

WinLog v1.1

Users Guide

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Introduction

WinLog is a generic logging software platform that enables the user to connect multiple non-related logging devices simultaneously, and log data from them to both the screen and a file for later review. In addition, WinLog provides a standard architecture in which drivers can be easily developed to support new devices. This guide will explain the WinLog software and its operation. For details about the specific logging hardware/driver and its operation, please visit the manufacturers site.

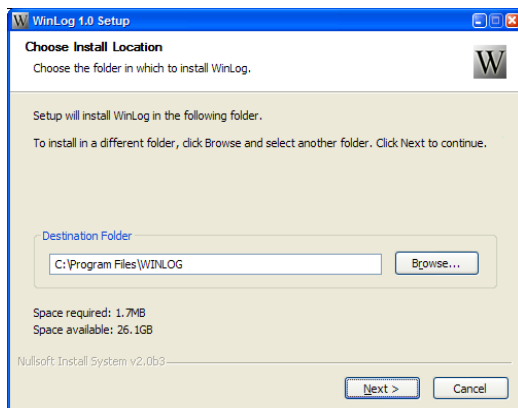
Requirements

WinLog is a WIN32 application, which means that it *should* run on XP and higher. The software will run using as little system memory as 32MB (depending on the OS requirements of course). WinLog will also run successfully a CPU as slow as an Intel Pentium 90mhz. As you add logging devices and gauges to the dashboard, the memory and CPU requirements will increase. A 640x480 display is the minimum recommended display resolution for WinLog, while it is able to run in lower resolutions, some of the configuration dialogs may not fit on the screen.

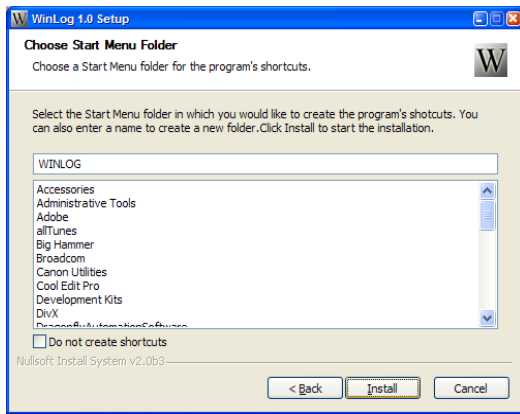
Installing WinLog

Installing the software is a simple process. After downloading and saving the installation program on your PC, simply execute the program (WINLOGSETUP.EXE) and you will be guided through the installation.

First, you'll need to select a folder in which to copy the files.



Once the folder has been selected, you'll need to choose the start menu folder that WinLog will be installed to.



A shortcut will be created on your start menu under the WinLog program group. If at any point you need to uninstall the software, an uninstall program is provided under the WinLog program group that will completely remove the software from your PC.

Starting WinLog

Once the WinLog software has been installed, it will create a shortcut on your start menu under the WinLog program group. To start WinLog simply click on the shortcut under the start menu.

Once WinLog starts you will be displayed with the WinLog title screen, and be given an option to register the software. If you don't want to register at the moment, wait a couple of seconds and click the "Continue" button when it is displayed.



If you have already registered your copy of WinLog the title screen will not be displayed, and you will immediately be taken to the WinLog main window.

Registering WinLog

If you're feeling generous and find that the WinLog software is useful, please consider registering your software. You'll get a couple of really useful features, and will help motivate me to continue improving the software! :-) WinLog itself is a direct result of the user support the TEWBLOG received over the years, and I hope to continue that with WinLog!

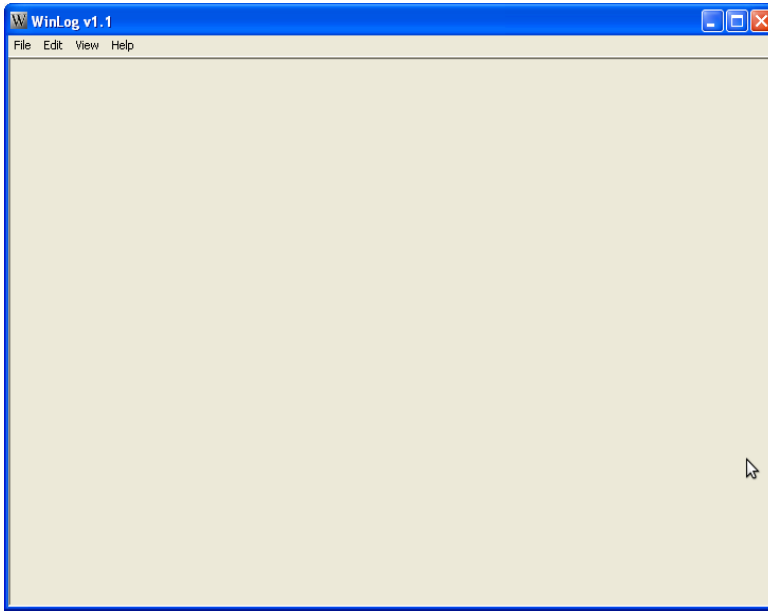
Registration is a simple procedure, when you first start WinLog you are given the option to register for a couple of seconds, if you click the "Register" button during this time the "Enter Registration Code" screen will be displayed. If you already have a code, you can enter your name and the registration code. If not, click the button at the bottom of the dialog to learn how to get a code.



Once you've entered your name, and the registration code (both should be entered exactly as provided in the registration email you will receive), click the "OK" button, and if all is well, you will be prompted that the software has been registered.

Getting Started

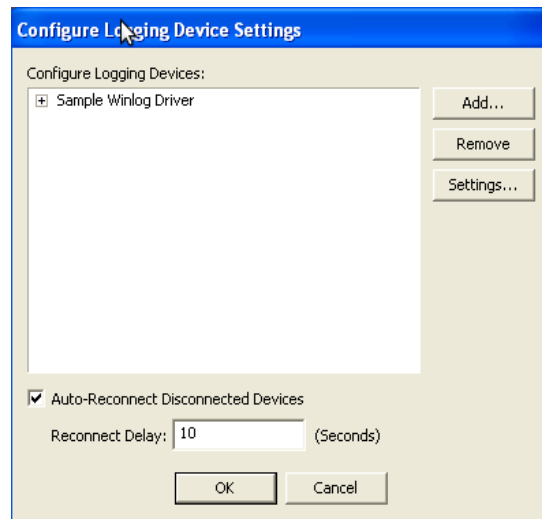
When you initially start WinLog, you'll be presented with an empty main screen that will be referred to as the "dashboard". The dashboard is a user configurable area that you can use to monitor data coming back from your logging device in real-time. The main screen looks as follows:



At the top of the main screen is the menu, which contains the File, Edit, View and help menu items. At the bottom of the screen, you'll find the status bar. At the left side of the status bar, prompts appear notifying you of the current status of WinLog. At the right side of the status bar are two boxes, one notifying you that you are/are not currently logging, and the current number of warnings that have been triggered. We'll discuss the warnings later.

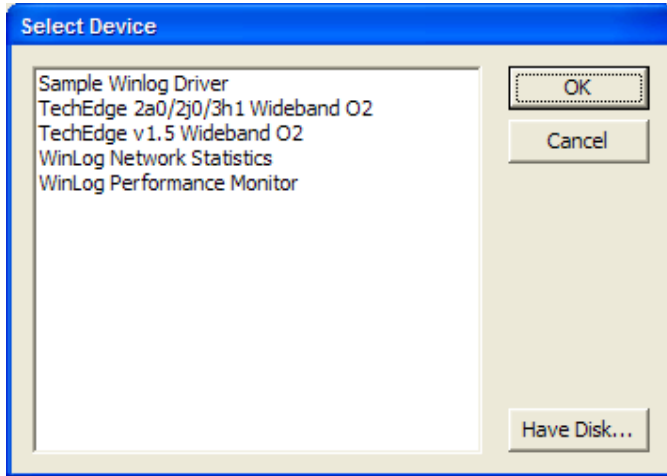
Device Setup

The first thing that you should do after starting WinLog for the first time is to setup your logging device(s). This is done by selecting the “View->Device Configuration” menu item from the main screen. Once the menu option has been selected, you will be presented with the “Configure Logging Devices” screen.

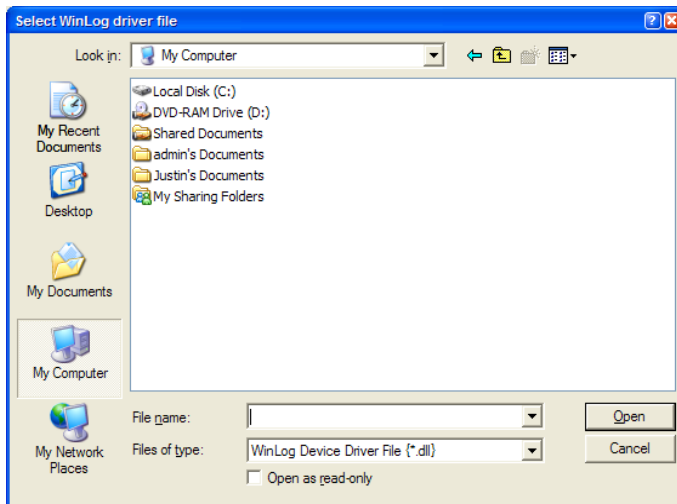


This screen displays all of the currently installed logging devices. It is the place where you can add, remove, and reconfigure the devices that WinLog will communicate with. In some instances, the logging device can be a simple driver, and not have any hardware (such as the WinLog Performance Monitor), in other cases, hardware and software are required to make the device work. Up to 64 devices can be installed simultaneously in WinLog.

Generally speaking, you will connect your logging device to the system before adding and configuring the WinLog device driver, but some drivers may be exceptions to this. After the hardware is connected, select the “Add...” button, and you will be presented with the “Select Device” dialog:



This dialog allows you to select a device to add to the WinLog Device Driver list. WinLog installs with a few standard drivers, if your driver is in the list, simply select it, and select the “OK” button. If the driver is not in the list, you’ll need to either download the driver from the manufacturer, or install it from its driver disk. In either case, select the “Have Disk...” button, and select the driver file. ***(Windows 7/8/10 and later versions, see important notes below prior to clicking the “Have Disk...” button!!!)***



Once the driver has been selected, it will be added to the “Select Device” list. If this is your first time using WinLog, you might just want to try using the “Sample Driver” to get accustomed with WinLogs operation. The sample driver will generate a couple of test fields that will allow you to define dashboards and experiment with logging.

Adding a new driver to WinLog in Windows 7 and higher

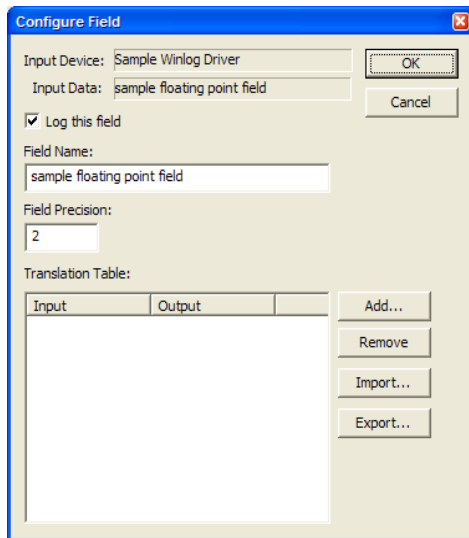
Starting in Windows 7, WinLog requires you to be in “Administrator” mode in order to add a new driver to WinLog. To add a new driver, use the following steps:

- 1) Close any currently running versions of WinLog
- 2) Under the “Windows” menu, find the WinLog application, and right click it.
- 3) Select the “More” and “Run as administrator” option.
- 4) Select “Yes” when prompted to allow the application to make changes to your device.
- 5) Select the “View → Device Configuration” option
- 6) Select the “Add” button
- 7) Select the “Have Disk...” button
- 8) Locate the driver .dll file and select it, click the “Open” button
- 9) You should get a “Driver install successful” message, click OK
- 10) Click “Cancel” (Do NOT configure the newly installed driver at this point!!!)
- 11) Click “Cancel”
- 12) Close WinLog
- 13) Run Winlog normally (not as an administrator)
- 14) View → Device Configuration
- 15) Select the “Add...” button and select the new driver that was installed in the prior steps
- 16) Configure the driver as needed.

Driver Configuration

Once the driver has been selected on the “Select Device” dialog, and you have pressed “OK”, you will be presented with the drivers configuration options. See the drivers documentation for details about configuring the specific options of your driver. When you’ve completed configuring your driver, you will be returned to the “Configure Logging Device Settings” dialog, where your newly installed driver should now be present.

Clicking the small “+” icon next to the driver name will expand the list of “fields” which are available for the driver. Selecting a *field*, and clicking the “Settings...” button will bring up the “Configure Field” dialog. (Note that selecting a *device* and then clicking the settings button will bring up configuration settings for the **device**, not the field!)



The Configure Field dialog allows you to configure aspects of each field that a logging device supports. At the top of the dialog, you’ll find the device name, and the name that the device assigns to the field.

The “Log this field” option decides whether or not you want the field included in the log file when you log data. This setting has no effect on the dashboard. If this check box is checked, the field will be included in the log file, otherwise it will be omitted.

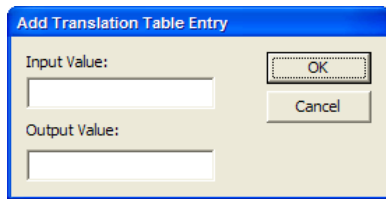
The “Field Name” setting allows you to provide a name to field. This name will be used in the log file when referring to the field, and also used by WinLog when identifying the field name. If multiple instances of the same device have been installed, WinLog will modify the field name so that you don’t have duplicate field names in your log file. Be sure to avoid duplicate field names between your devices, since it will be hard to determine which one is which in the log file!

The “Field Precision” setting defines how many digits you would like displayed following the decimal point in fractional numbers. If you set this value to zero, no decimal digits will be displayed.

Below that you’ll find the “Translation Table” field. This field contains the mapping from field values that your driver returns to values which make more sense to you and your application. If this field is left blank, the values are reported as the driver reports them.

As many as 255 entries can be made in this field defining the mapping of driver values to display values. Linear interpolation is used to fill in the gaps between values. In other words, if you only entered two values, let’s say 0 and 5, everything else in between would be calculated by WinLog in a linear fashion. Let’s say 0 = 0 (display) and 5 = 100 (display). A driver value of 2.5 would result in a display value of 50. (Since it’s half way between 0 and 5, and 0 and 100 display).

Values can be added or deleted from the Translation Table field by selecting the “Add” or “Remove” buttons to the right of the screen. Selecting “Add” will cause another screen to appear prompting you for input and output values.



This value will then be inserted into the list (sorted automatically). To delete values from the list, simply select one or more of them by highlighting them, and then clicking the delete button.

Since there are many common conversions, you also have the ability to load and save configurations for specific gauges. In fact, a few common translation files are included with the installation of WinLog. To load a translation file, simply select the “Load” button and choose the file. To save your own (or modified) translation file, select the “Save” button and specify a filename. Note that you do not need to save the translation file unless you plan on giving it to someone else or just want to back it up. The program automatically saves the translation configuration in its own internal configuration files.

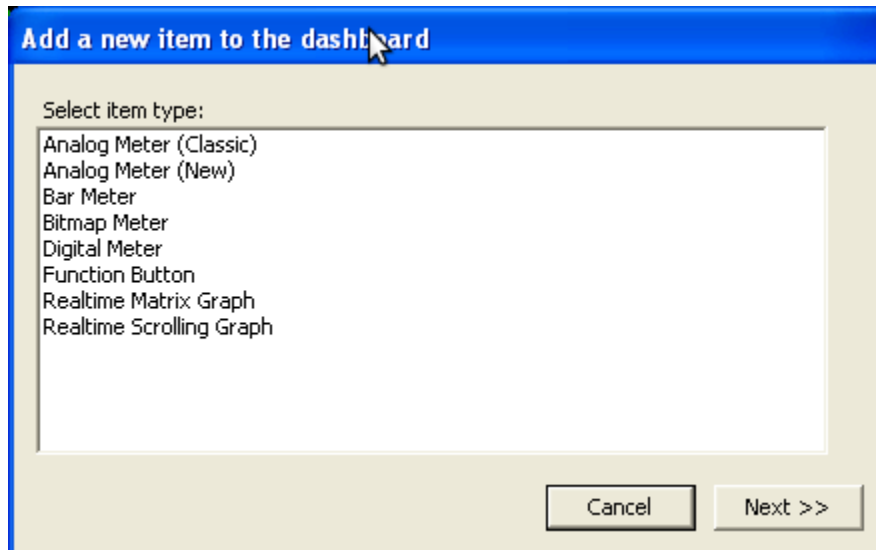
When you are done configuring devices, select the “OK” button at the bottom of the Configure Logging Device Settings screen, and you will be returned to the WinLog main screen, and an empty “dashboard”. Note that if at some point, you need to reconfigure the logging device, simply select the logging device in the “Configure Logging Device Settings” screen, and click the “Settings” button. Doing so, will cause the device configuration dialog to be displayed, allowing you to modify the device settings.

At this point, you could begin logging the data coming from your logging device to a file, there's no requirement to have gauges displayed in order to log data, but most people will most likely want to see what's going on in real-time, so let's talk about how to build a dashboard.

Configuring the Dashboard

The “dashboard” feature of WinLog allows you to actively display data as it is coming back from your logging device(s). In fact, even if you are not logging data, you can simply display the “live” data from your logging device(s) on the screen in real-time. The dashboard is composed of one or more (up to 64) “gauges”.

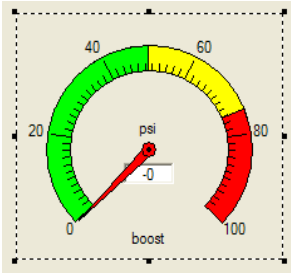
A gauge is added to the dashboard by selecting the Edit->Add menu item from the main screen. Once selected, you will be presented with the “Add a new item to the dashboard” screen:



From this screen, you can select which type of gauge (or button) that you would like added to the dashboard. This is done by highlighting an item in the list, and selecting the “Next >>” button. After selecting the “Next” button, the gauge specific options will be displayed for you to configure. We’ll talk about the specifics of each gauge shortly.

When a gauge is initially created, it is placed in the upper left hand corner of the dashboard. The gauges size and position are defined by the user by dragging them around with the mouse (or cursor keys). When a gauge is selected, the dashboard display is paused while the user is editing the gauge and its settings. To un-pause the dashboard display, simply click on the dashboard background, or select the Edit->Deselect Gauge menu item.

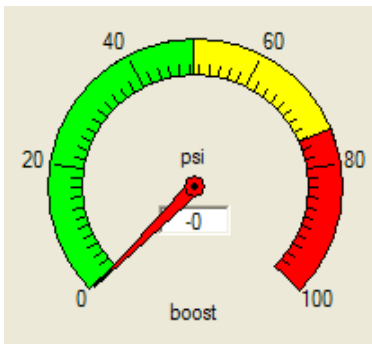
When a gauge has been selected, a selection rectangle will be displayed around the gauge:



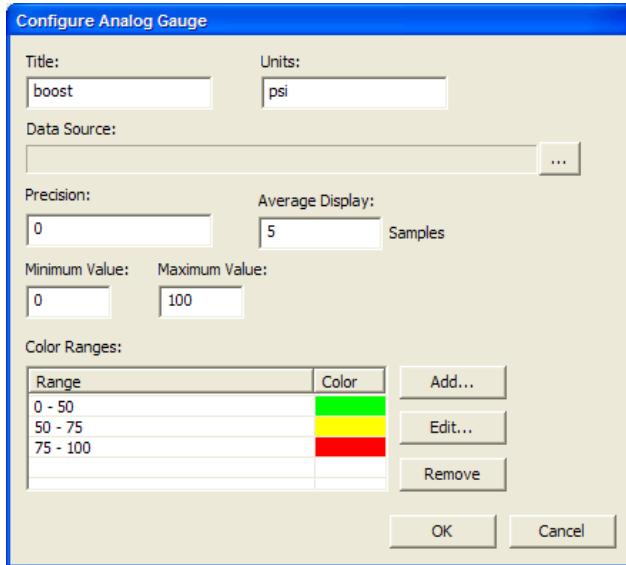
Clicking and dragging the gauge (by holding down the mouse button) will cause the gauge to move. Clicking and dragging the “handles” (the slightly larger black rectangles) at the corners and sides of the gauge will cause the gauge to resize. In addition, the keyboard can be used to fine position/size the gauge. Using the cursor keys, you can move the gauge up/down/left/right a single pixel at a time. Holding the shift key down and using the cursor keys will cause the gauge to be resized a single pixel at a time. When you are done editing the gauge, click the “blank” area of the dashboard, and the gauge will begin updating.

The following gauges are available for building your dashboard:

Analog Gauge (Classic)



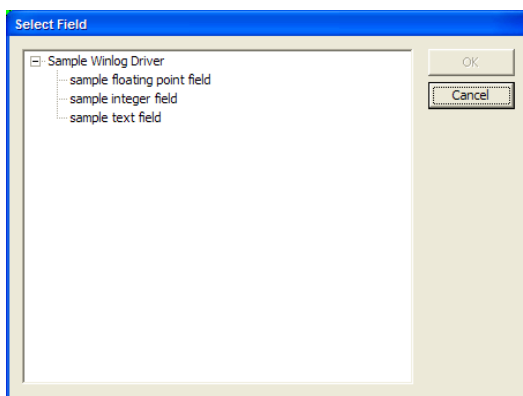
This Analog gauge is a simple sweep gauge that allows you to display your data in an “Analog Style”. It has the ability to define colors around the dial area of the gauge, displays the “units” and also has a digital display of the current value. Selecting the gauge and selecting the Edit -> Properties menu item will display the gauge settings:



This screen lets you configure the analog gauge settings. At the top of the screen is the “Title” field. This is the text that will be displayed at the bottom of the analog gauge. Note that if you would like to have this gauge to be able to display “warnings” that the gauge *must* be given a title. If you prefer to not have a title displayed, you can leave this field blank.

The “units” field allows you to display a unit of measure in the middle of the analog gauge. This field is not required, and if left blank will not be displayed.

The “Data Source” field is the field that drives the display of this gauge. Clicking on the small “...” button at the right of the gauge will present you with the list of fields that can be selected from to drive the gauge.



Select a field from the list by clicking on the field (not the device!), and select the “OK” button. You will be returned to the gauge configuration dialog, and the “Data Source” field will be filled in with the newly selected field.

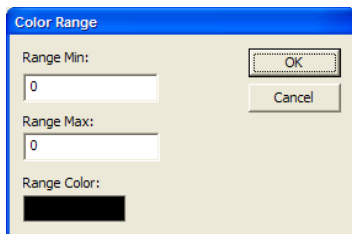
The “Precision” field allows you to select the number of digits following the decimal point in the analog gauges displayed numbers, around the dial, and in the digital portion of the gauge. Setting this value to zero will omit the display of the decimal point and the trailing precision.

The “Average Display” field allows you to average samples as they are received from the logging device. If the field is extremely “noisy” this setting can help by smoothing the display. Setting the field to zero disables averaging.

The “Minimum and Maximum Value” fields are the range of values that the analog gauge will display.

The “Color Ranges” field defines ranges of colors that will be displayed around the bezel of the analog gauge. The color, range, and number of ranges that will be displayed are completely user definable. Note that when you define a single range, the rest of the range is displayed in black by default. If you’d like it to look like the default gauge configuration, simply add a range for the remaining portion of the gauge, and set it to “white”

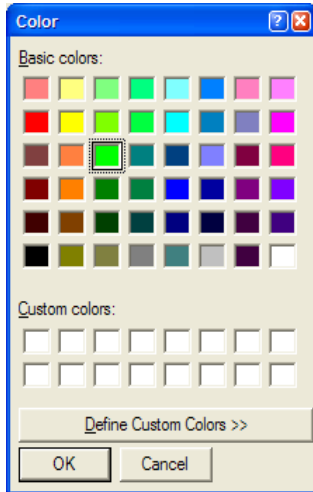
Selecting the “Add” button next to the color ranges will allow you to add a new color range. The following dialog is displayed when you selected “Add...”



These settings define the range and color that will be used to display in the bezel of the analog gauge.

First, specify the values that will be used for the bezel color range. Range min is the start value for the color, and range max is the end value for the color.

Next, select the color (by clicking on the color box), clicking the color box will display the color chooser dialog:



When the color has been selected, click the OK button to return the Color Range dialog. Select the “OK” button on the color range dialog to return to the analog gauge configuration dialog.

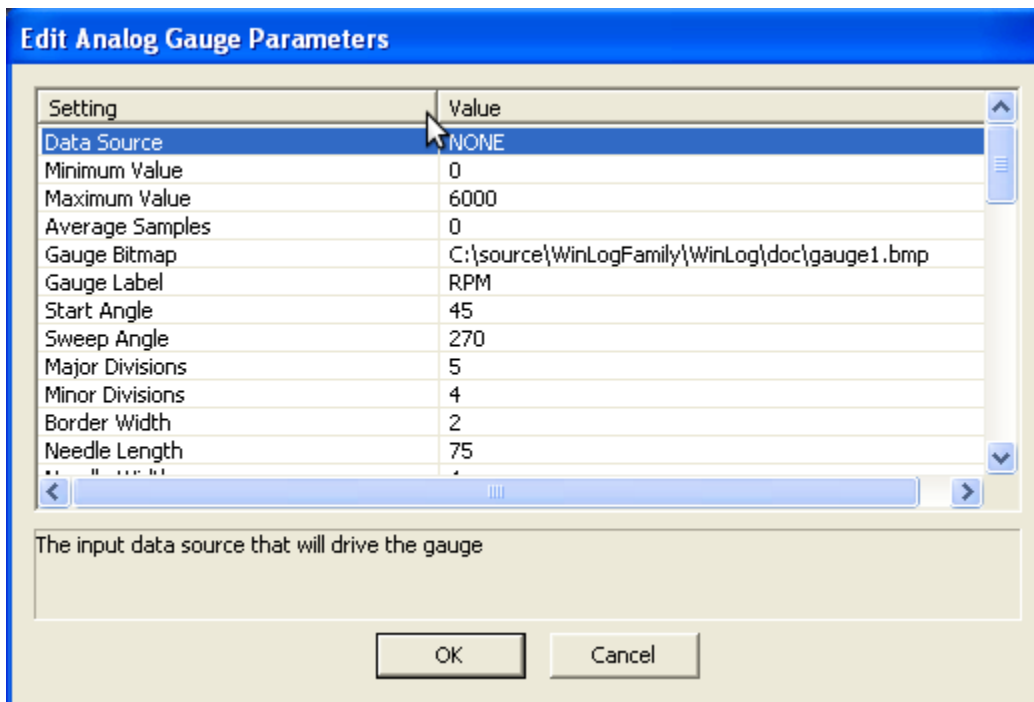
Selecting the “Edit” button will allow you to modify both the range and color for the color range. It displays the “Color Range” dialog for the selected color range.

Selecting the “Remove” button will delete one or more selected items from the “Color Ranges” field.

Analog Gauge (New)



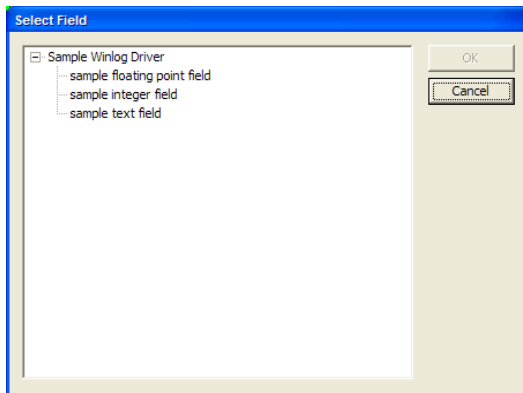
This Analog gauge is a simple sweep gauge that allows you to display your data in an “Analog Style”. It has the ability to define many visual appearance attributes of the gauge. In addition, user bitmaps can be specified to make completely custom gauges. (There are a few bitmaps installed with winlog that you can use as gauge backgrounds, check them out in the winlog install directory.) Selecting the gauge and selecting the Edit -> Properties menu item will display the gauge settings:



The Edit Analog Gauge Parameters screen lets you configure the analog gauge settings. Clicking on any of the settings will cause its description to be displayed in the box at the bottom of the screen. Double clicking a setting will bring up a dialog that allows the setting to be modified.

Following is an overview of the settings that are available for the Analog gauge. For a description of individual settings, simply click the setting, and its description will be displayed in the description field at the bottom of the settings dialog.

The “Data Source” field is the field that drives the display of this gauge. Clicking on the small “...” button at the right of the gauge will present you with the list of fields that can be selected from to drive the gauge.



Select a field from the list by clicking on the field (not the device!), and select the “OK” button. You will be returned to the gauge configuration dialog, and the “Data Source” field will be filled in with the newly selected field.

Gauge Bitmaps

The bitmap file that will be displayed for the gauge. This bitmap will be displayed under the gauge needle and optionally the gauge numbers/divisions/and range markers. This bitmap can contain “transparent” areas by selecting a transparent color in the configuration options. By default, the transparent color is Red=255, Green=255, Blue=254, RGB values that contain that color will not be displayed.

Gauge Label - This is the text that will be displayed for the analog gauge. Note that if you would like to have this gauge to be able to display “warnings” that the gauge *must* be given a title. If you prefer to not have a title displayed, you can leave this field blank.

Start/Sweep Angles - The angle of the needle at the gauge start position (in degrees, with 0 degrees located at the bottom of the gauge), and how far the gauge sweeps (also specified in degrees).

Divisions – Divisions refer to the tick marks that represent the scale of the gauge. Major divisions are the “larger” divisions that are displayed on the scale. If you don't need the

gauge to display divisions (maybe because you're using a bitmap that already has the scale on it), simply set the divisions values to zero, and they will not be drawn.

Sizes/Lengths – In general, sizes and lengths of gauge elements are specified in one of two units of measure, either in pixels, or as a percentage (0-100) of the diameter of the gauge.

Range Markers – These are colored areas of the gauge that are useful for marking warning regions etc (for example, a “redline” of a tachometer). Up to three ranges can be defined for each gauge, each with a user defined color.

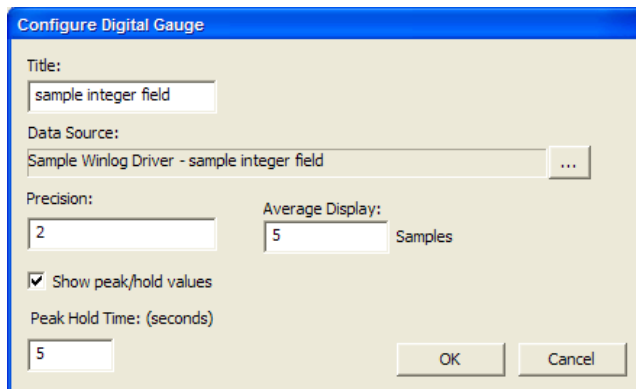
Digital Gauge

The digital gauge is a simple digital gauge which displays either numeric or textual values on the dashboard. As with other gauges, it is resizable, the font sizes will grow proportionally to the gauge size.

When the digital gauge is displaying numeric values, it also has the ability to display peak/hold values, which are displayed at the left hand side, the high (peak) value is displayed at the top, and the low value is displayed at the bottom.



Editing the properties for the digital gauge will present you with the “Configure digital gauge” dialog:



At the top of the screen is the “Title” field. This is the text that will be displayed at the top of the digital gauge. Note that if you would like to have this gauge to be able to

display “warnings” that the gauge **must** be given a title. If you prefer to not have a title displayed, you can leave this field blank.

The “Data Source” field works as in the Analog gauge configuration, simply select the “...” button to select the data source for this gauge.

The “Precision” field allows you to select the number of digits following the decimal point in the gauges displayed numbers, including the peak/hold values, if displayed. Setting this value to zero will omit the display of the decimal point and the trailing precision. Note that if a non-numeric (text) field is selected as the data source, this field has no effect.

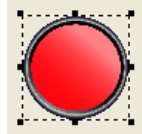
The “Average Display” field allows you to average samples as they are received from the logging device. If the field is extremely “noisy” this setting can help by smoothing the display. Setting the field to zero disables averaging. Note that if a non-numeric (text) field is selected as the data source, this field has no effect.

The “Show Peak Hold” check box enables and disables the peak/hold display, and the time that the peak/low values are displayed are defined by the “Peak/Hold Time” field, which is defined in seconds. Note that if a non-numeric (text) field is selected as the data source, this field has no effect (and peak/hold values are not displayed). The peak and low values for each gauge will be displayed for the specified number of seconds (unless that peak or low is exceeded, then the new value will be displayed). This feature can be useful for glancing at the gauge and seeing what the peak/low values for that gauge were for the last ‘n’ seconds (‘n’ being specified by this configuration item). Note that averaging does **NOT** apply to peak/hold values, this way, you can keep track of the true peak/low values even though the main gauge display might have averaging disabled.

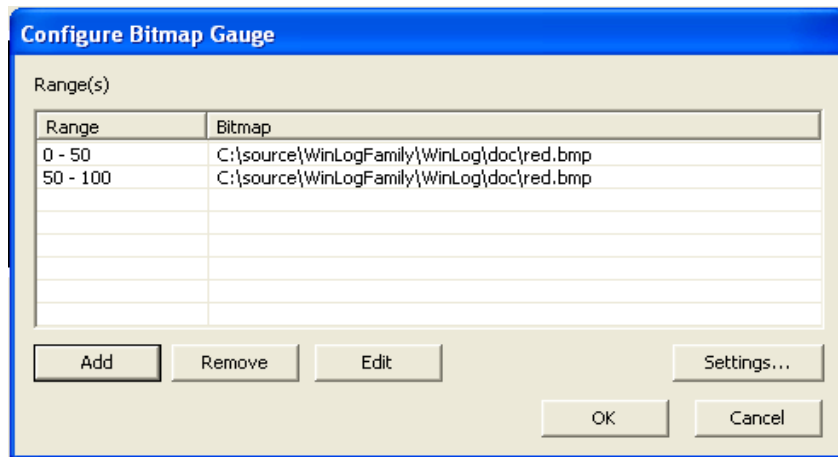
Note: Setting the peak/hold time field to -1 will cause the peak/hold values to be held indefinitely.

Bitmap Gauge

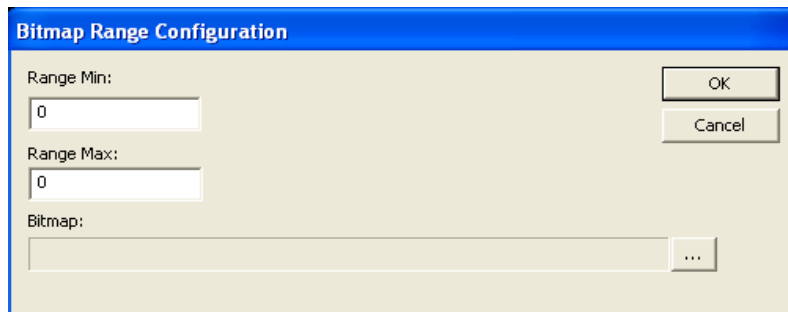
The bitmap gauge is a gauge that allows you to display various user defined bitmaps in response to changing logging device fields. Below is an example of a gauge that changes from red to yellow to green in response to changing input values. There are a few bitmaps installed with winlog that you can use, check them out in the winlog install directory.



Up to 16 different ranges/bitmaps can be defined for the bitmap gauge. This gauge can be useful for displaying various states based on an input field value. Editing the properties for the bitmap gauge will display the Configure Bitmap Gauge dialog:



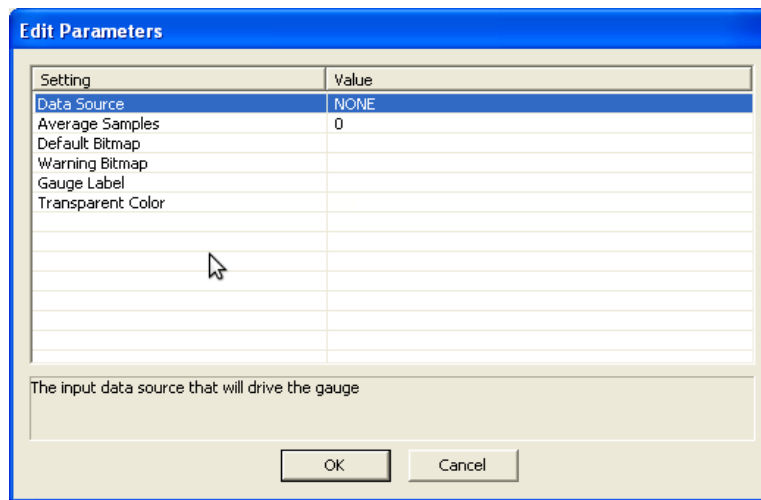
The configure bitmap gauge dialog lets you specify the bitmaps that will be displayed for the gauge for various input value ranges. Up to 16 ranges/bitmaps may be defined for each bitmap gauge. Ranges can be added to the list by clicking the “Add” button, after which the Bitmap Range Configuration dialog will be displayed:



The bitmap range configuration dialog allows you to specify a range for which a specific bitmap will be displayed. Clicking the “...” button will allow you to choose a bitmap for the range defined.

Ranges may also be edited (by double clicking the range, or by highlighting it and clicking the “Edit” button). Finally, ranges may be deleted from the list by highlighting them, and clicking the “Delete” button.

Additional settings for the Bitmap gauge are displayed by selecting the “Settings...” button, which displays the “Edit Parameters” dialog:



The edit parameters dialog lets you edit the following parameters for the bitmap gauge:

The “Data Source” field works as in the Analog gauge configuration, simply select the “...” button to select the data source for this gauge.

The “Average Samples” field allows you to average samples as they are received from the logging device. If the field is extremely “noisy” this setting can help by smoothing the display. Setting the field to zero disables averaging.

The “Default Bitmap” field allows you to specify a bitmap that will be displayed by default (that is, a bitmap that is displayed when the input value falls outside of all of the user defined ranges)

The “Warning Bitmap” field allows you to specify a bitmap that will be displayed whenever a warning has been triggered. (See the Warnings section later on in this guide for details about configuring warnings)

The “Gauge Label” field allows you to define the identifier for this gauge, it **must** be defined for the gauge to display warnings. This label is not displayed anywhere on the bitmap gauge, and is only used to identify the gauge.

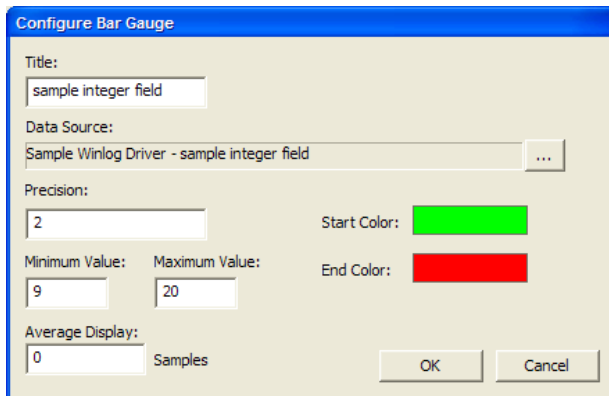
The “Transparent Color” field allows you to define a transparent color for your bitmaps. The defined color will not be displayed by WinLog.

Bar Gauge

The bar gauge is a rectangular gauge which can display numeric values, and associate them with a percentage or color. It displays a bar and overlays the bar with the current value.



Editing the properties for a bar gauge will display the “Configure Bar Gauge” dialog:



At the top of the screen is the “Title” field. This is the text that will be displayed at the top of the bar gauge. If you prefer to not have a title displayed, you can leave this field blank.

The “Data Source” field works as in the Analog gauge configuration, simply select the “...” button to select the data source for this gauge.

The “Precision” field allows you to select the number of digits following the decimal point in the gauges displayed numbers. Setting this value to zero will omit the display of the decimal point and the trailing precision.

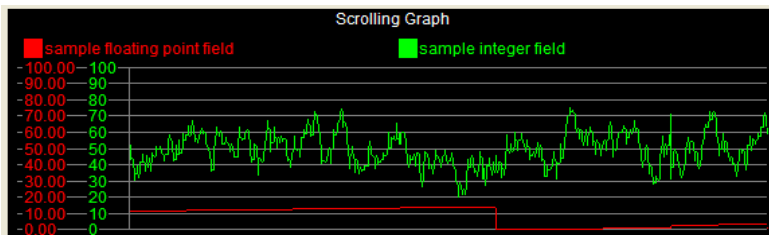
The “Average Display” field allows you to average samples as they are received from the logging device. If the field is extremely “noisy” this setting can help by smoothing the display. Setting the field to zero disables averaging.

The “Minimum and Maximum Value” fields are the range of values that the bar gauge will display, the minimum value at the left, and the maximum at the right.

The “Start and End Color” boxes define the color that will be used to define the color bar that will be displayed in the gauge. Click each of the color boxes to define the colors that will be used. If both colors are the same, a single color bar will be displayed. If the colors are different, a color gradient will be displayed.

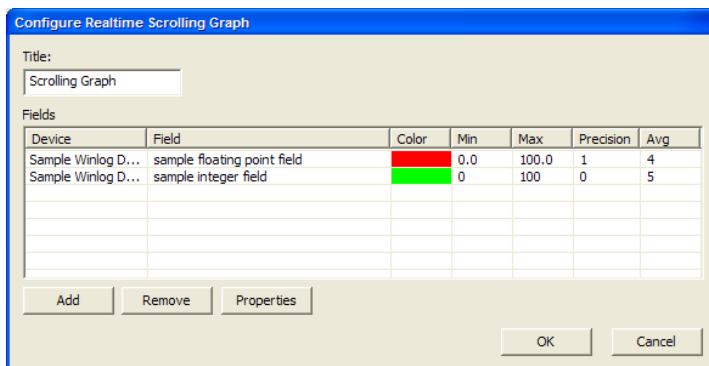
Scrolling Graph Gauge

The scrolling graph displays data as it is received in real time (and scrolls it to the left as more data is received). This data is not saved (unless logging is enabled). The graph display can be temporarily paused by clicking on it, but the live graph cannot be scrolled around or used to review data that is not currently being displayed. To review logged data, the data must be logged to file, and can be reviewed by opening the log file with either WinLogView or another log file viewing application. For more information on reviewing data, please see the “Reviewing Log Data” section further on in this document.



The appearance and settings of the live graph can be modified to suit your needs. Things like graph colors, ranges, and whether or not decimal values (floating point) should be displayed can be configured for each gauge graph.

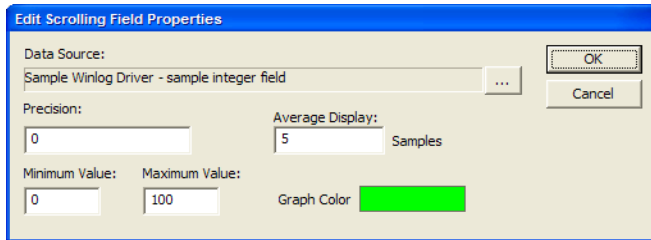
Selecting Edit->Properties for the real-time scrolling graph will display the following dialog:



At the top of the screen is the “Title” field. This is the text that will be displayed at the top of the scrolling gauge. Note that if you would like to have this gauge to be able to display “warnings” that the gauge *must* be given a title. If you prefer to not have a title displayed, you can leave this field blank.

The fields list contains the list of fields that will be displayed in the scrolling graph. Up to 12 fields may be displayed in each scrolling graph (note that you may have multiple scrolling graphs on the same dashboard).

Clicking on the “Add” or “Properties” button (when an item is selected) presents you with the configuration options for each field:



The “Data Source” field works as in the Analog gauge configuration, simply select the “...” button to select the data source for this gauge.

The “Precision” field allows you to select the number of digits following the decimal point in the legends display values. Setting this value to zero will omit the display of the decimal point and the trailing precision.

The “Average Display” field allows you to average samples as they are received from the logging device. If the field is extremely “noisy” this setting can help by smoothing the display. Setting the field to zero disables averaging.

The “Minimum and Maximum Value” fields are the range of values that the scrolling gauge will graph; values outside of the range will be truncated to the top and bottom of the graph.

The “Graph Color” box defines the color that will be used to plot the field in the graph, clicking on the color box will allow you to select a color for the graph. Colors are automatically selected by WinLog so that a color conflict does not occur.

Select the OK button when you are done defining the settings for the field, and you will be returned to the Configure Scrolling Graph dialog.

The “Remove” button allows you to remove one or more fields from the scrolling graph, fields that have been selected in the fields list will be deleted when this button is clicked.

When warnings are triggered, and a real-time scrolling graph is selected as a gauge to flash, a vertical red line will be plotted at the point the warning was triggered. For more information on warnings, please see that section later in this guide.

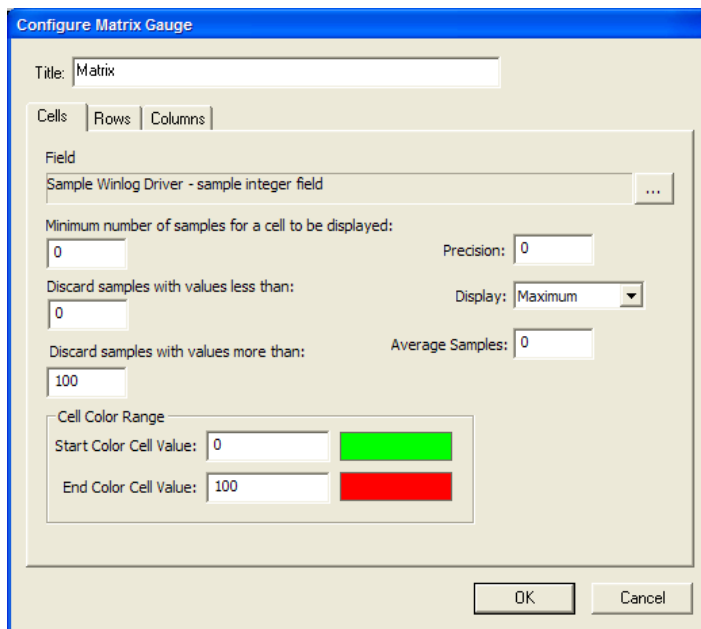
Realtime Matrix Gauge

The realtime matrix gauge allows you to display data in a “spreadsheet” style gauge that plots values based on two input fields, and a resulting field based on the intersection of the two input fields. Along each of the axes (vertical and horizontal), an input field is selected, for each of the cells in the “spreadsheet”, the third input field is displayed. This type of display can be useful in things like air/fuel ratio tuning maps, where one axis can be manifold pressure, one can be RPM, and the cells can be the air/fuel ratio.

As data is received from the logging devices, a “cursor” is displayed, showing the current position in the matrix (the cursor is a highlighted cell that jumps around when data is received). If the value received from the data logger is not contained in the matrix, the cursor will disappear until a valid value is once again received.

sample integer field (1)				
	30	60	100	
sample integer field	30	30	17	29
60	60	60	59	
100	99	87	99	

Selecting Edit->Properties for the matrix gauge will bring up the Matrix Gauge Properties dialog:



At the top of the dialog is the “Title” field. This is an optional title that will be displayed at the top of the matrix display, and if omitted, will not be displayed.

Below the title, are 3 tab style configuration pages, each corresponds to one of the three fields that will be used to populate the matrix.

Cell Settings:

The “Cells” tab defines the field that will be used to populate the cells on the matrix gauge.

The “Data Source” field works as in the Analog gauge configuration, simply select the “...” button to select the data source for this gauge.

The “Minimum number of samples for a cell to be displayed” field allows you to choose the number of samples that must be received from the logging device before displaying a value. This helps keep the clutter out of the display when there are insufficient samples to generate a valid display.

The “Discard samples with values less than” field allows you to specify a minimum sample field value. When the source field is less than this value, it will not be added to the graph (this can help keep erroneous or irrelevant data out of the matrix gauge).

The “Discard samples with values more than” field allows you to specify a maximum sample field value. When the source field is more than this value, it will not be added to

the graph (this can help keep erroneous or irrelevant data out of the matrix gauge). Note that this field defaults to zero, and if not set might result in data not being displayed!!!

The “Precision” field allows you to select the number of digits following the decimal point in the cell display values. Setting this value to zero will omit the display of the decimal point and the trailing precision.

The “Display” setting allows you to choose the matrix gauge display mode; the following three settings are available:

Average – The samples received from the device will be averaged and displayed in the cells

Minimum – The minimum value received from the device will be displayed in the cells

Maximum – The maximum value received from the device will be displayed in the cells.

The “Average Samples” field controls the number of samples that will be averaged before discarding samples. This allows a “rolling” average to be used, causing only “recent” samples to be included in the display, discarding older samples. If this value is set to zero, values are infinitely averaged.

The Cell Color Range fields control the background color that will be used to display cells. The color will be interpolated between the minimum and maximum defined cell values using the specified colors for the span. The following fields are available:

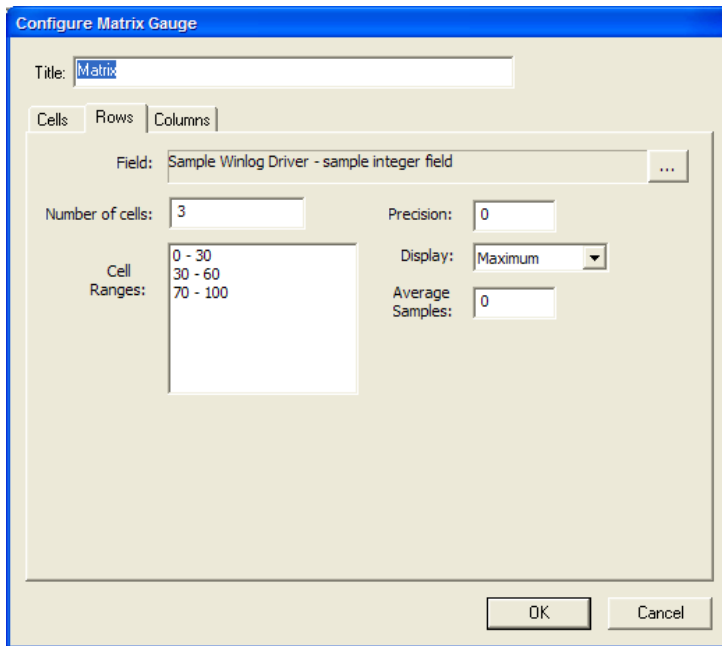
Start Color Cell Value – The value of the starting sweep color. Cell values less than the specified value will all be displayed using the starting sweep color.

End Color Cell Value – The value of the ending sweep color. Cell values greater than the specified value will all be displayed using the ending sweep color.

The starting and ending colors can be changed by clicking on the color boxes, and selecting a color. If the start and end colors are the same, the selected color will always be used as the background color for the cell.

Row/Column Settings

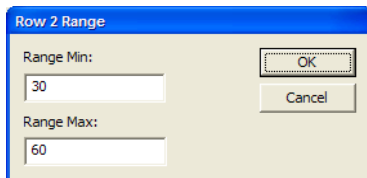
The row/column setting tabs define the x and y axis data fields. The settings for rows and columns are identical, so both will be discussed here.



The “Data Source” field works as in the Analog gauge configuration, simply select the “...” button to select the data source for this gauge.

The “number of cells” field defines the number of rows/columns in each axis. Adding additional rows/cols to the gauge is accomplished by making this number larger or smaller.

The “Cell Ranges” field defines the range of each row/column in the gauge. The ranges do not need to be contiguous (i.e., there may be gaps in the ranges for areas that you are not interested in). Overlapping cell ranges will only display values in the first cell range that is defined. To modify a cells range, simply double click on the one of the ranges in the list, and specify the minimum and maximum values for that cell. Double clicking an item presents the Row/Col range dialog:



The “Range Min” field defines the minimum value for the specified row/col. (the current row/col is displayed in the title bar of the dialog)

The “Range Max” field defines the maximum value for the specified row/col (the current row/col is displayed in the title bar of the dialog)

Pressing the “OK” button will return you to the configure matrix dialog.

If you need to delete one or more rows/columns, simply change the “Number of Cells” field, and the number of fields will be updated accordingly.

The “Precision” field allows you to select the number of digits following the decimal point in the row/column display values. Setting this value to zero will omit the display of the decimal point and the trailing precision.

The “Display” setting allows you to choose the matrix gauge display mode; the following three settings are available:

Range – The range (both min and max values) of row/column values will be displayed in the header.

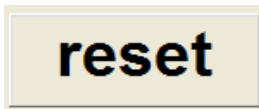
Minimum – The minimum value for the cell will be displayed in the header

Maximum – The maximum value for the cell will be displayed in the header.

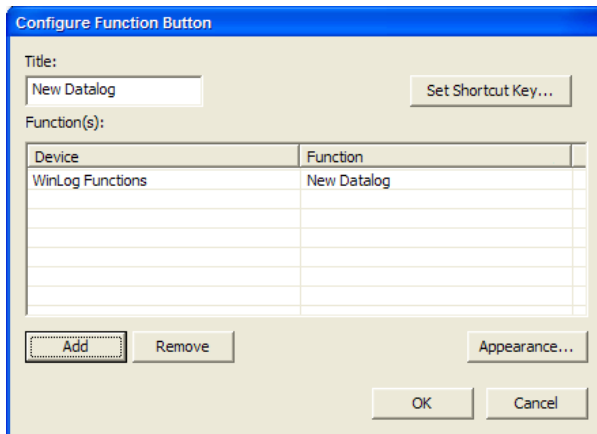
The “Average Samples” field controls the number of samples that will be averaged when determining the current active row or column. Setting this value to zero will disable row/column averaging. If you find that the cursor is bouncing around too much, try increasing the value in this field.

Function Button

The function button is not a “gauge” but instead a user interface element that can be added to the display in order to control certain functions of WinLog and your logging device(s). Its main intention was to facilitate easier touch screen use. The user can setup large, easy to read (and touch) buttons on the screen to do things like start/stop logging, view the last log etc.

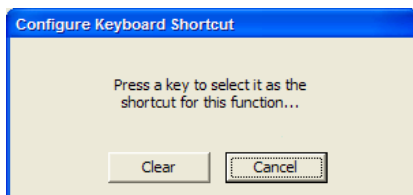


The Edit->Properties menu allows you to change aspects of the function button. When selected the “Configure Function Button” is displayed.



The “Title” field determines the text that will be displayed on the function button. If desired, it can be left empty.

The “Set Shortcut Key...” button allows you to define a shortcut key to execute the button function. When the key is pressed, the function button will be “executed”. Clicking this button causes the “Configure Keyboard Shortcut” dialog to be displayed.

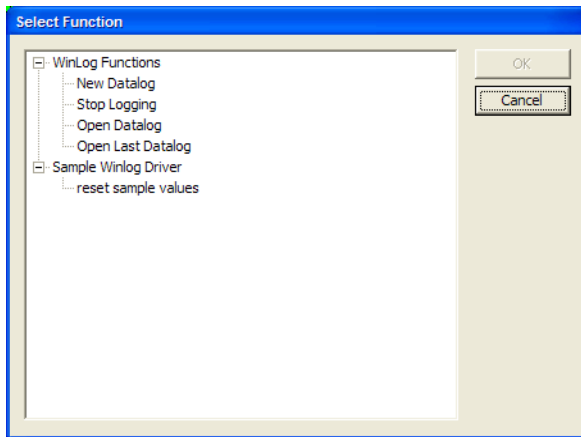


When this dialog is displayed, simply press the key that you would like to define as your shortcut, and you will be returned to the Configure Function Button dialog. If you would like to clear the shortcut key, simply press the “Clear” button, and no shortcut key will be defined for the function button.

The “Functions” field defines the functions that will be executed when the button is clicked, the field list may contain multiple devices and function calls.

The “Device” field contains the name of the device that the function will be called from. The “Function” field is the name of the function that will be called.

Clicking the “Add” button will cause the “Select Function” dialog to be displayed:



This dialog displays the functions that are available for WinLog to call. Some standard functions are always included in this list:

New Datalog – Cause WinLog to create a new data log, stopping any current logging session (This is the same as selecting File->New Datalog)

Stop Logging – Stop the current log to file and close the file (Same as File->Stop Logging)

Open Datalog – Open a data log file (Same as File->Open Datalog)

Open Last Datalog – Open the last (or currently logging) data log file (Same as File->Open Last Datalog)

Set Marker In Datalog - If you are currently logging to a file, and the “Enable Log Markers” option has been enabled, this menu item will cause the marker field to be set to ‘1’ for the current sample in the log file.

Next Dash – Selects the next dashboard page (Same as Edit->Next Dash)

Previous Dash - Selects the previous dashboard page (Same as Edit->Previous Dash)

In addition, your loaded drivers *may* present device options in this list.

When you have selected a function to add to the list, click the OK button and you will be returned to the “Configure Function Button” dialog.

The “Remove” button removes selected functions from the function list.

Sample of a configured dashboard

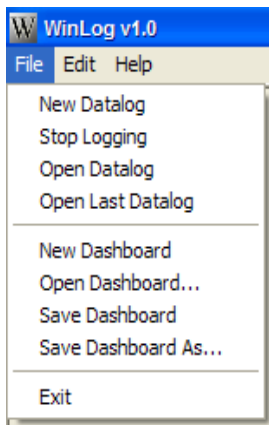


WinLog Menu Items

The WinLog menu items are the main user interface to WinLog, the menu items are described below:

File Menu

The file menu controls most of the “File” type operations in WinLog, such as starting/stopping logging, and opening/saving dashboard files.



New Datalog

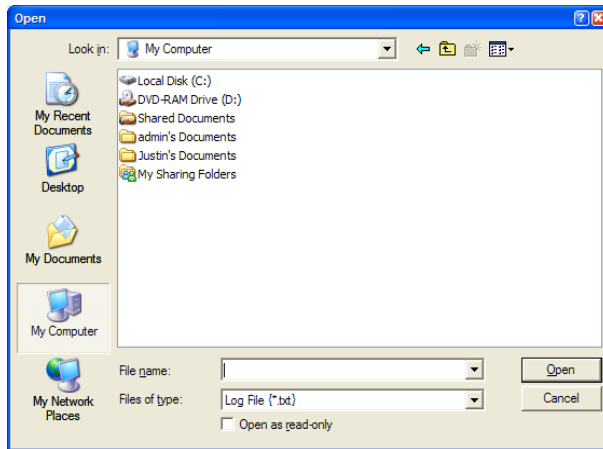
The New Datalog menu item creates a new data log file, and starts logging data from attached devices that file. Depending on the logger settings, a file selection dialog will be displayed asking you to choose a filename. If the logger is setup to automatically generate filenames, logging will be started automatically when this option is selected. If a file is currently being logged, that file will be closed, and logging will begin to the new file.

Stop Logging

The Stop Logging option causes the logger to stop logging data to file.

Open Datalog

The Open Datalog menu item causes WinLog to display a file selection dialog for you to choose a data log to display.



Once selected, WinLog will launch the log viewing application (defined in Logger Settings, which, by default, is WinLogView). Logging *will* continue if logging is currently active.

Open Last Datalog

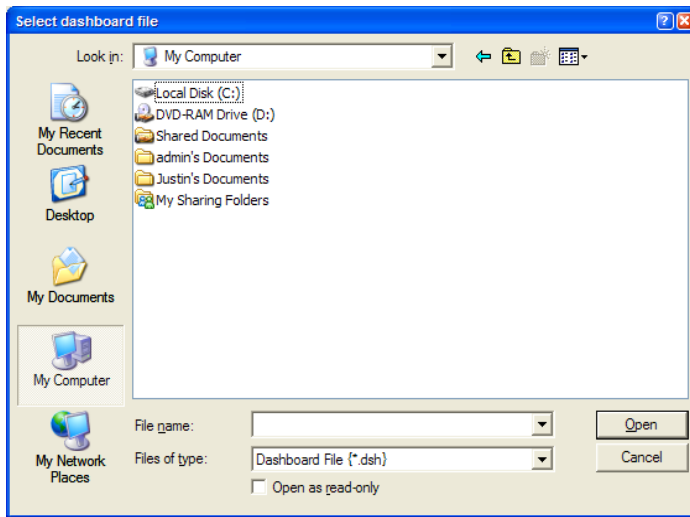
The Open Last Datalog menu item causes WinLog to open the last (or current) data log file (as with the open dialog, the viewer defined in the logger settings will be used to view the file). If logging is currently active, it will be stopped, and the resulting log file will be reviewed. If logging is not currently active, the last created log file since the program was started will be opened.

New Dashboard

Selecting this option will create a new, empty dashboard. If the current dash has been changed, you will be prompted to save it prior to creating the new one.

Open Dashboard

Selecting this option allows you to load a dashboard from a file. When selected, a file selection dialog will be displayed, allowing you to choose the dashboard file.



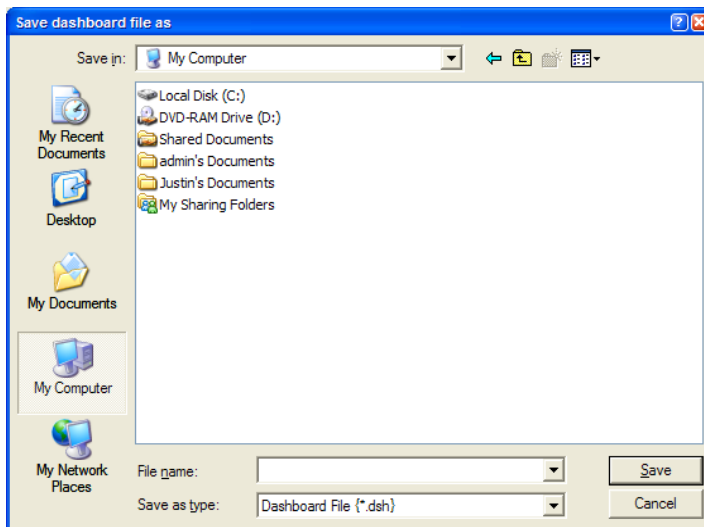
WinLog automatically remembers the last opened dashboard file, and will display that dashboard the next time it starts.

Save Dashboard

Allows you to save the currently loaded dashboard (if it was opened from a file).

Save Dashboard As...

Allows you to save the current dashboard to a new filename.

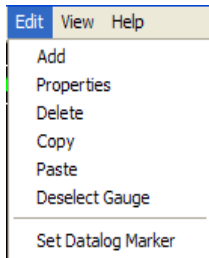


Exit

Stops all logging, and exits WinLog. If the current dashboard has been modified, you will be prompted to save it prior to exiting.

Edit Menu

The Edit menu relates to setting up most of the options of the current dashboard, warnings, and WinLog settings:



The first section of the edit menu relates to the dashboard and gauges.

Add

The Add menu item adds a new gauge to the current dashboard. When selected, the “Select Gauge Type” dialog will be displayed, and a new gauge will be added to the top left hand corner of the dashboard, at which point the user can drag the gauge to a suitable location.

Properties

Allows the user to edit the properties of the currently selected gauge.

Delete

Deletes the currently selected gauge from the dashboard

Copy

Copies the currently selected gauge to the clipboard This allows easy copying of gauges between dashboard files, and duplication of similar gauges.

Paste

Pastes the currently selected gauge to the clipboard. This allows easy copying of gauges between dashboard files, and duplication of similar gauges. Once a gauge has been pasted, it can be modified like any other gauge.

Deselect Gauge

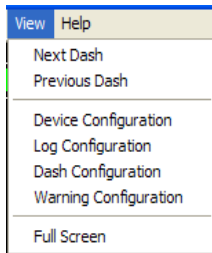
Deselects the currently selected gauge, and un-pauses the dashboard. Useful when your gauges completely cover the dashboard background, and you cannot click it to un-pause the dashboard display.

Set Datalog Marker

If you are currently logging to a file, and the “Enable Log Markers” option has been enabled, this menu item will cause the marker field to be set to ‘1’ for the current sample in the log file.

Note: The marker command could also be assigned to a shortcut key by creating a function button that includes the “Set Marker” command, and assigning a shortcut key to that function button. (See the “Function Button” section for more information on functions and shortcut keys)

View Menu



Next Dash

This option displays causes WinLog to display the next dashboard defined in the “dashboard pages” setting, which is defined in the Dashboard Settings dialog. If no ‘next’ dash is available, the dashboard will not be changed. This option can be useful if you frequently need to change between one or more defined dashboards.

Previous Dash

This option displays causes WinLog to display the previous dashboard defined in the “dashboard pages” setting, which is defined in the Dashboard Settings dialog. If no ‘previous’ dash is available, the dashboard will not be changed. This option can be useful if you frequently need to change between one or more defined dashboards.

Device Configuration

The device configuration menu item allows you to setup and configure the devices attached to WinLog. When selected, the “Configure Logging Device Settings” dialog will be displayed. Note that selecting this option will cause the current log file to be closed!

Log Configuration

This option displays the log configuration settings dialog to be displayed, See that section later for more information about log settings.

Dash Configuration

This option displays the general WinLog Dashboard settings dialog to be displayed, See that section later for more information about log settings.

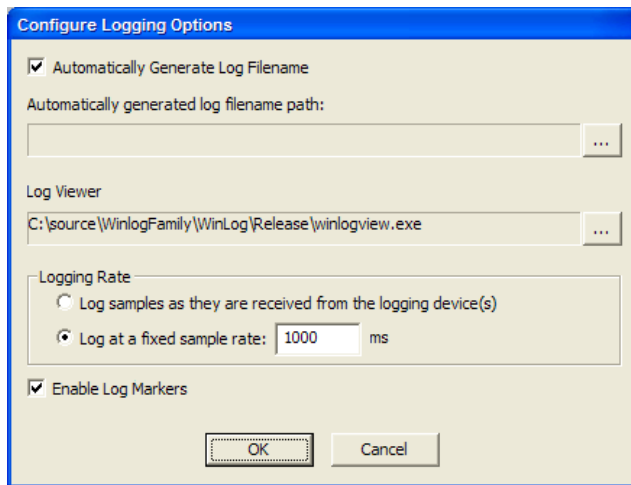
Warning Configuration

This option causes the warnings configuration dialog to be displayed. See that section later for more information about warnings.

Full Screen

This option causes WinLog to be displayed in Full Screen mode. To exit full screen mode, press the <ESC> key.

Log Settings



The following options are available on the Configure Logging Options screen:

Automatically Generate Log Filename

Selecting this option causes WinLog to automatically generate the log filename, and start logging when the File->New Datalog option is selected. If this option is not selected, the user will be prompted for a filename each time a new log file is created.

Automatically generated log filename path

This is the directory that automatically generated log filenames are stored. If this field is blank, the application directory will be used to store log files.

Log Viewer

This is the viewer that will be launched by WinLog when the “Open Logfile” or “Open Last Logfile” option has been selected. If this field is blank, WinLog will attempt to use **WinLogView** to display the log file.

Logging Rate Options

The Logging rate options determine how samples are logged to file when they are received from the logging device.

There are two logging modes:

Log samples as they are received from the logging device(s)

Selecting this option causes WinLog to add every sample to the log file as it is received from the logging device(s). Because of this, logging devices with more frequent update rates can cause repetition of data from devices that have slower update rates.

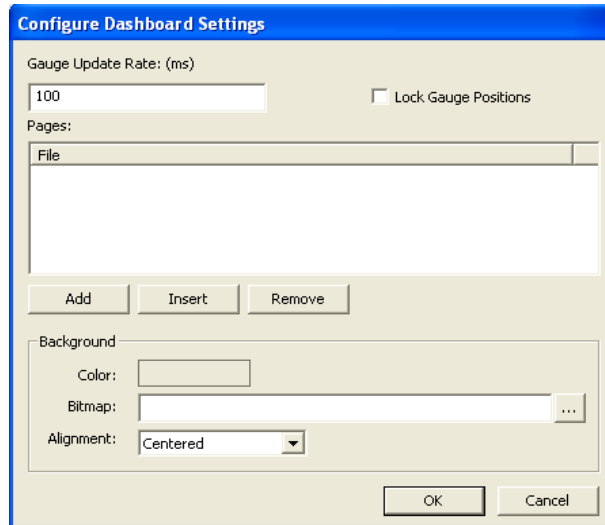
Log at a fixed sample rate

This causes WinLog to gather data from the logging device(s), and log them to the log file at the specified sample rate (default is 100ms). The last value received at each interval will be added to the log file for each device.

Enable Log Markers

This causes WinLog to add an additional field to the log file named "Marker". When the marker field is present, WinLog allows the user to "Tag" the log file with a marker at any time while logging is active by selecting the Edit->Set Datalog Marker option. The logfiles "Marker" field will contain a '1' for the sample when the marker was selected, and a '0' when it is not.

Dashboard Settings



The following options are available on the Dashboard settings screen:

Gauge Update Rate

The display update rate determines how fast the gauges are updated on the dashboard. The default value is 100ms (updates occur 10 times every second). On some slower PC's this value may need to be increased in order to work well on the specific PC. On a P233 values down to 20ms have been tested successfully. You'll find that updating too frequently causes the live graph to become less useful (since the data scrolls off the screen so quickly). This setting in no way affects the sample rate of the actual logged data; it only affects how fast it is reflected on the screen. Logged data is always stored at the speed specified under the Logging Rate settings.

Pages

This list defines the "pages" that can be accessed by the next/previous dashboard commands on the Edit menu. To add pages to this list, simply use the add or insert buttons below the list. To remove a page from the list, select it, and click the "Remove" button. (Note that this will not delete the dashboard, only remove it from the dashboard page list).

Background Color

This option specifies the background color of the dashboard. Clicking the color box will present you with the color chooser dialog to choose a new color for the background.

Background Bitmap

This option specifies a bitmap that will be displayed as a “wallpaper” inside of WinLog. If the field is empty, no bitmap will be displayed. Clicking on the “...” button next to the field will allow you to choose a bitmap file. There are a few bitmaps installed with winlog that you can use as background bitmaps, check them out in the winlog install directory.

Alignment

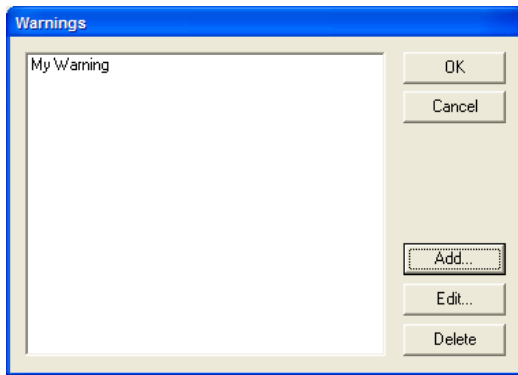
Configures how the wallpapers bitmap will be displayed, either tiled, centered, or stretched to fit the entire window.

Warnings

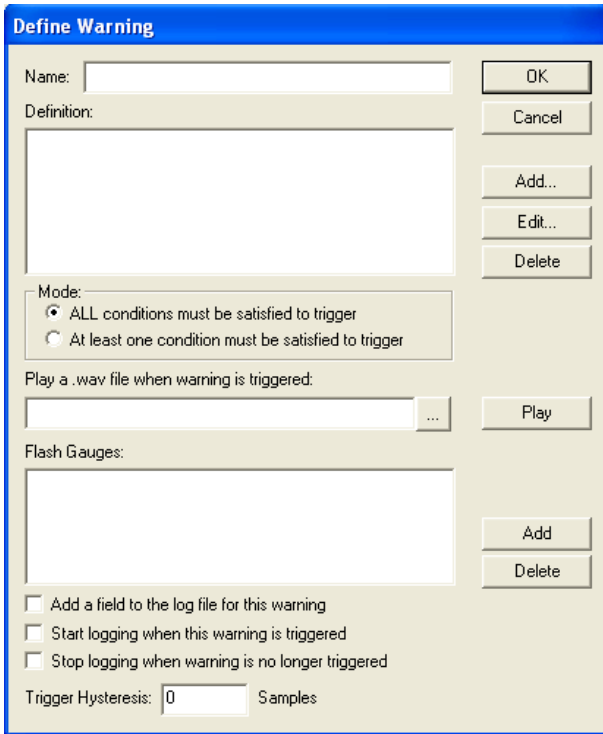
The warnings screen allows you to define one or many conditions in which to signal you that some event has occurred. The warning definition scheme used by WinLog allows you to define a warning condition with one or many parameters, allowing you to more accurately describe the condition. (Since some environments can be quite dynamic, usually more than one sensor is required to define an actual warning condition.)

To begin defining a warning, select the “Edit->Warnings” menu item on the main screen.

On the warning screen is a list of the current warnings that will be monitored

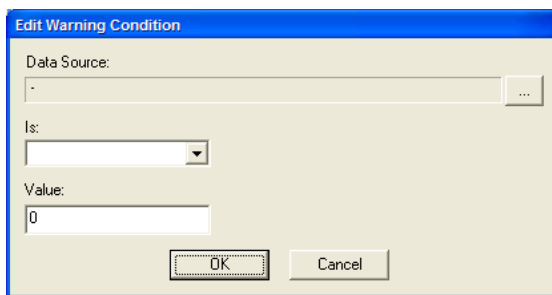


To define a new warning condition, click the “Add” button. Once the “Add” button has been clicked the “Define Warning” screen will be displayed.



First, you'll want to give your warning a name. Do this in the "Name" field at the top of the screen. It should be a name that describes the entire warning condition.

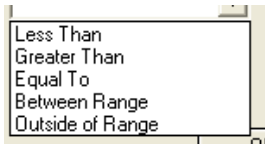
Next, you'll add all of the conditions that must be satisfied in order to trigger this warning. To add a new condition to the definition, select the "Add" button to the left of the conditions field. The following dialog will be displayed:



Data Source

The data source defines the field that this condition will be monitoring. The "Data Source" field works as in the Analog gauge configuration, simply select the "..." button to select the data source that will be used to trigger this warning.

The "Is" field defines the evaluator for the trigger condition:



The following options are available

Less Than – If the received value is less than the specified value, the warning will be triggered

Greater Than– If the received value is greater than the specified value, the warning will be triggered

Equal To– If the received value is equal to the specified value, the warning will be triggered

Between Range– If the received value is between the ranges of the specified values, the warning will be triggered

Outside of Range– If the received value outside of the range of the specified values, the warning will be triggered

For the last two options in the conditions list, an extra field will be displayed to specify the valid numeric range.

When you have completed defining the condition, select the “OK” button to return to the Define Warning Dialog, and your new condition will be present in the definition list.

The “Edit” and “Remove” buttons next to the definition list allow you to edit the currently selected condition, and the Remove button allows you to delete the selected conditions from the definition list.

Conditions that refer to logging devices that are not currently available will be “grayed out” in this list, this is simply a mechanism to draw your attention to items that might cause a warning to not trigger.

Mode

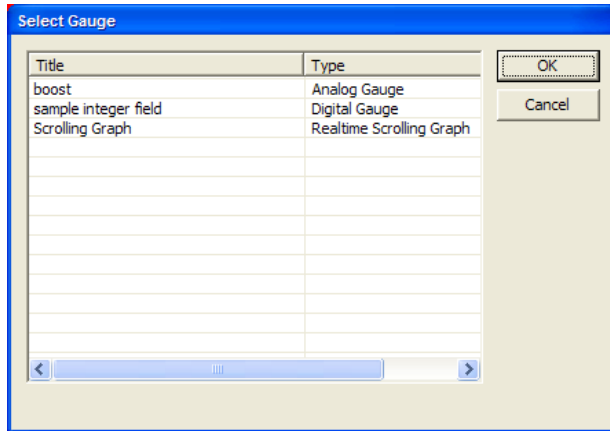
The Mode option allows you to specify if one or all of the conditions in the definition must be met in order to trigger the warning.

Warning Notifications

Obviously, it’s nice for you, the user to know that a warning has been triggered. You have two options at your disposal for knowing that a warning has been triggered. The first is the ability to “Flash” one or more gauges. When the warning is triggered, the specified gauge will flash red, and stay red for a few seconds. In addition, you can have WinLog play a wave file, which may help when you have your eyes on the road. To play a wave file when the warning is triggered, select a file by clicking the “...” option at the bottom of the screen. To verify the wave file works, you can press the “Play” button at the bottom of the screen to play it immediately.

In addition, the main screen displays the number of warnings that have been triggered in the field at rightmost portion of the status bar, this is a running total of the triggered warnings.

The flash gauges list is defined by selecting the “Add” and “Delete” buttons next the “Flash Gauges” field. Selecting the “Add” button displays the “Select Gauge” dialog.



The select gauge dialog displays gauges that can be selected to be flashed when a warning is triggered. Currently, only analog, digital, bitmap, and scrolling gauges can be selected to be flashed. In the case of the scrolling graph, a red marker is inserted into the graph when a warning is triggered. For the Analog and Digital gauges, they are flashed “red” for approximately 5 seconds after each warning is triggered.

In addition, in order for a gauge to be flashed, the gauge **MUST** have a title, otherwise WinLog cannot identify the gauge. If you’re looking for a gauge to flash, and don’t find it in this list, check to be sure that the gauge has a title!

When you have selected the gauge you would like to flash, select the “OK” button, and you will be returned to the Define Warning dialog.

The “Delete” button allows you to remove selected gauges from the “Flash” gauges field.

Items that are “grayed out” in the Flash Gauges field refer to gauges that are not currently available in the current dashboard, and thus will not be flashed.

Add a field to the log file for this warning

This option allows you to add a field to the log file for the currently defined warning. When this option is checked, the name of the warning will be used as a new field in the log file. When the warning is not triggered, a value of 0 will be put in the log field. If the warning has been triggered, a value of 1 will be put in the log field.

Start Logging when warning is triggered

This option allows you to automatically start logging when a warning has been triggered. For best results, combine this option with the “Automatically generate log filename” option in the logging options. If auto name file generation has not been selected, the logging may not start since WinLog needs to wait for the user to enter a filename.

Stop Logging when warning is triggered

This option allows you to automatically stop logging when a warning is no longer triggered.

Trigger Hysteresis

This option allows you to set the hysteresis for the warning to trigger. At least the number of specified samples must meet the trigger conditions before the warning is triggered.

Log Files

Log Files are stored in an ASCII CSV (comma separated values) format. When the auto generate filenames option has been selected, the naming convention for the files is based on the current date and time, with a .txt extension.

The first line in the log file contains the identifier (WinLog and its version number) followed by the website name.

The second line in the log file defines the field names that are in the log file, separated by commas.

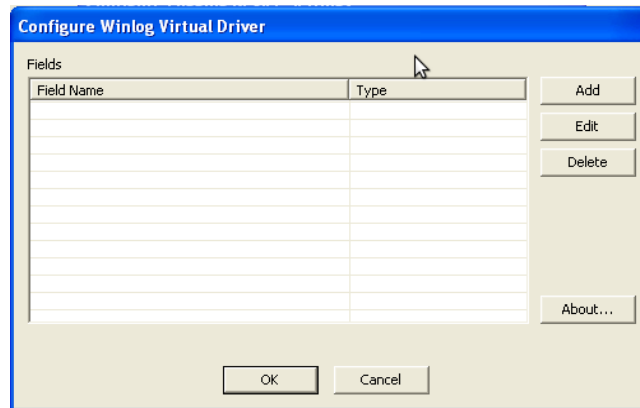
The third through the end of file lines contain the actual log data, comma separated.

These file should be able to be opened in most any application, good examples are notepad, Microsoft Excel, Open Office and WinLogView (included!).

WinLog Virtual Driver

The WinLog virtual driver is a special driver that is included with WinLog that allows you to define custom fields which are derived from other loggers fields using mathematical expressions.

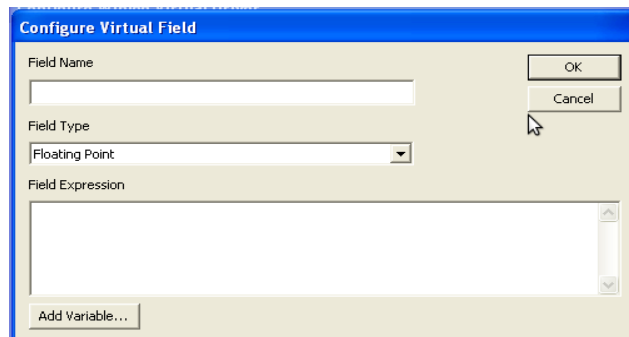
In order to use the WinLog virtual driver, go to the View->Device Configuration menu and select the “Add...” button in the Configure Logging Devices dialog. Then select the WinLog Virtual Driver. After selecting the driver you will be able to configure it.



The Virtual Driver allows you to define up to 10 new fields that can be displayed and logged by WinLog just like other driver fields. In the configuration dialog, you are presented with the list of fields that will be available to WinLog to log/display, you can add, delete, and edit fields that you have defined.

Defining a new field

To define a new field for WinLog to Log/Display, click the “Add” button from the configuration dialog and you will be taken to the configure virtual field dialog:



In this dialog, you define the attributes of the new logger field. The following attributes of the field are defined in this dialog:

Field Name

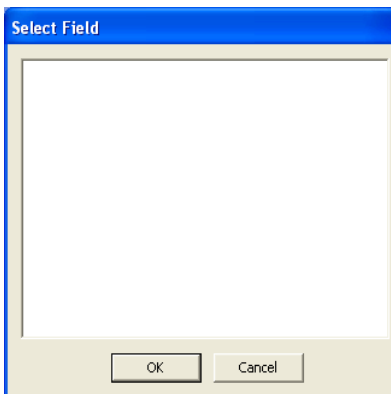
The field name box lets you define the name for your new logging field, in general, this should be a unique name that identifies the function of the field. If the name that you enter matches another field (in another device), WinLog will automatically modify the name of the field for you so that it is different (by adding a numeric identifier to the end of the field name).

Field Type

Defines the type of output value that this field represents, this can be either a Floating Point value or an Integer value. The result of the field expression will be converted to this type before being reported to WinLog.

Field Expression

The field expression defines the mathematical function of the field. This can be something as simple as a fixed value, in which case the field will always contain the same value, or something much more complex, which contains expressions based on multiple WinLog fields and arithmetic operators. To make it simple to add other WinLog fields to your expression, you can click the “Add Variable” button to add a WinLog field to your expression. When you click the “Add Variable” button, the Select Field dialog will be displayed:



This dialog will contain the names of other fields that can be inserted into your field expression. Simply highlight the variable that you would like to be inserted and click the OK button, at which point the name of the variable will be inserted into the Field Expression text box. Note that all WinLog fields must be surrounded by quotes in order for WinLog to identify the field.

Sample Field Expressions

Following are some sample field expressions:

*"Sample Winlog Driver - sample integer field" * 2*

This expression would take the field "Sample Integer Field" from the "Sample Winlog Driver" and multiply it by 2, the result would be stored in the defined field name.

"Sample Winlog Driver - sample integer field" + "Sample Winlog Driver - sample floating point field"

This expression would add the "Sample Integer Field" and the "Sample Floating Point Field" and store the result in the defined field name.

("Sample Winlog Driver - sample integer field" + "Sample Winlog Driver - sample floating point field") / 2

This expression would add the "Sample Integer Field" and the "Sample Floating Point Field", then divide the result by two, and store the result in the defined field name.

Field Expression Functions and Operators

Following is the list of functions and operators that can be used in the Field Expression:

Functions

Name	Arguments	Function
sin	1	sine function
cos	1	cosine function
tan	1	tangens function
asin	1	arcus sine function
acos	1	arcus cosine function
atan	1	arcus tangens function
sinh	1	hyperbolic sine function
cosh	1	hyperbolic cosine
tanh	1	hyperbolic tangens function
asinh	1	hyperbolic arcus sine function
acosh	1	hyperbolic arcus tangens function
atanh	1	hyperbolic arcus tangens function
log2	1	logarithm to the base 2
log10	1	logarithm to the base 10
log	1	logarithm to the base 10
ln	1	logarithm to base e (2.71828...)
exp	1	e raised to the power of x
sqrt	1	square root of a value
sign	1	sign function -1 if x<0; 1 if x>0
rint	1	round to nearest integer
abs	1	absolute value
min	var.	min of all arguments
max	var.	max of all arguments
sum	var.	sum of all arguments
avg	var.	mean value of all arguments

Operators

Operator	Meaning	Priority
=	assignement	-1
&&	logical and	1
	logical or	2
<=	less or equal	4
>=	greater or equal	4
!=	not equal	4
==	equal	4
>	greater than	4
<	less than	4
+	addition	5
-	subtraction	5
*	multiplication	6
/	division	6
^	raise x to the power of y	7