

DULCOMETER DCM3® Aquatic Water Quality Controller

Use your Tablet or Smartphone. I'm WiFi ready!
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1 Day-to-Day Browsing

The purpose of this manual is to show the user how to connect to the DCM3 controller using an Ethernet connection, or wirelessly via WiFi from a PC, tablet or smart phone. Secondly, to give examples of how to configure the outputs, calibrate sensors and/or view the parameters of the pool or spa. It is not intended to be so comprehensive that all possible combinations of configurations are shown, but rather a few examples of common arrangements are used to demonstrate configurations can be created or changed to fit your needs.

The accompanying Installation and Operation manual has detailed sensor information, keypad instruction and controller details and specifications not included in this manual.

The following sections detail connecting your WiFi enabled smart device or PC to the controller. WiFi has the advantage of not requiring a physical cable. LAN setup follows this chapter, then the Home screen is explained as it is common to either connection method.

1.1 The WiFi Connection

A WiFi connection eliminates cables and the need to change your computer's IP address. It works pretty much the same as connecting to the internet hot-spot when visiting your local restaurant or coffee shop.

There are two steps needed to fully connect to the controller. **Step 1:** Connect your smart device to the wireless network or "Hotspot" that is your controller. **Step 2:** Enter the IP address of the controller in any common browser application on that smart device.

Step 1 is provided in three parts, 1.1.1 Using a PC, 1.1.2 Using a Tablet and 1.1.3 Using a Smartphone

1.1.1 Using a Windows 10 PC or Laptop:

Click on the WiFi icon on your desktop.



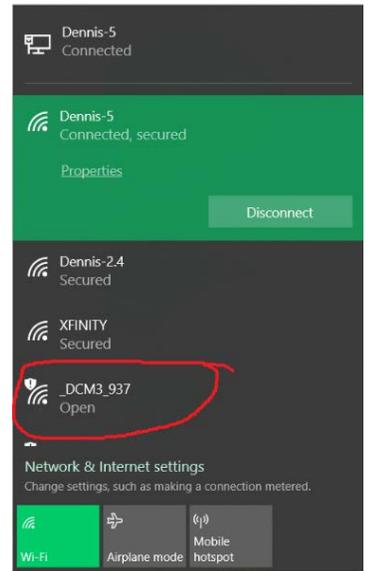
Click on the **_DCM3_###** choice and press the Connect button.

The number **###** in this example will be different on each controller. These 3 digits are taken from the last 3 digits of the controller serial number. This allows you to differentiate between controllers if more than one is within WiFi range.

Further differentiate your controller WiFi name by changing it to a description of the body of water. See Section 7.3 Communications.

Your computer is now connected to the DCM3 WiFi hotspot.

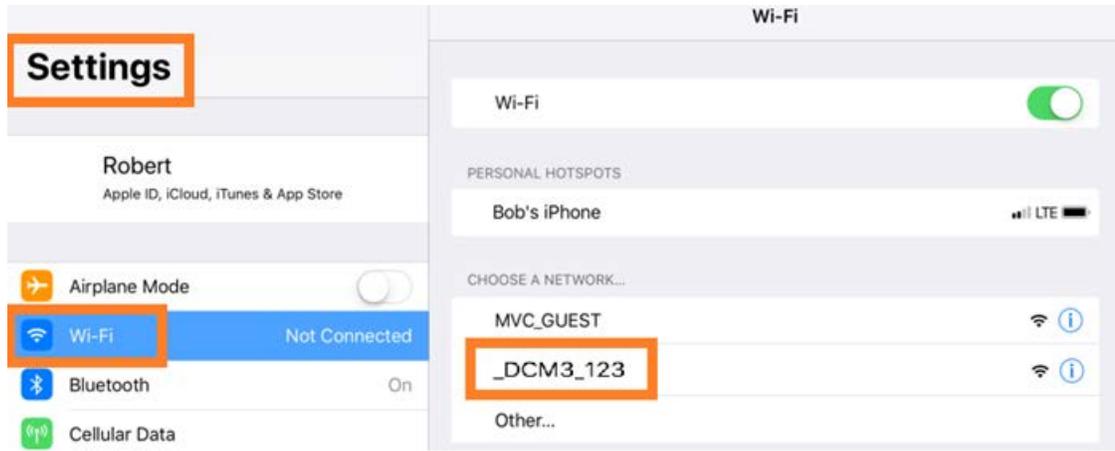
Continue with section 1.1.4 Opening the Browser page



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1.1.2 Using a Tablet

Open the settings page on your Tablet. Select the Wi-Fi icon. Select the DCM network.



The number **123** in this example will be different on each controller. These 3 digits are taken from the last 3 digits of the controller serial number. This allows you to differentiate between controllers if more than one is within **WiFi** range. If there are more than one controller in WiFi range, this page should show all the controllers with their WiFi transmitters on, each with a different serial number indicated.

Further differentiate your controller WiFi name by changing the SSID name of the network. See [7.3 Communications](#)

Your tablet is now connected to the DCM3 **WiFi** network.
Continue with section 1.1.4 Opening the Browser page

Sidebar:

Once you are connected to a controller, you can edit the SSID (WiFi name) to make identification easier than trying to remember the three digits. (highly recommended)
See section [7.3 Communications](#) to make this change.

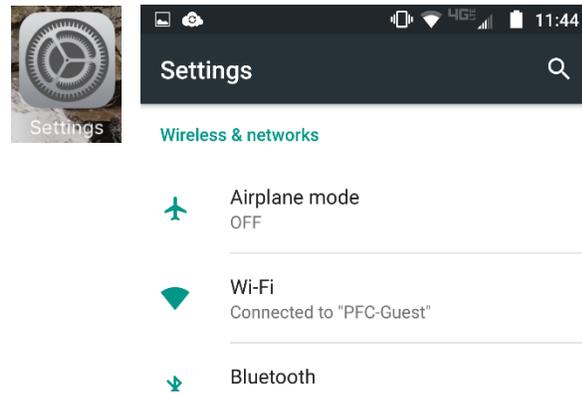
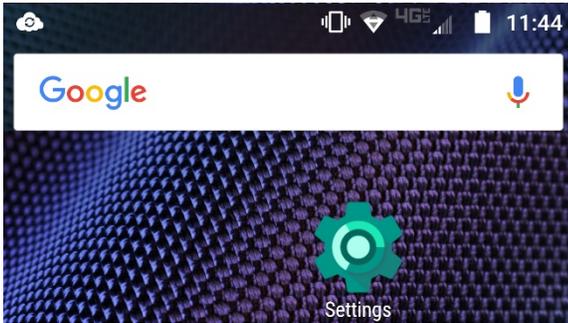
DCM3 Browser

1.1.3 Using a Smartphone

Here are Smartphone examples using Android and iPhone:

1.1.3.1 Setting up WiFi using an Android phone

From your home page, press the settings button then choose Wi-Fi.



There may be more than one controller nearby. Choose your controller by comparing the serial number's last 3 digits with the options on the phone. Select your controller. The status should change for that choice. See example picture below; DCM3_123 is 'Connected, no Internet'.



Again, the number **123** in this example will be different on each controller. These 3 digits are taken from the last 3 digits of the controller serial number. This allows you to differentiate between controllers if more than one is within **WiFi** range.

Your computer is now connected to the DCM3 **WiFi** network.
Continue with section 1.1.4 Opening the Browser page using WiFi

Sidebar:

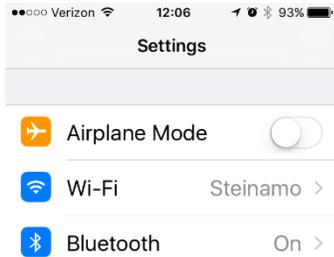
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1.1.3.2 Setting up WiFi using an iPhone

To connect your iPhone to a DCM3 controller
Select the Settings button from your desktop.

Select the **WiFi** button.



Choose your controller.



Note the connection status.



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Your computer is now connected to the DCM3 **WiFi** network.
Continue with section 1.1.4 Opening the Browser page

Sidebar:

Once you are connected to a controller, you can edit the SSID (WiFi name) to make identification easier than trying to remember the three digits. (highly recommended)
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1.1.4 Opening the Browser page using WiFi

Once a WiFi “hot-spot” connection is established, continue here with the second part (**Step 2**).

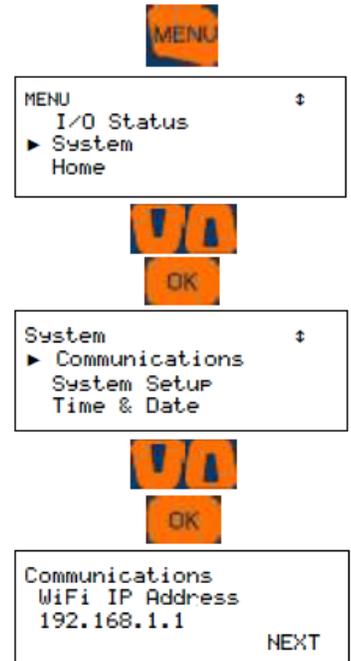
To connect to the controller and see the embedded website screen, open a browser and enter the controller’s **WiFi** IP address. (Not the LAN IP). The WiFi address is always **192.168.1.1**. This address cannot be changed.

If you cannot remember the IP address, you can find the controller’s **WiFi** IP address using the controller keypad.

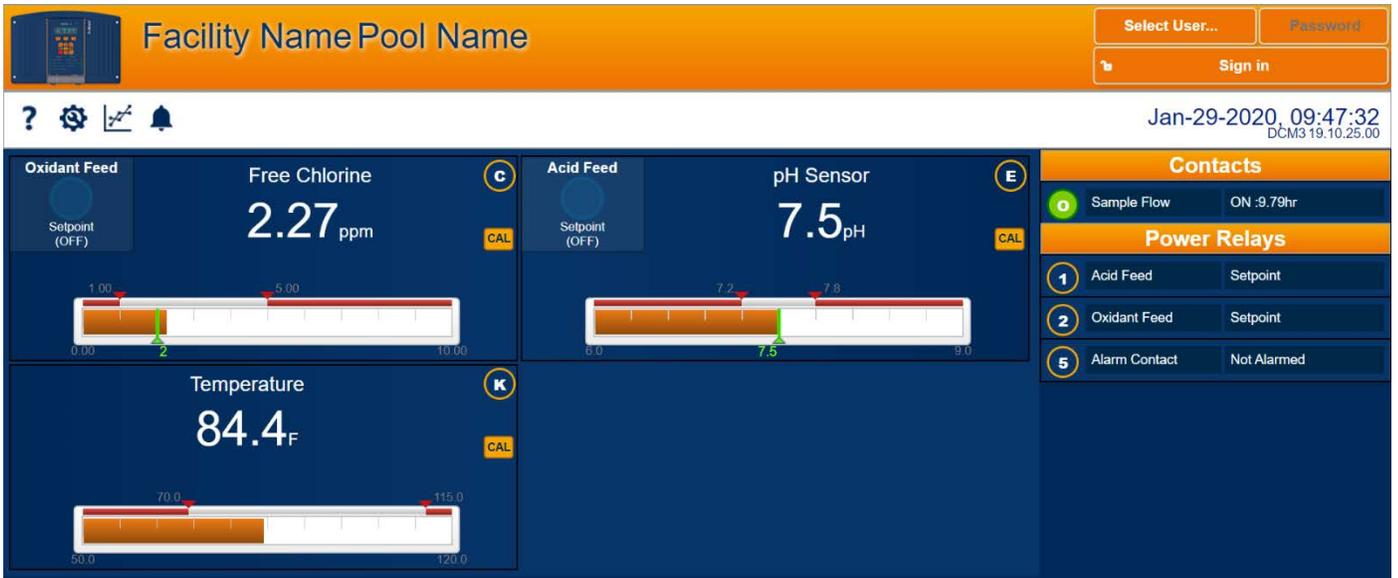
- 1) Press the **MENU** key
- 2) Press the up arrow (scroll up) until you see **System**. Press **OK**
- 3) You should be at the Communications menu. Press **OK**.
- 4) You will see the LAN IP address. Press the down arrow twice to see the WiFi IP Address. This is the address you need to use in the browser URL box. No need to add the WWW or HTTP. Just enter as shown here. 192.168.1.1 and press your return  or ENTER key.

Once connected, you can see the values and status of many I/O points but you will not be able to edit or make configuration changes without logging in. This is the **HOME** screen.

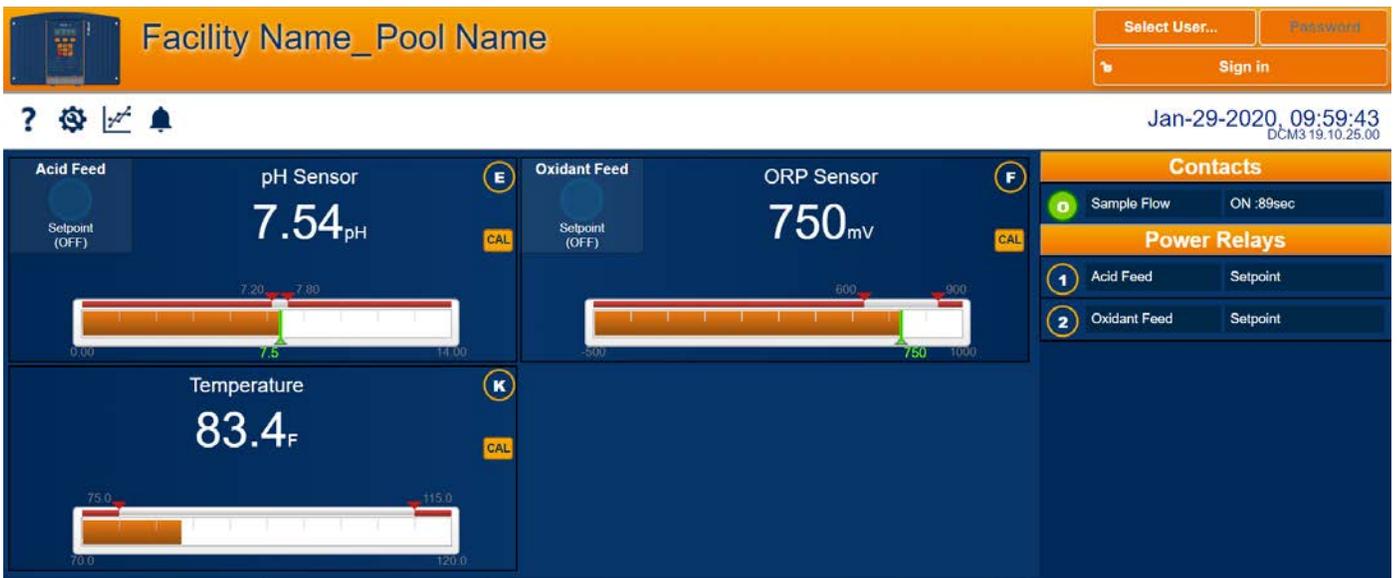
See [Section 1.3 The Home Screen](#)



Connection status



DCM3-CI Home Screen



DCM300 Home Screen

1.2 The LAN Connection to a Windows PC or Building Network

Set up the Local Area Network (LAN) connection to facilitate connecting a PC or to ready the controller for connection to the building network. This requires an Ethernet CAT5 cable.

1.2.1 Connecting to a PC

If connecting to your PC, you will need to set up your computer's Ethernet port to match the address of the controller.

The Ethernet cable no longer needs to be a 'crossover' type unless you are running a Windows version earlier than VISTA. WIN7 onward will determine which wires need to be transmit and receive and adjust to match the signals on the cable.

Attach the cable to the LAN (Ethernet) port on your PC and to the short gray ethernet cord extending from the controller or the LAN port inside the controller. (Lower left-hand corner). A green light should be seen on both ports once the cable is connected. The amber light will blink with each data packet that passes by in either direction.

1.2.1.1 Determine the LAN IP address of the controller

The controller's default LAN IP address is 10.10.6.106 and the LAN Netmask is 255.255.255.0.

Verify these numbers;

Press the **MENU** key on the controller
Use the up arrow to **System** and press **OK**
Scroll to Communication, then press **OK**
The LAN IP address is shown.

Pressing the **UP** arrow will scroll to the LAN Netmask.

Once you have determined the IP address and Netmask of the controller, you need to set a static IP address on your PC that is compatible with the controller address.

1.2.1.2 Setup the Local Area Connection on your PC

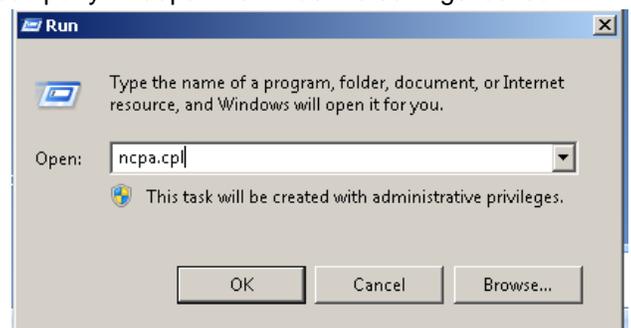
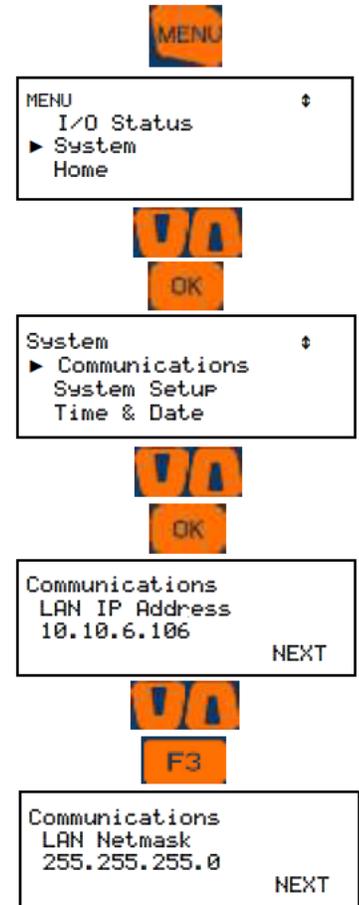
Depending on which version of Windows you are using, these instructions will vary.

The idea is to set a compatible static IP address on your PC for the Ethernet port you will use to physically connect to the controller. If you are unfamiliar with these settings or if your company IT department has the settings locked down, contact them with this manual to have them set up the networking.

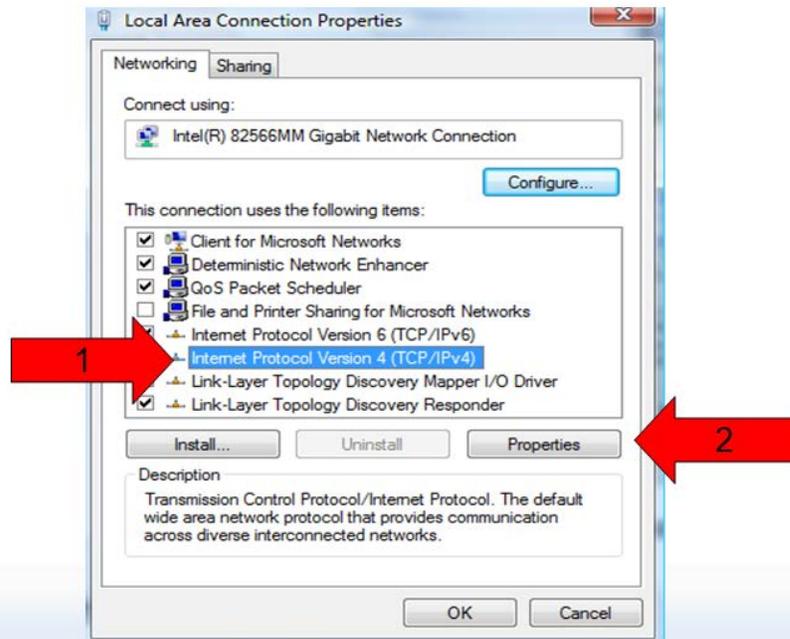
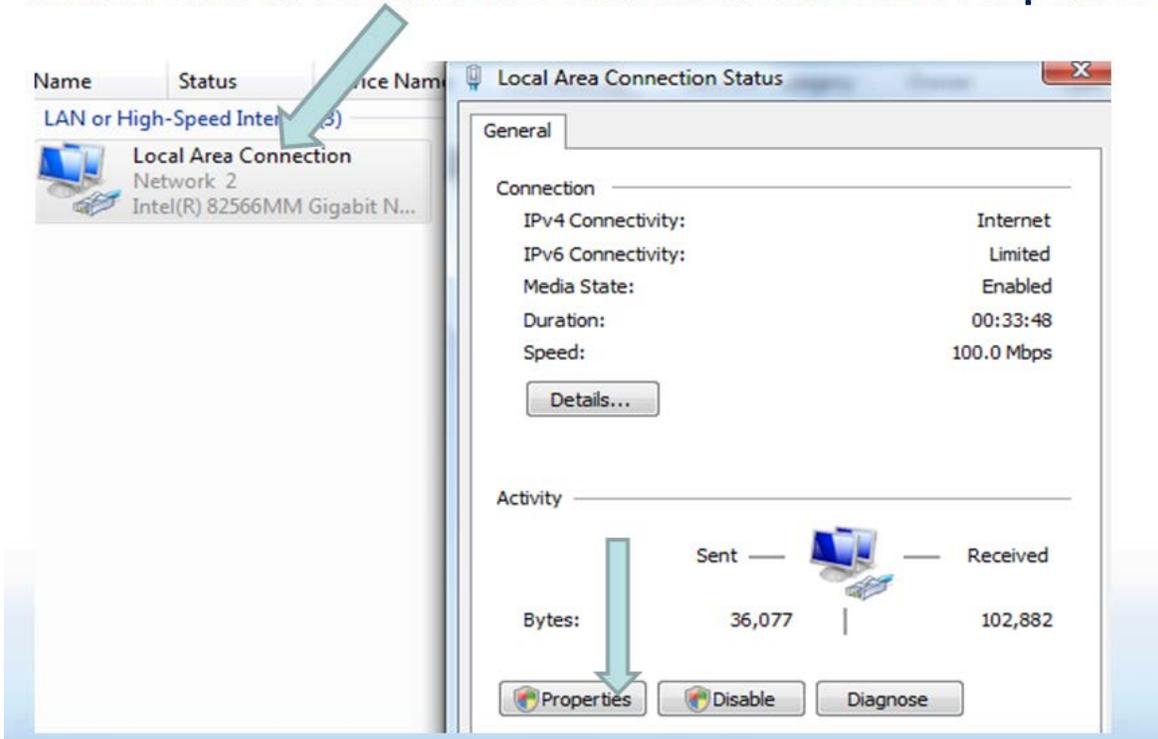
Use the following instructions for VISTA, WIN7, WIN8 and WIN10.

Hold down the Windows key  you press the letter 'r'.

Enter 'ncpa.cpl' in the **Open** box.
Press **OK**.



Double click on Local Area Connection and select Properties



- (1) Highlight Internet Protocol **Version 4** (TCP/IPv4)
- (2) Select Properties

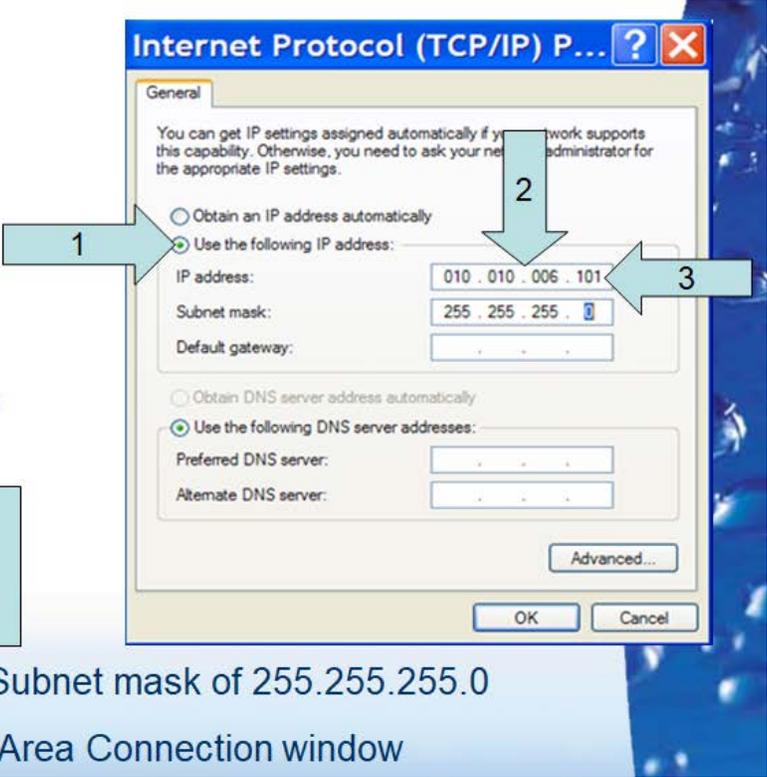
Select the 'Use the following IP address': circle (1)

Enter the first three numbers of the controller's IP address (2)

Example: 010.010.006.____

Then enter a number between 000 and 255 that is different from the controller address

In this example, since the controller IP is 010.010.006.106, we used 010.010.006.101 (3)



Press the Tab key and enter the Subnet mask of 255.255.255.0

Select OK here and on the Local Area Connection window

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you change the port number from the default of 80, the WiFi port number will be changed automatically as well. When the port number is 80, it is the default and implied, therefore, you do not include it in the addressing. However, if it is any number other than 80, you need to include it when you try to connect to the controller. For example: If you change the port number to 100, the default LAN IP address will now be entered as:

10.10.6.106:100

The WiFi address will also change to include the port number requirement and is now:

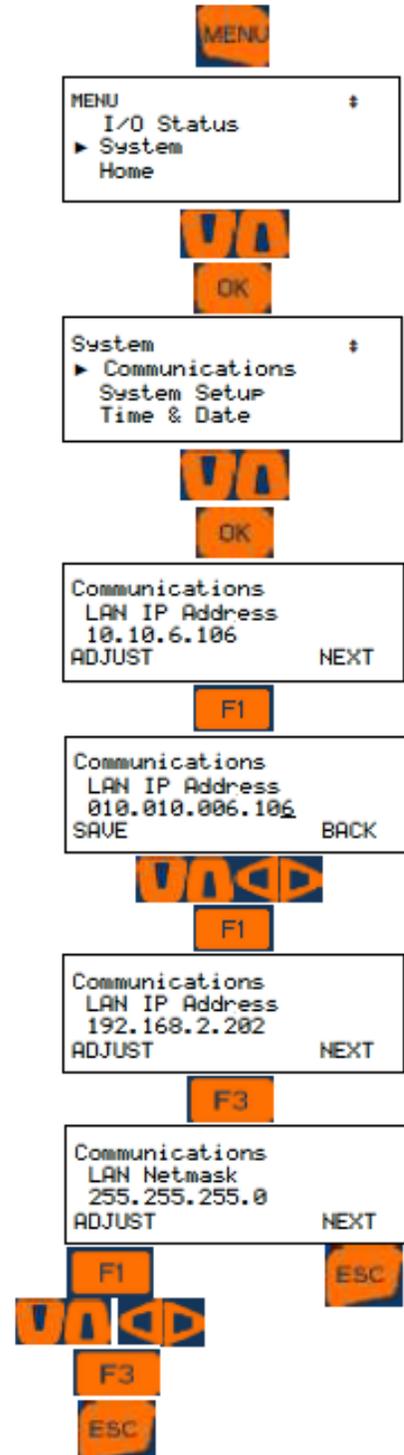
192.168.1.1:100

1.2.2 Connecting To The Building Network

Using the Local Area Network (LAN) port to connect to the building network, you will need to acquire an IP address from the Network Administrator which will allow the controller to be compatible with this network. The address you receive must be unique on this network.

Use the keypad to change the address; (See flowchart)

- 1 Press **MENU**
- 2 Scroll up to **System**. Press **OK**
- 3 Scroll down to **Communications**. Press **OK**
- 4 Scroll down to **LAN IP Address**. Press **F1 ADJUST**
- 5 Use the up/down and left/right arrows to change the numbers until they show the new address. Press **F1 SAVE**.
- 6 If the LAN Netmask is different from the building network requirements, change that as well, then press **F1 SAVE**.



1.3 The Home Screen 1 of 2

See section 1.4.3 Home Page System Icons

User Logon and Status See section 1.4.1 Log-in.

Facility Name_Pool Name

Logout (admin)

Digital contact and pulse meter inputs

Jan-29-2020, 11:56:19
DCM3 19.10.25.00

Acid Feed Setpoint (OFF)

pH Sensor 6.75 pH

Oxidant Feed ON: 71.0min (ON)

ORP Sensor 0 mV

Temperature 83.6 F

Flow Rate 0 gpm

Contacts

Sample Flow ON: 84.4min

Meters

Turbine meter 0000000 G

Power Relays

1 Acid Feed Setpoint

2 Oxidant Feed ON: 71.0min

Analog Inputs – Includes real and virtual inputs from sensors or calculations like Flow Rate or LSI. Click on the letter in the circle to access the analog input menus or the CAL button for calibration.

Relay Outputs 1-5 for chemical feed auto-fill or alarms. Click on the number in the circle to access the setpoints and relay output options.

The Home Screen 2 of 2

View from any WiFi enabled Smartphone or iPod type device. Scroll in any direction to access all I/O as shown in the PC/Tablet screen.

Verizon 3:25 PM 100%

AA 192.168.1.1

Facility Name_Pool Name

15:24:59
DCM3 19.10.25.00

Acid Feed Setpoint (OFF)

pH Sensor 7.55 pH

Oxidant Feed Setpoint (OFF)

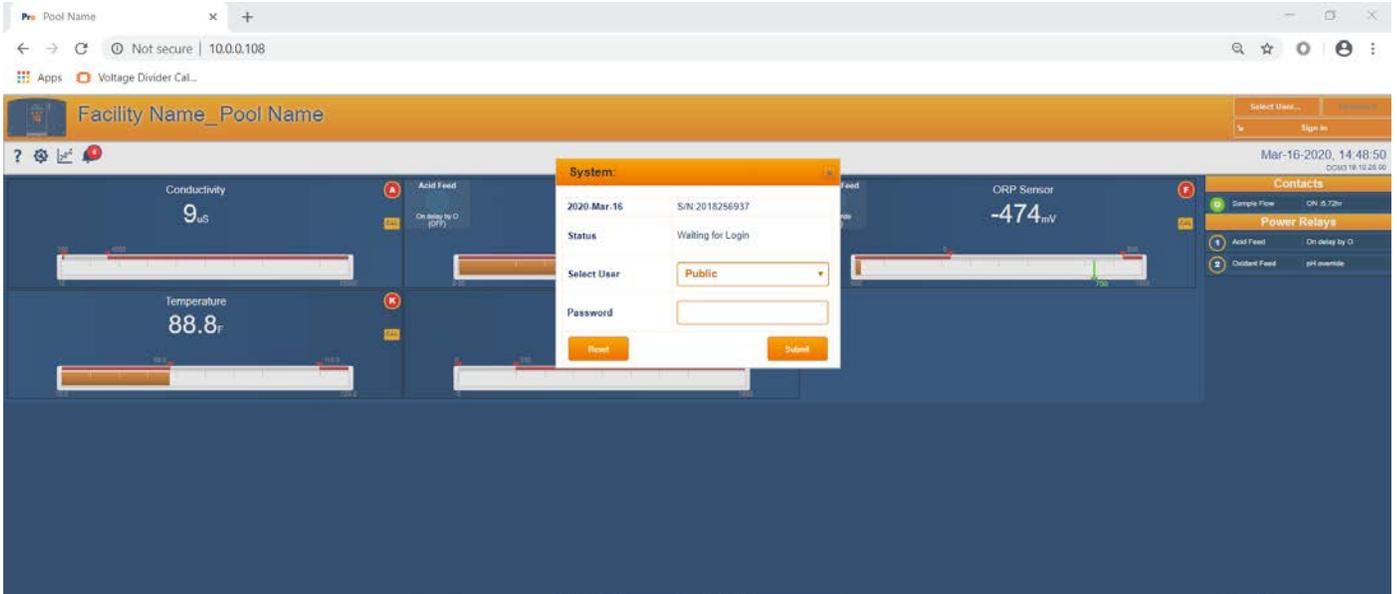
ORP Sensor 750 mV

1.4 Home Page Services

From the home page, you can see all the enabled inputs and outputs (I/O). Log-in to gain access to three levels of programming privileges. Operator has the least benefit, while Admin has full access.

1.4.1 Log-In

Once you are connected, log in by selecting a username and enter a password. Click on the **Select User** button or click on any part of the top orange bar to have a password dialog box drop down. Select the User and enter the corresponding password followed by **Submit**.



Username with Default Passwords:

Operator1 = 1 Operator2 = 2 Operator3 = 3 Operator4 = 4.
Configure5 = 5 Configure6 = 6 Configure7 = 7 Admin = AAAA

Login Page:

Operators can view all controller pages and have limited access to normal day-to-day operator functions like Setpoint, deadband, calibration, alarms and manual Prime/STOP. No access to most System pages.

Configure users have access to all Operator functions and can edit the configuration of most I/O. No access to most System pages.

Admin Administrator has unlimited access to all Operator and Configure functions and all system functions, including the ability to reset passwords of all other users.

Modify Passwords:

If the controller is accessible on the facility LAN, you should modify all 8 default passwords.

Two users cannot share the same password because only the password is used to identify keypad users. The controller displays **Password Fail** on a detected duplicate password.

See section [7.9 User Setup](#) to learn how to change passwords.

1.4.2 Home Page Detail

Now that you are logged in, you can edit the controller configuration as well as monitor the control action. The following pages break the Home page into sections to enhance identification.

Current sensor reading in digital and graphical views
Description and value will flash **Red** if the value is in alarm.

Low and high sensor alarm values are shown as **red arrows and bars**.

The screenshot shows two main sensor panels. The left panel is for the pH Sensor, displaying a reading of 6.75 pH. It includes a 'Setpoint (OFF)' indicator and a 'CAL' button. The right panel is for the ORP Sensor, displaying a reading of 0 mV and an 'ON: 71.0min (ON)' indicator, also with a 'CAL' button. Both panels feature a horizontal bar chart with a green line representing the current value and red arrows indicating alarm limits. Callout boxes with green arrows point to these elements: 'E' and 'F' (input IDs), 'CAL' buttons, and the sensor values.

Input ID (letter in a circle) click to access full input menu. Turns **red** if alarming.

Control Setpoint is shown as a green line and a value

To calibrate the sensor, press the CAL button or press the ID icon and choose the Calibration menu.

This screenshot shows a more comprehensive view of the control interface. It includes a grid of four sensor tiles: pH Sensor (6.75 pH), Oxidant Feed (ON: 71.0min), Temperature (83.6 F), and Flow Rate (0 gpm). Each tile has its own 'CAL' button and a status icon (E, F, K, M). To the right is a sidebar with three sections: 'Contacts' (Sample Flow ON: 84.4min), 'Meters' (Turbine meter 0000000 G), and 'Power Relays' (Acid Feed Setpoint, Oxidant Feed ON: 71.0min). Callout boxes with green arrows point to the 'CAL' buttons and the status icons for the pH and Oxidant Feed sensors.

Sensors linked to relay control outputs have a duplicate graphic status icon. Like the smaller ID icon the status icon will be green when ON, Dark when OFF and **RED** when in alarm. If there are more relays controlled by a single sensor, there will be a separate tile for each relay. This is common for acid and CO² feed in the same pool.

1.4.2.2 Digital I/O Display

A maximum of 6 digital inputs, O through T. Can be any combination of dry (unpowered) contacts or pulse flowmeter (Turbine Meter) signals.

1.4.3 Home Page System Icons

The home page has a variety of services unrelated to the controller's internal program. These services are accessed via the icons in the upper left corner of the home page.



The User Manuals icon  gives you access to the two DCM3 manuals; I&O (Install and Operation), and Browser (this manual). The I&O manual explains the wiring, specifications and keypad usage. The Browser manual shows you how to connect to and program a DCM3 controller using a PC, Tablet computer or Smartphone.

The System Settings icon  has the following menus:
These menus are explained in sections [7 System Settings](#).



System:

- Home
- Diagnostic
- Activity Log
- Communications
- E-mail Setup
- Time & Date
- Enable I/O
- System Setup
- User Setup

The Report icon  opens the report page for graphical trending of recent controller history. See section [1.4.4 Create a Report](#)

Finally, the alarm icon  or  displays current alarms. Examine and clear alarms directly by clicking this icon.

1.4.4 Create a Graphical Report 1 of 3

To create a graphical report, select the report icon  from the upper left of the main screen.



Follow the three steps as shown.

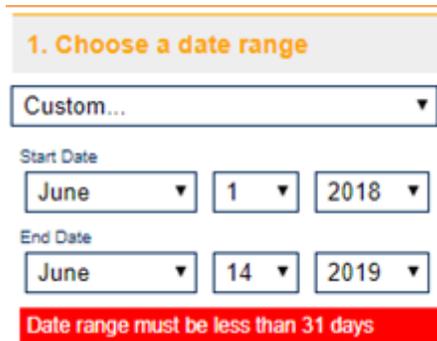
1. Choose a date range

A screenshot of a dropdown menu for selecting a date range. The menu is open, showing several options: 'Today', 'Last 3 days', 'Last 7 days', 'Last 14 days', and 'Custom...'. The 'Today' option is currently selected and highlighted in blue.

1. Choose a date range.

the database. There is a 31-day limit.

The 'Custom' selection lets you create a graph of any range that exists in

A screenshot of the '1. Choose a date range' form. The 'Custom...' option is selected in the dropdown menu. Below the menu, there are two rows of date pickers. The first row is labeled 'Start Date' and has three dropdowns: 'June', '1', and '2018'. The second row is labeled 'End Date' and has three dropdowns: 'June', '14', and '2019'. At the bottom of the form, there is a red error message: 'Date range must be less than 31 days'. A blue arrow points from the 'Custom...' option in the first screenshot to the 'Custom...' dropdown in this one.

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Next select the I/O you wish to graph. Four points maximum. Checked boxes turn orange. After four boxes are checked, the remaining choices grey out and cannot be selected without un-checking one of the four.

Recent

; pH Sensor; Temperature; Sample Flow

Used Storage Space
1%

New

1. Choose a date range

Today

2. Choose up to four I/O's

Sensors (3)

- pH Sensor - [E]
- ORP Sensor - [F]
- Temperature - [K]
- Flow Rate - [M]

Meters

- Turbine meter - [S]

Contacts (1)

- Sample Flow - [O]

Outputs

- Acid Feed - [1]
- Oxidant Feed - [2]

3. Download and view

Download data and create report

Then press the "Download data and create a report" button.

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Once the graph is open, the new icons have the following properties:

The Icons:



- ? Access the controller manuals
- 🏠 Exit from the report menu back to the Home (Live) view
- 📄 Show/hide the report settings menu
- 🗄️ Manage the reports database on the local computer
- 🖥️ Show/hide the controller header (maximize screen)
- 🔔 Show/acknowledge current alarms

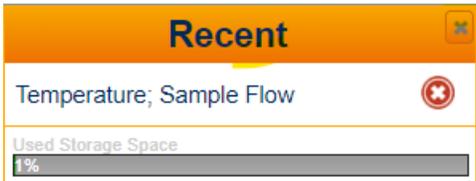
Note the trend zoom and average tools.

Click on this icon to export as a picture



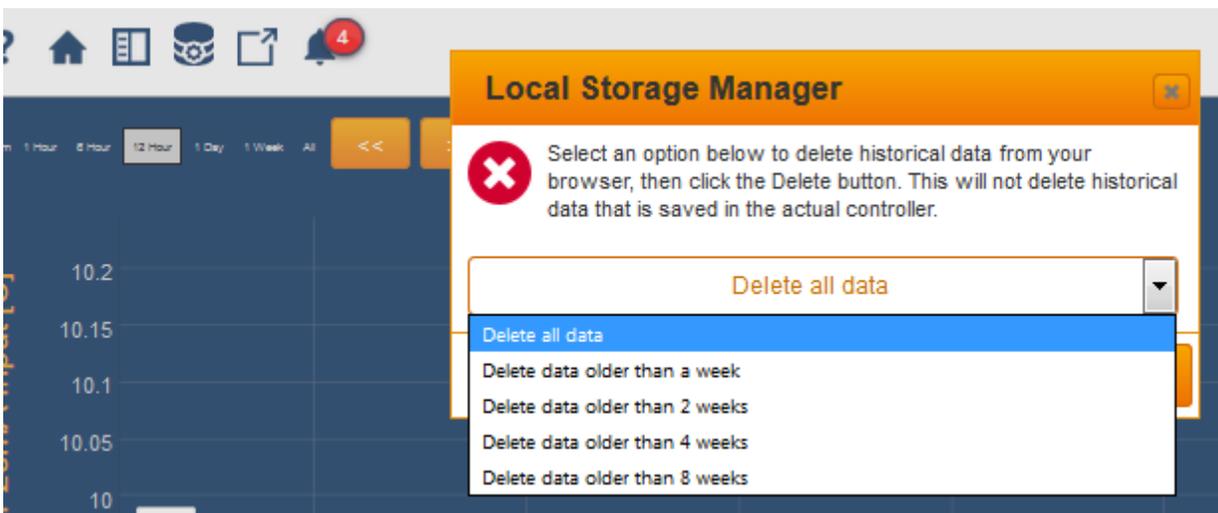
1.4.5 Manage the report database

When you create a graph by selecting I/O points, the browser downloads the data for the chosen points. This data is stored on your device (PC, smart phone, etc). Different browsers allow different amounts of memory to this file. The graph page keeps track of previous selections and expresses the total size of all downloaded data in a bar graph.



This picture depicts a previous graph configuration that has data in the graphing database. Click on it to create a saved graph, or remove it by selecting the red X.

If you wish to keep the report configuration, but want to reduce the data on your smart device, open the Manage Report Database window by clicking this icon  and make your selection, then press Delete. **NOTE:** *You are not deleting any datalogged information from the controller, just a copy or copies of previously created report graph(s).*



1.5 View & Adjust Setpoints 1 of 2

Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page. This example adjusts the Relay 1 setpoint

Select Adjust Setpoint from the pull-down

Edit Setpoint and Deadband as needed. Press Submit

A pump set for Acid feed will turn off at the setpoint and on once the deadband distance is reached. The turn on point is therefore 7.50 in this example.

The output will feed proportionally between the setpoint and deadband when in Time Modulate control mode. Widen these points to reduce or eliminate upsets.

In this example, we submitted a setpoint change. The Status identifies the change and it is added to the activity log

1:Acid Pump

Adjust Setpoint

Setpoint 7.45 pH

Deadband 0.05 pH

Refresh Submit

1:Acid - Pool

Adjust Setpoint

Status Setpoint change

Setpoint 7.50 pH

Deadband 0.05 pH

Refresh Submit

Sidebar:

Relays controlled by sensors turn the Pumps and Feeders ON and OFF. (Relays are outputs 1 to 5)

ON-OFF Acid pumps use setpoints 0.05 pH apart (dictated by the deadband) so that the re-circulation delay between feeding acid and measuring its pH does not cause wide pH swings. To tighten pH control, consider using Special Control programs like Timed Cycling or Time Modulation to temper the controller response and reduce overshoot.

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View & Adjust Setpoints 2 of 2

The Setpoint page varies with the configuration and type of control output.

Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page.
This example shows the Adjust Setpoint page for relay output #1.

Feeding based on a sensor requires a **Setpoint** and a **Deadband**. This is the same for all relays 1 to 5

Sidebar:

Controls may be configured to prevent one chemical feeding while another feeds into a common injection header. (See 'Blocking')

Pumps, feeders, solenoid or valve controls will be turned OFF when the flowswitch shows no flow through the sensor header. (See Interlocks)

Pay attention to the number 1 to 5 that precedes the pump, valve or solenoid name.

It's the physical location of the wiring that connects to the pump, valve or solenoid feeder. This is how the program relates to physical devices. These numbers are shown on the PC board where the wiring is connected.

You may modify the name of the pump, feeder, valve or solenoid, but you'll need to know which output is controlling the process. You can then check that associated controller hood indicating light is ON when the pump, valve or feeder is ON.

1.6 Priming-Testing Pumps, Feeders & Solenoids

Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page. This example primes the chlorine pump controlled by Relay 2

Select Prime-Test from the pull-down

2:ChlorinePump

Prime-Test

Time remaining until end of Prime-Test

Remaining 00:04:38

End of Prime-Test Yes

Force OFF Yes No

Refresh Submit

Select End of Prime-Test = Yes to end sooner & Submit

Edit the Prime-Test Time, select Yes in the Start box & Submit

Refresh to update time or volume remaining

Status Interlocked

START Yes No

Prime, Force ON 45.0 minutes

Force OFF Yes No

Refresh Submit

If the control is 'Blocked', 'Stopped', 'Interlocked' or 'Alarmed-OFF', Priming will be prevented.

2:Chlori

Prime-Test

Status User STOPS!

End Force OFF Yes No

Refresh Submit

Sidebar:

Prime/Test may also be used to safely slug feed after chemical has run empty, using the prime timer. Active Minutes per Actuation alarms (run time limit) may stop priming if not cleared. See also Blocks and Interlocks.

2 Chemical Feed Controls: Oxidant, Acid, CO₂

2.1 Sensor Controlled Feeds 1 of 2

Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page. This example uses the Setup page for an Oxidant feed controlled by Relay 2

Setting up a sensor controlled feed has 3 steps: Setup, Configure & Adjust Setpoint

Select Setup from the pull-down

Select Control Type = Feed, Set Feed Mode = Sensor Control & then select the controlling sensor for Control by: from the pull-down & Submit

Minimum on time prevents feeder from 'chattering' if setpoints are too close or during special control

2:Oxidant Spa

Setup

Control Type: Feed

Set Feed Mode: Sensor Control

Control by: F:ORP Sensor

Minimum ON time: 1 seconds

Refresh Submit

Edit for your site, up to 16 characters

Inherited from the controlling ORP sensor. Decimal may have up to 3 digits for tighter control.

pH Lockout can be used to override the ORP setpoints. Choose pH high, low or both.

See the Special Control section

2:Oxidant Spa

Configure

Descriptor: Oxidant Spa

Decimal digits: 1

Disable: Yes No No

Control Assist: none

pH Lockout: E:pH Sensor

Lockout mode: high pH only

Special Control: Time Modulate

Period: 120 seconds

Refresh Submit

2:Oxidant Spa

Adjust Setpoint

Setpoint: 750 mV

Deadband: 5 mV

Refresh Submit

Feeder will start at 745 and stop at 750mV

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3:CO2 Feeder

Setup

Control Type	Feed
Set Feed Mode	Sensor Control
Control by:	E:pH Sensor
Minimum ON time	1 seconds

The default Control Action for an acid feeder where feeding decreases pH sensor reading. Can be changed for caustic.

See the Special Control section

Edit for your site, up to 16 characters

3:CO2 Feeder

Configure

Descriptor	CO2 Feeder
Decimal digits	2
Disable	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Control Action	ON decreases sensor
Special Control	None

3:CO2 Feeder

Adjust Setpoint

Setpoint	7.50 pH
Deadband	0.05 pH

In this example, the pump will turn on at 7.55pH and off at 7.5pH in On/Off mode.

In pulse output mode, the pulses will increase in speed from 0 pulses at 7.5pH to the maximum pulses at 7.55pH

2.2 Time Modulation

Time Modulation allows an ON/OFF pump to operate proportionally, similar to a frequency or 4-20mA controlled pump.

Special Control = Time Modulate is selectable on All Relays 1-5.

Time Modulate proportions the pump on-time with respect to the setpoint and the deadband. At the beginning of each period, typically 60 seconds, the controller compares the present sensor value within the deadband range and determines how long the relay will be on during that period. See example below.

The screenshot shows the '2:Oxidant Control' configuration page. The 'Configure' tab is active, showing fields for Descriptor (Oxidant Control), Decimal digits (0), Disable (Yes/No), Control Assist (none), pH Lockout (E:pH Sensor), Lockout mode (high pH only), Special Control (Time Modulate), and Period (120 seconds). A second 'Adjust Setpoint' tab is also shown, with Setpoint (750 mV) and Deadband (50 mV) fields. Annotations provide detailed instructions and examples for these settings.

Annotations:

- Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page. This example uses the Configure page for an Oxidant feeder controlled by Relay 2
- Setup a sensor based control as shown in Section 2.1 Sensor Controlled Feeds then change Special Control from None to Time Modulate
- In this example, the control range spans 50mV & the Period = 120 seconds. If the current ORP = 725mV then the pump would be ON for half of the 120 second period. (60 seconds) $120 \times (750-725) / (750-700)$ and OFF for the remainder of the period; 60 seconds (120 -60=60). As the ORP value approaches the lower range limit (750-50=700mV) the relay will increase the on time. Below 700mV, the relay will remain on for the entire period. As the ORP value reaches the setpoint, (750mV) the relay will feed less chemical. At or above 750mV, the relay will remain off for the entire 120 second period.
- Note: A typical Deadband would more likely be 10 or 20mV.
- Select Special Control = Time Modulate And set the Modulation Period in seconds & Submit. 60 seconds is typical.
- Control Assist, pH Lockout and Lockout mode are discussed earlier. See Section 2.1 Sensor Controlled Feeds

Sidebar:
 Increase the deadband to dampen oscillations. A smaller deadband will control more like On/Off control.

2.3 Timed Cycling

Timed Cycling allows time for the controlling sensor to measure the effect of chemical before allowing the feed of more chemical. **Timed Cycling** is used where a chemical is fed occasionally into a system with a large volume or a long lag time between chemical feed and sensor reaction to that chemical.

It may be several minutes before the chemical travels from the injection point through the piping and then back to the controlling sensor.

Based on the setpoint, the relay will be on for the ON time in each period and off for the remainder of the period. Once the setpoint is reached, the relay will not turn on again until the setpoint calls for chemical. It is either on for the ON Time each period, or off for the complete period if beyond the setpoint.

The screenshot shows the configuration interface for '2:Oxidant Control'. The 'Configure' tab is active, showing various control parameters. Annotations provide the following information:

- Status:** Reconfigured
- Descriptor:** Oxidant Control
- Decimal digits:** 0
- Disable:** Yes (checked)
- Control Assist:** none
- pH Lockout:** E:pH Sensor
- Lockout mode:** high pH only
- Special Control:** Timed Cycling
- Period:** 600 seconds
- ON Time:** 60 seconds

Annotations and instructions include:

- Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page. This example uses the Configure page for an Oxidant feeder controlled by Relay 2
- Select Configure from the pull-down
- The Status line appears when needed
- Setup a sensor based control as shown in Section 2.1 Sensor Controlled Feeds then change Special Control from None to Timed Cycling
- Control Assist, pH Lockout and Lockout mode are discussed earlier. See Section 2.1 Sensor Controlled Feeds
- In this example, if the oxidant value drops below the setpoint, relay #2 will turn on for 60 seconds and then remain off for (600-60) 540 seconds. This will repeat each Period until the ORP value rises above the setpoint. The controller only compares the value with the setpoint at the start of a cycle. Once a cycle starts, the relay will either be on for the On Time or not come on at all.
- 1. Select Special Control = Timed Cycling
- 2. Set Period = OFF + ON Time, maximum 1800 seconds, 30 minutes
- 3. Set ON Time = feed time in any Period & Submit

Sidebar:

Often there is a long time-delay between adding a chemical and measuring its effect at a sensor, which causes setpoint overshoot and poor control. Timed Cycling and Time Modulation are great tools for improving chemistry control.

2.4 Control During Events

Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page. This example uses the Setup page for an Oxidant feed controlled by Relay 3

Select Setup from the pull-down

Events only exist on the pull down if the Control Type = Feed or Events. This example shows Sensor Control & the control is an oxidant, Chlorine in this example

Feed Events are set as detailed in the following Section 3.0 Events: Feeding by Time & Date

Adjust Setpoint controls the Relay 3 Oxidant Feed using these setpoints until an Event occurs. During an event, the alternate setpoint/deadband values are used. See below, right.

This drop down will display all currently configured events

During an Event, if Event Control = No There is no change to the setpoint and deadband values.

During an Event, if Event Control = Yes these setpoints control the pump. The original setpoints are ignored during the event.

Reset Submit

2.5 Limiting Feed & Alarms

Minutes per Actuation alarms (Run Time Limits) are used detect and alert operators of problems with chemical feeders.

Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page. This example shows the Alarms page for an Acid feed controlled by relay output #1

Select Alarms from the pull-down

If you're not concerned about extended feed periods, set this value for greater than 1440, so Mins/Actuation will never alarm, or set **Disable Alarms** = Yes

Off on Alarm means the output will turn off if alarmed. Relay alarms are latched and do not reset without Operator intervention to clear the alarm and determine if other action is required. See Sidebar

When **Alarm Relay** = Yes, the alarm relay will be activated whenever this relay is in the alarmed state. Any relay can be set up as an Alarm Relay. Use the Configure menu/Special Control tab of the relay you wish to make an Alarm relay.

Clear Alarm = Yes will clear this alarm and reset the **Mins/Actuation** timer.
Disable Alarms will turn off the alarm function for this relay

Most recent alarm type and Time/Date stamp. Recent alarm could indicate a feeder issue.

1:Acid Pump	
Alarms	
Mins/Actuation	1500.0 minutes
OFF on Alarm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Alarm Relay	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Clear Alarm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Disable Alarms	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
User STOPS!	14:21 2019-Dec-22
<input type="button" value="Refresh"/> <input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

Sidebar:

If you are experiencing limit alarms, what has changed? Is the chemical injector clogged? Are you out of chemical? Is the chemical more dilute than usual? Was there a change in demand for chemical? Is the sensor working/calibrated?

2.6 Interlocks - No Feed on No Flow

An Interlock is a dry contact digital input to the controller (O through T) that can be used to indicate the status of other equipment. This status can then be used to enable or inhibit output relays.

Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page. Any digital input, O through Z, can be an Interlock. Interlocks stop relays from energizing. When the Interlock is on, (input closed), the relay is enabled.

Select **Interlocked** from the pull-down

In this example, when the contact set @ input 'O: Sample Flow' is ON then the relay 1 is enabled to turn on. It will feed based on the pH setpoint

In this example relay output 4 controls a chlorine pump. If both **Sample Flow (O)** and **Return Line Flow (S)** are ON, we want the chlorine to be enabled, so we select both to **Interlock & 'AND'** them. 'OR' would mean that if either interlock is on, the output would be enabled. OR's are rarely used in Aquatic applications as that tends to be an unsafe condition.

Status	Interlock edit
O: Sample Flow	Interlock
S: Return Line Flow	Interlock
Contact set	'AND'ed

2.7 Blocking-Delaying a Feed

Interlocks are inputs that can pause outputs. Blocks are outputs that can pause other outputs.

Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page. This example uses the **Blocked by** page for a chlorine feed controlled by relay output 4

Select **Blocked by** from the pull-down

In this example, the Acid relay # 1 **Blocks** the Oxidant Feed on Relay 4 to prevent both pumps from feeding at the same time. When the acid relay turn off, the pause is lifted from relay 4 and it returns to the control program.

More than one block may be selected

4:Oxidant	
Blocked by	
1:Acid -Muriatic	Blocks
2:Acid - CO2	unused
3:Cl Generator	unused
5:Alarm Relay	unused

Refresh Submit

Sidebar:

Note: A poorly conceived block may prevent a control from maintaining setpoint. Blocks are rare in aquatic applications but can be useful to help prevent pH runaway in low alkalinity situations.

2.8 Feed Diagnostics 1 of 2

Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page.
This example shows the **Diagnostic** page for an **Acid Pump** controlled by relay 1 as an **On/Off** output

Select the I/O icon on the home page then select **Diagnostic** from the pull-down

Diagnostic provides both configuration & status on one page

Control state

Status Operational, ON

Feed by: E 7.51 pH

Setpoint 7.45 pH

Deadband 0.05 pH

Control Action Feed Acid

0.2m ON today 0.2m ON, actuation

Feed state

If Time Modulation is used, this box appears with ON/OFF status

Refresh

Location of controlling sensor, 'E' & current value.

Current Setpoint and Deadband

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This page shows examples of Diagnostic information for relays.

An Event diagnostic allows you to terminate an active event. This does not change the schedule.

1:Events ✕

Diagnostic ▼

Status	ON
End Event?	<input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="No"/>
1.1m ON today	1.1m ON, actuation
Time Owed	10.9 min

If an Oxidant relay is set up for pH override, the status will alert an override action

4:Chlorine pump ✕

Diagnostic ▼

Status	pH override,OFF
3.6m ON today	0.0m ON, actuation
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Time Modulate Period:120	OFF Countdown: 28 seconds

### 3 Events: Feeding by Time & Date

#### 3.1 Setting & Viewing Events 1 of 2

Select the 1 to 5 icon on the home page. This example uses relay 5. Relay 5 is an example of all relays in On/Off mode.

5:Event Relay

Setup

Control Type: Events-Other

Refresh

Select Control Type = Events-Other & Submit from the setup page

Day# in the current 28 day cycle. Wednesday, Day 4 in this example May be reset to the current Sunday, See Section 7.0 System Settings

Daily, Weekly & 28 Day programs can be mixed in one controller.

See also, section 2.4 Control During Events

Events repeat Daily, Weekly or every 28 Days Select the required Event Cycle.

Select Activity = Add an Event

In this example, the first event occurs on Monday, day 2 starting @ 4:00 AM & feeding for 120 minutes

In this example, we're also adding feed events on Wednesday, Friday & Sunday by selecting Alternate Days & Submit

5:Event Relay

Events

Status: No Events set

Day 4: 0 Events weekly

Event Cycle: Weekly

Select Activity: Add an Event

Start Day: 2

Start Time: 4:00

ON Time: 120 minutes

Event frequency: Once, Alternate Days, Daily

Read Submit

**Sidebar:**

Relay 1-5 have timed events. An event (alternate setpoint, pump or enable contact) starts at a specified time and runs for a selected number of minutes.

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**5: Event Relay**

**Events**

Status	Events Added
Day 4	4 Events weekly
Event Cycle	Weekly
Select Activity	Edit an Event

Select for Edit & Delete

Day 2 @ 04:00 for 120 minutes

Values for Add & Edit

Start Day	2 1-7
Start Time	4:00
ON Time	120 minutes
Event frequency	Once Alternate Days Daily

Reset Submit

In the previous page's example, 4 feed events on Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday were added on **Submit**

Select Activity to  
Edit an Event  
Delete an Event  
Delete All Events  
Or  
Add an Event (see previous page)

Pull down this selector to view all of the events for this control & to select an event for Editing or Deleting

If Select Activity = Edit an Event or Add an Event the values in these fields are set on **Submit**. The Start Day will remind you of the cycle type; 1-7 is a weekly cycle. The 2 in this example is the choice made for the day of the cycle. Sunday is day 1, Monday is 2, etc.

#### Sidebar:

Limit Alarms, Interlocking & Blocking also are used with Events. They are set identically to those for **Chemical Feed Controls**. Refer to Sections 2.6 to 2.7 for setup & state pages.

Timed events can also be used to activate solenoids, block other controls during event times or activate alternate chemical or energy saver setpoints.

### 3.2 Alarm Relay

Any of the 5 relays can be configured as an alarm output relay. Once a relay is designated as the alarm relay, all other I/O points have the choice to activate the alarm relay when they themselves are in alarm. You can choose to have each input activate the alarm relay or not. Any System alarm will also activate the alarm relay.

The screenshot illustrates the configuration process for an Alarm Relay in the DCM3 Browser. It shows the navigation from the home page to the 'Setup' menu, then to the 'Configure' menu for '5:Alarm Relay'. The 'Control Type' is set to 'Events-Other', and the 'Special Control' is set to 'Alarm Output'. The 'Free Chlorine' sensor configuration is also shown, with 'HiAlarm' at 5.00 ppm and 'LoAlarm' at 0.50 ppm. A note indicates that when the CLB3 sensor is in alarm, the Alarm Relay will not be affected.

**Sidebar:**

Use an alarm relay to turn on an Alarm Light, Klaxon horn or something similar. Use relays 3 – 5 to send an unpowered contact closure alarm signal to a building management system.

## 4 Sensors: Amperometric, pH, ORP, Conductivity

### 4.1 Sensor Setup 1 of 2

Select the A to N icon on the home page .  
This example shows a pH sensor connected to input 'E'

Select Setup from the pull-down

Edit Descriptor to site name for browser & local HMIs.  
Maximum 16 characters

Edit Units, defaults to typical for sensor type  
Maximum 3 characters

# of digits after decimal. Defaults to typical for sensor type  
pH = 2, conductivity and ORP = 0

Select 1 or 2 point calibration

Submit to save modifications

Used by I/O blocks the Disable option & indicates where the sensor is used.  
Relays 1 & 4

The screenshot shows the 'E:pH Sensor' configuration page. It has a 'Setup' tab selected. The form includes fields for 'Descriptor' (pH Sensor), 'Display Units(UOM)' (pH), 'Decimal digits' (2), 'Calibrate' (1 Point), and 'Used by I/O' (1, 4). There are 'Reset' and 'Submit' buttons at the bottom.

From the configure page, you can select a compensation. This is not available on the ORP sensors

For this example, we show how temperature is used to compensate the CLB3 Free Chlorine sensor

The screenshot shows the 'C:Free Chlorine' configuration page. It has a 'Configure' tab selected. The form includes dropdown menus for 'Compensation' (Thermal Comp.) and 'Thermal Sensor' (K: Temperature). There are 'Reset' and 'Submit' buttons at the bottom.

**Sidebar:**

Disabled sensors do not appear on either the local or browser HMIs or any pull-down option. Sensors cannot be disabled while in use for control, interlock or compensation. Disabled sensors can be re-enabled on the **System / Enable I/O** page of the Home screen.

C:Free Chlorine	
Setup	
Descriptor	Free Chlorine
Display Units(UOM)	ppm
Decimal digits	2
Used by I/O	2,
Reset Submit	

The CLB3 setup menu allows Descriptor, Display Units and decimal digits changes while showing which relays are using it to control.

**Sidebar:**

The **Sensor Type** is preset by the dedicated CLB sensor driver card installed in the controller.

## 4.2 Sensor Compensation

**C:Free Chlorine**

Configure

Compensation: Thermal Comp.

Thermal Sensor: K: Temperature

Reset Submit

Select Configure from the pulldown to select-view Compensation. Not all sensor types have Compensation

The CLB sensor is thermally compensated

Select Thermal Comp., then select the temperature sensor available and press Submit

Unlike other free chlorine sensors, the CLB sensor is Temp. compensated, not pH.

**A:Conductivity**

Configure

Compensation: Thermal Comp.

Thermal Sensor: K:Temperature

Compensation: 0.970 %/F

Reset Submit

Conductivity is always thermally compensated. Select Compensation = Thermal Comp. & Submit. Then select Thermal Sensor = target sensor & Submit

This Compensation value is typical for a ProMinent sensors, your application may differ

**E:pH Sensor**

Configure

Compensation: Thermal Comp.

Thermal Sensor: MiPool Temp

Reset Submit

Temperature compensation is available for pH sensors, though rarely used in Aquatics applications.

Select Compensation = Thermal Comp. & Submit. Then select Thermal Sensor = target sensor & Submit.

**Sidebar:**  
If you are re-purposing a controller or removing additional sensors & controls then you may be changing-modifying the default compensation.

### 4.3 Sensor Calibration

#### 4.3.1 DPD: Oxidant Sensors

Single point calibration

Select the **A to N** icon on the home page or the **CAL** icon below the A-N icons. This example calibrates chlorine sensor connected to 4-20mA input C

If using the **A to N** icon, select **Calibrate** from the pulldown

Grab sample from the sensor installation header & press **Start**

**Start** saves the current value of the sensor for use when you complete the DPD test.

Use the onboard timer for your DPD test

When you have the result of the DPD test, edit the displayed value & press **Calibrate**

**Calibrate** shows 'Calibrated' on success. Close window to exit

**Factory Reset = Yes & Submit** restores the **sensor calibration** to its factory default

**Calib. Override**  Yes  No

If it returns an error message, it means the value entered is more than 1 ppm from the value the sensor is reading. You can try again by pressing **START**, or ignore the warning by selecting **Calib. Override = Yes**, then **SUBMIT**.

**Sidebar:**  
Amperometric Sensors: The DPD calibration routine applies to only the CLB3 free chlorine sensor

4.3.2 pH Dual Buffer Calibration 1 of 2

Select the **A to N** icon on the home page or the **CAL** icon below the A-N icons. This example calibrates the pH sensor connected to input E

If using the **A to N** icon, select **Setup** from the pulldown to verify **2 Point**

pH sensor calibration defaults to single point. To do a 2 buffer pH calibration select **Calibrate = 2 Point & Submit**. Then select **Calibrate** from the pull down

**Caution: Sensor Removal**  
Always close the sensor piping upstream valve first. pH, ORP sensors & sensor with membranes may fail on the high transient pressure caused by quickly closing the downstream valve first.

Remove the pH sensor & place in the 1st buffer. Calibration defaults to 7 & 10 buffers. If you are not using a 7 buffer, edit the buffer value before **Start**.

The selected 1st buffer in this example is the default **7.00**

**Start** locks the pH value for control and alarms during the 2 buffer clibrate sequence

Wait until the sensor reading settles then press next

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**E:pH Sensor**

**Calibrate**

7.0 Buffer 7.05 pH

2nd pH buffer 10.00 pH

Next Cancel

Results from 1st buffer

If you are not using a 10 buffer, edit the buffer value before pressing Next.

Select **Cancel** to exit **Calibration** without saving changes.

**E:pH Sensor**

**Calibrate**

7.0 Buffer 7.05 pH

10.0 Buffer 9.61 pH 25sec

Factory Reset Yes  No

Calibrate Refresh Cancel

Refresh until the pH is stable & close to the 2nd buffer value. Then press **Calibrate**.

**E:pH Sensor**

**Calibrate**

Status Calibrated

1st pH buffer 7.00 pH

Factory Reset Yes  No

Start Cancel Submit

Successful calibration. Press **Cancel** to exit **Calibration**.

**E:pH Sensor**

**Calibrate**

Status Out of Range

7.0 Buffer 7.05 pH

Sensor 10.00 pH

Calib. Override Yes  No

Factory Reset  Yes No

Cancel Re-Calibrate Submit

On error message, select **Calib. Override = Yes & Submit**  
Or  
**Re-calibrate** to do over  
Or  
**Cancel** to exit leaving the current pH value unchanged

**Note:** Two buffer pH calibration seldom results in better pH control than single point, however, it is great for proving that the probe still has movement/range!

## 4.4 Sensor Alarms

Select the A to N icon on the home page .  
This example is a pH sensor connected to input E

Select Alarms from the pulldown

If using for control, set the **HiAlarm** to trap a fault.  
In this example a failure to feed acid or perhaps a leaky feed line

If using for control, set the **LoAlarm** to trap a fault.  
In this example a pump that overfed or was left in manual.

If you have configured an Alarm Relay, you can choose to activate that relay based on this sensor.

Use Delay on Alarm to postpone the alarm for a few minutes to give the sensor time to recover on its own to prevent nuisance alarms.

With Disable Alarms = Yes this sensor will never alarm.

Normally, alarms are latching which require operator acknowledgement to clear. Choose non latching to allow alarm to clear automatically when it returns to within alarm limits

Slider Min and Max are used to scale the horizontal bar graph in the sensor tile on the home page.

E:pH Sensor	
Alarms	
HiAlarm	7.70 pH
LoAlarm	7.20 pH
Alarm Relay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Delay on Alarm	5.0 minutes
Disable Alarms	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Non Latching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Slider Max.	8.00 pH
Slider Min.	7.00 pH
<input type="button" value="Reset"/> <input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

### Sidebar:

Every sensor, water meter, flow switch and control output have alarms.

Typically, alarms are used to detect changes in operating conditions, mechanical faults, feed issues and sensor faults

Setting alarms too tight so that they trip frequently under normal operating variances, may result in a critical alarm getting a slow or no response.

Understandably, alarms are set to reflect site practice, chemistry, plumbing & time of year. Periodically review each control loop alarm setting including the sensor, interlock, pump or feeder.

## 4.5 Sensor Diagnostics 1 of 2

Select the **A to N** icon on the home page & the **Diagnostic** page will display

Sensor inputs 'C-D' and 'E-F' are used for driver cards so the installed sensor will vary with the type of installed card: pH-ORP, or CLB3 Free Chlorine

**E:pH Sensor**

**Diagnostic**

Sensor Type	pH Sensor
Variance this hour	7.31 to 7.40 pH
Raw sensor	737.00
Gain Multiply	0.0100
Offset Adjust	0.0000pH
Alarmed Low	16:09:33 2017-Dec-13
Sensor driver type	Dual pH or ORP
Configure: 150C	Status: FFFF9003
Device: 000CSA88	Product: 0E125180
Rev.#: 00000001	S/N: 15082008
A.ID#: 31032004	A.Part#: 7553329
A.rev#: 0	Firmware:01.00.05.00

Refresh

In this example, there is a pH-ORP card installed in the E-F slot & 'E' is a pH sensor

The **Variance this hour** minimum and maximum help you see at a glance how well the control is/is not working.

The sensor value =  $Raw\ sensor \times Gain + Offset$

Most recent alarm type & time-date

Parameters for the **Dual pH or ORP** card installed in the E-F slot

**C:Free Chlorine**

**Diagnostic**

Sensor Type	CLB Chlorine
Variance this hour	2.79 to 2.83 ppm
Sensor Range	0.00 to 5.00 ppm
Raw sensor	2.80
Gain Multiply	1.000
Offset Adjust	0.0000ppm
Alarmed low	04:59:07 2017-Nov-20
Sensor driver type	CLB Chlorine
Configure: 3804	Status: 3D02
Device: 000C394	Product: 0E125177
Rev.#: 00000001	S/N: 15082008
A.ID#: 31032004	A.Part#: 7553318
A.rev#: 0	Firmware:02.00.03.01

Refresh

The sensor value =  $Raw\ sensor \times Gain + Offset$   
 Single point calibration modifies the **Gain** or **Offset** (varies with sensor type)  
 Two point calibration modifies both the **Gain & Offset**

Parameters for the **CLB Chlorine** driver card.

**Sidebar:**

Diagnostic is a summary of the sensor state that can be very helpful when troubleshooting. Contents vary widely with sensor type.

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### Sensor Diagnostics 2 of 2

K:Temperature	
Diagnostic	
Sensor Type	Temperature
Variance this hour	77.3 to 173.5 F
Raw sensor	78.0
Gain Multiply	1.0000
Offset Adjust	0.0000F
No alarm logged from E, attribute 1	Temperature

Refresh

Phantom inputs derived from sensor attributes may be independently calibrated modifying the **Gain** or **Offset** value applied to **Raw Sensor**

In this example the **Temperature** is derived from the sensor connected to input 'E', **attribute 1**

A:Conductivity	
Diagnostic	
Sensor Type	Conductivity
Variance this hour	0 to 0 uS
Raw sensor	0
Gain Multiply	0.1600
Offset Adjust	0.0000uS
Alarmed Low	13:46:12 2017-Dec-21
Sensor OK	Connected
69.5F Flow OFF	Flow 784 ON @ 912

Refresh

Select the A to N icon on the home page & the Diagnostic page will display

Or select **Diagnostic** from the pulldown

If sensor used for control then **Variance** shows the range of values as the control operates. Reset on the hour.

The sensor value = **Raw sensor** x **Gain** + **Offset**  
Modified in this case by **Thermal Compensation**  
After calibration, **Gain** or **Offset** or both will be adjusted

Most recent alarm type & time-date

The remaining items are mainly for technical support troubleshooting

Sensor input A is only used for a serial Conductivity sensor.

#### Sidebar:

Diagnostic is a summary of the sensor state that can be very helpful when troubleshooting. Contents vary widely with sensor type.

## 4.6 Using Sensor Attributes for Phantoms

### 4.6.1 Langeliers Saturation Index LSI

Analog phantoms or 'virtual' sensors are inputs 'G' through 'N' and digital phantom sensors are inputs 'U' through 'Z'. They can be enabled from the **System Enable I/O** page. They are phantom in the sense that they do not have physical wiring locations.

Select the **K** to **N** icon on the home page  
In this example, we chose phantom 'M' to configure LSI.  
(Langeliers Saturation Index)

Select **Configure** from the pulldown

Choose 'LSI-Ryznar' from the dropdown. Fill in the pH, temperature and conductivity sensors by choosing their letter designation.

Some inputs have multiple sensor signals. Each signal requires a unique designation. Phantoms can be used to represent these 'attributes'.

Volume measuring meters have a **Rate** attribute which can be assigned to a phantom sensor. In this example, the phantom @ 'N' is assigned the turbine meter Q's rate attribute, Q1.

Select **Source** is no longer available for phantoms once they are linked to other sensors. In this example the Temperature @ 'K' is used to temperature compensate the sensor 'E'

Once enabled, phantoms will automatically appear on the home page. Phantoms can be assigned attributes from sensors, used to accept manual entries, calculate LSI or gallons per minute.

**Sidebar:**

Phantom Sensors 'G' to 'N' and phantom meters-contact sets 'U' to 'Z' are logged, alarmed & can be used for compensation & controls.

## 5 Water Meters

### 5.1 Configuring a New Meter

Select the P to T icon from the right side of the home page to configure-setup a new meter or modify an existing meter

Enable new meters @ the System, Enable I/O page. Enabled as a contact set & appears on right side of home page. See Section 6.1 Switching Meters and Contact Sets to switch to meter.

Select Setup from the pulldown

Descriptor: Water Meter. Edit Descriptor to set site name, 16 characters max. & Submit

Display Units(UOM): G. Edit Units (defaults to system units) , 3 characters max. & Submit

Decimal digits: 0. Select # digits after decimal & Submit

Disable: Yes  No . Disable & Sensor Type options only display if meter not in use by another I/O

Sensor Type: Turbine meter. Select Sensor Type = Turbine Meter (3 wire meters) or Water Meter (contact head, 2 wire) & Submit to set meter type

Turbine Meters are scaled by 'K'Factor (pulses/gallon) Contact head, Water Meters are scaled in Vol/contact closure.

S:Water Meter

Configure

'K' Factor: 25.0000

Compensation: None

R:Water meter

Configure

Vol/contact: 100 G

Compensation: None

**Sidebar:**

Contact head water meters, with gallons per pulse scaling, are rarely used in Aquatics applications, unless volumes of water used is the goal (Backwash or Fill water totalizing).

## 5.2 Flow Rate and Alarm

A turbine meter can be used as a flow rate alarm and interlock. This process requires two phantoms, an analog 'Flow Rate' phantom to calculate a rate from a pulse, and a digital phantom to provide other outputs with an Interlock or switch.

Enable and set up a turbine meter as described on the previous page. Enable one digital phantom and one analog phantom. See section 9.3 Enable I/O to enable the phantoms. Analog phantoms range from K to N and digital phantoms W, X, Y and Z. We are using N and Z in the following example below.

### Set up the Analog Phantom first

Select the analog Phantom icon from the home page

#### Select source box

Select the 'Rate' Attribute from the turbine meter 'S' created on the previous page. (Can be any turbine meter.) Press Submit. The name of this phantom will change to 'Flow rate' automatically. Use the Setup menu to edit if desired.

### Set up the Digital Phantom second

Select the digital Phantom icon from the home page

Select Configure from the pull-down

Choose Compensation as Rate Flowswitch Press Submit. Then find the analog phantom just created as the Flowrate sensor. Press Submit. Third, enter a setpoint in the Flowswitches box. Now, phantom Z can be used to interlock any and all outputs. When the flow is above the setpoint, the output will be enabled.

### 5.3 Meter Diagnostics

Select the P to T icon from the right side of the home page to view the Diagnostic page

Meters display the volume measured from midnight on the home page.

or select Diagnostic from the pulldown

<b>P: Turbine meter</b>	
<b>Diagnostic</b>	
Sensor Type	Water meter
Vol. this year	181221.59 G
19 Days Online	Vol/Day,9537.98 G
Volume Total	181221.59 G
Vol. last year	0.00 G
Rate	6.0gpm
No alarm logged	
Input Firmware Driver	built-in
Configure: 0000	Status: 0000
Device: 000C4E31	Product: 0E12519A
Rev.#: 00000001	S/N.: 15082008
A.ID#: 31032004	A.Part#: -1
A.rev#: 0	Firmware:01.01.02.00
<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	

Total since meter enabled

Rate as of the moment the diagnostic page was opened. This is not a live value. Press Refresh to update.

Volume resolution (digits after the decimal) is set by **Decimal Digits** on the Setup page

<b>Q: Water meter</b>	
<b>Diagnostic</b>	
Sensor Type	Turbine meter
Vol. this year	76927.01 G
20 Days Online	Vol/Day,3846.35 G
Volume Total	798929.50 G
Vol. last year	0.00 G
Rate	19.7gpm
No alarm logged	
Input Firmware Driver	built-in
Configure: 0001	Status: 0000
Device: 000C4E31	Product: 0E12519A
Rev.#: 00000001	S/N.: 15082008
A.ID#: 31032004	A.Part#: -1
A.rev#: 0	Firmware:01.01.00.05
<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>	

Turbine type meters calculate **Rate** every second as meter pulse counts are measured. Therefore **Rate** is more representative than contact head meter rates because counting occurs more frequently.

DI (Digital Input) driver detail Shared by all inputs 'O' thru 'T'

## 5.4 Meter Alarms

Select the P to T icon from the right side of the home page to view the Diagnostic page

or select **Diagnostic** from the pulldown

HiAlarm is the volume measured from midnight. Edit & Submit

LoAlarm is set on the daily volume. It's checked only once @ midnight. Edit & Submit

Alarm Relay = Yes & Submit will turn ON the alarm relay if one has been configured.

Disable Alarms = Yes stops new alarms on meter input 'S' in this example.

If alarmed, a **Clear alarms** option will be included on this page.

If you clear a **HiAlarm** & the day has not changed, it may re-alarm if today's volume increases more than **HiAlarm** before midnight.

In this example, we want an alarm on any any **Water** make-up  
But don't want an alarm if there is no **Water** make-up  
(so **LoAlarm** is less than zero)

In this example, we're also using one of the relay outputs as a dedicated alarm relay, perhaps to the site DCS. By choosing **Alarm Relay = Yes**, when this I/O point is in alarm, the alarm relay will be activated.

**S: Water Meter**

**Alarms**

Status	Adjusted Alarm
HiAlarm	10.00 G
LoAlarm	-100.00 G
Alarm Relay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Disable Alarms	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Reset Submit

**Sidebar:**  
Flow meter alarms.  
In aquatic applications the number of gallons circulated per hour or per day is not very useful information, so alarms on this data are typically disabled. The exception is when facility management is monitoring water usage or discharge rates using this feature. Water usage can alert the facility to possible leaks or other problems. It can also be used to measure and report backwash water usage compared to fill water to document sewage charge waivers on evaporated water.

## 6 Flowswitches, System Interlocks & Contact Sets

### 6.1 Switching Meter Types & Contact Sets

Water meters and contact set inputs are connected in the 'O' to 'T' digital inputs.

They can also be created in the 'U' to 'Z' phantom inputs.

If the meter or contact set input is not configured for control, it can be re-purposed, making a contact set a meter or the inverse.

When an input in the 'U' to 'Z' phantom input is enabled, it's initially configured as a contact set. Any contact set designated as a system flow switch cannot be changed by the user. See Sidebar below.

Contact sets are ON when the contact set is closed. With the exception of the system flow switch(es), the logical sense of the input may be inverted so that ON = contact set open. (Refer to Section [6.3 Inverting a Contact Set](#)).

**Sidebar:**

System Interlocks. From the factory, each system will have at least one System Flowswitch Interlock. This input cannot be disabled by the user. This ensures that the safety flow switch cannot be accidentally ignored or disabled.

Contact the factory if this needs to be changed.

## 6.2 Contact Set Alarms

Select the **O to T** icon from the right side of the home page

Select **Alarms** from the pulldown

With the **On Time Alarm** set for more than 1440, the total number of minutes in a day, this alarm is disabled.

The **No Flow Alarm** is set to 5 minutes to reduce the likelihood of a nuisance alarm. The switch must be off for 5 contiguous minutes to create an alarm condition

A system flow switch, as in this example, will ignore the OFF Time Alarm minutes and alarm immediately to maximize safety.

Alarms use the time ON or OFF today which is reset to 0.0 @ midnight.

If you are not using the alarms, set **Disable Alarm = Yes & Submit**  
It is not recommended that you disable the alarm of a recirculation water flowswitch.

In this example, we're using the alarm to alert us if the recirculation water is offline for more than an hour. Or set this value to a few minutes to know immediately if the recirculation water has stopped.  
**Edit & Submit** to modify

**O:Pool flowswitch**

**Alarms**

**ON Time Alarm** 1441.0 minutes

**OFF Time Alarm** 5.0 minutes

**Alarm Relay** Yes  No

**Disable Alarms** Yes  No

Reset Submit

**S:Flowswitch**

**Alarms**

**ON Time Alarm** 1500.0 minutes

**No Flow Alarm** 60.0 minutes

**Alarm Relay** Yes  No

**Disable Alarms** Yes  No

Reset Submit

**Sidebar:**  
Contact set alarms are frequently used to flag unusual operating conditions or outages.

If you are alarming on an event that bridges midnight, bear in mind that the ON or OFF time that trips the alarm is reset @ midnight.

### 6.3 Inverting a Contact Set

Contact sets are digital inputs that can be 'ON' when they sense a closed contact. The controller can just as easily consider the closed contact to be an 'OFF' signal. This is the inverted sense. Example: A common usage of this feature is when using a float switch for autofill that is closed when level is full and open when water level is low. By default, if the float switch is ON the water valve would open, which is backwards for this type of float switch. Inverting the digital input sense corrects the logic, without needing to change to a different float switch with opposite logic.

<b>Q: Contact set</b> <span>✕</span>	
<b>Configure</b> <span>▼</span>	
<b>Compensation</b>	<input type="text" value="None"/> <span>▼</span>
<b>Invert sense</b>	<input type="radio" value="Yes"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio" value="No"/> No
<input type="button" value="Reset"/>	<input type="button" value="Submit"/>

To invert the input, select 'Yes' and press Submit.

**Sidebar:**  
Note the example above is for the **Q** input. The controller will not allow you to invert the input signal from the default system flow switch **O**.

# 7 System Settings

## 7.1 Home & Diagnostic pages

**System:** [gear icon]

**Home**

2019-May-20	S/N:2017138610
Status	Logged in
Current User	admin
Logout	[Logout]

[Reset] [Submit]

**Callouts:**

- Select the controller icon at the top of the home page to get to the System pull down
- The serial number is used to track your controller's warranty. Have this number handy when contacting the factory or your distributor.
- Status and User information duplicated from top, right corner of Home page
- Logout here or on the home page. Logs out automatically if no activity for X minutes. See section 7.8: System Setup page for logoff settings.

**System: Diagnostic** [gear icon]

**Diagnostic**

Serial number	2017057142
Firmware	17.10.08.00
HMI Firmware	16.07.11.00
Web Browser HMI Version	02.00.00.08
Relay Fuse	OK
Watchdog Resets	6
Admin Password	Default
O-T wiring	OK
Fan speed	3990 RPM
Events	Mon, WEEK 2

[Refresh]

**Callouts:**

- Select Diagnostic from the pull down
- The last three digits of the serial number are used to ID the WiFi Hotspot, emails, configuration and datalog files
- Line power fuse status for relays 1 & 2. Typically includes protection for relays 3-5 unless they are externally powered.
- Accumulates unexpected CPU restarts. Should read at or near zero.
- Default = AAAA, otherwise known only to the Admin user
- Power for 3-wire turbine meters connected to inputs 'O' through 'T'
- Cooling fan fault shuts down all sensor driver cards & output controls. Displays only fault message on local LED screen.
- Events are entered as daily, weekly or monthly (28 days). In daily, every day is day =1. In weekly, every Sunday is Sunday = 1. This page shows the 28 day cycle. This is day 9 of 28.

## 7.2 Activity Log:

### 7.2.1 User ID, time stamp

**System: Activity Log**

Select Activity Log from the System pulldown

**Activity Log**

82 Events, 41-50

Initially displays the current day's activities in blocks of 10

View another day: Select Month & Day & Submit (last six months selectable)

IO	Activity	User ID	Time
A:	Alarms Alarmed High	System	12:38:01
C:	Alarms Alarmed High	System	12:38:01
E:	Alarms Alarmed Low	System	12:38:01
F:	Alarms Alarmed Low	System	12:38:01
L:	Alarms Scale Alarm	System	12:38:01
M:	Alarms Alarmed High	System	12:38:01
S:	Activity Adjusted Alarm	admin	12:38:52
U:	Activity Changed	admin	13:40:30
U:	Activity Changed	admin	13:40:41
U:	Configure Compen. modify	admin	13:41:04

This list shows activities both by User ID & those that occur Automatically (System).

Examples:

- The System logged the Alarmed phantom input M.
- The System logged the admin users' adjustment of the Alarms on Input 'S'

Next selection not shown @ end of day's activities  
In this example, we are viewing events 41-50 of 82 total activities

If there has been no activity unusual to normal operation you will see 0Events or activities. This is also returned for days that the controller was powered off or prior to install. Check current time and date.

**System: Activity Log**

**Activity Log**

0 Events, 1-0

May

1

No activity file

Submit

## 7.3 Communications: 1 of 2

### 7.3.1 LAN IP, Netmask, MAC, Gateway, Wifi IP

You'll need to be logged in as the admin user to modify **Communications**. The top of the page will prompt you with the required login if you are not allowed to modify the current page.

The DCM3 controller includes a **DHCP client** which means when you connect to the site LAN, you can assign a static IP valid for the LAN or select DHCP and let the network assign a compatible IP address to the controller.

Sidebar:

The screenshot shows the 'System: Communications' configuration page. It features a sidebar with 'System: Communications' and 'Communications' dropdown menus. The main content area contains a form with the following fields and callouts:

- DHCP:** Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. The 'No' button is selected. Callout: "Choose DHCP = Yes if you wish the network to assign the IP address. This ensures the controller address will comply with the required network protocol".
- LAN IP Address:** Text input field containing '10.0.0.108'. Callout: "Current LAN IP address of the DCM3 controller. If you modify & Submit, you will lose the current browser connection. Reconnect using the new IP Address."
- LAN Netmask:** Text input field containing '255.255.255.0'. Callout: "Current LAN netmask, change as needed by LAN administrator and click Submit."
- LAN Gateway:** Text input field containing '10.0.0.1'. Callout: "If you are using the e-mail functionality (Alarms and data reports) then the LAN gateway should match other devices on this network".
- LAN HTTP Port:** Text input field containing '80'. Callout: "The HTTP port is defaulted to 80, the standard browser port".
- LAN MAC Address:** Text input field containing '54:10:ec:59:82:1b'.
- WiFi Direct:** Dropdown menu set to 'Enabled on 'OK''. Callout: "For additional security, the WiFi transponder can be set to Enabled on 'OK' so that when it is not in use, it will turn off until someone presses the OK button. The other selections are 'Always OFF' and the default setting of 'Always ON'".

At the bottom of the form are 'Reset' and 'Submit' buttons.

If you modify the IP or Netmask & can no longer connect, the current IP & Netmask can be viewed on the local HMI (keypad & display).

Key Menu / Up / Up /System / OK / Communications / OK & Up - Down to scroll through the settings.

LAN (Local Area Network) refers to the Ethernet port connection. WiFi refers to the wireless "HotSpot" browser connection. See [Section 1](#) for more connection information.

## 7.4 E-Mail Setup – Test

System: E-mail Setup

E-mail Setup

Status: Mail sent

E-mail Enabled:  Yes  No

E-mail log as .csv file: at Midnight

E-mail on Alarm:  Yes  No

E-mail status: at 12:00PM

Mail To: dudlevdoorrite@mount

cc E-mail to: Unassigned

cc E-mail to: Unassigned

cc E-mail to: Unassigned

cc E-mail to: Unassigned

SMTP IP Address: 43.228.184.6

SMTP Port: 2525

SMTP Username: dcm3@prominent.us

SMTP Password: .....

SMTP reset:  Yes  No

Test E-mail:  Yes  No

Next mail: 19.12hrs

Reset Submit

Use the Pulldown menu in the System menus to select **E-Mail Setup**.

Select Enable=Yes to see the rest of this menu page. See User Setup page for more instructions and to add an email address.

There are 3 choices for emailing a daily log of data to be archived **Disable, at Midnight and Hourly**. “at Midnight” is the default.

Select Yes to receive emails when the controller is in alarm.

E-mailing the controller status at regular times verifies to the operator that the controller is online and can email an alarm if needed. There are 4 choices, **Disable, at 12:00PM, at Midnight,** and both **12:00PM and Midnight**.

This is the primary recipient of the e-mails being sent

You can add up to 4 additional emails to the cc list so that more than 1 operator can get notified.

The default SMTP address and settings are shown for the ProMinent provided server. If you choose to use a different SMTP server, edit these values as needed.

Select **Yes** to revert SMTP settings to factory default values.

Test the server and settings during the initial setup and after any changes to the settings. Test by clicking **Test E-mail=Yes** and pressing **Submit**.

When testing the E-mail, after pressing Submit, the screen will change to show a change in status. As the test continues, if you press the Refresh button every few seconds, the Status will update and eventually show Mail sent. If there is a detected problem sending the e-mail, the Status will show that fault to assist troubleshooting by the IT department.

Status E-mail Example

From: DCM3-2018256937@prominent.us <DCM3-2018256937@prominent.us>  
 Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 2:09 PM  
 To: gomer.pyle@USMC.mil  
 Subject: Status,14:08:24

ID	Descriptor	Value	Status
1	Acid Feed	0sec	On delay by 0
2	Oxidant Feed	0sec	On delay by 0
5	Alarm Contact	14.13hrs	Not Alarmed
A	Conductivity	0uS	ok
C	Free Chlorine	2.34ppm	ok
E	pH Sensor	7.4pH	ok
K	Temperature	85.8F	ok
O	Sample Flow	14.14hrs	on

System: E-mail Setup

E-mail Setup

1 step Connecting  
 Next mail 22.38hrs

Refresh

## 7.5 E-mail Reports and Alarms

The E-mail setup function is diagramed above in [Section 7.4](#) of this manual. You cannot access this feature through the keypad.

The E-mail tool can send three types on information; Alarms, Status and Data Logs. Setup is via a PC, Tablet or smart phone browser.

From the factory, the E-mail is disabled by default and must be enabled before additional setup can occur. See [Section 7.4](#) above.

### 7.5.1 E-mail Types:

#### 7.5.1.1 ALARM: Sent once when an alarm first occurs.

Lists all active alarms. Includes enabled sensor, meter & contact values for alarm context.

Up to 5 email addresses can be programmed to receive alarm notifications. User Enabled/Disabled.

**From:** DCM3-2018256937@prominent.us <DCM3-2018256937@prominent.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 4:03 PM  
**To:** alfred.e.neuman@madmagazine.com  
**Cc:** bruce.wayne@batcave.com>  
**Subject:** Status,16:03:11

#### Facility Name_Pool Name

Active Alarms			
ID	Descriptor	Info	Datetime
E	pH Sensor	Alarmed High	15:20 2020-Mar-11
F	ORP Sensor	Alarmed Low	15:21 2020-Mar-11
K	Temperature	Alarmed Low	15:20 2020-Mar-11
Status			
ID	Descriptor	Value	Status
1	Acid Feed	0sec	On delay by 0
2	Oxidant Feed	0sec	pH override
E	pH Sensor	8.38pH	alarm
F	ORP Sensor	586mV	alarm
K	Temperature	82.8F	alarm
O	Sample Flow	23 sec	on

**7.5.1.2 STATUS: Sent at Noon, Midnight or Both, every day (12:00 or 23:59 or both). Verifies that the controller is operating and active on the LAN.**

Includes enabled sensor, meter and contact values.

Sent @ midday so that commercial systems will have some run time and some day is left to respond to operational issues. Midnight or Both is normally used for 24 hour operations that prefer overnight verification as well as mid-day.

**From:** DCM3-2018256937@prominent.us <DCM3-2018256937@prominent.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** gomer.pyle@USMC.mil  
**Subject:** Status,14:08:24

**DCM3-C1_Pool Name**

Status			
ID	Descriptor	Value	Status
1	Acid Feed	0sec	On delay by 0
2	Oxidant Feed	0sec	On delay by 0
5	Alarm Contact	14.13hrs	Not Alarmed
A	Conductivity	0uS	ok
C	Free Chlorine	2.34ppm	ok
E	pH Sensor	7.4pH	ok
K	Temperature	88.8F	ok
O	Sample Flow	14.14hrs	on

**7.5.1.3 Data Logs: Sent @ midnight (23:59) every day for archiving, or hourly for troubleshooting. Can also be used to verify that the controller is running and active on the network.**

Includes enabled output run times or volumes and sensor, meter & contact values. User Enabled/Disabled. All datalog files are delimited. They are comma separated values (CSV); one line per each 5-minute time stamp.

## DCM3 Browser

The beginning of the downloaded text file looks like this:

```
DCM3,,,,,,,,,
Serial number,Site name,Controller name,,Firmware,,,,
2018256937,Facility Name_,Pool Name,,19.09.10.00,,,,
Log records,,,,,,,,,
I/O,Location,E,F,K,O,1,2,
I/O,Units,pH,mV,F ,sec,sec,sec,
Date ,Time ,pH Sensor,ORP Sensor,Temperature,Sample Flow,Acid Feed,Oxidant Feed,
11/03/20,00:00:00, 7.550,748.000, 84.123, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:05:00, 7.551,748.000, 84.122, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:10:00, 7.551,748.000, 84.122, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:15:00, 7.551,748.000, 84.122, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:20:00, 7.551,748.000, 84.122, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:25:00, 7.551,747.000, 84.122, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:30:00, 7.551,747.000, 84.122, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:35:00, 7.551,747.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:40:00, 7.551,747.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:45:00, 7.552,747.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:50:00, 7.552,747.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,00:55:00, 7.552,747.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,01:00:00, 7.552,747.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,01:05:00, 7.552,747.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,01:10:00, 7.552,747.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,01:15:00, 7.552,746.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,01:20:00, 7.553,746.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,01:25:00, 7.553,746.000, 84.121, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,01:30:00, 7.553,746.000, 84.120, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,01:35:00, 7.553,746.000, 84.120, 300.000, 0, 0,
11/03/20,01:40:00, 7.553,746.000, 84.120, 300.000, 0, 0,
```

When opened using Microsoft® Excel® or a similar spreadsheet program, the data will look more organized, like this:

DCM3							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	DCM3						
2	Serial number	Site name	Controller name	Firmware			
3	2018256937	Facility Name_	Pool Name	19.09.10.00			
4	Log records						
5	I/O	Location	E	F	K	O	1 2
6	I/O	Units	pH	mV	F	sec	sec sec
7	Date	Time	pH Sensor	ORP Sensor	Temperature	Sample Flow	Acid Feed Oxidant Feed
8	11/3/2020	0:00:00	7.55	748	84.123	300	0 0
9	11/3/2020	0:05:00	7.551	748	84.122	300	0 0
10	11/3/2020	0:10:00	7.551	748	84.122	300	0 0
11	11/3/2020	0:15:00	7.551	748	84.122	300	0 0
12	11/3/2020	0:20:00	7.551	748	84.122	300	0 0
13	11/3/2020	0:25:00	7.551	747	84.122	300	0 0
14	11/3/2020	0:30:00	7.551	747	84.122	300	0 0
15	11/3/2020	0:35:00	7.551	747	84.121	300	0 0
16	11/3/2020	0:40:00	7.551	747	84.121	300	0 0
17	11/3/2020	0:45:00	7.552	747	84.121	300	0 0
18	11/3/2020	0:50:00	7.552	747	84.121	300	0 0
19	11/3/2020	0:55:00	7.552	747	84.121	300	0 0
20	11/3/2020	1:00:00	7.552	747	84.121	300	0 0
21	11/3/2020	1:05:00	7.552	747	84.121	300	0 0
22	11/3/2020	1:10:00	7.552	747	84.121	300	0 0
23	11/3/2020	1:15:00	7.552	746	84.121	300	0 0
24	11/3/2020	1:20:00	7.553	746	84.121	300	0 0
25	11/3/2020	1:25:00	7.553	746	84.121	300	0 0
26	11/3/2020	1:30:00	7.553	746	84.12	300	0 0
27	11/3/2020	1:35:00	7.553	746	84.12	300	0 0
28	11/3/2020	1:40:00	7.553	746	84.12	300	0 0

Consult your spreadsheet program instructions for how to change or import the data so the date is shown as MM/DD/YYYY.

## 7.6 Time & Date:

### 7.6.1 Sync to Device Clock

The screenshot shows the 'System: Time & Date' configuration interface. At the top, there is a dropdown menu currently set to 'Time & Date'. Below this is a link that says 'Set fields to match my computer'. The main configuration area contains three input fields: 'Date DD/MM/YY' with the value '17/06/19', 'Time HH:MM:SS' with the value '17:34:03', and 'Weekday' with a dropdown menu set to 'Mon'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Reset' and 'Submit'. Several callout boxes with arrows point to these elements, providing instructions on how to use the interface.

**System: Time & Date**

Select **Time & Date** from the **System** pulldown

**Time & Date**

[Set fields to match my computer](#)

This is usually the easiest way to match the controller date and time to your device. Click on the link & **Submit**.

**Date DD/MM/YY** 17/06/19

**Time HH:MM:SS** 17:34:03

**Weekday** Mon

**-OR-**  
Edit the **Date, Time & Weekday** fields & **Submit**  
Follow the formatting for the **Date (DD/MM/YY)** and **Time (HH:MM:SS)** fields to avoid an error message

**Reset** **Submit**

**BE AWARE:**  
Adjusting the time & date affects control relays that use time, feed events, data logging and alarming.

## 7.7 Enable I/O:

### 7.7.1 Enabling Analog and Digital Inputs and Outputs

**NOTE:** You will need to be logged in as “admin” to be able to enable Inputs or Outputs (even phantoms).

This includes all analog and digital inputs, other than the serial conductivity sensor. All I/O points can be enabled and used by the controller. Enabled points are displayed on the main screen. If a point is disabled, it is removed from the main screen and has no programmable function.

From the System Home menu select **Enable I/O**

This window will appear

Only disabled I/O's will be shown in the dropdown list. Select the I/O to be enabled from the choices shown, then press **Submit**.

After each I/O is enabled, the menu will revert back to this window to allow you to select the next I/O to activate. If no other I/O's are to be enabled, close the window to return to the main browser screen.

After enabling the I/O, configuration of each is explained in other sections of this manual. For Analog Input configurations see [Section 4 Sensors](#), for configuring Digital inputs see [Section 5 Water Meters](#) and [Section 6 Flowswitches, System Interlocks & Contact Sets](#). For Phantom or Virtual inputs see [Section 4.6 Using Sensor Attributes for Phantoms](#). For Digital outputs (relays) see [Section 2 Chemical Feed Controls](#) or [Section 3.2 Alarm Relay](#).

The DCM series of controllers is extremely flexible. If there is something you would like to do with the I/O's provided, but you aren't quite sure if it can be done, or how to do it, please contact your ProMinent distributor and they should be able to help you achieve your goals.

## 7.8 System Setup:

### 7.8.1 Naming, Sunday=Day1 ,Metric Units, Restart Options

You'll need to be logged in as the **admin** user to modify **System Setup**.

The top of the page will prompt you with [Login @ Admin](#) if you are not allowed to modify the current page.

The screenshot shows the 'System Setup' page with various configuration options. A red arrow points to the 'System Setup' dropdown menu. Green arrows point from callout boxes to specific settings. The callout boxes contain the following text:

- Select System Setup from the System pulldown
- Site Name and System Name will tag your graphs and emailed alarms to help differentiate between multiple controllers.
- To require users to login, Select **Keypad Passwords = Yes** and **SUBMIT**
- Metric Units = Yes** then **SUBMIT** changes Units to °C and measures volumes in Liters. **Metric units = No** shows units in °F and
- This Week = Week 1** refers only to the 28 day event cycle. Daily and weekly events do not have to distinguish which Sunday
- After a No-Flow condition, chemical feeders will be delayed by this period to allow the sensors to correct after flow is restored. Click to adjust then press **SUBMIT**
- For safety reasons, the Sample Flow switch assignment cannot be changed or disabled. If the unlikely need to change it occurs, contact ProMinent Fluid Controls.
- Choose how long the browser stays connected after the last keystroke.
- Choose **Alarm on Stops = Yes** then **SUBMIT** to be alerted if a feeder is forced off individually or by pressing the red STOP button
- Choose **System restart = Yes** then **SUBMIT** to reboot the controller. The same as turning the power off for 30 seconds then back on, but this can be done remotely!
- CAUTION:** Selecting Factory Reset = Yes and SUBMIT will erase all programming and require a new configuration file to be loaded. *DO NOT perform a factory reset without having a saved configuration to load via USB Flash drive!*
- Enable Chime Alarm = Yes** then **SUBMIT** to have a chime sound on your computer to alert you when there is an alarm on the controller.

Status	Login @ Admin
Site name	DCM3-CI_Customer
System-Name	Pool Name
Keypad Password	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Metric Units	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
This week = week 1	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Flow ON delay	120 seconds
Pool Flowswitch	0:Sample Flow
Browser logout	15 Minutes
Alarm on STOPS	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
System restart	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Factory Reset	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Enable Alarm Chime	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="button" value="Reset"/> <input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

## 7.9 User Setup:

### 7.9.1 View-Set Access Level and Passwords

**System: User Setup**

**User Setup**

Status	Login @ Admin
New Password	.....
Confirm Password	.....
admin	View-Set Access
Select User	O:Operator1
Access Level	Operate
Reset user password	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Reset Submit

- From the System menu select the User Setup choice
- Status will show the current access level.
- Password can be edited by each user, up to 8 alpha-numeric characters, no special characters.
- Note the Admin user cannot change their user ID.
- Admin can change access level of the other users by selecting the user and selecting a different access level and clicking **SUBMIT**. Admin CANNOT change another user's password
- Admin can reset a user password to the factory default for that user. The Admin or anyone, can then log in as that user and change both the user name and password.

**System: User Setup**

**User Setup**

Status	Login @ configure
User ID	Ralphy
New Password	..
Confirm Password	..

Reset Submit

- User can see what level of access the Admin has assigned to him/her.
- The non-admin user can only change his Username and password from the User Setup menu.
- Usernames are up to 11 alpha numeric characters (Letters and numbers, no spaces)
- Passwords are up to 8 alpha numeric characters including these special characters:  
 ~ ! @ # \$ % ^ * ( ) _ + = ` - [ ] \ { } / .
- Illegal characters are & | ? , < > and spaces

## 8 Using the USB Port

### 8.1 Capturing Data

The DCM3 logs all sensors, flow switches, meter values, relay ON times, and status every 5 minutes. This data is easily captured from the USB port located behind the communication light cover. Downloading the data logs is not possible from the Browser interface, so this section is provided for your reference.

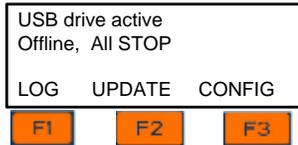


Unscrew the Phillip's head fastener

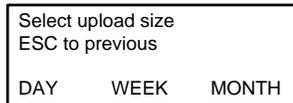


USB Port

- 1- Insert a USB flash drive into the USB port shown. The OLED screen will acknowledge the drive by showing this screen.

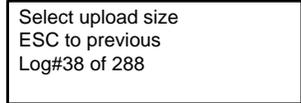


- 2- Choose, **LOG [F1]** to set up the download.



- 3- Choose the amount of history, DAY [F1], WEEK [F2], or MONTH [F3]. When you choose the period, the download starts. *During the download, the keypad and browser connections are locked.*

- A. The display will show the progress of the download.
- B. Once complete, the display will show the file name uploaded to the USB flash drive (ending in ".csv"), the size of the file in number of records or time stamps, and instructs you to remove the drive to return the controller to normal operation.
- C. Don't forget to close and re-secure the access door to assure the interior of the controller is not subjected to moisture, vermin or corrosive fumes from the environment.



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Once downloaded and saved to the USB flash drive, no special conversion program or Excel add-in is needed to import the CSV formatted data into Microsoft® Excel® or similar spreadsheet programs.

Just find the file name that was shown on the controller screen on the USB Flash drive and open it up as you would any other text file.

Refer to your spreadsheet or graphing software product to learn how to import CSV data. (CSV = Comma Separated Values). The I/O data is stored in 5 minute intervals. (Not adjustable).

Values shown are as taken, not averaged over the 5 minute period. Relays show ON time in seconds if on/off.

DCM3											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	DCM3										
2	Serial number	Site name	Controller name		Firmware						
3	2018256937	DCM3-Cl_	Pool Name	19.10.25.00							
4	Log records										
5	I/O	Location	A	C	E	K	O	1	2	5	
6	I/O	Units	uS	ppm	pH	F	sec	sec	sec	sec	
7	Date	Time	Conductivity	Free Chlorine	pH Sensor	Temperature	Sample Flow	Acid Feed	Oxidant Feed	Alarm Contact	
8	17/03/19	0:00:00	557.124	2.35	7.45	88.8	300	0	0	0	
9	17/03/19	0:05:00	557.124	2.35	7.45	88.8	300	0	0	0	
10	17/03/19	0:10:00	557.124	2.35	7.45	88.8	300	0	0	0	
11	17/03/19	0:15:00	557.124	2.35	7.45	88.8	300	0	0	0	
12	17/03/19	0:20:00	557.124	2.35	7.46	88.8	300	0	0	0	
13	17/03/19	0:25:00	557.124	2.35	7.46	88.8	300	0	0	0	
14	17/03/19	0:30:00	557.124	2.35	7.46	88.8	300	0	0	0	

## 8.2 Save or Load the Program Configuration

THIS IS NOT THE FIRMWARE UPGRADE INSTRUCTIONS. See [8.3 Firmware Upgrade](#)

A program configuration is a list of instructions that the user can edit. Set-points, calibrations, names of I/O are all saved in the program configuration. You can save the configuration via a USB drive for backup purposes or to clone the settings of another controller. (Save from one controller and Load the configuration onto another.)

To see how to access the USB port, see section [8.1 Capturing Data](#).

### 8.2.1 Saving to the USB

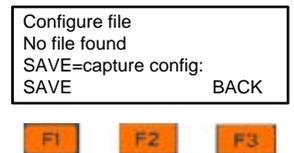
- 1- To **SAVE** a copy of your current program onto a USB drive, insert a USB flash drive into the USB port located behind the Communication panel door.
- 2- Press F3 Config

If you have not previously saved a program on this USB you can only **SAVE** (F1) a copy to the USB flash drive.

If you have a previously saved program on the USB drive, you have the choice of **SAVing** (F1) the current configuration or **LOADing** (F3) a saved configuration. The **NEXT** (F2) key is used to scroll through the different configuration files currently saved in the controller's flash memory.

Embedded in the configuration file name is the date of the saved configuration and the serial number of the controller. The syntax of the file name is:  
AX###_YY_DDD.cfg.

AX designates this as a DCM3 configuration,  
### represents the last 3 digits of the controller serial number (from which this file was saved),  
YY is the two digit year, and  
DDD represents the 3 digit Day of the Year where 001 is January 1st and 365 or 366 is December 31st.



Press **SAVE** (F1) to save the current configuration to the USB drive. When the save is complete, the display will show the file name of the configuration file saved, and notify you to remove the USB drive.

#### Sidebar:

It is a good practice to make note of the file name of the configuration just saved, and any significant programming changes made prior to saving the configuration.

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### 8.2.2 Loading from the USB

- 1- To load a previously saved program from the USB flash drive to your DCM3 controller, insert a flash drive into the USB port located behind the Communication panel.
- 2- Press F3 **CONFIG**.  
Press F2 to find the specific saved configuration you would like to load, by pressing F2 **NEXT** until the desired file is shown.
- 3- Press F3 **LOAD** to upload the cfg file shown on the screen.
- 4- The controller then loads the program from your USB drive and notifies you to remove the drive. "Complete restarts" indicates the controller will reboot as soon as the USB drive is removed.

Sometimes referred to as "Cloning", a saved program file can be loaded onto a different DCM3 controller. They will then have the same configuration. Afterwards, you can edit either program via the keypad or with any device using a browser. Please note that although the DCM3 and DCM5 controllers share this feature, a DCM5 configuration cannot be uploaded to a DCM3, nor can a DCM3 configuration be uploaded into a DCM5.

### 8.2.3 Saving to/from Flash Memory

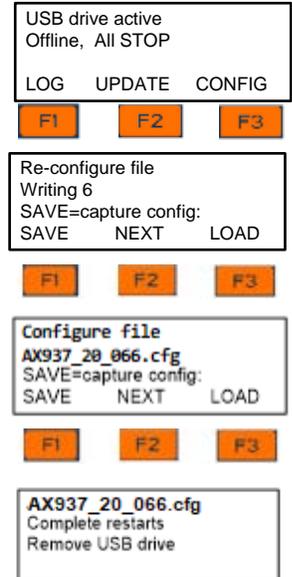
Just like saving and loading from a USB flash drive, you can also save or load a saved configuration from the internal flash memory of the controller. The instructions and menus are the same. Use the **Menu/System/Configurations** menu path.

## 8.3 Firmware Upgrade

Firmware is **not** your "program configuration" which determines which sensors are enabled, and which relay operates when and how. We just reviewed that above in [Section 8.2](#) (how the program configuration can be saved and if needed, re-loaded, or copied to another controller).

Firmware is the basic operating system or program which tells the controller's internal computer how to operate as a pool/spa chemistry controller.

If necessary, your controller firmware program can now be field upgraded.



### Only One hex File Please

To avoid accidents and confusion with this important process, please remove all files from the USB drive prior to adding the .hex file. The controller will only recognize one hex file. Be sure you copy the correct file to the USB. If you have more than one, be sure only the correct one is copied to the root directory of the USB flash drive.

## DCM3 Browser

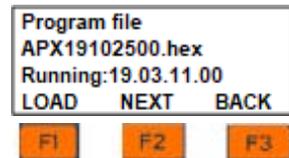
- 1- Obtain the firmware hex file from your distributor or ProMinent and save it to the root directory of USB flash drive. *Be sure it is the **only** file in the root directory ending in ".hex" (without the quotation marks).*
- 2- Insert USB flash drive with the new hex file into the USB port located behind the Communication panel.

3- Press F2, **UPDATE**

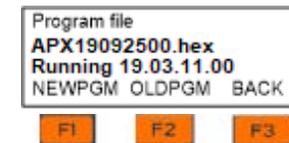


- 4- The display shows the one file from the USB drive; **Program file APX19092500.hex** and the current hex file in use; **"Running:19.03.11.00"**. NOTE: These numbers are date codes, year, month and day, 2019.March.11th. '00' indicates they were loaded via the USB drive.

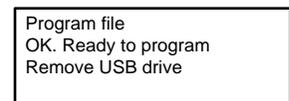
F2 "OLDPGM" is a prompt to list previous hex programs stored on the controller (in case the newest upgrade needs to be returned to a previous version). You can load a previous program from this list by pressing OLDPGM (F2) then scroll through the choices by pressing NEXT (F2). When the desired version is shown, or if you want to re-load the same version of the firmware, press NEWPGM (F1).



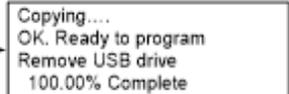
- 5- There will be one more screen to be sure you really want to change the base operating program. To proceed with the program change, press **LOAD (F1)**. To abort the program change, press **BACK (F3)**.



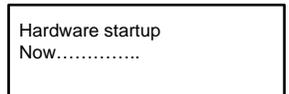
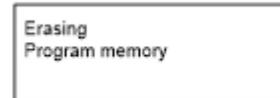
- 6- Remove the USB drive when prompted.



- 7- The firmware is first copied to the controller's internal memory. When complete, the controller will notify you to remove the USB drive.



- 8- After you remove the drive, the controller will erase the existing firmware and install the new version.



- 9- Once the new firmware is installed, the controller will restart (reboot). All of your control parameters and user names and passwords should be unchanged.

Firmware update is a major change to the controller. Communication settings, clock, calendar and Email setup may change and should be checked and verified after any firmware change.



### Embedded Website Upgrade

Normally, the website embedded in the controller does not need to be upgraded. There are some exceptions and if your website requires upgrade, contact ProMinent or your local distributor for assistance.

## 9 Appendices:

### 9.1 IO Namespace: Letters & Numbers

The controller uses the letters 'A' to 'Z' to refer to sensors, meters, contact sets and 4-20mA outputs.

The numbers '1' to '5' refer to digital output controls (relays). These can be AC relays, or dry contact relays for either AC or DC or unpowered contact use. They can be programmed for On/Off, Time Modulate or Timed Cycling control.

Users can assign site specific names to all of the I/O's, A-Z and 1-5. The I/O letters & numbers are a convenient, compact way to describe both the physical location of the I/O within the controller enclosure and the capabilities of each I/O.

Some letters are "phantom" or "virtual", meaning they don't have physical wiring location within the enclosure. Phantoms are used to represent calculated, duplicate or derived values that are logged, alarmed and may be used for control.

I/O	Type	Notes
A	Serial sensor	3 wire Conductivity Temperature sensor
B	Not available on the DCM3	
C	CLB sensor driver card	Free ppm sensor
D	Not available on the DCM3	
E-F	Dual sensor driver card pH+ORP	pH-ORP: configurable as pH-ORP  2 standard DCM3 types: DCM300 (pH+ORP) and DCM3-CI (pH+PPM)
G-N	Phantom sensors	Calculated (LSI/Ryznar, Flow Rate) or derived from other sensors & meters
O-T	Volume meter & contact set inputs	Each of 5 inputs configurable as Turbine, Contact Head meter or Contact Set. A second System flowswitch will reduce this to 4 inputs.
U-Z	Phantom volume meter & contact set inputs	Derived from other sensors & meters
1-2	Line powered control relays	Form C, powers pumps, solenoids & motorized valves Both Fused with 5A fuse
3-5	Dry or line powered control relays	Form C, may be used dry or powered. If powered internally fused by the same 5A fuse. If powered externally, external 5A fusing is required
6-9	Not available on the DCM3	

## 9.2 Input Attributes & Phantoms

Many of the sensors connected to the controller have additional attributes in addition to the default value. For example, a Turbine Meter sensor measures Gallons of water, and Flow Rate. The Gallons is the default value of the sensor connect to input 'S' (attribute S0) and the Flow Rate is a second attribute, S1.

Attributes can be assigned to phantom inputs where they are logged, alarmed and can be used for control.

A phantom input cannot be assigned to another phantom. (this prevents circular references).

Phantoms in the **G-N** space are analog sensors. Those in the **U-Z** space are volumes and contact sets.

I/O	Type	Attribute x = I/O	Phantom Available
A	Serial Conductivity	A0 Conductivity A1 Temperature	G-N G-N
C	CLB Driver card	C0 ORP or pH C1 Temperature if pH	G-N G-N
E-F	pH-ORP driver card	E0 pH E1 Temperature-pH side	G-N G-N
O-T	Volume meters	x0 Volume Today x1 Rate	U-Z G-N

Use the x0 attribute if you wish to have one sensor display two values.

For example, using a conductivity sensor to measure conductivity & salt concentration or to have additional levels of alarms. This is unusual for Aquatics applications.

## 9.3 Enabling-Disabling I/O & Adding-Removing Driver Cards

Inputs A-Z cannot be disabled if in use by another I/O for control, compensation, phantom link, etc.

The disable option using the browser or keypad is replaced with a message telling you where the target sensor is used, so you can remove the dependency.

Note that the sensor can be used for control, compensation of other sensors and in the case of sensors with more than one attribute; as a source for phantom sensors.

When you disable a sensor, the compensation is removed. If for example:

You disable a thermally compensated conductivity sensor and the thermal sensor is subsequently removed or disabled, there is no conflict when the conductivity sensor is re-enabled, but it's no longer thermally compensated.

When a **C** or **E-F** driver card is removed, all of the dependencies are removed on the next power ON. Outputs that use the removed driver sensor(s) for control have the control configuration removed. Other sensors which use the removed driver sensors are modified.

When you install a new driver, the sensor inputs default. For example, adding a pH-ORP driver, configures the driver for one pH & one ORP sensor when the controller is booted at power up.

Auto-Removing Phantoms:

Phantoms are auto-removed if they are derived from inputs >= 'C'

If the Phantom is in use as an interlock, a latching alarm is set.