

# XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA

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Series XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA

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# 1. Introduction

Nicslab XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA system is a versatile multichannel source measurement system. The XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA supports multiple voltage/current sourcing and voltage/current measurement. The system is suitable for sourcing and measuring low-power applications from simple electronic circuits to complex photonic integrated circuits.

The XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA provides independent 8 channels controlled by Graphical User Interface (GUI) and Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI) through an Ethernet port. The system has two modes: Constant Current (CC) ranging from 500 mA (source and sink) per channel and Constant Voltage (CV) ranging from bipolar  $\pm 2.5$  Volt,  $\pm 5$  Volt,  $\pm 10$  Volt, and  $\pm 18$  Volt per channel (please check your feature selection).

The features for XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA in detail are:

- 16-bit voltage control.
- 16-bit current control.
- Enable voltage range configuration through software (technology that enables the user to select the output range with software without losing control of the high-resolution feature).
- Flexible output configuration with 16-bit resolution:  $\pm 2.5$  V,  $\pm 5$  V,  $\pm 10$  V,  $\pm 18$  V (*Premium Upgrade*)
- Measurement time for single channel: 5.492 ms.
- Intuitive GUI.
- The maximum power output per channel is 10 watts.
- Real-time voltage and current reading.
- Save function to create a database.
- Upload function to generate the registrable voltage and current pattern.
- Sequence function for continuous voltage and current.
- Short circuits protection.
- SCPI command support (Python, C#, Matlab, and LabVIEW).
- SCPI Library (*Premium Upgrade*).
- Windows, Mac, and Linux support.
- Ethernet port.

The XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA needs to be connected with DC Power then you can plug into the Device-Under-Test (DUT). The voltage/current can be controlled through GUI or SCPI command via Ethernet/Ethernet to USB port converter.

The system diagram is as follows:

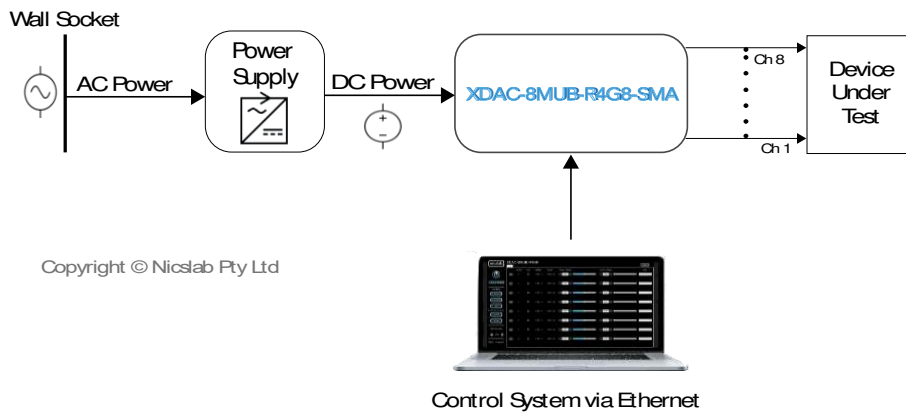


Figure 1. XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA System Diagram

The package should include the following items:

Table 1. Checklist Items

No	Item	Qty (pc)	Checklist
1	XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA Box	1	
2	DC power line cord (Red, Green, Black)	3	
3	Ethernet cable	1	
4	USB 2.0 Ethernet Network Adaptor	1	
5	USB flash disk	1	
6	Inside USB flash disk: a. GUI Installer b. Specification & Manual c. Test Report d. Serial key (Upgrade) e. XDAC key f. Software Library (Premium) g. Comma-separated values (CSV) template (upload, demo sequence)	1	

## 2. Hardware

### Specification Conditions

The operating and measurement conditions are under the following conditions:

Table 2. Specification Conditions

Items	Conditions
Room Temperature	0 ~ 40°C
Humidity	5 ~ 80 % (No Condensing)
Power Supply Input	DC Supply Max +18 V (potential at red & green DC in). DC Supply Min -18 V (potential at black & green DC in). Power up minimum 18 watt (+18 V, 0.5 A and -18 V, 0.5 A power supply setting). Required headroom 1.4 – 2 V.
Waterproof/Dustproof	To be operated under room condition
Calibration period	2 years

### Hardware Requirement

The requirements for the PC/Laptop to be used for this product installation are:

- Resolution Min. 1024 x 768 pixel
- Hard disk Min. 500 MB of available free space (32-bit and 64-bit operating system)
- USB Port USB 2.0
- RAM Min. 2 GB
- CPU 2.4 GHz or faster
- Ethernet port or internet connection via a router.



## Box Descriptions

The box size is 106 (W) x 164 (L) x 61.1 (H) mm, as the pictures below:

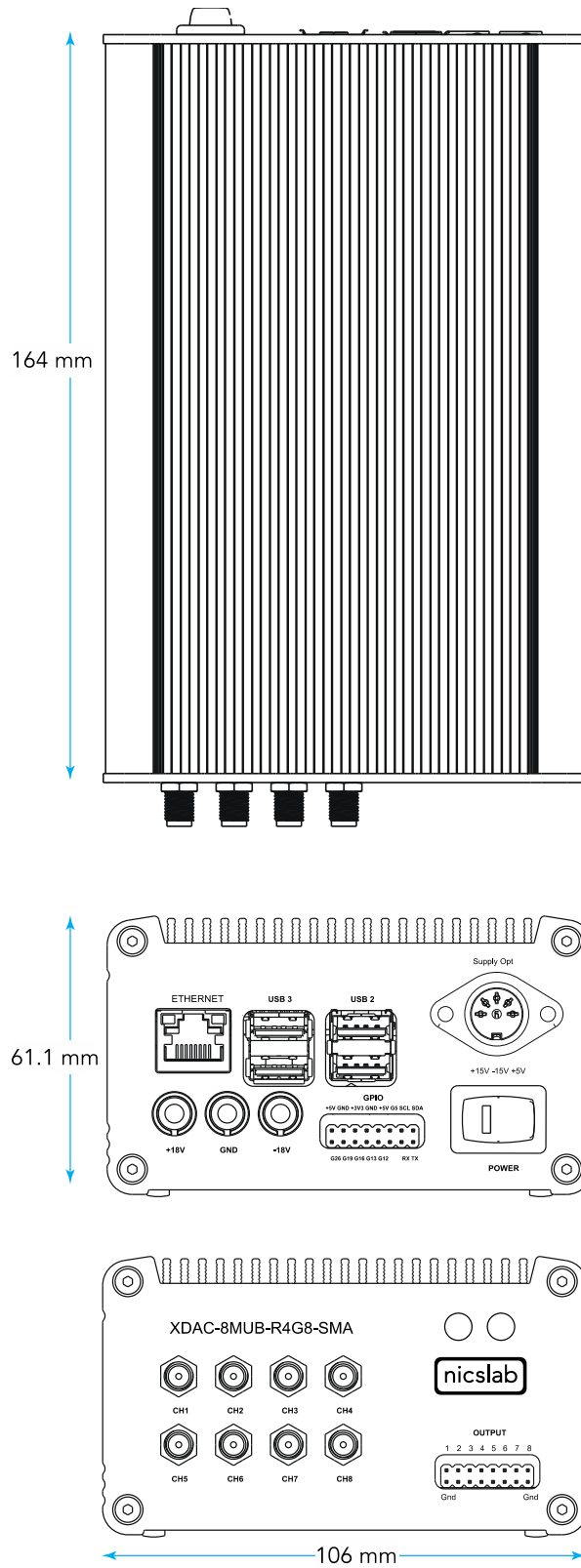


Figure 2. Product Dimension

The details of the front and back panels of the box are described below:

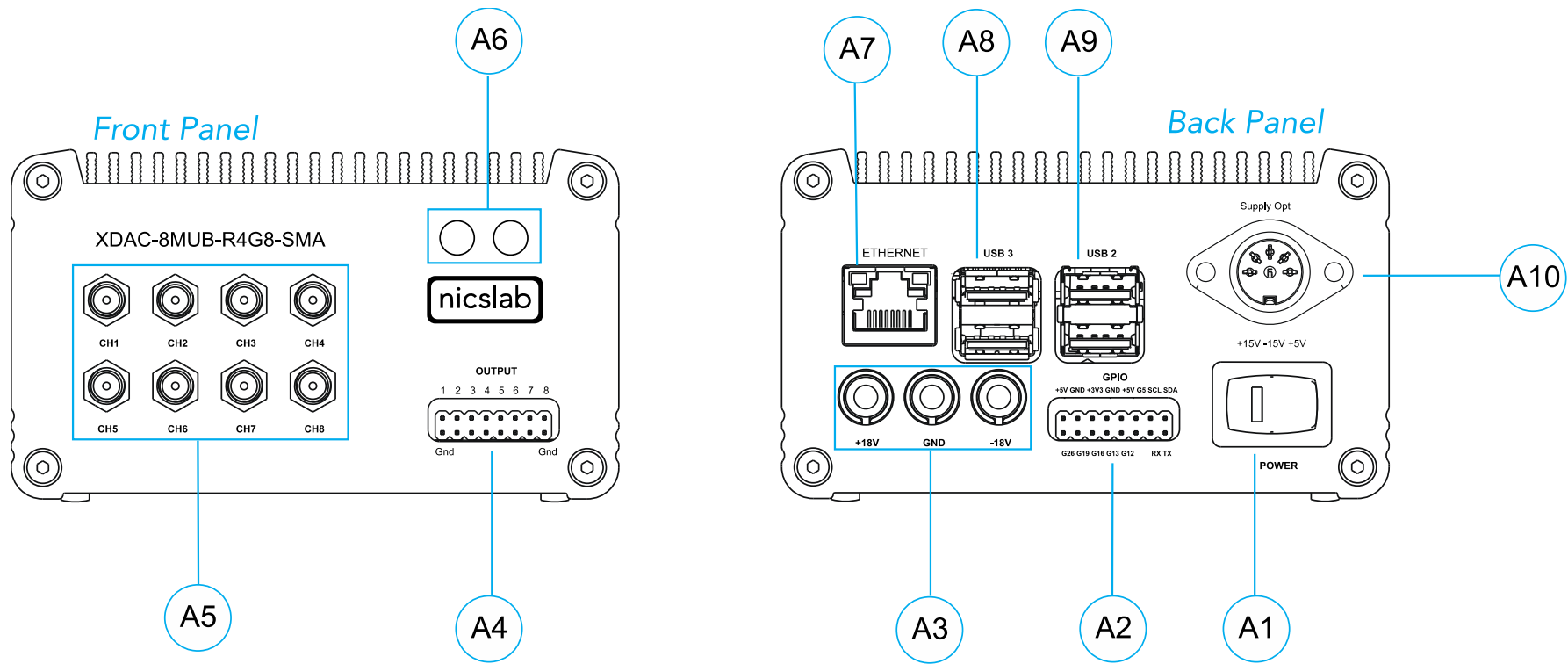


Figure 3. Front and Back Panel

Note:

A1	Power Switch	Turns the instrument on or off. <b>Caution</b> Before turning OFF please close the GUI or type shutdown (SCPI command) to minimize the risk of corrupting the system file (such as data loss).
A2	GPIO	You may use it for external control and monitoring directly to the microprocessor.
A3	Input DC Max $\pm 18$ V	<b>Caution</b> Please follow the safety notice on your DC power supply. <b>USE ONLY ONE DC POWER SUPPLY</b> and the input is no more than $\pm 18$ V. The XDAC will not power up if the current from the power supply is too low (minimum 0.5 A). Green cable: insert to GND Black cable: insert to -18 V Red cable: insert to +18 V
A4	Pin Output (8 channels)	To connect to Device Under Test (DUT) using a jumper cable.
A5	SMA Connector	To connect to Device Under Test (DUT) using a male connector.
A6	Indicator Light	Green -> Power Indicator. Blue -> Serial Transfer Data Active.
A7	Ethernet port	Use ethernet cable to connect. An ethernet to USB port converter is also possible to use if the computer doesn't have an ethernet port.
A8	USB 3.0	USB port version 3.0.
A9	USB 2.0	USB port version 2.0.
A10	Supply Opt	Alternative for DC input through an off-the-shelf adaptor (+15V, -15V, +5V). This adaptor is suitable for low-power applications with a source total power of 50 Watts (1.5 A) and a sink of 500 mA.

## XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA Specifications

The performance specifications of Digital Analog Converter (DAC) voltage are listed in Table 3 below:

Table 3. DAC Voltage Performance Specification

No	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Test conditions/comments
1	Resolution	16			Bits	
2	Integral nonlinearity (INL)	-1	± 0.5	1	LSB	All ranges, except ±2.5 V
3	Differential Nonlinearity (DNL)	-1	± 0.5	1	LSB	Specified 16-bit monotonic
4	Total unadjusted error	-0.1	± 0.01	0.1	%FSR	All ranges except ±2.5 V
5	Unipolar offset error	-0.03	± 0.015	0.03	%FSR	All unipolar ranges
6	Unipolar zero-code error	0	0.04	0.1	%FSR	All unipolar ranges
7	Bipolar zero-code error	0	0.04	0.1	%FSR	All bipolar ranges
8	Full-scale error	-0.2	± 0.075	± 0.2	%FSR	All ranges
9	Gain error	-0.1	± 0.02	0.1	%FSR	All ranges except ±2.5 V
10	Unipolar offset error drift		±2		ppm of FSR/°C	All unipolar ranges
11	Bipolar offset error drift		±2		ppm of FSR/°C	All bipolar ranges
12	Gain error drift		±2		ppm of FSR/°C	All ranges
13	Output voltage drift over time		5		Ppm of FSR	T <sub>A</sub> = 40 °C, Full-scale code, 1900 hours
DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE						
14	Output Voltage Settling Time		12		µs	¼ to ¾ and ¾ to ¼ scale setting time to ± 1 LSB, ±10 V range, R <sub>L</sub> = 5 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 200 pF
15	Slew Rate		4		V/µs	All ranges except 0 to 5 V
16	Power-on glitch magnitude		0.3		V	Power-down to active DAC output, ±20 V range, Midscale code, R <sub>L</sub> = 5 kΩ, C <sub>L</sub> = 200 pF
17	Output noise		15		µV p-p	0.1 Hz to 10 Hz, Midscale code, 0 to 5 V range
18	Output noise density		78		nV/√Hz	1 kHz, Midscale code, 0 to 5 V range
19	AC PSRR		1		LSB/V	Midscale code, frequency = 60 Hz, amplitude 200 mVpp superimposed on V <sub>DD</sub> , V <sub>CC</sub> , or V <sub>SS</sub>
20	DC PSRR		1		LSB/V	Midscale code, V <sub>DD</sub> = 5 V, V <sub>CC</sub> = 20 V ±5 %, V <sub>SS</sub> = 20 V
21	Code change glitch impulse		4		nV-s	1 LSB change around the major carrier, 0 to 5 V range
22	Channel to Channel AC crosstalk		4		nV-s	0 to 5 V range. Measured channel at midscale. Full-scale swing on all other channels.
23	Channel to Channel DC crosstalk		0.25		LSB	0 to 5 V range. Measured channel at midscale. All other channels at full-scale.
23	Digital feedthrough		1		nV-s	0 to 5 V range, Midscale code, F <sub>SCLK</sub> = 1 MHz

The performance specifications of the current buffer circuit are listed in Table 4 below:

Table 4. Current Limit and Buffer Performance Specification

No	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Test conditions/comments
POWER OP AMP CHARACTERISTICS						
1	Input offset voltage		200	600	$\mu\text{V}$	
				1000	$\mu\text{V}$	$0\text{ }^\circ\text{C} < T_A < 70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
				1300	$\mu\text{V}$	$-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C} < T_A < 85\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
2	Input offset voltage drift	-10	-4	10	$\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$	
3	Input offset current	-100		100	nA	$V_{\text{CM}} = 0\text{ V}$
4	Input bias current	-600	-160		nA	$V_{\text{CM}} = 0\text{ V}$
5	Input noise voltage		3		$\mu\text{V}_{\text{P-P}}$	
6	Input noise voltage density		15		$\mu\text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	
7	Input noise current density		3		$\text{pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	
8	Input resistance		500			Common mode
			100			Differential mode
9	Input capacitance		6		pF	Pin 8 and Pin 9 to Ground
10	Input voltage range	-14.5		13.6	V	Typical
		-12.0		12.0	V	Guaranteed by CMRR test
11	Common mode rejection ratio	92	105		dB	$-12\text{ V} < V_{\text{CM}} < 12\text{ V}$
12	Power supply rejection ratio	90	100		dB	$V_{\text{EE}} = V_- = -5\text{ V}$ , $V_{\text{CC}} = V_+ = 3\text{ V}$ to $30\text{ V}$
		110	130		dB	$V_{\text{EE}} = V_- = -5\text{ V}$ , $V_{\text{CC}} = 30\text{ V}$ , $V_+ = 2.5\text{ V}$ to $30\text{ V}$
		90	100		dB	$V_{\text{EE}} = V_- = -3\text{ V}$ , $V_{\text{CC}} = V_+ = 5\text{ V}$
		110	130		dB	$V_{\text{EE}} = -30\text{ V}$ , $V_- = -2.5\text{ V}$ to $-30\text{ V}$ , $V_{\text{CC}} = V_+ = 5\text{ V}$
13	Large-signal voltage gain	75			V/mV	$R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$ , $-12.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{OUT}} < 12.5$
		40			V/mV	$R_L = 100\ \Omega$ , $-12.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{OUT}} < 12.5\text{ V}$
		5			V/mV	$R_L = 10\ \Omega$ , $-5\text{ V} < V_{\text{OUT}} < 5\text{ V}$ , $V_+ = -V_- = 8\text{ V}$
14	Output sat voltage low		1.9	2.5	V	$V_{\text{OL}} = V_{\text{OUT}} - V_-$ $R_L = 100$ , $V_{\text{CC}} = V_+ = 15\text{ V}$ , $V_{\text{EE}} = V_- = -15\text{ V}$
15	Output sat voltage high		1.7	2.3	V	$V_{\text{OH}} = V_+ - V_{\text{OUT}}$ $R_L = 100$ , $V_{\text{CC}} = V_+ = 15\text{ V}$ , $V_{\text{EE}} = V_- = -15\text{ V}$
16	Output short-circuits current	500	800	1200	mA	Output Low, $R_{\text{SENSE}} = 0\ \Omega$
		-1000	-800	-500	mA	Output High, $R_{\text{SENSE}} = 0\ \Omega$
17	Slew rate	0.7	1.6		V/ $\mu\text{s}$	
18	Full power bandwidth	11			kHz	$V_{\text{OUT}} = 10\text{ V}_{\text{PEAK}}$
19	Gain bandwidth product		3.6		MHz	$f = 10\text{ kHz}$

20	Settling time		8		$\mu\text{V}$	0.01 %, $V_{\text{OUT}} = 0\text{ V to }10\text{ V}$ , $A_V = -1$ , $R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$
CURRENT SENSE CHARACTERISTICS						
21	Minimum current sense voltage	0.1		10	mV	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}} = V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}} = 0\text{ V}$
22	Current sense voltage 4% of full scale	15	20	25	mV	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}} = V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}} = 0.5\text{ V}$
23	Current sense voltage 10% of full scale	45	50	55	mV	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}} = V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}} = 0.5\text{ V}$
24	Current sense voltage 100% of full scale	480	500	520	mV	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}} = V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}} = 5\text{ V}$
25	Current limit control input bias current	-1	-0.2	0.1	$\mu\text{A}$	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}}$ , $V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}}$ Pins
26	SENSE- input current	-500		500	nA	$0\text{ V} < (V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}}, V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}}) < 5\text{ V}$
27	FILTER input current	-500		500	nA	$0\text{ V} < (V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}}, V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}}) < 5\text{ V}$
28	SENSE+ input current	-500		500	nA	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}} = V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}} = 0\text{ V}$
		200	250	300	nA	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}} = 5\text{ V}$ , $V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}} = 5\text{ V}$
		-300	-250	-200	nA	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}} = 0\text{ V}$ , $V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}} = 5\text{ V}$
		-25		25	nA	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}} = V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}} = 5\text{ V}$
29	Current sense change with output voltage		$\pm 0.1$		%	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}} = V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}} = 5\text{ V}$ , $-12.5\text{ V} < V_{\text{OUT}} < 12.5\text{ V}$
30	Current sense change with supply voltage		$\pm 0.05$		%	$V_{\text{C}_{\text{SRC}}} = V_{\text{C}_{\text{SNK}}} = 5\text{ V}$ , $6\text{ V} < (V_{\text{CC}}, V_+) < 18\text{ V}$
			$\pm 0.01$		%	$2.5\text{ V} < V_+ < 18\text{ V}$ , $V_{\text{CC}} = 18\text{ V}$
			$\pm 0.05$		%	$-18\text{ V} < (V_{\text{EE}}, V_-) < -2.5\text{ V}$
			$\pm 0.01$		%	$-18\text{ V} < V_- < -2.5\text{ V}$ , $V_{\text{EE}} = -18\text{ V}$
31	Current sense bandwidth		2		MHz	
32	Resistance FILTER to SENSE-	750	1000	1250	$\Omega$	
LOGIC I/O CHARACTERISTICS						
33	Logic output leakage			1	$\mu\text{A}$	$V = 15\text{ V}$
34	Logic low output level		0.2	0.4	V	$I = 5\text{ mA}$
35	Logic output current limit		25		mA	
36	Enable logic threshold	0.8	1.9	2.5	V	
37	Enable pin bias current	-1		1	$\mu\text{A}$	
38	Total supply current		7	13	mA	$V_{\text{CC}}$ , $V_+$ and $V_-$ , $V_{\text{EE}}$ connected
39	$V_{\text{CC}}$ supply current		3	7	mA	$V_{\text{CC}}$ , $V_+$ and $V_-$ , $V_{\text{EE}}$ separate
40	Supply current disabled		0.6	1.5	mA	$V_{\text{CC}}$ , $V_+$ and $V_-$ , $V_{\text{EE}}$ connected, $V_{\text{ENABLE}}$
41	Turn-On delay		10		$\mu\text{s}$	
42	Turn-Off delay		10		$\mu\text{s}$	

## Hardware Installation

This section describes how to install XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA and how to connect your Device Under Test (DUT) to the output terminals.

The steps are as follows:

1. Precondition step: connect to the DC power supply (max  $\pm 18$  V). Make certain that the DC power supply is always 'ON'.
2. Connect an Ethernet cable to your workstation (PC/Laptop) via Ethernet Port or USB 2.0 Ethernet Network Adapter.
3. Install the software/GUI (see the [Software Installation](#) section) from the flash disk or Dropbox link.
4. Turn ON the switch (indicator light: **Green**).
5. Wait until there is **Blue** light (meaning: the system is ready to use).
6. Double-click (open) the GUI.
7. Connect XDAC output to your Device Under Test (DUT).

### 3. Software and Graphical User Interface (GUI)

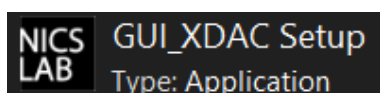
#### Software Requirement

The GUI software is suitable for the following operating systems:

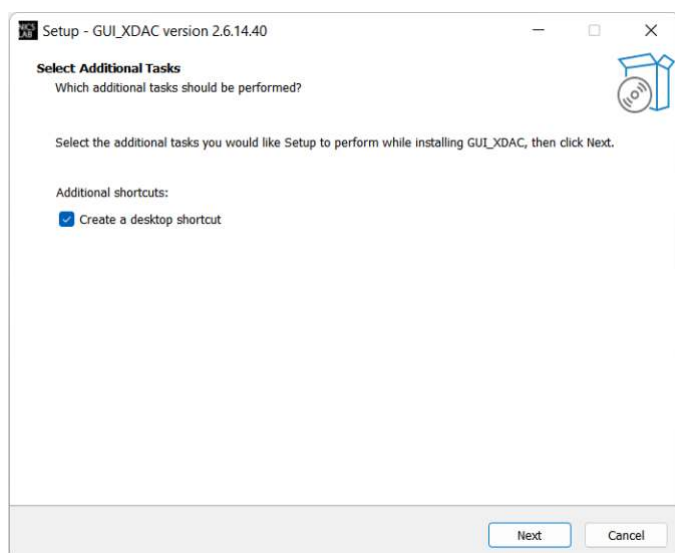
- Windows® 7 (32-bit, 64-bit).
- Windows® 10 (32-bit, 64-bit).
- Windows® 11 (64-bit).
- macOS Big Sur.

#### Software Installation

The first step is to install the XDAC\_setup.exe file into your computer and then double-click to launch the GUI. The icon is as below:



At the end step of the installation, check a 'Create a desktop shortcut'.



Double-click the executable GUI icon (as shown below) on your desktop to launch the GUI.



#### Graphical User Interface (GUI)

Start the XDAC by pressing the ON button, then you can control it by GUI. the display details are on the next page.

First, set up the connection to your instruments by entering the IP address. Please scan the XDAC IP address to know the XDAC IP. The XDAC IP address should appear if you scan it in the local network using an IP scanner such as Angry IP Scanner or NMAP.



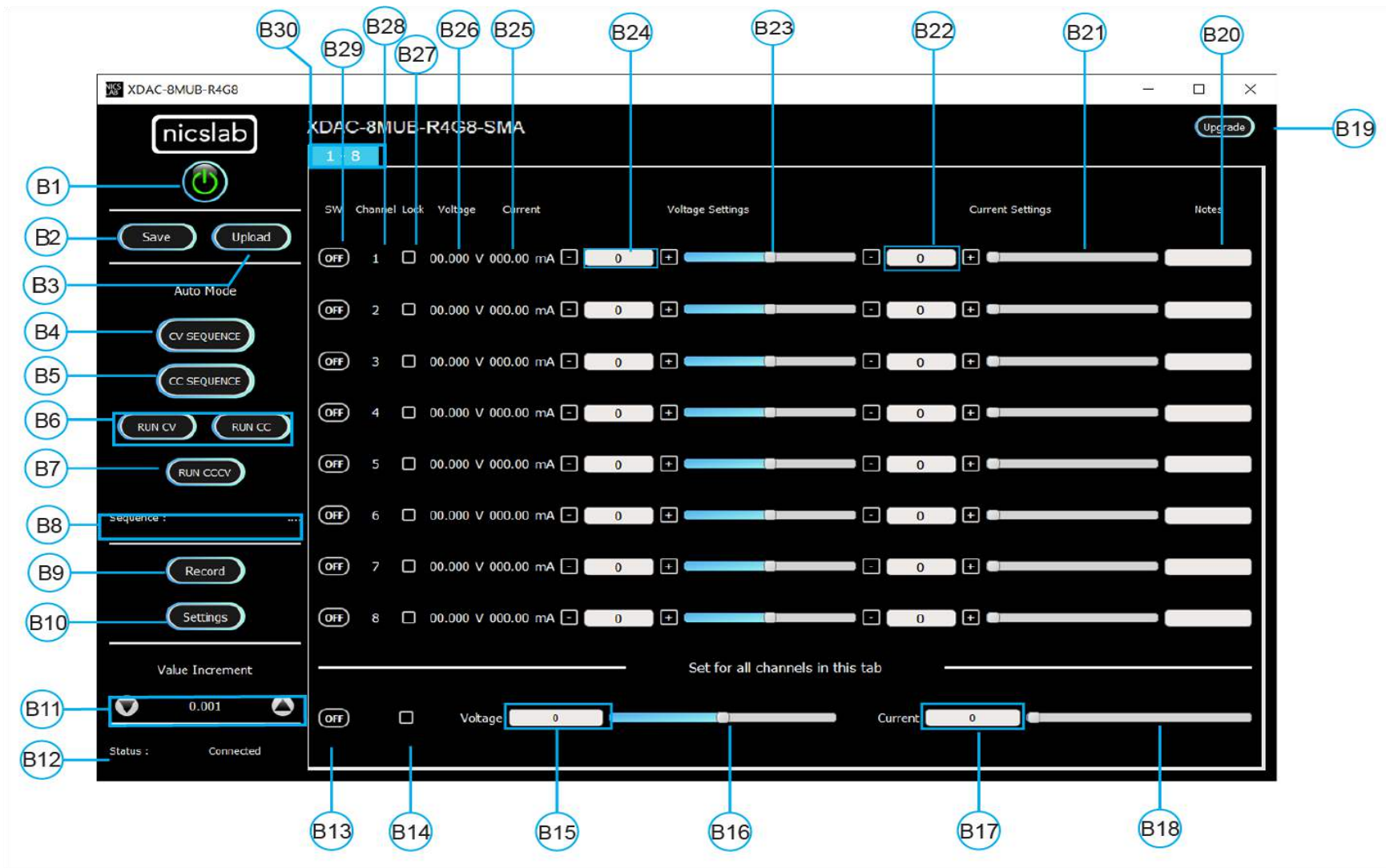


Figure 4. GUI

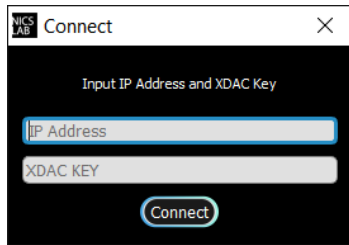
Note:

Callout	Description
B1	ON/OFF Switch
B2	Save File Button - <i>Premium Feature</i>
B3	Upload File Button - <i>Premium Feature</i>
B4	Auto Feature Sequence: Upload Table Button   CV Mode - <i>Premium Feature</i>
B5	Auto Feature Sequence: Upload Table Button   CC Mode - <i>Premium Feature</i>
B6	Auto Feature: Run Button CV and CC Mode separately - <i>Premium Feature</i>
B7	Auto Feature: Run Button CV and CC Mode combined - <i>Premium Feature</i>
B8	Name of the Sequence - <i>Premium Feature</i>
B9	Record Data Button - <i>Premium Feature</i>
B10	Setting for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set Limit voltage and current values - <i>Premium Feature</i></li> <li>2. V Range (16-bit precision for every range of voltages: <math>\pm 2.5</math>, <math>\pm 5</math>, <math>\pm 10</math>, <math>\pm 18</math> V) - <i>Premium Feature</i></li> <li>3. Set Reading speed of Voltage and Current (Fast, Medium, Slow) - <i>Premium Feature</i></li> </ol>
B11	Increment Settings
B12	Status of connection
B13	ON/OFF Button on all Channel
B14	Enable/Disable (Lock) Channel Controller to all Channel
B15	Text area to set the voltage for all channels in current tab
B16	Slider to set voltage for all channels in current tab
B17	Text area to set the current for all channels in current tab
B18	Slider to set the voltage for all channels in current tab
B19	Upgrade Button
B20	Notes - <i>Premium Feature</i>
B21	Current Settings Slider
B22	Current Value Based on Increment Setting
B23	Voltage Settings Slider
B24	Voltage Value Based on Increment Setting
B25	Current Value
B26	Voltage Value
B27	Enable/Disable (Lock) Channel Controller
B28	Number of channels
B29	ON/OFF Button per Channel
B30	Tab Channel

## Initializing the GUI

This section shows how to initialize the GUI:

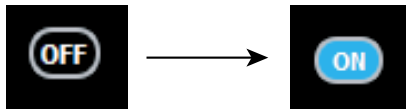
1. Launch the program by double-clicking the "XDAC\_setup\_exe" icon.
2. Enter XDAC IP address as given. If the connection is successful, then the GUI will open and the Blue indicator light will be on.



3. Press the 'ON/OFF' button (B1) to start the GUI.



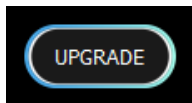
4. Turn ON (B13) on each channel to input voltage and current values.



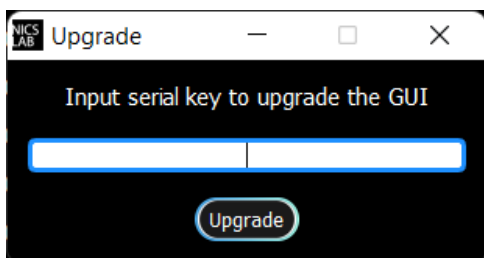
## Premium Upgrade

This section shows how to upgrade the GUI to enable advanced features.

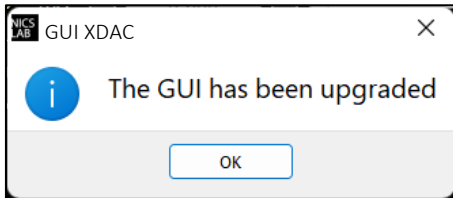
1. Press the upgrade button at the top right corner of the window



2. After the upgrade window opened, input the Premium Upgrade Key.



3. If your Premium Upgrade Key is valid, you will get a message that indicates a successful upgrade.



4. You can use several features that were previously locked
- Save
  - Upload
  - CV Mode
  - CC Mode
  - CCvCV Mode
  - Record
  - Setting
    - Set Limit Voltage
    - Set Limit Current
    - Set Voltage Range
  - Notes

The next few sections are the advanced features that are enabled after upgrading the GUI.

## Constant Current Mode (CC Mode)

This section shows how to do CC mode according to your purpose:

To do CC mode, you need to adjust the voltage value (B24) or move the slider (B23), then set the current value (B22 or B21). As an example, channel 2 in the below picture was given a 100  $\Omega$  load.

**Important note:** When you manually input the values, always press 'Enter'.

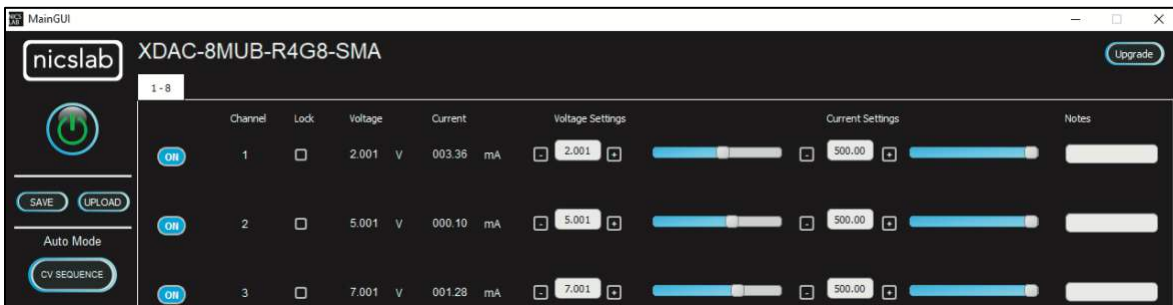


## Constant Voltage Mode (CV Mode)

This section shows how to do CV mode according to your aim:

To do CV mode, you need to move the voltage slider (B23) or adjust the voltage value (B24) to a certain value before setting the current value on (B22) or slider (B21). You may also adjust the current settings or current slider to the maximum value (500 mA).

**Important note:** When you manually input the values, always press 'Enter'.



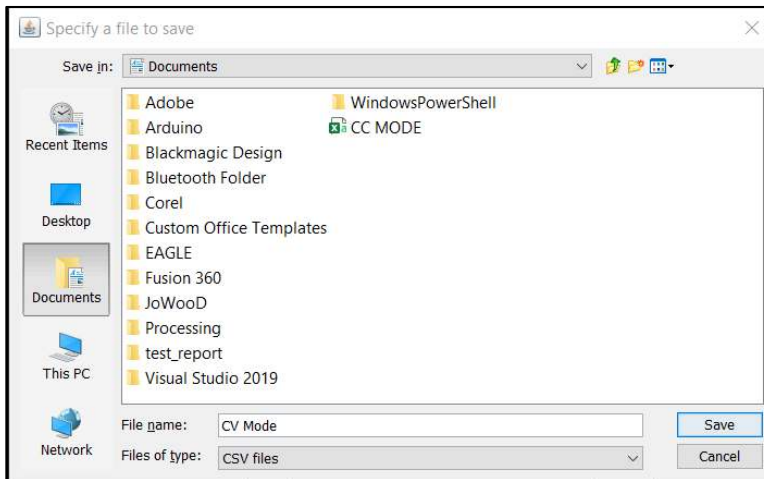
## Save and Upload

The CSV file (.csv) resulting from the Save function can be uploaded again through the Upload button (B3). You may also create your own CSV file of voltage and current and upload it later.

1. To save the configuration, click the 'Save' button (B2).



2. Select a directory and write the file name.



3. The file will be saved as a .csv file.
4. Check the .csv file that you have saved.

A screenshot of an Excel spreadsheet titled 'voltage'. The spreadsheet has columns A, B, and C. Column A is labeled 'voltage', column B is labeled 'current', and column C is labeled 'note'. The data is as follows:

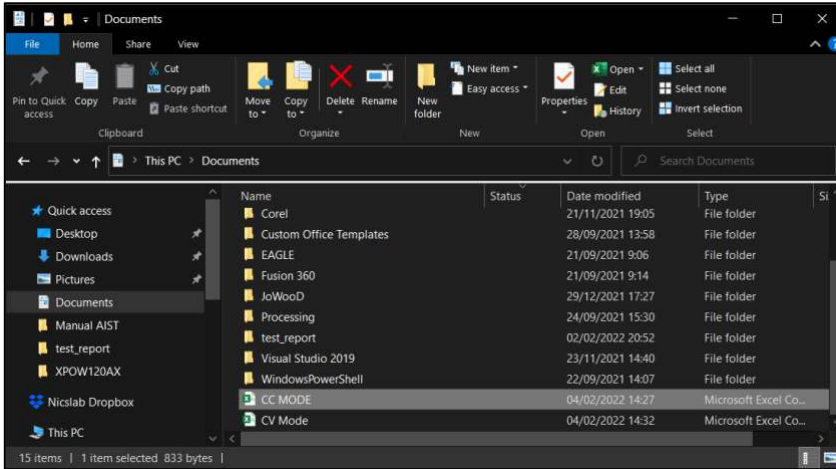
A	B	C
1	1	150
2	2	150
3	3	150
4	4	150
5	5	150
6	6	150
7	7	150
8	8	150
9		
10	1.1	150
11	2.2	150
12	3.3	150
13	4.4	150
14	5.5	150
15	6.6	150
16	7.7	150
17	8.8	150
18	1.23	150
19	2.34	150

The voltage, current, and notes are recorded.

- To upload the configuration, click the 'Upload' button (B3).



- Choose and open the intended file.



- It will upload the configuration like the previous configuration.



Note: When you upload CV mode, the current setting slider values automatically show 2184.50 bits to open the current flow from the supply. You may adjust this to match your requirements.

## Sequence Automation

Sequence is the setting that automates the determined values of current (mA) or voltage (V) given the certain Delay Time (in milliseconds).

1. The template of the Sequence is given, then you need to input your intended values of CC Sequence (maximum 500 mA), CV Sequence ( $\pm 18$  V), and Delay Time (in milliseconds). Set the delay time to more than 2 seconds to have more accurate values. To have a faster response (switching time) you can set it via the SCPI command.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1		Seq 1	Seq 2	Seq 3	Seq 4	Seq 5	Seq 6	Seq 7	Seq 8	Note
2	Delay Time	6000	5478	4912	3409	4213	5902	6012		
3	Channel 1	5	50	0	100	150	150	0	300	Fan1
4	Channel 2	10	50	0	100	160	150	0	300	Fan2
5	Channel 3	15	50	0	100	170	150	0	300	Motor1
6	Channel 4	20	50	0	100	180	150	0	300	Motor2
7	Channel 5	25	50	0	100	190	150	0	300	Sensor1
8	Channel 6	30	50	0	100	200	150	0	300	Sensor2
9	Channel 7	35	50	0	100	210	150	0	300	Sensor3
10	Channel 8	40	50	0	100	220	150	0	300	Not Used

Note:

- A. Template given for CC and CV sequences.
  - B. Input your intended values according to the modes (CC: 500 mA, CV:  $\pm 18$  V).
2. Upload the .csv file of sequence by pressing CC Sequence (for CC Mode) and CV Sequence (for CV Mode).
  3. After uploading, choose sequence mode by clicking either 'Run CV' (B6 - Mode for CV sequence), 'Run CC' (B6 - Mode for CC sequence), or 'Run CCCV' (B7 - Mode for both CC and CV sequences).

**Important note:** when 'Run CCCV' use the same delay time on the template .csv of CC and CV sequence.

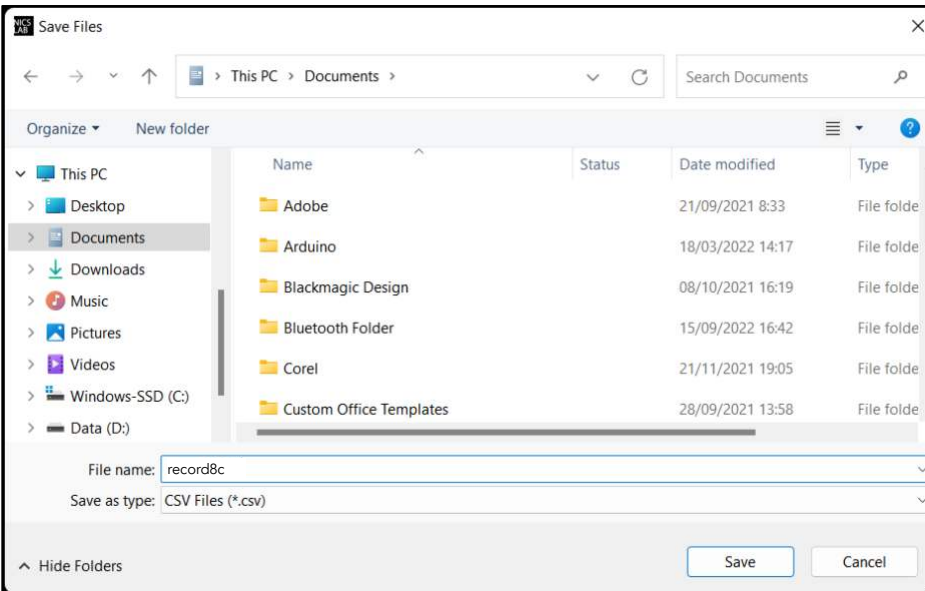


## Record

'Record' (B9) keeps data on voltage and current values. The record starts by the time you click the Record button and finish when you click again the same button. put the file in any directory and click save.



Click the same button to stop Recording. After that, put the file in any directory



This is the output of the recorded file

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
1	Time Stamp	Voltage[1]	Current[1]	Notes	Voltage[2]	Current[2]	Notes	Voltage[3]	Current[3]	Notes	Voltage[4]	Current[4]	Notes	Voltage[5]	Current[5]	Notes	Voltage[6]	Current[6]
2	20:29:19	1.111 V	9.1 mA	Fan1	1.053 V	9.17 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.107 V	9.12 mA	Motor2	1.099 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
3	20:29:20	1.111 V	9.07 mA	Fan1	1.053 V	9.17 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.107 V	9.12 mA	Motor2	1.099 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
4	20:29:21	1.111 V	9.1 mA	Fan1	1.053 V	9.17 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.107 V	9.12 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
5	20:29:22	1.111 V	9.1 mA	Fan1	1.053 V	9.17 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.107 V	9.12 mA	Motor2	1.099 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
6	20:29:23	1.111 V	9.1 mA	Fan1	1.053 V	9.17 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.107 V	9.12 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
7	20:29:24	1.111 V	9.1 mA	Fan1	1.053 V	9.17 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.107 V	9.12 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
8	20:29:25	8.716 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	1.054 V	9.17 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.107 V	9.12 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
9	20:29:26	8.716 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	1.054 V	9.17 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.107 V	9.12 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
10	20:29:27	8.716 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	1.054 V	9.17 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.107 V	9.12 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
11	20:29:28	8.716 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.37 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.109 V	9.15 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
12	20:29:29	8.717 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.35 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.109 V	9.15 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
13	20:29:30	8.717 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.35 mA	Fan2	1.125 V	9.12 mA	Motor1	1.109 V	9.15 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
14	20:29:31	8.717 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.35 mA	Fan2	1.156 V	9.35 mA	Motor1	1.109 V	9.12 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
15	20:29:32	8.717 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.35 mA	Fan2	1.372 V	11.15 mA	Motor1	1.109 V	9.15 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
16	20:29:33	8.717 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.35 mA	Fan2	1.372 V	11.15 mA	Motor1	1.475 V	12.2 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.114 V	9.05 n
17	20:29:34	8.716 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.35 mA	Fan2	1.372 V	11.15 mA	Motor1	1.474 V	12.2 mA	Motor2	1.1 V	9.07 mA	Sensor1	1.112 V	9.05 n
18	20:29:35	8.717 V	71.8 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.35 mA	Fan2	1.372 V	11.15 mA	Motor1	1.475 V	12.2 mA	Motor2	2.148 V	17.75 mA	Sensor1	1.114 V	9.05 n
19	20:29:36	8.716 V	71.77 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.35 mA	Fan2	1.372 V	11.15 mA	Motor1	1.475 V	12.2 mA	Motor2	2.441 V	20.22 mA	Sensor1	1.72 V	13.82
20	20:29:37	8.716 V	71.77 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.35 mA	Fan2	1.372 V	11.15 mA	Motor1	1.475 V	12.2 mA	Motor2	2.441 V	20.22 mA	Sensor1	3.7 V	30.27
21	20:29:38	8.716 V	71.77 mA	Fan1	8.699 V	76.35 mA	Fan2	1.372 V	11.15 mA	Motor1	1.475 V	12.2 mA	Motor2	2.441 V	20.22 mA	Sensor1	3.7 V	30.27

## Settings

Click the 'Settings' button (B10).



The 'Settings' feature consists of:

- Set the maximum limit for both current and/or voltage values
- Set the range for voltage values where you can choose the voltage range to limit the voltage values (B16, B18, and B19), the range of voltages are  $\pm 2.5$  V,  $\pm 5$  V,  $\pm 10$  V, and  $\pm 18$  V. Each range has 16-bit precision.
- Set the reading speed to adjust different speeds for reading voltage and current. The speed is based on averaging the number of sample output values. There are three options which are Fast, Medium, and Slow. Faster options can make conversion time smaller but the results noisier.

SET CURRENT LIMIT

The screenshot shows the 'Set Maximum Limit Settings For Each Channel' dialog box with the 'Current' tab selected. The dialog has a table with 8 columns for channels 1-8. Channel 1 is highlighted. The 'Current' column shows a value of 100 mA. The 'SAVE' and 'UPLOAD' buttons are at the bottom. An arrow points from the dialog to the main interface.

Channel	Lock	Voltage	Current	Voltage Settings	Current Settings	Notes
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.415 V	101.50 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	100	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.898 V	996.92 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	95.00	
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.342 V	882.94 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	88.00	
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.414 V	872.73 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	75.00	
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	-8.739 V	-852.15 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	55.00	
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	-4.887 V	-837.32 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	45.00	
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	-8.469 V	-873.52 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	77.25	
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	-11.823 V	-884.62 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	88.00	

SET VOLTAGE LIMIT

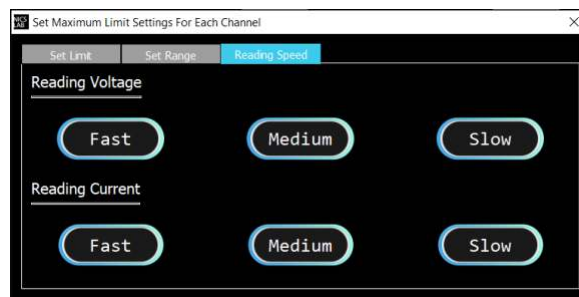
The screenshot shows the 'Set Maximum Limit Settings For Each Channel' dialog box with the 'Voltage' tab selected. The dialog has a table with 8 columns for channels 1-8. Channel 1 is highlighted. The 'Voltage' column shows a value of 15 V. The 'SAVE' and 'UPLOAD' buttons are at the bottom. An arrow points from the dialog to the main interface.

Channel	Lock	Voltage	Current	Voltage Settings	Current Settings	Notes
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	15.158 V	136.52 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	15.000	test1
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	10.407 V	999.62 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	15.000	test2
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.130 V	102.63 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.000	test3
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.290 V	833.00 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.000	test4
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	-5.569 V	888.23 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	-5.000	test5
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	-1.072 V	1004.1 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	-1.000	test6
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	-2.091 V	812.11 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	-2.000	test7
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	-3.100 V	828.57 mA	<input type="checkbox"/>	-3.000	test8

Important note: When you input the values, always press 'Enter'.

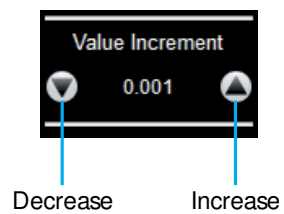


Reading Speed



## Value Increment Setting

In this setting, the value of the voltage and current can be incrementally changed from a minimum of 0.001 to 1. Adjust the arrow to increase and decrease the value increment (B11).



## 4. Operating XDAC through SCPI command

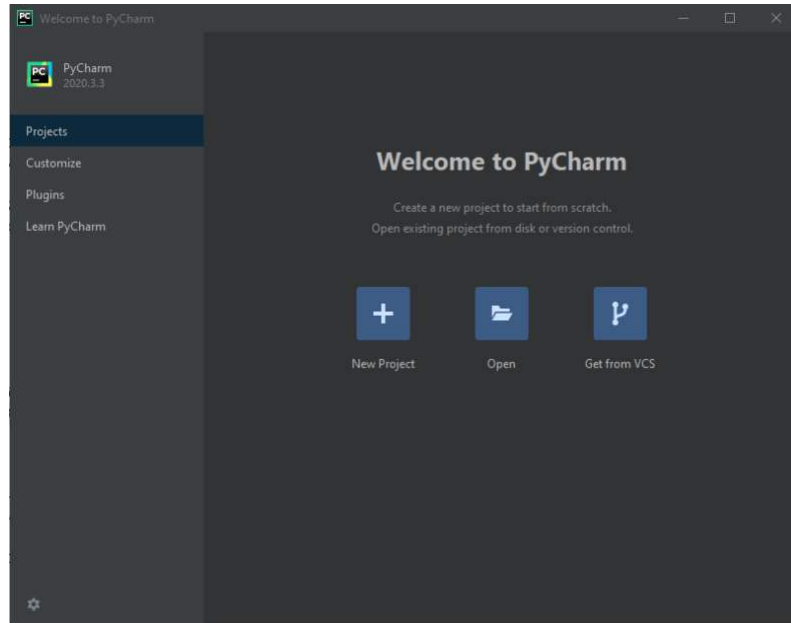
This section set guidelines to help you develop a program for any language that suits you best. As an example, we give the Python example.

### Python Installation (Example)

Please follow the steps below for dynamic programming using the SCPI command through Python via TCP/IP.

The following Python version and packages need to be installed:

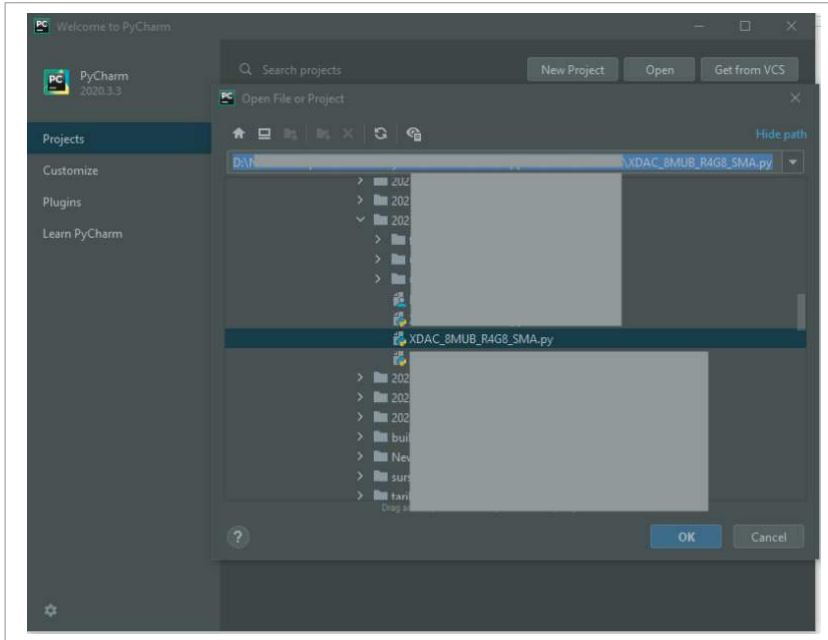
1. Python 2.7 or Python 3.X (download and install the latest version from [www.python.org](http://www.python.org)). \*Tested with Python 3.9.
2. PyCharm 2017.3.4 or the latest version (download and install the latest version from <https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/>)



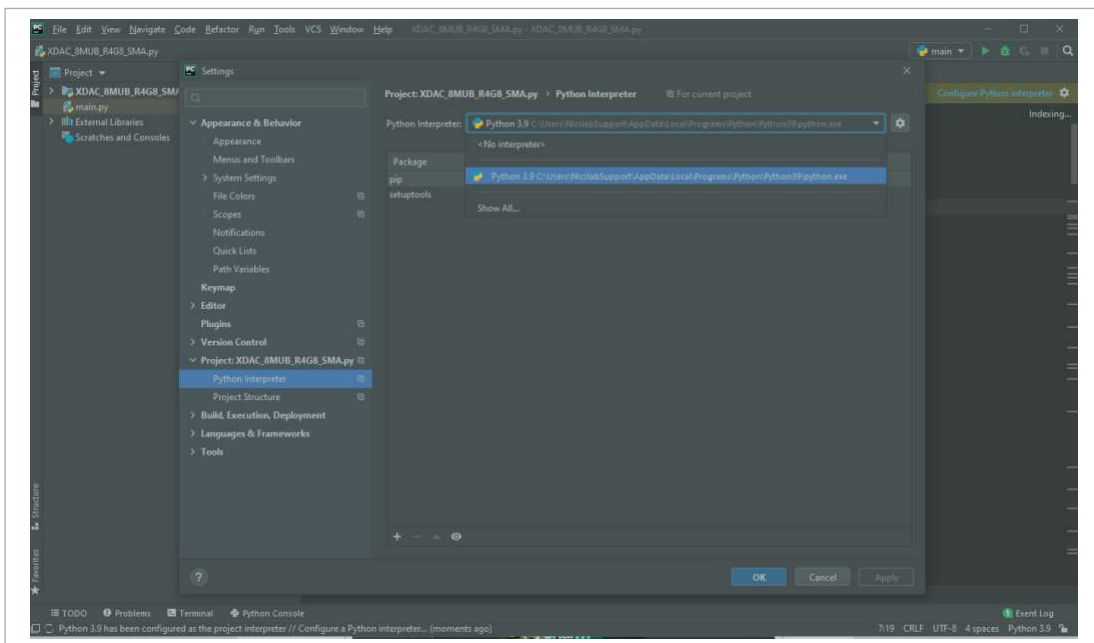
## Run Python Code (Example)

To run the Python code please follow the steps below:

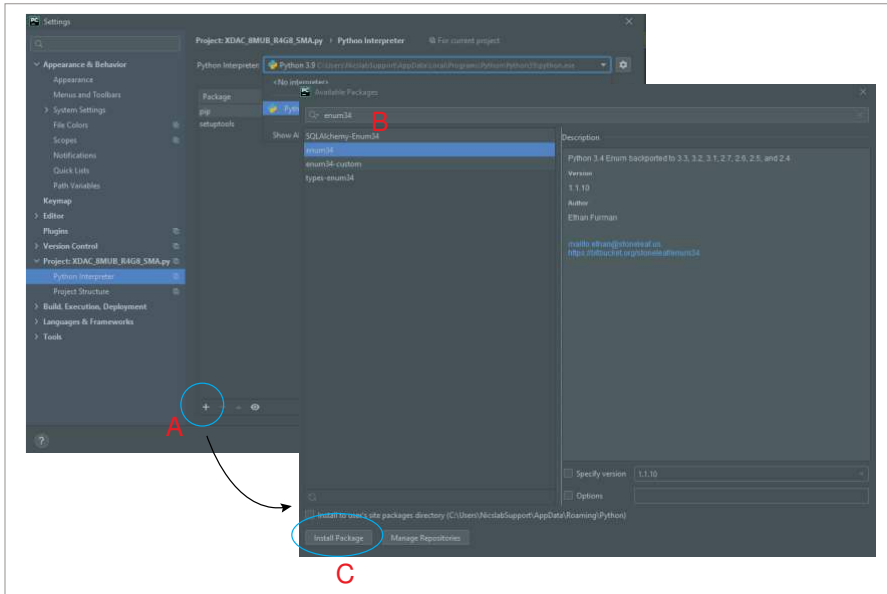
1. Open PyCharm software and open file example (e.g XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA.py)



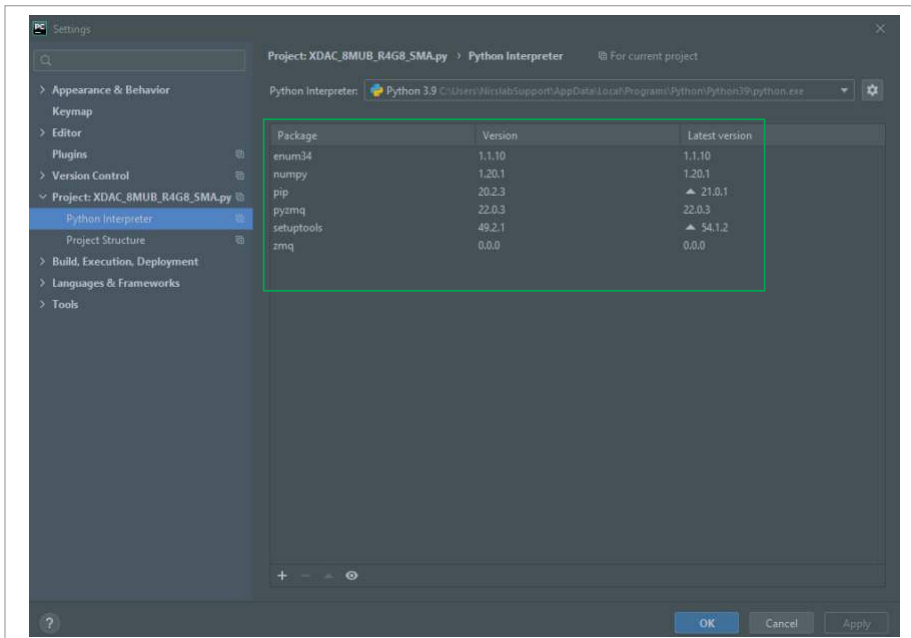
2. Configure the Python interpreter (see figure below) by clicking Configure Python Interpreter link on the drop-down menu, or in File >> Settings >> Project Interpreter.



3. Install additional packages, for example, enum34, by:
  - A. Click the '+' button
  - B. Search and choose enum34
  - C. Install all the packages.



4. The packages for the Python Interpreter are listed in the green rectangle.



5. Select Python Configuration and choose the file name.
6. Run the file by clicking the green arrow button on the top right corner to test the XDAC (Please refer to the code and SCPI commands references).

## Python Function (Example)

### 1. Input IP Address

```
XDAC_IP = "169.254.xx.xx"
```

### 2. Unlock and Lock XDAC

```
print (unlock("XDACkey"))
```

```
lock()
```

note: You must unlock your XDAC first before you can use

### 3. Set XDAC voltage range for all channels and measurement mode

```
setXDAC(voltRange, voltReadingMode, currentReadingMode )
```

voltRange (int list): List for all channels range

voltReadingMode (string): "FAST" or "MEDIUM" or "SLOW"

currentReadingMode (string): "FAST" or "MEDIUM" or "SLOW"

Example:

```
AllRValues = [5, 5, 6, 7,5, 5, 7,4]
```

```
setXDAC(AllRValues, "FAST", "SLOW")
```

### 4. Set Voltage for single channel

```
setChannelVoltage(channel, voltageVal)
```

channel (int): channel number

voltageVal (float): -18 - +18 V

Example:

```
SetChannelVoltage(1, 15)
```

```
#Set voltage to 15 V in channel 1
```

### 5. Set Current for single channel

```
setChannelCurrent(channel, currentVal)
```

channel (int): channel number

currentVal (float): 0 - 500 mA

Example:

```
SetChannelCurrent(1, 200)
```

#Set current to 200 mA in channel 1

6. Set Voltage Range for single channel

```
setChannelVoltageRange(channel, range)
```

channel (int): channel number

range (int): 4 - 7

Description:

4: -2.5 – 2.5 V

5: -5 – 5 V

6: -10 – 10 V

7: -18 – 18 V

7. Set for all channels

```
setVoltageAllChannels(AllVValues)
```

AllVValues (float array): voltage values in an array (V)

```
setCurrentAllChannels(AllCValues)
```

AllCValues (float array): current values in an array (mA)

```
setRangeAllChannels(AllRValues)
```

AllRValues (float array): range values in an array

Example:

```
AllCValues = [100, 150, 100, 50, 200, 10, 10]
```

```
AllVValues = [20.1, 2.5, 13.0, 4, 5, 10.5, 9.5, 22]
```

```
AllRValues = [5, 5, 6, 7,5, 5, 7,4]
```

```
setRangeAllChannels(AllRValues)
```

```
setVoltageAllChannels(AllVValues)
```

```
setCurrentAllChannels(AllCValues)
```



8. Set OFF for single channel

```
setOff(channel)
```

channel (int): channel number

9. Set averaging method and count for measurement

```
setReadingModeVoltage(mode, count)
```

```
setReadingModeCurrent(mode, count)
```

count (int): number of measurements to be averaged

mode (string): "MOVING" or "REPEAT"

Example:

```
mode: "MOVING", count: 5
```

```
#n : read #n from sensor
```

```
[#1, #2, #3, #4, #5 ] ⇒ averaged ⇒ reading #1
```

```
[#2, #3, #4, #5, #6 ] ⇒ averaged ⇒ reading #2
```

```
mode: "REPEAT", count: 5
```

```
#n : read #n from sensor
```

```
[#1, #2, #3, #4, #5 ] ⇒ averaged ⇒ reading #1
```

```
[#6, #7, #8, #9, #10 ] ⇒ averaged ⇒ reading #2
```

10. Read voltage or current for single channels

```
readSingleChannelVoltage(channel)
```

```
readSingleChannelCurrent(channel)
```

channel (int): channel number

Return value of voltage or current in one channel

11. Read measurement values for all channels

```
readAllChannelVoltage()
```

Return list of voltage from all channels

```
readAllChannelCurrent()
```

Return list of current from all channels

12. Set one channel to run automatically and record it

```
sweepOne(channel, seqValueV, seqValueC, duration)
```

channel (int): channel number

seqValueV: voltage values in an array (V)

seqValueC: current values in an array (mA)

duration (int): duration in seconds

13. Shutdown

```
shutdown()
```

## SCPI Commands

The XPOW can be controlled using Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI).

Description: Unlock XDAC by XDAC Key

Format:

```
GETINFO:KEY
```

Example 1: Unlock XDAC with XDAC Key : nicslab.

```
GETINFO:nicslab
```

Description: Lock XDAC

Format:

```
LOCK
```

Description: Set output voltage for single channel

Format:

```
SETV:CHANNEL:VOLT
```

Example 1: Set the output of channel 1 to 18 V.

```
SETV:1:18
```

Example 2: Set the output of channel 3 to -12.5 V.

```
SETV:3:-12.5
```

Description: Set output current for single channel

Format:

SETV:CHANNEL:CURRENT

Example 1: Set the output of channel 1 to 500 mA.

SETC:1:500

Example 2: Set the output of channel 3 to 50 mA.

SETC:3:50

Description: Set output voltage range for single channel

Format:

SETR:CHANNEL:RANGE

Range (int): 4 - 7

4 = -2.5 – 2.5 V

5 = -5 – 5 V

6 = -10 – 10 V

7 = -18 – 18 V

Example 1: Set the voltage range of channel 1 from -18 to 18 V.

SETR:1:7

Description: Read the voltage of a single channel

Format:

MEASV:CHANNEL

Example 1: Get the voltage output of channel 1

MEASV:1

Description: Read the current of a single channel

Format:

MEASC:CHANNEL

Example 1: Get the current output of channel 1

MEASC:1

Description: set averaging mode and count of voltage measurement

Format:

MEASV:MODE:COUNT

Example 1: Set voltage measurement averaging to repeat mode and count 100.

MEASV:REPEAT:100

Example 2: Set voltage measurement averaging to moving mode and count 5.

MEASV:MOVING:5

Description: set averaging mode and count of current measurement

Format:

MEASC:MODE:COUNT

Example 1: Set current measurement averaging to repeat mode and count 100.

MEASC:REPEAT:100

Example 2: Set current measurement averaging to moving mode and count 5.

MEASC:MOVING:5

Description: Set zero voltage for single channel

Format:

ZERO:CHANNEL

Example: Set zero of channel 1

ZERO:1

Description: Shutdown System

Format:

EXIT

## 5. System Shutdown

This section describes how to shut down the XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA.

In the case of using GUI, the steps are as follows:

1. Set OFF all the channels in the GUI.
2. Press the ON/OFF Button in GUI (B1, Figure 4). It will change the color of the button from green to grey.
3. Close the GUI application (it will soft shut down the program inside the XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA).
4. Press the power switch (A1, Figure 3).
5. Turn off or disconnect the DC Power Supply.

In the case of using SCPI Command, the steps are as follows:

1. Use `setOff(channel)` function to set off the channel used before.
2. Use `lock()` and `shutdown()` functions to soft shut down the program inside the XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA.
3. Press the power switch (A1, Figure 3).
4. Turn off or disconnect the DC Power Supply.

**NOTE:** Once the soft shutdown occurred, the **Green** led will be turned off, and XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA cannot directly be used again, since the system is not ready (refers to Hardware Installation). To use XDAC-8MUB-R4G8-SMA after a soft shutdown occurred, restart the power from DC Power Supply (using button A8 or unplug and plug the DC Power Supply).

## 6. Troubleshooting

Please use the following guidelines to identify a particular problem. If the solution does not rectify the problem, contact us at [support@nicslab.com](mailto:support@nicslab.com).

Table 5. Troubleshooting

Problem	Cause	Solution
Failed to connect at GUI	The DC power supply is OFF	Turn ON the DC power supply and switch ON the power
Failed to connect at GUI	The power switch is OFF	Switch ON the power
Failed to connect at GUI	No Green light (XDAC system is not ready)	Restart the system by pressing the 'Reset' button and wait until the Green lights ON
Failed to connect at GUI	No Blue light (no data transfer)	Restart the GUI
Blue light offs when software is active or software freezes	Initialization failed	Restart the software, or unplug - plug the USB/Ethernet connector, or Press the Reset button.
No channel output detected at the device under test	Connection failed	Check the metal pad checkpoint to the intended channel
Unable to upload the file	File format problem	Make sure the file format is .csv
No value after uploading the file	File problem	Check the file content and make sure there is no blank space on each row.
Unable to use the Auto Mode feature	File format problem	Check file format should be a CSV file. Check content format

## 7. Warranty

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## 8. Compliance

This product complies with the requirements of the European Union's *Conformite Europeenne* (CE) and Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) Directive 2015/863 (RoHS3). The certificates can be accessed [here](#).

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