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**PCI-7830R** 

## Getting Started with the NI 783xR

This document explains how to install and configure the National Instruments 783xR.

#### Introduction

The NI 783xR devices are R Series Reconfigurable I/O (RIO) devices with 16-bit analog input (AI) channels, 16-bit analog output (AO) channels, and digital I/O (DIO) lines.

- The NI PXI-7830R and NI PCI-7830R have four independent AI channels, four independent AO channels, and 56 DIO lines.
- The NI PXI-7831R/7833R and NI PCI-7831R/7833R have eight independent AI channels, eight independent AO channels, and 96 DIO lines.

Traditional I/O devices have a fixed functionality provided by an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC), but the NI 783xR has a field-programmable gate array (FPGA) that allows you to define device functionality and timing.

You can use the LabVIEW FPGA Module to graphically design the NI 783xR timing and functionality without having to learn a low-level programming language or a hardware description language (HDL) traditionally used for FPGA design. With the LabVIEW FPGA Module, you create or download a custom virtual instrument (VI) to the FPGA. You can reconfigure the NI 783xR with a new VI at any time.

You can use the LabVIEW Real-Time Module to communicate with and control the NI 783xR while performing additional tasks, such as real-time floating-point processing and data logging.



**Note** If you are using LabVIEW but not the LabVIEW FPGA Module, you can create VIs that run in LabVIEW to control existing FPGA VIs, but you cannot create new FPGA VIs.

The NI 783xR has Flash memory that you can use to store a startup VI. You can configure the VI to load to the FPGA and to run when the device powers up.



## **Required Components**

This section lists the items necessary for using the NI 783xR with Windows 2000/XP and the LabVIEW Real-Time Module.

#### **Documentation**

The *NI 783xR User Manual* describes the electrical and mechanical aspects of the NI 783*x*R and contains information about device operation and programming. This document is included on the NI-RIO CD and is also available at ni.com/manuals.

*LabVIEW Help* is available in LabVIEW by selecting **Help»VI**, **Function**, & **How-To Help**.

#### **Hardware and Software**

#### PXI-783xR with Windows 2000/XP

The following items are necessary to set up and use the PXI-783xR on a computer running Windows 2000/XP:

| NI                               | PXI-783xR.   |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| The following software packages: |  |  |
| _                                | LabVIEW 7.1 or later.                                |  |
| _                                | LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop |  |

- custom FPGA VIs.
- NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PXI-783xR.



**Note** The PXI-7831R supports LabVIEW 7.0 or later, LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.0 or later, and NI-RIO 1.0 or later.

| PXI/CompactPCI chassis and PXI/CompactPCI embedded controller  |
|--|
| running Windows 2000/XP, or a computer running Windows 2000/XP |
| and a MXI-3 link to a PXI/CompactPCI chassis.                  |

 $\Box$  At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PXI-783xR.

## PXI-783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module (ETS)

The following items are necessary to set up and use the PXI-783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for ETS:  $\square$  NI PXI-783xR. ☐ The following software packages: LabVIEW 7.1 or later. LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop custom FPGA VIs. LabVIEW Real-Time Module 7.1 or later. NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PXI-783xR. Ardence (formerly Venturcom) Phar Lap Embedded Tool Suite (ETS). Note The PXI-7831R supports LabVIEW 7.0 or later, LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.0 or later, and NI-RIO 1.0 or later. ☐ Host computer running Windows 2000/XP for developing your application. ☐ PXI/CompactPCI chassis and real-time embedded controller running the Phar Lap ETS real-time operating system. ☐ CAT 5 Ethernet crossover cable if the real-time PXI system is not configured on a network. To connect the PXI system to a network port, use a standard CAT 5 10/100Base-T Ethernet cable.

## PXI-783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module (RTX)

The following items are necessary to set up and use the PXI-783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX:

 $\Box$  At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PXI-783xR.

 $\square$  NI PXI-783xR.

☐ The following software packages:

- LabVIEW 7.1 or later.
- LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop custom FPGA VIs.

- LabVIEW Real-Time Module 7.1 or later.
- NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PXI-783xR.
- Ardence (formerly Venturcom) RTX 5.5 or later.



**Note** The PXI-7831R supports NI-RIO 1.1 or later.

|      |             | PXI/CompactPCI chassis and real-time embedded controller running Windows 2000/XP and RTX.   |  |  |  |
|------|-------------|---|--|--|--|
|      |             | CAT 5 Ethernet crossover cable if the real-time PXI system is not configured on a network. To connect the PXI system to a network port, use a standard CAT 5 10/100Base-T Ethernet cable. |  |  |  |
|      |             | At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PXI-783 $x$ R.  |  |  |  |
|      | PC          | I-783xR with Windows 2000/XP  |  |  |  |
|      |             | The following items are necessary to set up and use the PCI- $783x$ R on a computer running Windows 2000/XP:  |  |  |  |
|      |             | PCI-783 <i>x</i> R.   |  |  |  |
|      |             | The following software packages:  |  |  |  |
|      |             | – LabVIEW 7.1 or later.   |  |  |  |
|      |             | <ul> <li>LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop<br/>custom FPGA VIs.</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
|      |             | – NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PCI-783xR.  |  |  |  |
| Note | The PCI-783 | 31R supports NI-RIO 1.1 or later.   |  |  |  |
|      |             | Development computer running Windows 2000/XP.   |  |  |  |

 $\square$  At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PCI-783xR.

# PCI-783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module (ETS)

|     |            |       | e following items are necessary to set up and use the PCI-783xR with the bVIEW Real-Time Module for ETS: |
|-----|------------|-------|--|
|     |            |       | PCI-783 <i>x</i> R.  |
|     |            |       | The following software packages:   |
|     |            |       | <ul> <li>LabVIEW 7.1 or later.</li> </ul>  |
|     |            |       | <ul> <li>LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop<br/>custom FPGA VIs.</li> </ul>            |
|     |            |       | <ul> <li>LabVIEW Real-Time Module for ETS 7.1 or later.</li> </ul>                                       |
|     |            |       | - NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PCI-783xR.   |
|     |            |       | <ul> <li>Ardence (formerly Venturcom) Phar Lap Embedded Tool Suite<br/>(ETS).</li> </ul>                 |
| No. | ote The PC | CI-78 | 31R supports NI-RIO 1.1 or later.  |
|     |            |       | Host computer running Windows 2000/XP for developing your application.                                   |
|     |            |       | Target computer running the Phar Lap ETS real-time operating system.                                     |
|     |            |       | At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PCI- $783x$ R.                               |
|     |            |       | CI-783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module TX)   |
|     |            |       | e following items are necessary to set up and use the PCI-783xR with the bVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX: |
|     |            |       | PCI-783xR.   |
|     |            |       | The following software packages:   |
|     |            |       | - LabVIEW 7.1 or later.  |
|     |            |       | <ul> <li>LabVIEW FPGA Module 1.1 or later—required to develop<br/>custom FPGA VIs.</li> </ul>            |
|     |            |       | <ul> <li>LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX 7.1 or later.</li> </ul>                                       |
|     |            |       | – NI-RIO 1.3 or later—included with the PCI-783xR.   |
|     |            |       | <ul> <li>Ardence (formerly Venturcom) RTX 5.5 or later.</li> </ul>                                       |



**Note** The PCI-7831R supports NI-RIO 1.1 or later.

☐ Computer running Windows 2000/XP and RTX.



**Note** RTX 5.5 does not support Hyper-Threading enabled processors. Refer to the RTX documentation for information about disabling multiprocessor access.

 $\Box$  At least one cable and device for connecting signals to the PCI-783xR.

## **Installing Software**

Complete the following sets of steps in the order listed to successfully install LabVIEW, the LabVIEW Real-Time Module, the LabVIEW FPGA Module, and the NI-RIO device drivers.

If you are using NI-RIO without LabVIEW, skip these steps and proceed to the *NI-RIO Device Drivers Installation* section.

#### **LabVIEW Installation**

Complete the following steps to install LabVIEW. Refer to the *LabVIEW Release Notes* for additional information about installing LabVIEW.

- Insert the LabVIEW CD into the CD-ROM drive to display the LabVIEW installation screen.
- Click Install LabVIEW.
- 3. Follow the installer prompts through the rest of the installation.

#### **LabVIEW Real-Time Module Installation**

Complete the following steps to install the LabVIEW Real-Time Module. Refer to the *LabVIEW Real-Time Module Release Notes* for additional information about installing the LabVIEW Real-Time Module.



**Note** If you are using the NI 783xR with Windows 2000/XP only, it is not necessary to install the LabVIEW Real-Time Module.

- 1. Insert the LabVIEW Real-Time Module CD into the CD-ROM drive to display the LabVIEW Real-Time Module installation screen.
- Click Install LabVIEW Real-Time Module.
- 3. Follow the installer prompts through the rest of the installation.

#### **LabVIEW FPGA Module Installation**

Complete the following steps to install the LabVIEW FPGA Module. Refer to the *LabVIEW FPGA Module Release Notes* for additional information about installing the LabVIEW FPGA Module.

- 1. Insert the LabVIEW FPGA Module CD into the CD-ROM drive to display the LabVIEW FPGA Module installation screen.
- 2. Click Install LabVIEW FPGA Module.
- 3. Follow the installer prompts through the rest of the installation.

#### **NI-RIO Device Drivers Installation**

Complete the following steps to install the NI-RIO device drivers that are included with the NI 783xR device.



**Note** You must install LabVIEW and the LabVIEW modules you will use *before* you install the NI-RIO device drivers.

- 1. Run setup .exe from the NI-RIO CD and follow the setup instructions.
- 2. Follow the on-screen instructions until the Feature Tree window appears.
- 3. In the Feature Tree window, select the components to install. You must install NI-VISA, NI-RIO, and NI Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX).
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the driver installation.
- 5. Restart the computer.

## **Installing Hardware**

This section describes how to unpack and install the PXI-783xR and PCI-783xR devices.



**Note** You must install the NI-RIO device drivers before installing the NI 783xR.

#### Unpacking

The NI 783xR is shipped in an antistatic package to prevent electrostatic discharge from damaging device components. To prevent such damage when handling the device, take the following precautions:

- Ground yourself using a grounding strap or by holding a grounded object, such as your computer chassis.
- Touch the antistatic package to a metal part of the computer chassis before removing the device from the package.



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

Remove the device from the package and inspect the devices for loose components or any other sign of damage. Notify NI if the device appears damaged in any way. Do *not* install a damaged device into the computer.

Store the NI 783xR in the antistatic envelope when not in use.

#### PXI-783xR Installation

You can install the PXI-783xR in any available peripheral slot in the PXI or CompactPCI chassis. Complete the following instructions to install the PXI-783xR:



**Note** You must install the software before installing the hardware. For software installation instructions, refer to the *Installing Software* section.

- 1. Power off and unplug the PXI or CompactPCI chassis.
- 2. Make sure there are no lit LEDs on the chassis. Wait for any lit LEDs to go out before continuing the installation.
- 3. Remove the filler panel for the peripheral slot.
- 4. Ground yourself using a grounding strap or by touching a grounded object, such as the PXI or CompactPCI chassis.
- 5. Insert the PXI-783xR into the slot. Use the injector/ejector handle to fully inject the PXI-783xR into place.

- 6. Screw the front panel of the PXI-783xR to the front panel mounting rails of the chassis.
- 7. Visually verify the installation. Make sure the PXI-783xR is not touching other devices or components and that the PXI-783xR is fully inserted into the slot.
- 8. Plug in and power on the PXI or CompactPCI chassis.

#### PCI-783xR Installation

You can install the PCI-783xR in any available PCI expansion slot in the computer. To achieve the best noise performance, leave as much room as possible between the PCI-783xR and other boards.

Complete the following instructions to install the PCI-783xR:



**Note** You must install the software before installing the hardware. For software installation instructions, refer to the *Installing Software* section.

1. Power off and unplug the computer.



**Caution** To protect both yourself and the computer from electrical hazards, the computer must remain off and unplugged until the PCI-783xR is completely installed.

- Remove the computer cover. Make sure there are no lit LEDs on the motherboard. Wait for any lit LEDs to go out before continuing the installation.
- 3. Touch the metal part of the power supply case inside the computer to discharge any static electricity that might be on your clothes or body.
- 4. Locate the metal bracket that covers the cut-out in the back panel of the chassis for the slot you have selected. Remove and save the bracket-retaining screw and the bracket cover.
- 5. Align the PCI-783xR card-edge connector with the expansion slot receptacle. Using slow, evenly distributed pressure, press the PCI-783xR straight down until it seats in the expansion slot.
- 6. Reinstall the bracket-retaining screw to secure the PCI-783*x*R to the back panel rail.
- 7. Visually verify the installation.
- 8. Replace the computer cover, and plug the computer in.

# Using the NI 783xR with the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX

You can use the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX with the NI 783xR. After you have installed RTX, the LabVIEW Real-Time Module for RTX, and RTX support from the NI-RIO Driver CD, complete the following steps:



**Note** The NI-RIO device drivers and NI 783xR must be installed before adding RTX support for the R Series device.

- 1. If necessary, close all NI software.
- 2. Select Start»Program Files»Ardence RTX»RTX»RTX Properties.
- 3. On the **Plug and Play** tab, right-click the name of your device and select **Add RTX INF Support**.
- Click the **Apply** button. RTX Properties returns a Warning dialog box. Click **OK**.
- 5. In the RTX Properties window, click **OK**.
- 6. Right-click My Computer and select Properties.
- 7. Select the **Hardware** tab and click **Device Manager**.
- 8. For Windows XP, expand NI-RIO Devices, right-click the name of your device and select **Update Driver**. In the Hardware Update Wizard window, select **Install the software automatically** and click **Next**. When the wizard finishes installing the software, click **Finish**. For Windows 2000, expand NI-RIO Devices, right-click the name of your device, and select **Properties**. On the **Driver** tab. click **Update**.
  - your device, and select **Properties**. On the **Driver** tab, click **Update Driver**. In the **Upgrade Device Driver Wizard** window, click **Next**. Select **Search for a suitable driver for my device** and click **Next** three times. When Windows finishes installing the software, click **Finish**.
- In the Device Manager window, select View»Resources by connection.
- 10. In the Device Manager window, expand Interrupt Request (IRQ). Make sure that the NI 783xR is not sharing an IRQ with any other devices. Refer to the RTX Runtime Help for information about modifying a device.
- 11. Reboot your computer.
- 12. Select **Start**»**Run**. In the Run window, enter net start nirtrtx and click **OK**.

The NI 783xR now supports RTX. When you launch LabVIEW, the NI 783xR appears in the **LabVIEW Execution Target** menu as **FPGA Device** [device name] visa://localhost::RTRTX::0/RIO0::INSTR.

### **Removing RTX Support**

Complete the following steps to remove RTX support from the NI 7831R.

- 1. Close all NI software.
- 2. Select Start»Program Files»Ardence RTX»RTX»RTX Properties.
- 3. On the **Plug and Play** tab, right-click the name of your device and select **Remove RTX INF Support**.
- 4. Click **Apply**. RTX Properties returns a Warning dialog box. Click **OK**.
- 5. In the RTX Properties window, click **OK**.
- 6. Right-click **My Computer** and select **Properties**.
- 7. Select the **Hardware** tab and click **Device Manager**.
- 8. For Windows XP, expand **RTX Drivers**, right-click [*device name*] **RTX Supported** and select **Update Driver**.

You have removed RTX support for the NI 783xR.

## **Connecting Signals**

Figure 1 shows the I/O connector locations for the NI PXI-783xR and the NI PCI-783xR. The NI PXI-7830R and NI PCI-7830R do not have Connector 2 (DIO).

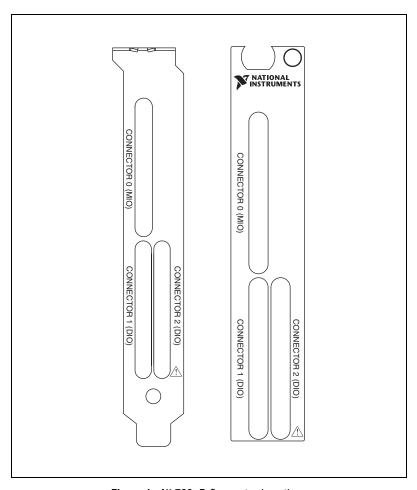


Figure 1. NI 783xR Connector Locations

Figure 2 shows the I/O connector pin assignments for the I/O connectors on the NI 783xR. The DIO connector pin assignment applies to connector 1 on the NI 7830R and connectors <1..2> on the NI 7831R/7833R.

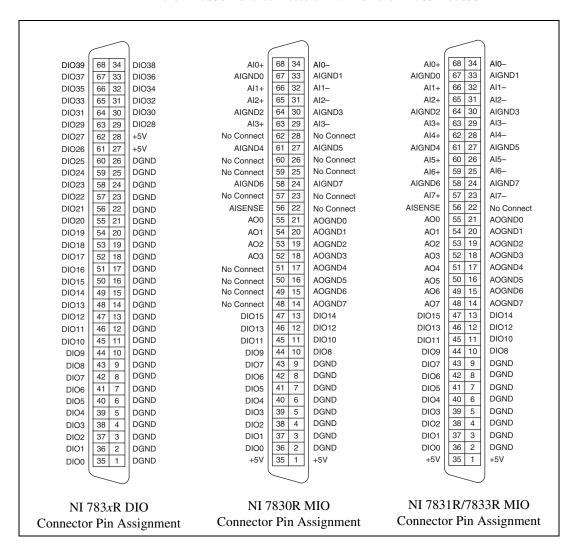


Figure 2. NI 783xR I/O Connector Pin Assignments



**Caution** Connections that exceed any of the maximum ratings of input or output signals on the NI 783xR can damage the NI 783xR and the computer. NI is *not* liable for any damage resulting from such signal connections. Refer to the *NI* 783xR User Manual for the maximum input ratings for each signal.

For detailed information about connecting I/O signals, refer to the NI 783xR User Manual.

#### **Cabling Options**

Accessing the signals on the I/O connectors requires at least one cable and one signal accessory. Table 1 summarizes the National Instruments cables available for use with the NI 783xR device.

Table 1. Cabling Options

| Cable         | Connector | Description   |
|---------------|-----------|---|
| SH68-C68-S    | MIO/DIO   | For connecting signals from the MIO or DIO connector to the NI SCB-68 terminal block.   |
| SHC68-68-RMIO | MIO       | For connecting signals from the MIO connector to the SCB-68 terminal block.  Improves signal integrity and noise immunity.  Provides shielding on all AI channels and an overall analog shield to reduce digital-to-analog crosstalk.     |
| NSC68-262650  | MIO       | For direct connection of the NI 783xR to 5B and SSR analog and digital signal conditioning backplanes.  Routes signals to connectors that attach directly to 5B backplanes (for analog signals) and SSR backplanes (for digital signals). |
| NSC68-5050    | DIO       | For direct connection of the NI 783xR and SSR backplanes.  Routes signals to connectors that attach directly to SSR backplanes.   |

## **Related Documentation**

Refer to the following documentation for information about the LabVIEW FPGA Module, R Series hardware, and VIs necessary for your application.

- LabVIEW FPGA Module Release Notes—describes the software installation and other known software issues.
- LabVIEW FPGA Module User Manual—describes the LabVIEW FPGA Module software and techniques for building applications in LabVIEW with the LabVIEW FPGA Module.
- *NI 783xR User Manual*—describes the electrical and mechanical aspects of the NI 783*x*R and contains information about its operation and programming.

- LabVIEW Help—describes the VIs and function reference information.
- CompactRIO R Series Expansion System Installation Instructions—describes how to install the CompactRIO R Series Expansion chassis and CompactRIO I/O modules.

### Where to Go from Here

Refer to the *LabVIEW FPGA Module Release Notes* for information about getting started with LabVIEW FPGA VIs and host VIs. This document also provides examples for verifying that your software and hardware are properly installed. To access this document, select **Start»Programs**» **National Instruments»LabVIEW»Module Documents**.

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