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About This Manual

This manual describes the electrical and mechanical aspects of the National Instruments PXI-7811R device and contains information concerning its operation and programming.

The NI PXI-7811R device is a Reconfigurable I/O (RIO) device. The NI PXI-7811R contains 160 digital I/O (DIO) lines.

Conventions

The following conventions appear in this manual:

<> — Angle brackets that contain numbers separated by an ellipsis represent a range of values associated with a bit or signal name—for example, DIO<3..0>.

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This icon denotes a note, which alerts you to important information.

This icon denotes a caution, which advises you of precautions to take to avoid injury, data loss, or a system crash. When this symbol is marked on the device, refer to the *Safety Information* section of Chapter 1, *Introduction*, for precautions to take.

bold — Bold text denotes items that you must select or click in the software, such as menu items and dialog box options. Bold text also denotes parameter names and hardware labels.

italic — Italic text denotes variables, emphasis, a cross reference, or an introduction to a key concept. This font also denotes text that is a placeholder for a word or value that you must supply.

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Reconfigurable I/O Documentation

The *NI PXI-7811R User Manual* is one piece of the documentation set for your RIO system and application. Depending on the hardware and software you use for your application, you could have any of several types of documentation. The documentation set includes the following documents:

- *Getting Started with the NI PXI-7811R*—This document lists what you need to get started, describes how to unpack and install the software and hardware, and contains information about connecting I/O signals to the NI PXI-7811R.
- *LabVIEW FPGA Module Release Notes*—This document contains information about installing and getting started with the LabVIEW FPGA Module. Select **Start»Program Files»National Instruments»<LabVIEW>»Module Documents»LabVIEW FPGA Module Release Notes** to view this document.
- *LabVIEW FPGA Module User Manual*—This manual describes how to use the LabVIEW FPGA Module to create virtual instruments (VIs) that run on the NI PXI-7811R. Select **Start»Program Files»National Instruments»<LabVIEW>»Module Documents»LabVIEW FPGA Module User Manual** to view this document.
- *FPGA Interface User Guide*—This manual describes how to control and communicate with FPGA VIs running on RIO devices. Select **Start»Program Files»National Instruments»<LabVIEW>» Module Documents»FPGA Interface User Guide** to view this document.
- *LabVIEW Help*—This help contains information about using VIs with the NI PXI-7811R and using the LabVIEW FPGA Module and the LabVIEW Real-Time Module. Select **Help»VI, Function, & How-To Help** in LabVIEW to view the *LabVIEW Help*.
- *LabVIEW Real-Time Module User Manual*—This manual contains information about how to build deterministic applications using the LabVIEW Real-Time Module.

Related Documentation

The following documents contain information you might find helpful:

- *PICMG CompactPCI 2.0 R3.0*
- *PXI Hardware Specification Revision 2.1*
- *PXI Software Specification Revision 2.1*

1 Introduction

This chapter describes the NI PXI-7811R, describes the concept of the Reconfigurable I/O (RIO) device, describes the optional software and equipment, and contains safety information about the NI PXI-7811R.

About the Reconfigurable I/O Devices

The NI PXI-7811R is an R Series RIO device with 160 digital I/O (DIO) lines and four DIO connectors.

A user-reconfigurable FPGA (Field-Programmable Gate Array) controls the digital I/O lines on the NI PXI-7811R. The FPGA on the RIO device allows you to define the functionality and timing of the device, whereas traditional DIO devices have a fixed functionality provided by an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC). You can change the functionality of the FPGA on the RIO device by using LabVIEW, a graphical programming environment, and the LabVIEW FPGA Module to create and download a custom virtual instrument (VI) to the FPGA. You can reconfigure the RIO device with a new VI at any time. Using the FPGA Module, you can graphically design the timing and functionality of the RIO device without having to learn the low-level programming language or hardware description language (HDL) that is traditionally used for FPGA design. If you only have LabVIEW and do not have the FPGA Module, you cannot create new FPGA VIs, but you can create VIs that run on Windows or an RT target to control existing FPGA VIs.

Some applications require tasks such as real-time, floating-point processing, or datalogging while performing I/O and logic on the RIO device. You can use the LabVIEW Real-Time Module to perform these additional applications while communicating with and controlling the RIO device.

The RIO device contains flash memory to store VIs for automatic loading of the FPGA when the system is powered on.

The PXI chassis has the Real-Time System Integration (RTSI) bus to easily synchronize several measurement functions to a common trigger or timing event. The PXI chassis can accommodate multiple devices. The RTSI bus is implemented on the PXI trigger bus on the PXI backplane. The RTSI bus can route timing and trigger signals between as many as seven PXI devices in your system.

You can add additional I/O channels and signal conditioning using the CompactRIO R Series Expansion Chassis and CompactRIO I/O modules.

Refer to Appendix A, *Specifications*, for detailed specifications of the RIO device.

Using PXI with CompactPCI

Using PXI-compatible products with standard CompactPCI products is an important feature provided by *PXI Hardware Specification Revision 2.1* and *PXI Software Specification Revision 2.1*. If you use a PXI-compatible plug-in card in a standard CompactPCI chassis, you cannot use PXI-specific functions, but you still can use the basic plug-in card functions. For example, the RTSI bus on the RIO device is available in a PXI chassis, but not in a CompactPCI chassis.

The CompactPCI specification permits vendors to develop sub-buses that coexist with the basic PCI interface on the CompactPCI bus. Compatible operation is not guaranteed between CompactPCI devices with different sub-buses nor between CompactPCI devices with sub-buses and PXI. The standard implementation for CompactPCI does not include these sub-buses. The RIO device works in any standard CompactPCI chassis adhering to *PICMG CompactPCI 2.0 R3.0*.

Caution Damage can result if the J2 lines are driven by the sub-bus.

PXI-specific features are implemented on the J2 connector of the CompactPCI bus. Table 1-1 lists the J2 pins used by the NI PXI-7811R. The NI PXI-7811R is compatible with any CompactPCI chassis with a sub-bus that does not drive these lines. Even if the sub-bus is capable of driving these lines, the RIO device is still compatible as long as those pins on the sub-bus are disabled by default and are never enabled.

Table 1-1. Pins Used by the NI PXI-7811R

NI PXI-7811R Signal	PXI Pin Name	PXI J2 Pin Number
PXI Trigger<0..7>	PXI Trigger<0..7>	A16, A17, A18, B15, B18, C18, E16, E18
PXI Clock 10 MHz	PXI Clock 10 MHz	E17
PXI Star Trigger	PXI Star Trigger	D17
LBLSTAR<0..12>	LBL<0..12>	A1, A19, C1, C19, C20, D1, D2, D15, D19, E1, E2, E19, E20
LBR<0..12>	LBR<0..12>	A2, A3, A20, A21, B2, B20, C3, C21, D3, D21, E3, E15, E21

Overview of Reconfigurable I/O

This section introduces the concept of NI reconfigurable I/O and describes how to use the FPGA Module to build high-level functions in hardware.

Reconfigurable I/O Concept

The NI PXI-7811R device is based on a reconfigurable FPGA core surrounded by fixed digital input and output resources. You can configure the behavior of the reconfigurable FPGA to meet the requirements of your measurement and control system. You can define, implement, and download an FPGA VI to the RIO device, creating an application-specific I/O device. In contrast, a traditional data acquisition (DAQ) device uses a fixed core with predetermined functionality.

Flexible Functionality

Flexible functionality allows the RIO device to match individual application requirements and to mimic the functionality of fixed I/O devices, including I/O combinations not available in standard products. For example, you can configure a RIO device in one application for three 32-bit quadrature encoder and then reconfigure the RIO device in another application for eight 16-bit event counters.

In timing and triggering applications, the flexible functionality of the RIO device makes it an ideal complement to applications based on the LabVIEW Real-Time Module, such as control and hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) simulations. For example, you can configure the RIO device for a single timed loop in one application and then reconfigure the device in another application for four independent timed loops with separate I/O resources.

User-Defined I/O Resources

With a RIO device, you can define both the combination of I/O resources and the I/O resources themselves. You also can create your own custom measurements using the fixed I/O resources. For example, one application might require an event counter that increments when a rising edge appears on any of three digital input lines. You can implement these behaviors in the hardware for fast, deterministic performance.

Device-Embedded Logic and Processing

You can execute LabVIEW logic and processing on the FPGA of the RIO device. Typical logic functions include Boolean operations, comparisons, and basic mathematical operations. You can implement multiple functions efficiently in the same design, operating sequentially or in parallel. You also can implement more complex algorithms such as control loops. You are limited only by the size of the FPGA.

Reconfigurable I/O Architecture

Figure 1-1 illustrates a generic representation of a RIO device and shows an FPGA connected to fixed I/O resources and a bus interface.

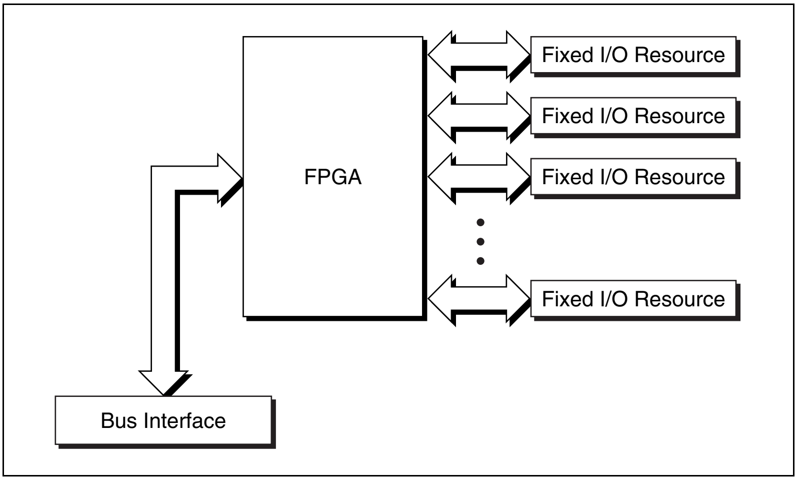

Figure 1-1. High-Level FPGA Functional Overview

Software accesses the RIO device through the bus interface and the FPGA provides the connectivity between the bus interface and the fixed I/O, including any timing, triggering, processing, and custom I/O measurements using the FPGA Module.

The FPGA logic provides timing, triggering, processing, and custom I/O. Each fixed I/O resource used by the application consumes a small portion of the FPGA logic that performs basic control of the fixed I/O resource. The bus interface also consumes a small portion of the FPGA logic to provide software access to the device.

The remaining FPGA logic is available for higher-level functions such as timing, triggering, and counting. Each of these functions consumes varying amounts of logic.

The FPGA does not retain the VI when the RIO device is powered off, so you must reload the VI every time you power on the device. The VI comes from onboard flash memory or from the software over the bus interface. One advantage to using flash memory is that the VI can start executing almost immediately after power on instead of waiting for the computer to completely boot and load the FPGA VI. Refer to the *LabVIEW FPGA Module User Manual* for more information about how to store your VI in flash memory.

Reconfigurable I/O Applications

You can use the LabVIEW FPGA Module to create or acquire VIs for your application. The FPGA Module allows you to define custom functionality for the RIO device using a subset of LabVIEW functionality. Refer to the FPGA Module examples located in the `<LabVIEW>\examples\FPGA` directory for examples of FPGA VIs.

Software Development

You can use LabVIEW with the LabVIEW FPGA Module to program the NI PXI-7811R. You can use LabVIEW with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module to develop real-time applications that control the NI PXI-7811R.

LabVIEW FPGA Module

The FPGA Module enables you to use LabVIEW to create VIs that run on the FPGA of the RIO device. Use the FPGA Module VIs and functions to control the I/O, timing, and logic of the RIO device and generate interrupts for synchronization.

You can use Interactive Front Panel Communication to communicate directly with the VI running on the FPGA. You can use Programmatic FPGA Interface Communication to programmatically control and communicate FPGA VIs to host VIs. Refer to the FPGA Interface User Guide, available by selecting **Start»Program Files»National Instruments»<LabVIEW>»Module Documents»FPGA Interface User Guide**, for more information about the FPGA Interface functions.

Use the FPGA Interface functions when you target LabVIEW for Windows or an RT target to create host VIs that wait for interrupts and control the FPGA by reading and writing to the FPGA VI running on the RIO device.

Note If you use the R Series device without the FPGA Module, you can use the Download VI or Attributes to Flash Memory utility available by selecting **Start»Program Files» National Instruments»NI-RIO** to download precompiled FPGA VIs to the flash memory of the R Series device. This utility is installed by the NI-RIO CD. You also can use the utility to configure the analog input mode, to synchronize the clock R Series device to the PXI clock, and to configure when the VI loads from flash memory.

LabVIEW Real-Time Module

The LabVIEW Real-Time Module extends the LabVIEW development environment to deliver deterministic, real-time performance.

You can write host VIs that run in Windows or on RT targets to communicate with FPGA VIs that run on the NI PXI-7811R.

You can develop Real-Time VIs with LabVIEW and the LabVIEW Real-Time Module and then download the Real-Time VIs to run on a hardware target with a real-time operating system. The LabVIEW Real-Time Module allows you to use the NI PXI-7811R in RT Series PXI systems being controlled in real time by a VI.

The NI PXI-7811R plug-in device is designed as a single-point DIO complement to the LabVIEW Real-Time Module. Refer to the *LabVIEW Real-Time Module User Manual* and the *LabVIEW Help*, available by selecting **Help»VI, Function & How-To Help**, for more information about the LabVIEW Real-Time Module.

Cables and Optional Equipment

National Instruments offers a variety of products you can use with RIO devices, including cables, connector blocks, and other accessories listed in Table 1-2.

Table 1-2. Cables and Accessories

Cable	Cable Description	Accessories
SH68-C68-S	Shielded 68-pin VHDCI male connector to female 0.050 series D-type connector. The cable is constructed with 34 twisted wire pairs plus an overall shield.	Connects to the following standard 68-pin screw terminal blocks: • SCB-68 • CB-68LP • CB-68LPR • TBX-68
NSC68-5050	Non-shielded cable connects from 68-pin VHDCI male connector to two 50-pin female headers. The pinout of these headers allows for direct connection to SSR backplanes for digital signal conditioning.	50-pin headers can connect to the following SSR backplanes for digital signal conditioning: • 8-channel backplane • 16-channel backplane • 32-channel backplane

Refer to Appendix B, *Connecting I/O Signals*, for more information about using these cables and accessories to connect I/O signals to the NI PXI-7811R. Refer to `ni.com/products` or call the sales office nearest to you for the most up-to-date cabling options.

Custom Cabling

NI offers a variety of cables that you can use to connect signals to the NI PXI-7811R. If you need to develop a custom cable, NI provides a generic nonterminated shielded cable that makes this task easier. The SHC68-NT-S connects to the NI PXI-7811R VHDCI connectors on one end of the cable. The other end of the cable is not terminated. This cable ships with a wire list identifying which wire corresponds to which NI PXI-7811R pin. Using this cable, you can quickly connect the NI PXI-7811R signals that you need to the connector of your choice without having to connect these signals to the VHDCI connector end of the cable. Refer to Appendix B, *Connecting I/O Signals*, for the NI PXI-7811R connector pinouts.

Safety Information

The following section contains important safety information that you *must* follow when installing and using the NI PXI-7811R.

Do *not* operate the NI PXI-7811R in a manner not specified in this document. Misuse of the NI PXI-7811R can result in a hazard. You can compromise the safety protection built into the NI PXI-7811R if the NI PXI-7811R is damaged in any way. If the NI PXI-7811R is damaged, return it to NI for repair.

Do *not* substitute parts or modify the NI PXI-7811R except as described in this document. Use the NI PXI-7811R only with the chassis, modules, accessories, and cables specified in the installation instructions. You *must* have all covers and filler panels installed during operation of the NI PXI-7811R.

Do *not* operate the NI PXI-7811R in an explosive atmosphere or where there might be flammable gases or fumes. If you must operate the NI PXI-7811R in such an environment, it must be in a suitably rated enclosure.

If you need to clean the NI PXI-7811R, use a soft, nonmetallic brush. Make sure that the NI PXI-7811R is completely dry and free from contaminants before returning it to service.

Operate the NI PXI-7811R only at or below Pollution Degree 2. Pollution is foreign matter in a solid, liquid, or gaseous state that can reduce dielectric strength or surface resistivity. The following list describes pollution degrees:

- **Pollution Degree 1**—No pollution or only dry, nonconductive pollution occurs. The pollution has no influence.
- **Pollution Degree 2**—Only nonconductive pollution occurs in most cases. Occasionally, however, a temporary conductivity caused by condensation must be expected.
- **Pollution Degree 3**—Conductive pollution occurs, or dry, nonconductive pollution occurs that becomes conductive due to condensation.

You *must* insulate signal connections for the maximum voltage for which the NI PXI-7811R is rated. Do *not* exceed the maximum ratings for the NI PXI-7811R. Do not install wiring while the NI PXI-7811R is live with electrical signals. Do not remove or add connector blocks when power is connected to the system. Remove power from signal lines before connecting them to or disconnecting them from the NI PXI-7811R.

Operate the NI PXI-7811R at or below the *installation category*[1] listed in the *Environmental* section of Appendix A, *Specifications*. Measurement circuits are subjected to *working voltages*[2] and transient stresses (overvoltage) from the circuit to which they are connected during measurement or test. Installation categories establish standard impulse withstand voltage levels that commonly occur in electrical distribution systems. The following list describes installation categories:

- **Installation Category I**—Measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to the electrical distribution system referred to as MAINS[3] voltage. 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.
- **Installation Category II**—Measurements performed on circuits directly connected to the electrical distribution system. This category refers to local-level electrical distribution, such as that provided by a standard wall outlet (for example, 115 V for U.S. or 230 V for Europe). Examples of Installation Category II are measurements performed on household appliances, portable tools, and similar products.
- **Installation Category III—**Measurements performed in the building installation at the distribution level. This category refers to measurements on hard-wired equipment such as equipment in fixed installations, distribution boards, and circuit breakers. Other examples are wiring, including cables, bus-bars, junction boxes, switches, socket-outlets in the fixed installation, and stationary motors with permanent connections to fixed installations.
- **Installation Category IV**—Measurements performed at the primary electrical supply installation (<1,000 V). Examples include electricity meters and measurements on primary overcurrent protection devices and on ripple control units.

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[1] Installation categories, also referred to as *measurement categories*, are defined in electrical safety standard IEC 61010-1.

[2] Working voltage is the highest rms value of an AC or DC voltage that can occur across any particular insulation.

[3] MAINS is defined as a hazardous live electrical supply system that powers equipment. Suitably rated measuring circuits may be connected to the MAINS for measuring purposes.

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Hardware Overview of the NI PXI-7811R

This chapter presents an overview of the hardware functions and I/O connectors on the NI PXI-7811R.

Figure 2-1 shows a block diagram for the NI PXI-7811R, and Figure 2-2 shows the parts locator diagram for the NI PXI-7811R.

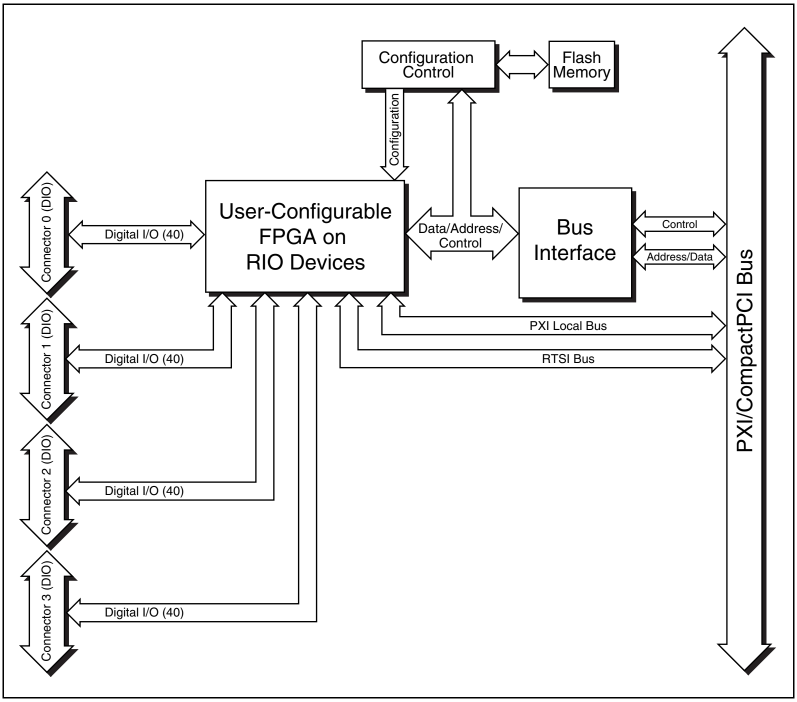

Figure 2-1. NI PXI-7811R Block Diagram

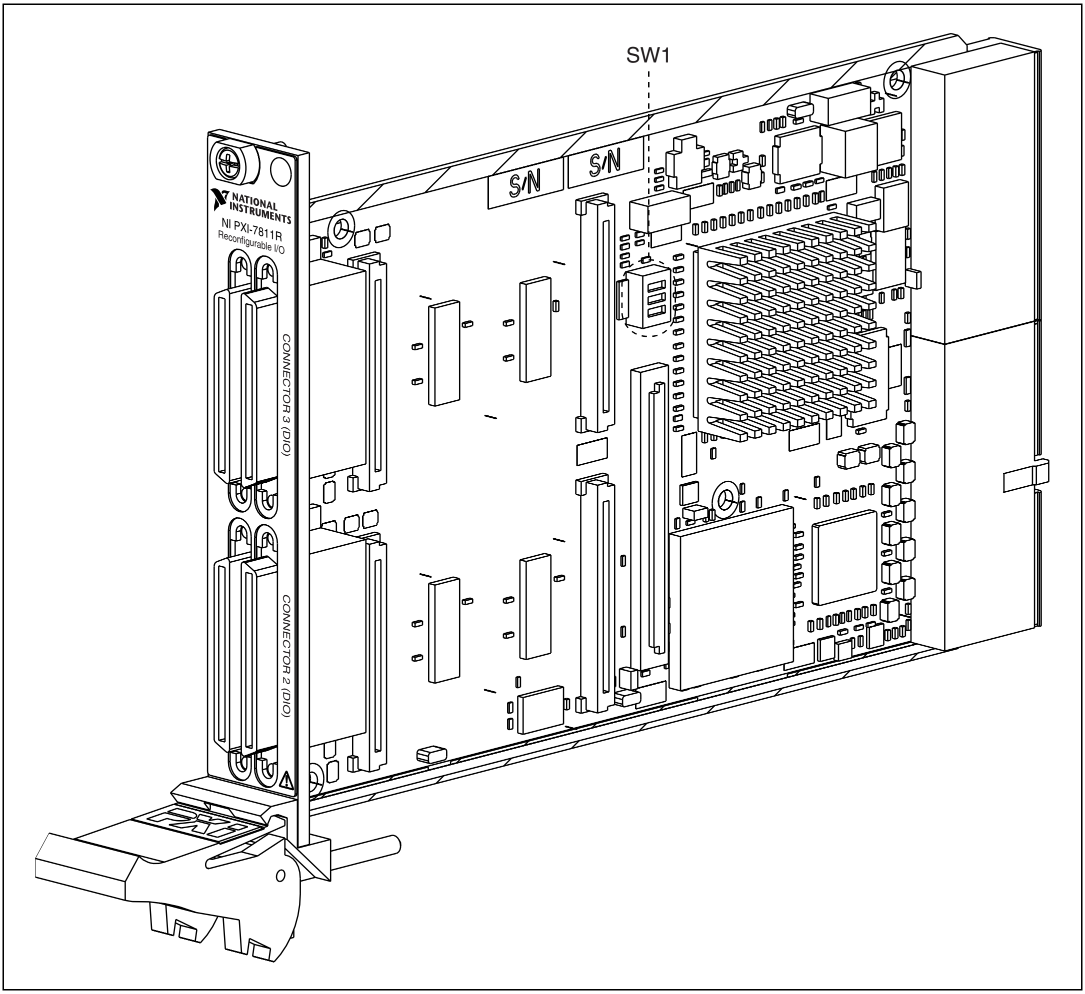

Figure 2-2. Parts Locator Diagram for the NI PXI-7811R

Digital I/O

The NI PXI-7811R has 160 bidirectional DIO lines you can configure individually for either input or output. When the system powers on, the DIO lines are all high-impedance. To set another power-on state, you can configure the NI PXI-7811R to automatically load a VI when the system powers on. This VI then can set the DIO lines to any desired power-on state.

Connecting Digital I/O Signals

The DIO signals on the NI PXI-7811R connectors are DGND and DIO<0..39>. DIO<0..*n*> are the signals making up the DIO port, and DGND is the ground reference signal for the DIO port. The NI PXI-7811R has four DIO connectors for a total of 160 DIO lines.

Refer to Figure B-1, *NI PXI-7811R Connector Locations*, and Figure B-2, *NI PXI-7811R I/O Connector Pin Assignments*, for the connector locations and the I/O connector pin assignments on the NI PXI-7811R.

Caution Exceeding the maximum input voltage ratings, listed in Table B-2, *NI PXI-7811R I/O Signal Summary*, can damage the NI PXI-7811R and the computer. NI is *not* liable for any damage resulting from such signal connections.

Caution Do *not* short the DIO lines of the NI PXI-7811R directly to power or to ground. Doing so can damage the NI PXI-7811R by causing excessive current to flow through the DIO lines.

The DIO lines on the NI PXI-7811R are TTL compatible. When configured as inputs, they can receive signals from 5 V TTL, 3.3 V LVTTL, 5 V CMOS, and 3.3 V LVCMOS devices. When configured as outputs, they can send signals to 5 V TTL, 3.3 V LVTTL, and 3.3 V LVCMOS devices. Because the NI PXI-7811R digital outputs provide a nominal output swing of 0 to 3.3 V (3.3 V TTL), the NI PXI-7811R DIO lines cannot drive 5 V CMOS logic levels. To interface to 5 V CMOS devices, you must provide an external pull-up resistor to 5 V. This resistor pulls up the 3.3 V digital output from the NI PXI-7811R to 5 V CMOS logic levels. Refer to Appendix A, *Specifications*, for detailed DIO specifications.

If required by your application, you can connect multiple NI PXI-7811R digital output lines in parallel to provide higher current sourcing or sinking capability. If you connect multiple digital output lines in parallel, your application must drive all of these lines simultaneously to the same value. If you connect digital lines together and drive them to different values, excessive current might flow through the DIO lines and damage the NI PXI-7811R. Refer to Appendix A, *Specifications*, for more information about DIO specifications. Figure 2-3 shows signal connections for three typical DIO applications.

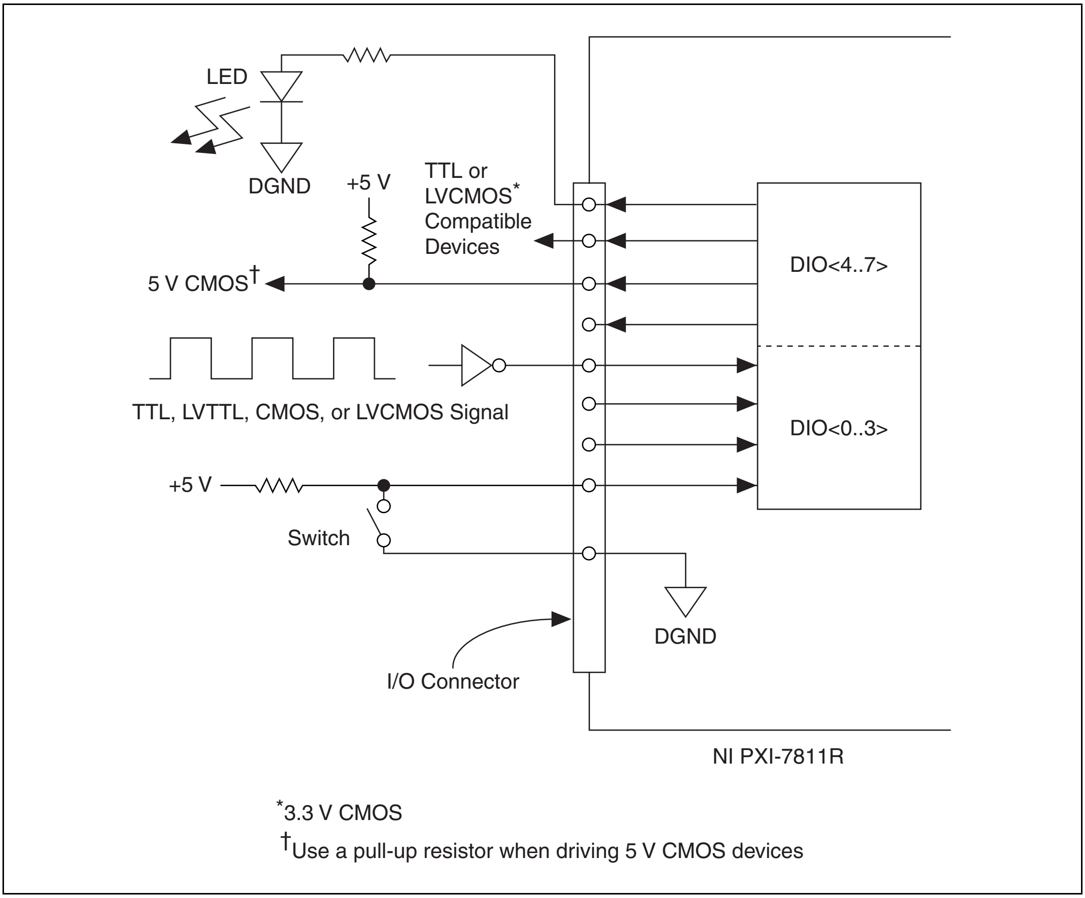

Figure 2-3. Example Digital I/O Connections

Figure 2-3 shows DIO<0..3> configured for digital input and DIO<4..7> configured for digital output. Digital input applications include receiving TTL, LVTTL, CMOS, or LVCMOS signals and sensing external device states, such as the state of the switch shown in Figure 2-3. Digital output applications include sending TTL or LVCMOS signals and driving external devices, such as the LED shown in Figure 2-3.

The NI PXI-7811R SH68-C68-S shielded cable contains 34 twisted pairs of conductors. To maximize the digital I/O available on the NI PXI-7811R, some of the DIO lines are twisted with power or ground as they are run through the cable, and some DIO lines are twisted with other DIO lines as they are run through the cable. To obtain maximum signal integrity, place edge-sensitive or high-frequency digital signals on the DIO lines that are paired with power or ground. Because the DIO lines that are twisted with other DIO lines can couple noise onto each other, use these lines for static signals or for non-edge-sensitive, low-frequency digital signals. Examples of high-frequency or edge-sensitive signals include clock, trigger, pulse-width modulation (PWM), encoder, and counter signals. Examples of static signals or non-edge-sensitive, low-frequency signals include LEDs, switches, and relays. Table 2-1 summarizes these guidelines.

Table 2-1. DIO Signal Guidelines for the NI PXI-7811R

Digital Lines	SH68-C68-S Shielded Cable Signal Pairing	Recommended Types of Digital Signals
DIO<0..27>	DIO line paired with power or ground	All types (high frequency or low frequency signals, edge-sensitive or non-edge-sensitive signals)
DIO<28..39>	DIO line paired with another DIO line	Static signals or non-edge-sensitive, low-frequency signals

PXI Trigger Bus

The NI PXI-7811R can send and receive triggers through the PXI trigger bus, which provides eight trigger lines that link all PXI slots in a bus segment. These trigger lines connect to the FPGA on the NI PXI-7811R and you can use them just like any of the other NI PXI-7811R DIO lines. You can use the PXI trigger lines to synchronize an NI PXI-7811R to any other device that supports PXI triggers. The PXI trigger lines on the NI PXI-7811R are PXI/TRIG<0..7>. Also, the NI PXI-7811R can use the PXI star trigger line to send or receive triggers from a device plugged into slot 2 of the PXI chassis. The PXI star trigger line on the NI PXI-7811R is PXI/STAR.

Caution Do *not* drive the same PXI trigger bus line on the same PXI bus segment with the NI PXI-7811R and another device simultaneously. Such signal driving can damage both devices. NI is *not* liable for any damage resulting from such signal driving.

The NI PXI-7811R can configure each PXI trigger line either as an input or an output signal. Since each PXI trigger line in the PXI trigger bus is connected in parallel to all the PXI slots in a bus segment, only one PXI device can drive a particular PXI trigger line at a time. For example, if you configure one NI PXI-7811R to send out a trigger pulse on PXI/TRIG<0>, the remaining devices on that PXI bus segment must have PXI/TRIG<0> configured as an input.

Refer to the *PXI Hardware Specification Revision 2.1* and *PXI Software Specification Revision 2.1* at `pxisa.org` for more information about PXI triggers.

PXI Local Bus

The NI PXI-7811R can communicate with other PXI devices using the PXI local bus. The PXI local bus is a daisy-chained bus that connects each PXI peripheral slot with its adjacent peripheral slot on either side. For example, the right local bus lines from a given PXI peripheral slot connect to the left local bus lines of the adjacent slot on the right. Each local bus is 13 lines wide. All of these lines connect to the FPGA on the NI PXI-7811R, and you can use these lines like any of the other NI PXI-7811R DIO lines. The PXI local bus right lines on the NI PXI-7811R are PXI/LBR<0..12>. The PXI local bus left lines on the NI PXI-7811R are PXI/LBLSTAR<0..12>.

Caution Do *not* drive the same PXI local bus line with the NI PXI-7811R and another device simultaneously. Such signal driving can damage both devices. NI is *not* liable for any damage resulting from such signal driving.

The NI PXI-7811R can configure each PXI local bus line either as an input or an output signal. Only one device can drive the same physical local bus line at a given time. For example, if an NI PXI-7811R is configured to drive a signal on PXI/LBR<0>, the device in the slot immediately to the right must have its PXI/LBLSTAR<0> line configured as an input.

Caution Do *not* enable the local bus lines on an adjacent device if the device drives anything other than 0–3.3 V LVTTL signal levels on the NI PXI-7811R. Enabling the lines in this way can damage the NI PXI-7811R. NI is *not* liable for any damage resulting from enabling such lines.

The NI PXI-7811R local bus lines are only compatible with 3.3 V signaling LVTTL and LVCMOS levels.

Caution Do *not* configure the NI PXI-7811R and another device to drive the same physical star trigger line simultaneously. Such signal driving can damage the NI PXI-7811R and the other device. NI is *not* liable for any damage resulting from such signal driving.

The left local bus lines from the left peripheral slot of a PXI backplane (slot 2) are routed to the star trigger lines of up to 13 other peripheral slots in a two-segment PXI system. This configuration provides a dedicated, delay-matched trigger signal between the first peripheral slot and the other peripheral slots and results in very precise trigger timing signals. For example, an NI PXI-7811R in slot 2 can send out an independent trigger signal to each device plugged into slots <3..15> using the PXI/LBLSTAR<0..12>. Each device receives its trigger signal on its own dedicated star trigger line.

Refer to the *PXI Hardware Specification Revision 2.1* and *PXI Software Specification Revision 2.1* at `pxisa.org` for more information about PXI triggers.

Switch Settings

Refer to Figure 2-2 for the location of switch SW1. For normal operation, switch 1 is in the OFF position. To prevent a VI stored in flash memory from loading to the FPGA upon power on, you can move switch 1 to the ON position, as shown in Figure 2-4.

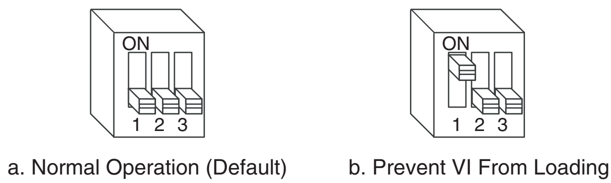

Figure 2-4. Switch Settings on Switch SW1

Complete the following steps to move switch 1 to the ON position:

1. Power off and unplug the PXI/CompactPCI chassis.
2. Remove the NI PXI-7811R from the PXI/CompactPCI chassis.
3. Move switch 1 to the ON position, as shown in Figure 2-4b.
4. Reinsert the NI PXI-7811R into the PXI/CompactPCI chassis. Refer to the *Installing the Hardware* section of the *Getting Started with the NI PXI-7811R* document for installation instructions.
5. Plug in and power on the PXI/CompactPCI chassis.

After completing this procedure, a VI stored in flash memory does not load to the FPGA on power up. You can use software to reconfigure the NI PXI-7811R if necessary. To return to the default mode of loading from flash memory, repeat the previous procedure but return switch 1 to the OFF position in step 3. This switch enables/disables the *ability* to load from flash memory. In addition to this switch, you must configure NI PXI-7811R with the software to autoload an FPGA VI.

Power Connections

Caution Do *not* connect the +5 V power pins directly to digital ground or to any other voltage source on the NI PXI-7811R or any other device under any circumstance. Doing so can damage the NI PXI-7811R and the computer. NI is *not* liable for damage resulting from such a connection.

Two pins on each I/O connector supply +5 V from the computer power supply using a self-resetting fuse. The fuse resets automatically within a few seconds after the overcurrent condition is removed. The +5 V pins are referenced to DGND and can be used to power external digital circuitry.

Power rating..+4.50 to +5.25 VDC at 1 A (250 mA max per 5 V pin, 1 A max total for all +5 V lines on the device)

A

Specifications

This appendix lists the specifications of the NI PXI-7811R. These specifications are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise noted.

Digital I/O

Number of channels .... 160 input/output

Compatibility .... TTL

Digital logic levels

Level	Min	Max
Input low voltage (V_{IL})	0.0 V	0.8 V
Input high voltage (V_{IH})	2.0 V	5.5 V
Output low voltage (V_{OL}), where $I_{OUT} = –I_{max}$ (sink)	—	0.4 V
Output high voltage (V_{OH}), where $I_{OUT} = I_{max}$ (source)	2.4 V	—

Maximum output current

I_{max} (sink) .... 5.0 mA

I_{max} (source) .... 5.0 mA

Input leakage current.............................. ±10 µA

Power-on state.. Programmable, by line

Data transfers .... Interrupts, programmed I/O

Protection

Input .... –0.5 to 7.0 V

Output .... Short-circuit (up to eight lines can be shorted at a time)

Reconfigurable FPGA

Number of logic slices 5,120

Equivalent number of logic cells.....11,520

Available embedded RAM ....81,920 bytes

Timebase...40, 80, 120, 160, or 200 MHz

Timebase reference sources....................Onboard clock, phase-locked to PXI 10 MHz clock

Timebase accuracy

Onboard clock ....±100 ppm, 250 ps jitter

Phase locked to PXI 10 MHz clock...........................Adds 350 ps jitter, 300 ps skew

Additional frequency-dependent jitter

40 MHz...None

80 MHz...400 ps

120 MHz...720 ps

160 MHz...710 ps

200 MHz...700 ps

Bus Interface

PXI...Master, slave

Power Requirement

+5 VDC (±5%) ....5 mA (typ), 50 mA (max)
Does not include current drawn from the +5 V line on the I/O connectors.

+3.3 VDC (±5%) ....500 mA (typ), 750 mA (max)
Does not include current sourced by the digital outputs. To calculate the total current sourced

by the digital outputs use the following equation:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{j} \text{current sourced on channel } i$$

where j is the number of digital outputs being used to source current.

Power available at I/O connectors .... +4.50 to +5.25 VDC at 1 A total, 250 mA per I/O connector pin

Physical

Dimensions
(not including connectors) .... 16.0 cm by 10.0 cm (6.3 in. by 3.9 in.)

I/O connectors .... Four 68-pin female high-density VHDCI type

Environmental

Operating Environment

The NI 7811R is intended for indoor use only.

Ambient temperature range.................... 0 to 55 °C, tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2

Relative humidity range .... 10% to 90%, noncondensing, tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56

Altitude.. 2,000 m at 25 °C ambient temperature

Storage Environment

Ambient temperature range.................... –20 to 70 °C, tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2

Relative humidity range..........................5% to 95%, noncondensing, tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56

Note Clean the device with a soft, non-metallic brush. Make sure that the device is completely dry and free from contaminants before returning it to service.

Shock and Vibration

Operational Shock ....30 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-27. Test profile developed in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F.

Random Vibration

Operating ....5 to 500 Hz, 0.3 g_{rms}

Nonoperating ....5 to 500 Hz, 2.4 g_{rms} Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-64. Nonoperating test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.

Safety

The NI PXI-7811R devices meet the requirements of the following standards for safety and electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 3111-1, UL 61010B-1
- CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 1010.1

Note Refer to the product label, or visit `ni.com/hardref.nsf`, search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column for UL and other safety certifications.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

Emissions .... EN 55011 Class A at 10 m
FCC Part 15A above 1 GHz

Immunity .... EN 61326-1:1997 + A2:2001, Table 1

EMC/EMI... CE, C-Tick, and FCC Part 15 (Class A) Compliant

Note For full EMC compliance, operate this device with shielded cabling.

CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as amended for CE marking, as follows:

Low-Voltage Directive (safety) 73/23/EEC

Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC) 89/336/EEC

Note Refer to the Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for this product for any additional regulatory compliance information. To obtain the DoC for this product, visit `ni.com/hardref.nsf`, search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

B

Connecting I/O Signals

This appendix describes how to make input and output signal connections to the NI PXI-7811R I/O connectors.

The NI PXI-7811R has four DIO connectors with 40 DIO lines per connector.

Figure B-1 shows the I/O connector locations for the NI PXI-7811R. The I/O connectors are numbered starting at zero.

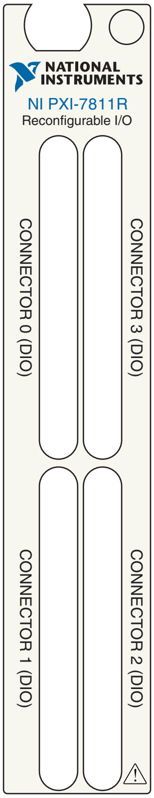

Figure B-1. NI PXI-7811R Connector Locations

Figure B-2 shows the I/O connector pin assignments for the I/O connectors on the NI PXI-7811R.

DIO38	34	68	DIO39
DIO36	33	67	DIO37
DIO34	32	66	DIO35
DIO32	31	65	DIO33
DIO30	30	64	DIO31
DIO28	29	63	DIO29
+5V	28	62	DIO27
+5V	27	61	DIO26
DGND	26	60	DIO25
DGND	25	59	DIO24
DGND	24	58	DIO23
DGND	23	57	DIO22
DGND	22	56	DIO21
DGND	21	55	DIO20
DGND	20	54	DIO19
DGND	19	53	DIO18
DGND	18	52	DIO17
DGND	17	51	DIO16
DGND	16	50	DIO15
DGND	15	49	DIO14
DGND	14	48	DIO13
DGND	13	47	DIO12
DGND	12	46	DIO11
DGND	11	45	DIO10
DGND	10	44	DIO9
DGND	9	43	DIO8
DGND	8	42	DIO7
DGND	7	41	DIO6
DGND	6	40	DIO5
DGND	5	39	DIO4
DGND	4	38	DIO3
DGND	3	37	DIO2
DGND	2	36	DIO1
DGND	1	35	DIO0

Figure B-2. NI PXI-7811R I/O Connector Pin Assignments

To access the signals on the I/O connectors, you must connect a cable from the I/O connector to a signal accessory. Plug the small VHDCI connector end of the cable into the appropriate I/O connector and connect the other end of the cable to the appropriate signal accessory.

Table B-1. I/O Connector Signal Descriptions

Signal Name	Reference	Direction	Description
+5V	DGND	Output	+5 VDC Source—These pins supply 5 V from the computer power supply using a self-resetting 1 A fuse. No more than 250 mA should be pulled from a single pin.
DGND	—	—	Digital Ground—These pins supply the reference for the digital signals at the I/O connector as well as the 5 V supply.
DIO<0..39>	DGND	Input or Output	Digital I/O signals.

Caution Connections that exceed any of the maximum ratings of input or output signals on the NI PXI-7811R can damage the NI PXI-7811R and the computer. Maximum input ratings for each signal are given in the *Protection (Volts) On/Off* column of Table B-2. NI is *not* liable for any damage resulting from such signal connections.

Table B-2. NI PXI-7811R I/O Signal Summary

Signal Name	Signal Type and Direction	Impedance Input/ Output	Protection (Volts) On/Off	Source (mA at V)	Sink (mA at V)	Rise Time	Bias
+5V	DO	—	—	—	—	—	—
DGND	DO	—	—	—	—	—	—
DIO<0..39> Connector<0..3>	DIO	—	–0.5 to +7.0	5.0 at 2.4	5.0 at 0.4	12 ns	—
DIO = Digital Input/Output DO = Digital Output							

Connecting to SSR Signal Conditioning

NI provides cables that allow you to connect signals from the NI PXI-7811R directly to SSR backplanes for digital signal conditioning.

The NSC68-5050 cable is designed to connect the signals on the NI PXI-7811R DIO connectors directly to SSR backplanes for digital signal conditioning. This cable has a 68-pin male VHDCI connector on one end that plugs into the NI PXI-7811R DIO connectors. The other end of this cable provides two 50-pin female headers.

Each of these 50-pin headers can be plugged directly into an eight-, 16-, 24-, or 32-channel SSR backplane for digital signal conditioning. One of the 50-pin headers contains DIO lines 0–23 from the NI PXI-7811R DIO connector. These lines are mapped to slots 0–23 on an SSR backplane in sequential order. The other 50-pin header contains DIO lines 24–39 from the NI PXI-7811R DIO connector. These lines are mapped to slots 0–15 on an SSR backplane in sequential order. You can connect to an SSR backplane containing a number channels that does not equal the number of lines on the NSC68-5050 cable header. In this case, you have access only to the channels that exist on both the SSR backplane and the NSC68-5050 cable header you are using.

Figure B-3 shows the connector pinouts when using the NSC68-5050 cable.

DIO 0–23 Connector Pin Assignment

DIO23	1	2	NC
DIO22	3	4	NC
DIO21	5	6	NC
DIO20	7	8	NC
DIO19	9	10	NC
DIO18	11	12	NC
DIO17	13	14	NC
DIO16	15	16	NC
DIO15	17	18	NC
DIO14	19	20	DGND
DIO13	21	22	DGND
DIO12	23	24	DGND
DIO11	25	26	DGND
DIO10	27	28	DGND
DIO9	29	30	DGND
DIO8	31	32	DGND
DIO7	33	34	DGND
DIO6	35	36	DGND
DIO5	37	38	DGND
DIO4	39	40	DGND
DIO3	41	42	DGND
DIO2	43	44	DGND
DIO1	45	46	DGND
DIO0	47	48	DGND
+5V	49	50	DGND

DIO 24–39 Connector Pin Assignment

NC	1	2	NC
NC	3	4	NC
NC	5	6	NC
NC	7	8	NC
NC	9	10	NC
NC	11	12	NC
NC	13	14	NC
NC	15	16	NC
DIO39	17	18	NC
DIO38	19	20	NC
DIO37	21	22	NC
DIO36	23	24	NC
DIO35	25	26	NC
DIO34	27	28	NC
DIO33	29	30	NC
DIO32	31	32	DGND
DIO31	33	34	DGND
DIO30	35	36	DGND
DIO29	37	38	DGND
DIO28	39	40	DGND
DIO27	41	42	DGND
DIO26	43	44	DGND
DIO25	45	46	DGND
DIO24	47	48	DGND
+5V	49	50	DGND

Figure B-3. Connector Pinouts for Use with the NSC68-5050 Cable

Connecting to CompactRIO Extension I/O Chassis

You can use the CompactRIO R Series Expansion chassis and CompactRIO I/O modules with the NI PXI-7811R. Refer to the *CompactRIO R Series Expansion System Installation Instructions* for information about connecting the chassis to the NI PXI-7811R.

C

Using the SCB-68 Shielded Connector Block

This appendix describes how to connect input and output signals to the NI PXI-7811R with the SCB-68 shielded connector block.

The SCB-68 has 68 screw terminals for I/O signal connections. To use the SCB-68 with the NI PXI-7811R, you must configure the SCB-68 as a general-purpose connector block. Figure C-1 illustrates the general-purpose switch configuration.

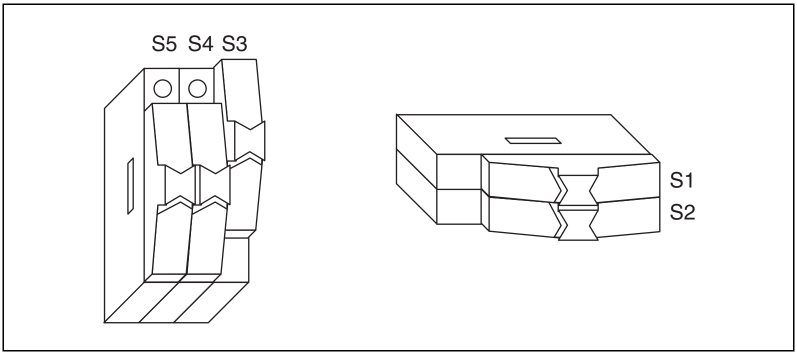

Figure C-1. General-Purpose Switch Configuration for the SCB-68 Terminal Block

After configuring the SCB-68 switches, you can connect the I/O signals to the SCB-68 screw terminals. Refer to Appendix B, *Connecting I/O Signals*, for the connector pin assignments for the NI PXI-7811R. After connecting I/O signals to the SCB-68 screw terminals, you can connect the SCB-68 to the NI PXI-7811R with the SH68-C68-S shielded cable.

D

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- **Declaration of Conformity (DoC)**—A DoC is our claim of compliance with the Council of the European Communities using the manufacturer's declaration of conformity. This system affords the user protection for electronic compatibility (EMC) and product safety. You can obtain the DoC for your product by visiting `ni.com/hardref.nsf`.
- **Calibration Certificate**—If your product supports calibration, you can obtain the calibration certificate for your product at `ni.com/calibration`.

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Glossary

Symbol	Prefix	Value
p	pico	10^{-12}
n	nano	10^{-9}
μ	micro	10^{-6}
m	milli	10^{-3}
k	kilo	10^{3}
M	mega	10^{6}
G	giga	10^{9}

Numbers/Symbols

°	Degrees.
>	Greater than.
≥	Greater than or equal to.
<	Less than.
≤	Less than or equal to.
–	Negative of, or minus.
Ω	Ohms.
/	Per.
%	Percent.
±	Plus or minus.
+	Positive of, or plus.

$\sqrt{\ }$	Square root of.
+5V	+5 VDC source signal.

A

A	Amperes.
ASIC	Application-Specific Integrated Circuit—A proprietary semiconductor component designed and manufactured to perform a set of specific functions.

B

bipolar	A signal range that includes both positive and negative values (for example, –5 to +5 V).

C

C	Celsius.
CalDAC	Calibration DAC.
CH	Channel—Pin or wire lead to which you apply or from which you read the analog or digital signal. Analog signals can be single-ended or differential. For digital signals, you group channels to form ports. Ports usually consist of either four or eight digital channels.
cm	Centimeter.
CMOS	Complementary metal-oxide semiconductor.
CMRR	Common-mode rejection ratio—A measure of an instrument's ability to reject interference from a common-mode signal, usually expressed in decibels (dB).
common-mode voltage	Any voltage present at the instrumentation amplifier inputs with respect to amplifier ground.
CompactPCI	Refers to the core specification defined by the PCI Industrial Computer Manufacturer's Group (PICMG).

D

D/A	Digital-to-analog.
DAC	Digital-to-analog converter—An electronic device, often an integrated circuit, that converts a digital number into a corresponding analog voltage or current.
DAQ	Data acquisition—A system that uses the computer to collect, receive, and generate electrical signals.
dB	Decibel—The unit for expressing a logarithmic measure of the ratio of two signal levels: dB = 20log10 V1/V2, for signals in volts.
DC	Direct current.
DGND	Digital ground signal.
DIFF	Differential mode.
DIO	Digital input/output.
DIO<*i*>	Digital input/output channel signal.
DMA	Direct memory access—A method by which data can be transferred to/from computer memory from/to a device or memory on the bus while the processor does something else. DMA is the fastest method of transferring data to/from computer memory.
DNL	Differential nonlinearity—A measure in LSB of the worst-case deviation of code widths from their ideal value of 1 LSB.
DO	Digital output.

E

EEPROM	Electrically erasable programmable read-only memory—ROM that can be erased with an electrical signal and reprogrammed.

F

FPGA	Field-Programmable Gate Array.

FPGA VI	A configuration that is downloaded to the FPGA and that determines the functionality of the hardware.

G

glitch	An unwanted signal excursion of short duration that is usually unavoidable.

H

h	Hour.
HIL	Hardware-in-the-loop.
Hz	Hertz.

I

I/O	Input/output—The transfer of data to/from a computer system involving communications channels, operator interface devices, and/or data acquisition and control interfaces.
INL	Relative accuracy.

L

LabVIEW	Laboratory Virtual Instrument Engineering Workbench. LabVIEW is a graphical programming language that uses icons instead of lines of text to create programs.
LSB	Least significant bit.

M

m	Meter.
max	Maximum.
MIMO	Multiple input, multiple output.
min	Minimum.

MIO	Multifunction I/O.
monotonicity	A characteristic of a DAC in which the analog output always increases as the values of the digital code input to it increase.
mux	Multiplexer—A switching device with multiple inputs that sequentially connects each of its inputs to its output, typically at high speeds, in order to measure several signals with a single analog input channel.

N

noise	An undesirable electrical signal—Noise comes from external sources such as the AC power line, motors, generators, transformers, fluorescent lights, CRT displays, computers, electrical storms, welders, radio transmitters, and internal sources such as semiconductors, resistors, and capacitors. Noise corrupts signals you are trying to send or receive.
NRSE	Nonreferenced single-ended mode—All measurements are made with respect to a common (NRSE) measurement system reference, but the voltage at this reference can vary with respect to the measurement system ground.

O

OUT	Output pin—A counter output pin where the counter can generate various TTL pulse waveforms.

P

PCI	Peripheral Component Interconnect—A high-performance expansion bus architecture originally developed by Intel to replace ISA and EISA. It is achieving widespread acceptance as a standard for PCs and workstations. PCI offers a theoretical maximum transfer rate of 132 MB/s.
port	(1) A communications connection on a computer or a remote controller. (2) A digital port, consisting of four or eight lines of digital input and/or output.
ppm	Parts per million.
pu	Pull-up.

PWM	Pulse-width modulation.
PXI	PCI eXtensions for Instrumentation—An open specification that builds off the CompactPCI specification by adding instrumentation-specific features.

R

RAM	Random-access memory—The generic term for the read/write memory that is used in computers. RAM allows bits and bytes to be written to it as well as read from. Various types of RAM are DRAM, EDO RAM, SRAM, and VRAM.
resolution	The smallest signal increment that can be detected by a measurement system. Resolution can be expressed in bits, in proportions, or in percent of full scale. For example, a system has 12-bit resolution, one part in 4,096 resolution, and 0.0244% of full scale.
RIO	Reconfigurable I/O.
rms	Root mean square.
RSE	Referenced single-ended mode—All measurements are made with respect to a common reference measurement system or a ground. Also called a grounded measurement system.

S

s	Seconds.
S	Samples.
S/s	Samples per second—Used to express the rate at which a DAQ board samples an analog signal.
signal conditioning	The manipulation of signals to prepare them for digitizing.
slew rate	The voltage rate of change as a function of time. The maximum slew rate of an amplifier is often a key specification to its performance. Slew rate limitations are first seen as distortion at higher signal frequencies.

T

THD	Total harmonic distortion—The ratio of the total rms signal due to harmonic distortion to the overall rms signal, in decibel or a percentage.
thermocouple	A temperature sensor created by joining two dissimilar metals. The junction produces a small voltage as a function of the temperature.
TTL	Transistor-transistor logic.
two's complement	Given a number *x* expressed in base 2 with *n* digits to the left of the radix point, the (base 2) number $2n - x$.

V

V	Volts.
VDC	Volts direct current.
VHDCI	Very high density cabled interconnect.
VI	Virtual Instrument—Program in LabVIEW that models the appearance and function of a physical instrument.
V_{IH}	Volts, input high.
V_{IL}	Volts, input low.
V_{OH}	Volts, output high.
V_{OL}	Volts, output low.
V_{rms}	Volts, root mean square.

W

waveform	Multiple voltage readings taken at a specific sampling rate.