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# DATA SCOUT ADVANCED

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Software for the Level Scout

OPERATIONS MANUAL



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## 1.0 PRODUCT INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 DATA SCOUT ADVANCED

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This Operations Manual is provided for an in depth explanation of Data Scout Advanced software for use with YSI Level Scouts. In addition to this manual, the Level Scout Support CD includes a Level Scout manual which describes basic Data Scout Advanced functions, and a Data Scout manual which describes how to use a Level Scout with Data Scout and Data Scout Mobile software programs. Most users will find the Level Scout Operations Manual sufficient for utilizing the Level Scout with Data Scout Advanced.

This Operations Manual helps the user:

- Install Data Scout Advanced on a Windows® based personal computer (Windows® 95, Windows® 98, Windows® Me, Windows® 2000, or Windows® XP).
- Use Data Scout Advanced to configure one or more sites with 1-16 Level Scouts each, connected via a serial communications link.
- Use Data Scout Advanced to select a suitable site for use, query its transducer(s), then configure and acquire “live” data from all or selected transducer(s) via the Run window. Display data as tables or graphs, and record data to files.
- Use Data Scout Advanced to configure and schedule 1-16 tests inside the transducer, extract data logged inside the transducer, and display as tables and/or graphs.
- Use Data Scout Advanced to generate custom Script programs for testing or operating a site’s transducer(s) in ways that Data Scout Advanced does not.
- Use the supplied separate application, Data Scout Play, to playback or convert format on any data files recorded by Data Scout Advanced or the Level Scout, and display as tables or graphs.

The Data Scout Advanced Software allows the user to configure and operate Level Scout transducers on a configurable “site” basis. Each “site” is saved in a configuration file that is easily created and quickly changed by the user. Each “site” file may define one to sixteen transducers that are communicating over a simple “com-port” serial interface (or multi-drop network).

For instruction on how to install Data Scout Advanced, proceed to chapter 2.

Data Scout Advanced can address sites consisting of a single transducer or an entire network of transducers communicating at the same baud rate. Data Scout Advanced can quickly change its operation to use other site networks previously configured and saved. Data Scout Advanced also learns how particular transducers and networks are currently being used on the current “site”, so as to minimize setup operations the next time the program is used at that site.

Data Scout Advanced allows the user to test and demonstrate just about every possible transducer function with the simple interactive point-and-click user interface of Windows®. For more “advanced” users, the flexible Script function may be utilized to write detailed “test programs” if these users have a knowledge of low-level transducer commands, and wish to do things that Data Scout Advanced does not already do.

### 1.2 OVERVIEW OF DATA SCOUT ADVANCED FUNCTIONALITY

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When started, Data Scout Advanced opens the main Data Scout Advanced window (figure 1.0). Think of this entry window as home to all transducer or site-network-related configuration functions. All functions are selected either from the window’s main menu bar, from a pop-up context menu, or by using other visual or hidden controls.

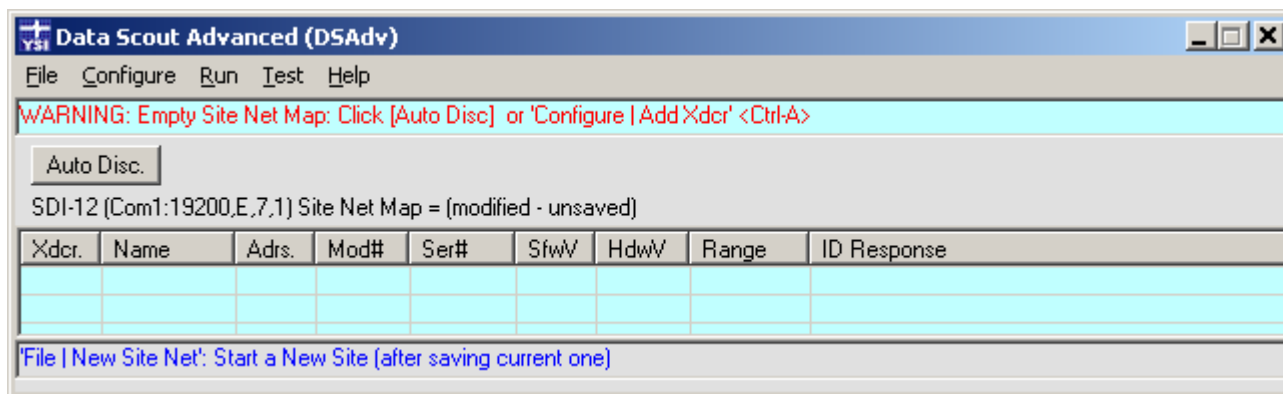


Figure 1.0

The main Data Scout Advanced window has a typical Windows® menu bar and status bar at the top and a single visual control (e.g., a button). The middle of the window contains a spreadsheet-like table, also called the **Site Net Map**. It displays Level Scouts defined for the current site network. Each displayed “row” of this table defines a single transducer and shows all the data obtained by configuring and querying it. These data rows are listed under a header row with various labeled columns. There are also some “hidden” controls or menus in the window, accessed by clicking the status bar, by clicking the Site Net description label, or by right clicking the Site Net Map. Useful ToolTips may be obtained for most labels and controls by hovering the mouse over them. Finally, the bottom of the window contains a special MenuTip status bar.

The menu items on the main Data Scout Advanced window control all site-network specific or software specific configuration functions, such as:

- Configure a **New** site net, **Save** (or copy) the current site net to a default (or named) file, or **Open** a previously-defined and named site net files.
- Select transducers (individually or in random groups) for use by other major menu functions (such as **Delete**, **Query**, **Run** and **Test**).
- **Add**, **Insert**, **Delete** or **Edit** the rows for individual transducers (and their various parameters) on the current site net.
- **Query** all, individual, or selected groups of transducers on the current site net. This simple function checks that transducers are operable by reading (and displaying) their “basic” ID string data. A single button queries all transducers at the same time.
- Configure one-time setup operations for Data Scout Advanced such as: defining a suitable text editor for viewing all Data Scout Advanced generated data files, defining where the Data Scout Advanced “online” operations manual is located, or defining where Data Scout Advanced-generated files are archived for backup purposes.

The first (leftmost) column of the **Site Net Map** contains a relative transducer # (labeled **Xdcr.**) used as a notation for that row’s transducer on various other windows and reports. This is followed by two other user-defined columns including: an optional transducer name (up to 16 characters) and a required unique transducer address. Once a transducer is queried, various ID parameters are read from it. These fill in other columns of the map with transducer model #, transducer serial #, and other internal ID information. Thus, the **Site Net Map** shows all the defined (functioning or not) transducers that are currently defined on the selected point-to-point connection (for a single transducer) or on the serial multi-drop network (for multiple transducers).

Other site-specific information (i.e., protocol, serial port #, serial setup parameters, site net file name, and the edited/saved status of the originating .net file) is summarized on a label displayed just above the Site Net Map. Clicking this label (or selecting **Xducer Site Network** from the **Configure** drop down menu) opens the dialog window shown in figure 1.1. This window shows the site network’s protocol and serial port communication parameters. The default settings for all Level Scouts are SDI-12 protocol and 19200 baud. Although the user may change the baud rate, the Level Scout will *always* communicate using SDI-12 protocol. If the user changes any of these parameters the OK button is enabled to allow saving the changes.

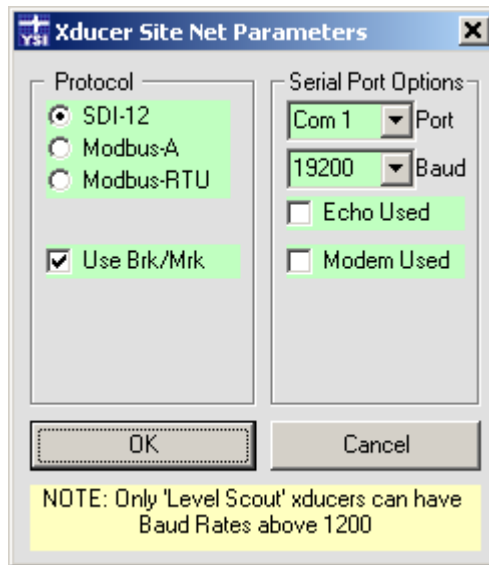


Figure 1.1

When exiting Data Scout Advanced, the current site's definition (including ID information if already read from each transducer) is automatically saved in a default site net file (DSAdv.net). This "latest" site net is restored automatically the next time Data Scout Advanced is started. Menu sub-items on the File menu allow the user to create, save, and/or open other explicitly named site nets (.net files). Select File | New Site Net to create a new site, select File | Save Site Net or File | Save Site Net As to save a new site or copy a site, or select File | Open Site Net to open an existing site. When changing site networks, a prompt will appear allowing the user to save or discard the current site network information.

When a site net has one or multiple transducers defined, any single individual transducer may be highlighted on the current Site Net Map by left-clicking its row (figure 1.2).

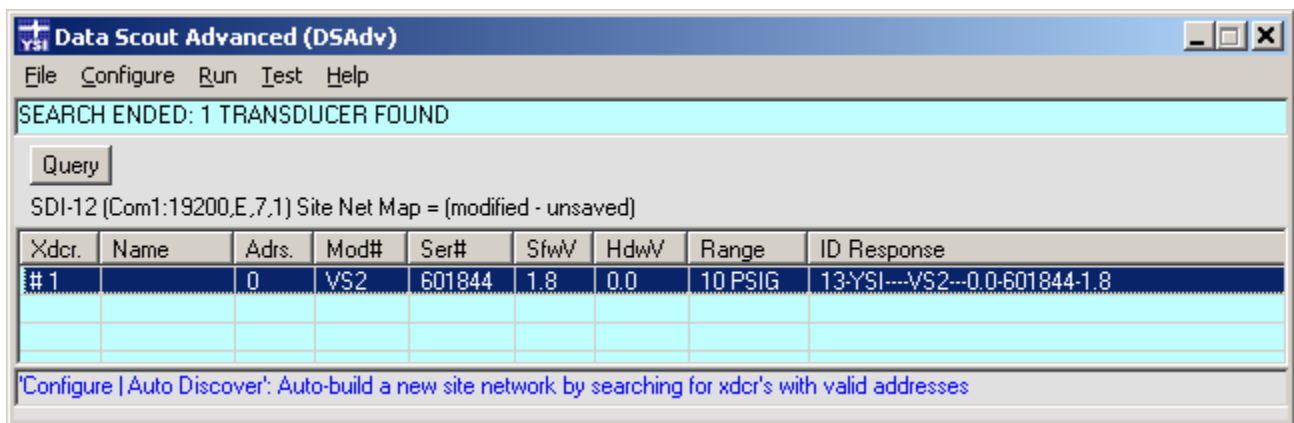


Figure 1.2

Once a row is highlighted, its transducer has been selected to be acted upon by a subsequently performed menu function. Some menu functions allow multiple transducers to be selected while others require that only a single transducer be selected.

By holding the <Ctrl> or <Shift> keys on the keyboard when left-clicking the mouse, the user can select multiple transducers on the Site Net Map simultaneously.

Whether a particular menu item operates on one or multiple transducers is indicated by a descriptive item, in parentheses, at the end of that menu item's descriptions line. For example, (HiLi Xdcr) means it affects only one selected transducer, while (HiLi Xdcr(s)) means it affects all highlighted transducers. A special case (ONLY Xdcr) means that the function only works if ONE transducer is defined on the Site Net Map (figure 1.3).

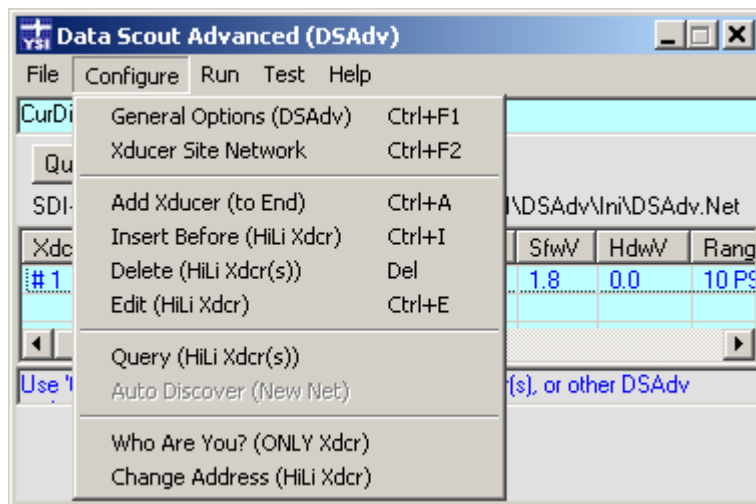


Figure 1.3

Functions are selected from the Configure drop down menu located in the main menu bar at the top of the window (figure 1.3), or selected from a “hidden” Site Net Map context menu that will open when the user right-clicks over any row of the Site Net Map. This context menu duplicates the most frequently-used site-network-editing, querying, and diagnostic functions available from the main menu.

Also notice that many menu functions have alternate keyboard shortcuts for activating them (<Function Key>, <Ctrl>+<Key> or <Shift>+<Key> or <Ctrl>+<Shift>+<Key>). These shortcuts, when available, are listed at the far right of the descriptions of each menu item. Such keyboard shortcuts can be executed without displaying the menu.

Depending upon the defined column widths and amount of information displayed on each row of the Site Net Map, the user may need to use a horizontal scroll bar to see all of it. Alternatively, the user can resize the width of the main Data Scout Advanced window by dragging its left or right boundaries. The window’s height is automatically sized to show the number of transducer(s) defined in the current Site Map. The window remembers its current size and position when Data Scout Advanced is closed and restores that last size and position when restarted.

The various columns on the Site Net Map can be varied in width, by dragging (left or right) a special mouse icon (i.e., left and right arrows pointing away from a single vertical line) that appears as the mouse hovers over the boundary between two column header labels. The user can hide any unused columns by dragging it left to “zero” width. Once a column has been hidden, another special mouse icon (i.e., left and right arrows pointing away from a double vertical line) appears as the mouse hovers near the column label boundary. It allows the user to drag a hidden column (right) to a visible width again. Data Scout Advanced remembers the most recent column widths used when it exits, or when a particular site network is saved. It restores these column widths when Data Scout Advanced is restarted.

The File | Archive Files (DSAdv) menu item opens an Archive window when selected. This function is particularly useful when the many files generated by Data Scout Advanced need to be moved or backed-up on other network or removable disk drives.

The File | View Files (DSAdv) menu item causes an Open File window to appear that shows all the files and subfolders of the Main Base Path (“installation” folder) of Data Scout Advanced. These subfolders (Ini, Dat, Cmd-Log, Report, and Firmware) contain all the initialization, data, scripts (commands and logs), report, and firmware hex image files used by or generated by Data Scout Advanced.

The Configure menu provides a large submenu of choices separated in four sections (figure 1.3). The first section contains items for configuring the current site network’s serial port parameters, and other general options of Data Scout Advanced. The second section has functions for editing rows of the Site Net Map, including an Add function for adding a new transducer to the end of the map and the Insert, Delete, and Edit functions for editing selected (highlighted) row(s) of the map. The third section contains a Query function for single (or multiple) selected transducer(s). However, if Site Net Map is empty (i.e., New), this section provides a useful Auto-Discover function in place of the Query function that can automatically build an entire network of transducer(s). The fourth section contains diagnostic transducer configuration items useful in bringing a single new transducer (with possibly unknown address) onto the current site network.



The last menu bar item, labeled Help, provides a submenu leading to four help features of Data Scout Advanced. These provide quick tips on using Data Scout Advanced features, access to the Data Scout Advanced Operations Manual, access to the YSI web site, and show the current version of Data Scout Advanced. In addition to this Help menu, do not forget the many ToolTips available. Similar MenuTips appear in a status box at the bottom of the window. These display a summary description of the “last clicked” menu item’s function. The **Help | Tips** menu also provides a descriptive panel summarizing the functions of all menus.

A single Query button below the menu bar allows the user to manually query the entire network which makes each transducer return its ID String. This string, when received by Data Scout Advanced, is broken up into other useful fields that are also displayed on the Site Net Map. This button is replaced by an Auto Disc. (auto-discovery) button, whenever the Site Net Map is empty. When the user clicks the **Auto Disc.** button, it changes to a **Stop** button, which can be used to stop the Auto Discovery process once it discovers all the expected transducers. The user must manually set the correct communications parameters (e.g., baud rate) before using auto discovery. The default settings for all Level Scouts are SDI-12 protocol and 19200 baud. Although the user may change the baud rate, the Level Scout will *always* communicate using SDI-12 protocol. If it fails to find any transducers, change to another baud rate and/or com port and try again.

The **Run** window operates and/or configures individual transducers or the collection of all selected transducers. There are two methods of activating this window. The first activates all operable transducers defined on the main Data Scout Advanced window. The second activates any single (highlighted) transducer or for a group of selected (highlighted) transducers. In either case, once the separate Run window is displayed, its selected transducers can begin to acquire “live” (real-time) data, display it, and optionally record it to a data file (in various formats). All this is controlled from the Run window’s menu bar, or by using alternate visual controls organized in several frames just below the window’s menu bar and status bar. See Chapters 3 and 4 for more information and examples.

The Run window is used to display acquired “live” data or **AutoLog** data in various table (text) or graphic (plot) forms at the time these data are acquired or extracted. Optionally, the user can also **Record** the acquired “live” data to disk the PC in one of two selectable formats. A recorded .txt data file can be displayed later, offline, with a simple text editor. A recorded .csv (comma separated variable) data file is also “readable” by a text editor, but is best viewed by a spreadsheet application which can further edit and process (e.g., plot) the data in the file. Data extracted from a Level Scout are similarly written to data files in one or two formats (.atd and .csv) where .atd stands for AutoLog Test Data and is the text version. These extracted data files can also be viewed and plotted by Data Scout Advanced. All these recorded data files created by Data Scout Advanced can also be played back off-line, extensively edited, and displayed in various ways via a Data Scout Playback application selected from the Data Scout Advanced menu on the Run window. It is also available as a separate Windows® application, **DSPlay**.

Additionally, the separate Run window provides its own Configure menu functions that view and edit any of the internally stored options and features of a selected transducer. These functions allow the user to view the current value/state of each transducer option or change that option’s value/state. Some options require the user to “unlock” the transducer prior to changing it which will be discussed later. The user can also “broadcast” a particular option change to all the transducers currently assigned to the Run window.

The Data Scout Advanced main menu bar also has a **Test** function whose only submenu item is an **Execute Script** function for the “more advanced” users. Using the Script function does require knowledge of low-level transducer commands. However, such capability is rarely required to operate most transducer functions, which are provided by other built-in Data Scout Advanced “point-and-click” functionality.

## 2 . 0 I N S T A L L A T I O N A N D S E T U P

### 2.1 INSTALLING DATA SCOUT ADVANCED

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Before installing a new version of Data Scout Advanced, be sure that any older versions (in the same path) have been removed first.

The standard Windows® installation program SETUP.EXE is used to install Data Scout Advanced. It insists that it be the only application program active. Thus, before installing Data Scout Advanced, ensure all other applications are closed. Failing to do this may leave shared files active, causing confusing errors during installation.

- Insert the information and support CD in the computer
- Navigate to the CD drive
- Double click on the DSAdvIns.exe file

- This will load the Windows® SETUP program, which guides the user through the remainder of the installation process.
- After installation, Data Scout Advanced can be executed via the Windows® Start menu by selecting **Start | Programs | Data Scout Advanced | DSAdv**.

### 2.1.1 INSTALLING DATA SCOUT OPERATIONS MANUAL

The CD labeled *Level Scout Information and Support* contains the Data Scout Advanced Operations Manual as a .pdf. The file name is DSAdv\_605815C2.pdf

The user can access the .pdf file directly from the CD or via the Internet browser using the **Index.htm** file as an index. To avoid having to insert the CD to access the manual, save this file to a hard disk folder on the PC or network. This can be accomplished by copying it from the CD to the desired place. The recommended path is C:\YSI\DSAdv\Manual.

After saving the manual to the PC or network, Data Scout Advanced can be configured with the new manual location. To do this, use the **Configure | General Options (DSAdv)** function on the main Data Scout Advanced window's menu. On the configuration window, double-click the text box labeled: **Choose Path for Manuals**. This pops-up a common dialog box that allows the user to navigate to where the manual has been saved. Locate the file **DSAdv\_605815C2.pdf** and click it so that its name (full path) appears in the **File name:** box. Select the **Open** button to save it. Finally, select **OK** to save this full path name on the General Options window. The Operations Manual is then directly available by selecting the **Help | Manuals** menu item.

## 2.2 CONFIGURING THE PC FOR A SERIAL NETWORK

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The user must select a serial port available on the PC (COM1 ... COM16) to interface the computer with the Level Scout(s) at a particular site on a serial point-to-point (or multi-drop) network. The YSI 771 adapter will allow the user to convert the native RS-485 signal of the Level Scout to RS-232 signal of a PC. If the PC does not have a serial interface, the user may add a USB type device (with software driver). YSI offers the model 773 for converting RS-232 to USB. For remotely located transducers, using cell phone (or other) types of modems, a *Virtual Serial Port* (VSP) may be required. The VSP is a software driver that simulates one of the COM ports on the PC and provides a TCP/IP data path (via the Internet and 3G cell phone networks) to the remote serial port of the distant modem. YSI has verified that the *RealPort* VSP from **Digi** works with the **Digi Connect RG** cell phone modem. The freeware VSP from **HWgroup** has worked with the **AirLink Raven** cell phone modem but with limited functionality.

## 2.3 MANAGING/DISCOVERING TRANSDUCER ADDRESSES

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A multi-drop serial network topography requires that all installed transducers use the same protocol and same baud rate. Also, each transducer must have a unique address.

Such a network must be operated in a strict Master/Slave manner, in which the master controller (e.g., Data Scout Advanced software operating on a PC) always plays the role of Master, and each of the transducers plays the role of a Slave. Only the Master can initiate communications on the network. Slaves must never initiate communications on their own but must respond when requested to do so by the Master. Generally, a transducer will only send a response out on the network after it receives a command from the Master that explicitly contains its unique address. Also, a transducer must normally act “silently” even when it receives a command containing a special address called the “broadcast” address (e.g., a command to synchronize data acquisition on multiple transducers).

There is one special transducer command (i.e., **Who Are You?**) that uses the broadcast address but violates the above rule. In response to this “broadcast” command, a transducer responds with its address. However, such a command is meant only to be executed when there is only one transducer wired physically to the network. Thus, if the user does not know the address of a particular transducer it is not advisable to place it on the network until the address is known. In that case, only install the Level Scout with an unknown address on the network and broadcast this special **Who Are You?** command to it. Once a transducer's address is identified, add it to the larger restored network (if its address is unique) or send it another command (**Change Address**): to change its address to a unique one before connecting back to the network. The bottom section of the Configure menu on the Data Scout Advanced main window has both of these infrequently-used “diagnostic” commands as does the bottom section of the right-click Context menu of the main window's Site Net Map.

The command **Configure | Change Address (HiLi Xdcr)** is a setup command that can be used to change the address of a transducer if its address is already known. However, the window that appears when it is executed also has a “broadcast” check box option. This option allows the user to also use this command (in conjunction with **Who Are You?**) if the “unknown” transducer is the only transducer wired to the network and to set its address to some particular “known” address using the “broadcast” address to send it.

This optional variation of the command refuses to execute if more than one transducer is currently defined on the Site Net Map. The “normal address” variation works at anytime for any single highlighted transducer.

Two strategies for building a complete transducer site network, when faced with multiple transducers set to unknown addresses, protocols, and baud rates, is to connect each one to the computer’s specified serial port, one at a time, and follow one of the procedures below (labeled Methods 1 and 2). In each case begin with the **Configure | Xducer Site Network** command to set the “starting” communications parameters (port, protocol, echo requirements, and baud rate) of the serial network connected to this transducer.

#### Method 1:

- Set the assumed communication parameters under **Configure | Xducer Site Network**. The Level Scout will **always** utilize SDI-12 protocol. The default baud rate from the factory is 19200.
- Clear the Site Net Map with the **File | New Site Net** command.
- Connect one transducer to the selected com port and use the **Configure | Add Xducer (to End)** command to specify one transducer with the address 0 (the default factory address, a good starting assumption).
- Skip setting the long Name of transducer (leave it blank).
- Use **Query** to verify that the transducer is really set to correct address and working at the current specified baud rate.
- If this fails (times out), then try the **Who Are You?** command to discover its address, which will also automatically add that address to **Site Net Map**’s entry row. Then, use **Query** again to verify the transducer is working. If not, repeat all the steps above at different baud rates and/or Com ports.

#### Method 2:

- Set the assumed communication parameters under **Configure | Xducer Site Network**. The Level Scout will **ALWAYS** utilize SDI-12 protocol. The default baud rate from the factory is 19200.
- Clear the Site Net Map with the **File | New Site Net** command.
- Connect one transducer to the selected com port and click the **Auto Discover** button to start an automatic process that steps through all the valid addresses of the selected protocol at the selected baud rate.
- If a transducer responds correctly to any address, that transducer is automatically added to the **Site Net Map**. Once this occurs (a new row appears on the map) select the **Stop** button to terminate the continuing auto-discovery process.
- Use **Query** to verify that the new transducer is working correctly.
- If this fails (times out), repeat all the steps above at different baud rates.

Once you are successful in determining the correct address and baud rate of each transducer remove it from the network and label it. Repeat the procedure for each of the other transducers, one at a time, insuring that each has (or is assigned) a unique address and common baud rate.

#### Final Network Assembly:

- Interconnect all the transducers together in a valid multi-drop network.
- Clear the Site Net Map with the **File | New Site Net** command.
- Connect the entire network to the selected com port and click the **Auto Discover** button to step through all the valid addresses of the selected protocol at the selected baud rate.

- Each transducer should respond correctly to its address, after which it is automatically added to the Site Net Map. Do not click the **Stop** button until the auto-discovery process has found each transducer and added its row to the map.
- Use **Query** button to verify that the new transducer is working correctly.
- Be sure to use the **File | Save Site Net As** command to give the new working site network a unique name. This will allow the user to Open it later.
- If any one transducer fails (times out), the user will have to isolate it again and try one of the above methods to correct the problem.

## 2.4 MAKING DATA SCOUT ADVANCED LEARN AND FORGET

After Data Scout Advanced has operated for a while on a particular host PC with a particular set of transducers, it tends to remember the configurations of its various windows and functions, and even the way specific transducers are configured on the network. This is useful, in that the user doesn't have to remember to manually reconfigure it each time Data Scout Advanced is started.

These "memories" of Data Scout Advanced are kept as a series of small text files, most with the .ini or .net file extensions. Most such files are located in subfolder Ini of the Main Base Path (i.e., Data Scout Advanced install path). These files may be viewed with the **File | View Files (DSAdv)** menu function on the Data Scout Advanced main window. If for some reason these initialization files should become corrupted, or you simply don't like the way Data Scout Advanced has remembered your settings, you can easily erase its memory by deleting all these .ini files. Erasing the file is best accomplished when Data Scout Advanced is not running. After deletion, Data Scout Advanced starts over, doing things the way it did when first installed. If you have invested some time in developing site network definition files (\*.net) unique to your configuration these may also be selectively deleted as needed.

The following table indicates which specific files are created for which memory function. Refer to the table to only delete selected .ini or .net files without losing the entire past configuration work. Modifying their contents with a text editor is **not** recommended.

File Name	Purpose
DSAdv.ini	Main Data Scout Memory: remembers Data Scout Advanced main window size, location, site net map column widths, and all its persistent Configure menu parameters.
DSAdv.net or <anyname>.net	Default Data Scout Advanced Current Network Memory. It remembers the last network loaded into Data Scout Advanced main window. This network will be restored automatically when Data Scout Advanced is restarted, unless the <b>Open</b> function chooses another explicitly named .net file.
Run.ini	Remembers the size and position and all other persistent options on auxiliary pop-up windows of the Run window.

## 2.5 RECONFIGURING TRANSDUCER OPTIONS WITH RUN WINDOW

The procedures described in this section are transducer options that can be changed with the Run window's Configure menu. Such option changes are described more fully (with pictures and examples) in Chapter 4.

### 2.5.1 CHANGING PRESSURE UNITS IN TRANSDUCER(S)

From the Data Scout Advanced main window, start the Run window by selecting **Run | All Xducers'** from the menu. In the Run window, select (highlight) one of the transducers by clicking its row # on the Site Net Map. Normally, transducer #1 will be selected by default. Then select the Run window's menu item **Configure | Pressure Units (HiLi Xdcr)**. A window will appear showing the selected pressure units. Select the desired units option button to change units and then select the **OK** button to execute the change only for the highlighted transducer. Alternately, select the option **All Xducers** in the Apply To frame, and then select **OK** to make this same change

to ALL the transducers assigned to the Run window. Click **Cancel** to only view the current unit selection or to close the window without saving the changes.

## **2.5.2 CHANGING TEMPERATURE UNITS IN TRANSDUCER(S)**

Use the same procedure detailed in the previous section, but select the Run window's menu item **Configure | Temperature Units (HiLi Xdcr)** instead. Temperature units will be displayed (for highlighted transducer). Click **Cancel** to close the window without saving changes or select a different unit and click **OK** to save changes.

## **2.5.3 CHANGING OTHER OPTIONS IN TRANSDUCER(S)**

Use the same procedure detailed in section 2.5.1, but select any of the other Run window's menu items. If unfamiliar with the purpose of any option, avoid changing it. The options in the second section of the sub-menu can only be changed if the highlighted Transducer is unlocked first. An appropriate window appears showing the selected option. Select **Cancel** to dismiss this window after viewing its current value without changing the option. Select **OK** to send the current or modified option value on the window to the selected transducer or to ALL transducers. Some special Write Protected options may be viewed only but not modified by users (e.g., the Main Cal. Coefficients).

## **2.6 MANAGING OTHER COMMON DATA SCOUT ADVANCED ACTIVITIES**

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Most Data Scout Advanced configuration activities are automatic, and remembered persistently in behind-the-scenes historical .ini files. However, a few features must be manually configured (normally only once) after Data Scout Advanced is installed. Such activities are discussed in this section. These configuration activities are only summarized here to bring them to your attention early. Chapter 3 describes them more fully with pictures and examples.

### **2.6.1 CONFIGURING A FAVORITE TEXT EDITOR FOR REPORT VIEWING/PRINTING/ETC.**

When any report or data file is generated by any Data Scout Advanced window, human-readable plain text files are generated. Data Scout Advanced usually provides a **File | View** menu function on that window to allow the user to view the report file's contents. By default, Data Scout Advanced uses the Windows<sup>®</sup> text editor NotePad for this purpose and a copy of this application opens in a window already containing the text of the file to be viewed. After viewing the file, the user may also print, rename, copy, move, or delete the file using other menu functions of NotePad. Since NotePad is limited as to the size of files that it can view or edit, the more flexible WordPad text editor may also be used. Data Scout Advanced can be reconfigured so that NotePad is replaced by any suitable text editor program that is installed on the PC.

Configure the Data Scout Advanced default text editor by selecting **Configure | General Options (DSAdv)** from the Data Scout Advanced main window menu. On the window that pops-up, enter the full path name of the desired text editor application in the top text box labeled **Choose Path for Report Viewer (a favorite Text Editor)**. To avoid typing in a full path name, double-click this text box, and a common dialog box opens allowing the user to navigate to any drive where the desired text editor's .exe file is located. Then highlight its file name and select **Open**. The full path name of this program is then transferred to the text box on the configuration window. Finally, select **OK** on this window to save the full path name.

### **2.6.2 CONFIGURING DATA SCOUT ADVANCED TO HAVE AN ARCHIVE BASE PATH**

Data Scout Advanced has a menu item **File | Archive (DSAdv)** on its main menu. It opens a window that is used to perform various file maintenance functions on the many internal data files that Data Scout Advanced manages behind the scenes. These files are normally kept, by default, in a series of subfolders of the Main Base Path. Data Scout Advanced is most efficient when allowed to access all its internal files from the default Main Base Path subfolders on the user's local hard drive at "C:\YSI\DSAdv\xxxxx", where 'xxxxx' stands for a particular subfolder name. For example, all script logs of Data Scout Advanced are normally kept in the Cmd-Log subfolder (C:\YSI\DSAdv\Cmd-Log). All data files of the Run window are normally kept in the Dat subfolder (C:\YSI\DSAdv\Dat).

For archive or backup purposes a second set of subfolders (with the same 'xxxxx' names) may also be defined by specifying a different Archive Base Path. This alternate path allows all or certain Data Scout Advanced files to be copied or moved to like-named subfolders on another disk drive (possibly a Network drive). When such an alternate base path is defined, the Archive window is expanded to permit Delete, Move, and Copy file operations to be performed between like-named subfolders of the Main Base Path and the Archive Base Path. The Archive window's file manipulation operations are restricted to only these two sets of like-named folders.

To configuring the Archive Base Path select **Configure | General Options (DSAdv)** from the main menu of Data Scout Advanced. On the window that appears enter the full path name of the desired base path in the third text box labeled **Choose Base Path for Archive**

**Folders.** To avoid typing in a full path name, double-click this text box, and a dialog window opens allowing the user to specify a particular drive and folder path.

Finally, press OK on the configuration window to save the new path name. Please note that the user is specifying only the Base path of the Archive subfolders. No particular subfolder or file name should be included in this path name, as these will be added later in the proper context. Such Archive subfolders will also be created as needed by the Archive window.

For information on using the Archive window, see Chapter 3.

## **2.7 IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY**

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If you have any trouble getting Data Scout Advanced to run reliably on the PC, please review the following trouble shooting section.

### **2.7.1 PROBLEMS INSTALLING DATA SCOUT ADVANCED**

When installing Data Scout Advanced, be sure that no other applications are active when the installation is attempted. Otherwise, it may find some files (e.g., .DLL's) active that it is trying to overwrite. Also, always **uninstall** any older version of Data Scout Advanced (in the same path) before attempting to install a newer version.

Occasionally, Setup will indicate that the files are “out of date” and prompt the user to restart Windows® in order to solve the problem. After restarting Windows®, the user may have to repeat the installation process. However, if after restarting Windows®, it continues to find “out-of-date” files, ensure you have the latest Windows® Service Pack installed.

### **2.7.2 DATA SCOUT ADVANCED DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ONE OR MORE TRANSDUCERS**

The most common problem communicating to transducers via serial interfaces using Data Scout Advanced is that all parties are not set to use the same serial parameters. In particular, a common baud rate must be set in each transducer (and at the PC end), before the parties can communicate. Data Scout Advanced has several special diagnostic commands for helping in these situations. Review the detailed material in Sections 2.2 and 2.3 for more information.

### **2.7.3 DATA SCOUT ADVANCED WINDOWS DO NOT APPEAR WHEN STARTED**

Most problems with Data Scout Advanced are due to corrupted files in the Ini subfolder that save the persistent options of Data Scout Advanced windows when closed. By deleting all these files (usually with .ini or .net file name endings) and then restarting Data Scout Advanced, most of these problems will disappear. Of course, any persistent options that track the normal usage will be gone, and must be reconfigured.

### **2.7.4 DATA SCOUT ADVANCED INDICATES MULTIPLE COPIES RUNNING WHEN STARTED**

The user can install multiple versions of Data Scout Advanced on the PC if each one is installed in its own unique path (e.g., install one in C:\YSI\DSAdv, and another in C:\YSI\DSAdv2) when using Setup to install them. However, the user can only run multiple versions if they have unique transducer communication port assignments and share no subfolders. During startup, Data Scout Advanced will notice if its Site Net's assigned Com port is already in use and warn the user that another copy is active. The user must then Exit the second copy of Data Scout Advanced or change its Site Net com port to one not already in use.

## **3.0 CONFIGURING AND QUERYING A SITE**

This chapter describes how Data Scout Advanced windows, tasks, features, and functions work. It focuses on the main Data Scout Advanced window used to configure Data Scout Advanced and to configure and query a Level Scout transducer, individually or as networks, located at one or more sites. Other major Data Scout Advanced functions (Run, Test, and Playback) are introduced briefly here, but operate on their own separate windows. Detailed descriptions of these separate windows are deferred to Chapter 4 (Operating Transducers at a Site), Chapter 5 (Testing Transducers at a Site), and Chapter 6 (Processing Data Files)

### 3.1 FREQUENTLY USED TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The word transducer is abbreviated xducer (or xdcr) on all Data Scout Advanced windows, menus, and ToolTips.

The abbreviation `<xdcr#>`, or *transducer number*, is used to uniquely identify each transducer line (or row) on the Site Net Map of the main Data Scout Advanced window and as a shorthand name for that transducer in certain reports and logs. It is not a characteristic of the transducer itself. For example: #3 means the transducer that appears on the third row of the Site Net Map spreadsheet.

The abbreviation `<xdcrid>`, or *transducer identifier*, is a characteristic of every transducer itself, and is obtained from the transducer by reading two values from its ID string: `<model#>` and `<serial#>`. These values are connected with a hyphen separating them. For example: “AS2-019035”.

The abbreviation `<yourxdcrcode>` is any 0 to 16-character descriptive name that is assigned to a transducer describing it (or its physical site location) with the various “site net” editing functions. It is saved in Data Scout Advanced internal site net definition file(s) and not in the transducer itself. For example: “Settle Tank 2”.

### 3.2 USE OF COLORS IN WINDOWS

Several background colors used in Data Scout Advanced have common meanings:

- A *light green* color means that a control (text box, check box, radio control) contains data **meant to be modified** by the user. A *light pink* color indicates **modified**. A *white* color indicates **data for display only** (i.e., the field cannot be modified by the user).
- Other bright colors (*red, green, yellow*) have conventional meanings like **Stop** (or Test Failed), **Go** (or Test Successful), or **Caution** (or Test Successful but some measurement is out-of-tolerance or requires your attention). Light (pale) versions of these colors usually decorate simple status boxes or spreadsheets.
- The (foreground) color of a message’s text, when written to a status bar, also has meaning: *black* text for status or general information, *red* text for error messages.

### 3.3 MAIN DATA SCOUT ADVANCED WINDOW AND SITE NET MAP

When Data Scout Advanced is started, it opens a single window. This window, titled **Data Scout Advanced (DSAdv)**, is simply referred to as the **main Data Scout Advanced window** throughout this manual (figure 3.1).

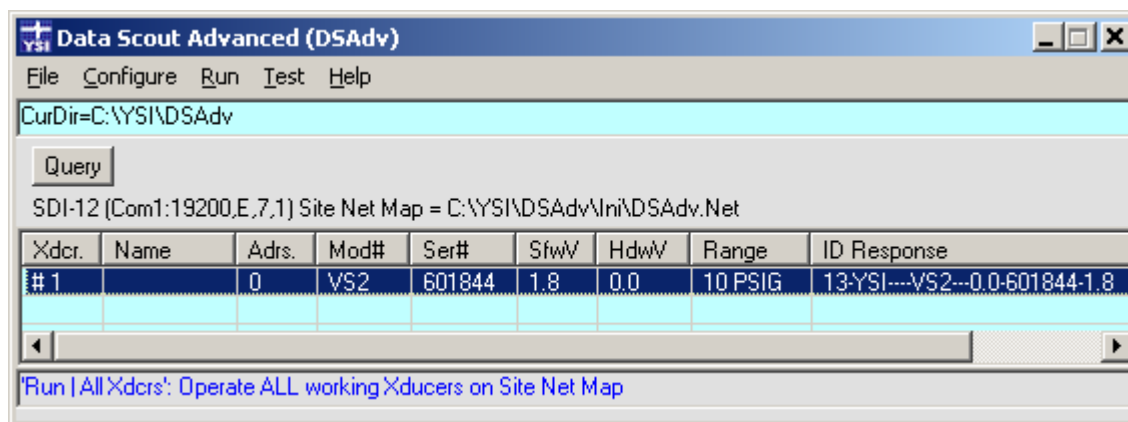


Figure 3.1

Starting at the top, it has a title bar, menu bar, and status bar. Below the status bar is a blank area containing a single button, normally labeled Query, and a long label below the button describing the “current” site network of the transducer(s) selected. This long label

gives the protocol, communication port setup parameters (in parentheses), and the full path name of a Site Net (.NET) file that defines this collection of parameters. If the user has modified these parameters (and has not yet saved them) the path name is replaced by **(modified - unsaved)**. A MenuTips status bar at the bottom of the window shows the purpose of the last menu item selected whether it was executed fully or not. It compensates for menus not having any ToolTips.

The middle of the window contains a spreadsheet-like table with labeled columns and numbered transducer rows. It is called the Site Net Map and shows all the transducers connected to the current site's network (in example above it is only a single transducer plugged directly into the serial port of a PC). After the list of transducer(s), the table has one (or two) blank lines (i.e., a place to add another transducer). All the defined transducer(s) need not exist (yet) on the physical network connected to the specified serial port. As a minimum, the user must enter a valid unique address field (in **Adrs.** column) on each transducer row. The unique address may be any ASCII digit (0-9) or any upper/lower-case letter (A-Z or a-z) with "\*" reserved as the broadcast address. An optional 16-character transducer name (in **Name** column) may be defined. A relative transducer number field (in **Xdcr.** column) appears automatically as a sequential count of the defined transducers. It is used as a default shortcut name for that transducer (along with the optional longer Name) on various other windows and reports.

The other fields (remaining columns) of the table can be obtained (later) by using the Query function which reads an ID string from the transducer(s) and stores it in the last **ID Response** column. This highly encoded ID string is then broken into its logical components, which then fills out most of the other columns.

A status bar appears just below the menu bar. It may show the status (black text) or error (red text) messages from time to time. Any error messages are also accompanied by a "beep" or "bell" sound (if the PC has a sound card with speakers operating). The status bar initially contains a Current Path (or Directory) text string, initially showing the hard disk path where Data Scout Advanced was installed. This install path is also called the Main Base Path, since it contains several other subfolders (e.g., Ini, Dat, etc.) where Data Scout Advanced keeps all its internal files.

The user may view these internal files by using the **File | View Files (DSAdv)** menu function (section 3.4.2) or by simply clicking the status bar. Using the **View** function may change the Current Directory string displayed in the status bar from its initial Main Base Path to other paths that the user may navigate. Other functions may restore the initial path. Also note that this function is not limited to accessing just Data Scout Advanced related files, but has all the controls and separate context menu necessary to navigate anywhere on the PC's network or local drives.

### 3.3.1 THE SITE NET MAP CONTEXT MENU

The Site Net Map has certain functions of its own that are easily accessed via a "hidden" menu called the Site Net Map Context Menu. Most of its functions will address selected transducer(s) on the map. To Add a new transducer row to the end of the map, right-click anywhere in map's light blue data area to obtain the Context Menu. To perform an Insert, Edit, Who Are You?, and Change Address function for a particular row, first select (highlight) that transducer row then right click on the row. To perform the Delete or Query function, first select (highlight) single or multiple transducer row(s) then right click on the row. When the context menu opens it is assigned to operate on the specified (highlighted) transducer row(s) (figure 3.2).

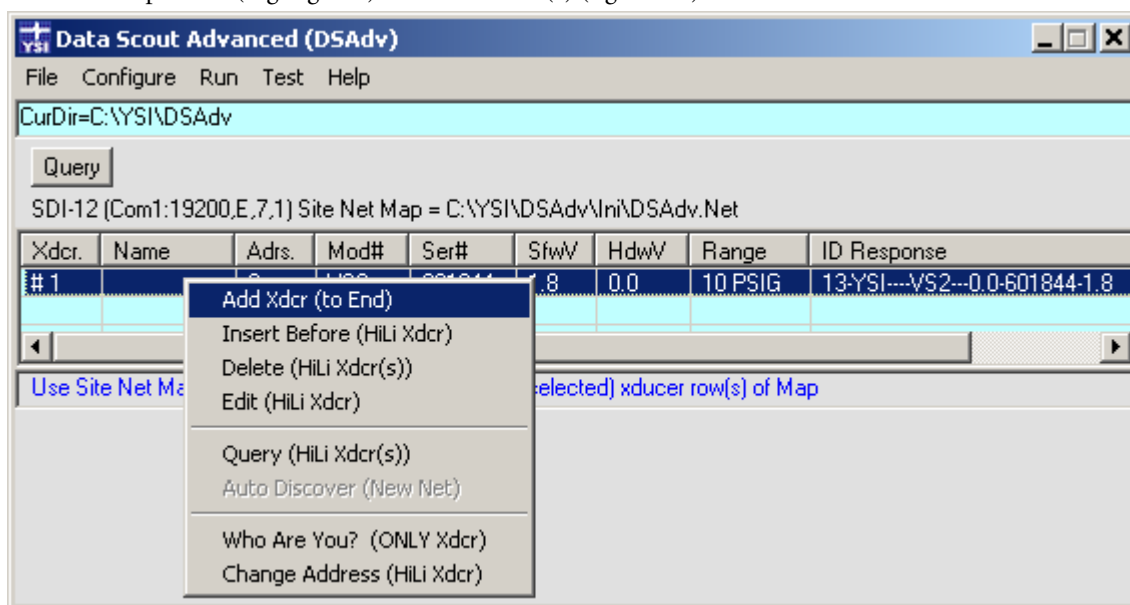


Figure 3.2



The Query function in the context menu is the same “read ID string” function performed by the Query button for all defined transducers on the site network but is performed only for the highlighted transducer(s). Other transducer/row editing functions are also found in the first section of this context menu. Like the Query function, the Delete function may also be performed for more than one highlighted transducer while the others can only be performed for a single highlighted transducer. These same transducer/row-specific functions also appear starting in the second section of the main Configure menu (section 3.5.3).

Two special network diagnostic functions (Who Are You? and Change Address) are found in the last section of the context menu. The first should ONLY be used when a single transducer is the only one physically connected to the network since it uses a special “broadcast” address to “ask” the unknown transducer its address. See section 2.3 for more information on these two functions.

### 3.3.2 THE EMPTY SITE NET CONTEXT MENU AND AUTO DISCOVERY

Figure 3.3 below shows a variation of the context menu when the Site Net Map is empty (i.e., the last transducer was just deleted or the File | New Site Net function was just executed). Not only is the Add function the only editing function available, but a new special Auto Discover function is made available for use.

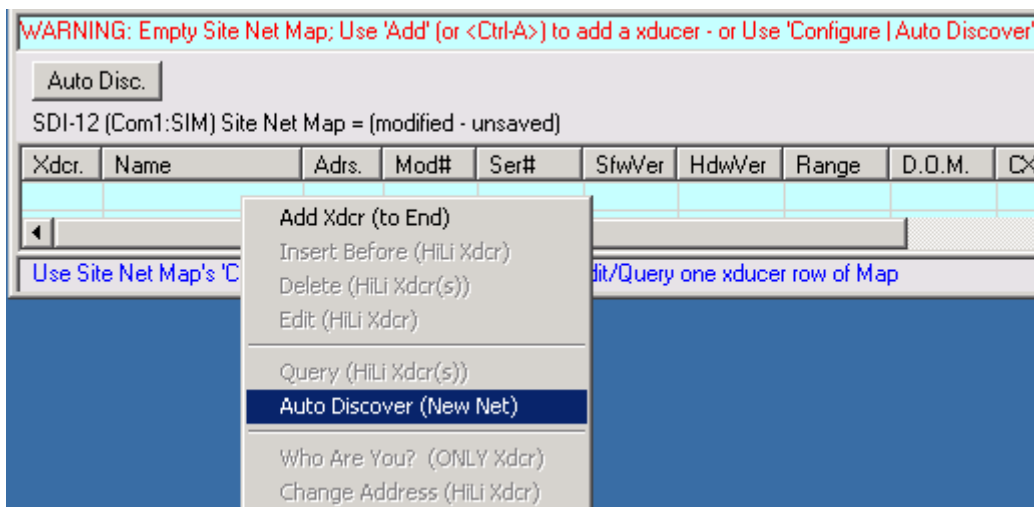


Figure 3.3

An Auto Disc. button replaces the Query button when the site net map is empty. However, it is necessary to first setup the Transducer Site Net configuration per Section 3.5.1 before using Auto Discover. Then, if a suitable protocol and baud rate are set, clicking Auto Disc. will cause Data Scout Advanced to automatically start querying each possible sequential transducer address. For each transducer that responds, a new row for it will automatically be added to the map up to 16 transducers per Site Net Map. During the auto-discovery process, a Stop button appears that may be selected at any time to stop the discovery process.

## 3.4 THE FILE MENU FUNCTIONS

The File menu selection, on the main menu bar, leads to a two-section submenu containing four “site network maintenance” functions and three “overall” Data Scout Advanced functions (figure 3.4).

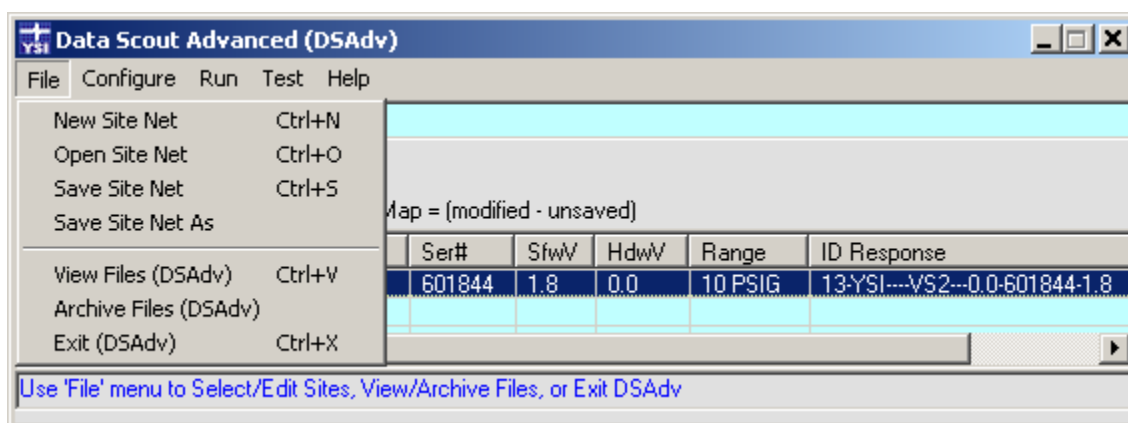


Figure 3.4

### 3.4.1 SITE NETWORK MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS

The main purpose of the Site Net Map is to show information about each Level Scout defined on the current site network after querying it. See section 3.3 for more information.

The File | New Site Net function causes the current site network to be erased. This clears the Site Net Map, and Data Scout Advanced will not be very useful until at least one transducer is defined by using either the Add or Auto Discover functions. These functions may be found on the Configure menu or on the Site Net Map context menu.

The File | Open Site Net function allows the user to choose any existing Site Network (.net) file previously defined and saved in the Data Scout Advanced Ini subfolder. Selecting it opens an Open File dialog window. This dialog will show only available Site Network (.net) files in the Data Scout Advanced Ini subfolder. The default file named DSAdv.net is the one always used to save the current site net when Data Scout Advanced is closed. Open the desired file by selecting it and then clicking the **Open** button on that window.

The user may create uniquely named “site network” files by first using the File | New Site Net function, and then saving the finally edited Site Net Map with the File | Save Site Net As function to give it a unique “site-descriptive” name.

The File | Save Site Net function causes the current contents of the Site Net Map to be saved to any named .net file (in the Data Scout Advanced Ini subfolder) from which that current site net might have originated. If it simply originated from the default system file, DSAdv.net, it is saved there instead.

The File | Save Site Net As function is similar to the previous function, but causes a Save As dialog window to open to allow the user to name or rename the file which will save the current Site Net Map. Simply enter the new name in the **File name:** box, and click the **Save** button. Thus, this function provides the ability to make new copies of existing site networks under different site-descriptive names. Then, the user can open each file, and edit it uniquely for the particular site named.

### 3.4.2 OVERALL DATA SCOUT ADVANCED FUNTIONS

The File | View Files (DSAdv) function opens a Windows® Open dialog box, showing all the subfolders (and files) of the current path.

Its **Look in:** box permits the user to navigate anywhere on a hard disk, removable, or network drive. However, the dialog generally starts in the Current Directory (normally the Main Base Path where Data Scout Advanced keeps its main working file subfolders). Highlighting a file will make its name show up in the **File name:** box. Clicking the **Open** button will open that selected file as a text file with NotePad, WordPad, or any text editor that Data Scout Advanced has been configured to use. Click the **Cancel** button to close the dialog without viewing a file.

The File | Archive Files (DSAdv) function opens a special Archive window (figure 3.5). Its principal function is to provide an easy way to view, delete, copy, or move any files in the Data Scout Advanced subfolders, and to back them up on an alternate archive medium.

For new Data Scout Advanced installations, it is also used to copy files from an old installation. The archive window contains two identical frames of controls. The first frame displays folders, filters, and their files from the Main Base Path (i.e., where Data Scout Advanced is installed, and where Data Scout Advanced keeps its main data files in subfolders). The buttons in this frame allow the user to Delete any of these files as well as Copy or Move selected groups of them to like-named subfolders of the Archive Base Path (i.e., a separate location where these primary files can be saved for archive or back-up purposes). The second frame displays folders, filters, and their files from the Archive Base Path (if one has been configured by **Configure | General Options (DSAdv)**). Its buttons allows the user to delete any of these files as well as to copy or move selected groups of them to like-named subfolders of the Main Base Path.

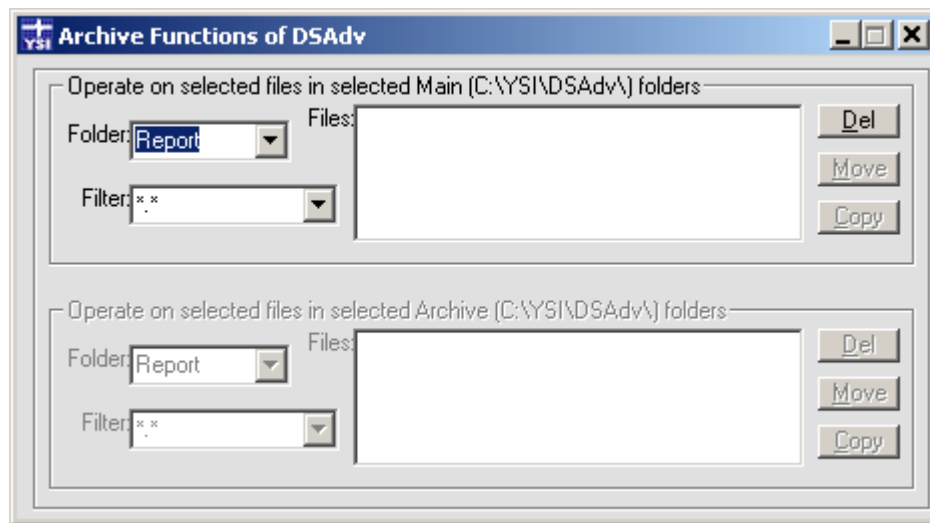


Figure 3.5

Each of the frames operates exactly the same. Clicking the arrow at the right of the **Folder:** box will reveal the names of all subfolders currently defined in its base path. Clicking the arrow at the right end of the **Filter:** box will reveal many useful “starter” filters that may be used to limit the actual number of files that will appear in the **Files:** list box of the selected folder. However, the user may also click the **Filter:** box after any filter is displayed there, and edit it. The **Files:** box will change immediately once the characters of the filter are changed. If the **Files:** box is empty, then there are no files in the selected folder that match the filtering criteria. The three function buttons in a frame act directly on *all* the files currently contained in the **Files:** box. Thus, clicking the **Del** button will Delete all those files, and clicking the **Move** or **Copy** button will Move or Copy all those files to the other frame’s like-named subfolder.

The second frame is dim if a unique Archive Base Path has not been assigned in Data Scout Advanced using the **Configure | General Options (DSAdv)** Main menu item. In that case the Archive window is only capable of deleting files in the Main Base Path subfolders.

Although the Archive window is highly restricted as to which folders it can copy or move files to, or to which it can delete files in, it has some other very useful features:

- The **Files:** Label (adjacent to the upper left side of the **Files:** box, either frame) has a ToolTip that always indicates the number of files currently displayed inside its adjacent **Files:** box.
- When a file name is displayed in a **Files:** box (either frame) and highlighted. At the same time the ToolTip for that **Files:** box will be changed to include information about that highlighted file (i.e., it will show the full path, file name, size, type of file, and date-last-modified). However, to see this updated ToolTip information, the mouse cursor must be moved outside the box and then moved back into the box. Note that the current ToolTip only describes the highlighted file, not just any file name entry in the box.
- By double-clicking a highlighted file name in either **Files:** box, the Data Scout Advanced text editor will open in a window to allow the user to view the contents of that file (if it is readable text, or in any format the text editor can display).
- Note that highlighting any file in a **Files:** box has no particular meaning, except for the last two items described above. It does not in any way affect which files are copied, moved, or deleted. All the files in the box are affected when **Del**, **Move**, or **Copy** action button are selected in the subject frame.

The **File | Exit (DSAdv)** function is used to close the Data Scout Advanced application. Exit terminates all concurrently running Data Scout Advanced tasks and windows. If any files are open they are closed. Just before exit, the current site network is normally saved to

the default file DSAdv.net. This file's site net will be restored by default if Data Scout Advanced is restarted. In some cases, Data Scout Advanced may refuse to exit until the user has manually ended some important task still in progress. In this case, a red text message appears in the status bar.

Before exiting Data Scout Advanced, if changes have been made to the site net, the user may want to save it with an explicit name by using the File | Save Site Net As function first.

### 3.5 THE CONFIGURE FUNCTIONS

The Configure Main menu function leads to an expanded submenu with four distinct functional sections (figure 3.6).

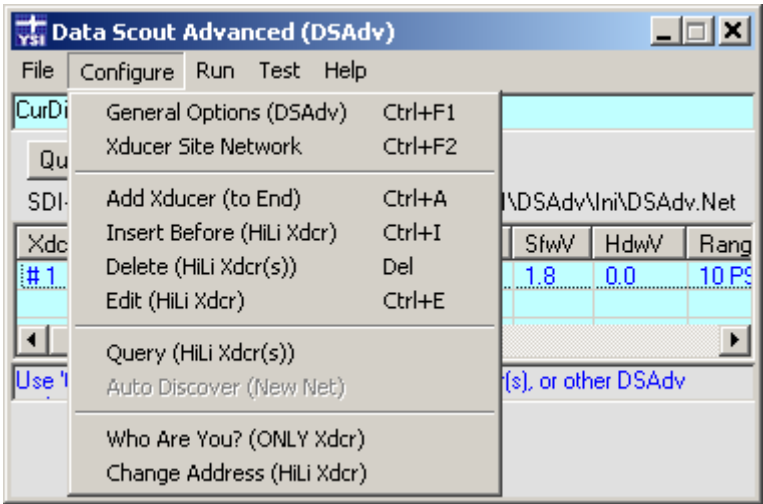


Figure 3.6

The top section has two items. **General Options (DSAdv)** configures several general working options of Data Scout Advanced. The **Xducer Site Network** allows the user to view and edit all parameters of the current Transducer Site Network's serial interface.

The other sections duplicate the exact same functions that also appear on the Site Net Map context menu which will be explained in section 3.5.3.

The bottom section contains two special transducer network diagnostic functions that only apply to a single highlighted transducer. These request or change the address of a selected transducer. The Who Are You? function only works if the selected transducer is the only transducer on the physical network.

All these configuration functions are described fully, with examples, in the following sections.

### 3.5.1 CONFIGURING THE TRANSDUCER SITE NETWORK

The **Configure | Xducer Site Network** menu function (or clicking the label that describes the site net parameters, just below the **Query** button) opens the following window:

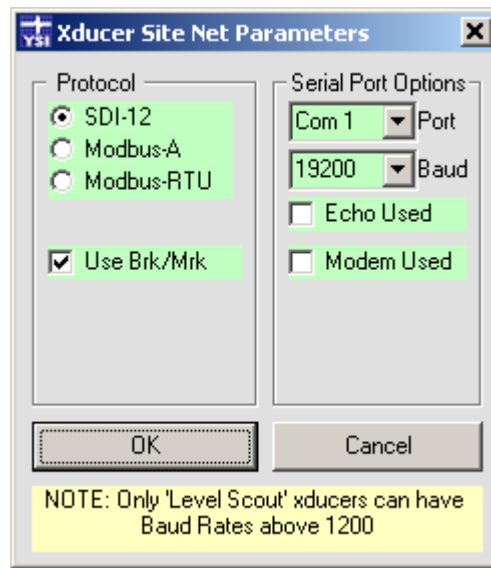


Figure 3.7

In this example one or more Level Scout transducers, utilizing SDI-12 protocol, are connected to communication port 1 at 19200 baud.

The **Protocol** should *always* be set to SDI-12.

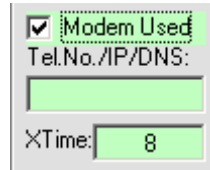
The **Use Brk/Mrk** checkbox is normally checked. However, if a cell phone modem is used and the transducer's **Sleep Mode** is disabled (section 4.2.6), this option may be unchecked. This option was added because the Break/Mark timing sequences, that precede all SDI-12 commands, do not get passed through VSP software (described below) and cell phone modems using the TCP/IP protocol. So, disabling this option reduces the overhead of having to send these sequences. If you uncheck this option, you must remember to check it again if you enable Sleep Mode again in the transducer (or Query will not work). When Sleep Mode is disabled battery consumption will be greatly increased so the use of external power is required. This should not be a problem with a cell phone modem since the same power source that energizes the modem itself can likely be used to also supply external excitation power to the transducer(s) on that remote Site Network.

The PC may have several Com Ports as available choices. Any such port may be selected by clicking the arrow on the list box labeled **Port**. If the computer comes originally without a serial port interface, the user must add a serial port interface card, install an external USB serial port (and supporting driver, YSI part number 773), or install a "virtual" serial port (and VSP software), before any suitable Port choices will appear in the Port list box. The list box is populated when Data Scout Advanced starts, so if a USB serial port was plugged in while Data Scout Advanced was active, the user must exit Data Scout Advanced and restart it before that port can be selected. A VSP is a software driver that provides access (using TCP/IP protocol) to a transducer connected remotely over the Internet via a 3G cell phone modem.

Another similar list box, labeled **Baud**, also has several choices. The factory default of the Level Scout is 19200.

The setting of the **Echo Used** check box depends on the wiring of the network. If transmit and receive lines are tied together then any transmitted character comes back on the receive line (i.e. echoes). RS-485 converter interfaces may block such echoes, though some have a jumper option to pass echoes. If using the RS-485/RS-232 converter provided by YSI, leave this box unchecked. If unsure, try it unchecked first. If the wrong option is selected, Data Scout Advanced will notify the user when the next Query command is issued.

Leave the **Modem Used** check box unchecked if using a local hard-wired site network of one or more transducers connected to a hardware serial port (e.g., COM1). However, if the Site Network is remote (connected via some transmission medium using one or more modems), then check this box. When checked, two additional text boxes appear (figure 3.8).



The image shows a portion of a software configuration window. At the top, there is a checkbox labeled 'Modem Used' which is checked. Below it is a text box labeled 'Tel.No./IP/DNS:' which is currently empty. Below that is another text box labeled 'XTime:' which contains the number '8'.

Figure 3.8

The text box labeled **Tel.No./IP/DNS** identifies some address by which a remote modem can be located when Data Scout Advanced starts. The type of address entered into this box depends on the type of modem(s) used and the transmission medium on the “other side” of the COM port used (e.g., dial-up telephone line, radio, satellite, or wired TCP/IP link via a broadband internet provider):

- If the Port list box has selected the local COM port of an analog “dial-up” modem (V92 type) installed on the PC, then this box must contain all the digits of the Telephone Number that must be dialed to reach the remote analog modem at the other end of the dial-up telephone line connection. The “\*” character may be added anywhere in the number sequence to introduce a delay (e.g., “9\*1\*757\*865\*7777”). This number is dialed by Data Scout Advanced when it starts, or whenever this Xducer Site Net configuration window’s parameters are changed. Data Scout Advanced will hang up the dial-up connection when it exits or just before it changes the Xducer Site Net window’s parameters.
- If the Port list box has selected a “virtual” serial port then this box should be left blank. Such a port is created by a Port Re-Director or Virtual Serial Port (VSP) software driver installed on the PC. Throughout the rest of the manual, the term VSP is used to refer to any such “simulated” port, and the VSP driver software must be separately initialized before Data Scout Advanced starts. It must also be assigned a static IP Address and TCP Port # of the remote cell phone modem (CDMA or GSM/GPRS type). In this case the transmission medium is the PC’s broadband internet provider. Such a connection may be via a corporate LAN if fire walls are setup to permit such TCP/IP communication. Some network providers also use a VPN (Virtual Private Network) connection to make the modem’s static IP address operate securely.

#### Note

YSI has evaluated two different VSPs. The first was tested with the AirLink ‘Raven’ modem (both GSM and CDMA models). Be sure to disable all the NVT (RFC-2217) features of this VSP, since the AirLink does not support them. The second VSP, called RealPort, was tested with the Digi Connect ‘Remote Gateway’ (RG) device (both CDMA and GSM models exist, but YSI has only tested the CDMA model). RealPort is fully integrated with this device. Both VSPs must be setup to simulate an unused COM port on the PC which must be selected from the Port list box on the Xducer Site Net configuration window. If that port choice is not available, then the VSP driver was not loaded and activated before Data Scout Advanced started.

- For some other types of remote modems the IP address or DNS name equivalent may be entered into this box directly. Data Scout Advanced does not currently support such connections (possible future feature).

For local site networks (i.e., when Modem Used check box is unchecked) Data Scout Advanced uses a nominal timeout value of 2 or 3 seconds for transmitting and receiving all serial commands and responses. When a modem is used (box checked), commands and responses take longer due to various latency problems in the communication medium (Internet, satellite, or radio link). A cell network might have a typical ½ second latency when commands are being sent regularly. However, after a “silent” period (typically 20-30 seconds), with no commands sent, such a modem often enters a “sleep” state which requires a longer latency period of many seconds to awake. In this case the **XTime** text box (figure 3.8) is used to specify this “worst-case” extra time period, in addition to the normal timeout period. For cell phone networks YSI suggests using at least the 8 additional seconds (for a total timeout period of 11 seconds).

### Note

YSI has tested two cell phone devices with the following results.

The **AirLink** Raven modems (GSM or CDMA) have remote serial ports (which connect to the remote Level Scout transducer(s)) that can have their serial port communication parameters set only **statically** by sending manual AT modem commands. The serial parameters do not get dynamically relayed to the remote serial port on the remote modem when Data Scout Advanced sets them for its local “virtual” port. This limitation currently makes two Data Scout Advanced features (on the **Run** windows **Configure** menu) inoperable via this modem: (1) the user cannot change the **baud rate** of the remote transducer, and (2) the user cannot **upgrade the firmware** in the remote transducer (since that requires a dynamic change of transducer baud rate and other communication parameters).

The **Digi** Connect “Remote Gateway” (RG) cell phone device (GSM or CDMA) has an integrated RealPort VSP. This device and VSP combo can dynamically relay Data Scout Advanced’s local “virtual” serial port changes to the remote serial port on the device. As a result, the user is able to: (1) change the **baud rate** of the remote transducer, (2) detect modem signal changes on the remote RS232 port, and (3) **upgrade the firmware** in the remote transducer (although this is not guaranteed 100% reliable and therefore, not recommended).

All configured transducers can be simulated by selecting zero (0) in the **Baud** list box. After setting 0 baud rate, each transducer defined on that site network will no longer access the physical com-port assigned to it, but will operate in a simulation mode that responds correctly to most transducer commands by returning simulated responses. Transducer internal configuration options, changeable via the Run window (e.g., mode, pressure units, temperature units, etc.), are saved in a persistent memory file (<model#>-<serial#>-XSimPer.ini in the Ini subfolder) for each simulated transducer. This simulation feature can be useful in debugging new Script files before committing them to execute on real transducers. Simply restore the correct non-zero baud rate to make all simulated transducers “real” again. The site network label is displayed in magenta when simulated transducers are in use.

## 3.5.2 CONFIGURING GENERAL OPTIONS OF DATA SCOUT ADVANCED

The **Configure | General Options (DSAdv)** menu function specifies general options of Data Scout Advanced (figure 3.9).

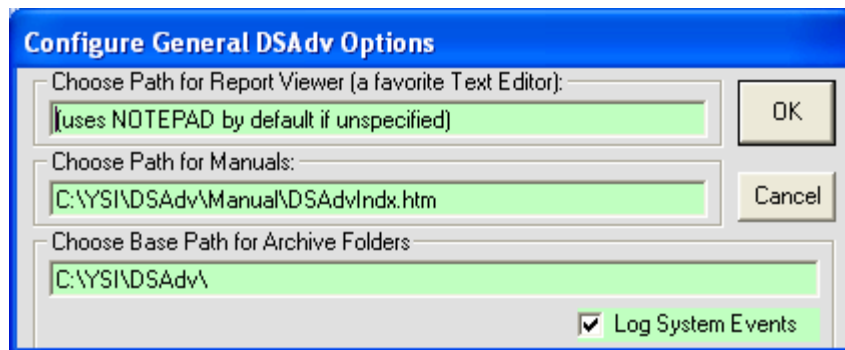


Figure 3.9

There are only four General Options in this selection. All these persistent options are remembered in the DSAdv.ini file when saved (i.e. when Data Scout Advanced is closed). The first three options may be entered by clicking its text box and typing in a full path name (including a file name for the first two options, but not the last). However, to avoid typing such long strings, double-click each text box to open a dialog window that allows the user to navigate to the disk drive to locate the desired path. The fourth option is a simple check box that enables or disables writing of the **System Log** file. Click **Cancel** instead of **OK** to exit the window without saving any changes made.

The first option specifies a favorite text editor to be used by Data Scout Advanced whenever the user needs to view any plain text (report or data) files created by Data Scout Advanced. The default program is NotePad if this field is unspecified (blank). To use an alternate text editor, enter the full path and file name of its .exe file. See section 2.6.1 for more details.

The second option specifies where the Data Scout Advanced Operations Manual is installed. In the example above, the user has installed the manual in the Manual subfolder of DSAdv. However, it could have been installed on a shared network drive. See section 2.1.1 for more details.

The third option specifies the Archive Base Path, where Data Scout Advanced will copy or move (for backup purposes) any of its primary internal data and initialization files in subfolders of the Main Base Path. In this case, the user is specifying only a drive and base path (no file name is specified). The final path shown in the option field must end with a backslash (\), which is normally added automatically. See section 2.6.2 for more detail on selecting an Archive Base Path. See **File | Archive Files (DSAdv)** function in section 3.4.2 for using the selected Archive Base Path.

The fourth option enables or disables the writing of a System Log file that records every major event that Data Scout Advanced generates (while the file is enabled). A new file (named SYS\_<date>\_<time>.log) is created and opened in the Cmd-log subfolder each time this check box is checked. The file is closed either when the check box is unchecked, or when Data Scout Advanced is closed. If Data Scout Advanced is closed with this option enabled, a new System Log file will be automatically created and opened when Data Scout Advanced is restarted.

Whenever the System Log file is open, Data Scout Advanced checkpoints (closes, then reopens for “append”) this file, each time a diagnostic event is written to it. This allows you to open and examine this file while Data Scout Advanced is running if you have a good text editor (like EditPadPro) that can open the file for read while it is still open for writing by Data Scout Advanced. A simple text editor like NotePad may not permit this, requiring you to close the file manually (using ‘Configure | General Options (DSAdv)’), or exit Data Scout Advanced, before examining its contents. The following example listing shows the format of this file:

```
--- System 'Diagnostic' Log File: (All Xducers)
--- Using:   DSAdv Version: 1.7.0
--- Updated: 02-07-2008 at 16:08:45
000000.000005 : 000.000005  Open Sys.Log File C:\YSI\DSAdv\Cmd-Log\SYS_2008-02-07_16-08-45.log
000000.002254 : 000.002249  Start DSAdv Main Form
000000.004273 : 000.002018  Starting Command Line:
000000.016889 : 000.012617  Com Ports found: [ COM1=Site COM3=Avail. ]
000000.102848 : 000.085959  timBlink = 0
000000.105482 : 000.002634  Standby: Opening Com Port 1... with Settings 19200,E,7,1 In CommXdcr

000001.120208 : 001.014725  timBlink = 1

000002.119484 : 000.999276  timBlink = 2

000002.329100 : 000.209617  Row 1 Clicked

000003.126235 : 000.797135  timBlink = 3

000004.049048 : 000.922813  !!Start Run Form
000004.207101 : 000.158053  timBlink = 4
000004.227164 : 000.020063  Show_Status (Run): STANDBY: Reading Data From Transducers
000004.231221 : 000.004057  !!Show_Splash_Msg: STANDBY: Getting Xducer Data >>> Reading Lock State && Oper.Mode of
Xducer #1.
000004.253212 : 000.021991  TCmd+Bk+Mk= [0U]
000004.367305 : 000.114093  TRsp=      [0+1 ] bk=0.012013 mk=0.008064
000004.487095 : 000.119790  !!Show_Splash_Msg: STANDBY: Getting Xducer Data >>> Reading Pressure Units of Xducer #1.
000004.498853 : 000.011758  TCmd+Bk+Mk= [0XUP]
000004.609940 : 000.111086  TRsp=      [00032 ] bk=0.012006 mk=0.008001
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000004.614749 : 000.004809 TCmd(SRPoll)=[0]
000004.621342 : 000.006593 TRsp= [0 ] Rcv.Service Request (leftover)
000004.623733 : 000.002391 TCmd+Bk+Mk= [0D0]
000004.733513 : 000.109780 TRsp= [0+9+6 ] bk=0.012011 mk=0.008
000004.738575 : 000.005062 TCmd+Bk+Mk= [0M3]
000004.848199 : 000.109624 TRsp= [00033 ] bk=0.012001 mk=0.008006
000004.853304 : 000.005105 TCmd(SRPoll)=[0]
000004.860490 : 000.007186 TRsp= [0 ] Rcv.Service Request (alone)
000004.862843 : 000.002353 TCmd+Bk+Mk= [0D0]
000004.972907 : 000.110064 TRsp= [0-2.307300+0.000000-14.24048 ] bk=0.012031 mk=0.008001
000005.091869 : 000.118962 !!Show_Splash_Msg: STANDBY: Getting Xducer Data >>> Reading Temperature Units of Xducer #1.
000005.102893 : 000.011024 TCmd+Bk+Mk= [0XUT]
000005.213892 : 000.110999 TRsp= [00031 ] bk=0.012004 mk=0.008006
000005.219357 : 000.005465 TCmd(SRPoll)=[0]
000005.226470 : 000.007113 TRsp= [0 ] Rcv.Service Request (leftover)
000005.229060 : 000.002590 TCmd+Bk+Mk= [0D0]
000005.236519 : 000.007459 timBlink = 5
000005.339145 : 000.102626 TRsp= [0+0 ] bk=0.012003 mk=0.008002
000005.454689 : 000.115545 Show_Status (Run): READY: Use 'Acquire' menu or buttons (below) to start acquiring 'live' data

000006.228323 : 000.773633 timBlink = 6

: : : : :

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```

001320.294216 : 002.689690 !!Show_Splash_Msg: STANDBY: Getting Xdcr. Data >>> Reading Current User-Units Offset/Slope Now!
001320.319388 : 000.025172 TCmd+Bk+Mk= [0I]
001320.437787 : 000.118399 TRsp= [013-YSI---BS2---0.0-607541-2.2 ] bk=0.012004 mk=0.008102
001320.448201 : 000.010414 {ExeXducerCmd} !!Xdcr #1 checked for HOT-SWAP but found none! Overhead = 0.125000 sec.
001320.453047 : 000.004845 TCmd+Bk+Mk= [0M3]
001320.567116 : 000.114069 TRsp= [00033 ] bk=0.012005 mk=0.008005
001320.573787 : 000.006671 TCmd(SRPoll)=[0]
001320.584190 : 000.010404 TRsp= [0 ] Rcv.Service Request (alone)
001320.587453 : 000.003263 TCmd+Bk+Mk= [0D0]
001320.699844 : 000.112391 TRsp= [0+2.307300+0.000000-14.24048 ] bk=0.012006 mk=0.008016

003645.904238 : 2325.204394 Unloading Run Form
003645.942010 : 000.037772 Standby: Closing Com Port 1...

003646.156356 : 000.214347 CommXdcr closed!
003646.165757 : 000.009401 Unloading DSAdv Main Form

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The above example of a System Log file format is described below. After the first three initial header lines, all other lines are event lines or blank lines. Some superfluous event lines have been removed for simplicity and replaced by a line of colons (: : :):

- The leftmost column of an event line is a time stamp. It shows relative time (in seconds) that was accumulated since the file was opened – when that event line was written. Actual time can be determined by adding this to the real-time data and time stamp in the header.
- The second column is a delta time (in seconds) which is the elapsed time since the previous event was written to the file. (value is meaningless for the 1<sup>st</sup> event line).
- The third column is a variable-length text descriptor string describing that particular diagnostic event. In cases where it is very long, it may be shown folded onto a second or third line (without a preceding time stamp).

A blank line indicates the passage of time – and precedes any event line whose delta time is longer than 0.1 second since the previous event line was written. In other words, any blank line indicates that at least 0.1 second (or longer) has passed without an event being written to the file.

These event lines will be most beneficial to YSI Technical Support if you are experiencing a problem with Data Scout Advanced. You may be asked by Technical Support to enable this setting in order to record any failure or problem you are experiencing. However, some failures such as Visual Basic Run-Time Errors may not be detected by Data Scout Advanced. In such cases, you may need to tell the YSI Technical Support Representative what key stroke you last entered at the time of the failure.

### 3.5.3 CONFIGURING TRANSDUCERS/ROWS OF THE SITE NET MAP

The second section of the Configure submenu (and the top section of a highlighted transducer's Site Net Map context menu) contains “editing” functions that operate directly on the rows (individual transducers) of the Site Net Map. Most of these functions will open an additional window to gather needed information or to confirm execution.

The **Add** function is used to add a new row to the end of the current Site Net Map. In figure 3.10, the title bar of the window indicates that Transducer #1 was previously the last item on the map, and that this function, if completed, will add a new Transducer #2 to the end of the map.

Figure 3.10

The Add function's window has two fields where entries are possible for the transducer (i.e., the light-green fields). A descriptive Name may be left blank, but a valid Address is required before the OK button will be enabled to allow the user to save the information. The other white fields are read-only and used to display ID information that will be retrieved from the transducer when it is queried.

The **Insert** function is used to insert a new row on the current Site Net Map between the currently highlighted row and the row above it. In figure 3.11, the title bar of the pop-up window indicates that Transducer #1 was the previously highlighted row on the map, and that this function, if completed, will add a new Transducer #1 ahead of it on the map, thus renumbering the originally highlighted transducer and pushing it down to be Transducer #2.

Figure 3.11

The Insert function's window allows Name and Address fields be entered for the transducer (the light-green fields). The Name may be left blank, but a valid Address is required before the OK button will be enabled to allow the user to save the information.

The **Delete** function is used to delete any existing highlighted transducer row(s) on the Site Net Map. The PC keyboard's Delete key may be used as a shortcut to invoke this function. The function opens a warning dialog window to be sure the user wants to delete the transducer(s). It will not operate unless one or more existing rows on the Site Net Map, to be deleted, are highlighted first.

The **Edit** function is used to edit any or all of the individual fields (columns) of any existing highlighted transducer row on the Site Net Map. In figure 3.12, the title bar of the window indicates that Transducer #1 was the previously highlighted row on the map, and that this function, if completed, can selectively change any data fields belonging to Transducer #1.

Figure 3.12

The Edit function's window initially shows the current data previously defined for every field of that transducer row. Any of these fields (in light-green text boxes) may be changed as needed. Other fields (in white text boxes) can be viewed but not modified since they are supplied by the Query function. Press OK to finalize any changes made, or press Cancel to ignore the changes made.

Other transducer configuration option functions, that actually change data inside a physical transducer, are found on a separate Configure menu of the separate Run window. These are described briefly in Section 3.6 and described fully in Chapter 4.

### 3.5.4 CONFIGURING OTHER OPTIONS OF THE HIGHLIGHTED TRANSDUCER

The bottom section of the Configure submenu has two transducer network maintenance items.

The first function called **Configure | Who Are You? (Only Xdcr)** will request that the only transducer on the network report its unknown address. This is accomplished by transmitting a special broadcast command (i.e., one without a specific address). The function is meaningless if more than one transducer is currently physically attached to the network since all transducers will respond to the broadcast command simultaneously. The function is provided only to allow the user to identify a transducer whose address is really unknown (assuming the baud rate is known).

The best way to avoid having to use this function is to reserve the default factory-set address of any transducer (0), and to only allow non-default addresses to remain on the network. That way, when receiving a new factory transducer, the user can add it to the network with its default (but unduplicated) address. Other methods for configuring networks from scratch are described in Section 2.3.

Change an address to any non-default (unduplicated) address, using the second function called **Configure | Change Address (HiLi Xdcr)** which opens a new window (figure 3.13). Only the Address text box is available for entering data and a new check box option (normally unchecked) is displayed. Click the check box option only if using it when there is only one transducer physically connected to the serial port.

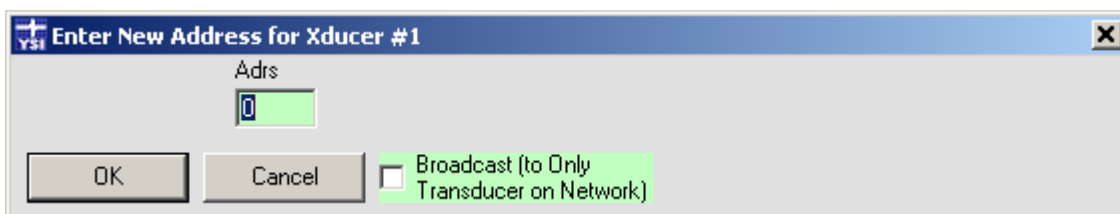


Figure 3.13

### 3.6 THE RUN FUNCTION

The Run menu has three functions (figure 3.14).

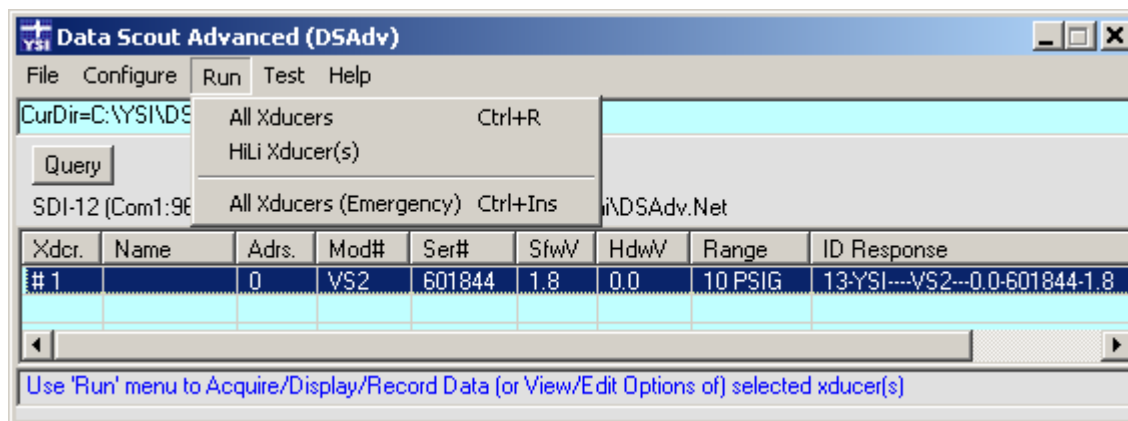


Figure 3.14

All items will take the user to the Run window which provides a data acquisition and recording function of Data Scout Advanced as a single-cycle (on demand), periodic, or continuous data acquisition from all (or selected) transducers on the Site Net Map. The window has many transducer configuration functions that read (and optionally set) various options inside individual transducers currently defined on the map. Normally, modifications are limited to the currently selected transducer but may be “broadcast” to all the transducers assigned to the Run function.

The first two sub-menu items are identical if there is only one transducer defined on the Site Net Map. However, if there are multiple transducers defined and working (i.e., their Query functions have successfully filled in the necessary additional information columns for their rows), the functions act differently. The first item will assign all working transducers on the map to the Run function and start it. The second item will assign one or more highlighted transducer(s) to the Run function and start it. The bottom menu item is used only in an emergency when one or more transducers does not respond to Query and the user needs to enter the Run window to access certain transducer functions on the Run window’s Configure menu. See Chapter 4 for more information.

Once the appropriate selection is made, a separate Run window will open. This window initially starts with its own menu bar and control buttons disabled, and with a STANDBY: message prominently displayed on its status bar. During this short period, the function is reading certain necessary information from all the transducers selected for it. Various status windows may appear indicating this. Once that information is obtained, its menu bar and control buttons will be enabled and many functions of the main Data Scout Advanced window become disabled. This is to prevent transducer network changes while live transducers are operating via the Run function. For pictorial examples and more information on using the Run function, see Chapter 4.

Also selectable from the separate File menu of the Run window is the **Playback** function which is actually a separate application (DSPlay.exe). This function can read and display (as a text “spreadsheet” or graphic “plots”) any data file created by the Data Scout Advanced Run window. This includes .txt or .csv ‘Record’ data files acquired “live” from any transducer or group of transducers or the .atd or .csv ‘AutoLog’ files extracted from the transducers. For a complete description of this application see Chapter 6.

### 3.7 THE TEST FUNCTION

The Test function, selected from the Data Scout Advanced main menu leads to a sub-menu with only one item (figure 3.15).

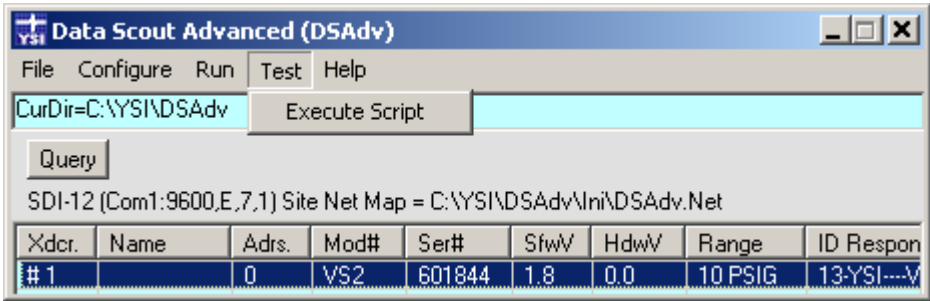


Figure 3.15

The **Execute Script** function is available to users who are familiar with the use of low-level transducer commands and responses. It allows the user to write their own Scripts (also called Command files) which are simple text files that contain any sequence of transducer commands and other meta-commands to control the script itself, such as looping, inserting delays and pauses, etc.

For pictorial examples and more information on using the Execute Script function, see Chapter 5.

### 3.8 THE HELP MENU FUNCTIONS

The Help menu selection on the main menu leads to help information for Data Scout Advanced (figure 3.16).

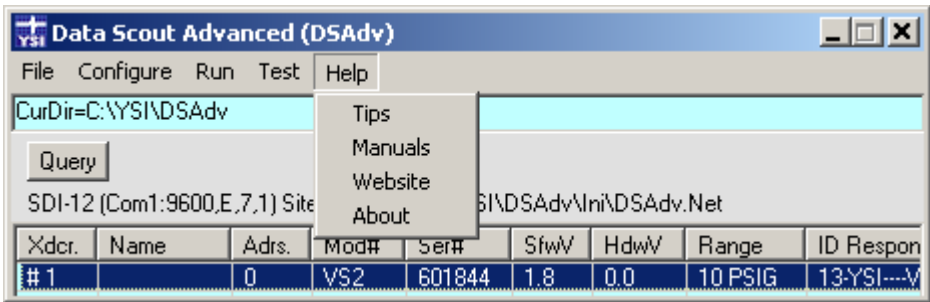


Figure 3.16

All Data Scout Advanced windows provide ToolTips as the primary help information for each control, label, and display field. Simply hover the mouse cursor over each item to see what it is and how it is used. Since menu items have no ToolTips of their own, a special MenuTips status bar (at the bottom of the window) will provide a similar brief description of each menu item selected. Think of MenuTips as showing the “history” of the last menu item selected, rather than as a prompt to advise what to do next (as the status bar at the top of window, and the ToolTips, generally do).

### 3.8.1 HELP TIPS

The **Help | Tips** function displays a window that summarizes information about various Data Scout Advanced Help features (figure 3.17).

The first panel contains information about ToolTips in general. The middle panel describes all the major main Data Scout Advanced window menu bar items. The last panel describes ways of obtaining the Data Scout Advanced Operations Manual

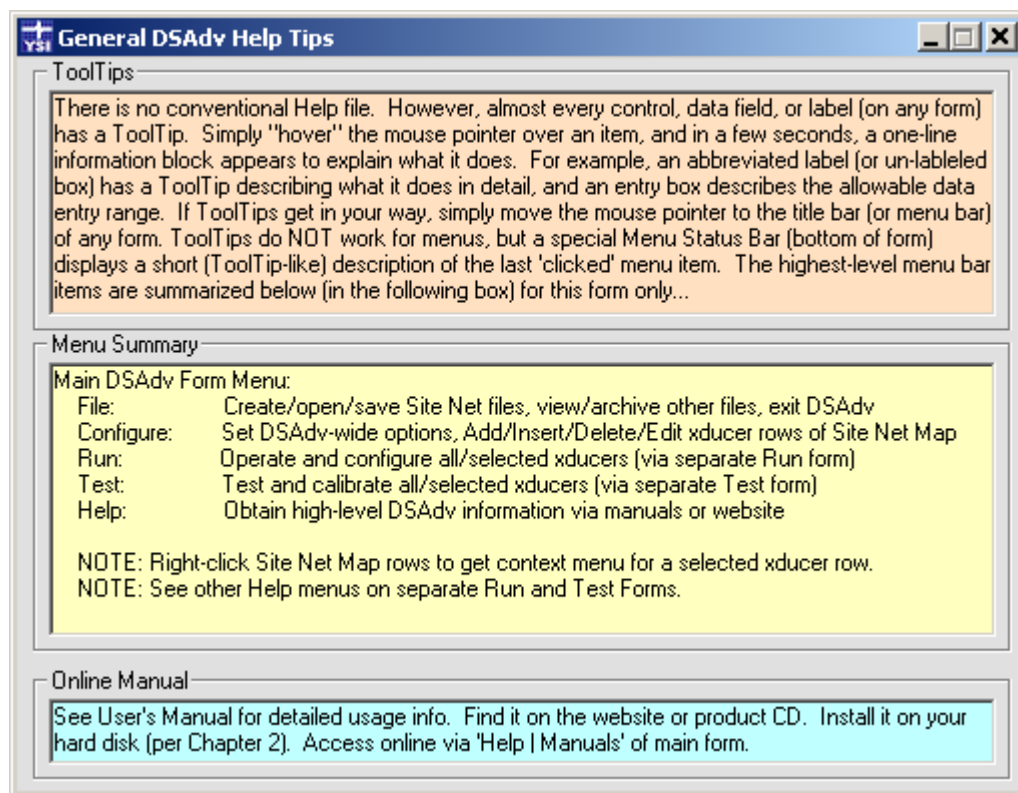


Figure 3.17

## 3.8.2 HELP ACCESS TO OPERATIONS MANUAL

The **Help | Manuals** menu opens the full text and color illustrations of the complete Data Scout Advanced Operations Manual. Before this works, Data Scout Advanced must be configured to find the manual (section 2.1.1)

## 3.8.3 HELP ACCESS TO YSI WEB SITE

The **Help | Website** menu provides access to the YSI website. Use this selection to get the latest published information on the Level Scout.

## 3.8.4 OTHER HELP

The **Help | About** menu selection, opens a window that shows the current user level and version of Data Scout Advanced. When seeking support for Data Scout Advanced, it is useful to give all this information to the YSI support team.

## 3.9 HOT-SWAPPING TRANSDUCERS

Data Scout Advanced allows you to “hot-swap” a transducer. Hot-Swapping is when you unplug an existing transducer whose status is already visible on the current Site Net Map, and plug in a similar transducer with the same SDI-12 address.

### 3.9.1 THE PROPER WAY TO “HOT-SWAP” A TRANSDUCER

It is best to “hot-swap” a transducer when only the “main” Data Scout Advanced form is active and that form is idle (i.e., it is currently NOT executing some menu function that sends commands to a transducer – which is most of the time). Then, follow these steps:

- Unplug the desired transducer from its serial port plug
- Plug-in another transducer with the same SDI-12 address
- Immediately **Query** that transducer (i.e. highlight the changed transducer, right click the Site Net Map to get that transducer’s **Context** menu, and then execute its **Query** item.

For the last step, it may be easier just to click the **Query** button, which queries the affected transducer and any other transducers currently on the Site Net Map. Either way, you are done after a successful Query of the affected transducer, as Data Scout Advanced has replaced all the information from the original transducer with that from the new transducer.

If you should accidentally plug-in another transducer with a different SDI-12 address, errors (figure 3.18) occur several seconds after you perform the Query step above.

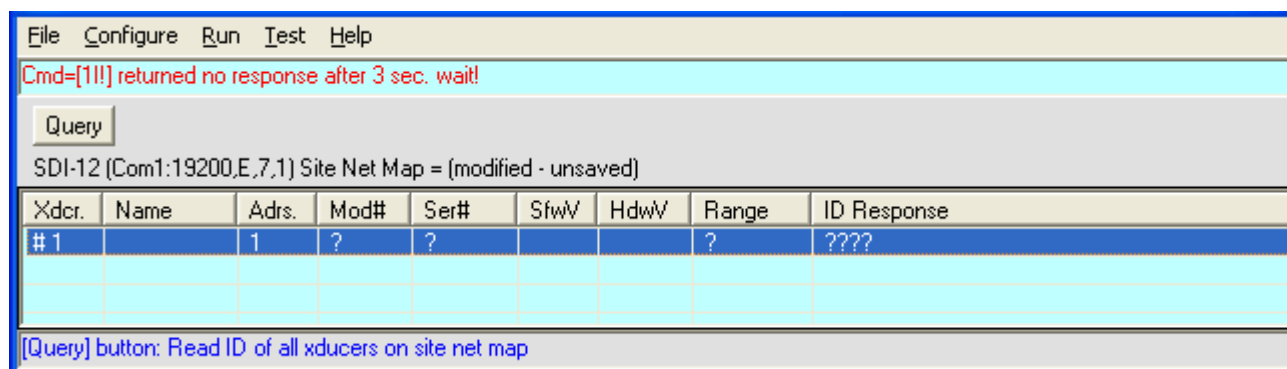


Figure 3.18

Note that the Site Net Map’s displayed information row for the affected transducer still contains the original address (Adrs.=1), but most other fields contain question marks (?) to indicate that transducer’s Query failed. Recovery is possible if you perform the following steps.

If only one transducer is defined on your Site Net, you can correct your mistake by executing the **Who are You?** command on the transducer’s context (right-click) menu or on the main **Configure** menu while the transducer is highlighted. After a short delay, the

original transducer's Adrs field is replaced with the new address for the new transducer. After this, simply Query again to read all the information from the new transducer. If there are multiple transducers on your Site Net, then it is necessary to perform the 'File | New' function from the "main" menu instead. You must click the **Auto Disc** button, follow all the prompts carefully, and then wait for all transducers to be recognized. In this case a **Query** is already done for you, but you can always click the **Query** button again to be sure that the latest information is read from all transducers. Each transducer on your serial port's network must have a unique address, and operate at the same baud rate, for this to be successful. If **Auto-Discovery** fails for one or more transducers, some may have non-unique addresses – or some may be set to operate at different baud rates. The best way to troubleshoot such cases is to **connect just one transducer at a time to your network**, and use **Auto-Discovery** to weed out non-working units or find other incompatible differences in the transducers.

## 4.0 OPERATING TRANSDUCERS (RUN)

This chapter details the Run function which operates all or selected transducers on the current Site Net Map. It is also used to Configure (view/edit) all user-visible internal transducer options. Chapter 3 described how to activate Run from the main Data Scout Advanced window's menu. In this chapter, the separate Run window, with its own unique menu bar, status bar, visual control frames, data display, MenuTip status bar, and other associated windows are described in their fullest functional detail with pictures and examples.

### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

Run's data acquisition function is able to acquire various kinds of "live" data (on demand, continuously, or periodically) from any or all of its assigned transducers. These acquired data are displayed in a selectable format (spreadsheet-like table, trend plot or both) and may also be optionally recorded (i.e., written to a disk file in one of two useful formats).

The Run window can also configure tests to load into the Level Scouts. Such transducers may then be deployed and moved to field locations, where they can autonomously acquire and record (log) the test data that they were programmed to collect. Later, these transducers can be reconnected to a PC to allow Data Scout Advanced to extract all data. Data Scout Advanced also records these extracted data to files and can display them in table, AutoLog plot format, or both. A portable PC with Data Scout Advanced installed may be easily moved from site-to-site for servicing remote transducers or the transducers themselves may be moved to a central PC site for test programming and data extraction. If the portable PC solution is impractical, then a subset of Data Scout Advanced software, Data Scout Mobile, is available separately for use in an handheld PC running Windows Mobile® 2003 SE and has a compact flash slot..

All data files the Run window generates (whether "live" recordings or extracted "AutoLog" data) are text and can be viewed directly by a text editor or spreadsheet program. They may also be post-processed and plotted by the Playback application (DSPlay.exe).

The Run window's Configure menu permits every user-visible option of a single selected transducer to be displayed and edited as necessary. Whenever these options are modified the user may elect to store the changed value back to the selected transducer or broadcast the change to all the transducers assigned to the Run window. Configuration data affecting the transducer are remembered in the transducer's own persistent (non-volatile) memory. The Run window remembers its own internal operating options persistently by writing a file (Run.ini) when it exits. These options are restored the next time the Run window is started.

To activate the Run function, click the **Run** menu item on the main Data Scout Advanced window to reveal a submenu with two items in its top section and one item in its bottom section (figure 4.1).

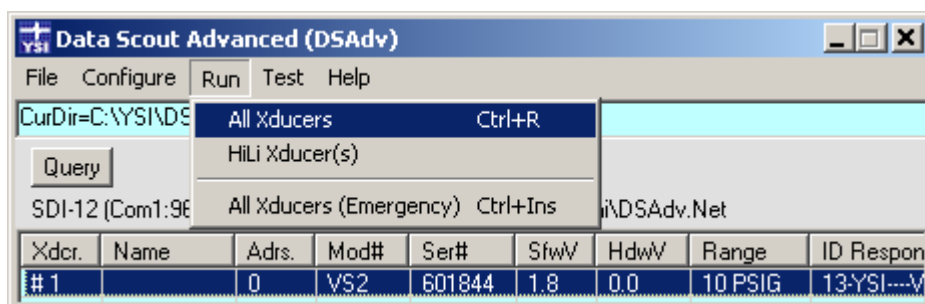


Figure 4.1



For the **All Transducers** sub-menu item, there is no need for any transducer to be highlighted on the Site Net Map of the main window since the term ‘All’ means all working transducers. However, if any transducers on the main Data Scout Advanced window are not yet working (i.e., have not been successfully queried to fill in their necessary ID string information) they will not show up on the Run window until they are working.

Selecting the second Run submenu item labeled **Run | HiLi Xdcr(s)** requires that one or more transducers be selected (highlighted) on the main Data Scout Advanced window’s Site Net Map before it is chosen. Click any transducer row to select it alone.

Either selection will open the Run window (figure 4.2).

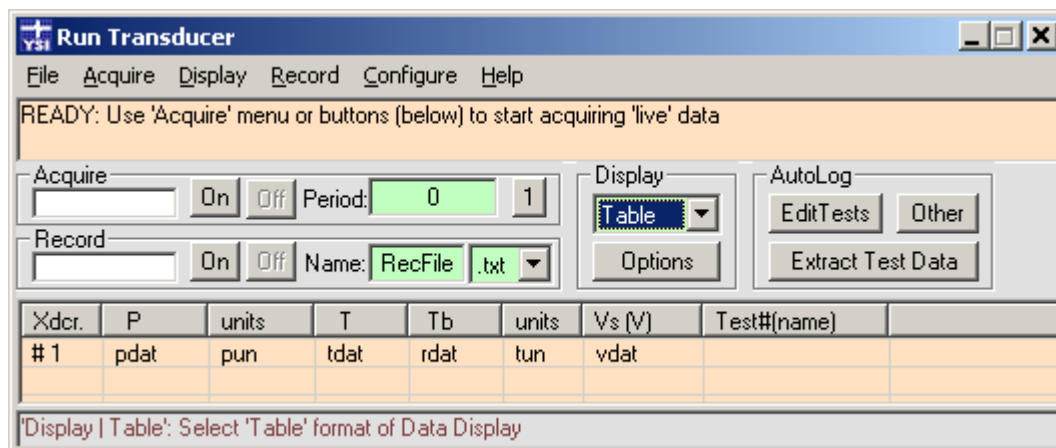


Figure 4.2

In figure 4.2, the Run window’s menu bar and **Acquire** control frame buttons are all enabled and ready to start the Acquire function immediately. During a short initialize period (immediately after Run function is initiated for the first time during the current Data Scout Advanced session), these options will be disabled. This period may last for several seconds, depending on the transducer types, number of transducers, and their common baud rate. The operating mode, write-protect status, and current pressure/level and temperature units of each transducer are determined during this period. It provides Run with all the information it needs to operate these transducers and display the data from them correctly.

The Run window may also be moved anywhere on the screen after it starts by dragging its title bar. Its size may also be altered by dragging its boundaries. Thereafter, Data Scout Advanced remembers its new size and new location.

The third Run submenu item labeled **Run | All Xdcrs (Emergency)** is rarely used. When selected, it operates just like the first submenu item, except that it enters the Run window even if one or more Query operations have failed on the main Data Scout Advanced window. It also bypasses reading transducer data during the Run window initialize period described above. Instead, it sets default values for each transducer as follows: (1) it is assumed protected (locked), (2) it has psi pressure units assigned, and (3) it has C° temperature units assigned. This emergency entry is very useful to quickly view or reconfigure some transducer parameter with the Run window’s Configure menu. It is also used to “repair” a failed firmware update operation (section 4.2.7).

Notice that whenever the Run window is visible and active, the Configure, Run, and Test menus on the main Data Scout Advanced window are unavailable for use. This essentially prevents unwanted changes to the site network configuration while the Run window is active. It also prevents the Run window (and other Test windows) from being active at the same time.

## 4.2 THE RUN WINDOW’S FUNCTIONS

The Run window has its own title bar, menu bar, and status bar. These are independent of similar ones on the main Data Scout Advanced window. Most of its menu functions are also duplicated, for convenience, as visual controls found in the control frames (rectangular boxes) labeled Acquire, Display, Record, and AutoLog that appear below the window’s status bar across the middle of the window. These controls act as convenient shortcuts to the equivalent menu items.

The Run window also has its own spreadsheet-like data table (list view) control, but this feature has an entirely different function than the similar Site Net Map on the main Data Scout Advanced window. On the Run window this table displays the latest samples of data as they are acquired “live” from any transducers or when they are extracted from stored AutoLog tests. In the Run window example above, no data were acquired yet, so these display table cells were only filled with “placeholders” showing what kind of data is

eventually displayed there (e.g., pdat for pressure data, pun for pressure units, etc.). When the Acquire function is started, these table cells are updated with actual “live” data. An alternate **Plot** display method for displaying acquired data may be selected instead of (or in addition to) the **Table** display. The Plot display causes a large rectangular graphic window to hide the display table although its Xdcr. column always remains to allow individual transducer rows to be selected by clicking them. A **Both** display type allows both the full data table and the plot surface to be visible together.

The Run window’s menu functions (and equivalent visual control frames) affect only those transducer(s) assigned to it. However, some menu functions require that only a single transducer be selected (highlighted) by clicking its row (in the Xdcr. column) of the data table.

#### 4.2.1 RUN WINDOW’S FILE MENU

The Run window’s File menu has two submenu sections (figure 4.3).

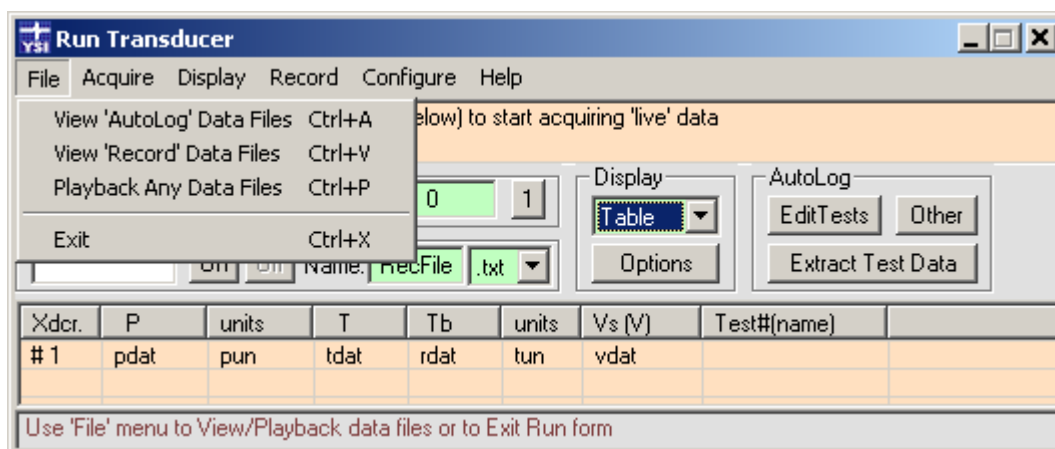


Figure 4.3

The first two items open a standard Windows® Open File dialog window that lists files in Data Scout Advanced’s Dat subfolder.

The first item **File | View ‘AutoLog’ Data Files** has its filter pre-specified for viewing all AutoLog Test Data (.atd) files containing data extracted from Level Scout’s tests. Any comma-separated-variable files, created at the same time but with a .csv extension, may also be viewed by changing the filter. If the AutoLog Plot window of display is also selected, a selected .atd file is also plotted as well as viewed as a text file.

The second item **File | View ‘Record’ Data Files** has its filter pre-specified for viewing all “live” recorded data files in the current specified Record format (.txt or .csv). Whichever type is initially selected, view the other type by changing the filter. These files cannot be plotted here, but the Playback functions can plot them.

In either case above, when a file name is selected and then opened, that file will be opened in the default text editor.

Selecting the third item **File | Playback Any Data Files** causes the Playback application (DSPlay.exe) window to be activated in its own window. This application has its own File menu (and other menus), and is designed specifically for generating secondary tabular report files and graphic plots from any data file generated by Data Scout Advanced. It is also capable of performing various Convert operations on its selected data file. One of these can compensate absolute pressure data obtained from Absolute Level Scout(s) by associating it with data from another recorded data file obtained from a BaroScout located at a known elevation from the liquid surface of any well or lake containing the Absolute Level Scout(s) to be compensated. These reference barometer data must be recorded at the same time (approximately) as the level transducer(s). This Playback application is described fully in Chapter 6.

An **Exit** item is found in the last section of the File submenu. This item’s only purpose is to exit the Run window. After this Run task exits, the previously dimmed Configure, Run, and Test menus on the main Data Scout Advanced window are made available for use again.

If data acquisition is in progress when Exit is requested, the user is warned with a warning message indicating that Exit is not possible (figure 4.4).

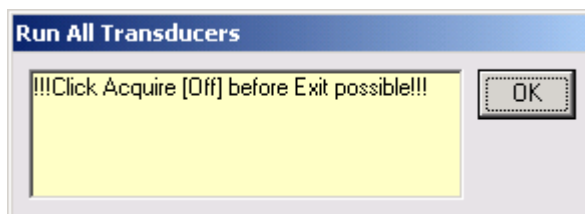


Figure 4.4

The user must then click OK on this status window to dismiss it, and then click Off in Acquire frame, before the Run window can successfully Exit. A similar warning occurs if the user tries to Exit too quickly before Run completes its one-time startup initialization period.

## 4.2.2 RUN WINDOW'S ACQUIRE MENU AND CONTROLS

The Run window's Acquire menu has four sections (see figure 4.5).

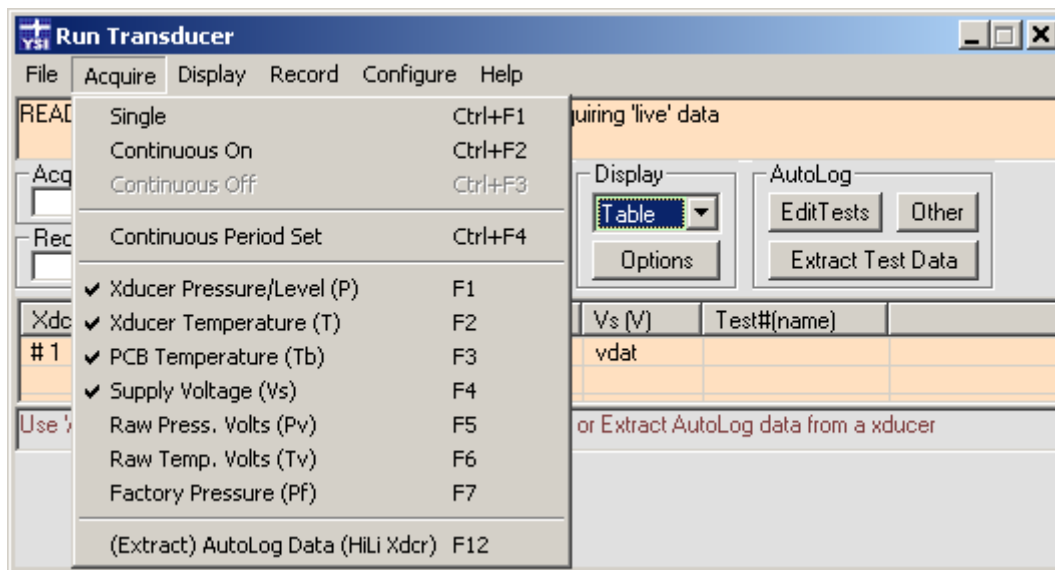


Figure 4.5

The top two sections contain functions that control the “live” acquisition and display cycle of the Run window. These menu items also have shortcuts in the form of controls in the Acquire frame located just below the status bar. The central light-green entry box labeled **Period** allows for inputting the continuous scan's frequency in seconds (figure 4.6). See the ToolTips of all these controls for tips and rules for using them.



Figure 4.6

Whether using the menu items, keyboard shortcuts, or the easier-to-use push-buttons, the user can cause the Run window to make one single scan of the transducers or start (turn On) or stop (turn Off) a continuous Acquire/Display cycle with an adjustable period.

The third section of the Acquire menu contains several Measurement options that can be individually checked or unchecked. Checked options select internal transducer measurements that will be acquired and displayed “live” during the particular acquisition cycle chosen. Un-checking an item de-selects its corresponding measurement. Whenever a measurement's option is changed, the Run window's data display is rebuilt to show only the display columns for those measurements currently-checked. These Measurement Options as well as the Acquire Period value are persistent which means that they are saved in a file (Run.ini) when the Run window exits. Such options are restored the next time the Run window is activated. The On and Off Acquire options are not persistent thus the Run window always starts with Acquire Off.

To start or stop acquisition (and display) of all configured measurements at any time, select the desired visual button in the Acquire frame. Selecting the 1 button (or **Acquire | Single** menu item) causes only one single-cycle of all selected data to be scanned and displayed on demand. Select the Off button (or **Acquire | Continuous Off** menu item) to end this cycle early without completing a complete scan of all configured measurements. To start continuous (cyclic) scanning of the data click the On button (or **Acquire | Continuous On** menu item). Click the Off button (or **Acquire | Continuous Off** menu item) to stop this continuous acquisition cycle. Any continuous scanning in progress will be repeated according to the current setting of the Acquire Period (in seconds) value that is displayed in the middle (light green) text box in the Acquire frame. A zero (0) value causes back-to-back continuous scanning when On is clicked. Select the text box (or **Acquire | Continuous Period Set** menu item) to change the period.

Either will allow the user to edit the text box directly, after which the user *must* press <Tab> (or click outside the text box) to make the change effective.

**NOTE:**

A non-zero Acquire Period value (in seconds) that is less than the time it takes to actually make a complete scan of all selected measurements will result in a nearly continuous scan. A small pause between scans, with the Scan Count box displayed briefly yellow (200 msec), indicates this. Set Acquire Period to zero for a true continuous scan with no pause.

When Acquire is in progress, for a single scan or scanning continuously, the left-most box (under the Acquire label) changes from white to bright green, and begins to count scans of all selected measurements (figure 4.7). The integer part counts the number of whole scans acquired. The fractional part indicates the particular measurement number (1-7) currently being scanned. In the example below, Acquire is scanning continuously, since the On button is dimmed (can not be selected). Also, it is currently scanning the 1<sup>st</sup> measurement of the 8th overall scan. If scanning stops entirely, the Off button will be dimmed, and the counter box will show its final achieved scan count on a white background.

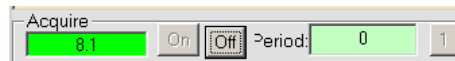


Figure 4.7

**NOTE:**

Select the **Scan Counter** box to clear its scan counter to zero if Acquire is currently off. This relative counter has no purpose except as an indicator.

Figure 4.8 below, is an example of a Continuous scan in progress where the **Period:** text box contains a non-zero Acquire Period value (60 sec.). That box will become bright yellow if such a period is currently active and counting (or remain light-green if acquisition is not continuously On). The leftmost Scan Counter box will be bright green during any scanning of all selected measurements but turns bright yellow during any idle time while Acquire is waiting for the next period (time of a next scan) to begin.

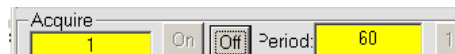


Figure 4.8

Once an Acquire cycle has been started it will be impossible to Exit the Run window, or change any measurements acquired and displayed, until acquisition is stopped by selecting **Off** and the scan in progress is finished. The continuous Period box's value may be changed any time. However, a <Tab> key (or mouse click outside the box) must be entered before the change is recognized. If an Acquire cycle is already in progress, it may take another completed cycle before the change takes effect visibly. Clicking the [1] button or the **On** button while a single or continuous cycle is already in progress, is ignored. However, clicking the [1] button during the idle time between periodic scans will cause an immediate single scan and the continuous periodic cycle will end as if **Off** had been clicked.

**NOTE:**

The Level Scout allows scanning of their Raw Pressure Volts or Raw Temperature Volts measurement data ONLY if the transducer is Unlocked. The resulting bad values of "\*\*\*\*" are displayed if their acquisition is attempted while the transducer is Locked. Use **Configure | Lock Access (HiLi Xdcr)** to change this state.

In figure 4.9, the Run window is shown with only a single measurement (P) selected. Here, the continuous “live” acquisition cycle (with fastest possible scan period = 0) is shown in progress (i.e., count box = 3.1 and bright green) the count indicates that the 3<sup>rd</sup> scan, 1<sup>st</sup> (and only) measurement, is in progress. Since there is only one measurement, the fractional part of the scan counter never changes when the box is green. The message in the status bar (at top) and MenuTip bar (at bottom) changes frequently to also show current state of scan.

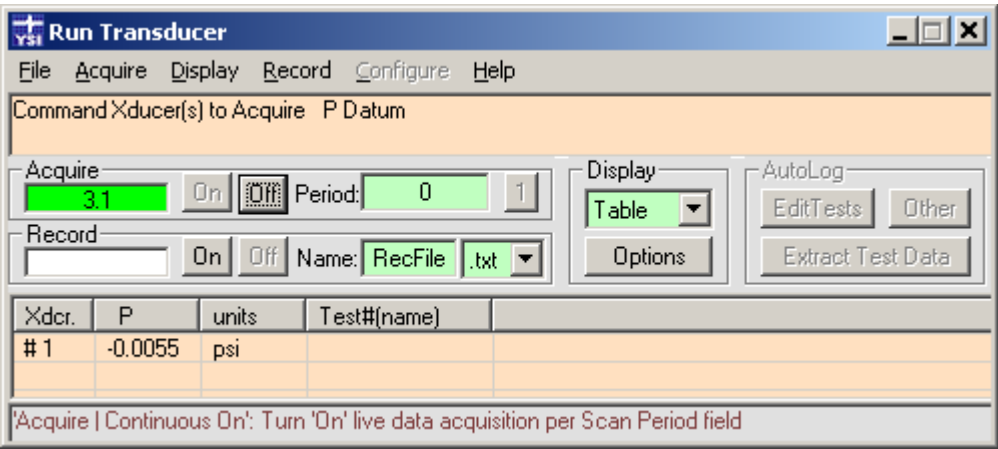


Figure 4.9

In above example, note that the Configure menu, AutoLog frame of controls, and all measurement selection items in second section of Acquire menu are disabled while acquisition is running. Thus, the user can change the data content of the acquisition only by stopping Acquire first. After clicking the Off button, changing measurements is accomplished from the second section of the Acquire menu. However, if the Record function is also On, the user may leave it on during such a change which allows the recorded data format to change across the length of the recorded file. Special “unit” header/trailer lines are written to the data file when such format changes occur. These assist the Playback function in handling the complexity of a file whose data content changes dynamically.

The empty Test#(name) column of the Table data display is reserved for data displayed when a Level Scout transducer has its “AutoLog” data extracted (described later), and the Table or Both display type is selected.

4.2.3 RUN WINDOW’S DISPLAY MENU AND CONTROLS

The Run window’s Display menu has two sections (figure 4.10). The top section allows one of three display types to be selected. The currently selected display type is checked. The bottom section contains a single selection labeled Options, which causes an Option window to open to show the current options available for the currently selected type, and to allow changes to these options.

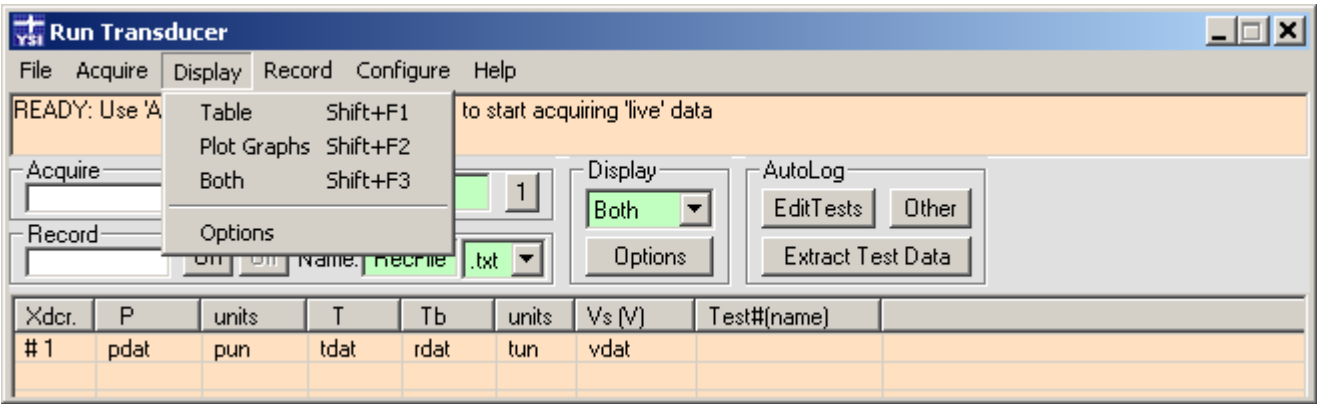


Figure 4.10

A separate frame of visual controls in the Run window, labeled **Display**, has all the exact same functions, but with ToolTips. The light-green list box shows the currently selected Display type, and its right arrow button allows the user to select a new type from a drop-down list.

Selecting the **Options** button in this frame causes an auxiliary Display Options window to open (figure 4.11). This option window lets the user select other options of the currently selected Display type, but the **Table** type does not currently have any special options of its own thus the empty second frame. Ignore the first frame for now (it's for displaying extracted AutoLog data which is described later).

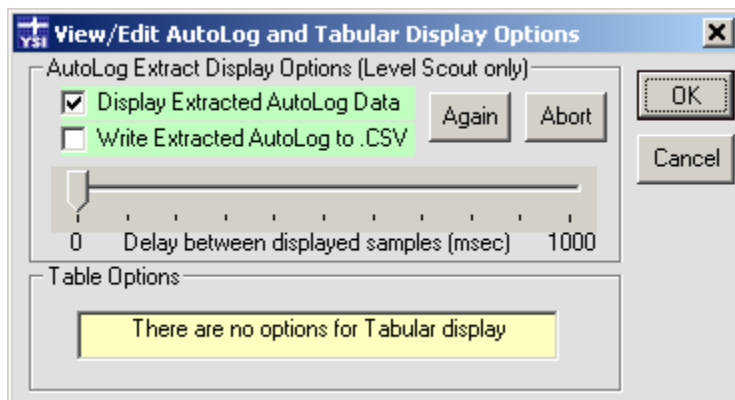


Figure 4.11

For some applications a graphic display type is a more suitable format than the default spreadsheet-like tabular format. By clicking the arrow in the list box of the Display frame, and selecting the Plot display type, data may be displayed as a graph. This may be a Trend Plot of “live” acquired data or an AutoLog Plot (figure 4.12).



Figure 4.12

**NOTE:**

The Xdcr. column (of the original Table display) remains exposed (on the left) when a plot display pane appears on top of it. This allows individual transducers to still be selected (by clicking their row) which is required to perform various other transducer-specific Configure menu functions of the Run window. Clicking a row is also used to select the scope of a Trend plot: either a single transducer's measurements or data from all transducers plotted together (by clicking the bottom blank row). A similar function chooses to plot the latest extracted or selected AutoLog file (see section 4.2.5.2).

The desired Plot format (AutoLog or Trend) may also be explicitly selected by clicking the **Options** button in the Display frame, then selecting it in the second frame of a Display Options window (figure 4.13). The option window also allows one to select other options of the currently selected Plot format (e.g., scope, symbol size and density, background colors, etc.). Explore the ToolTips of these option windows for more information on the purpose of each option frame, field, and button. Plot options can also be obtained by clicking the plotting surface.

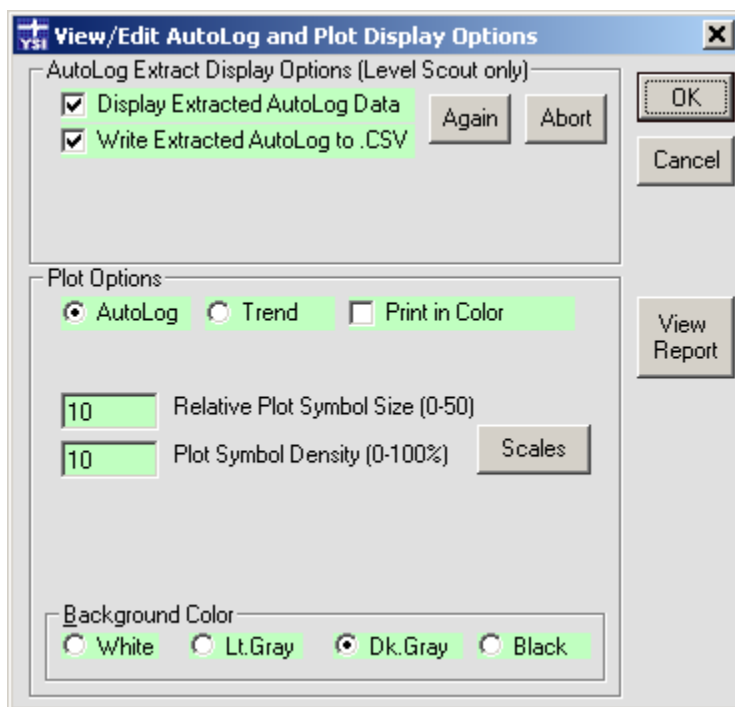


Figure 4.13

The first frame of Display Options can be ignored for now as it determines if AutoLog data (to be described later) are to be displayed when extracted from the Level Scout. The type of plot (Trend or AutoLog) is usually selected automatically. However, the second frame lets you also choose it explicitly, which is sometimes useful when both are possible. The window also displays other options that are appropriate to that particular selected plot type. In the Trend case shown, the user can also select its scope here.

The All Transducers Trend format can be confusing if there are many transducers, as there is room to show labeled axes for only four measurements. The user must mentally divide the printed range annotation of each measurement by five to establish the value of each of the five standard grid lines shown. If the Pressure (P) and Temperature (T) measurements are not selected, then other selected measurements have their axes labeled instead.

Clicking the **Scales** button on this window reveals other advanced options for overriding plot scale end-points normally chosen automatically (figure 4.14). Clicking the **Options** button (on right) will restore the original second frame of main options. Once any Scale End-Points have been edited they will persist until the **Plot** format is reselected for the display which restores the original “automatic” scale end-points. When a single transducer is the Trend scope, its automatically determined scale end-points are appropriate to the range of that transducer. However, when “All” transducers are plotted together, the scale end-points are “amalgamated” (i.e., they range from the lowest end-point of the lowest transducer range, to the highest end-point of the highest transducer range), and for Pressure (P) and Temperature (T) measurement they may vary in units as well.

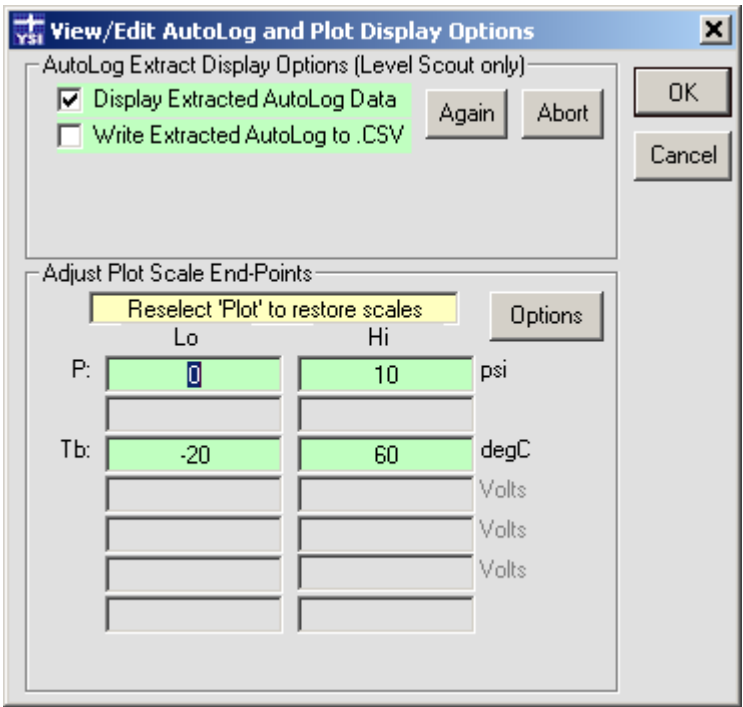


Figure 4.14

The user can exclude any measurement from the current plot by clicking its name label (P, T, Tb, Vs, ...) on the Scales window. This method removes the measurement from the plot only, without affecting the selected measurements that continue to be acquired and recorded. Clicking the measurement’s name label again restores it to the plot.

Any changes to plot options will cause a Trend plot to restart (at zero time). So, be sure to make all changes and test them ahead of time, if it is necessary to see plotted Trend data uninterrupted for extended periods.

There is a third Display type, called Both, that reveals both a Tabular Display and Plot Display in the same window. For some applications this is particularly useful since this allows the user to view the graphic representation of data and the most recently acquired/extracted digital tabular printed values.

Examples of this display type and its option windows are shown on the following page (figures 4.15 and 4.16). As before, the option windows can be obtained by clicking the **Options** button, by making the **Display | Options** menu selection, or by clicking the plotting surface.



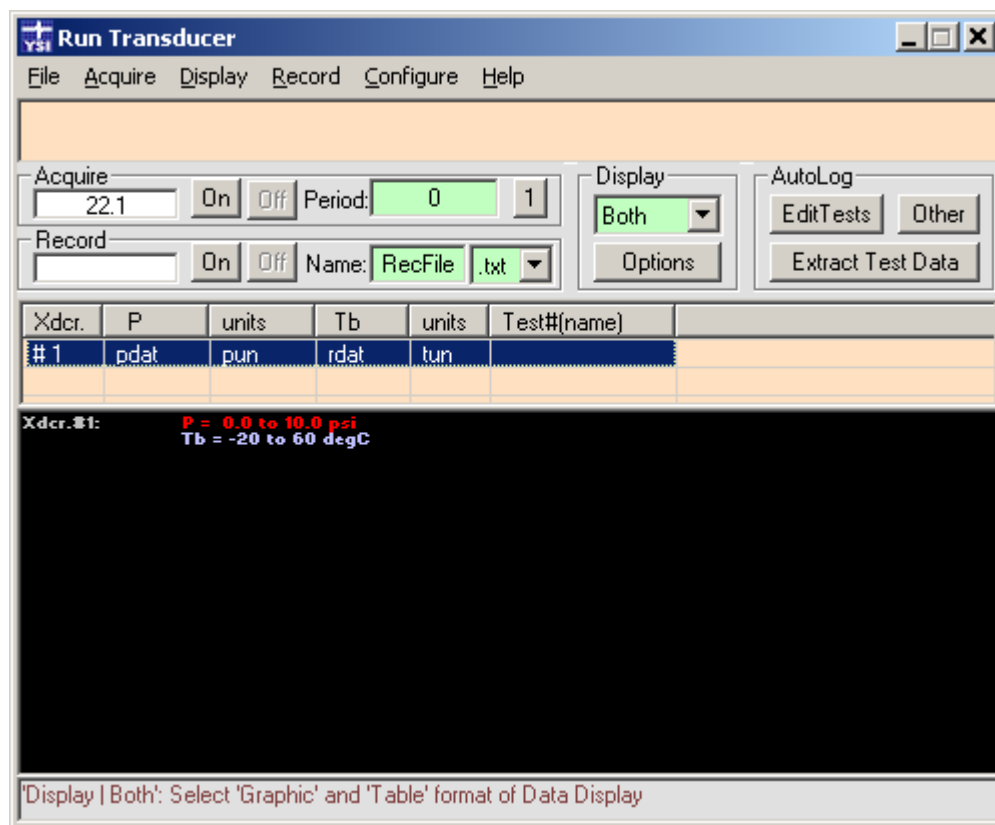


Figure 4.15

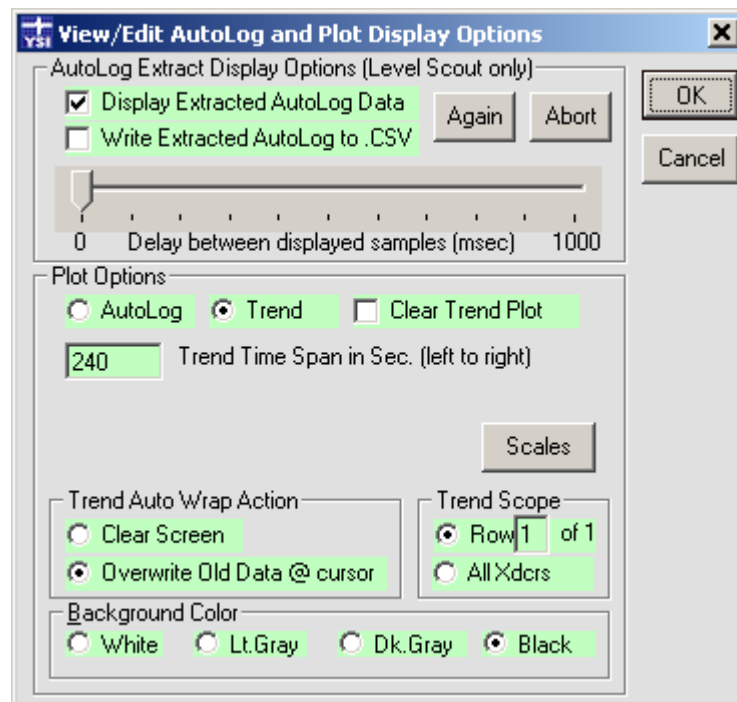


Figure 4.16

The only significant option difference is the addition of a slider control that allows the delay between successive tabular display updates to be varied. However, this is only useful for displaying AutoLog data (described later). The other Plot options are the same as for the Plot-Only Trend graph.

The original Table Display type on the Run window can only be resized in the horizontal direction though its various tabular display columns can be narrowed or widened by dragging their header boundaries. However, when a Plot (or Both) Display type is selected the Run window may be resized in both horizontal and vertical directions. These changes in size are persistent.

The plotting surface will always resize itself appropriately as the horizontal and vertical dimensions of the Run window are changed (except when “live” data is being acquired and also displayed on a Trend graph). Really small plotting surfaces are possible, but are not very practical from a readability standpoint. Thus, it is recommended that the user enlarge the Plot Display to near full-screen size in order to best view a plot’s labels and annotations. The small annotation text will use a progressively larger font as the window’s width is increased. The line spacing of annotation text will also increase with window height. A few seconds after the window is resized, any selected plots will be replotted.

#### 4.2.4 RUN WINDOW’S RECORD MENU AND CONTROLS

The Run window’s **Record** menu item reveals a submenu in three sections (figure 4.17). The top section turns the function that records “live” scans to data files, On or Off. The middle section allows the “beginning” name of the next recorded data file created to be defined and also allows any existing recorded data file to be selected and viewed. This latter function is also duplicated (for convenience) on the Run window’s File menu. The bottom section sets the format of the next recorded data file created to either a simple block-per-scan text format (.txt) or to a spreadsheet row per scan format (.csv). Examples of both formats are shown at the end of this section.

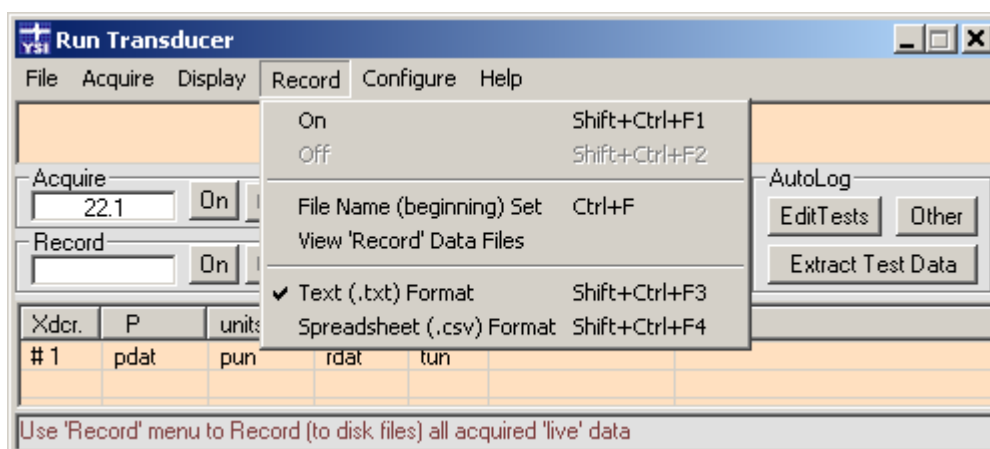


Figure 4.17

These menu items duplicate functions also available in the **Record** frame of visual controls located just below the **Acquire** frame (figure 4.18). Whether using the menu items or the frame of visual push-button, the Run window can record any acquired “live” data scans for short or extended sessions.



Figure 4.18

Select the **On** button (or **Record | On** menu item) to “create” a new recorded data file. It opens a new file whose name begins with whatever is currently displayed in the light-green text box labeled **Name**, and ends with a file extension and internal format specified by the rightmost list box. Time and date are added to make the file name unique. Using the example above, a file named of **xyz\_<date>\_<time>.txt** would be created in the **Dat** subfolder of the path where Data Scout Advanced was installed (normally C:\YSI\DSAdv\). The complete path name of a typical recorded data file would be C:\YSI\DSAdv\Dat\xyz\_2006-9-21\_13-49-08.txt.

Click the **Off** button (or **Record | Off** menu item) to stop recording and close the currently open data file. Any such data file may contain no acquired data (if **Acquire** was never turned On while file is open) or it may contain data obtained by one or more **Acquire** sessions (i.e., in case **Acquire** turned On and Off once or several times during the time **Record** file is open).

Click the **Name:** text box (or **Record | File Name (beginning) Set** menu item) to change the “beginning” characters of the name of the data file that will be created next. After editing the text box, press <Tab> (or click outside the text box) to make the name change

effective. Any name is permitted as long as it can be part of a valid Windows® file name. If the name is left blank, then the next recorded data file name will begin with an underline character followed by the <date> and <time> fields, all separated by an underline character.

As soon as a new file is created (and a set of header lines describing the transducer and other Data Scout Advanced parameters are recorded to it) it is closed. Thereafter, it is reopened as a text file (with the append option) only when a scan is ready to be recorded to it after which it is immediately closed at the end of a complete scan. This makes the file less vulnerable to the user forgetting to close it when finishing a recording session since it is always incrementally written by appending to it and it remains closed most of the time between scans (particularly when using the Demand (i.e., 1 button) acquisition or Continuous (i.e., **On** button) acquisition with a non-zero Acquire Period).

When the Record function is On, the leftmost box changes from a white background to a bright green background. A relative time stamp is displayed for each sub-scan of a particular measurement that is recorded. This box remains bright green until the Record function is stopped by clicking the **Off** button. The time stamp is also written to the data file before each measurement's sub-scan. As the time stamp grows, its format and resolution changes from fractional sec, to min:sec, then hr:min:sec. in order to continue to fit into the box.

The text box labeled **Name**, containing the File Beginning Name, is normally light-green while Record is Off. If Record function is On, and a measurement scan is also currently being acquired, it turns bright-green. If the Record function is On, and a measurement scan is not currently being acquired, the box is bright yellow indicating that file has been created, but is not currently being written to.

The particular Record data file format selected depends on how the recorded data will be used. The two formats are both simple sequential text files. However, the one with the .txt extension, records data in a more directly human-readable block format with each particular measurement's sub-scan (a time stamp followed by a sample of the measurement(s) from each configured transducer) written to a separate line of the file. At the end of complete scan a blank line is written. This so-called block format repeats for every complete scan.

The format with the .csv extension (comma-separated variable text file), records the same basic data but all these data are contained on the same spreadsheet row (text line). That is, each individual measurement's time stamp and sub-scan is written on the same spreadsheet row. There is no blank line dividing complete scans from sub-scans. Commas separate each datum to make it easier for a spreadsheet program to read and display the file.

The Record options for File Name and File Format are persistent, in that they are saved in a file (Run.ini) when the Run window exits. Such options will be restored the next time the Run window is activated. The On and Off Record options are not persistent thus the Run window always starts with Record Off.

#### 4.2.5 RUN WINDOW'S AUTOLOG FEATURE

The Run window's **AutoLog** menu items are at the bottom of both the Configure and Acquire menus (figures 4.19 and 4.20).

Acquire	Display	Record	Configure	Help
Single				Ctrl+F1
Continuous On				Ctrl+F2
Continuous Off				Ctrl+F3
Continuous Period Set				Ctrl+F4
✓ Xducer Pressure/Level (P)				F1
Xducer Temperature (T)				F2
✓ PCB Temperature (Tb)				F3
Supply Voltage (Vs)				F4
Raw Press. Volts (Pv)				F5
Raw Temp. Volts (Tv)				F6
Factory Pressure (Pf)				F7
(Extract) AutoLog Data (HiLi Xdcr)				F12

Figure 4.19

Configure	Help
Field Offset (HiLi Xdcr)	
Averaging Press/Temp (HiLi Xdcr)	
Pressure Units (HiLi Xdcr)	
Temperature Units (HiLi Xdcr)	
User Units (HiLi Xdcr)	
Alter Meas.Commands (HiLi Xdcr)	
Lock Access (HiLi Xdcr)	Ctrl+L
Baud Rate (HiLi Xdcr)	
Cal. Adjust Coeffs (HiLi Xdcr)	
Main Cal.Coeffs 0-22 (HiLi Xdcr)	
Sleep Mode (HiLi Xdcr)	
Update Firmware (HiLi Xdcrs)	Ctrl+U
Zero (HiLi Xdcr)	Ctrl+Z
AutoLog Test (HiLi Xdcr)	F11
AutoLog Other (HiLi Xdcr)	F9

Figure 4.20

To make it easier to find and use these functions, a visual control frame labeled **AutoLog** appears in the Run window to integrate all these functions in one place (figure 4.21).

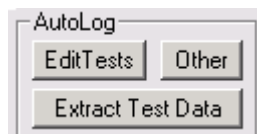


Figure 4.21

*Note:*

A particular transducer row in the Xdcr. column of the Run window's must be selected (highlighted) before selecting any of these AutoLog buttons (or menu equivalents), as these functions focus only on a single Level Scout.

#### 4.2.5.1 CREATING AND EDITING AUTOLOG TESTS

The **Edit Tests** button lets the user Configure (define and/or edit) one or more tests that can be defined in the selected transducer. Clicking this button opens the **AutoLog** window open (figure 4.22). This window permits the user to view and/or edit any or all of the AutoLog tests (numbered 1 - 16) that are defined inside the selected Level Scout.

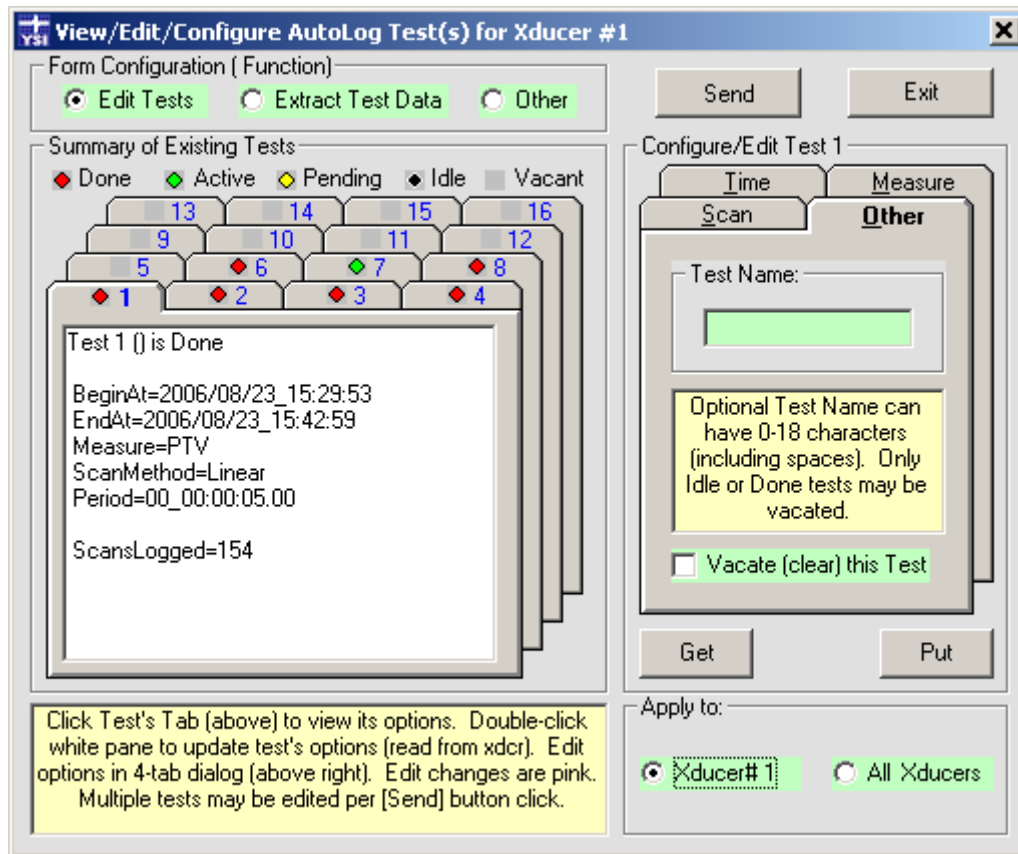


Figure 4.22

On top of the initial AutoLog window, a temporary status window may appear during the process of reading all (up to 16) tests inside the transducer. When this operation is done, the AutoLog window is enabled, allowing the user to create new tests or to edit existing tests.

Notice the three options in the frame of controls located at the upper left of this window. Although the Edit Test function is currently selected, two other configurations (Extract Test Data and Other) can be chosen at any time. These functions are described in the following sections.

Notice the **Send** and **Exit** buttons at the upper right of this window. The Send button can be selected anytime there are one or more edit (pink) changes made that need to be sent to the selected transducers or broadcast to All transducers assigned to the Run window per the Apply to: frame at the bottom right of the window. To return to the Run window, select the Exit (or X) button. If edit (pink) changes have been made, the user will be warned if exiting the window is attempted without sending the edits to the transducer first.

The status of all tests appears in the frame titled **Summary of Existing Tests**, which is a collection of tabbed sections. Any of these 16 tests may be viewed, one at a time, by clicking the desired test number tab. The large white test status pane of the selected tab will show a summary report of that test's parameters. Such parameters cannot be edited directly in this display-only pane. Instead, all editable parameters also appear in the frame titled **Configure/Edit Test "n"** (where n is the selected test number). Select each of its four tabs to view and edit all of the current test's parameters. These parameters include:

**Time:** Specify begin and end times: None, Absolute, or Relative

**Scan:** Specify period, type (e.g., linear, logarithmic, averaged, event-based), and other scan options (degree of averaging, etc)

- Measure:** Specify any or all measurements to be logged: transducer level or pressure (P), transducer temperature (T), printed circuit board temperature (B), and battery voltage (V)
- Other:** Give tests an optional name (up to 18 chars.) or Vacate any Idle or Done test. The program will warn the user to extract the data from Done tests before vacating them.

The **Time** tab contains options for entering the **Begin** and **End** date/times of a new test, or for displaying the date/times of an existing test (figure 4.23). Enter the test date/times in an Absolute or Relative format. The **None** selection leaves date/time undefined. The user cannot change the **Begin** time of a test once it is scheduled to run. However, the user may change the **End** time of an existing Active test to force it to end earlier than originally specified. Setting a test's Relative End time of 0\_0:0:0 will usually end it immediately (after **Send** button is selected) if the test is already Active.

The screenshot shows a software window with two main tabs: 'Scan' and 'Other'. The 'Other' tab is active and contains a sub-tab labeled 'Time'. Below the 'Time' sub-tab, there are two sections: 'Begin' and 'End'. Each section has three radio buttons: 'None', 'Abs', and 'Rel'. The 'Rel' radio button is selected for both 'Begin' and 'End'. Below the radio buttons, there are three input fields for days, hours, and minutes. For 'Begin', the values are 0, 0, and 5. For 'End', the values are 0, 5, and 0.

Figure 4.23

**Note: ABSOLUTE vs. RELATIVE DATE/TIME**

Only Absolute dates/times of tests are actually sent to (and understood by) the Level Scout. Relative entry is a user convenience provided by the software. A Relative Start date/time of a test is relative to when the user presses the **Send** button. A Relative End date/time of a test is relative to its previously specified Relative (or Absolute) Begin date/time. Thus, a Relative Begin date/time of 0\_0:0:5 (default) starts the test 5 seconds after it is sent to the Level Scout. A Relative End date/time of 0\_0:5:0 (default) stops the test 5 minutes after it was started. Using Relative values is often simpler than trying to enter six exact numbers as accurate Absolute values. Note that relative dates have no year or month field, but have only a single day field with a possible value of 0 to 99 relative days. The necessary conversion from relative to absolute date/time is made just before the values are transmitted to the transducer. Thereafter, only the equivalent absolute value is displayed.

The **Scan** tab accepts a relative time Period (in days, hours, minutes, and seconds, between the starts of each scan) and a Scan Type selection for a test (figure 4.24). The most common Scan Type is **Linear**, meaning that the scans are evenly spaced in time at a fixed constant period. The period has a days field that can be specified as 0-99 days. The seconds field of the period may have a fractional part allowing it to vary from 0 to 59.99 seconds. The minimum period that can be specified between scans is 0\_0:0:0.01 (1/100th of a second) but using such a short period will seriously limit the life of the battery and the total test time, as the finite memory will also be used up very fast.

The image shows a software interface with two tabs: 'Time' and 'Measure'. The 'Scan' tab is active under 'Time'. It contains a 'Method' dropdown menu set to 'Linear' and a 'Period' field with four input boxes containing '0', '0', '1', and '0' separated by colons. Below these is a yellow informational box with the text: 'Period sets scan rate. It or other options set log rate.'

Figure 4.24

For the **Logarithmic** scan type, the period starts small (0\_0:0:0.01) and logarithmically lengthens until it reaches the final terminal scan period specified after which the period remains constant at this terminal value until the test ends (figure 4.25).

The image shows a software interface with a 'Method' dropdown menu set to 'Logarithmic' and a 'Period' field with four input boxes containing '0', '0', '1', and '0' separated by colons.

Figure 4.25

The image shows a software interface with a 'Method' dropdown menu set to 'Linear-Average', a 'Period' field with four input boxes containing '0', '0', '1', and '0' separated by colons, and an 'Average Count' field with the value '10'.

Figure 4.26

The image shows a software interface with a 'Method' dropdown menu set to 'Event-Based', a 'Period' field with four input boxes containing '0', '0', '1', and '0' separated by colons, a 'Delta' field with the value '0.5', and a 'Default # Scans' field with the value '100'. There are also radio buttons for 'P' and 'T' next to the Delta field.

Figure 4.27

For the **Linear-Averaged** scan type, the extra **Average Count** entry field limits the number of scans actually logged, while acquiring data at the specified higher period but only logging less-frequent single scans containing the averaged values up to that point (figure 4.26).

For the **Event-Based** scan type, data scans are acquired at the specified period, but logging occurs only when a particular specified datum (pressure or temperature) changes by the specified relative (delta) amount or by default after the specified number of scans (in the **Default # Scans** field) has occurred without a preceding delta change (figure 4.27).

The **Measure** tab allows the user to select any or all of the available measurements (pressure, transducer temperature, printed-circuit-board temperature, or supply voltage) to be made for each acquired scan of the test (figure 4.28). The supply voltage always measures the internal battery voltage even if external power is supplied. Simply check the check-box corresponding to each desired measurement to include it in each logged scan.

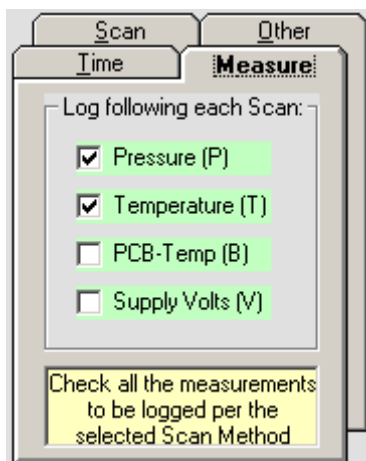


Figure 4.28

The **Other** tab (figure 4.29) has two unrelated entry/display items:

- A descriptive **Test Name** (enter up to 18 characters, blanks are OK). Enter the string “part#<Tab>” to get the actual transducer’s part # in the box as a test name.
- A check-box that, when checked, causes the entire test to be set to the Vacant state, if its current state is either Idle or Done. An Active test may be made Done quickly by setting its End date/time to Relative 0\_0:0:0. A Pending test may be made Done by setting its Begin and End date/times to Relative 0\_0:0:0.

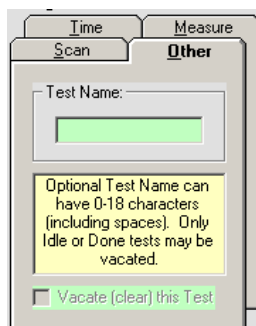


Figure 4.29

Note that all editable data fields are light green. If changed, they turn pink as does the test as a whole. The **Send** button also turns pink indicating that, by clicking it, all changed test parameters will be transmitted to the transducer(s) per the **Apply To:** frame. The **Send** button turns bright red after being selected until all edited changes have been sent to the transducer(s). After edit changes are sent, their fields return to their original light green unedited color.

**Note: HIDDEN CONTROLS**

Double-clicking the display-only white (or pink) test status pane for the selected current tab causes that test’s parameters to be re-read from the transducer and re-displayed. This function also removes any previous edits (pink fields) for that test. Double-clicking the outer left, right, or bottom borders of the test status pane, or the frame title labeled Summary of Exiting Tests, similarly causes the parameters of all 16 tests to be re-read from the transducer. This function also removes any previous edits (pink fields) from all tests.



On the right side of the Edit Tests window, below the four parameters tab, there may be several different special buttons visible, depending on the state of the selected test.

If the selected test is Active then a single button labeled **End Active Test** is visible. In this Active state, the only test parameter that can be changed via the editing process is the End Time of the test. All other parameters are dim and unchangeable. The End Active Test button is simply a shortcut for setting the End Time to a relative zero value. Clicking the button causes the Time tab to be displayed (if not already displayed) and its End Time fields are all changed to “pink” as an indication that they have been set to this new edited value. Select the **Send** button to transmit this edit change to the transducer(s).

If the selected test is Pending then a single button labeled **Begin Pending Test** is visible. In this Pending state, the only test parameters that can be changed via the editing process are the Begin Time and End Time of the test. All other parameters are dim and unchangeable. The Begin Pending Test button is a shortcut for setting the Begin Time to a relative zero value (0\_0:0:0 days\_hr: min: sec). Clicking the button causes the Time tab to be displayed and its Begin Time fields to be changed to “pink” as an indication that they have been set to this new edited value. Select the **Send** button to transmit this edit change to the transducer(s). If another test is Active, pressing this button may cause that Active test to end. If several tests are Pending, only force the “next” test in sequence to start.

If the selected test is in any state other than Pending or Active, then two buttons labeled **Get** and **Put** are visible. These buttons are particularly useful if the test is currently Vacant or Idle and in the in the process of being created. The Put button may be used to save the current test’s parameters (as is, in original or edited state) to any file in the Data Scout Advanced Ini subfolder. A dialog box opens to allow the user to save a named test scenario (.tst) file. Later, the user can use the Get button to retrieve a named test scenario file and substitute it as the current “edited” state of any other test. Clicking Get causes all of the selected file’s substituted test parameters to be set “pink” to indicate they have been modified. These buttons allow the user to share tests or test fragments between different transducers. Click the **Send** button to transmit these edit changes to the transducer(s).

Any or all modified (pink) test parameters are saved only when the **Send** button is selected. The **Exit** button will allow the user to cancel all changes made.

Normally, only changed (pink) test parameters are written back to the highlighted transducer when Send is selected. However, the Apply To frame (in lower right corner) has an alternate selection allowing the user to broadcast these Test Edit changes to all other transducers assigned to the Run window (for the same corresponding test number only). This can be a time-saving feature in some situations.

If any pre-programmed Level Scout(s), which have been loaded with tests, are disconnected from the PC and Data Scout Advanced, their special AutoLog hardware feature will continue to autonomously “log” (acquire and record) data as programmed as long each transducer has enough non-volatile memory space available and enough battery power to keep it running. Multiple tests can be scheduled concurrently. If any test’s begin/end times overlap another’s times you are warned and allowed to abort such changes or you may choose to proceed anyway. *If you allow tests with overlapped times to continue, the starting of a new pending test will terminate any other test already active.* Later, the transducer(s) may be reconnected to Data Scout Advanced. Then, you may Extract (read) the autonomously “logged” data scans from the transducer(s), and store them as data files on the PC per the instructions in the next section.

#### 4.2.5.2 EXTRACTING DATA FROM AUTOLOG TESTS

To **Extract** AutoLog data from a Level Scout, click (highlight) a particular transducer row on the left-most (**Xdcr.**) column of the Run window to choose the subject transducer. Then, click the large **Extract Test Data** button in the AutoLog frame.

Clicking this button makes the **AutoLog** window open (figure 4.30). Because the Extract Test Data function was selected, this window is initially configured with only the controls necessary to permit the user to view or extract data from any or all of the AutoLog tests (numbered 1 - 16) that are defined inside the selected Level Scout.

On top of the initial AutoLog window, a temporary status window may appear during the process of reading all (up to 16) tests inside the transducer.

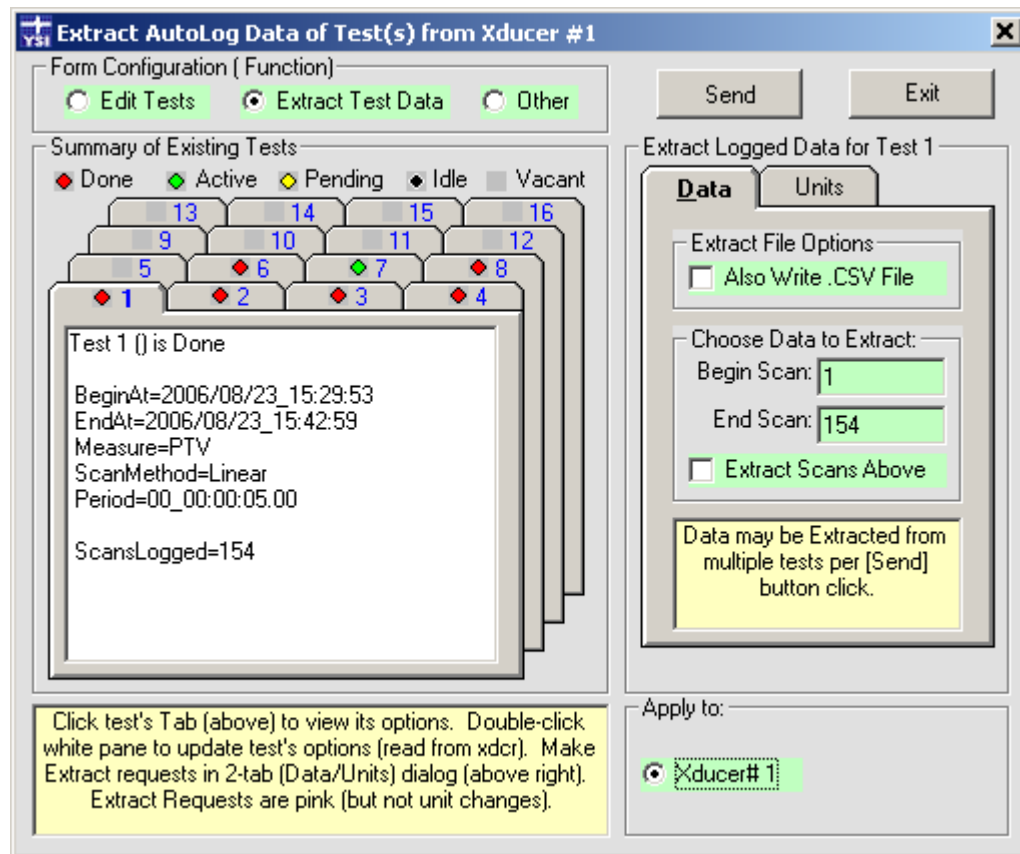


Figure 4.30

Notice the three options in the frame of controls located at the upper left of this window. Although the Extract Test Data function chosen from the Run window is currently selected, two other configurations (functions) can also be chosen at any time. The first (Edit Tests) was described in section 4.2.5.1. The Other choice is described below in section 4.2.5.3.

The frame labeled **Summary of Existing Tests** has the same identical tabbed control as the Edit Tests configuration already described. This frame also has the same “hidden” controls: double-clicking the display-only white (or pink) display pane updates the current test or double-clicking the display pane’s outer border updates all the tests. Both functions clear any previous edits (pink fields) for the affected test(s).

The frame labeled **Extract Logged Data for Test “n”** (where n is the currently selected test number) has only two tabs (labeled **Data** and **Units**).

The **Data** tab has two frames. The first frame has a single check-box option that determines whether or not a Comma-Separated-Variable (.csv) file should also be written in addition to the default AutoLog Test Data (.atd) file for every extracted test. This option applies to *all* extracted tests globally (not to each extracted test individually). The second frame of the Data tab has two test boxes showing the Begin and End scans currently available to extract from the currently selected test. It also requires that the user check a box in order to request the extraction of that test’s scans. The user can, however, request extraction of more than one test’s data when the **Send** button is clicked. The user can also extract other available scans by changing the default Begin and End text boxes.

All extract requests and option changes on the Data tab turn “pink” just like test parameter changes using the Edit Test function. Changed fields on the Unit tab do not turn pink since they are simple modifiers of the extract requests on a per test basis.

All extracted AutoLog pressure/level data coming from a Level Scout are downloaded to the PC in fixed units (psi pressure units, degC temperature units). However, Data Scout Advanced will automatically convert these extracted data to any other pre-selected transducer units chosen at the time of actual extraction after Send is clicked. It will be these units that are written to PC files. The default units are those units the transducer has been set to for reading of “live” acquired data. The Units tab (figure 4.31) inherits, and initially displays, the default units setting for every test when the AutoLog window is first loaded. However, the user may change these unit settings for each extract request. To extract a particular test’s AutoLog data multiple times, and write each file in different units and precision, click **Send** separately for each request.

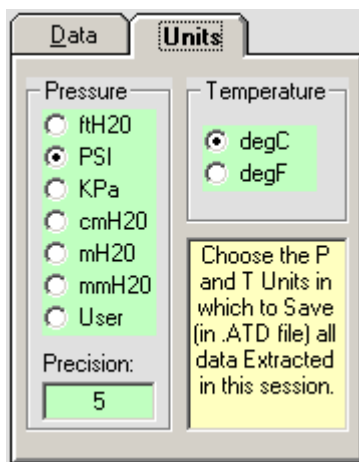


Figure 4.31

Behind the scenes, all extracted data are written first to a special raw file (XRTD.raw). When extraction is finished (or is aborted), this non-human-readable hidden file is always translated into an AutoLog Test Data (.atd) file, which contains human-readable text. Optionally, a Comma-Separated-Variable (.csv) file may also be written, which is readable by a spreadsheet application. All these files are stored in the Dat subfolder of Data Scout Advanced. The two “visible” files are automatically named using the transducer’s model#, serial#, test#, plus date and time of file creation (e.g., VS2\_012300\_Test1\_2006\_09\_30\_10\_56\_11.atd or .csv). After extraction, each .atd file is automatically displayed in the Run window. If extracting data from more than one test at a time, only the last test extracted is displayed. However, the user can re-display the other AutoLog files later after exiting from the AutoLog window and returning to the Run window. There, use the **File | View ‘AutoLog’ Data files** menu function to view an AutoLog file in the Run window.

If the current Display type is Table, the extracted AutoLog data file will appear on one row of the spreadsheet only.

Although there are special options in the first frame of the Display Options window (figure 4.32) to allow the speed of the Table update to be slowed down, and repeatedly displayed, the Plot form of display may be preferred for displaying extracted AutoLog data.

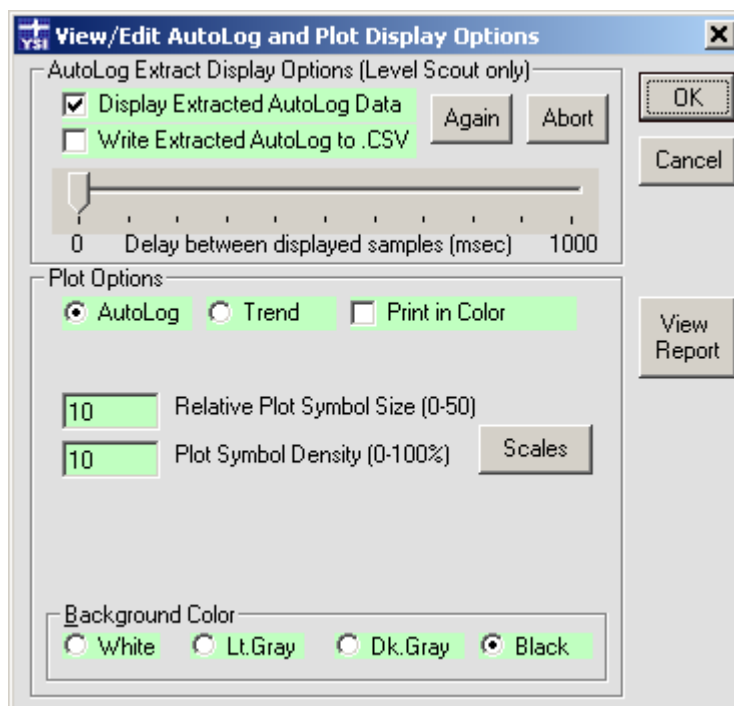


Figure 4.32

The first check box in figure 4.32 (labeled **Display AutoLog Data During Extraction**) is normally checked. It causes AutoLog data to be displayed at the time it is extracted and whenever any AutoLog Test Data (.atd) file is opened from the Open File dialog (obtained by the **File | View 'AutoLog' Data Files** function, by clicking the periphery of the AutoLog control frame, or its label). The second check box is optional, and determines if a Comma Separated Variable (.csv) file is generated from the extracted data in addition to the required AutoLog Test Data (.atd) file. This option duplicates one already shown on the Data tab of the Extract Test Data window. If the extracted data are displayed in the Table or Both format, it may be necessary to adjust the slider to slow down the display update rate in the table in order to see the individual scans. In such case, click the **Again** button and then **OK** to view the most recently selected .atd file's data again after each adjustment. Click the **Abort** button and then **OK** to stop displaying a very long data file.

**NOTE:**

If the current Display type is Plot or Both, but the current Plot source selected is for **Trend** ("live" acquired) data, extracted AutoLog data is not immediately plotted. To obtain the plot, right-click in the Plot and select the **AutoLog** option in the middle of the Plot Options window instead of the **Trend** option. Then, click the **Again** button and the **OK** button. The previously extracted data file is then plotted. Any subsequently extracted AutoLog data will be plotted immediately as long as **AutoLog** remains selected on the Plot Options window.

The preferred Display type for AutoLog data is Plot. Once displayed as a plot, the user may increase the window's size (and thus the plot surface) in both height and width by dragging the bottom-right corner of the Run window. Also, notice the particular Plot Option frame in figure 4.33. Open this window by selecting the Scales button in the previous window (figure 4.32). Just as with the Trend plot examples shown earlier, the user can accept the plot scale endpoints for each datum that are provided automatically, or manually edit any or all plot scale endpoints. Unlike Trend plots, the user can also manually change the time scale's endpoints. However, the user must accept the time units as provided in the .atd file containing the extracted data, which are set automatically according to the time span of the actual extracted test data. This is time in seconds for small spans, in minutes if the span exceed 120 seconds, in hours if the span exceeds 120 minutes, or in days if the span exceed 48 hours.

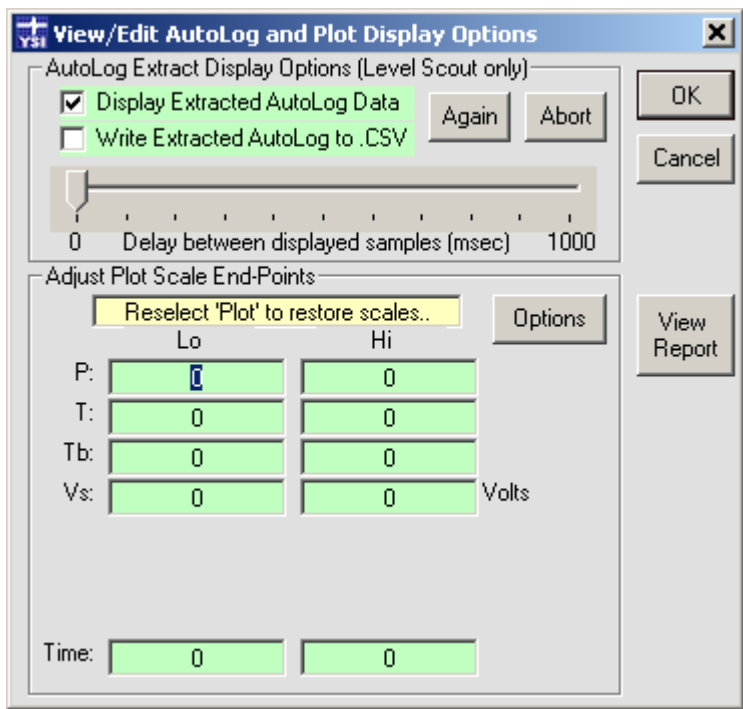


Figure 4.33

Note that when the AutoLog Plot window is displayed, a **Print Plot** button appears in the top right of Run window. Click this button to obtain a printer hard copy of the currently displayed AutoLog plot (in landscape format). The Trend Plot window does not have such a button because its plotted data does not all exist in a file.

**NOTICE:**

A considerable amount of time may pass, after clicking the **Print Plot** button, before any data appears on the printer. This is because all the data in the currently selected .atd file must be re-plotted and sent to the printer. Usually, the only indication of any progress is the appearance of a small printer icon in the Windows® tray.

The Display Options window for the Plot or Both display types can also be obtained by clicking the “plotting surface” of the Plot. If a plot is used for displaying AutoLog extracted data the user may need to choose other options in the second frame of controls. First, the AutoLog radio button must be clicked if Trend has been manually selected instead. Other options affect the color of plot background, plot symbol density and size, and whether the Print Plot button is selected. As already described, the Scales button provides access to an advanced feature that lets the end-points of each of the plot scales to be overridden manually by the user editing them. Once you have changed any Scale End-Points manually, return them to default values by re-selecting the Plot or Both display type again or in the case of AutoLog plots only, reselect the file again by clicking the AutoLog frame. The user can exclude any measurement from the current plot by clicking its label (P, T, Tb, or Vs) on the Scales window. Click the name label again to restore the measurement to the plot.

In addition to viewing the latest extracted AutoLog data file, the user may also access any previously extracted AutoLog data files from the File menu or by clicking the AutoLog frame title. Either function will open a Windows® open file box.

All .atd files will be listed in the large white pane by default, and the latest one created will appear in the File Name: list box, ready to select if the Open button is clicked. Otherwise, select any desired file name, and then click **Open** or double-click the desired file name.

To view the original text report when currently displaying an AutoLog plot, click the plot surface to bring up the Display Option window. Then, click the **View Report** button on the right side of the option window to view the plot's source text report.

The most recent ‘raw’ extraction file (normally hidden) cannot be viewed in Data Scout Advanced by clicking the Open button. However, it is in a text format, and can be viewed by choosing its special “filter”, labeled All Raw Data files (.raw), in the Files of type: pull-down list at the bottom of the Open File dialog window. Then, highlight its file name (XRTD.raw) and right-click the mouse. This reveals a standard Windows® context menu that has file-related choices (e.g., Open With and Send To) that permit the user to view it with any suitable text editor. Viewing this ‘raw’ file is only useful, for diagnostic purposes, if its extraction process failed or was aborted before completion. Technical support may ask you to do this if they need to analyze error and status messages in this file. Only the last such file is retained.

There is still one more button, the **Other** button, on the **AutoLog** frame of controls (figure 4.34). It has a corresponding function on the **Run** window's **Configure** menu as well. Clicking it will cause the following configuration of the **AutoLog** window open (figure 4.35).

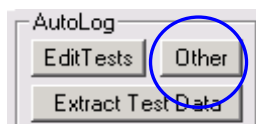


Figure 4.34

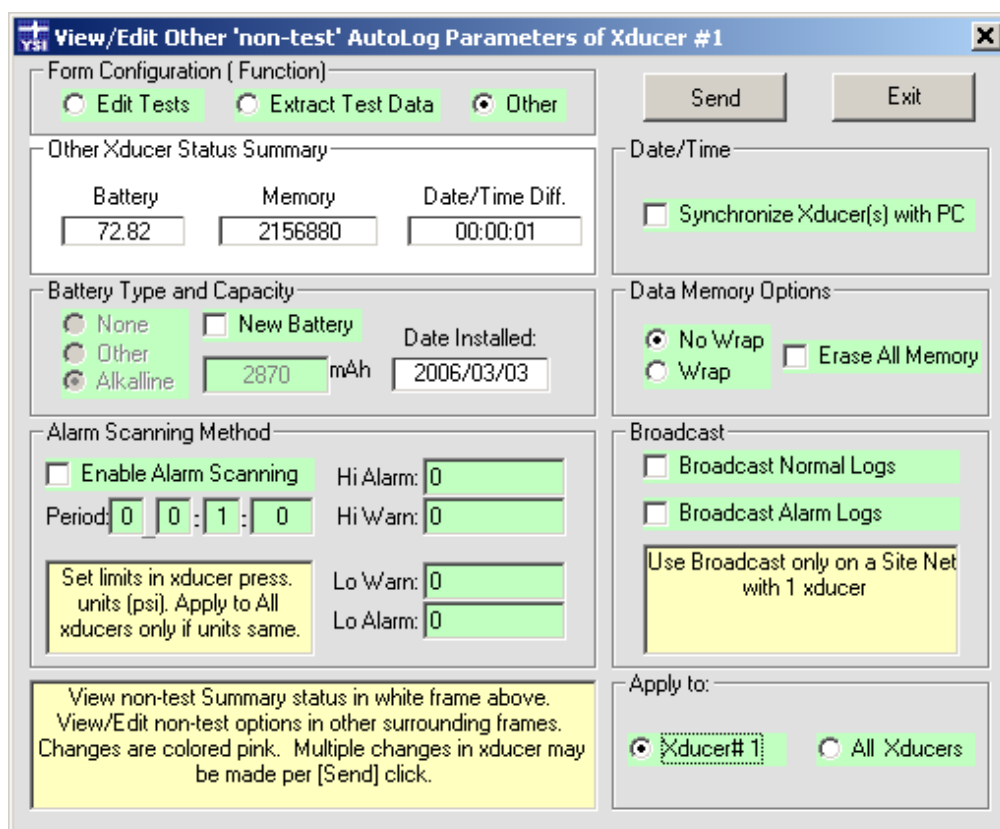


Figure 4.35

Notice the three options in the frame of controls located at the upper left of this window. Although the Other function you chose from the Run window is currently selected, two other configurations (functions) can also be chosen at any time. These were already described in section 4.2.5.1 and section 4.2.5.2. The main benefit of this frame is that the user can freely change between the three configurations of the AutoLog window, without having to return to the Run window, no matter which button opened this window.

This configuration of the AutoLog window shows all other (non-test# specific) status items and associated editable options that can be changed in the Level Scout. The white status frame shows three items including: **Battery** status (and options), **Memory** status (and options), and **Date/Time** status (and options). Double-clicking this frame's title will refresh all the Other status items by re-reading them from the transducer and redisplaying them. Double-clicking just the label above a particular status box will refresh that one item only. Three frames surrounding the white status frame allow changeable options of these various items (labeled in light green value fields) to be edited as needed. White value boxes show status values only and cannot be edited directly. For more information view the ToolTips of all these various fields for instructions on how to interpret them and edit them.

The only **Date/Time** option is a check box that allows the user to request that the date/time in the transducer be synchronized with the PC's date/time. The user may also be prompted to use this option when tests are uploaded from a transducer if PC and transducer are not currently synchronized in time. Double-clicking this frame's title will refresh Date/Time status and options only.

The **Data Memory Options** tells the transducer what to do when it runs out of memory during a test. The test (and any future pending tests) can either stop (**No Wrap**), or the transducer's firmware can start reusing memory occupied by earlier samples starting with the first sample recorded (**Wrap**). There is also an option to erase all memory. This check-box option should only be checked when the data from all the tests have been extracted. Double-clicking this frame's title will refresh Memory status and options only.

The **Battery** options frame shows the current type of battery, its "new" capacity (both fields are initially dim), and the last Date Installed. The light green fields can be edited only after the transducer's batteries have been changed which is acknowledge by checking the **New Battery** check-box. Setting the type and capacity correctly is essential if the status field (showing the amount of battery power remaining) is to be maintained correctly. Click the **New Battery** check box only on the day you change the battery. The **Date/Time Synchronize** function is also checked for you, since it is a prerequisite to executing the New Battery command. It is executed before the **New Battery** command when both are checked. The **Date Installed** field will be updated (with today's date) after the **New Battery** command has been successfully executed. Double-clicking this frame's title will refresh Battery status and options only.

The bottom half of the window contains two frames of "global" test parameters: Alarm Scanning and Broadcast. These are parameters that can be associated with the currently active test, but without having to be specified as part of a particular test.

The **Alarm Scanning Method** options, allow each active test to have a common alarm checking function enabled or disabled in addition to that test's normal scanning method. Up to four unique alarm limits can be specified: Alarm High, Warn High, Warn Low, and Alarm Low. To disable a particular high limit, specify a pressure value that is much higher than the transducer can generate (e.g., 9999 pressure units). To disable a particular low limit, specify a pressure value that is much lower than the transducer can generate (e.g., -100 pressure units). The checkbox must be checked to enable the alarm checking function for the current test. *However, since this alarm feature is global to all tests, every other test that becomes active will also use the alarm check feature if the checkbox remains checked.* If the period parameter is specified (a positive non-zero value in days\_hours:min:sec) then this special "alarm check" period will control the alarm checking scan rate during the time the scanned pressure value falls within an "alarm/warn" band of values. If the period is disabled (set to zero: 0\_0:0:0) the original period of the test's normal scanning method (Linear, Logarithmic, etc.) will continue to be used after the pressure value goes "in alarm" (i.e., falls within an "alarm/warn" band of values). Double-clicking this frame's title will refresh the Alarm and Broadcast status and options.

The **Broadcast** options, in the bottom right frame, can enable or disable two independent broadcast functions. Broadcasts cause user-readable messages to be output by the transducer on the SDI-12 serial bus when either or both of the following logs occur for the currently active test:

- (1) When any scan is logged, and/or
- (2) When a scan is logged that is "in alarm" (i.e., the pressure value is not within the Normal value band, but is within any defined warn/alarm band of values) and Alarm is enabled.

Double-clicking this frame's title will refresh all "global" status and options (Alarm and Broadcast).

**WARNING:**

Broadcast messages can interfere with the normal SDI-12 commands/responses sent/received by Data Scout Advanced. The only safe thing to do after enabling broadcasts is to remain in the Run window without trying to execute any other menu operations that would send commands. If a test in the Level Scout is also active the broadcast messages generated will be trapped and printed in the main status bar of the Run window. If no broadcast messages are occurring, it may be because there is no Active test running inside the transducer, or an Active test is now Done.

The format for the broadcast messages is ASCII characters (7 data bits, even parity, 1 stop bit) at whatever the current baud rate, with the following formatted data:

`'accctt+yyyy/mm/dd_hh:mm:ss.ss, [v u,] <cr><lf>'`

Where 'a' is the transducer address, 'ccc' is the broadcast ID code (see Table 1 below), and 'tt' is the particular active test number. Next follows a plus sign (+) and time stamp (yyy/mm/dd\_hh:mm:ss.ss) followed by the formatted decimal datum for each measurement actually scanned per the current test profile. Each datum value (v) is followed by a unit name (u).

A space separates each v and u, and a comma (,) follows each u. A carriage return, line feed combination ends the string.

**Example:**

The following example shows a transducer with address 0 broadcasting a Low Warning message from test number 3 at one (1) second before midnight, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, for two (2) measurements (pressure and temperature) logged:

`0WLO3+2006/09/05_23:59:59.00, -0.045 psi, 75.5 degC, <cr><lf>`

**Table 1 — Broadcast ID Code Description**

NLN	Normal, Linear Logged Scan
NLA	Normal, Linear Average Logged Scan
NLG	Normal, Logarithmic Logged Scan
NEB	Normal, Event Based Logged Scan
AHI	Alarm, Logged Scan Above High Alarm Limit
ALO	Alarm, Logged Scan Below Low Alarm Limit
WHI	Warn, Logged Scan Above High Warn Limit
WLO	Warn, Logged Scan Below Low Warn Limit

The middle of the Other window contains a central status display field and other common controls that determine whether or not any of the changed (edited) options get transmitted to one or more transducers. Just like the previous two editing windows, editable (light green) items in any of the frames turn pink when changed. Single or multiple changes are sent to the selected transducer, when the **Send** button is clicked. The **Exit** button cancels all changes (to any of the editable options) before exiting the window.

Finally, since the AutoLog window can be reconfigured into any of its three functions at any time, the user may transmit multiple edit changes made across several configuration changes with a single click of the **Send** button. For example, the user may define Test 1, change a parameter of Test 3, extract data from Test 2, and change an Other option with only a single **Send** click.



#### 4.2.6 RUN WINDOW'S CONFIGURE MENU FOR TRANSDUCER OPTIONS

The Run window's **Configure** menu reveals four sections (figure 4.36). All items require that the user select (highlight) a particular transducer # on the Run window's data display first. This will choose which transducer to read to find a particular selected option's current value.

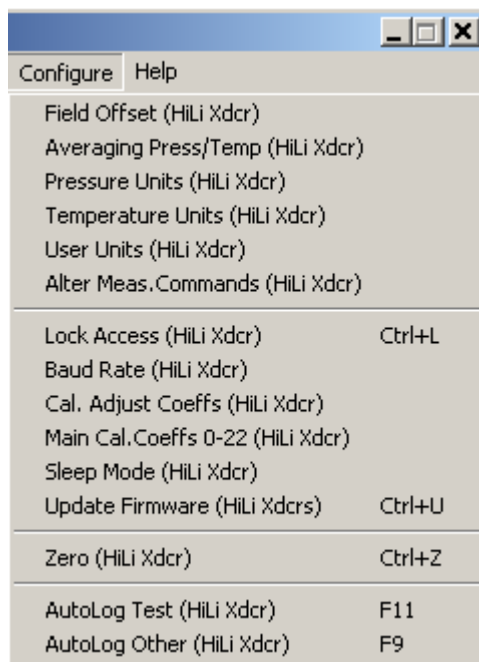


Figure 4.36

These submenu sections contains transducer configuration functions that allow the user to change various options (e.g., coefficients, unit selectors, lock states) stored inside the particular highlighted Level Scout or perform certain maintenance functions on the transducer. The items in the first section are options available to all the transducers at all times. The second section contains options only available when a Level Scout is unlocked though the user may generally view (but not change) these while the transducer is locked. The first option of this section allows the user to unlock or lock the following displayed options of the transducer. This second section ends with an Update Firmware item. The third section contains only a single function that allows the user to perform a Zero-adjustment for the pressure data of the highlighted vented Level Scout(s). Absolute Level Scouts should not be zeroed and will ignore this command. Instead, perform a Field Offset command to adjust the reading of an Absolute Level Scout, for example, to atmospheric pressure (14.7xxx PSI). The final section contains the AutoLog Test configuration items which have been described in the previous section.

The Run window's many Configure options are discussed separately, with examples, on the following pages.

The **Configure | Field Offset (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item opens the following dialog window:

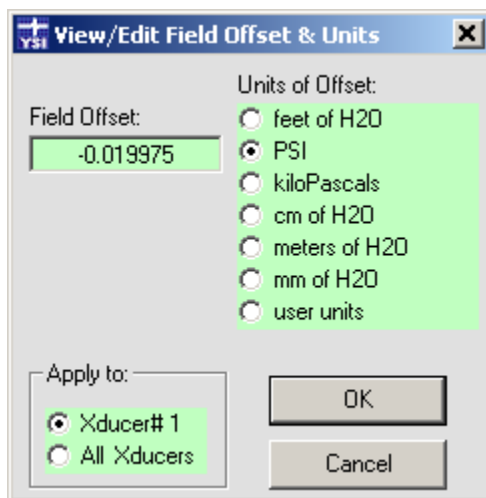


Figure 4.37

The text box of this dialog window contains the current value of the Field Offset that was just read from the transducer. See its ToolTip for more information. Click the text box to edit the original value shown and enter the correction factor you wish to change it. Please note, the value of the Field Offset option always appears in psi units for viewing. However, you may enter a new value in the text box in any units you choose if you select those particular units at the right before clicking OK. The final summary message (NOTE:) indicates what was actually sent to the transducer, see figure 4.38.



Figure 4.38

Notice that the summary message shows the option's value in both units if the new entry is not also in psi units. All final summary messages will remain in the status bar for 5 seconds.

The **Configure | Averaging Press./Temp. (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item opens the following window:

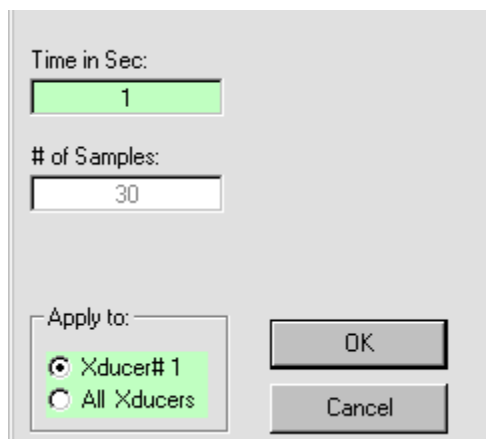


Figure 4.39

The Averaging form specifies an averaging time in seconds (in the range 0 to 24). However, the time entry translates directly into an equivalent sample count also shown in a un-editable text box. Setting a time of 0 seconds disables all averaging (i.e., set # of samples to 1). The value in the light green text box shows the current value of this option that was just read from the transducer. Click the text box to edit the current value shown if you wish to change it. Click **OK** to accept the new averaging value or click **Cancel** to close the form without saving changes.

The **Configure | Pressure Units (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item opens the following window:

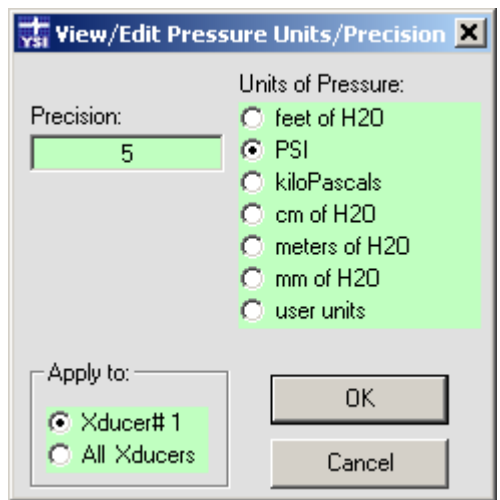


Figure 4.40

The current Pressure Units are indicated by the option button selected. Select the desired Pressure Units by clicking the corresponding option button. The user can change the pressure display precision (# digits to right of decimal point) by entering a value in the Precision dialogue box. Click **OK** to send the changes to the Level Scout.

The **Configure | Temperature Units (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item opens the following window:

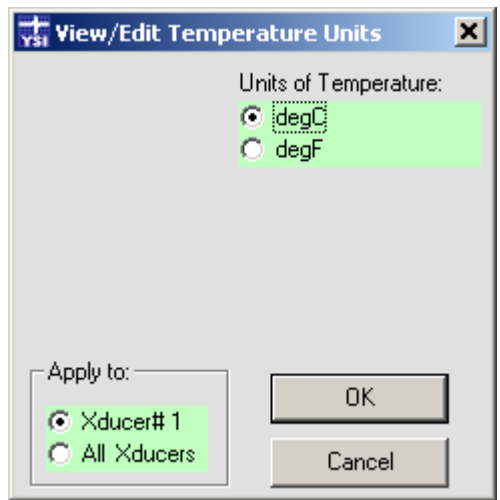


Figure 4.41

The current Temperature Units are indicated by the option button selected. Select the desired Temperature Units by selecting the corresponding button and then click **OK** to change it units.

The **Configure | User Units (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item opens the following window:

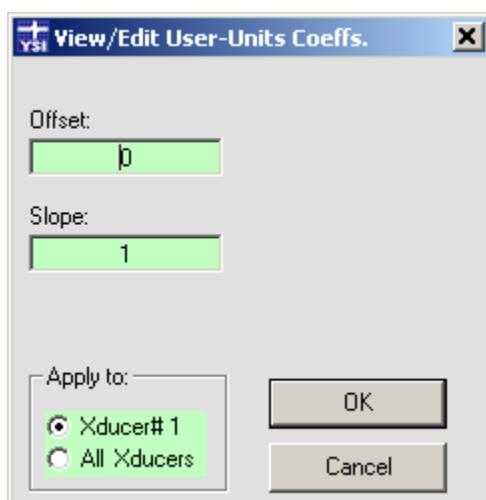


Figure 4.42

The two text boxes of this dialog window contain the current values of the Offset and Slope options, respectively, for defining User Units data read from the transducer. See their ToolTips for more information. Click either text box to edit its original value and then click **OK** to change it. These coefficients will be applied to the psi units and are only used if you have specified User Units as the Units of Pressure for the transducer.

The **Configure | Alter Meas. Commands** menu item opens the following window:

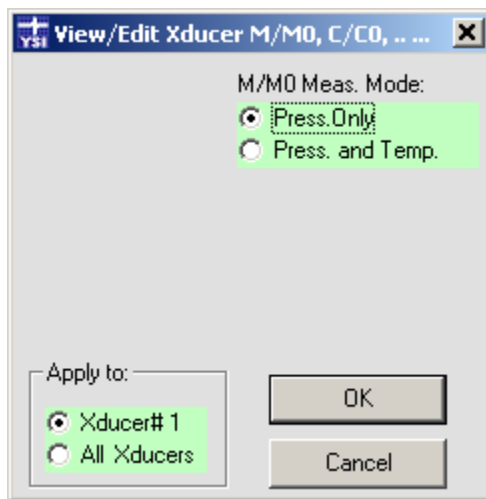


Figure 4.43

This option affects the response of several SDI-12 primary Pressure measurement commands. If the **Press. Only** (normal) option is selected, these transducer commands cause only return a pressure datum. If the **Press. and Temp** option is selected, these transducer commands return both a pressure and a temperature measurement datum.

The **Configure | Lock Access (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item opens the following window:

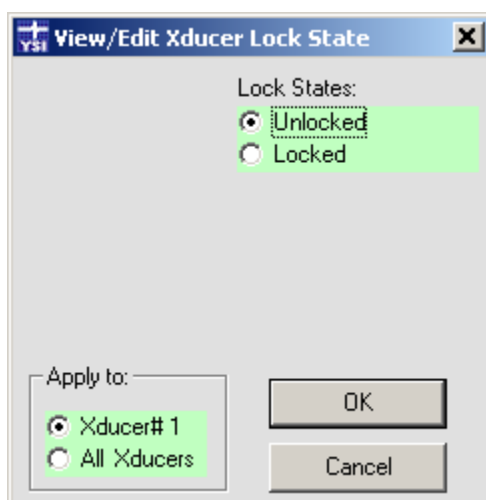


Figure 4.44

The current Locked/Unlocked State of the Level Scout is indicated by the option button selected. Select the desired Locked/Unlocked State by clicking the corresponding option button and then click **OK** to change it.

**NOTE:**

The following menu items (located in the second section of the Configure menu) will not function unless the affected transducer is Unlocked. If you plan to change the Baud Rate of any transducer, you should do so for all transducers currently defined on the Site Net Map.

The **Configure | Baud Rate (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item opens the following dialog window:

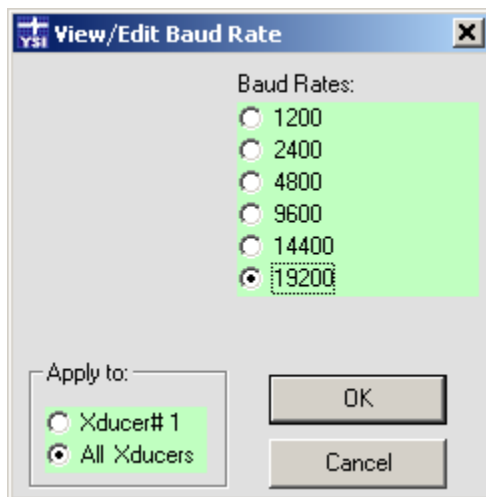


Figure 4.45

The current Baud Rate of the transducer is indicated by the option button selected. Select the desired Baud Rate by clicking the corresponding option button and then click **OK** to change it.

**NOTE:**

Changing the baud rate in a remote transducer is not possible with every cell phone modem. YSI has tested the **Digi Connect Remote Gateway (RG)** device (with integral RealPort virtual serial port driver) and found it capable of baud rate change. The **AirLink Raven** modem can only have its serial port communications parameters set statically by AT commands. This makes it incapable of using the configuration command shown above to change baud rate. Viewing the baud rate only shows its local (virtual port) setting.

The **Configure | Cal. Adjust Coeffs (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item opens the following window:

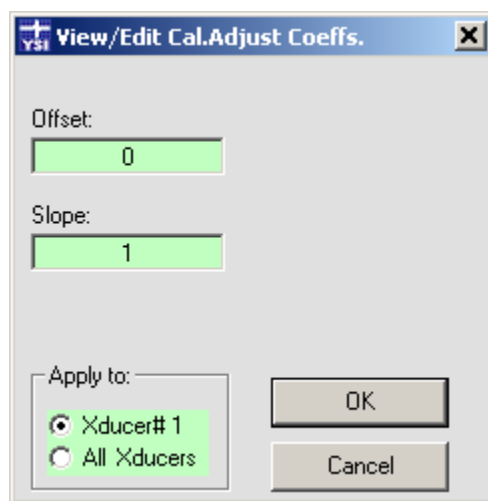


Figure 4.46

The two text boxes of this window contain the current values of the Offset and Slope options, respectively, for Calibration Coefficients that was just read from the transducer. See their ToolTips for more information. Click either text box to edit its value and then click **OK** to change it.

The **Configure | Main Cal. Coeffs 0-22 (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item opens the following special coefficient selection window to allow the user to select which (of 23 possible) Main Calibration coefficients to view first:

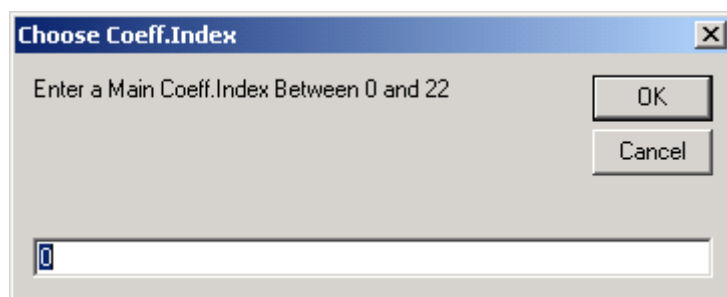


Figure 4.47

These 23 Main Calibration coefficients are the ones written permanently to the non-volatile memory of the transducers by the factory calibration process. They can not be changed by the user, only viewed.

After selecting a particular coefficient index (0-22), a command will be sent to the transducer to read its value. Then the following window appears to display the selected coefficient's values.

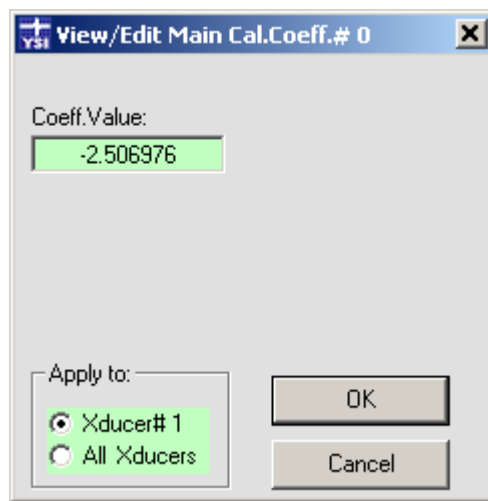


Figure 4.48

Since these coefficients can only be viewed, clicking **OK** will cause a Beep (or Bell) to sound indicating that the coefficient was not changed. Select **Cancel** when finished viewing a particular coefficient's current value.

When the above window is closed, the previous coefficient selection window is then repeated. Select another single coefficient to view or select **Cancel** if finished viewing coefficients.

The **Configure | Sleep Mode (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item opens the following window:

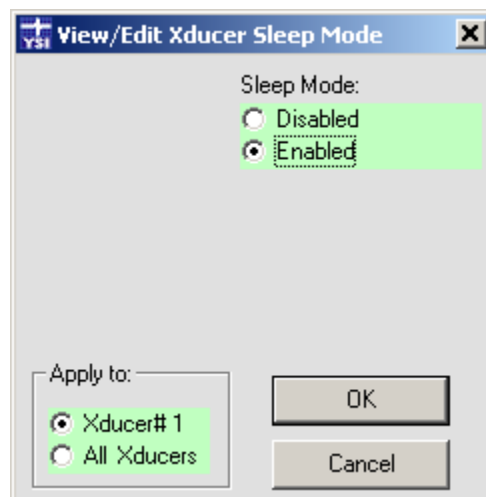


Figure 4.49

If Sleep Mode is enabled (factory default) then the battery saving features of the Level Scout are enabled, and all commands sent to the transducer must be prefixed by the special SDI-12 serial port Break/Mark sequence (see Advanced properties of the Xducer Site Net Com Port configuration window). Only when such a “prefixed” command is completed does the transducer enter the Sleep state again to conserve battery power. If Sleep Mode is disabled then the use of the Break/Mark sequence is optional but battery consumption may also become excessive. Therefore, always use an external power source with the transducer that has Sleep Mode disabled.

The current Sleep Mode state (enabled/disabled) of the transducer is indicated by the option button selected. Select the desired state by clicking the corresponding option button and then click **OK** to change it.

The **Configure | Update Firmware (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item is described fully in section 4.2.7.

The **Configure | Zero (HiLi Xdcr)** menu item is the first item in the next menu section. It opens the following window:

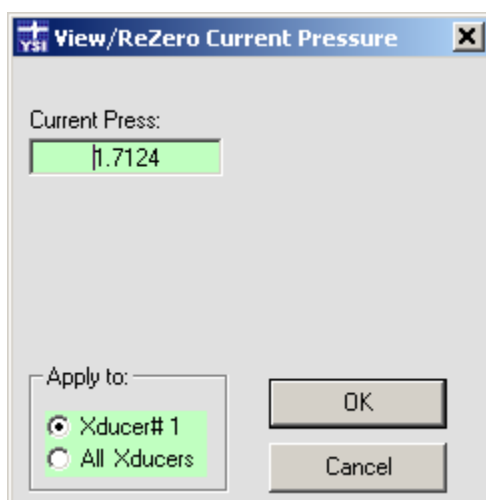


Figure 4.50

**NOTE:**

It is important that the vent tube of each affected vented Level Scout be exposed to atmospheric pressure when this function is executed. Also, no pressure can be applied to the affected transducer(s) when this function is executed unless you wish that pressure to subsequently read zero. Running this procedure frequently will guarantee that the transducer(s) operate at best acquisition accuracy. **This function should not be used on absolute Level Scouts and will be ignored by the transducer if attempted.** Instead, use the **Configure | Field Offset** function for absolute Level Scouts.

The text box of this dialog window shows the current value of the Factory Pressure (in psi) that was just read from the transducer. It would normally be a value “near” zero for a vented Level Scout and a value need atmospheric pressure for an absolute Level Scout. Unlike the other option view/edit functions already shown above, it is *unnecessary* to click the text box to edit the original value shown. Instead, simply click the **OK** button to re-zero the differential transducer(s). Click **Cancel** if you do not wish to re-zero the transducer or if you have an absolute Level Scout.

The effect of a re-zero will not be seen in subsequent Factory Pressure measurement values. It will be seen only in subsequent Transducer Pressure (units-selectable) measurement values. Actually, the re-zero operation stores the Factory Pressure at zero as the new Field Offset coefficient which can be observed by viewing the Field Offset coefficient separately after the re-zero adjustment is completed.

The final items in the final section of the Run window’s Configure menu are for the AutoLog. These were described in section 4.2.5.



## 4.2.7 RUN WINDOW'S TRANSDUCER FIRMWARE UPDATE FUNCTION

The **Configure | Update Firmware** menu item opens the following window:

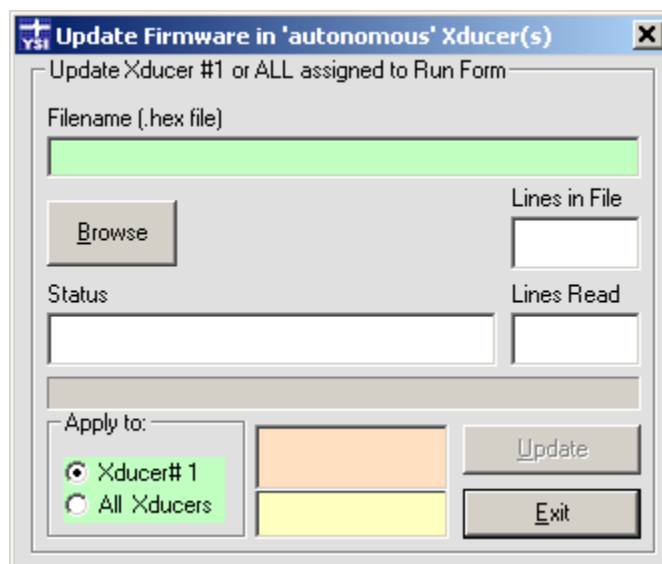


Figure 4.51

The window has a frame labeled **Apply to:** that allows the user to update firmware in only the selected transducer, or in all transducers assigned to the Run window. If the Level Scout is locked a warning window will open.

Normally, select **OK** and then use the Run window's **Configure** menu to **Unlock** the transducer before selecting the **Upgrade Firmware** function again. However, the **Cancel** button puts the window into a special **EMERGENCY UPGRADE** mode described below.

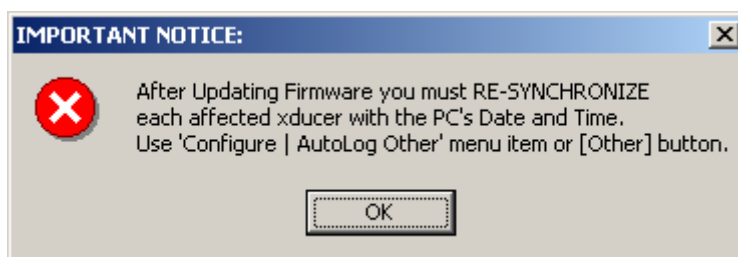
If the latest firmware update (.hex) file is not yet available on the PC, it can be obtained from the YSI web site before proceeding ([www.ysi.com](http://www.ysi.com)). Save the update file to the path **C:\YSI\DSAdv\Firmware**.

The first step is to select a firmware (.hex) file to download to the Level Scout. Click the **Browse** button, or double-click the light green **Filename** text box to open a dialog window, to choose a file from the default subfolder (or navigate to the folder where the file is located).

The user can download this file to all Level Scout on the Site Network in one session (one at a time) by clicking the **All Xducers** choice in the **Apply to:** frame. This feature is not any faster than updating each transducer separately, but the process can continue unattended.

Click the **Update** button to download the selected .hex file to the selected transducer(s). During this time, the *light orange* and *light yellow* status boxes at the bottom of the window show part of the hex data lines being transmitted and the one character responses returned by the transducer's bootstrap loader. Other line counts and a progress bar also show relative progress.

After the transducer(s) have completed the firmware upgrade procedure successfully and the (last) transducer has had time to reset, the following dialog appears to notify the user to reset the clock in that transducer to match the PC's date/time.

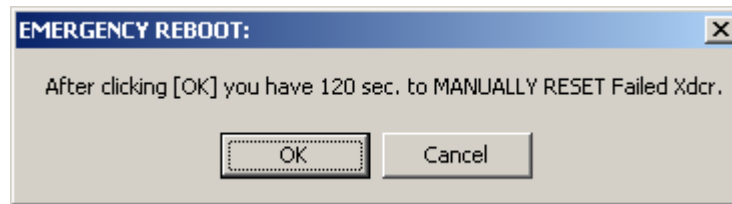


After selecting **OK** on the warning notice, select the **Exit** button on the Upgrade Firmware window to close it, and return to the Run window. Next, click the **Other** button in the Run window's **AutoLog** frame. This will open the Other configuration window. The

Date/Time Difference displayed should be approximately the time it took to accomplish the firmware upgrade before the transducer was reset (and its new firmware started). Select the box labeled **Synchronize Xducer(s) with PC** in the Date/Time frame, then click the **Send** button to synchronize the two clocks. After performing this function, the time difference displayed should be between 0:0:0 and -0:0:2 seconds. If this time lag is outside this range, repeat the synchronize operation.

The **EMERGENCY UPGRADE** mode is used only if an upgrade process failed to complete which leaves the transducer in an inoperable state. This failed state consumes battery power continuously (even if transducer's *sleep mode* is enabled). This Emergency Upgrade mode assists in restarting the failed firmware upgrade.

This “repair” process requires that the user short-circuit (using screwdriver tip or paper clip) the outer and inner conductors of the transducer's External Power connector to force it into its boot loader firmware again (for up to 5 seconds). During that time the boot loader is receptive to having the firmware upgrade process started again from the beginning. If you have entered the EMERGENCY UPGRADE mode the necessary commands are sent to initialize Data Scout Advanced to send the selected .hex file again. The user is then prompted to short-circuit the External Power connector.



The user will have 120 seconds to perform this step. If time runs out, the prompt appears again and the user is given other chances to try, until the upgrade is successful (after clicking the OK button) or the user gives up (by clicking the Cancel button) and exits the window.

Please note that the special “third” Run menu item (labeled **Run | All Xdcrs (Emergency)**) on the main Data Scout Advanced window, may be very useful in starting such an emergency firmware upgrade operation because it declares all transducers to be in the locked state without actually reading their status with commands. If you do not use this feature, you must request the Firmware Upgrade window (with its transducer actually Locked), in order to get the menu shown in figure 4.49. If you fail to do this, there is still one other way to turn on the EMERGENCY UPGRADE mode. Clicking either the light orange or light yellow status box located between the Apply To: frame and the Upgrade and Exit buttons turns this special mode On or Off. Do this just before clicking the **Upgrade** button, and you should get the prompt (see above) as an indication that you are in the EMERGENCY UPGRADE mode.

#### 4.2.8 RUN WINDOW'S HELP MENU

The Run window's **Help** menu has only one menu item: **Tips**. When selected, it opens a window with information similar to the **Help | Tips** menu item on the main Data Scout Advanced menu but with its middle panel showing the unique menu functions of the Run window itself.

## 5.0 TESTING TRANSDUCERS

This chapter details the **Test** functions available to typical users. There is one **Execute Script** function available. Chapter 3 described how to activate this function from the main Data Scout Advanced window's **Test** menu. Here the separate **Execute Script** window (with its own unique visible and hidden controls) is described in its fullest functional detail with pictures and examples. For details on writing custom Scripts (also called Command files) see Appendix C.

### 5.1 THE EXECUTE SCRIPT WINDOW'S CONTROLS

Unlike the main Data Scout Advanced window and the Run window, the **Execute Script** window has no menu bar below its title bar (figure 5.1). Instead it has several visual control frames, each containing text boxes, visible buttons, and other “hidden” controls (e.g., double-clicking a File Name text box is the same as clicking its Browse button).

Each frame allows the user to control the three main phases of operating this function: (1) choosing a Script (command) file to be executed, (2) choosing a Log file to record results of script execution, and (3) actually executing the script and viewing its progress. After Script file execution, the Log file may be examined to see the response of every command executed.

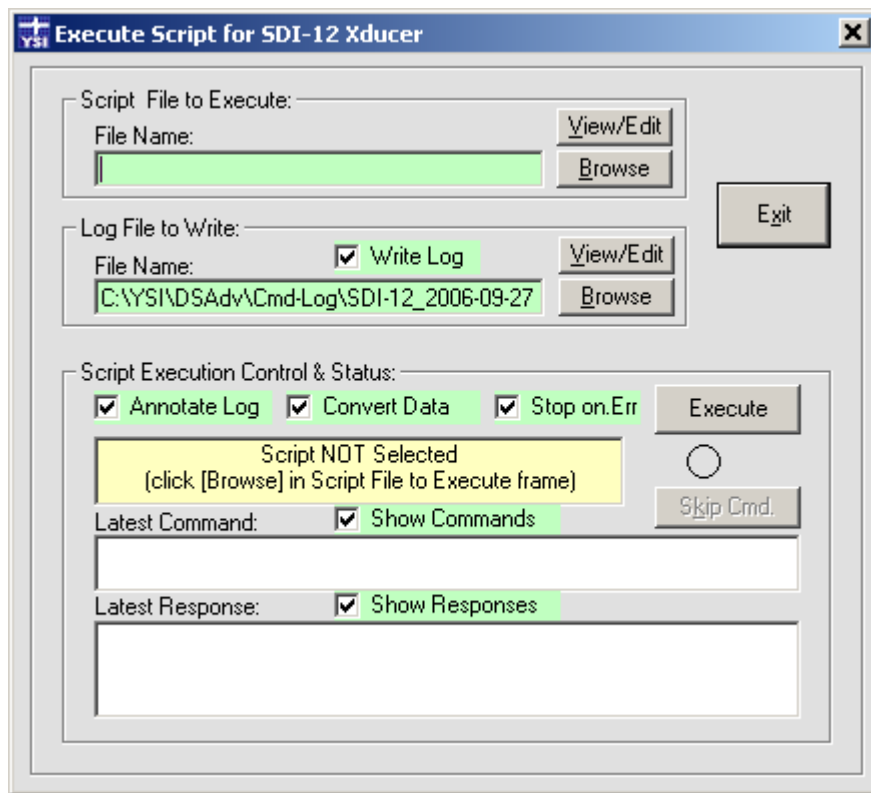


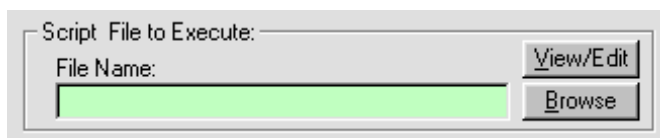
Figure 5.1

Once a *File Name* is selected by the user in the **Script File to Execute:** (first) frame, a default *File Name* is selected automatically for the **Log File to Write:** (second) frame. The default *Log* file is named `<cmdname>_<date>_<time>.log`. If one executes the same command multiple times, the same log file name will be overwritten, unless one changes the log file name by manual editing. However, if you exit the form and reselect it, and then execute the same command file again, a new log file name (with unique date/time) is created for this new session.

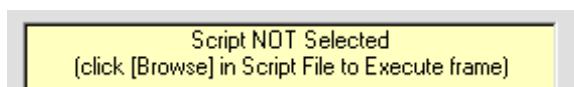
The window has a separate **Exit** button, though the [X] button at extreme right end of its Title Bar works the same. If a script's execution is in progress, these exit functions will not work, and instead will “beep” and show a warning message. The user must explicitly click the button **Abort Script** to overtly stop the script's execution, or wait for its completion, before exit is possible.

### 5.1.1 SCRIPT FORM'S COMMAND (SCRIPT) FILE SELECTION FRAME

The first frame of controls is labeled **Script File To Execute:** and its **File Name:** text box is initially empty.

A rectangular frame with a light gray border. Inside, the text "Script File To Execute:" is at the top left. Below it is a text box labeled "File Name:" which is highlighted in light green. To the right of the text box are two buttons: "View/Edit" and "Browse".

The pale yellow status box (in the third frame) will contain an initial prompt message indicating the need to select a script first.

A rectangular box with a pale yellow background and a thin black border. It contains the text "Script NDT Selected" in bold, followed by "(click [Browse] in Script File to Execute frame)" in a smaller font.

The frame also contains a **View/Edit** button and a **Browse** button. Click the **Browse** button (or double-click the light green adjacent text box) to open a common Windows® Open File Dialog window that will allow you to select a command file. Normally, this dialog will point to Data Scout Advanced subfolder. If not, navigate to that path (normally C:\YSI\DSAdv\Cmd-Log).

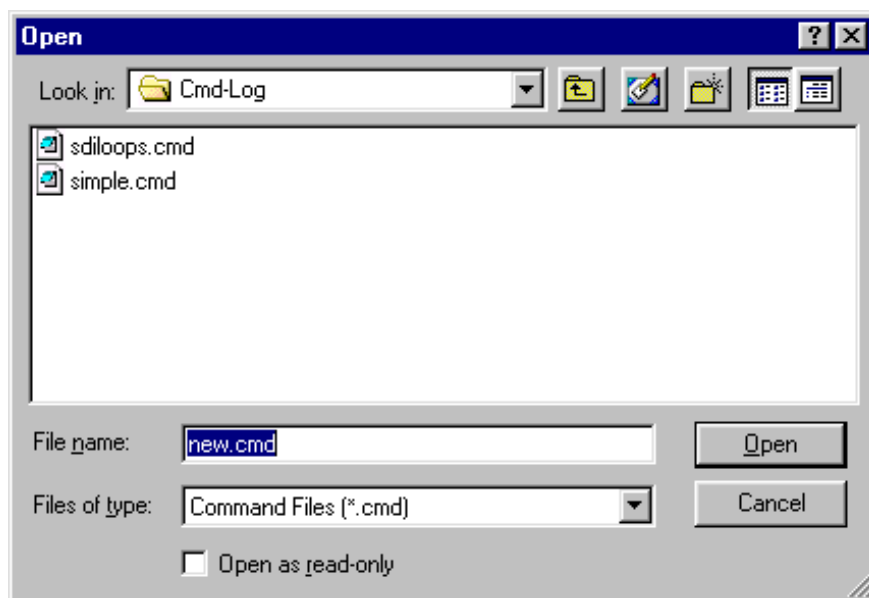


Figure 5.2

In the example above, there are two existing script (.cmd) files shown in the larger white directory box. Click any file name to highlight it, and then press the **Open** button to select it. You can also enter a new script file name (e.g., new.cmd) directly in the File name: box below the directory box, and then click **Open**. The new file need not exist. Either way, the dialogue box will close and the full path name of the file selected (or entered) will appear in the File Name: text box on the form. You have now selected a file name for Script execution (existing or not).

To avoid using the Browse button in the selection frame, click the *light green* text box to enter the full path name of any .cmd file that exists (or not) anywhere on a fixed or removable drive on the PC. If it does not yet exist, enter the full path name of where you want it to exist.

To create a file, or to view an existing file's contents or make editing changes to it, click the **View/Edit** button just above the Browse button. This will activate the configurable Data Scout Advanced Text Editor. See chapter 2 for information on how to configure a favorite text editor as the Data Scout Advanced Text Editor.

Once the selected Script file exists (and its name also appears in the light green text box), proceed to the next phase which is the selection of a Log file name.

### 5.1.2 SCRIPT FORM'S LOG FILE SELECTION FRAME

The second frame of controls is labeled **Log File to Write:** and its **File Name:** text box is initially specified automatically. A default Log file name is automatically chosen based on the "root" name of the Command file chosen.

This frame also contains a View/Edit button and a Browse button. In fact, using this frame works exactly like the previous frame described in section 5.1.1. Use the default name provided, enter any other name chosen by navigation methods, or enter its full path name directly in the light green text box. The only disadvantage of using the automatic name is that if you execute the same script twice, the Log file for the first script will be overwritten. Therefore, use the Browse button and its dialog window to rename the Log file or to make its name unique for each command file execution. The user could also use the dialog window (or the **Archive** function in main Data Scout Advanced File menu) to copy or move a previous completed Log file to another subfolder, thus a new one will be created when executing the script.

To not receive a log of executed command responses, uncheck the normally-checked option titled **Write Log**. This can be useful if there is a time sensitive script that needs to execute with minimum overhead (e.g., for looking at command timing on an oscilloscope).

### 5.1.3 SCRIPT FORM'S EXECUTION CONTROL FRAME

Once a Script (.cmd) file and a Log (.log) file have been named in the previous two frames (and the .cmd file actually exists) you are ready to execute the script using the third frame show below:

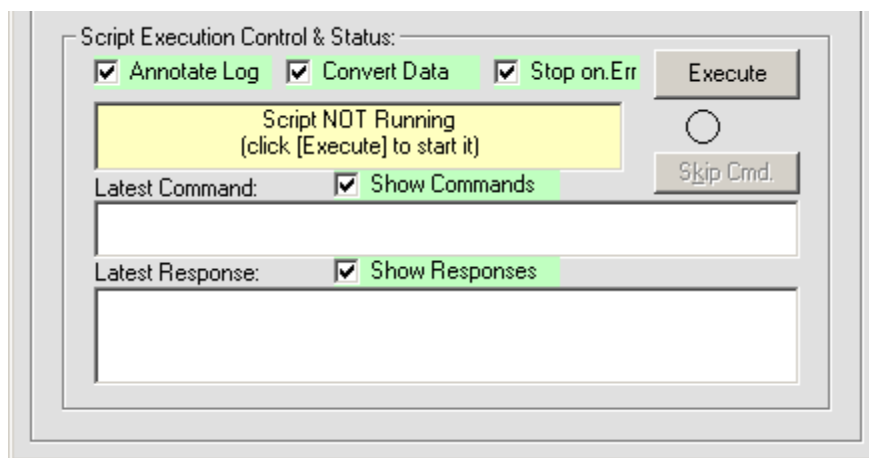


Figure 5.3

The above window has five option check boxes, most checked by default. These options will be discussed below. The main status box (pale yellow above) indicates whether or not a script is ready to execute. The other two (white) status boxes show the progress of the

script's execution (they show the latest executed command, and latest received response, respectively). Each has a normally-check option check box. Uncheck these options if you do not wish these status boxes to be used to indicate the current state of command execution.

To start executing the Script file click the **Execute** button. The button will be then be renamed **Abort Script** to stop it. The main status box will turn bright yellow and a circular “lamp” (under the Abort Script button) will alternate yellow/gray for each command line executed.

Another button labeled **Skip Cmd** will be enabled while the script is being executed. Use it only if you discover (by observing the Latest Command: text box) that some transducer command or meta-command has “hung” the Script program or if some wait meta-command (timed delay) is taking a bit too long. A small light blue text box will also appear on the form (near the lamp) only when a wait meta-command is being executed and will indicate as “down-count” of the time (in seconds) still remaining in that delay.

The **Skip Cmd.** button will only abort the current command's text line, and force the script to move on to the next text line. This button may also be occasionally renamed **Resume** if any pause meta-command is encountered while executing the script. Such a meta-command simply displays a “prompt” message to the user in the Last Command: status box, and “hangs” the script indefinitely until the user responds to the message's instructions.

Once execution begins the Script (.cmd) file will open and its text lines will be counted on a first pass. A second pass of the file will read all its text lines and store them into a dynamically allocated string array in main memory. The file is then closed while it is being executed. Next, the Log file is opened (if optioned) as a new text file. This file will record and annotate all actions that need to be recorded during the execution of the script. For long scripts, the Log file may also grow very large particularly if the script contains loops.

The first pass of the two-pass script file reading process (called the Pre-Compile phase) will seem essentially instantaneous unless the file is extremely long. It is necessary to read the file's lines into memory to allow the commands to be executed randomly due to the possibility of **loop** meta-commands being allowed in a script file (see Appendix C for a description of all Script commands and meta-commands). The only disadvantage is that the practical length to any script file is ultimately limited by the available “virtual” and “real” memory space allocated to the Data Scout Advanced application by Windows<sup>®</sup>. If the Pre-Compile phase discovers “looping” meta-command errors, the script will be self aborted before the Log file is opened. In this case, the main status box turns bright orange, and a message is displayed there to indicate that no Log file was even written.

If a bad transducer command is encountered in the script during execution that the program recognizes as illegal or unknown, the script will self-abort if the Stop on Err. option box remains checked. The Log file may then be displayed (by clicking the View/Edit button in its selection frame) to ascertain the cause. An error message at the end of the Log file will indicate the reason for the abort. If the script is known to contain such bad commands, then uncheck this option, and re-execute the script. Such errors will be recorded to the log, but otherwise ignored. This allows the script to continue execution even with errors.

The **Annotate Log** (checked by default) and **Convert Data** (unchecked by default) options being selected (checked) cause the maximum amount of information annotation of each command line and each response line to be added to the Log file automatically during a script's execution. Select **Convert Data** only if you want certain acquired Streams of binary data, or certain command responses with similar binary data, to be converted into readable numerical numbers. The user might find such extravagance undesirable if it is a “time critical” sequence of commands in a script, and wish to minimize the overhead of the script program itself thus disabling these options. For the same reason, the user might wish to prevent the **Latest Command:** and **Latest Response:** status boxes being updated continuously during script execution, in which case the user could also disable the **Show Commands** and **Show Responses** options. Finally, disable the Log file being written entirely to achieve minimum script execution overhead.

After a script's execution has completed, the bright yellow main status box turns bright green to indicate success. If the script self aborts this status box turns bright red.

After the script ends normally (or is aborted) the user may return to the second frame and click the **View/Edit** button, to review the Log file just generated. To print or save this file, use the functions of the Text Editor window that appears. This editor will (if properly configured) also allow the user to open and examine the progress of a partially completed Log file currently being written. This can be very convenient if the script file takes a long time to execute.

## 5.1.4 SCRIPT AND LOG EXAMPLE

On the following pages you will find the full printouts of an example Script file (named SdiROTest.cmd) followed by its execution Log file (named SDI-12.log). The script will execute every read-only command of a transducer for the first (#1) or only transducer defined

in the Transducer Net Map. If more than one transducer is defined on the Transducer Net Map, the Script has a loop that will repeat for each transducer. In this particular example, however, there was only a single transducer defined thus the loop terminated after one iteration. The Script file uses many short comment lines (') to separate one command from another making it longer than necessary but easier to read. The Log file that follows was created when this Script file was executed. See Appendix C if you do not understand all the commands and meta-commands used in this script.

'Simple Test Script for SDI-12 Transducers (Read-Only Commands)

Set n NumXdcrs

Wait 0

Set x 1

DO LOOP1 n

,

(#x)I

,

(#x)XT+0

Wait PrvRspSec

(#x)

(#x)D0

DO LOOP2

,

(#x)U OPEN

(#x)XM+1

Wait PrvRspSec

(#x)

(#x)D0

(#x)L

(#x)XM+1

Wait PrvRspSec

(#x)

(#x)D0

,

(#x)M

Wait PrvRspSec

(#x)

(#x)D0

,

(#x)M0

Wait PrvRspSec

(#x)

(#x)D0

,

(#x)M1

Wait PrvRspSec

(#x)

(#x)D0

,

(#x)M2

Wait PrvRspSec

(#x)

(#x)D0

,

(#x)M3

Wait PrvRspSec

(#x)

(#x)D0

,

(#x)M4

Wait PrvRspSec

(#x)

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(#x)D0
,
(#x)M5
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)
(#x)D0
,
(#x)M6
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)
(#x)D0
,
(#x)C
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)D0
,
(#x)C0
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)D0
,
(#x)C1
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)D0
,
(#x)C2
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)D0
,
(#x)C3
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)D0
,
(#x)C4
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)D0
,
(#x)C5
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)D0
,
(#x)C6
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)D0
,
(#x)U OPEN
(#x)XR+0
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)
(#x)D0
(#x)XR+1
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)
(#x)D0
(#x)XR+2
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)
(#x)D0
(#x)XR+3
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)

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(#x)D0
,
(#x)XR+22
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)
(#x)D0
(#x)XR+23
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)
(#x)D0
(#x)L
,
(#x)XT+5
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)
(#x)D0
,
LOOP2 2
,
(#x)XT+0
Wait PrvRspSec
(#x)
(#x)D0
,
AddTo x 1

LOOP1
Wait 0

```

When the Script (Command) file above is executed, it generates the following Log file. This Log file example was created when the Execute Script window had all possible options enabled thus the file is quite long.

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-- DSAdv 'Execute Script' Log File, for script: C:\YSI\DSAdv\Cmd-Log\SdiROTest.cmd
-- DSADV has made available the following 1 Transducer:
--- Xducer #1: VS2-012345 (Vintage Tank) Fmw.Ver=1.1 Hdw.Ver=1.0 Range=15 psi D.O.M=021225 CX=1
-- On SDI-12 Network: Com Port=1 Baud Rate=19200
-- Script started on: 07-23-2006 at 14:31:04 Using DSAdv Version: 1.4.8

Lin<0001>: ' Simple Test Script for SDI-12 Xducer #1
Cmd<0002>: Set n NumXdcrs ' Set Variable N to Constant 'Number-of-Xducers' (=1)
Cmd<0003>: Wait 0 ' Relative timestamp (sec.) : 000.001644
Cmd<0004>: Set x 1 ' Set Variable X to value 1
Cmd<0005>: DO LOOP1 ' Begin Loop1 (1 in 1 times)
Lin<0006>: '
Cmd<0007>: (#x) ' Expanded Cmd: 0I (Read Xducer ID String)
Rsp<0007>: _0I!013-YSI---SV2---1.0-012345-1.1___ ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-n=<idstring='pv-YSI---SV2---hhh-sernum-vvv'>

Lin<0008>: '
Cmd<0009>: (#x)XT+0 ' Expanded Cmd: 0XT+0 (Add Add'l.Averaging Time)+(SR)
Rsp<0009>: _0XT+0!00011__0__ ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0010>: Wait PrvRspSec ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0010>: Wait began at 14:31:05 and ended at 14:31:06
Cmd<0011>: (#x) ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0011>: 0__ ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0012>: (#x)D0 ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0012>: _0D0!0+1__ ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<numsamp>
Cmd<0013>: DO LOOP2 ' Begin Loop2
Lin<0014>: '
Cmd<0015>: (#x)U OPEN ' Expanded Cmd: 0U OPEN (Unlock Xducer)

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Rsp<0015>: _0U OPEN!0___      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>
Cmd<0016>: (<#x>)XM+1          ' Expanded Cmd: 0XM+1 (Measure Raw Temp./Press.Volts)+(SR)
Rsp<0016>: _0XM+1!0005        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0017>: Wait PrvRspSec      ' Waiting for 5 seconds
Rsp<0017>: Wait began at 14:31:06 and ended at 14:31:11
Cmd<0018>: (<#x>)              ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0018>: 0___                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0019>: (<#x>)D0            ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0019>: _0D0!0+0.525487+0.081228___ ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<tempvolts>+<pressvolts>
Cmd<0020>: (<#x>)L            ' Expanded Cmd: 0L (Lock Xducer)
Rsp<0020>: _0L!0___           ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>
Cmd<0021>: (<#x>)XM+1          ' Expanded Cmd: 0XM+1 (Measure Raw Temp./Press.Volts)+(SR)
Rsp<0021>: _0XM+1!0_0___      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0022>: Wait PrvRspSec      ' Relative timestamp (sec.) : 008.494562
Cmd<0023>: (<#x>)              ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0023>: 0___                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0024>: (<#x>)D0            ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0024>: _0D0!0___         ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<tempvolts>+<pressvolts>
Lin<0025>: '
Cmd<0026>: (<#x>)M            ' Expanded Cmd: 0M (Measure Pressure (units)+(SR)
Rsp<0026>: _0M!00022___      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0027>: Wait PrvRspSec      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0027>: Wait began at 14:31:13 and ended at 14:31:15
Cmd<0028>: (<#x>)              ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0028>: 0___                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0029>: (<#x>)D0            ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0029>: _0D0!0-0.03998+11___ ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press>+<unitx>
Lin<0030>: '
Cmd<0031>: (<#x>)M0            ' Expanded Cmd: 0M0 (Meas. Pressure (units))+(SR)
Rsp<0031>: _0M0!00022___     ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0032>: Wait PrvRspSec      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0032>: Wait began at 14:31:15 and ended at 14:31:17
Cmd<0033>: (<#x>)              ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0033>: 0___                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0034>: (<#x>)D0            ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0034>: _0D0!0-0.04158+11___ ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press>+<unitx>
                                   (unitx:0=ftH20,1=psi,2=kPa,3=cmH20,4=mH20,5=mmH20,9=userunits)
Lin<0035>: '
Cmd<0036>: (<#x>)M1            ' Expanded Cmd: 0M1 (Meas. Fac. Press. (psi))+(SR)
Rsp<0036>: _0M1!00021___     ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0037>: Wait PrvRspSec      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0037>: Wait began at 14:31:18 and ended at 14:31:20
Cmd<0038>: (<#x>)              ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0038>: 0___                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0039>: (<#x>)D0            ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0039>: _0D0!0-0.00612___  ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press(psi)>
Lin<0040>: '
Cmd<0041>: (<#x>)M2            ' Expanded Cmd: 0M2 (Meas. Temperature)+(SR)
Rsp<0041>: _0M2!00022___     ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0042>: Wait PrvRspSec      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0042>: Wait began at 14:31:21 and ended at 14:31:23
Cmd<0043>: (<#x>)              ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0043>: 0___                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0044>: (<#x>)D0            ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0044>: _0D0!0+23.000+0___  ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<temp>+<unitx>(unitx:0=degC,1=degF)
Lin<0045>: '
Cmd<0046>: (<#x>)M3            ' Expanded Cmd: 0M3 (Meas. User Coeffs.)+(SR)
Rsp<0046>: _0M3!00013___     ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0047>: Wait PrvRspSec      ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0047>: Wait began at 14:31:23 and ended at 14:31:24

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Cmd<0048>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0048>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0049>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0049>: _0D0!0+1.000000+0.000000-0.033854__ ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<usrslp>+<usrofst(psi)>+<fldofst(psi)>

Lin<0050>: '
Cmd<0051>: (#x)M4                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0M4 (Meas. Cal. Coeffs.)+(SR)
Rsp<0051>: _0M4!00012__                        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0052>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0052>: Wait began at 14:31:25 and ended at 14:31:26
Cmd<0053>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0053>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0054>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0054>: _0D0!0+1.000000+0.000000__          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<calslp>+<calofst(psi)>
Lin<0055>: '
Cmd<0056>: (#x)M5                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0M5 (Meas..PCB Temperature)+(SR)
Rsp<0056>: _0M5!00022__                        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0057>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0057>: Wait began at 14:31:26 and ended at 14:31:28
Cmd<0058>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0058>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0059>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0059>: _0D0!0+23.661+0__                  ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<temp>+<unitx>(unitx:0=degC,1=degF)
Lin<0060>: '
Cmd<0061>: (#x)M6                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0M6 (Meas. Excitation Voltage)+(SR)
Rsp<0061>: _0M6!00021__                        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0062>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0062>: Wait began at 14:31:29 and ended at 14:31:31
Cmd<0063>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0063>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0064>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0064>: _0D0!0+12.0__                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<volts>
Lin<0065>: '
Cmd<0066>: (#x)C                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0C (Measure Pressure (units))
Rsp<0066>: _0C!000202__                        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0067>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0067>: Wait began at 14:31:32 and ended at 14:31:34
Cmd<0068>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0068>: _0D0!0-0.04032+11__                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press>+<unitx>
Lin<0069>: '
Cmd<0070>: (#x)C0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0C0 (Meas. Pressure (units))
Rsp<0070>: _0C0!000202__                        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0071>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0071>: Wait began at 14:31:34 and ended at 14:31:36
Cmd<0072>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0072>: _0D0!0-0.04330+11__                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press>+<unitx>
                                         (unitx:0=ftH20,1=psi,2=kPa,3=cmH20,4=mH20,5=mmH20,9=userunits)

Lin<0073>: '
Cmd<0074>: (#x)C1                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0C1 (Meas. Fac. Press. (psi))
Rsp<0074>: _0C1!000201__                        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0075>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0075>: Wait began at 14:31:37 and ended at 14:31:39
Cmd<0076>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0076>: _0D0!0-0.01099__                  ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press(psi)>
Lin<0077>: '
Cmd<0078>: (#x)C2                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0C2 (Meas. Temperature)
Rsp<0078>: _0C2!000202__                        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0079>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0079>: Wait began at 14:31:39 and ended at 14:31:41
Cmd<0080>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)

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Rsp<0080>: _0D0!0+23.000+0___      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<temp>+<unitx>(unitx:0=degC,1=degF)
Lin<0081>: '
Cmd<0082>: (#x)C3                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0C3 (Meas. User Coeffs.)
Rsp<0082>: _0C3!000103___          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0083>: Wait PrvRspSec            ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0083>: Wait began at 14:31:42 and ended at 14:31:43
Cmd<0084>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0084>: _0D0!0+1.000000+0.000000-0.033854___
                                          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<usrs1p>+<usrofst(psi)>+<fldofst(psi)>

Lin<0085>: '
Cmd<0086>: (#x)C4                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0C4 (Meas. Cal. Coeffs.)
Rsp<0086>: _0C4!000102___          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0087>: Wait PrvRspSec            ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0087>: Wait began at 14:31:44 and ended at 14:31:45
Cmd<0088>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0088>: _0D0!0+1.000000+0.000000___ ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<cals1p>+<calofst(psi)>
Lin<0089>: '
Cmd<0090>: (#x)C5                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0C5 (Meas..PCB Temperature)
Rsp<0090>: _0C5!000202___          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0091>: Wait PrvRspSec            ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0091>: Wait began at 14:31:45 and ended at 14:31:47
Cmd<0092>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0092>: _0D0!0+23.740+0___      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<temp>+<unitx>(unitx:0=degC,1=degF)
Lin<0093>: '
Cmd<0094>: (#x)C6                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0C6 (Meas. Excitation Voltage)
Rsp<0094>: _0C6!000201___          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0095>: Wait PrvRspSec            ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0095>: Wait began at 14:31:48 and ended at 14:31:50
Cmd<0096>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0096>: _0D0!0+12.0___          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<volts>
Lin<0097>: '
Cmd<0098>: (#x)U OPEN                ' Expanded Cmd: 0U OPEN (Unlock Xducer)
Rsp<0098>: _0U OPEN!0___            ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>
Cmd<0099>: (#x)XR+0                  ' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+0 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0099>: _0XR+0!00012___0___      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0100>: Wait PrvRspSec            ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0100>: Wait began at 14:31:51 and ended at 14:31:52
Cmd<0101>: (#x)                      ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0101>: 0___                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0102>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0102>: _0D0!0___                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Cmd<0103>: (#x)XR+1                  ' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+1 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0103>: _0XR+1!00012___0___      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0104>: Wait PrvRspSec            ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0104>: Wait began at 14:31:52 and ended at 14:31:53
Cmd<0105>: (#x)                      ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0105>: 0___                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0106>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0106>: _0D0!0___                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Cmd<0107>: (#x)XR+2                  ' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+2 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0107>: _0XR+2!00012___          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0108>: Wait PrvRspSec            ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0108>: Wait began at 14:31:54 and ended at 14:31:55
Cmd<0109>: (#x)                      ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0109>: 0___                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0110>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0110>: _0D0!0+05-257012.0___    ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Cmd<0111>: (#x)XR+3                  ' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+3 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0111>: _0XR+3!00012___          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0112>: Wait PrvRspSec            ' Waiting for 1 seconds

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Rsp<0112>: Wait began at 14:31:55 and ended at 14:31:56
Cmd<0113>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0113>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0114>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0114>: _0D0!0+15+16777216__              ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Lin<0115>: '
Cmd<0116>: (#x)XR+22                            ' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+22 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0116>: _0XR+22!00012__                    ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0117>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0117>: Wait began at 14:31:57 and ended at 14:31:58
Cmd<0118>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0118>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0119>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0119>: _0D0!0+22+195.9367__              ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Cmd<0120>: (#x)XR+23                          ' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+23 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0120>: _0XR+23!00012__0__                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0121>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0121>: Wait began at 14:31:59 and ended at 14:32:00
Cmd<0122>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0122>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0123>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0123>: _0D0!0__                          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Cmd<0124>: (#x)L                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0L (Lock Xducer)
Rsp<0124>: _0L!0__                          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>
Lin<0125>: '
Cmd<0126>: (#x)XT+5                            ' Expanded Cmd: 0XT+5 (Add Add'l.Averaging Time)+(SR)
Rsp<0126>: _0XT+5!00011__0__                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0127>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0127>: Wait began at 14:32:01 and ended at 14:32:02
Cmd<0128>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0128>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0129>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0129>: _0D0!0+39__                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<numsamp>
Lin<0130>: '
Cmd<0131>: LOOP2 2                            ' Repeat Loop2 (1 of 2 times)
Cmd<0132>: DO LOOP2                          ' Begin Loop2
Lin<0133>: '
Cmd<0134>: (#x)U OPEN                          ' Expanded Cmd: 0U OPEN (Unlock Xducer)
Rsp<0134>: _0U OPEN!0__                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>
Cmd<0135>: (#x)XM+1                          ' Expanded Cmd: 0XM+1 (Measure Raw Temp./Press.Volts)+(SR)
Rsp<0135>: _0XM+1!00052__                    ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0136>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 5 seconds
Rsp<0136>: Wait began at 14:32:02 and ended at 14:32:07
Cmd<0137>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0137>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0138>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0138>: _0D0!0+0.525480+0.081230__        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<tempvolts>+<pressvolts>
Cmd<0139>: (#x)L                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0L (Lock Xducer)
Rsp<0139>: _0L!0__                          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>
Cmd<0140>: (#x)XM+1                          ' Expanded Cmd: 0XM+1 (Measure Raw Temp./Press.Volts)+(SR)
Rsp<0140>: _0XM+1!0__0__                    ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0141>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Relative timestamp (sec.) : 064.452654
Cmd<0142>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0142>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0143>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0143>: _0D0!0__                          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<tempvolts>+<pressvolts>
Lin<0144>: '
Cmd<0145>: (#x)M                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0M (Measure Pressure (units)+(SR)
Rsp<0145>: _0M!00062__                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0146>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 6 seconds

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Rsp<0146>: Wait began at 14:32:09 and ended at 14:32:15
Cmd<0147>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0147>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0148>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0148>: _0D0!0-0.04439+11__                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press>+<unitx>
Lin<0149>: '
Cmd<0150>: (#x)M0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0M0 (Meas. Pressure (units))+<SR>
Rsp<0150>: _0M0!00062__                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0151>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 6 seconds
Rsp<0151>: Wait began at 14:32:15 and ended at 14:32:21
Cmd<0152>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0152>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0153>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0153>: _0D0!0-0.04166+11__                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press>+<unitx>
                                           (unitx:0=ftH20,1=psi,2=kPa,3=cmH20,4=mH20,5=mmH20,9=userunits)
Lin<0154>: '
Cmd<0155>: (#x)M1                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0M1 (Meas. Fac. Press. (psi))+<SR>
Rsp<0155>: _0M1!00061__                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0156>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 6 seconds
Rsp<0156>: Wait began at 14:32:22 and ended at 14:32:28
Cmd<0157>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0157>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0158>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0158>: _0D0!0-0.00907__                  ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press>(psi)>
Lin<0159>: '
Cmd<0160>: (#x)M2                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0M2 (Meas. Temperature)+<SR>
Rsp<0160>: _0M2!00062__                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0161>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 6 seconds
Rsp<0161>: Wait began at 14:32:28 and ended at 14:32:34
Cmd<0162>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0162>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0163>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0163>: _0D0!0+23.000+0__                  ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<temp>+<unitx>(unitx:0=degC,1=degF)
Lin<0164>: '
Cmd<0165>: (#x)M3                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0M3 (Meas. User Coeffs.)+<SR>
Rsp<0165>: _0M3!00013__                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0166>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0166>: Wait began at 14:32:35 and ended at 14:32:36
Cmd<0167>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0167>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0168>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0168>: _0D0!0+1.000000+0.000000-0.033854__
                                           ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<usrslp>+<usrofst>(psi)+<fldofst>(psi)>
Lin<0169>: '
Cmd<0170>: (#x)M4                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0M4 (Meas. Cal. Coeffs.)+<SR>
Rsp<0170>: _0M4!00012__                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0171>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0171>: Wait began at 14:32:37 and ended at 14:32:38
Cmd<0172>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0172>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0173>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0173>: _0D0!0+1.000000+0.000000__        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<calslp>+<calofst>(psi)>
Lin<0174>: '
Cmd<0175>: (#x)M5                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0M5 (Meas..PCB Temperature)+<SR>
Rsp<0175>: _0M5!00022__                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0176>: Wait PrvRspSec                      ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0176>: Wait began at 14:32:38 and ended at 14:32:40
Cmd<0177>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0177>: 0__                                ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0178>: (#x)D0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)

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Rsp<0178>: _0D0!0+23.921+0___      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<temp>+<unitx>(unitx:0=degC,1=degF)
Lin<0179>: '
Cmd<0180>: (#x)M6                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0M6 (Meas. Excitation Voltage)+(SR)
Rsp<0180>: _0M6!00021___            ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0181>: Wait PrvRspSec             ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0181>: Wait began at 14:32:41 and ended at 14:32:43
Cmd<0182>: (#x)                      ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0182>: 0___                      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0183>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0183>: _0D0!0+12.0___            ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<volts>
Lin<0184>: '
Cmd<0185>: (#x)C                     ' Expanded Cmd: 0C (Measure Pressure (units))
Rsp<0185>: _0C!000602___            ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0186>: Wait PrvRspSec             ' Waiting for 6 seconds
Rsp<0186>: Wait began at 14:32:44 and ended at 14:32:50
Cmd<0187>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0187>: _0D0!0-0.03895+11___      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press>+<unitx>
Lin<0188>: '
Cmd<0189>: (#x)C0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0C0 (Meas. Pressure (units))
Rsp<0189>: _0C0!000602___            ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0190>: Wait PrvRspSec             ' Waiting for 6 seconds
Rsp<0190>: Wait began at 14:32:50 and ended at 14:32:56
Cmd<0191>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0191>: _0D0!0-0.03885+11___      ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press>+<unitx>
                                          (unitx:0=ftH20,1=psi,2=kPa,3=cmH20,4=mH20,5=mmH20,9=userunits)
Lin<0192>: '
Cmd<0193>: (#x)C1                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0C1 (Meas. Fac. Press. (psi))
Rsp<0193>: _0C1!000601___            ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0194>: Wait PrvRspSec             ' Waiting for 6 seconds
Rsp<0194>: Wait began at 14:32:57 and ended at 14:33:03
Cmd<0195>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0195>: _0D0!0-0.01573___        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<press(psi)>
Lin<0196>: '
Cmd<0197>: (#x)C2                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0C2 (Meas. Temperature)
Rsp<0197>: _0C2!000602___            ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0198>: Wait PrvRspSec             ' Waiting for 6 seconds
Rsp<0198>: Wait began at 14:33:03 and ended at 14:33:09
Cmd<0199>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0199>: _0D0!0+23.000+0___        ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<temp>+<unitx>(unitx:0=degC,1=degF)
Lin<0200>: '
Cmd<0201>: (#x)C3                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0C3 (Meas. User Coeffs.)
Rsp<0201>: _0C3!000103___            ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0202>: Wait PrvRspSec             ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0202>: Wait began at 14:33:10 and ended at 14:33:11
Cmd<0203>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0203>: _0D0!0+1.000000+0.000000-0.033854___
                                          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<usrslp>+<usrofst(psi)>+<fldofst(psi)>
Lin<0204>: '
Cmd<0205>: (#x)C4                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0C4 (Meas. Cal. Coeffs.)
Rsp<0205>: _0C4!000102___            ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0206>: Wait PrvRspSec             ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0206>: Wait began at 14:33:12 and ended at 14:33:13
Cmd<0207>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0207>: _0D0!0+1.000000+0.000000___
                                          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<calslp>+<calofst(psi)>
Lin<0208>: '
Cmd<0209>: (#x)C5                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0C5 (Meas..PCB Temperature)
Rsp<0209>: _0C5!000202___            ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0210>: Wait PrvRspSec             ' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0210>: Wait began at 14:33:13 and ended at 14:33:15
Cmd<0211>: (#x)D0                    ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)

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Rsp<0211>: _0D0!0+24.085+0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<temp>+<unitx>(unitx:0=degC,1=degF)
Lin<0212>: '	
Cmd<0213>: (#x)C6	' Expanded Cmd: 0C6 (Meas. Excitation Voltage)
Rsp<0213>: _0C6!000201__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5-6=<numarg>
Cmd<0214>: Wait PrvRspSec	' Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0214>: Wait began at 14:33:16 and ended at 14:33:18	
Cmd<0215>: (#x)D0	' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0215>: _0D0!0+12.0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<volts>
Lin<0216>: '	
Cmd<0217>: (#x)U OPEN	' Expanded Cmd: 0U OPEN (Unlock Xducer)
Rsp<0217>: _0U OPEN!0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>
Cmd<0218>: (#x)XR+0	' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+0 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0218>: _0XR+0!00012__0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0219>: Wait PrvRspSec	' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0219>: Wait began at 14:33:19 and ended at 14:33:20	
Cmd<0220>: (#x)	' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0220>: 0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0221>: (#x)D0	' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0221>: _0D0!0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Cmd<0222>: (#x)XR+1	' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+1 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0222>: _0XR+1!00012__0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0223>: Wait PrvRspSec	' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0223>: Wait began at 14:33:20 and ended at 14:33:21	
Cmd<0224>: (#x)	' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0224>: 0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0225>: (#x)D0	' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0225>: _0D0!0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Cmd<0226>: (#x)XR+2	' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+2 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0226>: _0XR+2!00012__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0227>: Wait PrvRspSec	' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0227>: Wait began at 14:33:22 and ended at 14:33:23	
Cmd<0228>: (#x)	' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0228>: 0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0229>: (#x)D0	' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0229>: _0D0!0+05-257012.0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Cmd<0230>: (#x)XR+3	' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+3 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0230>: _0XR+3!00012__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0231>: Wait PrvRspSec	' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0231>: Wait began at 14:33:23 and ended at 14:33:24	
Cmd<0232>: (#x)	' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0232>: 0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0233>: (#x)D0	' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0233>: _0D0!0+15+16777216__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Lin<0234>: '	
Cmd<0235>: (#x)XR+22	' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+22 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0235>: _0XR+22!00012__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0236>: Wait PrvRspSec	' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0236>: Wait began at 14:33:25 and ended at 14:33:26	
Cmd<0237>: (#x)	' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0237>: 0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0238>: (#x)D0	' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0238>: _0D0!0+22+195.9367__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>
Cmd<0239>: (#x)XR+23	' Expanded Cmd: 0XR+23 (Read Coefficient)+(SR)
Rsp<0239>: _0XR+23!00012__0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0240>: Wait PrvRspSec	' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0240>: Wait began at 14:33:27 and ended at 14:33:28	
Cmd<0241>: (#x)	' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0241>: 0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0242>: (#x)D0	' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0242>: _0D0!0__	' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<coefx>+<coefval>



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Cmd<0243>: (#x)L                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0L (Lock Xducer)
Rsp<0243>: _0L!0__                              ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>
Lin<0244>: '
Cmd<0245>: (#x)XT+5                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0XT+5 (Add Add'l.Averaging Time)+(SR)
Rsp<0245>: _0XT+5!00011__0__                    ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0246>: Wait PrvRspSec                        ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0246>: Wait began at 14:33:29 and ended at 14:33:30
Cmd<0247>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0247>: 0__                                  ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0248>: (#x)D0                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0248>: _0D0!0+39__                          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<numsamp>
Lin<0249>: '
Cmd<0250>: LOOP2 2                              ' Terminate Loop2 (2 of 2 times)
Lin<0251>: '
Cmd<0252>: (#x)XT+0                              ' Expanded Cmd: 0XT+0 (Add Add'l.Averaging Time)+(SR)
Rsp<0252>: _0XT+0!00011__0__                    ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> 2-4=<rdysec> 5=<numarg>
Cmd<0253>: Wait PrvRspSec                        ' Waiting for 1 seconds
Rsp<0253>: Wait began at 14:33:30 and ended at 14:33:31
Cmd<0254>: (#x)                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0 (Read SR=Service Request)
Rsp<0254>: 0__                                  ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs> (SR)
Cmd<0255>: (#x)D0                                ' Expanded Cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0255>: _0D0!0+1__                          ' Rsp Data(>!): 1=<adrs>+<numsamp>
Lin<0256>: '
Cmd<0257>: AddTo x 1                             ' AddTo Variable X (=1) the value 1, Result=2
Cmd<0258>: LOOP1                                ' Repeat Loop1
Cmd<0259>: DO LOOP1 n                           ' Terminate Loop1
Cmd<0260>: Wait 0                               ' Relative timestamp (sec.) : 147.671678
-- Script Ends & Log File Closed

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### 6.1 THE PLAYBACK FUNCTION

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This chapter details the Playback function. It is used for viewing, editing, converting, and creating final presentation reports and graphic plots from any data file that was generated by Data Scout Advanced. Such files are normally stored in the default path C:\YSI\DSAdv\Dat.

Although this Playback function can be activated from the Run window's File menu, it is a separate application which allows it to be activated independently by the program name DSPlay (DSPlay.exe). This program is installed in the same path Data Scout Advanced is installed (normally C:\YSI\DSAdv).

All Data Scout Advanced data files are recorded in a human-readable text format and can be viewed directly by any text editor. DSPlay mainly provides extensive plotting capabilities for viewing file data. It has powerful data conversion features as well. Any of the Data Scout Advanced data file types (.txt, .atd, or .csv) may be selected as the "current file" from DSPlay's own File | Open menu item. The file is then displayed according to the current Display Mode selected from its Display menu.

There are three Display Mode choices for viewing a file:

- 1) As text in a simple scrollable text box below the menu/status bar.
- 2) As a plot in a graphic picture box below the menu/status bar.
- 3) As text in a separate window belonging to a "favorite" text editor.

#### 6.1.1 PLAYBACK DISPLAY MODES AND DATA FILE FORMATS

The first display mode is only useful for displaying "short" text files not exceeding 65400 characters (or the first part of longer files). File size is not limited for the other two modes.

Plotting functions of the second display mode allow the user to utilize "automatically-determined" plotting scales (based on max/min data noted during a pre-scan of the data file). The user can manually override automatic scales to "zoom" in or out on the data of each measurement. Individual measurements and transducers can also be hidden on the plot when you only want to highlight one or more particular graphs.

The third display mode allows the original text report file to be viewed, edited, saved, printed, renamed, copied, moved, or deleted. Your favorite text editor may be used, though the Window<sup>®</sup> text editors (NotePad and WordPad) are used when one is not specified. However, since DSPlay is a separate application from Data Scout Advanced, its text editor must be configured separately (see Display | Options while the text editor is selected as the current Display Mode).

Since there are three (3) file extensions (.txt, .atd, and .csv) of data files, you might not expect that there are actually four (4) unique data formats. However, there is a .csv version of the AutoLog data files and of the Record data files. DSPlay must use Data Scout Advanced data file naming conventions to fully distinguish the two .csv types. AutoLog files (with .atd and .csv extensions) have file names that begin with the model-serial number (e.g., SV2-12345) of a single transducer that contributes data to the file. Record files (with .txt and .csv extensions) have varying file names, but generally they begin with a descriptive word (e.g., LoadTest9) the user defines at the time of recording. These record data files may have data contributed from 1-16 separate transducers. If you alter file name conventions (not recommended) then the first few header line must be read to distinguish the two types of .csv files uniquely. Thus, do not alter the header lines of these files if you expect DSPlay to recognize all their contents appropriately.

Each of the two major file types (AutoLog and Record) may occasionally need conversion into other formats. All four data file types may also occasionally need conversion of selected pressure and temperature data converted to other units. Additionally, any of these files may contain data from an absolute Level Scout(s) that must be compensated by a single BaroScout absolute transducer, whose data are located in the same file or in a different file with a compatible date/time range. The DSPlay features for doing these "utility" conversion and compensation tasks are described in section 6.2.

When started, the DSPlay window appears as a one of three blank windows, depending on its currently selected Display mode (figure 6.1).

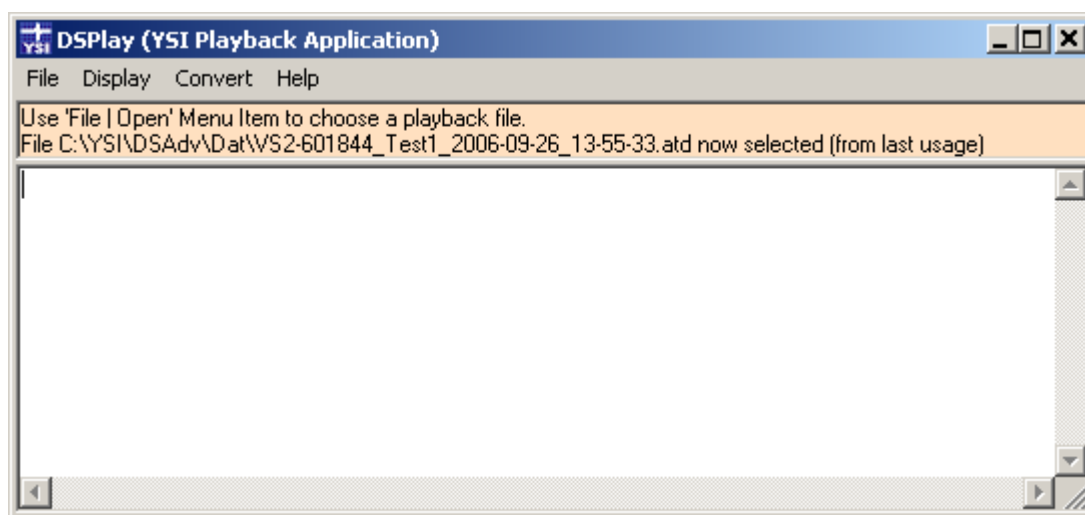


Figure 6.1

The Text Box Display has scroll bars in case the selected file being displayed does not fit exactly into the box. However, the entire DSPlay window can also be resized and repositioned on the screen. The application remembers these parameters persistently when it exits. When restarted it restores the saved position and size it previously had. Other options (like last file displayed and plotting defaults) are also persistent.

The Plot Surface Display may have any of four background colors selected for it, by clicking the display window.

The Text Editor's data is always displayed in a separate window, so the main window is blank. However, clicking this blank window allows the user to configure a favorite text editor.

Clicking either one of the three display areas opens an appropriate display options configuration window for its particular display mode. This is equivalent to using the Display | Options menu function for each mode selected. Be sure to view the ToolTips of each item on the configuration window for detailed help information. All these additional display options are also persistent when DSPlay exits and restarts. Likewise, the program remembers the last file selected and the last display mode but does not initially display the file because very long files would take a significant amount of time to re-display. However, you can immediately invoke the display of the last selected in several ways:

- 1.) Resize the form slightly with a mouse drag.
- 2.) Reselect the current display mode via the Display menu.
- 3.) Reselect the current file name via the File | Open menu.

You can always start DSPlay by selecting a new file, via the File | Open menu item, which causes the Windows® File Open dialog window to open. This selected file then becomes the new last file selected.

If a last file selected exists, its full path name also appears (highlighted) in the File name: list box. The user may re-select it immediately by clicking the **Open** button on the dialog window. Its file type also selects a current filter in the Files of type: list box. The user may select a new current filter manually by clicking the arrow at the right end of this box to select any other type of recorded data file created by Data Scout Advanced.

The user can create “custom” filters if the ones provided are not suitable to their file naming conventions. Just enter the desired “filter” in the text box named File name: using “wild card” characters (? or \*) to stand-in for one or more missing file name characters. For example, if you have used the string “XTEST” within the name of a series of “record” files simply enter “\*XTEXT\*” in the text box. Only those named files which contain this string appear in the window above. The string “\*XTEXT\*.csv” entered manually into the text box shows only the .csv versions of these files and hides any .txt file types.

To select a new file click its name to highlight it, then click **Open** or just double-click the file name. Click **Cancel** to avoid selecting a new file. A standard Windows® right-click context menu also works on this dialog window. Use it to view a .csv file with a spreadsheet application or to perform utility file maintenance functions (print or delete or rename).

There are currently two (2) known limitations on file path names selected for processing by DSPlay:

- 1) It cannot handle “unmapped” network file names (i.e., full path names with the “\\” prefix instead of a “drive letter colon” prefix). The user must copy any such files to folders on a local hard drive or a “mapped” network hard drive first.
- 2) It cannot handle files names containing “spaces” in their names. However, since all files created (written) by Data Scout Advanced are automatically named, and do not have any spaces in their names, this should not be a problem unless these names are altered. This limitation does not seem to exist if the file name is passed to the separate text editor for processing.

Screen views in following sub-sections show the initial DSPlay window for each display mode. These sections also describe all the features available in each display mode.

#### 6.1.1.1 DISPLAYING SHORT TEXT FILES IN TEXT BOX

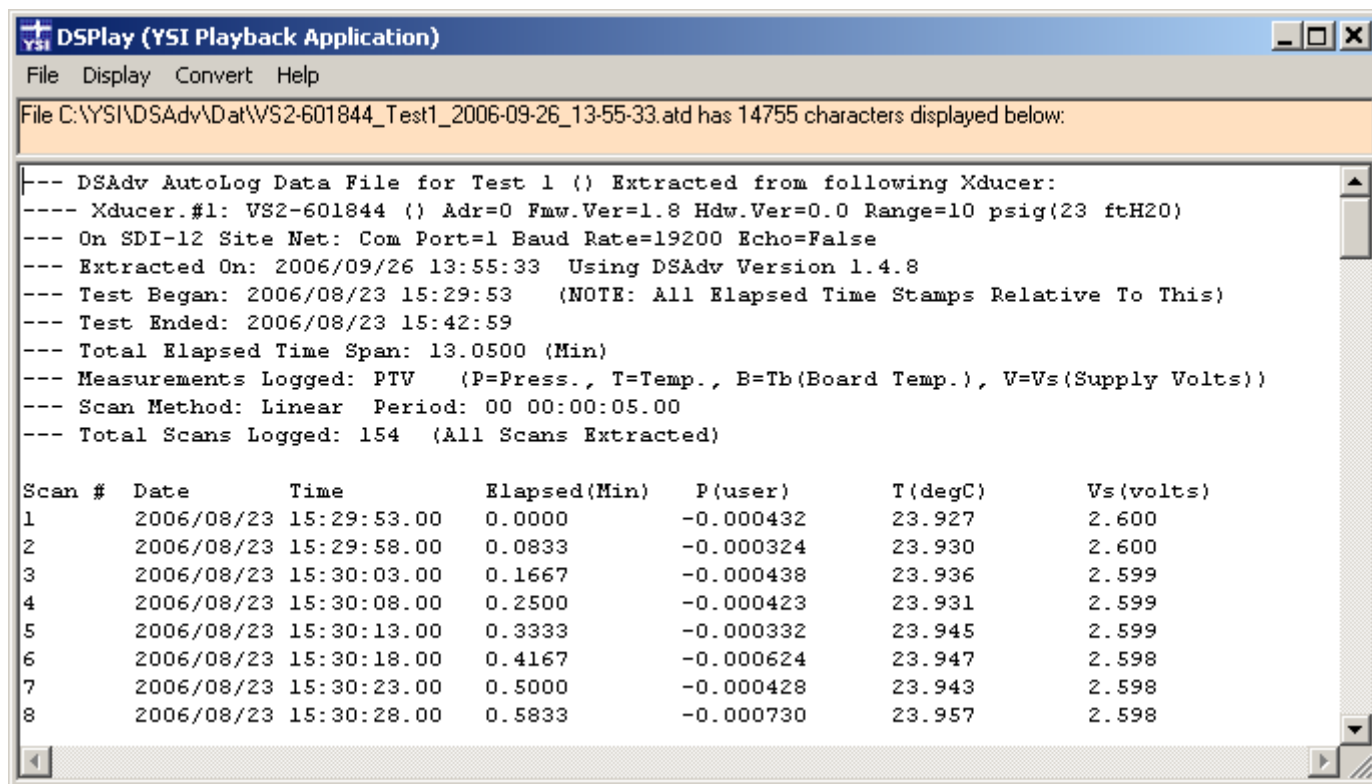


Figure 6.2

Clicking the white display area of the text box causes the following configuration window to open. As can be seen, there are currently no options for this display mode.

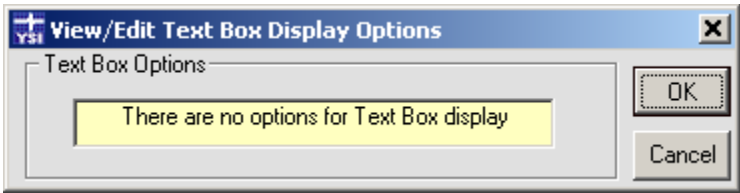


Figure 6.3

### 6.1.1.2 DISPLAYING FILES AS GRAPHS

Examples of the graphic plot display formats are shown below. Display options vary with the type of file (AutoLog or Record) being plotted. Please note that the font size used for annotating a graph is quite small and may seem crowded in these plot examples. To solve this issue, enlarge the DSPlay window by dragging its left and bottom boundaries separately, or by dragging the bottom-right corner diagonally. Widening the window selects progressively larger text fonts on the plot surface and the resulting graph appears less crowded.

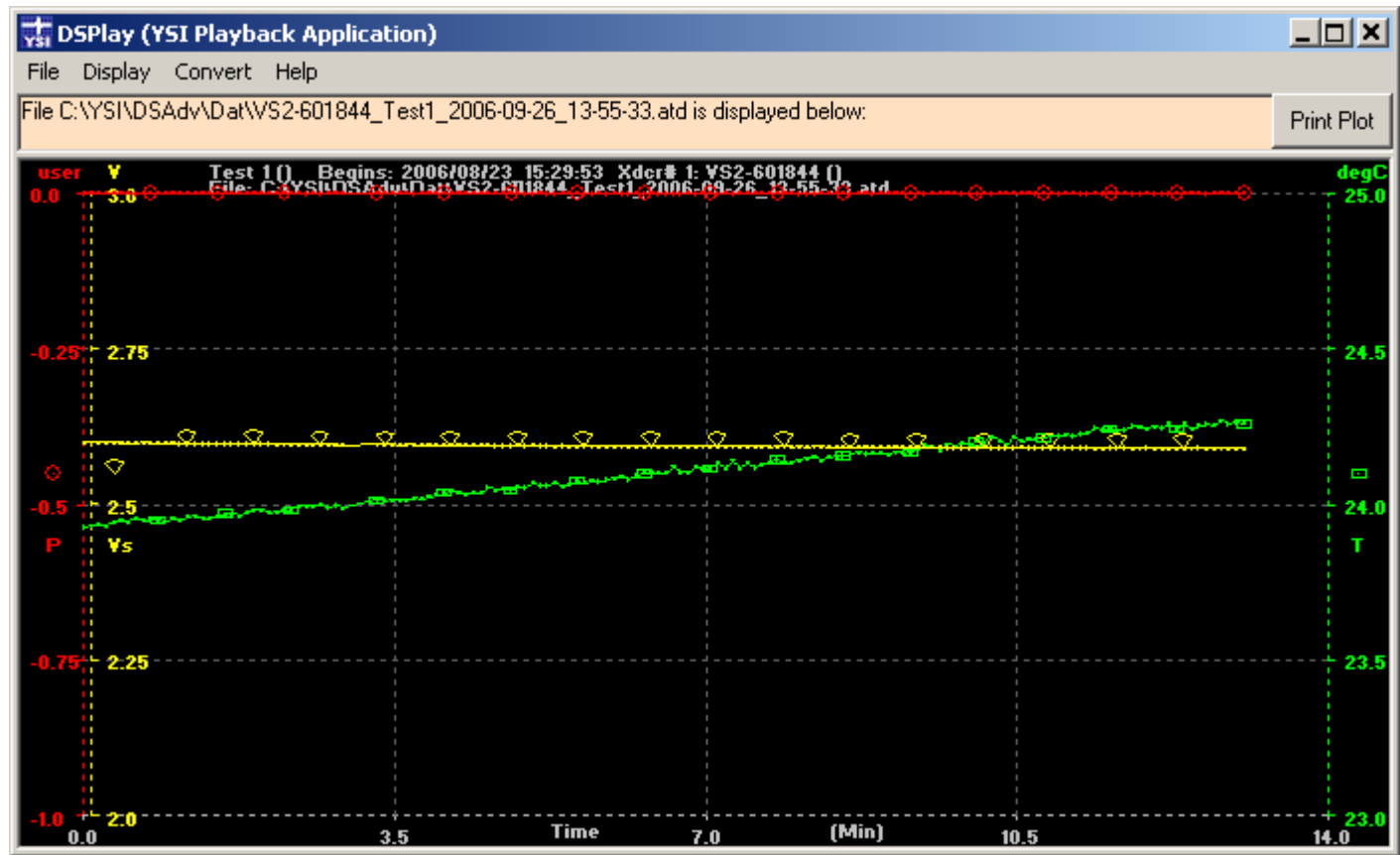


Figure 6.4

Clicking the display area of the plot surface causes a main plot configuration window to open if an AutoLog file (.atd or .csv) is selected for display (figure 6.5). Select the **Scales** button to open the Scales window (figure 6.6). Selecting the **Options** button restores the main window. Explore the ToolTips of both these windows for information on the purpose of each option frame, field, and button.

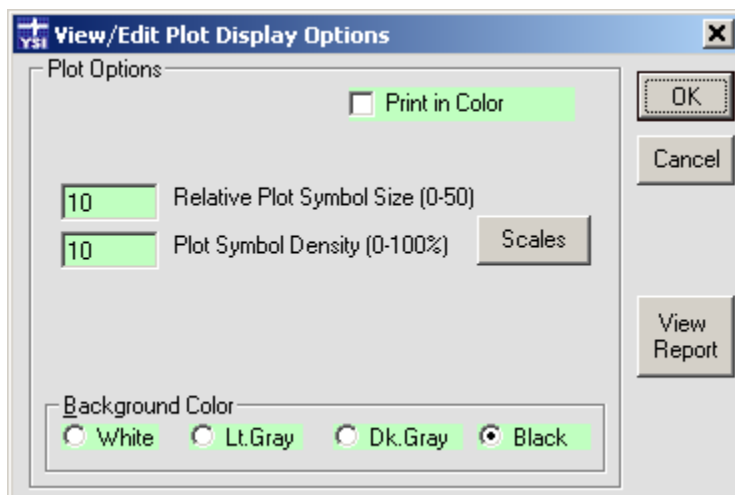


Figure 6.5

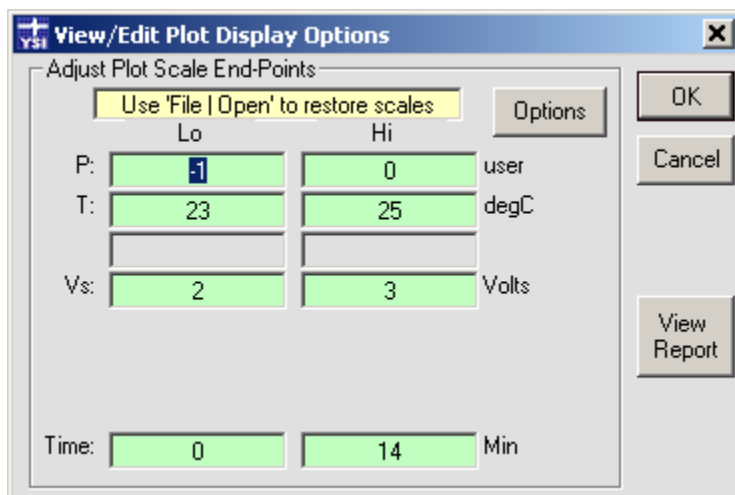


Figure 6.6

The Scales window (figure 6.6) displays the automatically determined scale end-points of each measurement. The user may manually edit these after the first plot appears, and thus change the scaling of the plot for any and all measurements and the time span. The user must reselect the file to restore the original automatic scales. The user can also exclude any measurement from the plot by clicking its name on this window. Click its name again to return it to the plot. Select OK to replot.

Any displayed plot can also be printed by clicking the **Print Plot** button on the top-right of the DSPlay window. This is not just a “screen dump” to printer, but a re-plotting of the data at the finer resolution of the printer. Quite a bit of time may pass after pressing this button before the printer begins. However, a printer icon usually appears in the Windows® tray to indicate that a plot is being composed and spooled to the Default Printer. All printed plots appear in Landscape format on a full standard page. There is a Print in Color option (persistent) that should be checked on the Display Option window if the printer is capable of color. This option should generally NOT be checked if the printer is monochrome so that appropriate shades of gray can be used.

Please note that since there are two distinct types of .csv files that can be plotted, DSPlay uses the filename to tell the difference. Thus, if you choose to rename your files be sure to leave the string model number somewhere in the name of each AutoLog .csv file (and do not include this string in any Record .csv file). Else, DSPlay is unable to correctly recognize format differences in the two types of .csv file.

### 6.1.1.3 DISPLAYING LARGE TEXT FILES WITH TEXT EDITOR

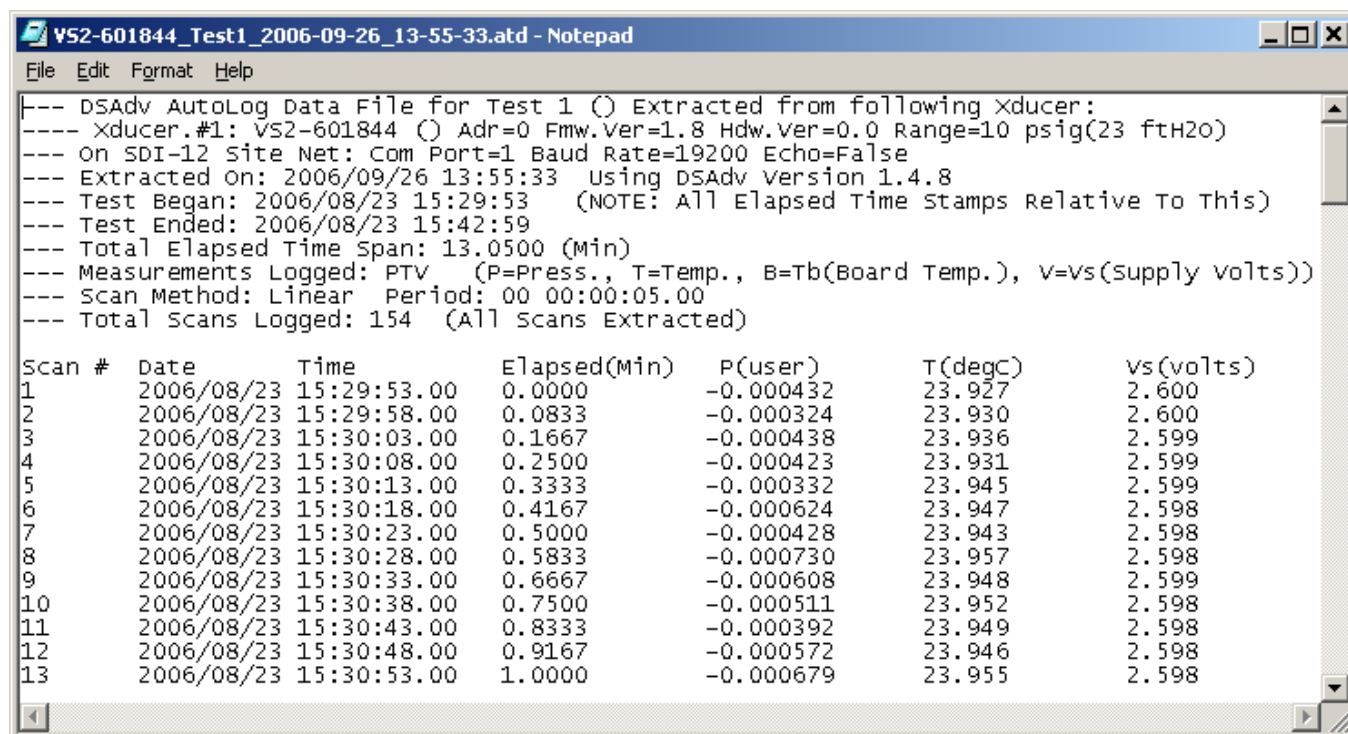


Figure 6.7

Clicking the display area of the empty DSPlay window causes the following configuration option window to open if the display mode is set to an external text editor (figure 6.8). It lets the user configure a favorite text editor. Double-click the light green text box on this window to navigate to the .exe file where the text editor is installed.

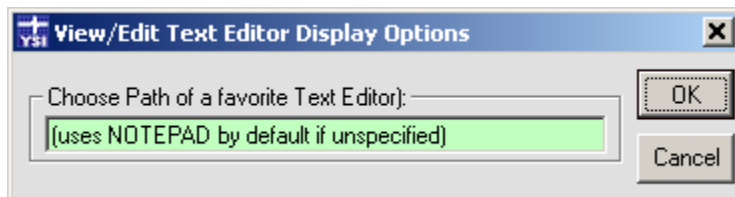


Figure 6.8

Set this text box blank to select the default standard Windows® text editor NotePad. Since NotePad has file-size limits, it usually “suggests” an automatic switch to the WordPad editor if its limits are reached.

#### 6.1.1.4 PLOTTING LARGE DATA FILES

Most typical short data files will plot or print fast enough that you may not notice the processing time. However, Data Scout Advanced is capable of generating data files that are millions of bytes in length. Plotting always requires two passes of the data file to be made: (1) the first pass to get max/min data values for each plotting scale to implement the default “automatic” scaling, (2) the second pass to do the actual plotting to screen or printer. If you attempt to plot very large files it can take a very long time. For plotting on the screen, the only indication of such large files will be a printing of a “status data line” on the plot surface for every 10,000th data line processed during the first pass only. The second pass will display the scales and start to plot points slowly.

Another indication of very large files is that an Abort button appears in the upper right hand corner of the window in place of the usual Print Plot button. Select the Abort button to end either the pre-scanning (1st pass) or plotting (2nd pass) process. Any plots generated by an abort may then display only part of the data from the original file (or no data at all if aborted during the pass 1).

Clicking the **Print Plot** button will cause a re-scan and re-plot of all the data file points and utilize the added resolution of the printer (if the printer has enough memory). If you get an Error message late in this process, it is because the printer’s memory cannot support plotting that many points. Most Windows® printer drivers also spool large files to disk (if you have enough disk space) while, at the same time, unspooling and sending some of this data to the printer. In this case, the spooling may finish long before the actual data is all plotted in the printer’s memory. This causes the Abort button to disappear and the Print Plot button to be restored. The user may then exit the Playback application as the printer continues to digest the spooled data file.

## 6.2 THE CONVERSION MENU

DSPlay has a Convert menu with three selections (figure 6.9). Each selection leads to a utility data conversion program providing three useful conversion functions. Each function is described below.

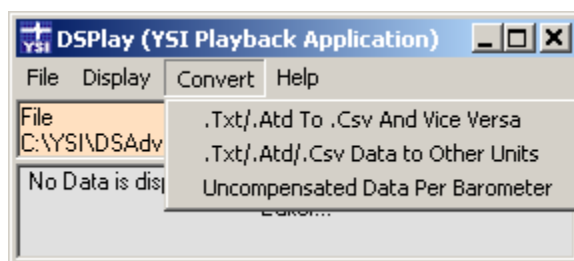


Figure 6.9

### 6.2.1 FORMAT CONVERSION

The first Convert menu selection (Convert | .Txt/.Atd to .Csv and Vice Versa) causes the following Convert window to open:

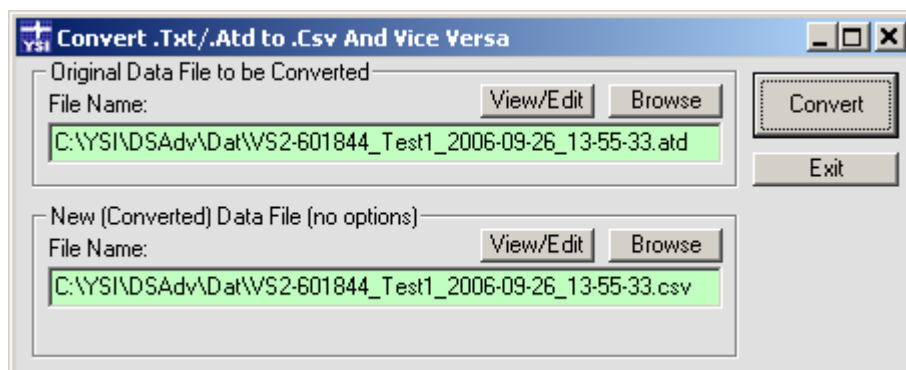


Figure 4.10



Notice that this window has two frames of controls: the Original data file specification frame and the New (Converted) data file specification frame. Like all the convert functions, this first function uses the last file selected of DSPlay as a default “root” file name for filling both its file name text boxes.

This window allows any original data file, of the two (2) major data types (AutoLog or Record), to be converted into its other format. Here are the conversion possibilities:

- Live ‘Record’ data (.txt) into its spreadsheet (.csv) format
- Live ‘Record’ spreadsheet data (.csv) into its readable text (.txt) format
- Extracted ‘AutoLog’ data (.atd) into its spreadsheet (.csv) format
- Extracted ‘AutoLog’ spreadsheet data (.csv) into its readable text (.atd) format

To use this utility, accept the default names automatically selected or enter the full path name of the desired original file name into the Original (first) frame’s text box.

A New data file name with the “other” extension, is automatically generated, by default, in the New frame. If a file by that name already exists, a revision string (number 1-999 in parentheses) is added to the file name to the left of the file extension. The file is tested for existence, and if not, the number is incremented. Avoid clicking the View/Edit button for this “non-existent” New file unless you want to create and see a new blank file. Similarly, the Browse button is useless at this stage (before conversion), unless you want to look for another file to use as a “root” template for naming the New file.

When the Convert button is clicked, the Original file has its format converted to the other format, and written to the New file. If the New file already exists, you are warned, and allowed to abort or to overwrite that file. No data values are changed by this type of conversion, only the file’s format.

After the Convert button is clicked, a status box appears (below the buttons) to indicate the progress of the conversion or to show any problems it finds with the input file and output file. Except for very large text files, with many samples, conversion is nearly instantaneous. A bright “green” status field background appears for a successful conversion. A pale “yellow” background usually indicates errors have occurred, as indicated by the message. A bright “orange” status field indicates conversion in progress.

If conversion is successful, clicking the View/Edit button in the New frame pops-up this newly created file for viewing and/or editing using the text editor assigned to DSPlay. If you click Exit the Convert window closes and the new file becomes the new last file selected of DSPlay and is immediately displayed (e.g., replotted). Use the File | Open menu of DSPlay to delete it or rename it as required or use another selection on the Convert menu to convert the file in some other way.

### 6.2.2 CHANGE SELECTED PRESSURE/TEMPERATURE UNITS

The second Convert menu selection (Convert | .Txt/.Atd/.Csv Data to Other Units) causes the following new Convert window to open:

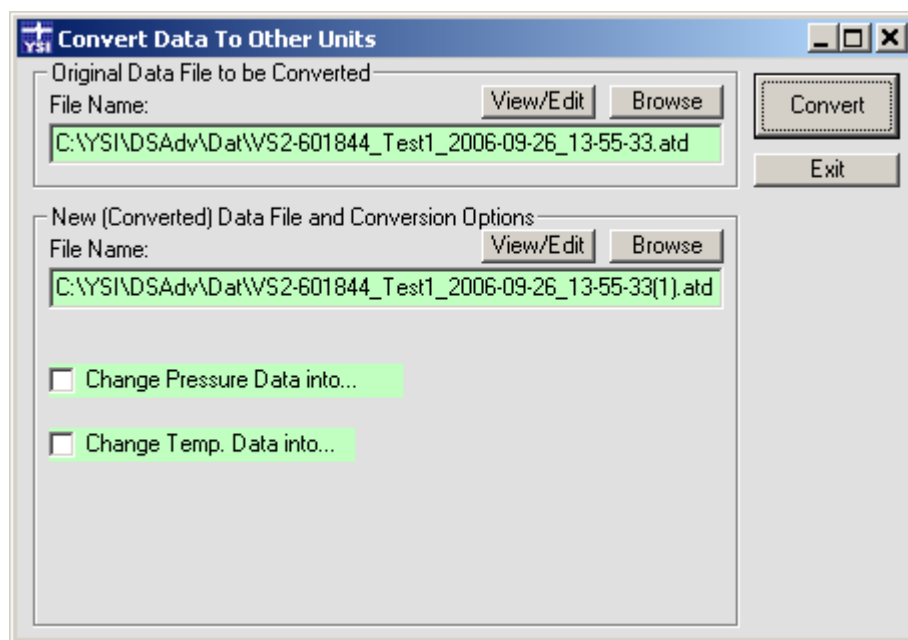


Figure 4.11

Notice that this window has two similar but not identical frames of controls: the Original data file frame and the New (Converted) data file frame. And, like all the other convert functions, this function uses last file selected of DSPlay as default “root” file names for filling its two file name text boxes.

The Original file selected (by default, by double-clicking the text box, or by using the Browse button in that frame) may have the .txt or .atd or .csv file extension. The default New file name has the same “root” name, path, and extension, as no change of format is to be performed here. In order to make the New file name unique (since it must be non-existent), a “file version number” in parentheses, between the “root” file name and its extension, is added by default (shown as “(1)” in the example above, which is the case when there are no previous versions). Two check-box options also appear in the second frame to let the user select what final pressure units and/or temperature units into which the data are converted to in the New file.

The pressure conversion can be done at a specified “precision” (1 to 9 digits after the decimal points). The default shown (-1) means use the best precision, which for the Single (32-bit) internal IEEE floating point numbers used is always 6 or 7 “significant” digits. For AutoLog data files, with only one transducer, there is no other choice to make. If “user units” is selected, the slope and offset will be applied to psi units.

For a Record data file, the window also allows the user to choose which transducers are to have their data converted. A text box is added to each sub-frame that lets you select only the desired transducers for pressure and/or temperature conversion. The default for both text boxes is All transducers, but if you examine the ToolTip of each text box, it indicates the available transducer number choices (determined by a pre-scan of the file), and any or all of these transducer numbers may be entered into each text box. Separate each transducer number entered with a single space.

When the Convert button is pressed, the data conversion is performed as specified. The contents of the converted New file mirrors the format of the Original file, except for the actual data changed in the affected data columns. If the file contains more than temperature and pressure columns (e.g., Voltage, Raw Counts, etc.), then these other data columns are not affected. If the file contains more than one temperature column, both columns are converted to the same units if temperature conversion is optioned.

After the Convert button is selected, a status box appears (below the buttons) to indicate the progress of the conversion or to show any problems found with the input file and output file. Except for very large text files, with many samples, conversion is nearly instantaneous. A bright *green* status field background appears for a successful conversion. A pale *yellow* background usually indicates errors have occurred, as indicated by the message. A bright *orange* status field indicates conversion in progress.

If conversion is successful, clicking the View/Edit button in the New frame opens this newly created file for viewing and/or editing using the text editor assigned to DSPlay. If you click Exit, the Convert window closes and the new file becomes the new last file selected of DSPlay, and is immediately displayed (e.g., replotted). Use the File | Open menu of DSPlay to delete it or rename it as required.

### 6.2.3 COMPENSATE SELECTED ABSOLUTE PRESSURES PER BAROMETER

The third Convert menu selection (Convert | ompensate Data Per Barometer) causes the following new Convert window to open:

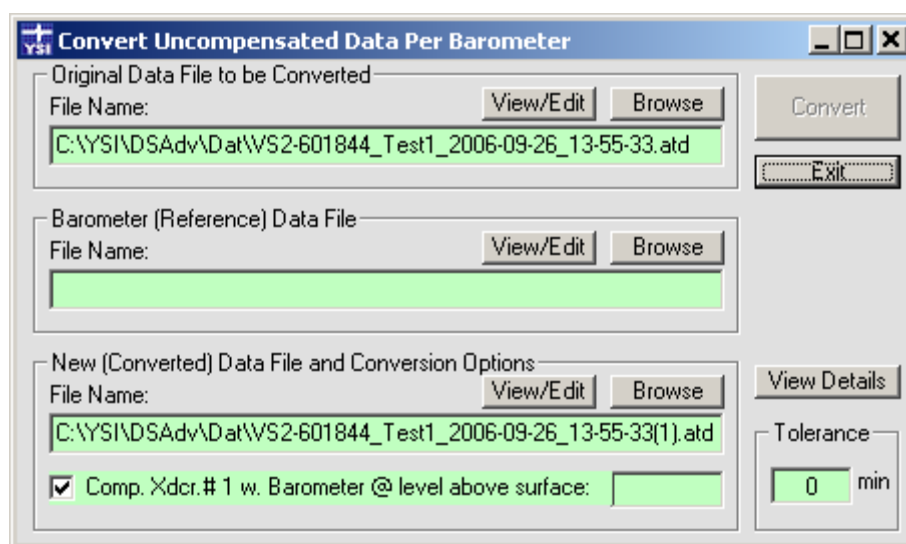


Figure 4.12

This utility program converts selected uncompensated absolute pressures in an Original input data file, using a reference source of absolute BaroScout pressure data with similar date/time profile. The conversion equations are as follows:

$$pBh = pB * (1 + h * D) \quad (\text{calculates head pressure per baro elevation})$$

$$p2 = p1 - pBh \quad (\text{subtracts baro head pressure from abs.press.})$$

Where: pB is the measured absolute pressure reading from the Barometer in psia,  
pBh is the calculated “head” pressure at the surface of the water in psia,  
h is the height (elevation) of Barometer above surface of the water in inches\*\*,  
D is the density per psi of dry air in pounds/in<sup>3</sup>, a constant (2.9315E-6),  
p1 is the measured pressure of the transducer to be compensated in psia,  
p2 is the final calculated compensated value of this transducer in psia.

\*\*Note: the elevation may be a negative number if the barometer is located below the surface of a particular water well or lake. Such a condition might exist if one centrally located barometer is used as a reference to a series of nearby lakes with different surface elevations.

This convert program actually accepts pressures (in its input files) even if they are already expressed in pressure units other than psia. It converts such other pressure units to psia before performing the calculations indicated above. The final compensated value is then converted back to the original units before being written to the New compensated file. However, if the input files already have their pressure data in psia, and the final result is desired in some other “level” units (e.g., ft H<sub>2</sub>O), convert the final “compensated” output file separately with another Convert function. If you do this extra convert step immediately after the compensation is finished, the New output file is automatically assigned as the default Original input file of the second Convert operation.

Initially, this window has its Convert button, and several other new buttons, disabled (dim) until both input files are correctly specified. The Original and New file frames still have their default names automatically specified by the last file selected of DSPlay. However, the new Barometer frame is normally blank (unless there have been previous conversion sessions which used the same file name).

If the default Original file is not correct, the Browse button in this frame may be used select a different “uncompensated” data file manually. The View/Edit button may be used to view the contents of the selected file (as text) at any time. This file must contain absolute pressure data samples in order for the conversion to be meaningful.

The only possible default offered for the Barometer (second input) file is one that was selected during a previous conversion session (without exiting DSPlay). This Barometer file is normally selected manually by using that frame’s own Browse and View/Edit buttons. This second input data file is assumed to contain absolute pressure samples with date and time stamps that coincide with all the absolute pressure data in the uncompensated absolute Original data file to be converted. In the special case of a Record file (containing pressure data from multiple transducers) both frames may contain the same file name if one of the recorded transducers in the common file is the desired absolute Barometer data.

Regardless of whether the Barometer data is in the same file or in a different file, if it contains data from multiple transducers, another text box appears in the Barometer frame, to the right of the file name, to allow the particular transducer # containing the Barometer data to be selected. The ToolTip of that text box indicates the range of valid transducer numbers that may be entered. If you change this text box you must end your numerical entry with a <Tab> key before the change is actually made.

Normally, the Convert button is enabled as soon as any two input files (in the top two Original and Baro file frames) are specified and found to exist. However, this does not mean that the compensation is successful. To be successful there must be available barometer samples with date/time stamps that are at least “close” to the date/time stamps of the pressure samples being compensated.

For AutoLog data files, or Record data files with only one transducer recorded, the normal case is that two unique “input” files must be specified. In this case, the Barometer file must have pressure data samples that coincide with the same range of dates and times throughout the Original file within some specified “age” tolerance (which defaults to 10 minutes). If the file to be compensated has pressure values with time stamps earlier than the first available barometer reading or has time stamps later than the last available barometer reading, the tolerance is used to determine if that barometer sample is close enough to be used for the pressure compensation. Any pressures that fail this criterion are not compensated, and its resultant data values are replaced with the non-value token “\*\*nobar\*\*”.

This tolerance value also applies to Record files if two separate input files are used. For Record files, where the barometer data and pressure samples to be compensated are being scanned together in the same file, the tolerance value is not used.

The tolerance can be changed by the user in the special frame shown at the bottom right of the window. The last entry of this tolerance is persistent and is the tolerance used during each subsequent convert session unless change.

When a separate Barometer file's data has individual samples which were recorded at a much lower or greater frequency than those in the Original file, the program uses an interpolated Barometer value which is calculated using the pressure values and date/time stamps of the closest "bracketing" current and previous samples of Barometer data, and the date/time stamp of the Original data sample being converted.

If a suitable Barometer file does not exist, and the general barometric profile for the same date/time period of the Original file is known from other sources, then one can use the Browse and View/Edit buttons in the Barometer frame to "create" a Barometer data file from scratch, from a copy of the Original data file. This file copy can then be edited down with a text editor to include as many samples of "Simulated Barometer" data as needed to re-create the known barometric profile.

Both "input" files must exist before you can convert these data. Click each input file's View/Edit button to open it with DSPlay's configured text editor to verify its existence manually and to examine its contents. The "output" (New) file must not exist in advance. The user is warned, and allowed to abort or overwrite it, if it does exist.

The Comp. controls (whether single or multiple) need to be checked only if you want that particular transducer's data to be compensated in the New (output) file. At least one transducer must be selected or you are warned to do so. The extra text box (at the right end of each control) should be set to the Elevation of the Barometer above the surface of the water (well or lake) being measured. Since a single barometer may also be used to reference transducers recorded from different lakes or wells, the distance from the water surface to the single barometer must be specified for each transducer separately and this elevation value may be a positive number (if the barometer is located above the water surface of the well or lake containing that transducer) or a negative number (if barometer is located below the water surface of the well or lake containing the transducer). However, if all the level transducers are located in the same lake or well, then the same Elevation value (positive or negative) should be entered into each text box. If the Barometer is located at essentially the surface of the well or lake then a zero (0) value should be entered for each elevation (which is the default value if the no elevation value is entered manually).

If you check the ToolTip for each Elevation text box, you discover that you can enter not only a number but a unit abbreviation as well (following the number, separated by one space). Valid unit abbreviations are: in (inches), ft (feet), cm (centimeters), or m (meters). If no unit abbreviation follows the elevation value, then inches (in) are assumed by default. If no value is entered, zero (0) inches is assumed.

After the Convert button is clicked, a status box appears (below the Exit button) to indicate the progress of the conversion or to show any problems it finds with the two input files and one output file. Except for very large text files, with many samples, conversion is nearly instantaneous. A bright *green* status field background appears for a successful conversion. A pale *yellow* background usually indicates errors have occurred, as indicated by the message. A bright *orange* status field indicates conversion in progress.

After the new "compensated" file is created, clicking the View/Edit button in the New (third) frame allows the user to view it as a text report. If you click Exit, the Convert window closes and the new converted file becomes the new last file selected of DSPlay, and is immediately displayed (e.g., re-plotted). You may then use the File | Open menu of DSPlay to delete it or rename it as required.

If the New compensated file has its pressure still expressed in psi units after conversion, and some other water level units (e.g., ftH<sub>2</sub>O) are desired, select the second Convert menu item, after exiting the convert window, to convert this file again into the desired units. However, avoid compensating an already-compensated file a second time, as the units are no longer expressed in the absolute pressure units of a sealed-gauge transducer (with the ambient barometric pressure added to it). A second conversion would make no sense and yield meaningless data.

The last Convert window has an extra button labeled View Details. A diagnostic report is generated during each compensation session and saved in a file (named CnvDetails.Txt). This file is overwritten each time the Convert button is clicked on this convert window, so you must save it elsewhere, or rename it, if you want to keep the detailed results of any other than the latest conversion session. This button is always enabled to allow the user to view the most recent such report.

If you are happy with the compensated results of the final New data file, you need not view its Details report and particularly if the status box between the Convert button and the View Details button turns bright green when the conversion is completed. However, if this status box turns yellow or red and contains an obvious error message, if upon examining the converted data you have one or more

compensated pressures that have an unreasonable pressure value, or if the value is replaced with the token “\*\*\*\*” or “\*\*nobaro\*\*” then you may choose to view the Details report to find out what went wrong during the conversion. If the report is long, simply search it for any “\*\*” string to find all error messages that indicate a problem.

The first section in the header of the Details report contains information on an initial verification phase of the compensation session. If all the absolute pressure data being compensated (and its corresponding barometer reference data) are in the same file this section has little information. Such a conversion is always successful since there is always a suitable barometer reading to use for each pressure to be compensated.

However, if the Original file being compensated and the barometer file are different, the header of the Details report shows the results verifying that both files have date/time stamps that cover the same time period. If the data file to be compensated contains any absolute pressure data with date/time stamps earlier than the date/time stamps of the earliest barometer pressure datum *or* if the data file contains pressure data with date/time stamps later than the time/date stamps of the latest barometer pressure datum, then the “closest” barometer reading may still be used if it is not too old (i.e., is within the specified tolerance in minutes).

#### **6.2.4 CONVERTING LARGE DATA FILES**

Most typical short data files will convert fast enough that the user may not notice the processing time. However, Data Scout Advanced is capable of generating text data files that are millions of bytes in length. If you attempt to convert such files it can take a very long time. The only indication of this is that the status box indicating that conversion is in progress may seem to hold its message for a very long time. During such operations, the Exit button is temporarily renamed Abort and may be clicked if you choose to end the conversion process short of its ultimate goal. Any file created by an aborted conversion may thus contain only part of the converted data from the original file being converted.

## 7.0 SUPPORT INFORMATION

### 7.1 WARRANTY

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The YSI Level Scout Instrument is warranted for two (2) years from date of purchase by the end user against defects in materials and workmanship, exclusive of batteries and any damaged caused by defective batteries. YSI Level Scout cables and suspension wires are warranted for two (2) years from date of purchase by the end user against defects in material and workmanship. YSI Level Scout systems (instrument & cable/wire) are warranted for 1 year from date of purchase by the end user against defects in material and workmanship when purchased by rental agencies for rental purposes. Within the warranty period, YSI will repair or replace, at its sole discretion, free of charge, any product that YSI determines to be covered by this warranty.

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- failure to maintain the product in accordance with YSI's written instructions or standard industry procedure;
- any improper repairs to the product;
- use by you of defective or improper components or parts in servicing or repairing the product;
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## 7.2 SPECIFICATIONS

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Level	Range: (Vented) 0 - 10 ft, 3.05 m, 4.3352 PSI 0 - 50 ft, 15.24 m, 21.676 PSI 0 - 75 ft, 22.86 m, 32.5140 PSI 0 - 250 ft, 76.2 m, 108.38 PSI 0 - 692 ft, 210.6 m, 299.9956 PSI  Range: (Absolute) 0-10 ft, 3.05 m, 19.035 PSI 0-50 ft, 15.24 m, 36.376 PSI 0-70 ft, 21.33 m, 45.046 PSI 0-230 ft, 70.1 m, 114.410 PSI 0-692 ft, 210.9 m, 314.696 PSI  Accuracy: 0.05 % FS TEB* for ranges > 10 ft ± 0.10 % FS TEB* for ranges ≤ 10 ft  Resolution: 0.00001 (Data scout and Data Scout Mobile) 0.000001 (Data Scout Advanced, user selectable)  Units: psi, ft H <sub>2</sub> O, mm H <sub>2</sub> O, cm H <sub>2</sub> O, m H <sub>2</sub> O, kPa
Temperature	Range: -20 to 50° C (Operating Range) -10 to 40° C (Compensating Range)  Accuracy: ± 1.0° C (for S2, T2, AS2, AT2 models) ± 0.2° C (for S4, T4, AS4, AT4 models)  Resolution: 0.001 (Data Scout and Data Scout Mobile) 0.01 (Data Scout Advanced)
BaroScout	Range: 8-16 psia, 55-110 kPa
Modes of Sampling	Linear, Linear Average, Event, and Logarithmic
Sampling Rate	Programmable, 8 readings per second max
Memory	2 MB (for S2, T2, AS2, AT2 models) 4 MB (for S4, T4, AS4, AT4 models)
Maximum Pressure Scans (Pressure with Time-Stamp)	196,560 (for S2, T2, AS2, AT2 models) 393,120 (for S4, T4, AS4, AT4 models)
Maximum Pressure and Temperature Scans (Pressure and Temp with Time Stamp)	144,144 (for S2, T2, AS2, AT2 models) 288,288 (for S4, T4, AS4, AT4 models)
Time-Stamp Accuracy	±2 min/year (over the compensated temp range)
Proof Pressure	1.5 x FS
Burst Pressure	2.0 x FS
Data Upload Time	100 scans/sec
Storage Temperature	-40 to 80° C without batteries, -20 to 50° C with batteries
Wetted Material	316 SS or Titanium; Viton®
Protection Rating	IP 69, NEMA 6P
Internal Batteries	(2) 1.5 volt AA (Alkaline RECOMMENDED)



<b>Battery Life</b>	3 years @ 15 minute sample intervals
<b>External Excitation</b>	6 – 16 VDC
<b>External Input Current</b>	8.0 mA (average current during measurement) 25.0 mA (15 mS peak current during page writes), 0.25 mA (sleep current)
<b>Communication Interface</b>	RS-485 (3 volt p-p differential with selectable baud rates from 1200 to 19200)
<b>Protocol</b>	SDI-12 ver 1.3 compliant
<b>Weight</b>	0.70 lbs, (318 grams) with batteries 0.15 lbs, (57 grams) cable assembly without cable 0.05 lbs/ft, (79 grams/m) cable 0.005 lbs/ft, (8 grams/m) suspension wire
<b>Diameter</b>	.75 inches (19.0 mm)
<b>Length</b>	12.44 inches (316.0 mm) from tip of transducer to end cap
<b>Cable</b>	Polyurethane jacketed, molded polyurethane seal 200 lbs, 90 kg pull strength conductors, Conductor size – 22 AWG

\* TEB – Total Error Band includes the combined errors due to nonlinearity, hysteresis, nonrepeatability, and thermal effects over the compensated temperature range per ISA S51.1

## 5.3 ACCESSORIES

770	Communication Cable, non submersible. Connects to Level Scout. Requires 771(+773) for PC connectivity.
771	RS-485 to RS-232 converter. Connects to 770, 779, or DB-9 shell style universal field cable, see section 2.2.2 for a diagram of all adapters.
772	RS-485 to SDI-12 converter. Connects to 778, 779 or DB-9 shell style universal field cable.
773	RS-232 to USB converter. Connects to 771.
778	All in one adapter, connects to field cable with electrical in-line vent filter, see section 2.2.2 for a diagram of all adapters. Provides RS-485, RS-232, and USB signals. Use with a 772 for SDI-12 communication.
779	Connect field cable with electrical in-line vent filter to 771 or 772.
780	Desiccant Vent filter
781	Cable Hanger
782	2" vented locking well cap with dock
783	2" vented locking well cap ONLY
784	2" dock ONLY
785	4" vented locking well cap with dock
786	4" vented locking well cap ONLY
787	4" dock ONLY
BS2	BaroScout, stainless steel, 2 MB memory
BS4	BaroScout, stainless steel, 4 MB Memory
711-X	Field cable with electrical in-line vent filter, Stainless Steel, polyurethane jacketed, X ft in length
721-X	Field cable with electrical in-line vent filter, Stainless Steel, ETFE jacketed, X ft in length
731-X	Field cable with electrical in-line vent filter, Titanium, polyurethane jacketed, X ft in length
741-X	Field cable with electrical in-line vent filter, Titanium, ETFE jacketed, X ft in length
750-X	Suspension wire, Stainless Steel, X ft in length
760-X	Suspension wire, Titanium, X ft in length
750-0-0	Stainless Steel Backshell deployment cap
760-0-0	Titanium Backshell, deployment cap

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- 6.) Quantity

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LEVEL SCOUT CONNECTION DIAGRAMS

Figure A-1 shows the 778 all-in-one adapter. The 778 provides connection from a field cable with an in-line vent filter to a modem, Pocket PC, or computer. It includes built-in conversion to RS-232C and USB and has a DC input connector for temporary power. Use with a 772 for SDI-12 applications.

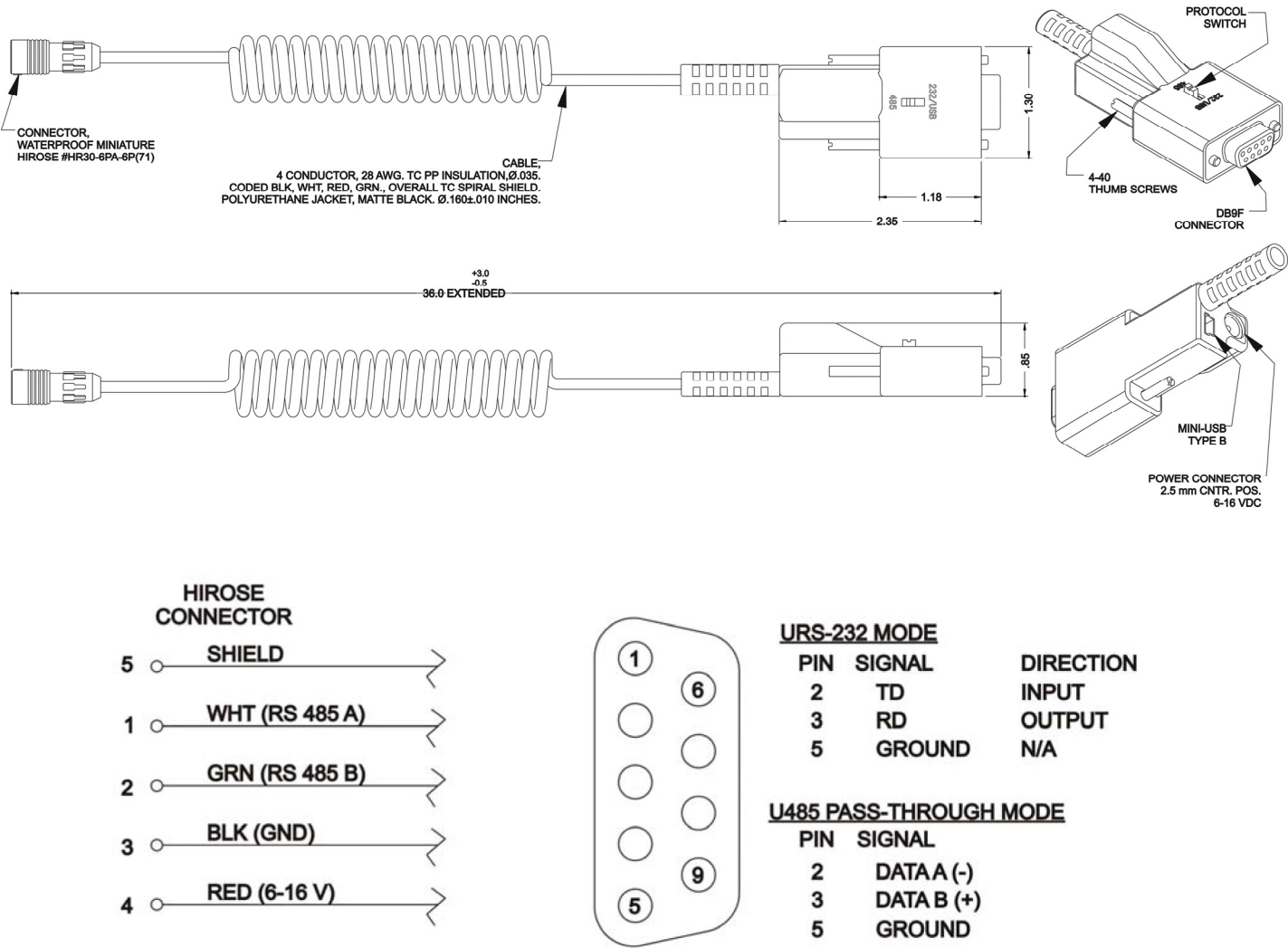


Figure A-1

Figure A-2 shows the RS-485 communications signal assignments on the 779-0-0 9-pin D-connector that are required for serial communications. Also shown are the signal assignments for the power connector of the 779-0-0. If you need to fabricate your own power connector to mate to this, ensure that the polarities are correct as shown below. The pins outs for the D-connector shown below are the same as those on the discontinued Universal Field cables that terminated in a 9-pin D-connector.,

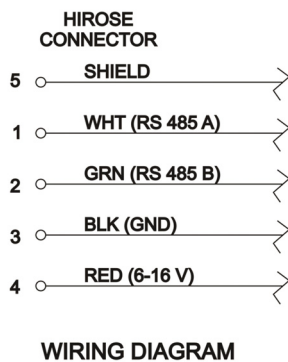
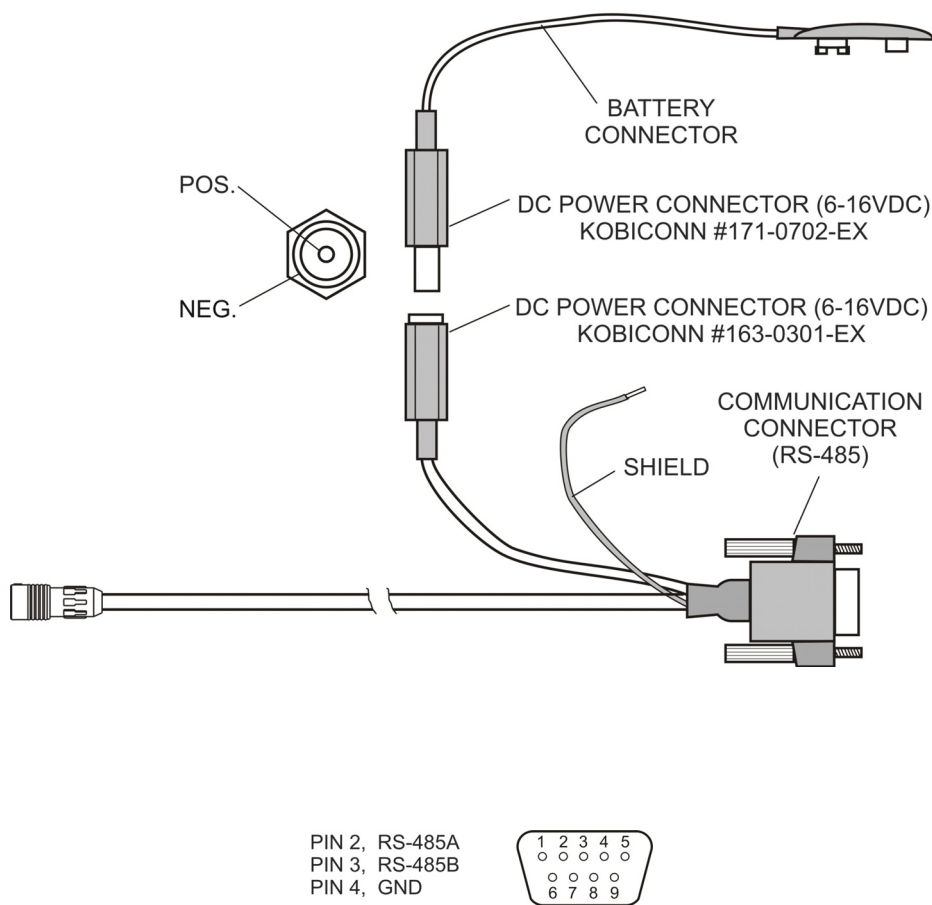


Figure A-3 shows the signal assignment for the RS-232 side of the Model 771 RS-485 to RS232 converter.

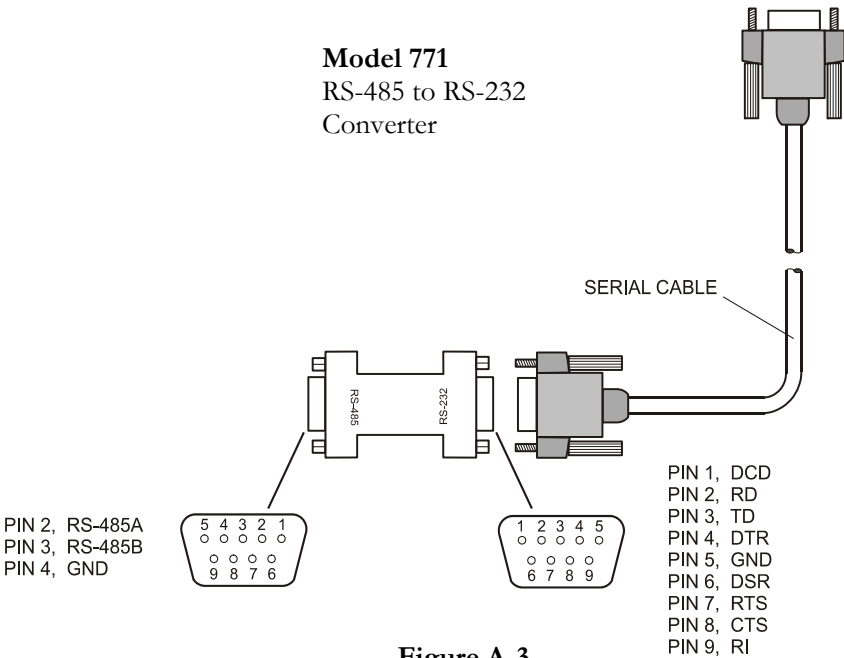


Figure A-3

Figure A-4 shows the signal assignments for the Model 772 RS-485 to SDI-12 converter.

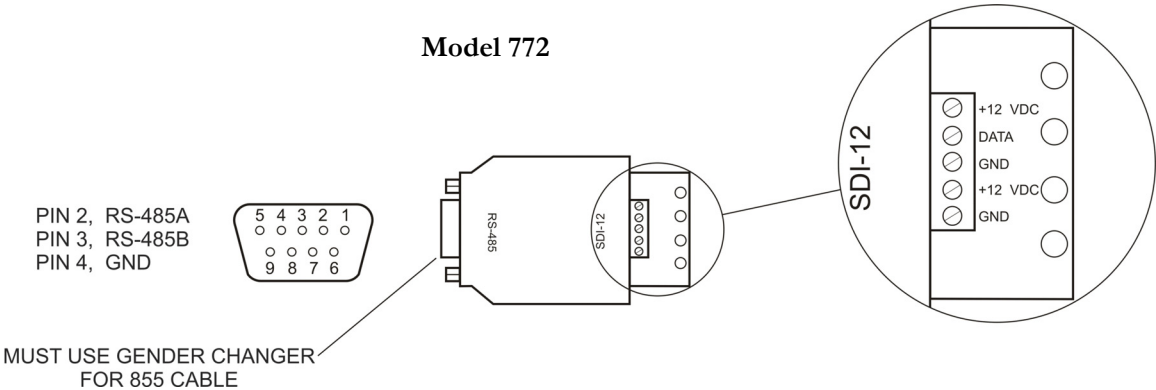
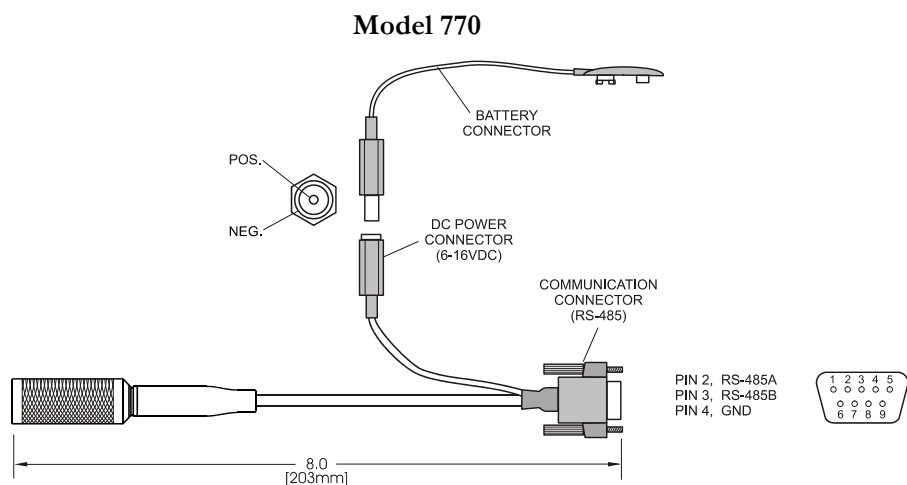
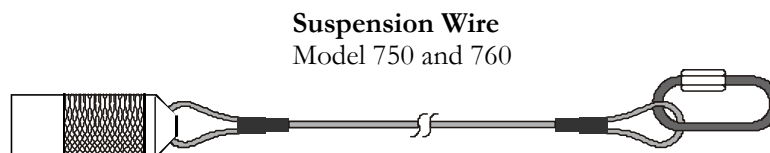


Figure A-4

**Figure A-5** shows the 770 Non submersible Quick Disconnect Communication Cable. It includes an RS-485 communication connector, DC power connector, and battery connector. The 770 is not intended for field deployment.



**Figure A-6** shows the Suspension Wire Assembly, Model 750 and 760. The Suspension Wire is intended for use with absolute transducers to suspend the unit during deployment. This assembly includes a stainless steel or titanium backshell, carabiner, and Teflon<sup>®</sup> coated stainless steel suspension wire.



## SDI-12 COMMUNICATION

SDI-12 is an industry standard serial digital interface bus. The bus was designed to allow compatibility between data collection devices of various manufacturers. SDI-12 is a single master multi drop bus and command protocol. As many as 10 sensors can be connected to the bus as a time. Each sensor is pre-assigned a unique address (0-9, a-z, or A-Z). Each Level Scout is factory-set to address 0 (zero).

This appendix documents some of the SDI-12 commands supported by the Level Scout transducer. All commands listed alphabetically have the following information:

<b>Command</b>	a 1-3 letter abbreviation (operation code for the command)
<b>Function</b>	a description of the command
<b>Syntax</b>	a complete rendering of the command's structure
<b>Sensor Response</b>	a description of the response(s) returned by the Level Scout

Some commands require another special **Get Data** command (“D0”) to follow them (immediately or after a delay of “ttt” seconds, as indicated by a parameter in the “main” response). Also, some command responses generate a “main” response, which is followed “ttt” seconds later by a second response: called the **Service Request** response. In both cases, a standalone colon (:) will indicate this required *following* relationship between two commands and two responses.

To avoid unnecessary repetition of frequently-used parameter descriptions in the table entries, each occurrence of a simple “a” item always represents the address of the sensor. Also, “ttt” represents a common parameter of a “main” response: **time in seconds** until data will be ready to read with a following “D0” command. All responses end with a non-printable <CR><LF> character pair, which is not shown in the table.

Command	Function	Syntax	Sensor Response
<b>I</b>	Identify Sensor	<b>aI!</b>	A13—YSI---AS2---hhh-sssss-vvv 13 Supports SDI Version 1.3 commands YSI Manufacturer AS2 Model Number hhh Hardware revision sssss Serial Number vvv Software revision
<b>D0</b>	Get Data	<b>aD0!</b> <b>Note:</b> This command is only issued after a <b>Start Measurement</b> command (various “M[v]” or “C[v]”). It should <b>not</b> be issued until measurement time (returned in response) has expired or extra <b>Service Request</b> response has been received after a <b>Start Non-Concurrent Measurement</b> (various “M[v]”) command is issued. Example: 0D0! (Send Get Data command to sensor “0”)	av or apu avu or aputu or avv or avvvv p is ± pressure value. t is ± temperature value. “v” is other non-specific value “u” is + units indicator Example: 0-10.23-0 If previous measurement command was “M” or “C” above example response would be “avu” form and would indicate that the water level of sensor “0” is a 10.23 feet. Note: If address is returned alone with no data and unit values, this indicates that there is no data available. Either a Start Measurement command was not issued, the command was aborted by sending a new command before the measurement time expired, or an expected Service Request response was not yet received.
<b>M or M0</b>	Start non concurrent pressure measurement	<b>aM!</b> :	att2 :



		aD0!	a (service request response) “2” is number values in “D0” resp: apu or aputu “p” is $\pm$ pressure value “u” is + units indicator. Use “XUP” command to set units. If “XUM=1” command is executed then $\pm$ temperature value and units code (tu) also appended.
M1	Start non concurrent factory pressure measurement (factory calibrated value always in psi)	aM1! : aD0!	attt1 : a (service request response) “1” is number values in “D0” resp: ap “p” is $\pm$ pressure value (psi)
M2	Start non concurrent temperature measurement	aM2! : aD0!	attt2 : a (service request response) “2” is number values in “D0” resp: atu “t” is signed temperature, “u” is = units: 0-Celsius, 1=Fahrenheit. Use “XUT” command to set units.
M3	Start non concurrent scale factor measurement (user slope, user offset, and field calibration offset)	aM3! : aD0!	a0013 : a (service request response) “3” is number values in “D0” resp: asoc “s” is signed user slope “o” is signed user offset (psi) “c” is signed field cal. Offset
M4	Start non concurrent standards lab scale factor measurement (standards lab calibration slope and calibration offset)	aM4! : aD0!	a0012 : a (service request response) “3” is number values in “D0” resp: aso “s” is signed cal. Slope “o” is signed cal. offset
M5	Start non concurrent high accuracy PCB temperature	aM5! : aD0!	attt2 : a (Service Request response) “2” is number values in “D0” resp: atu “t” is signed temperature, “u” is = units: 0-Celsius, 1=Fahrenheit. Use “XUT” command to set units is si
M6	Start non concurrent battery voltage measurement	aM6! : aD0!	a0021: : a (Service request response) “01” is number values in “D0” resp: av “v” is the battery voltage
M7	Start non concurrent pressure and temperature measurement	aM7! : aD0!	attt4 4 is number values in “D0” resp: aputu p is $\pm$ pressure value, first u is = units index. Units set by “XUP” command. t is $\pm$ temperature value, second u is +0 = Celsius or +1 = Fahrenheit. Use “XUT” command to set units.

## EXECUTING TEST SCRIPTS

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This appendix details the formats of Script files and their complementary Log files. These files are read and written, respectively, by the program activated by selecting the Test | Execute Script menu item. This program is hereafter referred to as the **Execute Script** window or program. Examples of scripts using this program are included at the end.

See Chapter 5 for additional information on how to select and operate the Script program

All Script files (sometimes called Command files) are recognized by the .cmd file name extension. The Log files generated when these scripts are executed have the .log file name extension. All such files are stored in the Cmd-Log subfolder of DSAdv.

The CMD-Log subfolder is also used to hold any System Log files created during a DSAdv execution session. These files have names like **SYS\_<date>\_<time>.LOG**. See the '*Configure | General Options (DSAdv)*' form in **Chapter 3** for enabling/disabling the option that creates these event logging files.

A Script file may contain any number of low-level transducer “base” commands, written one per text line. Such commands may address any transducer appearing on the Transducer Net Map of Data Scout Advanced. Each addressed transducer must be operable, and its commands must begin with the same transducer address assigned to it on the map. A “base” command is a simpler pure-text representation of a low level command that may have other protocol-dependent characters added to it later when executed by the protocol-sensitive drivers built into Data Scout Advanced.

Also allowed in a script are comment lines and special meta-commands, also written one per text line. The comment lines are written to the log file and simply ignored. The meta-commands are interpreted by the Execute Script program and not sent to transducers. They either control the progression and timing of the executed script itself (e.g., Pause, Wait) or some special SDI-12 protocol-dependent wait function.

## SCRIPT FILE FORMAT

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A Script file is a simple text file, easily written and edited with any simple text editor.

When it's necessary to addresses a transducer in a Script file, add one or more base commands of that transducer to individual text lines in the file. The first part (i.e., transducer address) of each command may be entered literally if known, such as:

**0D0** - Read Data (D0) from Transducer with Address 0

Or, it may be entered as an address macro of the form “(#n)” where n is a particular transducer number value (1-16) or a script variable (a-z or A-Z) currently assigned as a transducer number.

**(#1)D0** - Read Data from Xducer #1 on Transducer Site Net Map

**(#x)D0** - Read Data from Xducer # currently assigned to script variable X

The concept of script variables will be described formally below. This address macro will cause the Execute Script program to “look-up” the currently assigned address of the indexed transducer, and substitute it when the command is expanded and then executed.

Each text line containing a transducer's base command, whether literal or containing macro substitutions, is eventually “executed” by sending it to the target transducer, and then reading back the response from the transducer. Both the command and its response are written on two separate lines of the Log file. For example:

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Cmd<0022>: (#1)D0 - Expanded cmd: 0D0 (Read Data)
Rsp<0022>: _0D0!0+22.712+0__
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Please note that the term “base” in transducer base command means that certain special protocol dependent parts of commands should *not* be included in the script. For example, any SDI-12 command (like the examples above) requires a leading “break” and “mark” period and a trailing exclamation point (!) character be added before command is transmitted to the serial network. However, these items are added by Data Scout Advanced, and should *not* appear on a script line.

Because all SDI-12 a transducer networks use a single serial data line (i.e., the Xmt and Rcv lines are tied together) all command responses actually begin with a command echo as well. The extra “items” added by Data Scout Advanced do show up in this “command echo”. A leading underline ( \_ ) character (see Rsp<0022>: example above) replaces an unprintable NUL character that results from the “break” added by Data Scout Advanced. The exclamation point (!) marks the end of the “command echo” and the next character begins the “true” response returned from the transducer. Finally, two trailing underline ( \_ ) characters replace the unprintable <CR><LF> character sequence that ends each command’s true response.

The natural <CR> <LF> characters that delimit each Script file’s lines are simply used to separate its various text lines (or commands). For transducer base command lines, these characters should not be thought of as being sent to a transducer.

Command file lines may contain meta-commands. These special commands may be written with mixed-, upper-, or lower-case letters (unlike transducer base commands which are case-sensitive). They are interpreted by the script program as control functions that it should perform (i.e., they are *not* sent to an “addressed transducer”).

Each meta-command also has one or more **arguments**, separated from the meta-command **keyword** (and each other) by a single <space> character. The form and meaning of such arguments are shown within angular brackets < > below. Like the keyword, most meta-command arguments are not case sensitive. Thus, various script constant names or script variable names may be specified in upper, lower, or mixed case. Such items are described formally later.

The following meta-commands are available to include in a script file:

<b>set</b> <var> <various>	Assigns the value of a script variable (A-Z);
<b>addto</b> <var> <various>	Adds a value to a script variable (A-Z);
<b>wait</b> <various>	Inserts precise timed delays in a script;
<b>waitSR</b> <various>	Inserts an SDI-12 variable Service Request wait with an ultimate specified timeout in a script;
<b>message</b> <text message>	Passes a message line directly to Log file;
<b>pause</b> <text message>	Same as <b>message</b> , but pauses script execution until a prompted operator resumes it;
<b>do loop</b> [x] <various>	Starts a repetition loop (x=1-8) in script;
<b>loop</b> [x] <various>	Ends a repetition loop (x=1-8) in a script.

All the meta-commands listed above are discussed in more detail below.

Any number of comment lines may be added anywhere in a script. These lines will be ignored (but copied to the Log file) as long as the first (non-blank) character of the line is an *apostrophe* ( ' ):

' <comment text>

Do *not* add comments to the end of any transducer base command line. However, there is a normally “checked” option on the Execute Script window, labeled **Annotate Log**, which automatically adds a trailing comment on the right “half” of each command line as it is copied to the Log file. Such added comments describe the basic functionality of each recognized transducer command. There is a similar option (labeled **Convert Data**) for generating similar comments on the right “half” of each response line as it is copied to the Log file. This feature parses all fields in a returned transducer response and describes the function of each, bit-by-bit, byte-by-byte. Any non-obvious data fields (e.g., 4-byte hex copies of IEEE floats) in the response are converted to a more human-readable (e.g., decimal) format. If the commands or responses themselves already extend into the right “half” of a Log file’s line, the added comments are printed on extra (indented) lines instead.

Each command line of a Script file, whether it contains a transducer base command, a comment, or a meta-command, may have leading <space> characters added before the first recognized character. You may use this feature for “indenting” loops and other command constructs in the script. Any leading <space> characters will be removed as the command line is processed by the Execute

Script program, thus they will not appear in the Log file, which uses its own indenting formats to improve the readability of the executed script results.

You must avoid embedding Tab (ASCII 09) characters directly in the text lines of the script. If your text editor adds them, you must disable this behavior or use a text editor that will turn Tabs into spaces. If any such characters appear anywhere within a text line, they will be converted to underline (   ) codes to make them visible (so they can be removed) but such a script will not execute correctly.

## LOG FILE FORMAT

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A Log file is a simple text file generated by the Execute Script window when it executes a Script file. It is easily viewed (and edited) with any text editor.

As a Script file is executed, line-by-line, each line is also written to the Log file whether it is a transducer base command, a meta-command, comment, or unrecognized. If it is recognized as a transducer base command, it is also transmitted to the transducer. Such commands are likely to elicit a command response from the transducer, except in special cases (e.g., some commands that contain a “broadcast” address will not return any response and will return a “timeout” error message). When such a response is received it too is written to the Log file, and identified as a response. Short prefixes are added to all such logged lines according to how they are recognized.

A recognized transducer base command or meta-command is prefixed by the string:

**Cmd<nnnn>:** <text of transducer base command or meta-command>

A recognized command response is prefixed by the string:

**Rsp<nnnn>:** <text of response, including command echo prefix>

A recognized comment is prefixed by the string:

**Lin<nnnn>:** <text of comment>

The <nnnn> fields contain a decimal sequence number. For all comments, commands, and meta-commands, it represents the actual line number where that item was read from the script file as long as NO looping meta-commands are used. For responses, it has the same value as its matching command.

The field <text of response> is literal (exactly as received from transducer, including any command echo).

## META-COMMANDS

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This section describes the function of each of the meta-commands interpreted by the Execute Script window.

The SET meta-command allows the user to set the values of up to 26 unique general purpose **script variables** anywhere in the script. These variables have the names A-Z (not case sensitive). Such variables are actually Double Floats internally but may also be assigned simple Integers for loop indexes and counting purposes. A second argument of the meta-command allows these variables to be assigned a specific **numeric value**, the value of a **named script constant**, or the current value of any other **script variable**. These variables may be referenced as optional arguments (in place of actual numerical values) in most of the other meta-commands described below.

**set** <script variable> <value | named script constant | other script variable>

Currently, the only **named script constant** is **NumX** or **NumT** that may be assigned the number of “working” transducers currently configured on the Data Scout Advanced Transducer Net Map. A “working” transducer is one that has an assigned Model Number that comes from reading its ID string (see **Query** command on Data Scout Advanced main window). Such constants are not case sensitive, and only the first four characters are required (e.g., you may enter NumXdcrs, or NumXducers or NumTransducers).

The ADDTO meta-command allows a specific **numeric value**, the value of a **named internal script constant**, or the current value of any other **script variable** to be added to a specified script variable (A-Z).

**addto** <script variable> <value | named script constant | other script variable>

The PAUSE meta-command is used to prompt the operator of the Execute Script window while the script is running. The script will pause until the operator reads the message prompt (displayed in the top *light- yellow* status box of the window, and accompanied by a beep or bell signal), and the operator subsequently presses the **Resume** button that is enabled on the form for that purpose.

**pause** <text message>

This meta-command has only one parameter: any text string suitable for prompting the operator. It is also written to the log file, as is any meta-command.

The **MESSAGE** meta-command is used to prompt the operator of the **Execute Script** while the script is running. The script will pause for exactly five (5) seconds. In such a fixed time period, the operator “may observe” the display prompting message, after which the script file execution resumes on its own.

**message** <text message>

The meta-command has only one parameter: any text string suitable for prompting the operator. It is also written to the log file.

The **WAIT** meta-command causes the script to pause for a specified time period (in whole or fractional seconds). During any such time period that exceeds 0.5 sec, the operator may also observe a special Delay Box on the form that shows the number of seconds remaining in the specified period. When delay period expires the script file’s execution continues and any Delay Box disappears.

**wait** <seconds | special constant | script variable>

The resultant value of the single argument is a time in seconds, and may be entered directly as a number, or as the value of a **special constant** (see below) or as the current value of a **script variable** (A-Z). The time base used is a high-resolution value measured accurately from a 64-bit timing register on any Pentium class CPU. It may be specified as an integer or as any fractional double precision number (e.g., 0.002 sec).

Certain “measurement” commands return a response value in seconds that predicts when that command’s data will be ready to be read by a special read data (D0) command. The Execute Script program will extract that value from all responses of such commands and make it available to a **wait** meta-command if you reference the **special constant** named **PrvRspSec** (Previous Response’s ‘Seconds’ Field) instead of a direct numerical value. For example, the following meta-command will utilize that time value extracted from the last response from the transducer:

**Wait PrvRspSec** Wait till transducer says its data will be ready

If you need to add additional time simply call Wait again with the explicit added amount of time you need to wait (for example an additional 20 milliseconds):

**Wait PrvRspSec**

**Wait 0.020**

The “response” line of **wait** that is written to the log file includes two time-of-day (hh:mm:ss) values that indicate the beginning and end of the wait period.

Alternately, you may use a special form of the command:

**Wait 0**

The may be used repeatedly in your script to write **relative time stamps** to the log file wherever you need to measure time accurately.. Such **relative time stamps** show time in seconds, relative to when the script started executing (and to a resolution of 1 microsecond (e.g., 0.000001 sec.)). There is, of course, an overhead associated with using this special form of Wait. To measure the overhead (and check resolution of the time stamps), simply execute a series of such commands in a row. Then check the time differences between each command as indicated by the Log file annotations on the “right half of the page”.

You may also pre-assign a time value in seconds to a script variable and reference that variable by its name (A-Z) in the Wait command.

```
:
T=0.000100'Pre-assign 100 microseconds to variable t
:
:
Wait T'Wait amount of time assigned to variable t
:
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There is also an SDI-12 protocol-specific form of **Wait** called **WaitSR** which also accepts the same delay period argument as **Wait**. Since it is a conditional wait, it is much more responsive than waiting a fixed amount of time. For example:

**WaitSR PrvRspSec**    Wait till transducer returns a Service Request (SR) response indicating that its data is ready. The PrvRspSec argument is used as an ultimate timeout if the expected SR is not received.

The above meta command always times-out for SDI-12 commands that do not generated a timely Service Request response.

The Script file may contain special looping commands to repeat single commands or groups of commands and meta-commands. A maximum of eight (8) loops may be used in a script.

Any loop in the script must begin with a **do loop[x]** meta-command on a line by itself, and end with a **loop[x]** meta-command on a line by itself. The optional loop index [x] must be 1-8. If [x] is missing, loop #1 is assumed. Any other commands or meta-commands on lines between these two special begin/end loop meta-commands will be repeated indefinitely (if the loop specifies no repetition <count> parameter) or will be repeated a finite number of times that you specify. The <count> parameter may appear optionally on either the beginning meta-command as: **do loop[x] [<count>]** or on the ending meta-command as: **loop[x] [<count>]**. If the <count> parameter appears on both meta-commands that define the loop the Execute Script program will yield unpredictable results. If neither meta-command includes a <count> parameter the loop will repeat “forever” (or until the user presses the **Abort Script** button on the form). The <count> parameter may be assigned a direct numerical value, or may refer to a **named script constant** (e.g., NumXdcrs) or to a **script variable** (A-Z). The following excerpt from a Script file (using Loop #2) is an example of a repeated SDI-12 command sequence with the repetition <count>=NumXdcrs, specified here at the end of the loop:

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:
Set x 1           Initialize Loop to start with Xdcr #1

Do Loop2         Loop begins

(#x)M0           Send Read Pressure Measurement

Wait PrvRspSec   Wait for time specified by M0 response

(#x)             Read special Service Request in input buffer

(#x)D0           Read Pressure Data from Xdcr

Loop2 NumXdcrs   Loop ends, Repeat this loop for each Xdcr

:
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A single script may, at most, employ only eight (8) such loops. However, these loops may be employed sequentially, nested, or as a combination of both. The script program checks for such anomalies in a pre-compile stage before the script is executed. Thus, if you “re-use” a particular numbered loop, or fail to properly match up the beginning and ending of each used loop, the script will self-abort before any command is executed. In this case **no** Log file is ever written. Such a pre-compile error is indicated by turning the background color of the status box *bright orange*.

The Script form turns its normally *pale yellow* status box *bright yellow* when it starts executing a script. A normal completion of the script turns the box *bright green*. An abnormal abort of the script (manually or due to errors detected by the script itself) turns the box *bright red*. The message displayed inside the box will either indicate the reason for that particular “colored” status, or will indicate where you can find that information. For example, specific errors message may be found only in the Log file itself after a script has aborted with errors. Such error messages will begin with two asterisks (\*\*), so you can use the Find function of your text editor to find them.

## OTHER FEATURES OF EXECUTE SCRIPT

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The script program expects one response from the transducer after each transducer base command is executed, and will not advance the script unless this condition is met. If the transducer does not return a valid response, or returns no response at all, a Data Scout Advanced error message may eventually appear (after a suitable timeout period) to prevent hanging the script forever. However, while a script is running, a **Skip Cmd.** button is enabled that may be useful should a very long “timeout” delay or “hang” occur due to a bad

transducer or an incorrect command being sent to a transducer. If you can tell, by the display of the commands in the **Latest Command** status box and the responses in the **Latest Response** status box that a script has stalled on a command, click the **Skip Cmd.** button. Such action will force the script to move on to the next command in the file, abandoning its natural wait for the current command's response (figure C-1).

This **Skip Cmd.** button will also cancel any long delays (e.g., **wait** meta-commands) in progress, if you loose patience waiting for it to finish.

Above each of the status boxes (labeled **Latest Command** or **Latest Response**) is a *check-box, normally checked* by default. If you uncheck the box, then the program will not display items (commands or responses) in that box. This is only useful when you are trying to cut out overhead in the script program to make it handle high-speed scripts efficiently. If additional overhead reduction is required, you might also uncheck the options labeled **Annotate Log** and **Convert Data** on the form.

The options labeled **Annotate Log** and **Convert Data** (if checked) cause useful comments to be added to the Log file when a script is executed. The first describes the command line. The second converts all data fields in a transducer response line to human-readable form and describes each field. Such conversion depends on the actual command executed. Most SDI-12 commands return response data already in a readable decimal numerical form. Normally, a bad (unrecognized) transducer command will cause the script to abort. Un-checking the option **Stop on Err** makes the script continue running after a bad command is marked erroneous, but executed anyway.

## EXAMPLE OF COMPLETE SCRIPT FILE

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The following complete script file for a Level Scout transducer, with loops, is annotated partially by added comments at the far right (not part of the script file), and with additional comments at the end.

(#1)U OPEN	Unlock features of Xducer #1
DO LOOP1 2	Begin outer loop (#1) and repeat 2 times
DO LOOP2	Begin inner loop (#2) – no repeat cnt.
(#1)I	Read ID string from Xducer #1
LOOP2 4	End inner loop (#2) and repeat 4 times
(#1)XM+1	Request Raw Temp./Press. meas.in Xducer
Wait PrvRspSec	Delay until Xducer says data is ready
(#1)	Read Service Request from Xducer ready
(#1)D0	Read data now ready in Xducer
(#1)C5	Request PCB Temp. meas. in Xducer
Wait PrvRspSec	Delay until Xducer says data is ready
(#1)D0	Read data now ready in Xducer
(#1)C6	Request Batt.Volts meas. in Xducer
Wait PrvRspSec	Delay until Xducer says data is ready
(#1)D0	Read data now ready in Xducer
LOOP1	End outer loop
(#1)L	Lock features of Xducer #1



The script file above shows nested looping capabilities. The outer loop (#1) has its repeat count (2) specified at the top of the loop. The inner loop (#2) has its repeat count (4) specified at the bottom of the loop. Please note that the XM+1 command requires an extra step (reading of Service Request with a simple “address only” command). This is because this particular command is an “old” command that requires this extra step. The other commands are newer “concurrent” measurement requests that do not generate a Service Request.

On the following pages is the complete Log file that results after executing the above script file. The comments on the right side of the page were added by Data Scout Advanced due to the **Annotate Log** checkbox being checked when the script was executed. Because looping was used, the sequence #'s shown no longer represent the exact line #'s in the original scrip, as they would if looping had not been used. The underline characters ( ) shown at the start of command responses has replaced a NUL code that results from the Break operations sent at the start of each command. Notice that the actual command is echoed at the beginning of each response, since the serial port has only one common (Xmt and Rcv) data line. In other words, what is transmitted is also received. Notice that all references to macro (#1) have been replaced by its address (which was 0 in this case).

```
-- DSAdv 'Execute Script' Log File, for script: C:\YSI\DSAdv\Src\Cmd-Log\command.cmd
-- DSAdv has made available the following 1 Transducer:
--- Xducer #1: 500- (Tank 111) Fmw.Ver= Hdw.Ver=1.0 Range=015 psi D.O.M=020523 CX=1
-- On SDI-12 Network: Com Port=1 Excitation=12.0 volts
-- Available 903x Optomux Calibrators are as follows:
--- CX#1: Serial#=177 Range=50 Delay=3 Opto.Adrs=1
-- Using DSAdv Version: 1.4.8
-- Script Run On: 06-06-2006 at 09:10:52
```

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Lin<0001>: Simple Test Script for SDI-12 Xducer #1
Cmd<0002>: (#1)U OPEN Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0U OPEN
Rsp<0002>: _0U OPEN!0
Cmd<0003>: DO LOOP1 2 Begin Loop1 (1 in 2 times)
Cmd<0004>: DO LOOP2 Begin Loop2
Cmd<0005>: (#1)I Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0I
Rsp<0005>: _0I!013-YSI---VS2---1.0-SN#
Cmd<0006>: LOOP2 4 Repeat Loop2 (1 of 4 times)
Cmd<0007>: DO LOOP2 Begin Loop2
Cmd<0008>: (#1)I Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0I
Rsp<0008>: _0I!013-YSISI---VS2---1.0-SN#
Cmd<0009>: LOOP2 4 Repeat Loop2 (2 of 4 times)
Cmd<0010>: DO LOOP2 Begin Loop2
Cmd<0011>: (#1)I Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0I
Rsp<0011>: _0I!013-YSI---VS2---1.0-SN#
Cmd<0012>: LOOP2 4 Repeat Loop2 (3 of 4 times)
Cmd<0013>: DO LOOP2 Begin Loop2
Cmd<0014>: (#1)I Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0I
Rsp<0014>: _0I!013-YSI---VS2---1.0-SN#
Cmd<0015>: LOOP2 4 Terminate Loop2 (4 of 4 times)
Cmd<0016>: (#1)XM+1 Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0XM+1
Rsp<0016>: _0XM+1!00052
Cmd<0017>: Wait PrvRspSec Waiting for 5 seconds
Rsp<0017>: Wait began at 09:10:54 and ended at 09:10:59
Cmd<0018>: (#1) Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0
Rsp<0018>: 0!0
Cmd<0019>: (#1)D0 Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0D0
Rsp<0019>: _0D0!0+0.524929+0.080981
Cmd<0020>: (#1)C5 Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0C5
Rsp<0020>: _0C5!000402
Cmd<0021>: Wait PrvRspSec Waiting for 4 seconds
Rsp<0021>: Wait began at 09:11:00 and ended at 09:11:04
Cmd<0022>: (#1)D0 Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0D0
Rsp<0022>: _0D0!0+22.712+0
Cmd<0023>: (#1)C6 Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0C6
Rsp<0023>: _0C6!000201
Cmd<0024>: Wait PrvRspSec Waiting for 2 seconds
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Rsp<0024>: Wait began at 09:11:05 and ended at 09:11:07
Cmd<0025>: (#1)D0                      Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0D0
Rsp<0025>: _0D0!0+12.4
Cmd<0026>: LOOP1                        Repeat Loop1
Cmd<0027>: DO LOOP1 2                   Begin Loop1 (2 in 2 times)
Cmd<0028>: DO LOOP2                     Begin Loop2
Cmd<0029>: (#1)I                        Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0I
Rsp<0029>: _0I!013-YSI---VS2---1.0-SN#
Cmd<0030>: LOOP2 4                      Repeat Loop2 (1 of 4 times)
Cmd<0031>: DO LOOP2                     Begin Loop2
Cmd<0032>: (#1)I                        Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0I
Rsp<0032>: _0I!013-YSI---VS2---1.0-SN#
Cmd<0033>: LOOP2 4                      Repeat Loop2 (2 of 4 times)
Cmd<0034>: DO LOOP2                     Begin Loop2
Cmd<0035>: (#1)I                        Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0I
Rsp<0035>: _0I!013-YSI---VS2---1.0-SN#
Cmd<0036>: LOOP2 4                      Repeat Loop2 (3 of 4 times)
Cmd<0037>: DO LOOP2                     Begin Loop2
Cmd<0038>: (#1)I                        Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0I
Rsp<0038>: _0I!013-YSI---VS2---1.0-SN#
Cmd<0039>: LOOP2 4                      Terminate Loop2 (4 of 4 times)
Cmd<0040>: (#1)XM+1                     Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0XM+1
Rsp<0040>: _0XM+1!00052
Cmd<0041>: Wait PrvRspSec               Waiting for 5 seconds
Rsp<0041>: Wait began at 09:11:09 and ended at 09:11:14
Cmd<0042>: (#1)                         Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0
Rsp<0042>: 0!0
Cmd<0043>: (#1)D0                      Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0D0
Rsp<0043>: _0D0!0+0.524916+0.080981
Cmd<0044>: (#1)C5                      Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0C5
Rsp<0044>: _0C5!000402
Cmd<0045>: Wait PrvRspSec               Waiting for 4 seconds
Rsp<0045>: Wait began at 09:11:15 and ended at 09:11:19
Cmd<0046>: (#1)D0                      Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0D0
Rsp<0046>: _0D0!0+22.812+0
Cmd<0047>: (#1)C6                      Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0C6
Rsp<0047>: _0C6!000201
Cmd<0048>: Wait PrvRspSec               Waiting for 2 seconds
Rsp<0048>: Wait began at 09:11:19 and ended at 09:11:21
Cmd<0049>: (#1)D0                      Expanded adrs.macro cmd: 0D0
Rsp<0049>: _0D0!0+12.4
Cmd<0050>: LOOP1                        Repeat Loop1
Cmd<0051>: DO LOOP1 2                   Terminate Loop1
Cmd<0052>: 0L                          Plain cmd (no macros): 0L
Rsp<0052>: _0L!0
-- Script Ends & Log File Closed

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