GETTING STARTED GUIDE

NI cRIO-9063
Embedded Real-Time Controller with Reconfigurable FPGA for C Series Modules

This document describes how to begin using the NI cRIO-9063.

Safety Guidelines

Caution  Do not operate the cRIO-9063 in a manner not specified in this document. Product misuse can result in a hazard. You can compromise the safety protection built into the product if the product is damaged in any way. If the product is damaged, return it to NI for repair.

Safety Guidelines for Hazardous Locations

The cRIO-9063 is suitable for use in Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D, T4 hazardous locations; Class I, Zone 2, AEx nA IIC T4 and Ex nA IIC T4 hazardous locations; and nonhazardous locations only. Follow these guidelines if you are installing the cRIO-9063 in a potentially explosive environment. Not following these guidelines may result in serious injury or death.
Caution  Do not disconnect the power supply wires and connectors from the controller unless power has been switched off.

Caution  Do not disconnect I/O-side wires or connectors unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.

Caution  Do not remove modules unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.

Caution  Substitution of components may impair suitability for Class I, Division 2.

Caution  For Division 2 and Zone 2 applications, install the system in an enclosure rated to at least IP54 as defined by IEC/EN 60079-15.

Caution  The USB ports require the retention accessories listed in the following table for hazardous locations. All cables must be used in a conduit or cable gland to wire to a nonhazardous location. Do not disconnect a cable unless the cRIO-9063 is powered off or the area is known to be nonhazardous.

**Table 1. Hazardous Location Retention Accessories**

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<tr>
<th>Port</th>
<th>Required Accessory</th>
<th>Part Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>USB Device Port</td>
<td>NI Locking USB Cable</td>
<td>157788-01</td>
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<tr>
<td>USB Host Port</td>
<td>NI Industrial USB Extender Cable</td>
<td>152166-xx</td>
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Special Conditions for Hazardous Locations Use in Europe and Internationally

The cRIO-9063 has been evaluated as Ex nA IIC T4 Gc equipment under DEMKO Certificate No. 12 ATEX 1202658X and is IECEx UL 14.0089X certified. Each device is marked ☞ II 3G and is suitable for use in Zone 2 hazardous locations, in ambient temperatures of -20 °C ≤ Ta ≤ 55 °C.

Caution  You must make sure that transient disturbances do not exceed 140% of the rated voltage.

Caution  The system shall only be used in an area of not more than Pollution Degree 2, as defined in IEC 60664-1.

Caution  The system shall be mounted in an ATEX/IECEx-certified enclosure with a minimum ingress protection rating of at least IP54 as defined in IEC/EN 60079-15.

Caution  The enclosure must have a door or cover accessible only by the use of a tool.
Electromagnetic Compatibility Guidelines

This product was tested and complies with the regulatory requirements and limits for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) stated in the product specifications. These requirements and limits provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the product is operated in the intended operational electromagnetic environment.

This product is intended for use in industrial locations. However, harmful interference may occur in some installations, when the product is connected to a peripheral device or test object, or if the product is used in residential or commercial areas. To minimize interference with radio and television reception and prevent unacceptable performance degradation, install and use this product in strict accordance with the instructions in the product documentation.

Furthermore, any changes or modifications to the product not expressly approved by National Instruments could void your authority to operate it under your local regulatory rules.

⚠️ Caution  To ensure the specified EMC performance, operate this product only with shielded cables and accessories.

Special Conditions for Marine Applications

Some products are Lloyd’s Register (LR) Type Approved for marine (shipboard) applications. To verify Lloyd’s Register certification for a product, visit ni.com/certification and search for the LR certificate, or look for the Lloyd’s Register mark on the product.

⚠️ Caution  In order to meet the EMC requirements for marine applications, install the product in a shielded enclosure with shielded and/or filtered power and input/output ports. In addition, take precautions when designing, selecting, and installing measurement probes and cables to ensure that the desired EMC performance is attained.

Preparing the Environment

Ensure that the environment in which you are using the cRIO-9063 meets the following specifications.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>Requirements</th>
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<tr>
<td>Operating temperature</td>
<td>-20 °C to 55 °C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating humidity (IEC 60068-2-56)</td>
<td>10% RH to 90% RH, noncondensing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pollution degree</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum altitude</td>
<td>5,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Indoor use only.

**Note** Refer to the device specifications on [ni.com/manuals](http://ni.com/manuals) for complete specifications.

## Unpacking the Kit

**Caution** To prevent electrostatic discharge (ESD) from damaging the device, ground yourself using a grounding strap or by holding a grounded object, such as your computer chassis.

1. Touch the antistatic package to a metal part of the computer chassis.
2. Remove the device from the package and inspect the device for loose components or any other sign of damage.

**Caution** Never touch the exposed pins of connectors.

**Note** Do not install a device if it appears damaged in any way.

3. Unpack any other items and documentation from the kit.

Store the device in the antistatic package when the device is not in use.

## Verifying the Kit Contents

Verify that the following items are included in the cRIO-9063 kit.

**Figure 1.** cRIO-9063 Kit Contents

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</table>

1. cRIO Device
2. USB A-to-B Cable
3. NI CompactRIO Device Drivers Media
4. Getting Started Guide

## Installing Software on the Host Computer

Before using the cRIO-9063, you must install the following application software and device drivers on the host computer in this order:

1. LabVIEW 2014 SP1 or later
2. LabVIEW Real-Time Module 2014 SP1 or later
3. LabVIEW FPGA Module 2014 SP1 or later
4. NI-RIO Device Drivers 14.5 or later

For minimum software support information, visit ni.com/info and enter the Info Code swsupport.

**Installing C Series Modules**

Complete the following steps to install a C Series module.

1. Verify that power is not connected to the I/O connector(s) on the C Series module. If the system is in a nonhazardous location, the cRIO-9063 can be powered on when you install modules.
2. Press the latches on the C Series module.
3. Align the C Series module with a slot and seat it in the slot until the latches lock in place.

**Removing C Series Modules**

Verify that power is not connected to the I/O connector(s) on the C Series module before you remove a module from the cRIO-9063. If the system is in a nonhazardous location, the cRIO-9063 can be powered on when you remove modules.

**Connecting the cRIO-9063**

The cRIO-9063 has the following connectors, LEDs, and buttons.

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1 LabVIEW FPGA Module is not required when using Scan Interface mode. To program the user-accessible FPGA on the cRIO-9063, LabVIEW FPGA Module is required.
Connecting the cRIO-9063 to Ground

You must connect the cRIO-9063 grounding terminal to the grounding electrode system of the facility.

What to Use

- Ring lug
- Wire, 2.1 mm² (14 AWG) or larger
- Screwdriver, Phillips #2

What to Do

Complete the following steps to ground the cRIO-9063.

1. Attach the ring lug to the wire.
2. Remove the grounding screw from the grounding terminal on the cRIO-9063.
3. Attach the ring lug to the grounding terminal.
4. Tighten the grounding screw to 0.5 N · m (4.4 lb · in.) of torque.
5. Attach the other end of the wire to the grounding electrode system of your facility using a method that is appropriate for your application.
Caution  If you use shielded cabling to connect to a C Series module with a plastic connector, you must attach the cable shield to the chassis grounding terminal using 2.1 mm² (14 AWG) or larger wire. Attach a ring lug to the wire and attach the wire to the chassis grounding terminal. Solder the other end of the wire to the cable shield. Use shorter wire for better EMC performance.

For more information about ground connections, visit ni.com/info and enter the Info Code emcground.

Connecting the cRIO-9063 to Power

The cRIO-9063 requires a 9 V to 30 V external power supply. The cRIO-9063 filters and regulates the supplied power and provides power for the C Series modules. The cRIO-9063 has one layer of reverse-voltage protection.

The following table lists the POWER LED indicators.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LED Color</th>
<th>LED Pattern</th>
<th>Indication</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>The cRIO-9063 is powered on and the connected power supply is adequate.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>—</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>The cRIO-9063 is powered off.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

What to Use

- Screwdriver, 2.54 mm (0.10 in.) flathead
- Power supply, 9 V to 30 V, 18 W maximum

NI recommends the power supply listed in the following table for the cRIO-9063.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Power Supply</th>
<th>Part Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>NI PS-15 Industrial Power Supply</td>
<td>781093-01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(24 VDC, 5 A, 100 VAC to 120 VAC/200 VAC to 240 VAC input)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

What to Do

Complete the following steps to connect a power supply to the cRIO-9063.

1. Ensure that your power supply is powered off.
2. Remove the power connector from the cRIO-9063.

Caution  Do not tighten or loosen the terminal screws on the power connector while the cRIO-9063 is powered on.

3. Connect the power supply to the power connector, as shown in the following figure.
4. Tighten the terminal screws on the power connector to 0.20 N \cdot m to 0.25 N \cdot m (1.8 lb \cdot in. to 2.2 lb \cdot in.) of torque.

5. Install the power connector on the front panel of the cRIO-9063.

6. Tighten the power connector screw flanges to 0.20 N \cdot m to 0.25 N \cdot m (1.8 lb \cdot in. to 2.2 lb \cdot in.) of torque.

7. Power on the power supply.

**Powering On the cRIO-9063**

When you power on the cRIO-9063 for the first time, the device boots into safe mode. The POWER LED illuminates, the STATUS LED illuminates briefly, and then the STATUS LED blinks twice every few seconds.

**Connecting the cRIO-9063 to the Host Computer**

Complete the following steps to connect the cRIO-9063 to the host computer using the USB device port.

1. Power on the host computer.
2. Connect the cRIO-9063 to the host computer using the USB A-to-B cable.

**Caution** NI requires the use of a locking USB cable (157788-01) to meet the shock and vibration specifications. Refer to the specifications on [ni.com/manuals](http://ni.com/manuals) for shock and vibration specifications.

The device driver software automatically detects the cRIO-9063. If the device driver software does not detect the cRIO-9063, verify that you installed the appropriate NI software in the correct order on the host computer.

**Tip** You can also use the Ethernet port to connect directly to the host computer or network. Refer to the user manual on [ni.com/manuals](http://ni.com/manuals) for more information about Ethernet connections.

**Configuring the System in Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX)**

Complete the following steps to find the system in MAX.
1. Launch MAX on the host computer.
2. Expand **Remote Systems** in the configuration tree and locate your system.
3. Select your target.

   **Tip** MAX lists the system under the model number followed by the serial number, such as NI-CRIO-9063-1856AAA.

### Setting a System Password

Complete the following steps to set a system password.

- **Note** The default username for the cRIO-9063 is `admin`. There is no default password for the cRIO-9063, so you must leave the password field blank when logging in until you set a system password.

1. Right-click your system and select **Web Configuration**.

   The NI Web-Based Configuration and Monitoring utility opens in your default browser and is where you set the password. If you have not installed Microsoft Silverlight, NI Web-based Configuration & Monitoring prompts you to do so.

2. Enter a unique name for your system in the **Hostname** field.

3. Click the **Security Configuration** icon.

4. Click **Login**.

5. In the **Login** dialog box, enter the username `admin` and leave the password field blank.

6. Click **OK**.

7. Click **Change Password**.

8. Enter and re-enter a new password.

9. Click **OK**.

10. Click **Save**.

11. Click **OK** to confirm you are changing the password.

   **Caution** NI cannot recover lost system passwords. If you forget the password, you must contact NI and reformat the controller.

### Installing Software on the cRIO-9063

Complete the following steps to install software on the cRIO-9063.

1. In MAX, expand your system under Remote Systems.

2. Right-click **Software**.

3. Select **Add/Remove Software** to launch the LabVIEW Real-Time Software Wizard.

   **Tip** You must log in if you set a system password.

4. Select the recommended software set for your LabVIEW and NI-RIO Device Drivers versions.

5. Click **Next**.
6. Select **NI Scan Engine** from the software add-ons.

Select any additional software to install. If you plan on using the cRIO-9063 with the LabVIEW FPGA Module, you can click **Next**. Click **NI Scan Engine** if you plan on using the cRIO-9063 without the LabVIEW FPGA Module.

💡 **Tip** You can use this wizard at anytime to install additional software.

7. Click **Next**.

8. Verify that the summary of software to install is correct.

9. Click **Next** to start the installation.

10. Click **Finish** when the installation is complete.

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**Troubleshooting the cRIO-9063**

**The cRIO-9063 is Not Communicating with the Network**

- Ensure that the USB connections between the cRIO-9063 and the host computer and the Ethernet connections between the host computer and the router are secure.
- Configure the IP and other network settings by completing the following steps.
  1. Use a USB A-to-B cable to connect the cRIO-9063 USB device port to a host computer. The USB driver creates a virtual network interface card and assigns an IP address to the cRIO-9063 in the format of 172.22.11.x.
  2. In MAX, expand your system under Remote Systems.
  3. Select the **Network Settings** tab to configure the IP and other network settings.
  4. (Optional) Use the RJ-45 Ethernet port 1 to reconnect the cRIO-9063 to the host computer. The cRIO-9063 attempts to initiate a DHCP network connection at powerup.

>Note** If the cRIO-9063 cannot obtain an IP address, it connects to the network with a link-local IP address with the form 169.254.x.x. The host computer communicates with the cRIO-9063 over a standard Ethernet connection.

- Ensure that you have the correct version of NI-RIO Device Drivers installed on the host computer. Visit [ni.com/info](https://ni.com/info) and enter the Info Code `swsupport` for the minimum supported versions of LabVIEW and NI-RIO Device Drivers.

💡 **Tip** If you have recently upgraded LabVIEW, you must reinstall NI-RIO Device Drivers.

- Ensure that the NI USBLAN adapter is recognized in the Device Manager. On Windows 7, select **Start** → **Control Panel** → **Device Manager** → **Network adapters** → **National Instruments** → **USBLAN adapter**. If the USBLAN adapter is not recognized, you must reinstall NI-RIO Device Drivers.
- Temporarily disable any network firewalls or other security software.
Verify the System IP Configuration

1. Put the cRIO-9063 in safe mode and enable the RS-232 serial port by holding the RESET button down for 5 seconds.

   The STATUS LED starts blinking three times every few seconds.

2. Use the RS-232 serial port terminal to read the IP address, or connect a monitor to the mini DisplayPort to view the IP address.

   Note  Refer to the user manual on ni.com/manuals for more information about serial port configuration.

3. Set a new DHCP connection by holding the RESET button down for 5 seconds. The STATUS LED repeats the same behavior from Step 1.

   If the cRIO-9063 fails to set a new DHCP address, it assigns itself a link-local IP address. If the DHCP connection is successful and appropriate for your application, skip to Step 6.

4. In MAX, expand your system under Remote Systems.

5. Select the Network Settings tab to configure the IP and other network settings.

6. Reboot the cRIO-9063 by pressing the RESET button.

Configure the Windows Firewall

- Add an exception for MAX to your network firewall or other security software by completing the following steps:
  2. Click Allow another program.
  4. Click Add.
  5. Click OK.

- Ensure that UDP port 44525 is open to communication on the host computer. If you are using an intelligent switch on the network, ensure that it is not disabling UDP port 44525.

System Reset

The following figure shows the reset behavior of the cRIO-9063.
Figure 4. Reset Button Behavior

Press and hold RESET button for \( \geq 5 \) s

Press and hold RESET button for < 5 s

Run Mode

Safe Mode

Safe Mode

Press and hold RESET button for \( < 5 \) s

Press and hold RESET button for \( \geq 5 \) s

Press and hold RESET button for \( \geq 5 \) s

Press and hold RESET button for \( < 5 \) s

Status LED Indicators

The following table describes the STATUS LED indicators.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LED Pattern</th>
<th>Indication</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Blinks twice and</td>
<td>The cRIO-9063 is in safe mode. Software is not installed, which is the factory default state, or software has been improperly installed on the cRIO-9063. An error can occur when an attempt to upgrade the software is interrupted. Reinstall software on the cRIO-9063. Refer to the Measurement &amp; Automation Explorer (MAX) Help for information about installing software on the cRIO-9063.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pauses</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blinks three times</td>
<td>The cRIO-9063 is in user-directed safe mode, or the cRIO-9063 is in install mode to indicate that software is currently being installed. This pattern may also indicate that the user has forced the cRIO-9063 to boot into safe mode by pressing the reset button for longer than five seconds or by enabling safe mode in MAX. Refer to the Measurement &amp; Automation Explorer (MAX) Help for information about safe mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>and pauses</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blinks four times</td>
<td>The cRIO-9063 is in safe mode. The software has crashed twice without rebooting or cycling power between crashes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>and pauses</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 4. STATUS LED Indicators (Continued)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>LED Pattern</th>
<th>Indication</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Continuously blinks</td>
<td>The cRIO-9063 has not booted into NI Linux Real-Time. The cRIO-9063 either booted into an unsupported operating system, was interrupted during the boot process, or detected an unrecoverable software error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>On momentarily</td>
<td>The cRIO-9063 is booting. No action required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>The cRIO-9063 is in run mode. Software is installed and the operating system is running.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Where to Go Next**

**HARDWARE**
- NI cRIO-9063 Specifications
  - ni.com/manuals
- NI cRIO-9063 User Manual
  - ni.com/manuals
- C Series Getting Started Guides
  - ni.com/manuals

**SOFTWARE**
- Configuring a Project
  - NI-RIO Help
- Learn LabVIEW Basics
  - ni.com/gettingstarted
- CompactRIO Examples
  - NI Example Finder

**APPLICATION**
- NI CompactRIO Developer’s Guide
  - ni.com/compactriodevguide
- CompactRIO Sample Projects
  - LabVIEW > Create Project

**SUPPORT**
- Software Support
  - ni.com/info > swsupport
- Support
  - ni.com/support
- Services
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- NI Community
  - ni.com/community

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