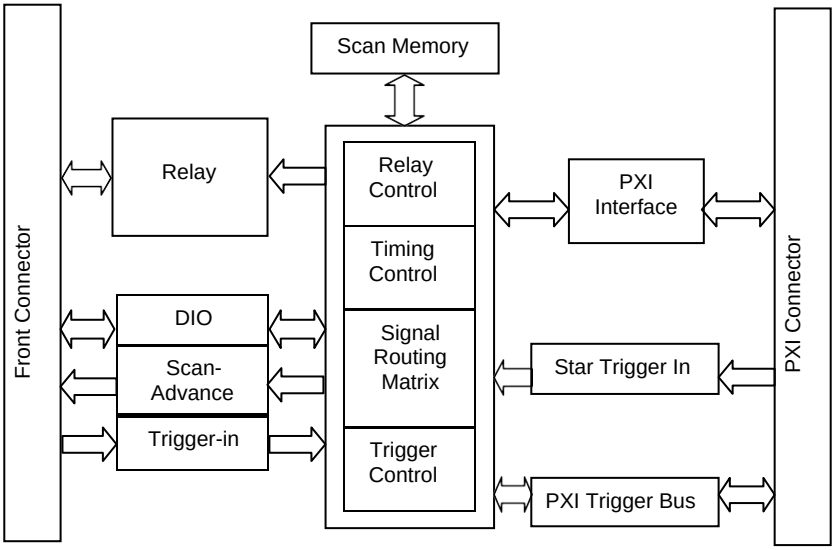


Figure 3: Hardware Block Diagram

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4.2 Operation Mode

The ADLINK PXI Switch Module provides two relay operation modes to accommodate different application requirements.

Direct-update

The Switch Module updates the relay pattern immediately upon receiving a software command. This mode provides a straightforward control over switch module with minimal hardware intervention. If relay contact bouncing is of a concern, users would need to insert software delay.

ADLINK recommends the debounce time to be at least 8ms on PXI-7901.

Auto-scan

The ADLINK PXI switch module features onboard memory to store user specified scanlist of up to 1024-entry. In each scanlist entry, users can specify relay pattern, pattern advancing delay time and criterion.

The switch module can set status bit or generate local interrupt to inform user's program whether the pattern has been debounced and advanced to the next scanlist entry. Users can also specify one-time or cyclic scanning of scanlist entries.
This operating mode supports trigger signals for instrument handshaking. For more information on handshaking signals, please refer to section 4.3.

4.3 Handshaking

In the Auto-scan mode, ADLINK PXI switch module accepts Trigger In and generates Scanner Advanced signal to synchronize relay switching and measurements with PXI instruments or external measurement devices.

Trigger In

The *Trigger In* signal from PXI instruments or external measurement devices instruct the ADLINK PXI switch module to update the relay pattern according to the one specified in the scanlist entry.

Users may specify wait-for-trigger instruction in a scanlist entry, to have the switch module wait for the *Trigger In* before relay pattern is updated. The polarity of *Trigger In* can be set to either rising-edge or falling-edge active.

For more information on scanlist configuration, please refer to the software programming users' guide.

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Figure 4 illustrates the available signal sources for the Trigger In signal. Signal names in the solid-line box represent the external (physical) signal on connectors, and signals in the dotted-line box represents switch module's internal signal.

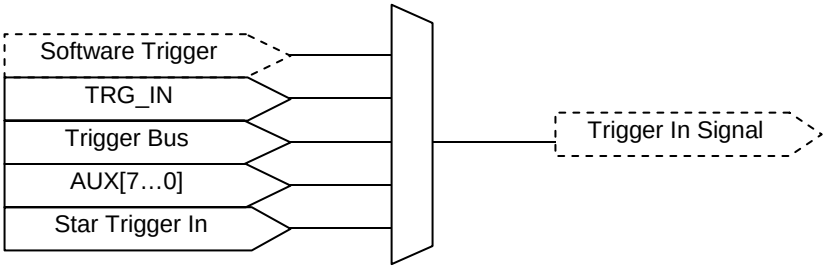


Figure 4: Available signal sources for *Trigger In*

Scanner Advanced

After updating the relay pattern, the switch module starts its debounce timer and waits for the relay contacts to settle. When the debounce time elapses, the switch module will generate a *Scanner Advanced* signal to notify the PXI instruments or external measurement devices that the relay contacts have settled, and ready to take a new measurement.

The waveform, polarity and pulse width of *Scanner Advanced* signal can also be software programmed.

For more information on scanlist configuration, please refer to the software programming users' guide.

Figure 5 illustrates the available signal destinations for the *Scanner Advanced* signal. Signal names in the solid-line boxes represent the external (physical) signal on connectors, while signals in the dotted-line boxes represent switch module's internal signal.

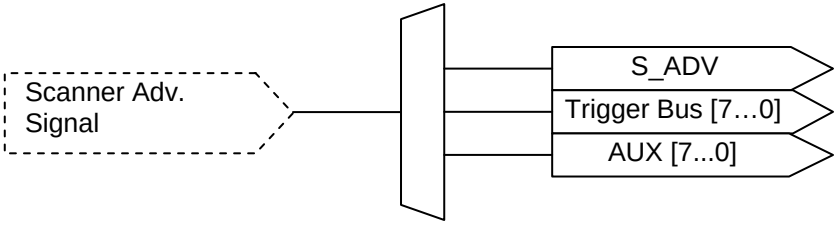


Figure 5: Available signal destinations for *Scanner Advanced*

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Handshaking protocol

Figures 6 and 7 depict the relationship between *Trigger In*, *Scanner Advanced*, and relay pattern in handshaking mode. In Figure 7 the Scanner Advanced is set to pulsating mode.

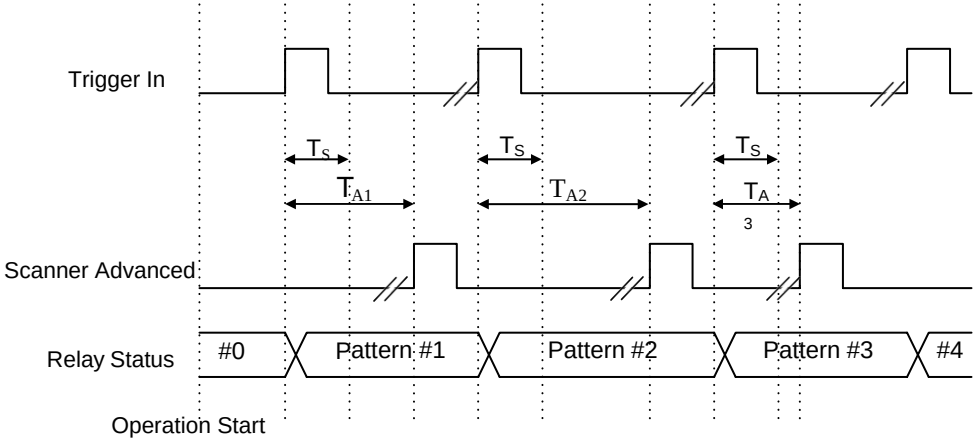


Figure 6: Handshaking operation (Scanner Advanced set in pulsating mode)

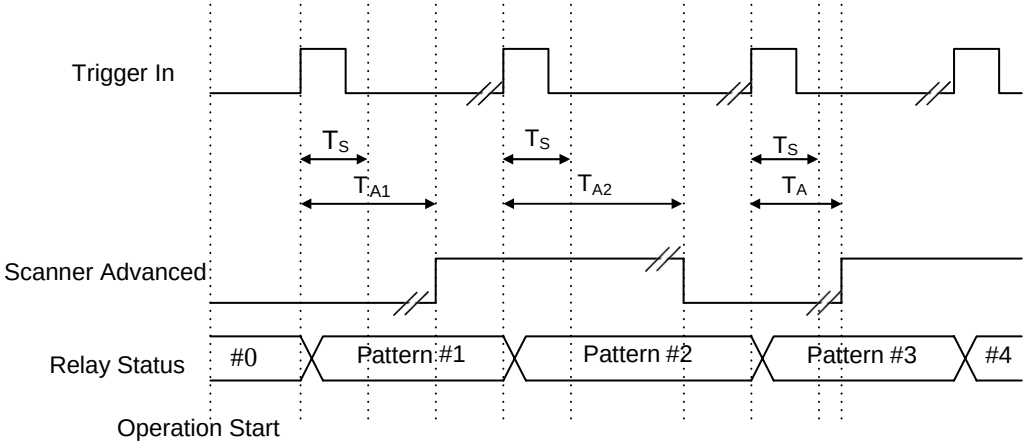


Figure 7: Handshaking operation (Scanner Advanced set in toggling mode)

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Once the operation starts and has received a Trigger In signal, the switch module updates the relay pattern to that specified in the first entry of scanlist.

T_S is the default debounce time for a switch module, i.e. 8 ms for PXI-7901. T_{An} is the user specified scan delay time in the scanlist entry, indicating the time between the relay being debounced and the exact moment that a measurement device takes a new measurement. The actual delay time would be the greater of the two times, to guarantee that measurement devices take measurements after the signal path is fully settled, and the relays switch as close as possible to their maximum operating speed.

As the scan delay time elapses, the switch module generates *Scanner Advanced* signal to inform the measurement device to take a new measurement.

After the measurement completes, the measurement device will generate another *Trigger In* signal to have the switch module update the relay pattern to that specified in the second entry of scanlist.

The handshaking process will continue, until it reaches the end of the scanlist (if one-time scanning mode is selected), or when a software scan-abort command is received.

Connecting, Trigger and Synchronize with External DMM

In this example, Agilent® 33401A 6-1/2 Digital Multimeter (DMM) is used to demonstrate signal connection for handshaking operation.

The DMM provides two terminals on the rear panel for the handshaking operation process, *Trig In* and *VM Comp*. The *Trig In* connects to the *Scanner Advanced* output on switch module, while the *VM Comp* to *Trigger In*. If the terminal board is used, wire *Trig In* to *TRG_IN* on terminal board, and the *VM Comp* to *S_ADV*.

Follow the instructions below to ensure the handshake functions properly:

1. Configure ADLINK PXI switch module's *Trigger In* to rising-edge triggered, *Scanner Advanced* output in active-low pulsating mode with pulse width of at least 2us.

2. Configure the DMM to wait for external *Trig In* before a measurement, and generate *VM Comp* after a measurement. Arm the DMM to wait for the first trigger.

3. Setup the scanlist and auto-scan mode. The first entry in the scanlist should be set disable wait for the *Trigger In*, but enable *Scanner Advanced* output. Succeeding entries should enable both *Trigger In* and *Scanner Advanced* output. Download the scanlist to the switch module afterward.

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4. Start auto-scan by sending scan start command to the switch module.

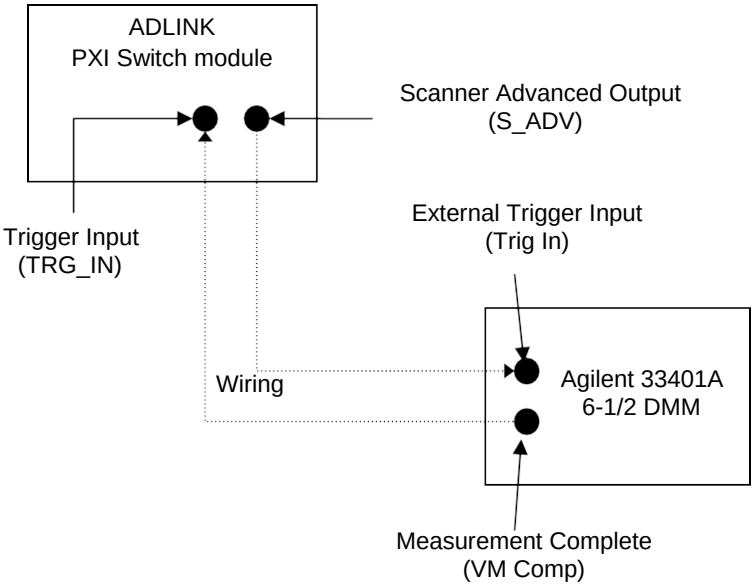


Figure 8: Signal Connection between Switch Module and Agilent DMM

For more information on scanlist configuration, scan mode setup, start, and stop functions of the auto-scanning process, please refer to the software programming users' guide.

4.4 Trigger Bus

PXI specification defines eight bused-lines across slots in a segment. Users can route various trigger signal to synchronize multiple PXI instruments, and/or simplify field wiring across multiple ADLINK Switch Modules.

On ADLINK Switch Modules, the trigger bus driver is disconnected from PXI trigger bus before users' configuration.

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Figure 9 illustrates the available signal destinations for Trigger Bus[7..0]. Signal names in the solid-line boxes represent the external (physical) signals on connectors while signals in the dotted-line boxes represent the switch module's internal signal.

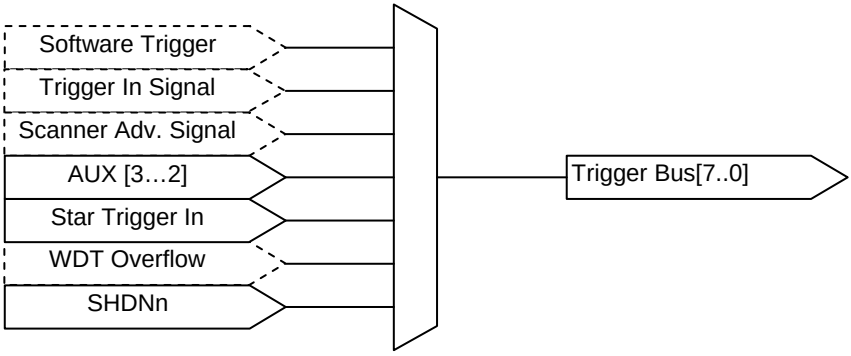


Figure 9: Available signal sources for Trigger Bus[7..0]

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4.5 Auxiliary Digital I/O

The eight auxiliary digital I/O lines on ADLINK Switch Modules provide versatility to users' control applications. Each digital I/O line can be input, output or tri-stated. When in output mode, users can still read back the actual logic-level on the I/O line. All digital lines are pulled-up to 5V with 10k ohm input resistance.

Note that AUX[2..0] are dual function pins, driving these pins while enabling handshaking or emergency shutdown functions, may falsely trigger the Switch Module or external instruments.

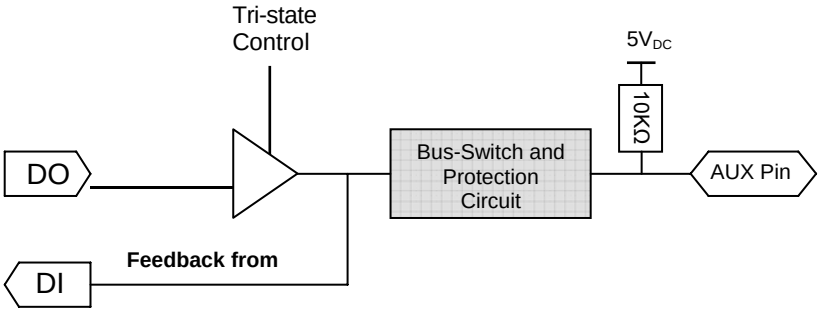


Figure 10: Auxiliary Digital I/O Function Block

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4.6 Hot-Swap

The Switch Module can be hot-swapped during hardware failure in non-interruptible or high-availability systems where system shutdown is not an option.

PXI-7901 incorporates an onboard hot-swap control mechanism. However the extent of the hot-swap functionality support depends on the operating system and the PXI platform.

Microsoft Embedded XP® supports the native hot-swap function. The operating system automatically releases system resources when a switch module is extracted and recognizes the new device.

To remove a switch module, first release the screws on the front panel then push down the red latch on the ejector. When the blue LED turns on, the Switch module is ready to be removed by fully pushing down the ejector.

To insert another switch module, align the module's edge with the card guide in the PXI chassis. Slide the switch module into the chassis, until there is resistance from the PXI connector. Push the ejector up and fully insert the switch module into the chassis, a click should be heard from the ejector latch. The blue LED on the front panel of the switch module will switch off when it is ready for operation. Tighten the screws on the front panel.

Note: Microsoft Windows 2000® does not natively support hot-swap however, PXI-7901 can be hot-swapped by manual control via an additional hot-swap driver. For the hot-swap driver on Windows 2000 and other operating systems such as Linux, VxWorks, etc., please contact ADLINK for more information.

4.7 Emergency Shutdown

In safety-critical applications, users can enable the emergency shutdown function on PXI Switch Module, to manually set the relay pattern to preset state.

To access this function, users must first configure the emergency shutdown function by windows API. Generally the trigger source is on the front panel and connected to a push button, which pulls the SHDNn pin to logic-low when activated. When multiple PXI Switch modules are installed in a PXI chassis, the trigger source can be routed through the PXI Trigger Bus and eliminate field wiring across multiple devices. Figure 12 illustrates available trigger sources for emergency shutdown. Signal names in the solid-line boxes represent the external (physical) signal on connectors and signals in the dotted-line boxes represent the switch module's internal signal.

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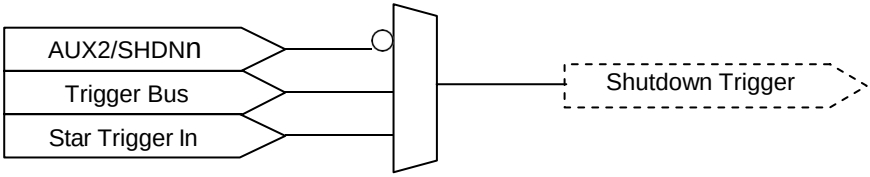


Figure 11: Available trigger sources for emergency shutdown

The default relay pattern for emergency shutdown is All-Off on PXI-7901; users can change the pattern by Windows API.

Upon receiving the emergency shutdown trigger, the Switch Module enters shutdown mode, and the relay pattern is switched to the preset state. If the Switch Module is in *Auto-scan* mode, the updating process would be stopped immediately; in *Direct Update* mode where the switch module will not accept any further update instructions.

To leave emergency shutdown mode, users must call adlSwitch_Recovery in Windows API. The relay pattern would stay the same as they would in the emergency shutdown mode, and the scanlist (if set) being rewound to the first entry.

Note the auxiliary digital I/O function pin AUX2 shares the SHDNn pin; driving AUX2 to logic-low while the emergency shutdown function is enabled. It will falsely trigger the Switch Module to enter shutdown mode.

This function is disabled by default. For more information, please refer to the software programming users' guide.

4.8 Watchdog Timer

In safety-critical applications, users can enable the watchdog timer function on PXI Switch Module to automatically set the relay pattern to preset state, in case the operating system or PXI controller crashes.

To access this function, users must first configure the watchdog timer overflow trigger source by windows API. Generally the trigger source would come from the onboard 32-bit watchdog timer. When multiple ADLINK PXI Switch modules are installed in a PXI chassis, the trigger source can be routed through the PXI Trigger Bus and eliminate redundant watchdog timer setting on multiple devices.

Figure 13 illustrates the available trigger sources for watchdog timer overflow. Signal names in the solid-line boxes represent the external (physical) signal on connectors and signals in the dotted-line boxes represent the switch module's internal signal.

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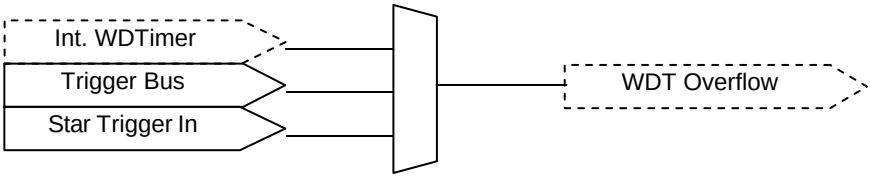


Figure 12:.Available trigger sources for watchdog timer overflow

The watchdog timer overflow interval can be programmed through Windows API. After enabling the watchdog timer, users must periodically reset the timer by software command. If the timer is not being reset within the specified interval, the switch module will generate an overflow signal and set the relay pattern to the one specified by users.

This function is disabled by default. For more information, please refer to the software programming users' guide.

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