



# dataTaker®

## DT821 Series 4 Data Logger

Intelligent Data Logging Products



### Applications include:

Research & Development	Thermistor Arrays	Machine Down Time
Agricultural Research	Aquaculture	Pressure
Weather Stations	Structural Monitoring	Load Cells
Total Energy Monitoring	Strain Gauges	Flow
Environmental Monitoring	Process Monitoring	Vehicle Testing
Temperature Profiling	Fault Identification	GPS

**\*FREE Software & Technical Support**

- Dual Channel Isolation Technology
- Up to 6 Analog ( $\pm 50V$ ) sensor inputs
- 8 flexible digital terminals
- 2 Serial 'Smart Sensor' ports
- Programmable Analog Output
- Modbus for SCADA connection
- Web & FTP client / server
- USB memory for easy data and program transfer

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### The Smarter Solution

The dataTaker DT821 smart data logger provides an extensive array of features that allow it to be used across a wide variety of applications. The DT821 is a robust, stand alone, low power data logger featuring USB memory stick support, 18 bit resolution, extensive communications capabilities and built-in display.

The dataTaker DT821's Dual Channel concept allows up to 4 isolated or 6 common referenced analog inputs to be used in many combinations. With support for Modbus for SCADA systems, FTP and Web interface, 12V regulated output to power sensors, the DT821 is a totally self contained solution.

### Versatile Measurement

Connect an array of sensors through the versatile analog and digital channels, high-speed counter inputs and programmable serial sensor channels.

Temperature, voltage, current, 4-20mA loops, resistance, bridges, strain gauges, frequency, digital, serial and calculated measurements can all be scaled, logged and returned in engineering units or within statistical reporting.

Set up sampling, logging, alarm and control tasks to suit your own requirements while interfaces for smart sensors, GPS and other intelligent devices expand the DT821 flexibility.

### Superior Data Storage & Communications

With the standard unit able to store up to 10 million data points (expandable) you can log as much or as little as you need. Overwrite or stop logging once allocated memory is full, archive data on alarm event, copy to USB memory or transfer via FTP/ Email, the choice is yours.

Communications features include RS232 and Ethernet, connect to the DT821 locally, remotely through a modem or over the Internet. The web interface allows users to configure the DT821, access logged data and see current measurements as mimics or in a list using a web browser.

FTP/ Email provides data to your office over the internet or wireless network, without the need for polling or specific host software.

- Built-in software – no application to install
- Runs directly from your web browser
- Accessible by Ethernet or USB<sup>1</sup> connection
- Intuitive graphical interface
- Easy-to-use configuration editor
- Access live and historical data
- View data as charts, mimics and tables

## What is dEX?

dEX is an intuitive graphical interface that allows you to configure your data logger, view real-time data in mimics, trend charts or tables and retrieve your historical data for analysis.

dEX runs directly from your web browser and can be accessed either locally or remotely, anywhere that a TCP/IP connection is available including worldwide over the Internet. You can use any of the logger's built-in communications ports to view dEX including Ethernet, USB and RS-232.

## Easy configuration

The dEX configuration editor allows you to view, edit and save logger configurations in an easy-to-use Windows Explorer style user interface.



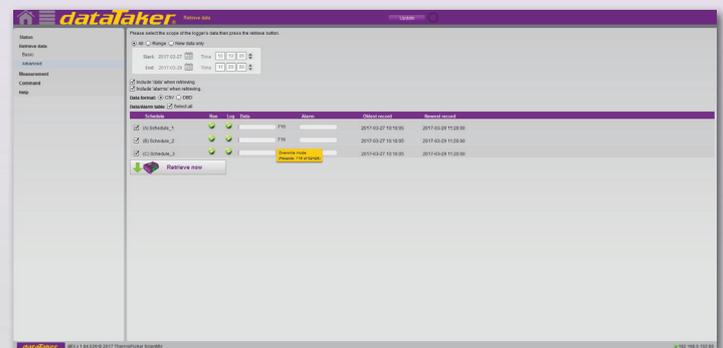
## Real-time monitoring

dEX displays real-time sensor measurements, calculations and diagnostic information using mimics, tables and trend charts.



## Data retrieval

dEX allows you to retrieve your data at the click of a mouse button. Just select either All, Range or New Data Only.



<sup>1</sup> USB port equipped models only.

## Browser-based solution

dEX comes pre-installed on every logger in the DT80 range<sup>2</sup>. The software loads in your web browser so there is no need to install cumbersome applications on your computer. Being browser-based, dEX is cross-platform and will work on all major operating systems including Windows, Mac and Linux. To simplify it even further, dEX starts automatically in your default web browser when you connect to your logger using a USB cable<sup>1</sup>.

## Data that is compatible with your applications

Logged data is ready to import into common spreadsheet and data processing applications such as Excel for further analysis and reporting. Data can be saved to your computer in comma separated (.CSV) format or our proprietary binary (.DBD) format.

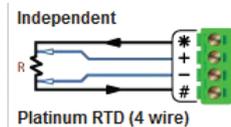
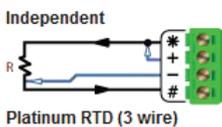
## Command window

The command window provides a terminal interface which allows the built-in command language of the logger to be used. Macro buttons allow common commands to be sent on a button press.

## Configuration editor

The configuration editor allows you to view, edit and save logger configurations in an easy-to-use Windows Explorer style user interface. Tree view of configuration allows definition of measurement schedules and measurements.

Wiring diagrams show available wiring configurations for each sensor type. Configuration can be stored and retrieved on either the logger or a local computer.



## Channel list

Displays name, value, units, alarm state, time stamp and logging state for each measurement.

Name	Input	Run	Log	Alarm	Value	Units	Timestamp
Thermocouple_1	1TK	✔	✔		30.725632	degC	2017-03-29 12:14:10.203
Thermocouple_6	3TK	✔	✔	🔔	31.486366	degC	2017-03-29 12:14:10.241
Internal_7	REFT	✔	✔		33.993843	degC	2017-03-29 12:14:10.280
Thermocouple_2	3TK	✔	✔	🔔	31.493584	degC	2017-03-29 12:14:10.422
Thermocouple_5	3TK	✔	✔		31.49563	degC	2017-03-29 12:14:10.557

## Customisation of the application

The menu options, mimics panels and mimics can be added or removed to suit novice or advanced users. The color and brand name images within dEX can be customised to match corporate requirements or for personal preference.

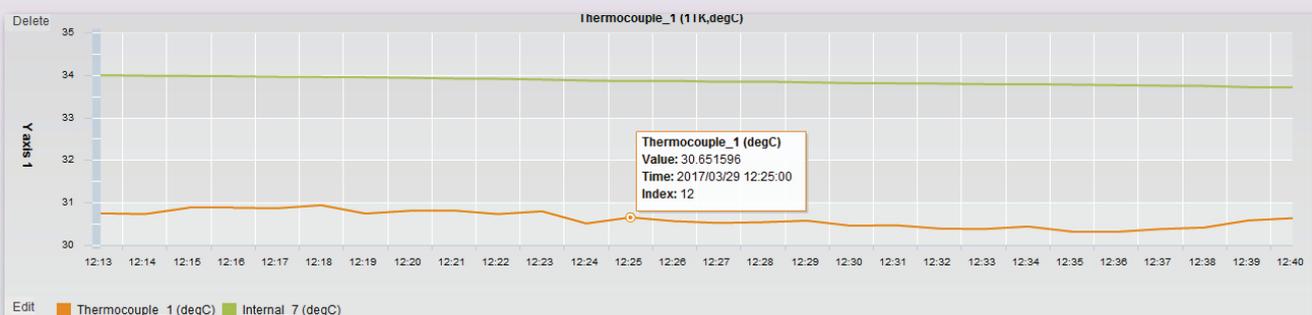
Mimics are organised into panels which can be modified to highlight custom alarm conditions or data grouping. Mimics include dials, bar graphs, thermometers etc. Real-time chart recorder mimic allows you to view trends and historical data over a custom time/date range. Up to 16 mimics can be displayed on up to 5 mimic pages (default is 1 page of 6 mimics).

## Minimum system requirements

- Web Browser (tested with): Internet Explorer V7 and above, Firefox, Safari & Google Chrome
- TCP/IP connection
- Adobe flash player 10 or higher
- Screen resolution of 1024 x 768

## Chart Recorder Mimic

Real-time trending for sensors, calculations or other data. Supports up-to 5 traces per chart and up-to 2 Y-axes. Backfills with historical data stored in logger.



<sup>2</sup> dEX operates on all DT80 Series 2, Series 3 and Series 4 except Series 1.

# Technical Specifications

## Analog Channels

2 analog input channels

Each channel is independent and supports: one isolated 3-wire or 4-wire input, or two isolated 2-wire inputs, or three common referenced 2-wire inputs.

The following maximums apply.

- 2-wire with common reference terminal: 6
- 2-wire isolated: 4
- 3- and 4-wire isolated: 2

## Fundamental Input Ranges

The fundamental inputs that the DT821 can measure are voltage, current, resistance and frequency. All other measurements are derived from these.

## Sampling

Integrates over 50/60Hz line period for accuracy and noise rejection

Maximum sample speed: 40Hz

Effective resolution: 18 bits

Linearity: 0.01%

Common mode rejection: >90dB

Line series mode rejection: >35dB

## Inputs

Inter-Channel Isolation: 100V (relay switching)

Analog Section Isolation: 100V (opto-isolated)

Input impedance: 160K $\Omega$ , >100M $\Omega$

Common mode range:  $\pm 3.5V$  or  $\pm 55V$  (attenuator on/ off)

## Sensor Excitation (Supply)

Analog channels:

- selectable 2 $\mu A$ , 213 $\mu A$  or 2.5mA precision current source
- 4.5V voltage source
- switched external supply

General Purpose: Switchable 12V/5V regulated supply for powering sensors & accessories (max 300mA).

## Analog Output

Isolated programmable 16-bit DAC: voltage 0-10V or current 0-24mA

## Analog Sensors

Supports a wide range of sensors including, but not limited to, those listed below. A wide range of sensor scaling and linearising facilities including polynomials, expressions and functions.

## Thermocouples

Types: B, C, D, E, G, J, K, N, R, S, T

Calibration standard: ITS-90

## RTDs

Materials supported: Pt, Ni, Cu

Resistance range: 10 $\Omega$  to 1M $\Omega$

## Thermistors

Types: YSI 400xx Series, other types\*

Resistance range: up to 1M $\Omega$

\* Other thermistor types are supported by thermistor scaling and calculated channels.

## Monolithic Temperature Sensors

Types supported: LM34 - 60, AD590, 592, TMPxx, LM135, 235, 335

## Strain Gauge and Bridge Sensors

Configurations: 1/4, 1/2, & full bridge

Excitation: voltage or current

## 4-20mA Current Loop

Internal 100 $\Omega$  shunt or external shunt resistor

## Digital Channels

### Digital Input/Outputs

4 bi-directional channels

Input Type: 4 logic level (max 20/30V)

Output Type: 3 with open drain FET (max: 30V, 100mA)  
1 with logic output

## Relay Output

1 latching relay, contacts (max: 30Vdc, 1A)

## Counter Channels

### Low Speed Counters

4 counters shared with digital inputs.

Low speed counters do not function in sleep mode.

Size: 32 bit Max Count rate: 10 Hz

## Dedicated Counter Inputs

4 high speed inputs

Size: 32 bit Max Count rate: 100 kHz

Input type:

- 2 logic level inputs (max  $\pm 30V$ ),
- 2 sensitive inputs (100mV) for magnetic pickups (max  $\pm 10V$ )

## Serial Channels

### Generic Serial Sensor

Flexible options to allow data to be logged from a wide range of smart sensors and data streams.

Available ports: Serial Sensor Port (RS232, RS422, RS485)

Host RS232 Port\*

Baud rate: 300 to 115,200

\*If used as a Serial Sensor channel then the Host Port is not available for other communications.

## Calculated Channels

Combine values from analog, digital and serial sensors using expressions involving variables and functions.

Functions: An extensive range of Arithmetic, Trigonometric, Relational, Logical and Statistical functions are available.

## Alarms

Condition: high, low, within range and outside range

Delay: optional time period for alarm response

Actions: set digital outputs, transmit message, execute any dataTaker command.

## Scheduling of Data Acquisition

Number of schedules: 11

Schedule rates: 10ms to days

## Data Storage

### Internal Store

Capacity: 128MB (approx 10,000,000 data points)

Larger storage available refer to technical support.

Removable USB store device (optional accessory)

Types: compatible with USB 1.1 or USB 2.0 drives, e.g. Flash drive.

Capacity: approx. 90,000 data points per megabyte.

## Communication Interfaces

### Ethernet Port

Interface: 10BaseT (10Mbps)

Protocol: TCP/IP, Modbus (Master & Slave)

### Host RS232 Port

- Speed: 300 to 115,200 baud (57,600 default)
- Flow Control: Hardware (RTS/CTS), Software (XON/XOFF), None
- Handshake lines: DCD, DSR, DTR, RTS, CTS
- Modem support: auto-answer and dial out
- Protocols: ASCII Command, TCP/IP (PPP), Modbus (Master & Slave), Serial Sensor

### Serial Sensor Port

Interface: RS232, RS422, RS485

Speed: 300 to 57,600 baud

Flow Control: Hardware (RTS/CTS), Software (XON/XOFF), None

Protocols: Modbus (Master & Slave), Serial Sensor

## Network (TCP/IP) Services

Uses Ethernet and/or Host RS232 (PPP) ports

### Command Interface

Access the ASCII command interface of the DT821 via TCP/IP

### Web Server

Access current data and status from any web browser.

Custom pages can be defined. Download data in CSV format. Command interface window. Define mimic displays.

### Modbus Server (slave)

Access current data and status from any Modbus client (e.g. SCADA system)

### Modbus Client (master)

Read/write data from modbus sensors and devices including PLC's, dataTaker loggers, modbus displays etc.

### FTP Server

Access logged data from any FTP client or web browser

### FTP Client

Automatically upload logged data direct to an FTP server

## System

### Display and Keypad

Type: LCD, 2 line by 16 characters, backlight.

Display Functions: channel data, alarms, system status.

Keypad: 6 keys for scrolling and function execution.

Status LEDs: 4 for sample, disk, attention and power.

### Firmware Upgrade

Via: RS232, Ethernet, or USB memory.

### Real Time Clock

Normal resolution: 200  $\mu s$

Accuracy:  $\pm 1$  min/year (0 $^{\circ}C$  to 40 $^{\circ}C$ ),  
 $\pm 4$  min/year (-40 $^{\circ}C$  to 70 $^{\circ}C$ )

### Power Supply

External voltage range: 10 to 30Vdc

Internal battery: 6Vdc 1.2Ah lead acid

Peak Power: 12W (12Vdc 1A)

### Average power Consumption

Using 12Vdc external power source

Sampling Speed	Average Power
1 second	1350 mW
5 seconds	500 mW
30 seconds	135 mW
5 minutes	70 mW
1 hour	60 mW

### Typical Operating Time

From internal 6Vdc, 1.2Ah battery

Sampling Speed	Operating Time
1 second	6.5 hours
5 seconds	1 day
1 minute	10 days
1 hour	3.5 months

## Physical and Environment

Construction: Powder coated zinc and anodized aluminum.

Dimensions: 180 x 137 x 65mm

Weight: 1.5kg (4kg shipping)

Temperature range: -45 $^{\circ}C$  to 70 $^{\circ}C$ \*

Humidity: 85% RH, non-condensing

\*reduced battery life and LCD operation outside range -15 $^{\circ}C$  to 50 $^{\circ}C$

## Accessories Included

Resource CD: includes software, video training and user manual.

Comms cable: USB cable

Line adaptor: 110/240Vac to 15Vdc, 800mA

For full technical specifications download the user's manual from our website [www.datataker.com](http://www.datataker.com)