

WebDAQ 904 User's Guide

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About this User's Guide

What you will learn from this user's guide

This user's guide describes the WebDAQ 904 data acquisition device, the WebDAQ web interface, and lists device specifications.

Where to find more information

Additional information about the WebDAQ Series of internet enabled data loggers is available on our website at digilent.com. You can also contact Digilent with specific questions.

- WebDAQ web interface: Open the Help window for information about using WebDAQ software.
- WiFi adapters approved for use with the WebDAQ Series: [USB WiFi Adapters](#)
- Tech support: [Digilent Forum](#)

For international customers, contact your local distributor. Refer to the [International Distributors section](#) on our website.

Hazardous voltages



Take the following precautions if you connect hazardous voltages to the WebDAQ 904. A hazardous voltage is a voltage greater than 42.4 Vpk or 60 VDC to earth ground.

- Ensure that hazardous voltage wiring is performed only by qualified personnel adhering to local electrical standards.
- Do not mix hazardous voltage circuits and human-accessible circuits on the same device.
- Make sure that devices and circuits connected to the WebDAQ are properly insulated from human contact.

Hazardous locations: The WebDAQ 904 is not certified for use in hazardous locations.

Introducing the WebDAQ 904

The WebDAQ 904 is part of the WebDAQ Series of Internet enabled data loggers. WebDAQ 904 is a universal input data acquisition and logging device designed for multipurpose testing. The WebDAQ 904 provides the following features:

- Measure and log data from multiple measurement types:
 - Voltage (up to ± 60 V)
 - Current (up to ± 25 mA)
 - Thermocouples (50 S/s/ch)
 - RTD (4-wire and 3-wire)
 - Resistance (4-wire and 2-wire)
 - Bridge-based sensors (half-, quarter-, and full-bridge, and other powered load cells)
- Four bidirectional, isolated DIO
- Voltage and current excitation
- 60 VDC (AI), 15 VDC (DIO), CAT I channel-to-channel and channel-to-earth isolation
- Spring terminal connectivity
- 10/100 Ethernet interface
- Support for USB WiFi adapters for wireless connectivity
- Support for USB mass storage devices and SD cards for data logging or file transfer
- External power supply (included)

WebDAQ Series devices are designed with an integrated operating system and web interface. You communicate with the device over a network connection using the web interface opened in a web browser.

- Mobile support – access the WebDAQ from any device with a web browser, such as a phone or tablet
- Remote monitoring and control
- Run simple to complex logging operations
- Flexible task scheduling

Powered by Raspberry Pi®

The WebDAQ 904 is designed with the Raspberry Pi Compute Module, featuring a quad core processor with speeds up to 1.2 GHz, 1GB RAM and 4 GB Flash memory.

Integrated operating system and web service

The WebDAQ 904 is a complete data acquisition system containing an embedded operating system and web server. The operating system resides in internal flash memory and includes a web service and device driver. All configuration, acquisition, and data management are performed using the web interface.

Ethernet interface

The WebDAQ 904 has a built-in 10/100 BASE-T auto-negotiation, high-speed communication port. You can access and configure your WebDAQ from anywhere with access to the network to which it is connected.

A unique MAC address is assigned to each device at the factory. You configure the Ethernet connection settings through a web interface. The default network name uses the format `webdaq-xxxxxxx`, where `xxxxxxx` are the lower six digits of the factory-assigned MAC address. You can change this name with the web interface.

Open-source software

WebDAQ firmware uses open-source software components, click here to download the [WebDAQ REST API](#). Refer to [Licenses](#) for the licensing information of each component. Open-source code is available upon request from the [Diligent forum](#).

Saving large data files

If you expect to acquire a large amount of data to a *single file* when logging to external media, do not use media formatted with the FAT32 file system. FAT32 is limited to a 4 GB maximum file size. If the log file on FAT32 media grows beyond that size, a "File too large" error is returned and the acquisition stops. Before starting a logging session of this type, reformat the media using a different file system such as NTFS.

Unpacking

As with any electronic device, you should take care while handling to avoid damage from static electricity. Before removing the board from its packaging, ground yourself using a wrist strap or by simply touching the computer chassis or other grounded object to eliminate any stored static charge.

Setting up the WebDAQ

Connecting to a local area network

The WebDAQ requires a TCP/IP connection to a network or the Ethernet port of a computer. A standard Ethernet cable is shipped with the device. The WebDAQ IP address type is set by default for DHCP/Link-Local. When connected to a network, the device first attempts to receive an IP address from a DHCP server. If this fails, a link-local address is used. Use of a static address requires configuration via the web interface. The IP address identifies the WebDAQ on the network and is used to access the web interface.

Connecting to a network with DHCP enabled

Connect one end of the Ethernet cable to the connector on the WebDAQ rear panel and connect the other end to a 10Base-T or 100Base-TX compatible Ethernet port, hub, or switch. Once the device is detected, DHCP assigns an address. A different address may be assigned each time the hardware is connected to the network.

WiFi support

After successfully configuring a wired connection, you can use the web interface to configure the WebDAQ for wireless communication. Refer to the [Configuring the WebDAQ for wireless communication](#) section for more information.

Connecting directly to a PC

Connect one end of the Ethernet cable to the connector on the WebDAQ rear panel and connect the other end directly to the Ethernet port on a PC. The WebDAQ attempts to communicate with the host PC using 169.254.100.100 – the link-local address stored on the device. The host PC may accept this address or use a different address. The link-local address is valid only for communications between the WebDAQ and the host PC to which it is connected.

Connecting the external power adapter

Connect the network cable before connecting to external power

Connecting to the external supply before installing on a network results in the device attempting to auto-negotiate a network address before one is available.

An external power adapter is included with each shipment.

Connect the adapter to the power connector labeled EXT PWR on the device rear panel, and plug the AC adapter into an electrical outlet.

Press the **POWER** button. The **POWER** LED on the rear panel turns yellow as the hardware starts up, and green when it is ready for use.

Detecting the device on a network

WebDAQ uses the "zeroconf" zero-configuration protocol to announce its presence on a local area network. Zeroconf uses a device name which can be accessed from other computers on the network.

Zero-configuration networking is helpful to find your WebDAQ hardware on the network

The easiest way to add zeroconf support to Windows is to install *Bonjour Print Services*. Bonjour software is Apple's implementation of zero-configuration networking and is readily available as a free download – open a browser window and search for Bonjour Print Services. Zeroconf is built into popular applications such as Apple iTunes® and instant messaging software, so your computer may already support it. Many Linux systems will have the Avahi version of zeroconf installed by default, so it's likely zeroconf is available if you're running Linux.

Accessing the WebDAQ web interface

To access the WebDAQ web interface, open a browser window and enter **http://webdaq-xxxxxx.local**, where **xxxxxx** is the last 6 digits of the MAC address. The MAC address is on a label at the bottom of the WebDAQ enclosure.

- If your network is configured for the zeroconf protocol, the WebDAQ web interface opens.
- If the web interface does not open or an error is returned, install a device discovery tool such as Bonjour Print Services. Refer to the note above about zero-configuration networking.

Browser support

The latest version of Chrome, Firefox, Safari, UC Browser, or Opera recommended. Compatible with the Edge browser version 79 and up. Not recommended for use with earlier versions of the Edge browser. Not recommended for use with Internet Explorer.

The WebDAQ web interface is shown below.

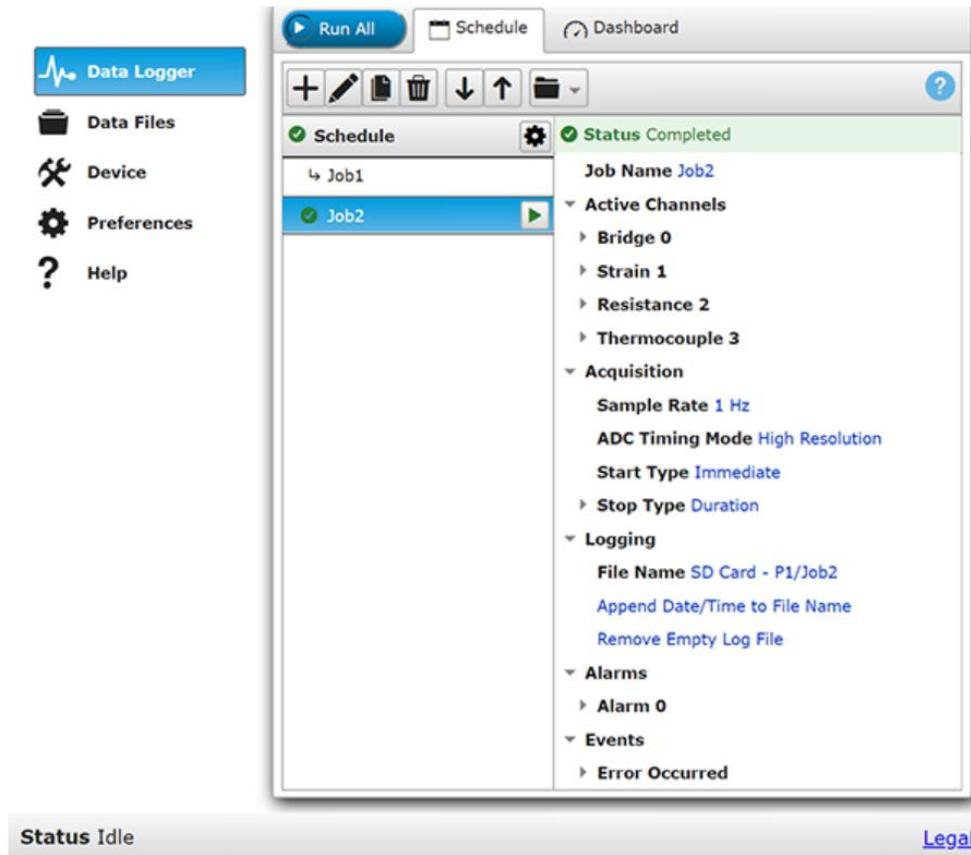


Figure 1. WebDAQ web interface.

Use the WebDAQ web interface to configure hardware and acquisition options, schedule and run jobs, and to view and manage data. The Help window provides details about all components on the web interface. Once a connection is established and you can communicate with the device, you can change the configuration for other network scenarios.

Configuring the WebDAQ for wireless communication

Once communication is established on a wired network, you can connect a WiFi adapter to the USB port and use the web interface to configure the WebDAQ for communication over a wireless network. With the WebDAQ connected through the wired connection, perform the following procedure.

1. Connect an approved WiFi adapter to the USB port on the WebDAQ rear panel. A list of WiFi adapters approved for use with WebDAQ Series hardware is available [on our website](#).
2. Open the WebDAQ web interface in a browser window and go to the **Device** window, **Network** tab.
3. Select **WiFi**. Once the list of available networks updates, select the wireless network that you want to connect to, and enter the password, if any.

If the connection is successful, the selected wireless network will show above this list with a checkmark next to it.

You can click on the selected network to open a **WiFi Network Settings** dialog box where you can forget the current network or configure the IP address type (DHCP/Link-Local or Stac).

4. Disconnect the Ethernet cable from the LAN connection. Wait a few seconds and refresh the browser window.

Changing to a wireless network may require a reboot

If a connection cannot be established after changing the network, you may need to reboot the operating system and restart the WebDAQ using the **Power** button.

Configuring the network router for communication across networks

To communicate with the WebDAQ over the internet from a computer connected to a different network, you must change the network configuration of the network router.

Caution! This procedure should only be performed by a network administrator or computer professional. Incorrect settings can significantly disrupt a network.

In the following procedure, the WebDAQ is installed on the host LAN, the computer is installed on the client LAN, and it is assumed that you have successfully connected the device to a local network.

1. Determine the IP address of the WebDAQ – open the Device window from the web interface, and note the IP Address value on the Network Settings tab.
2. Configure your router so that the address determined above is a static address. The procedure for accomplishing this varies between routers; refer to your router documentation for instructions.
3. Configure the firewall/router to forward an unused port to port 80 on the WebDAQ at the IP address configured for the device. Note the static IP address assigned to the router – this is referred to as the WAN address.
4. To access your WebDAQ from a remote location, enter the WAN address followed by the port selected above preceded by a colon in the web browser. The format of the address entered in the browser is: 00.000.00.00:00000 (WAN address of router:port selected for the WebDAQ).

Security

Use the web interface to set the level of access to the website and to change the administrator password.

- High: access to the web page requires a password.
- Medium: access to the web page is permitted for any user, and data can be read by any user, but changes to the device configuration or files require a password.
- Off: full access is permitted for all users; no password is required.

By default, security access is set to "Off", and the administrator password is set to "admin". To change the security level or password, open the web interface and go to the Device window, Security tab. Use the device Reset button to restore security settings to factory default values.

Restoring factory default settings

To restore network configuration and security settings to the factory default values, use a paper clip to press the CONFIG RESET button. When pressed, the default network and security settings are written to the device and the WebDAQ is rebooted.

Factory default settings.

Parameter	Specification
IP address	192.168.0.101
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0

Parameter	Specification
Gateway	192.168.0.1
DHCP setting	DHCP + link-local enabled
Security level	Off
Password for the admin account	Admin (case-sensitive)
Password for the share account	Share (case-sensitive)
Device name	Webdaq-xxxxxx, where xxxxxx is the last 6 digits of the MAC address (printed on the label on the underside of the device)

The network settings, security level, user account passwords and device name can be changed with the WebDAQ web interface.

Shared folders and mapped drives are reset when factory defaults are restored.

Functional Details

Functional block diagram

Device functions are illustrated in the block diagram shown here.

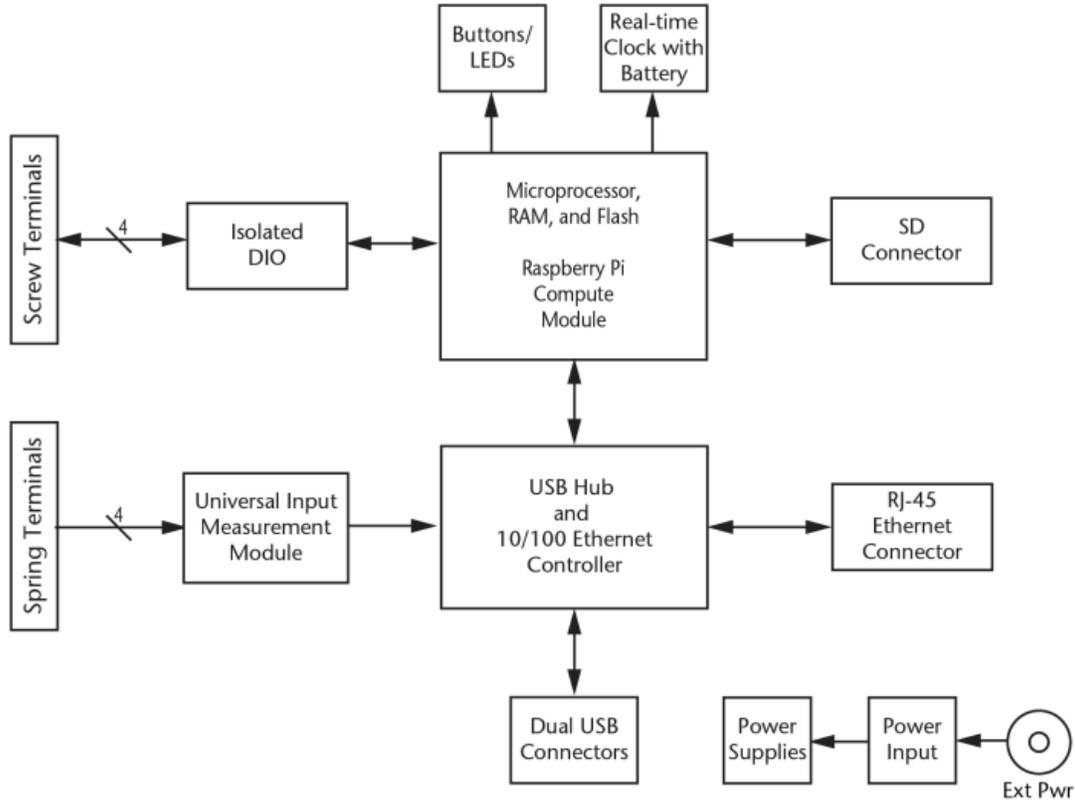


Figure 2. WebDAQ 904 functional block diagram

Front panel components

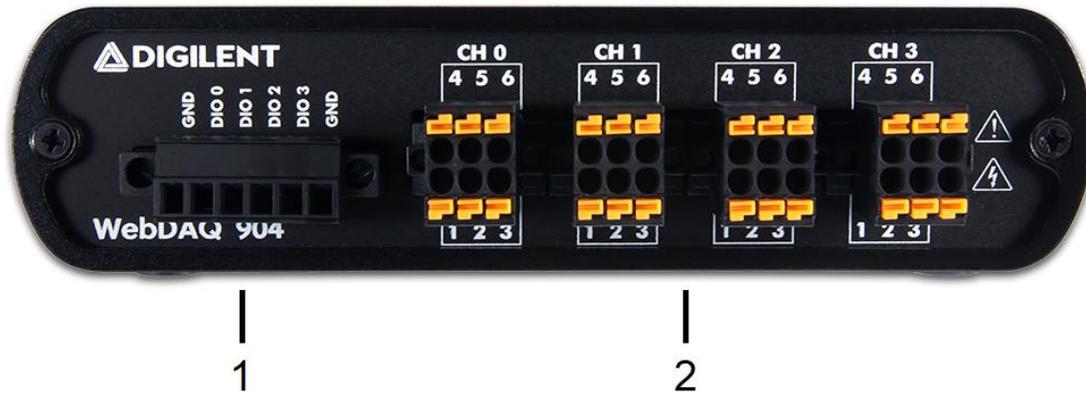


Figure 3. Front panel.

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| 1 | Screw terminal | 2 | Spring terminals |
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Screw terminal (Digital connections)

Connect up to four digital I/O lines (DIO0 to DIO3) to the detachable screw terminal. The digital ground (GND) terminals provide a common ground for the digital bits.



Figure 4. Screw terminal pinout.

The digital I/O lines are electrically isolated from the analog circuits. Each bit is individually configurable for input or output, and features Schmitt trigger inputs and open drain outputs. All DIO channels are pulled high to 5 V.

Any digital bit can be configured with the web interface as a trigger to start or stop an acquisition, to trigger an alarm and be driven high or low when an alarm occurs or be driven high or low when an event condition occurs.

Spring terminals (Analog connections)

Connect up to four analog inputs to the 6-position detachable spring terminals (CH0 to CH3).

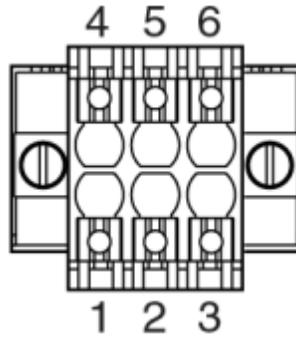


Figure 5. Spring terminal pinout (typical).

The WebDAQ 904 supports multiple input modes:

- Voltage (up to ± 60 V)
- Current (up to ± 25 mA)
- Thermocouples (50 S/s/ch)
- RTD (4-wire and 3-wire) Resistance (4-wire and 2-wire)
- Bridge-based sensors (half- and full-bridge, and other powered load cells)

Each channel is individually configurable for one of several modes. The following table defines the signal connections for each mode.

Terminal assignments per input mode.

Input Mode	Signal terminals					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Voltage	—	—	—	CH+	CH-	—
Current	—	—	CH+	—	CH-	—
4-wire resistance	—	—	EX+	CH+	EX-	CH-
2-wire resistance	—	—	CH+	—	CH-	—
Thermocouple	—	—	—	CH+	CH-	—
4-wire RTD	—	—	EX+	CH+	EX-	CH-
3-wire RTD	—	—	EX+	—	EX-	CH-
Quarter-bridge	—	—	CH+	—	CH-	—
Half-bridge	—	—	EX+	CH+	EX-	—
Full-bridge	—	—	EX+	CH+	EX-	CH-

- Connect positive and negative signals to the CH+ and CH- terminals.
- Excitation is provided via the EX+ and EX- terminals for sensors requiring excitation.
- Do not connect any signals to terminals 1 and 2.

Timing modes

The WebDAQ 904 supports high-resolution, 50 Hz rejection, 60 Hz rejection, and high speed timing modes.

- High-resolution timing mode optimizes maximum overall noise rejection and provides rejection of 50 Hz and 60 Hz noise.
- 50 Hz rejection optimizes 50 Hz noise rejection.
- 60 Hz rejection optimizes 60 Hz noise rejection.
- High speed timing mode optimizes sample rate.

Analog input circuitry

This section provides a circuitry diagram for each input mode.

- The WebDAQ 904 is channel-to-channel isolated.
- Four 24-bit analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) simultaneously sample all four analog input channels.
- An excitation circuit is enabled for all input modes that require excitation.
- The WebDAQ 904 reconfigures the signal conditioning for each measurement type.
- The WebDAQ 904 provides 60 V overvoltage protection for each channel.

The web interface provides a wiring diagram for each channel type

The Job Editor *Channels* tab displays a wiring diagram when you add a channel to a job. The diagram dynamically updates according to the selected channel type.

Voltage mode

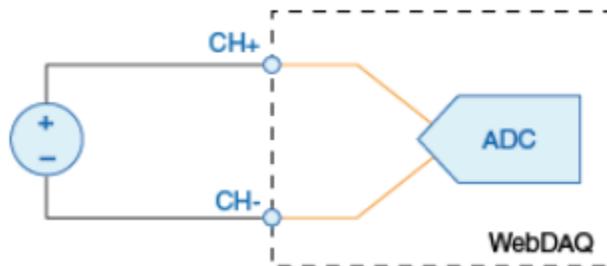


Figure 6. Voltage circuitry.

- The A/D converter measures voltage across the CH+ and CH- terminals.
- The WebDAQ 904 has ± 60 V, ± 15 V, ± 4 V, ± 1 V, and ± 125 mV voltage ranges.

Current mode

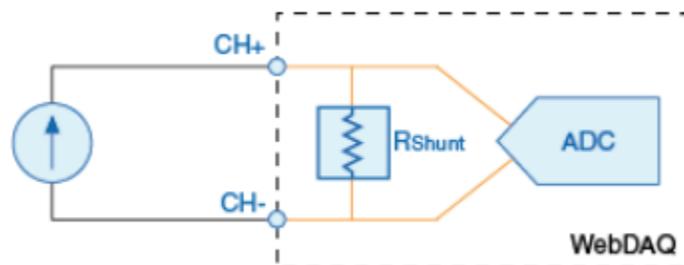


Figure 7. Current circuitry.

- The WebDAQ 904 computes current from the voltage that the ADC measures across an internal shunt resistor.
- The WebDAQ 904 has a ± 25 mA current range.

Thermocouple mode

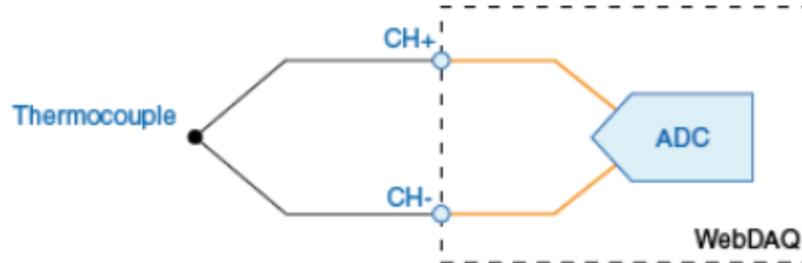


Figure 8. Thermocouple circuitry.

The WebDAQ 904 uses the ± 125 mV range of the ADC to return a voltage reading. Each channel has a built-in thermistor for cold-junction compensation (CJC) calculations.

Minimizing thermal gradients

Changes in the ambient air temperature near the front connector, or a thermocouple wire conducting heat directly to terminal junctions, can cause thermal gradients. Observe these guidelines to minimize thermal gradients and improve the system accuracy:

- Use small-gauge thermocouple wire. Smaller wire transfers less heat to or from the terminal junction.
- Run thermocouple wiring together near the spring terminal connector to maintain a consistent temperature.
- Avoid running thermocouple wires near hot or cold objects.
- Minimize adjacent heat sources and air flow across the terminals.
- Keep the ambient temperature as stable as possible

Increasing the thermocouple length

If you need to increase the length of your thermocouple, use the same type of TC wires to minimize the error introduced by thermal EMFs.

4-wire resistance and RTD mode

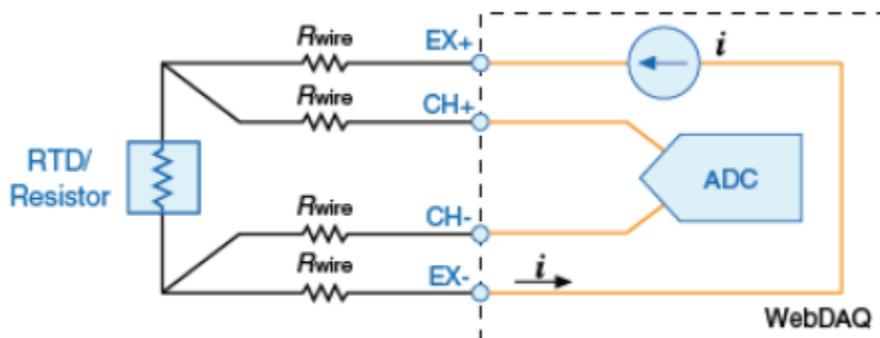


Figure 9. 4-wire resistance and RTD circuitry.

- The WebDAQ 904 sources a current which varies based on the resistance of the load between the EX+ and EX- terminals. The WebDAQ 904 computes measured resistance from the resulting voltage reading.
- Lead wire resistance does not affect these measurement types, because a negligible amount of current flows across the CH+ and CH- terminals due to the high input impedance of the ADC.

3-wire RTD mode

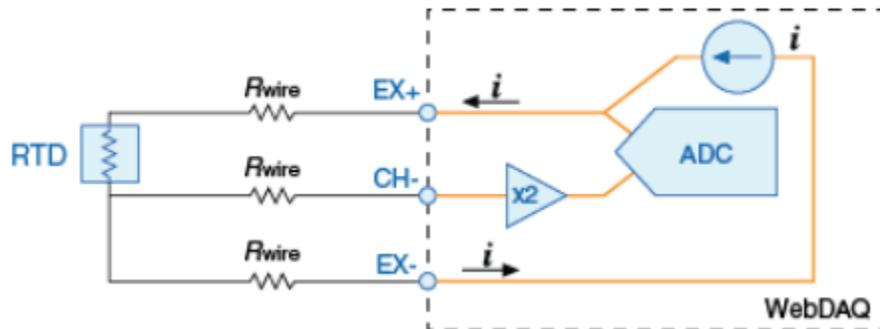


Figure 10. 3-wire RTD circuitry.

- The WebDAQ 904 sources a current which varies based on the resistance of the load between the EX+ and EX- terminals.
- The WebDAQ 904 compensates for lead wire resistance in hardware if all the lead wires have the same resistance.
- The WebDAQ 904 applies a gain of 2x to the voltage across the negative lead wire and the ADC uses this voltage.

2-wire Resistance and quarter-bridge mode

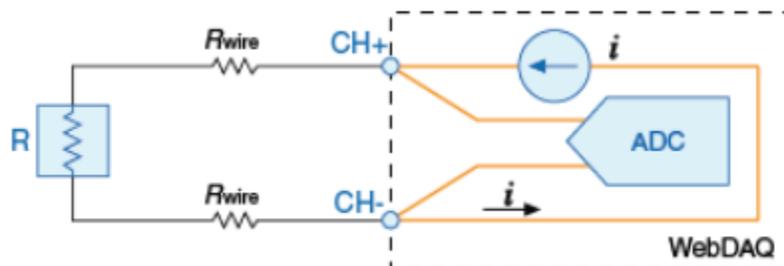


Figure 11. 2-wire resistance and quarter-bridge circuitry.

- The WebDAQ 904 sources a current which varies based on the resistance of the load between the CH+ and CH- terminals.
- The WebDAQ 904 computes measured resistance from the resulting voltage reading.
- 2-Wire Resistance and Quarter-Bridge measurement types do not compensate for lead wire resistance.

Full-bridge mode

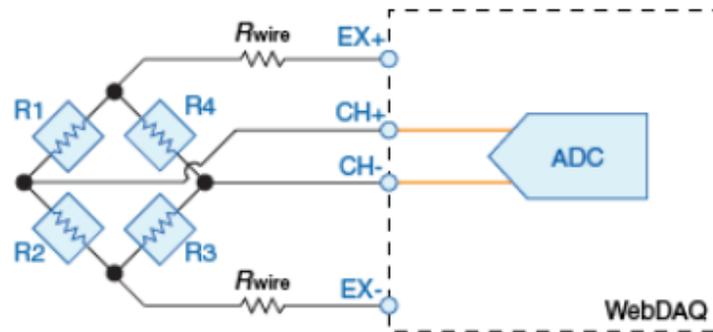


Figure 12. Full-bridge circuitry.

- The ADC reads the CH+ and CH- inputs differentially.
- The internal voltage excitation sets the input range of the ADC and returns voltage readings that are proportional to the excitation level. The internal excitation voltage varies based on the resistance of the sensor.

Half-bridge mode

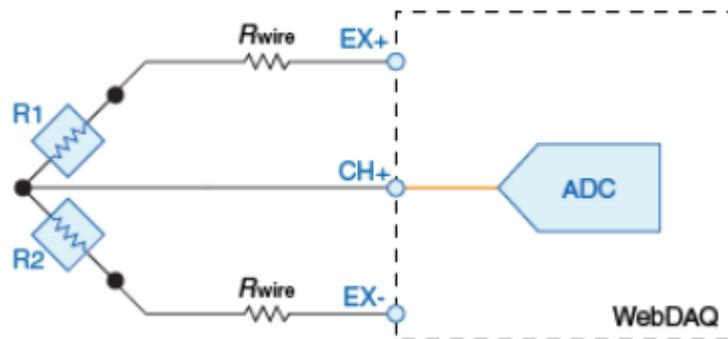


Figure 13. Half-bridge circuitry.

- The CH+ input is referenced to EX-.
- The internal voltage excitation sets the input range of the ADC and returns voltage readings that are proportional to the excitation level. The internal excitation voltage varies based on the resistance of the sensor.

Rear panel components

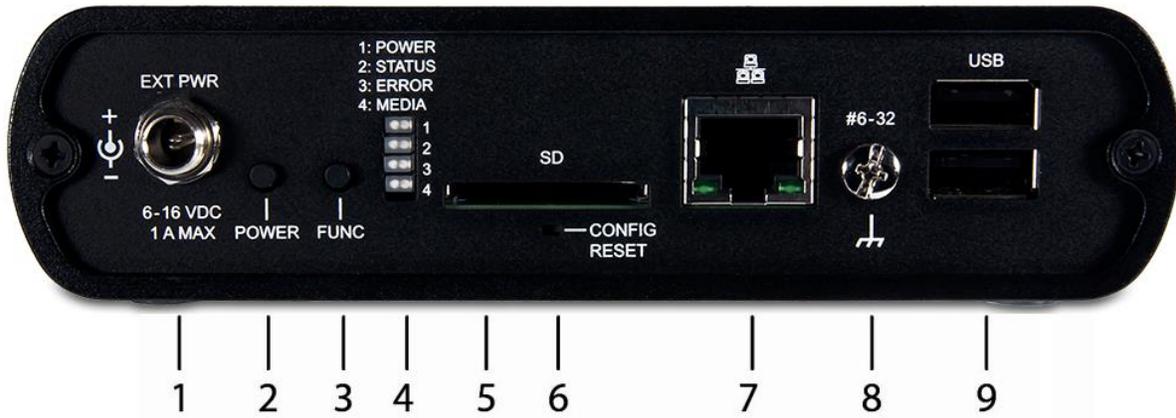


Figure 14. Rear panel.

1	External power connector	4	LED indicators (4)	7	Ethernet connector
2	Power button	5	SD card slot	8	Ground connector
3	Function button	6	Factory reset button (recessed)	9	USB connectors (2)

External power connector

Connect the external AC adapter that shipped with the device to the connector labeled **EXT PWR** on the rear panel. Click [here](#) to jump to the power specifications.

If using a different power supply than what was shipped with the hardware, ensure that the supply has a positive center pin.

Power Button

The button labeled **POWER** turns the WebDAQ device on and off. WebDAQ hardware is designed with a 2-pin jumper (W1) that users can remove to continuously power the device. The behavior of the POWER button when jumper W1 is installed or removed is listed in the following table.

Jumper W1 installed (factory default setting)	Jumper W1 removed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the device is off, press the POWER button briefly to turn the device on. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The device is always on as long as the power adapter is connected and receiving power (Power-On Mode).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the device is on, press the POWER button for approximately 1 second to shut down the operating system and WebDAQ hardware; release the button when the POWER LED blinks yellow. The operating system automatically powers off the device at the end of the shutdown procedure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press for approximately 1 second to reboot the device; release the button when the POWER LED blinks yellow.

Jumper W1 installed (factory default setting)	Jumper W1 removed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press and hold the POWER button for approximately 4 seconds to force the device to power off. Any unsaved changes may be lost when powering down using this method. 	

Refer to [Power-On Mode](#) for the procedure to remove jumper W1 and enable Power-On mode.

The WebDAQ device can also be restarted or shut down using the web interface; refer to the WebDAQ help for details.

Function button

The button labeled **FUNC** has two functions; it can be used to eject external media or to start/stop an acquisition.

- Eject external media** (default): Pressing the button unmounts all removable media so they can be safely removed from the device.
- Start or stop an acquisition** (requires configuration with the web interface): When configured, pressing this button starts an acquisition, or stops an acquisition that is currently running.

Use the web interface to safely unmount removable media when present.

When removable media is plugged into the WebDAQ, the operating system opens it for writing. To safely remove the media, you must unmount it first.

When a job is configured to log data to external media, pressing **FUNC** while the job is running will not eject the media.

The **MEDIA** LED is steady green when all media is unmounted and safe to remove, and off when all media is removed.

LED status indicators

The WebDAQ has four LEDs on the rear panel that indicate the status of power and host communications. The following table defines the LED states during normal operation.

LED states – normal operating mode.

Label	State	Description
1: POWER	Steady yellow	Device is booting up
	Steady green	Device boot is successful.
	Blinking yellow	Device is shutting down.
	Off	Device is off.
2: STATUS	Blinking yellow	Device is configuring hardware.
	Steady green	Hardware configuration is complete.
	Flashing green 100 ms on/2s off)	Waing for a scheduled start condition to be met.

Label	State	Description
	Blinking heartbeat	Scheduled start condition is met; waiting for job start condition to be met.
	Blinking green	Data is being acquired (job start condition is met).
	Off	No error detected.
3: ERROR	Blinking yellow	Error condition is detected. This LED blinks even when the software is configured to ignore the error. Error state is cleared when the next schedule starts.
	Off	No error detected.
4: MEDIA	Blinking yellow	A job is configured to log to external media, but the job hasn't started yet; pushbutton will not let you eject media.
	Steady yellow	External media is inserted into the SD card slot or USB storage port.
	Blinking green	Currently logging to an external SD card or USB storage device.
	Steady green	Media has been made safe for removal using the function button, but has not been removed.

WebDAQ LEDs behave differently when software is updated on the device. The following table defines the LED states during a software update.

LED states – software update mode.

LED	State	Description
All LEDs	Solid yellow	Software update is starting
POWER	Blinking yellow	Software update is running
STATUS	Blinking green	Update file is located; device is being updated
	Blinking yellow	Update file cannot be located; insert media with update file
ERROR	Blinking green	Update is successful; device will reboot in approximately 5 seconds
	Blinking yellow	Update failed; user must retry

Refer to [Updating WebDAQ firmware](#) for more information about WebDAQ firmware.

SD card slot

The SD slot accepts SD (Secure Digital), SDHC, SDXC, MMC, and TransFlash memory cards. Memory cards can be ejected using the web interface or the hardware FUNC button, unless the button is configured to start/stop an acquisition.

When removable media is plugged into the WebDAQ, the operating system opens it for writing. Use the **FUNC** button or web interface to unmount the SD card before removing.

Factory reset button

The recessed button labeled **CONFIG RESET** restores factory default settings. When pressed, the default settings are written to the device and the WebDAQ is rebooted. Refer to the [Restore factory default settings](#) section for a list of the default settings that are restored.

Ethernet connector

The WebDAQ has one 10 Base-T/100 Base-TX, auto-negotiation, high-speed communication port. The port connector is an RJ-45, eight-position connector. The Ethernet port accepts shielded or unshielded twisted pair cable. The maximum communication distance without using a repeater is 100 m (328 ft). For CE compliance the maximum distance is 3 m (9.84 ft).

Ground connector

The WebDAQ ships with a ground screw in the connector labeled **#6-32**. To ground the WebDAQ chassis, attach a ring lug to a 14 AWG (1.6 mm) wire. Connect the ring lug to the grounding screw on the WebDAQ rear panel. Attach the other end to a safety ground.

USB connectors

The two high-speed USB ports can be used for connections to a mass storage device and approved WiFi adapter.

When removable media is plugged into the WebDAQ, the operating system opens it for writing. Use the **FUNC** button or web interface to unmount the USB device before removing.

Use a self-powered hub when external media requires higher current

USB-powered hard drives may use an excessive amount of current during operation. The WebDAQ device could shut down or experience other errors if the power requirements of a connected device exceed the power available. Use a self-powered hub if the current requirement of external media exceeds 500 mA.

We recommend that you connect USB-powered hard drives before powering up the WebDAQ.

Logging data

You can log up to 3 GB of data to internal WebDAQ storage. To generate larger data files, log data to external media with a storage capacity suitable for the acquisition. USB drives and SD cards are available in different file formats, and OS support for each format varies. WebDAQ supports FAT32, exFAT, ext2/3/4, and NTFS file systems. When generating large data files with Windows or Mac, or transferring files between operating systems, we recommend using external media formatted with the exFAT file system, such as an SDXC memory card. When running Linux, use external media formatted with the ex2/ex3/ex4 file system. Refer to the WebDAQ help FAQ for more information about file formats.

File too large error

If you generate data that exceeds the capacity of the selected storage location, a "File too large" error is returned and the acquisition stops. To avoid interruptions, select a storage location with a large capacity.

Logging data to external media

Acquiring data at high speeds can generate large file sizes. If you expect to acquire a large amount of data to a *single file* when logging to external media, do not use media formatted with the FAT32 file system. FAT32 is limited to a 4 GB maximum file size. If the log file on FAT32 media grows beyond that size, a "File too large" error is returned and the acquisition stops. Before starting a logging session of this type, reformat the media using a different file system such as NTFS.

Power-On Mode

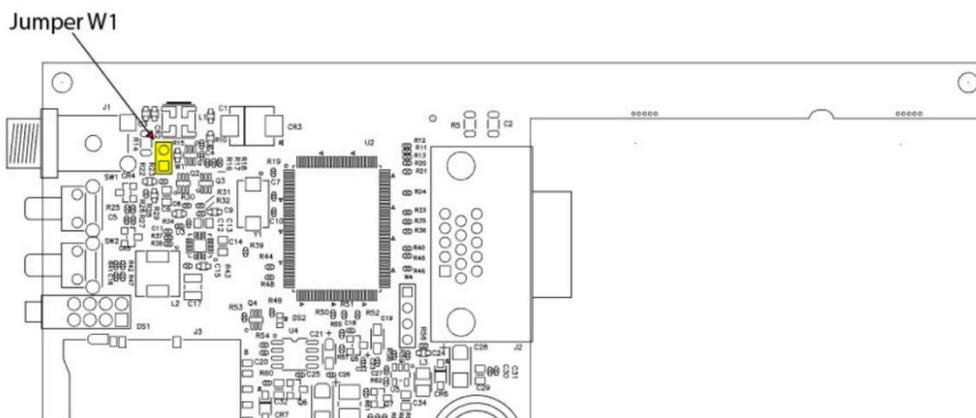
WebDAQ Series hardware can be configured to start automatically when power is applied, instead of requiring users to press the **POWER** button. This is useful if the WebDAQ is operating in a remote location and a power loss occurs. This "power-on mode" is enabled by removing a 2-pin jumper (labeled **W1**) from the WebDAQ circuit board.

When jumper W1 is removed, the device does not shut down completely unless the power adapter is unplugged from the device or power source.

Perform the procedure below to remove jumper W1 from the WebDAQ circuit board and enable power-on mode.

Caution! The discharge of static electricity can damage some electronic components. Before removing the WebDAQ device from its housing, ground yourself using a wrist strap or touch the computer chassis or other grounded object to eliminate any stored static charge.

1. Power down the WebDAQ device and disconnect the power supply.
2. On the rear panel, remove the Ethernet cable, power cable, SD card, and any USB devices.
3. Remove the #6-32 ground screw.
4. Remove the nut and washer from the EXT PWR connector.
5. Remove the two front panel bezel screws and remove the front bezel.
6. Slide out the circuit board with the front panel intact.
7. Remove jumper W1 from the specified location shown below.



8. Slide the circuit board back into the enclosure.
9. Attach the front bezel and secure with the two bezel screws removed in step 5.
10. Secure the power connector with the nut and washer (removed in step 4) to the power connector, and attach the ground screw, Ethernet and power cables, and any USB devices.

To automatically run a schedule when the WebDAQ powers up, enable the "Automatically start schedule on system startup" option on the **Schedule Settings** dialog box of the web interface. If a power cycle occurs, the

schedule will restart from the beginning, regardless of which job was running when the power was lost. In order to retain the data from each schedule start, make sure to set the logging option for each job to “Append Date/Time to File Name” so that each run after power loss creates a new data file rather than overwriting the original file. Refer to the WebDAQ help for details about how to configure schedule and logging options.

Enabling power-on mode with a complex or date/time triggered schedule

When running a complex or date/time-triggered schedule with both power-on mode and auto start schedule enabled, be aware that the schedule may not run automatically after a power cycle if the date or time trigger is no longer valid. In this case, the user may still access the WebDAQ remotely to modify the start settings.

Replacing the battery

A button cell lithium battery provides the me reference for WebDAQ hardware when the device is powered off. The average lifespan of the battery is approximately 10 years.

Caution! The discharge of static electricity can damage some electronic components. Before removing the WebDAQ from its housing, ground yourself using a wrist strap or touch the computer chassis or other grounded object to eliminate any stored static charge.

1. Power down the WebDAQ device and disconnect the power supply.
2. On the rear panel, remove the Ethernet cable, power cable, SD card, and any USB devices.
3. Remove the #6-32 ground screw.
4. Remove the nut and washer from the **EXT PWR** connector.
5. Remove the two front panel bezel screws and remove the front bezel.
6. Slide out the circuit board with the front panel intact.
7. Remove the battery by sliding it forward toward the slot and replace with a 3 V lithium coin cell battery.
8. Slide the circuit board back into the enclosure.
9. Attach the front bezel and secure with the two bezel screws removed in step 5.
10. Secure the power connector with the nut and washer removed in step 4, to the power connector, attach the ground screw, Ethernet and power cables, and any USB devices.

Set the device system clock from the **Device** window, **Device Info** tab on the web interface.

Updating WebDAQ firmware

Device firmware is bundled with the operating system, web server, and documentation in a software update (*.swu) file. Firmware updates are posted on the Resource Center and are available for download.

Use the web interface to install the *.swu update file. Open a browser window and enter **http://webdaq-xxxxxx.local/Help**, where **xxxxxx** is the last 6 digits of the MAC address – see the label on the bottom of the enclosure. In the web server's Help, refer to the “Updating WebDAQ Firmware” topic or FAQ for instructions.

Calibrating the hardware

The Diligent Test department performs the initial factory calibration. Contact [Diligent](#) when calibration is required. The recommended calibration interval is one year.

Specifications

All specifications are subject to change without notice. Typical for 0 °C to 50 °C unless otherwise specified.

Analog input

Table 1. Analog input specifications.

Parameter	Condition	Specification
Number of channels		4
ADC converter resolution		24-bits
ADC converter type		Delta-Sigma with analog prefiltering
Sampling mode		Simultaneous
Input mode		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voltage • Current • Resistance (4-wire and 2-wire) • RTD (4-wire and 2-wire) • Thermocouple • Quarter-bridge • Half-bridge • Full-bridge
Conversion time (no channels in TC mode)	High speed	10 ms for all channels
	Best 60 Hz rejection	110 ms for all channels
	Best 50 Hz rejection	130 ms for all channels
	High resolution	500 ms for all channels
Conversion time (one or more channels in TC mode)	High speed	20 ms for all channels
	Best 60 Hz rejection	120 ms for all channels
	Best 50 Hz rejection	140 ms for all channels
	High resolution	510 ms for all channels
Overvoltage protection	Terminals 3 through 6, across any combination	±60 V
Input impedance	Voltage mode (±60 V, ±15 V, ±4 V)	1 M Ω
	Current mode	<40 Ω
	All other modes	>1 GΩ
Input bias current		<1 nA
Integral nonlinearity (INL)		±15 ppm
Common mode rejection ratio (CMRR)	$f_{in} = 60 \text{ Hz}$	>100 dB
Normal mode rejection ratio (NMRR)	Best 60 Hz rejection	90 dB at 60 Hz
	Best 50 Hz rejection	80 dB at 50 Hz
	High resolution	65 dB at 50 Hz and 60 Hz

Input mode ranges

Table 2. Input mode range specifications.

Parameter	Condition	Specification
Voltage	± 60 V, ± 15 V, ± 4 V, ± 1 V, ± 125 mV	± 60 V, ± 15 V, ± 4 V, ± 1 V, ± 125 mV
Current	± 25 mA	± 25 mA
4-wire and 2-wire resistance	10 k Ω , 1 k Ω	10.5 k Ω , 1.05 k Ω
Thermocouple	± 125 mV	± 125 mV
4-wire and 3-wire RTD	Pt 1000, Pt 100	5.05 k Ω , 505 Ω
Quarter-bridge	350 Ω , 120 Ω	390 Ω , 150 Ω
Half-bridge	± 500 mV/V	± 500 mV/V
Full-bridge	± 62.5 mV/V, ± 7.8 mV/V	± 62.5 mV/V, ± 7.8125 mV/V

Accuracy

Table 3. Accuracy specifications.

Mode, range	Gain error (percent of reading)	Offset error (ppm of range)
	Typical 25 °C, ± 5 °C, -40 to 70 °C maximum	
Voltage, ± 60 V	± 0.3 , ± 0.4	± 20 , ± 50
Voltage, ± 15 V	± 0.3 , ± 0.4	± 60 , ± 180
Voltage, ± 4 V	± 0.3 , ± 0.4	± 240 , ± 720
Voltage, ± 1 V	± 0.1 , ± 0.18	± 15 , ± 45
Voltage/Thermocouple, ± 125 mV	± 0.1 , ± 0.18	± 120 , ± 360
Current, ± 25 mA	± 0.1 , ± 0.6	± 30 , ± 100
4-wire and 2-wire ¹ resistance, 10 k Ω	± 0.1 , ± 0.5	± 120 , ± 320
4-wire and 2-wire ¹ resistance, 1 k Ω	± 0.1 , ± 0.5	± 1200 , ± 3200
4-wire and 3-wire RTD, Pt 1000	± 0.1 , ± 0.5	± 240 , ± 640
4-wire and 3-wire RTD, Pt 100	± 0.1 , ± 0.5	± 2400 , ± 6400
Quarter-bridge, 350 Ω	± 0.1 , ± 0.5	± 2400 , ± 6400
Quarter-bridge, 120 Ω	± 0.1 , ± 0.5	± 2400 , ± 6400
Half-bridge, ± 500 mV/V	± 0.03 , ± 0.07	± 300 , ± 450
Full-bridge, ± 62.5 mV/V	± 0.03 , ± 0.08	± 300 , ± 1000

¹ 2-wire resistance mode accuracy depends on the lead wire resistance. This table assumes 0 Ω of lead wire resistance.

Full-bridge, ± 7.8 mV/V	$\pm 0.03, \pm 0.08$	$\pm 2200, \pm 8000$
Cold-junction compensation sensor accuracy		± 1 °C, typical

Stability

Table 4. Stability specifications.

Measurement conditions	Gain drift (ppm of reading/ °C)	Offset drift (ppm of range/ °C)
Voltage, ± 60 V	± 20	± 0.2
Voltage, ± 15 V	± 20	± 0.8
Voltage, ± 4 V	± 20	± 3.2
Voltage, ± 1 V	± 10	± 0.2
Voltage/Thermocouple, ± 125 mV	± 10	± 1.6
Current, ± 25 mA	± 15	± 0.4
4-wire and 2-wire resistance, 10 k Ω	± 15	± 3
4-wire and 2-wire resistance, 1 k Ω	± 15	± 30
4-wire and 3-wire RTD, Pt 1000	± 15	± 6
4-wire and 3-wire RTD, Pt 100	± 15	± 60
Quarter-bridge, 350 Ω	± 15	± 120
Quarter-bridge, 120 Ω	± 15	± 240
Half-bridge, ± 500 mV/V	± 3	± 20
Full-bridge, ± 62.5 mV/V	± 3	± 20
Full-bridge, ± 7.8 mV/V	± 3	± 20

Input Noise

Table 5. Input noise (ppm of range_{rms}) specifications.

Mode, range	Conversion time			
	High speed	Best of 50 Hz rejection	Best of 60 Hz rejection	High resolution
Voltage, ± 60 V	7.6	1.3	1.3	0.5
Voltage, ± 15 V	10.8	1.9	1.9	0.7
Voltage, ± 4 V	10.8	2.7	2.7	1.3
Voltage, ± 1 V	7.6	1.3	1.3	0.5

Mode, range	Conversion time			
	High speed	Best of 50 Hz rejection	Best of 60 Hz rejection	High resolution
Voltage/Thermocouple, ± 125 mV	10.8	1.9	1.9	1.0
Current, ± 25 mA	10.8	1.9	1.9	1.0
4-wire and 2-wire resistance, 10 k Ω	4.1	1.3	0.8	0.3
4-wire and 2-wire resistance, 1 k Ω	7.1	1.8	1.2	0.7
4-wire and 3-wire RTD, Pt 1000	7.6	1.7	1.1	0.4
4-wire and 3-wire RTD, Pt 100	10.8	1.9	1.9	0.9
Quarter-bridge, 350 Ω	5.4	1.0	1.0	0.7
Quarter-bridge, 120 Ω	5.4	1.0	1.0	0.7
Half-bridge, ± 500 mV/V	3.8	0.5	0.5	0.2
Full-bridge, ± 62.5 mV/V	5.4	1.0	1.0	0.8
Full-bridge, ± 7.8 mV/V	30	4.7	4.7	2.3

Excitation level

Table 6. Half-bridge and full-bridge mode excitation level specifications.

Measurement conditions	Load resistance (Ω)	Excitation (V)
Half-bridge	700	2.5
	240	2.0
full-bridge	350	2.7
	120	2.2

Table 7. Resistance and RTD Resistance, RTD, and quarter-bridge mode excitation level specifications.

Load resistance (Ω)	Excitation (mV)
120	50
350	150
1,000	430
10,000	2,200

Digital input/output

Table 8. Digital input/output specifications.

Parameter	Specification
Digital type	CMOS (Schmitt trigger) input / open drain output

Parameter	Specification
Number of I/O	One port of 4 bits
Configuration	Each bit can be independently configured for input or output
Power on conditions	Power on reset is input mode
Pull-up configuration	Each bit is pulled up to 5 V with a 100 k Ω resistor
Input frequency range	DC – 10 kHz ²
Input high voltage threshold	1.9 V min, 3.6 V max
Input low voltage threshold	2.3 V max, 1.0 V min
Schmitt trigger hysteresis	0.6 V min, 1.7 V max
Input high voltage limit	15 V max
Input low voltage limit	–0.5 V absolute min 0 V recommended min
Output voltage range	0 V to +5 V (no external pull-up resistor) 0 V to +15 V max ³
Output off state leakage current	10 μ A max
Output sink current capability	100 mA max (continuous) per output pin
Output transistor on-resistance (drain to source)	1.6 Ω

Network

Ethernet connection

Table 9. Ethernet connection specifications.

Parameter	Specification
Ethernet type	100 Base-TX 10 Base-T
Communication rates	10/100 Mbps, auto-negotiated
Connector	RJ-45, 8 position
Cable length	100 meters (328 feet) max For CE compliance the max length is 3 meters (9.84 feet)
Additional parameters	HP Auto-MDIX support

² Applying a signal with a frequency higher than this specification will adversely affect system performance and could cause errors.

³ The external pull-up resistor is connected between the digital output bit and an external supply. Adding an external pull-up resistor connects it in parallel with the internal 100 k Ω pull-up resistor of that particular digital input/output bit to the internal 5 V supply. Careful consideration should be made when considering the external pull-up resistor value and the resultant pull-up voltage produced at the load.

Network Configuration

Table 10. Network configuration.

Parameter	Specification
Network IP configuration	DHCP, link-local, static DHCP may be disabled by the user and a static IP address assigned. If DHCP is enabled but is unsuccessful at obtaining an IP address the device will fall back to link-local and request the IP address 169.254.100.100.
Network device name	The name used for detecting the device using mDNS (zero-conf). This name may be changed using the web interface.
Network name publication	By mDNS
User accounts	There are two built-in user accounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • admin • share These accounts are case-sensitive and cannot be changed using the web interface.

Factory default settings

Table 11. Factory default settings.⁴

Parameter	Specification
Factory default IP address	192.168.0.101
Factory default subnet mask	255.255.255.0
Factory default gateway	192.168.0.1
Factory default DHCP setting	DHCP + link-local enabled
Factory default password for admin account	admin Passwords are case sensitive and can be changed using the web interface.
Factory default password for share account	share Passwords are case sensitive and can be changed using the web interface.
Factory default device name	webdaq-xxxxxx, where xxxxxx is the last 6 digits of the MAC address (printed on the label on the underside of the device).

Processor / Memory

Table 12. Processor / memory specifications.

Parameter	Specification
Microprocessor	Type: Quad core Broadcom BCM2837 Speed: 1.2 GHz
Memory	RAM: 1 GB LPDDR2 Flash: 4 GB eMMC (3 GB available for user data storage)

⁴ Shared folders and mapped drives are reset when factory defaults are restored.

USB ports

Table 13. USB specifications.⁵

Parameter	Specification
Number of USB ports	Two
USB device type	USB 2.0 (high-speed)
Device compatibility	USB 1.1, USB 2.0, USB 3.0

SD memory card slot

Table 14. SD card specifications.

Parameter	Specification
Memory card type	SD, SDHC, SDXC, MMC, TransFlash
File systems supported	FAT16, FAT32, exFAT, ext2/3/4, NTFS

LED indicators

Table 15. LED specifications – normal operating mode.

Label	State	Description
1: POWER	Steady yellow	Device is booting up.
	Steady green	Device boot is successful.
	Blinking yellow	Device is shutting down.
	Off	Device is off.
2: STATUS	Blinking yellow	Device is configuring hardware.
	Steady green	Hardware configuration is complete.
	Flashing green 100 ms on, 2s of	Waiting for the schedule start condition to be met. ⁶
	Blinking heartbeat	The configured schedule start condition is met; waiting for job start condition to be met. ⁶
	Blinking green	The configured job start condition is met – the job is running. ⁶
	Off	Device is off.
3: ERROR	Blinking yellow	Error condition is detected. LED blinks even when the software is configured to ignore the error. Error state is cleared on the next schedule start.
	Off	No error is detected, or the device is off.

⁵ The USB ports are provided for connection to a mass storage device or approved WiFi adapter.

⁶ Use the WebDAQ software to configure start and stop settings for jobs and schedules.

Label	State	Description
4: MEDIA	Blinking yellow	A job is configured to log to external media, but the job hasn't started yet; push button will not let you eject media.
	Steady yellow	External media is inserted into the SD card slot or USB storage port.
	Blinking green	Currently logging to an external SD card or USB storage device.
	Steady green	Media has been made safe for removal using the FUNC button but is still inserted in the device.
	Off	No external media is detected, or the device is off.

Table 16. LED specifications – software update mode.

LED	State	Description
All LEDs	Solid yellow	Software update is starting.
1. POWER	Blinking yellow	Software update is running.
2. STATUS	Blinking green	Update file is located; device is being updated.
	Blinking yellow	Update file cannot be located; insert media containing the update file.
3. ERROR	Blinking green	Update is successful; device reboot in approximately 5 seconds.
	Blinking yellow	Update failed; user must retry.

Push buttons

Table 17. Push button specifications.

Component	Label	Description
Power button	POWER	<p>W1 jumper installed (factory default)⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When device is off; press briefly to turn the device on When device is on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press for ~1 second to shut down the device; release the button when the POWER LED blinks yellow Press and hold ~4 seconds to force the device to power off <p>W1 jumper removed⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Device will always be on if power is applied Press for ~1 second to reboot the device; release the button when the POWER LED blinks yellow
Function button	FUNC	<p>Dual function:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ejects, or safely unmounts, all removable media for safe removal from the device (default)

⁷ Refer to this [circuit board image](#) for the location of the W1 jumper.

Component	Label	Description
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This function is disabled when a job that uses external media is running The MEDIA LED is steady green when all media is unmounted but still inserted in the device Starts or stops an acquisition; requires configuration via the web interface
Factory reset button	CONFIG RESET	Restores network settings to factory default values; refer to the Factory default settings table for values.

Ground connector

Table 18. Ground connector specifications.

Component	Label	Description
Ground connector	#6-32	Connector port for the #6-32 ground screw

Power

Table 19. Power specifications.

Parameter	Conditions	Specification
Input voltage	Center positive	6 VDC to 16 VDC
Input wattage		4 W typ, 10 W max
External power adapter	ATS018T-W090V 18W ⁸	Adapter Technology ATS018T-W090V 18W adapter included. 9V, 2.2A, 110 VAC to 240 VAC input range required.
Power behavior	W1 jumper installed (factory default)	Soft power on using the momentary power button; device can turn its power off to shut down. Device does not resume operation if power is lost.
	W1 jumper removed	Device is always on if power is applied. Power button functions only as a reboot button.
Battery		One 3 V button cell lithium battery required to maintain time of day clock when device is powered off.
Battery replacement		Panasonic BR-1225 3V lithium coin cell battery or equivalent; user-replaceable. Refer to the Replacing the Battery section for the replacement procedure.

⁸ If using a different supply, ensure that it has a positive center pin.

Mechanical

Table 20. Mechanical specifications.

Parameter	Specification
Dimensions (L × W × H)	158.8 × 146.1 × 38.1 mm (6.25 × 5.75 × 1.50 in.) 179.4 × 146.1 × 38.1 mm (7.06 × 5.75 × 1.50 in.) includes spring connectors
Weight	680 g (1.50 lb)

Environmental

Table 21. Environmental specifications⁹

Parameter	Specification
Operating temperature range	0 °C to 50 °C
Storage temperature range	−40 °C to 85 °C
Ingress protection	IP30
Operating humidity	10% to 90% RH, noncondensing
Storage humidity	5% to 95% RH, noncondensing
Maximum altitude	2,000 m (6,562 ft)
Pollution Degree	2

Safety voltages

Connect only voltages that are within the limits specified in this table.

Table 22. Safety specifications

Parameter	Conditions	Specification
Channel-to-earth ground isolation	Continuous	60 VDC for analog inputs, 15 VDC for DIO, CAT I
	Withstand	60 VDC, verified by a 5 second dielectric withstand test
Channel-to channel isolation	Continuous	60 VDC for analog inputs, 15 VDC for DIO, CAT I
	Withstand	60 VDC, verified by a 5 second dielectric withstand test

Measurement Category I is for measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to the electrical distribution system referred to as MAINS voltage. MAINS is a hazardous live electrical supply system that powers equipment. This category is for measurements of voltages from specially protected secondary circuits. Such voltage measurements include signal levels, special equipment, limited-energy parts of equipment, circuits powered by regulated low-voltage sources, and electronics.

⁹ WebDAQ operation is intended for indoor use only, but may be used outdoors if installed in a suitable enclosure.

Measurement Categories CAT I and CAT O are equivalent. These test and measurement circuits are for other circuits not intended for direct connection to the MAINS building installations of Measurement Categories CAT II, CAT III, or CAT IV.

Caution! Do not connect the WebDAQ 904 to signals or use for measurements within Measurement Categories II, III or IV.

Signal connector

Table 23. Signal connector specifications.

Parameter	Specification
Connector types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four 6-position spring terminal connectors for analog connections 6-position screw terminal for digital connections
Terminal wiring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring terminals: 18 to 28 AWG copper conductor wire with 7 mm (0.28 in.) of insulation stripped from the end. Screw terminals: 14 to 30 AWG copper conductor wire with 5 to 6 mm (0.20 to 0.24 in.) of insulation stripped from the end.

Spring terminals

Table 24. Spring terminal signal names.

Terminal number	Signal name	Signal description
1	—	No connection
2	—	No connection
3	EX+/CH+ ¹⁰	Positive excitation or input signal
4	CH+	Positive input signal
5	EX-/CH- ¹⁰	Negative excitation or input signal
6	CH-	Negative input signal

¹⁰ Depending on the input mode, terminals 3 and 5 are either excitation signals or input signals.

Table 25. Spring terminal assignments per input mode.

Input mode	Signal terminals					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Voltage	—	—	—	CH+	CH-	—
Current	—	—	CH+	—	CH-	—
4-wire resistance	—	—	EX+	CH+	EX-	CH-
2-wire resistance	—	—	CH+	—	CH-	—
Thermocouple	—	—	—	CH+	CH-	—
4-wire RTD	—	—	EX+	CH+	EX-	CH-
3-wire RTD	—	—	EX+	—	EX-	CH-
Quarter-bridge	—	—	CH+	—	CH-	—
Half-bridge	—	—	EX+	CH+	EX-	—
Full-bridge	—	—	EX+	CH+	EX-	CH-

Screw terminal

Table 26. Screw terminal pinout.

Terminal			Terminal		
#	Label	Use	#	Label	Use
1	GND	Digital ground	4	DIO2	Digital bit 2
2	DIO0	Digital bit 0	5	DIO3	Digital bit 3
3	DIO1	Digital bit 1	6	GND	Digital ground