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Getting Started with the NI 783xR

This document explains how to install and configure the National Instruments 783xR.

Introduction

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The NI 783*x*R devices are R Series Reconfigurable I/O (RIO) devices with 16-bit analog input (AI) channels, 16-bit analog output (AO) channels, and digital I/O (DIO) lines.

- The NI PXI-7830R and NI PCI-7830R have four independent AI channels, four independent AO channels, and 56 DIO lines.
- The NI PXI-7831R/7833R and NI PCI-7831R/7833R have eight independent AI channels, eight independent AO channels, and 96 DIO lines.

Traditional I/O devices have a fixed functionality provided by an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC), but the NI 783xR has a field-programmable gate array (FPGA) that allows you to define device functionality and timing.

You can use the LabVIEW FPGA Module to graphically design the NI 783xR timing and functionality without having to learn a low-level programming language or a hardware description language (HDL) traditionally used for FPGA design. With the LabVIEW FPGA Module, you create or download a custom virtual instrument (VI) to the FPGA. You can reconfigure the NI 783xR with a new VI at any time.

You can use the LabVIEW Real-Time Module to communicate with and control the NI 783xR while performing additional tasks, such as real-time floating-point processing and data logging.

Note If you are using LabVIEW but not the LabVIEW FPGA Module, you can create VIs that run in LabVIEW to control existing FPGA VIs, but you cannot create new FPGA VIs.

The NI 783xR has Flash memory that you can use to store a startup VI. You can configure the VI to load to the FPGA and to run when the device powers up.



Required Components

This section lists the items necessary for using the NI 783xR with Windows 2000/XP and the LabVIEW Real-Time Module.

Documentation

The *NI* 783x*R* User Manual describes the electrical and mechanical aspects of the NI 783xR and contains information about device operation and programming. This document is included on the NI-RIO CD and is also available at ni.com/manuals.

LabVIEW Help is available in LabVIEW by selecting **Help»VI**, **Function**, **& How-To Help**.

Hardware and Software

PXI-783xR with Windows 2000/XP

The following items are necessary to set up and use the PXI-783xR on a computer running Windows 2000/XP:

- \Box NI PXI-783*x*R.
- □ The following software packages:
 - LabVIEW 7.1 or later.
 - LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop custom FPGA VIs.
 - NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PXI-783*x*R.



Note The PXI-7831R supports LabVIEW 7.0 or later, LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.0 or later, and NI-RIO 1.0 or later.

- PXI/CompactPCI chassis and PXI/CompactPCI embedded controller running Windows 2000/XP, or a computer running Windows 2000/XP and a MXI-3 link to a PXI/CompactPCI chassis.
- \Box At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PXI-783*x*R.

PXI-783*x*R with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module (ETS)

The following items are necessary to set up and use the PXI-783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for ETS:

- $\Box \quad \text{NI PXI-783}x\text{R}.$
- □ The following software packages:
 - LabVIEW 7.1 or later.
 - LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop custom FPGA VIs.
 - LabVIEW Real-Time Module 7.1 or later.
 - NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PXI-783*x*R.
 - Ardence (formerly Venturcom) Phar Lap Embedded Tool Suite (ETS).

Note The PXI-7831R supports LabVIEW 7.0 or later, LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.0 or later, and NI-RIO 1.0 or later.

- □ Host computer running Windows 2000/XP for developing your application.
- □ PXI/CompactPCI chassis and real-time embedded controller running the Phar Lap ETS real-time operating system.
- □ CAT 5 Ethernet crossover cable if the real-time PXI system is not configured on a network. To connect the PXI system to a network port, use a standard CAT 5 10/100Base-T Ethernet cable.
- \Box At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PXI-783*x*R.

PXI-783*x*R with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module (RTX)

The following items are necessary to set up and use the PXI-783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX:

- \Box NI PXI-783*x*R.
- **The following software packages:**
 - LabVIEW 7.1 or later.
 - LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop custom FPGA VIs.



- LabVIEW Real-Time Module 7.1 or later.
- NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PXI-783*x*R.
- Ardence (formerly Venturcom) RTX 5.5 or later.
- **Note** The PXI-7831R supports NI-RIO 1.1 or later.
 - PXI/CompactPCI chassis and real-time embedded controller running Windows 2000/XP and RTX.
 - CAT 5 Ethernet crossover cable if the real-time PXI system is not configured on a network. To connect the PXI system to a network port, use a standard CAT 5 10/100Base-T Ethernet cable.
 - \Box At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PXI-783*x*R.

PCI-783xR with Windows 2000/XP

The following items are necessary to set up and use the PCI-783xR on a computer running Windows 2000/XP:

□ PCI-783*x*R.

- The following software packages:
 - LabVIEW 7.1 or later.
 - LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop custom FPGA VIs.
 - NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PCI-783*x*R.
- Note The PCI-7831R supports NI-RIO 1.1 or later.
 - Development computer running Windows 2000/XP.
 - \Box At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PCI-783*x*R.





PCI-783*x*R with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module (ETS)

The following items are necessary to set up and use the PCI-783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for ETS:

□ PCI-783*x*R.

- □ The following software packages:
 - LabVIEW 7.1 or later.
 - LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop custom FPGA VIs.
 - LabVIEW Real-Time Module for ETS 7.1 or later.
 - NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PCI-783*x*R.
 - Ardence (formerly Venturcom) Phar Lap Embedded Tool Suite (ETS).

Note The PCI-7831R supports NI-RIO 1.1 or later.

- □ Host computer running Windows 2000/XP for developing your application.
- □ Target computer running the Phar Lap ETS real-time operating system.
- \Box At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PCI-783*x*R.

PCI-783*x*R with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module (RTX)

The following items are necessary to set up and use the PCI-783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX:

- □ PCI-783*x*R.
- □ The following software packages:
 - LabVIEW 7.1 or later.
 - LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop custom FPGA VIs.
 - LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX 7.1 or later.
 - NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PCI-783*x*R.
 - Ardence (formerly Venturcom) RTX 5.5 or later.





Note The PCI-7831R supports NI-RIO 1.1 or later.

Computer running Windows 2000/XP and RTX.



Note RTX 5.5 does not support Hyper-Threading enabled processors. Refer to the RTX documentation for information about disabling multiprocessor access.

 \Box At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PCI-783*x*R.

Installing Software

Complete the following sets of steps in the order listed to successfully install LabVIEW, the LabVIEW Real-Time Module, the LabVIEW FPGA Module, and the NI-RIO device drivers.

If you are using NI-RIO without LabVIEW, skip these steps and proceed to the *NI-RIO Device Drivers Installation* section.

LabVIEW Installation

Complete the following steps to install LabVIEW. Refer to the *LabVIEW Release Notes* for additional information about installing LabVIEW.

- 1. Insert the LabVIEW CD into the CD-ROM drive to display the LabVIEW installation screen.
- 2. Click Install LabVIEW.
- 3. Follow the installer prompts through the rest of the installation.

LabVIEW Real-Time Module Installation

Complete the following steps to install the LabVIEW Real-Time Module. Refer to the *LabVIEW Real-Time Module Release Notes* for additional information about installing the LabVIEW Real-Time Module.

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Note If you are using the NI 783xR with Windows 2000/XP only, it is not necessary to install the LabVIEW Real-Time Module.

- 1. Insert the LabVIEW Real-Time Module CD into the CD-ROM drive to display the LabVIEW Real-Time Module installation screen.
- 2. Click Install LabVIEW Real-Time Module.
- 3. Follow the installer prompts through the rest of the installation.

LabVIEW FPGA Module Installation

Complete the following steps to install the LabVIEW FPGA Module. Refer to the *LabVIEW FPGA Module Release Notes* for additional information about installing the LabVIEW FPGA Module.

- 1. Insert the LabVIEW FPGA Module CD into the CD-ROM drive to display the LabVIEW FPGA Module installation screen.
- 2. Click Install LabVIEW FPGA Module.
- 3. Follow the installer prompts through the rest of the installation.

NI-RIO Device Drivers Installation

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Complete the following steps to install the NI-RIO device drivers that are included with the NI 783xR device.

Note You must install LabVIEW and the LabVIEW modules you will use *before* you install the NI-RIO device drivers.

- 1. Run setup.exe from the NI-RIO CD and follow the setup instructions.
- 2. Follow the on-screen instructions until the Feature Tree window appears.
- In the Feature Tree window, select the components to install. You must install NI-VISA, NI-RIO, and NI Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX).
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the driver installation.
- 5. Restart the computer.

Installing Hardware

This section describes how to unpack and install the PXI-783xR and PCI-783xR devices.



Note You must install the NI-RIO device drivers before installing the NI 783xR.

Unpacking

The NI 783xR is shipped in an antistatic package to prevent electrostatic discharge from damaging device components. To prevent such damage when handling the device, take the following precautions:

- Ground yourself using a grounding strap or by holding a grounded object, such as your computer chassis.
- Touch the antistatic package to a metal part of the computer chassis before removing the device from the package.

Caution Never touch the exposed pins of connectors.

Remove the device from the package and inspect the devices for loose components or any other sign of damage. Notify NI if the device appears damaged in any way. Do *not* install a damaged device into the computer.

Store the NI 783xR in the antistatic envelope when not in use.

PXI-783xR Installation

You can install the PXI-783xR in any available peripheral slot in the PXI or CompactPCI chassis. Complete the following instructions to install the PXI-783xR:



Note You must install the software before installing the hardware. For software installation instructions, refer to the *Installing Software* section.

- 1. Power off and unplug the PXI or CompactPCI chassis.
- 2. Make sure there are no lit LEDs on the chassis. Wait for any lit LEDs to go out before continuing the installation.
- 3. Remove the filler panel for the peripheral slot.
- 4. Ground yourself using a grounding strap or by touching a grounded object, such as the PXI or CompactPCI chassis.
- 5. Insert the PXI-783*x*R into the slot. Use the injector/ejector handle to fully inject the PXI-783*x*R into place.

- 6. Screw the front panel of the PXI-783xR to the front panel mounting rails of the chassis.
- 7. Visually verify the installation. Make sure the PXI-783*x*R is not touching other devices or components and that the PXI-783*x*R is fully inserted into the slot.
- 8. Plug in and power on the PXI or CompactPCI chassis.

PCI-783xR Installation

You can install the PCI-783xR in any available PCI expansion slot in the computer. To achieve the best noise performance, leave as much room as possible between the PCI-783xR and other boards.

Complete the following instructions to install the PCI-783xR:

Note You must install the software before installing the hardware. For software installation instructions, refer to the *Installing Software* section.

1. Power off and unplug the computer.



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Caution To protect both yourself and the computer from electrical hazards, the computer must remain off and unplugged until the PCI-783xR is completely installed.

- 2. Remove the computer cover. Make sure there are no lit LEDs on the motherboard. Wait for any lit LEDs to go out before continuing the installation.
- 3. Touch the metal part of the power supply case inside the computer to discharge any static electricity that might be on your clothes or body.
- 4. Locate the metal bracket that covers the cut-out in the back panel of the chassis for the slot you have selected. Remove and save the bracket-retaining screw and the bracket cover.
- 5. Align the PCI-783xR card-edge connector with the expansion slot receptacle. Using slow, evenly distributed pressure, press the PCI-783xR straight down until it seats in the expansion slot.
- 6. Reinstall the bracket-retaining screw to secure the PCI-783xR to the back panel rail.
- 7. Visually verify the installation.
- 8. Replace the computer cover, and plug the computer in.

Using the NI 783*x*R with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX

You can use the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX with the NI 783*x*R. After you have installed RTX, the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX, and RTX support from the NI-RIO Driver CD, complete the following steps:

Note The NI-RIO device drivers and NI 783xR must be installed before adding RTX support for the R Series device.

- 1. If necessary, close all NI software.
- 2. Select Start»Program Files»Ardence RTX»RTX»RTX Properties.
- 3. On the **Plug and Play** tab, right-click the name of your device and select **Add RTX INF Support**.
- 4. Click the **Apply** button. RTX Properties returns a Warning dialog box. Click **OK**.
- 5. In the RTX Properties window, click OK.
- 6. Right-click My Computer and select Properties.
- 7. Select the **Hardware** tab and click **Device Manager**.
- For Windows XP, expand NI-RIO Devices, right-click the name of your device and select Update Driver. In the Hardware Update Wizard window, select Install the software automatically and click Next. When the wizard finishes installing the software, click Finish.

For Windows 2000, expand NI-RIO Devices, right-click the name of your device, and select **Properties**. On the **Driver** tab, click **Update Driver**. In the **Upgrade Device Driver Wizard** window, click **Next**. Select **Search for a suitable driver for my device** and click **Next** three times. When Windows finishes installing the software, click **Finish**.

- 9. In the Device Manager window, select **View**»**Resources by connection**.
- 10. In the Device Manager window, expand **Interrupt Request (IRQ)**. Make sure that the NI 783*x*R is not sharing an IRQ with any other devices. Refer to the *RTX Runtime Help* for information about modifying a device.
- 11. Reboot your computer.
- 12. Select **Start»Run**. In the Run window, enter net start nirtrtx and click **OK**.

The NI 783*x*R now supports RTX. When you launch LabVIEW, the NI 783*x*R appears in the LabVIEW Execution Target menu as FPGA Device [*device name*] visa://localhost::RTRTX::0/RIO0::INSTR.

Removing RTX Support

Complete the following steps to remove RTX support from the NI 7831R.

- 1. Close all NI software.
- 2. Select Start»Program Files»Ardence RTX»RTX»RTX Properties.
- 3. On the **Plug and Play** tab, right-click the name of your device and select **Remove RTX INF Support**.
- 4. Click Apply. RTX Properties returns a Warning dialog box. Click OK.
- 5. In the RTX Properties window, click **OK**.
- 6. Right-click **My Computer** and select **Properties**.
- 7. Select the Hardware tab and click Device Manager.
- 8. For Windows XP, expand **RTX Drivers**, right-click [*device name*] **RTX Supported** and select **Update Driver**.

You have removed RTX support for the NI 783xR.

Connecting Signals

Figure 1 shows the I/O connector locations for the NI PXI-783*x*R and the NI PCI-783*x*R. The NI PXI-7830R and NI PCI-7830R do not have Connector 2 (DIO).

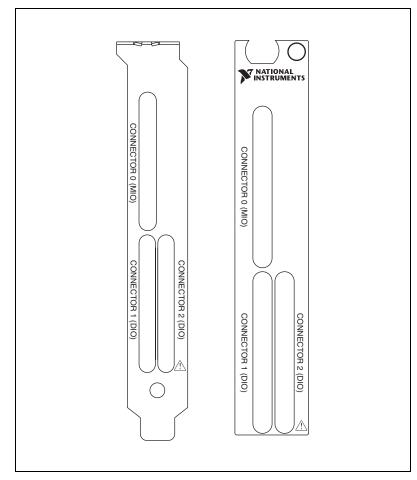


Figure 1. NI 783xR Connector Locations

Figure 2 shows the I/O connector pin assignments for the I/O connectors on the NI 783*x*R. The DIO connector pin assignment applies to connector 1 on the NI 7830R and connectors <1..2> on the NI 7831R/7833R.

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DIO39	68 34	DIO38	AI0+	68 34	AI0-	Al0+	68 34	AI0-	
DIO37	67 33	DIO36	AIGND0	67 33	AIGND1	AIGND0	67 33	AIGND1	
DIO35	66 32	DIO34	Al1+	66 32	AI1-	Al1+	66 32	Al1–	
DIO33	65 31	DIO32	AI2+	65 31	AI2-	AI2+	65 31	Al2-	
DIO31	64 30	DIO30	AIGND2	64 30	AIGND3	AIGND2	64 30	AIGND3	
DIO29	63 29	DIO28	AI3+	63 29	AI3–	AI3+	63 29	AI3-	
DIO27	62 28	+5V	No Connect	62 28	No Connect	Al4+	62 28	AI4-	
DIO26	61 27	+5V	AIGND4	61 27	AIGND5	AIGND4	61 27	AIGND5	
DIO25	60 26	DGND	No Connect	60 26	No Connect	AI5+	60 26	AI5-	
DIO24	59 25	DGND	No Connect	59 25	No Connect	Al6+	59 25	AI6-	
DIO23	58 24	DGND	AIGND6	58 24	AIGND7	AIGND6	58 24	AIGND7	
DIO22	57 23	DGND	No Connect	57 23	No Connect	AI7+	57 23	AI7–	
DIO21	56 22	DGND	AISENSE	56 22	No Connect	AISENSE	56 22	No Connect	
DIO20	55 21	DGND	AO0	55 21	AOGND0	AO0	55 21	AOGND0	
DIO19	54 20	DGND	AO1	54 20	AOGND1	AO1	54 20	AOGND1	
DIO18	53 19	DGND	AO2	53 19	AOGND2	AO2	53 19	AOGND2	
DIO17	52 18	DGND	AO3	52 18	AOGND3	AO3	52 18	AOGND3	
DIO16	51 17	DGND	No Connect	51 17	AOGND4	AO4	51 17	AOGND4	
DIO15	50 16	DGND	No Connect	50 16	AOGND5	AO5	50 16	AOGND5	
DIO14	49 15	DGND	No Connect	49 15	AOGND6	AO6	49 15	AOGND6	
DIO13	48 14	DGND	No Connect	48 14	AOGND7	AO7	48 14	AOGND7	
DIO12	47 13	DGND	DIO15	47 13	DIO14	DIO15	47 13	DIO14	
DIO11	46 12	DGND	DIO13	46 12	DIO12	DIO13	46 12	DIO12	
DIO10	45 11	DGND	DIO11	45 11	DIO10	DIO11	45 11	DIO10	
DIO9	44 10	DGND	DIO9	44 10	DIO8	DIO9	44 10	DIO8	
DIO8	43 9	DGND	DIO7	43 9	DGND	DIO7	43 9	DGND	
DIO7	42 8	DGND	DIO6	42 8	DGND	DIO6	42 8	DGND	
DIO6	41 7	DGND	DIO5	41 7	DGND	DIO5	41 7	DGND	
DIO5	40 6	DGND	DIO4	40 6	DGND	DIO4	40 6	DGND	
DIO4	39 5	DGND	DIO3	39 5	DGND	DIO3	39 5	DGND	
DIO3	38 4	DGND	DIO2	38 4	DGND	DIO2	38 4	DGND	
DIO2	37 3	DGND	DIO1	37 3	DGND	DIO1	37 3	DGND	
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Figure 2. NI 783xR I/O Connector Pin Assignments

Caution Connections that exceed any of the maximum ratings of input or output signals on the NI 783*x*R can damage the NI 783*x*R and the computer. NI is *not* liable for any damage resulting from such signal connections. Refer to the *NI 783xR User Manual* for the maximum input ratings for each signal.

For detailed information about connecting I/O signals, refer to the *NI 783xR User Manual*.

Cabling Options

Accessing the signals on the I/O connectors requires at least one cable and one signal accessory. Table 1 summarizes the National Instruments cables available for use with the NI 783xR device.

Table 1	. Cabling	Options
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Cable	Connector	Description
SH68-C68-S	MIO/DIO	For connecting signals from the MIO or DIO connector to the NI SCB-68 terminal block.
SHC68-68-RMIO	MIO	For connecting signals from the MIO connector to the SCB-68 terminal block. Improves signal integrity and noise immunity. Provides shielding on all AI channels and an overall analog shield to reduce digital-to-analog crosstalk.
NSC68-262650	MIO	For direct connection of the NI 783 <i>x</i> R to 5B and SSR analog and digital signal conditioning backplanes.
		Routes signals to connectors that attach directly to 5B backplanes (for analog signals) and SSR backplanes (for digital signals).
NSC68-5050	DIO	For direct connection of the NI 783 <i>x</i> R and SSR backplanes.
		Routes signals to connectors that attach directly to SSR backplanes.

Related Documentation

Refer to the following documentation for information about the LabVIEW FPGA Module, R Series hardware, and VIs necessary for your application.

- *LabVIEW FPGA Module Release Notes*—describes the software installation and other known software issues.
- LabVIEW FPGA Module User Manual—describes the LabVIEW FPGA Module software and techniques for building applications in LabVIEW with the LabVIEW FPGA Module.
- *NI 783xR User Manual*—describes the electrical and mechanical aspects of the NI 783*x*R and contains information about its operation and programming.

- *LabVIEW Help*—describes the VIs and function reference information.
- CompactRIO R Series Expansion System Installation Instructions—describes how to install the CompactRIO R Series Expansion chassis and CompactRIO I/O modules.

Where to Go from Here

Refer to the *LabVIEW FPGA Module Release Notes* for information about getting started with LabVIEW FPGA VIs and host VIs. This document also provides examples for verifying that your software and hardware are properly installed. To access this document, select **Start»Programs» National Instruments»LabVIEW»Module Documents**.

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