



XL2

Remote Measurement

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Revision History

V1.2	26. May 2011	Revision history added Document version added MEASure:DECImals command added SYSTem:OPTIons? command updated
V1.3	14. Nov 2011	*RST command details changed (Events) INITiate: Command added for ZFFT and 12OCT MEASure:SLM:123?: Parameter k1 and k2 added MEASure:RMSThdn:FILTer: HP100 added SYSTem: LIMItled? query added SYSTem:MSD added Naming of run status FREEZED corrected to FROZEN
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Introduction

Purpose of the XL2 Remote Measurement

The XL2 Remote Measurement option enables you to query your XL2 measurement data from your PC via the USB interface, allowing you to program your own measurement application on your PC, e.g. for sound level monitoring or automated measurement tasks. The following XL2 measurement functions are supported:

- o Sound level meter and spectrum analyzer SLMeter
- o Audio analyzer RMS/THDN

NOTE – The following functions are not supported:

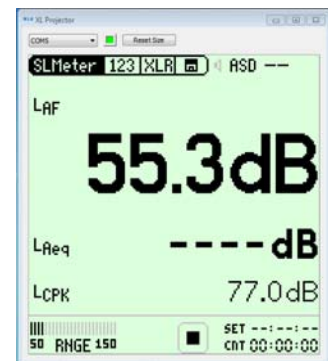
- o **logging and reporting**
- o **access to your XL2 file system**
- o **setup of data presentation on your XL2 LCD.**

Furthermore, the current XL2 hardware does not support remote power-up of the XL2. Please contact NTi Audio for available workarounds.

XL2 Projector

The Projector displays your XL2 screen, in real-time via USB, on your PC. The virtual keyboard provides you with control of your XL2 Audio and Acoustic Analyzer from your PC, using mouse clicks.

Your XL2 Analyzer offers the facility to set limits for the maximum permitted sound level e.g. as prescribed by local authorities for live sound monitoring. In case such limits are exceeded, the XL2 Projector background color on your PC turns from green to yellow or red according to your defined limits.



The XL2 Projector software is available to you as a free download at www.nti-audio.com/XL2.

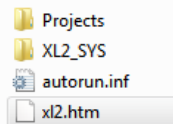
NOTE: The XL2 Projector function uses the “COM port” USB mode. Click the SD-Card icon in the XL2 Projector to switch the XL2 to “Mass Storage” mode and access the XL2 files through your PC file system.

Remote Measurement Option Installation

The Remote Measurement function is an optional package for your XL2 Audio and Acoustic Analyzer. Kindly contact your local NTi Audio partner to arrange the purchase.

To activate the Remote Measurement option functionality on your XL2,

- a. Start your XL2 and connect it via USB to your PC. Your XL2 will be recognized as a mass storage device.
- b. Double-click the file xl2.htm.



The web page "XL2 Instrument Status" opens.

- c. Select "Activate Option". The <http://my.nti-audio.com> web page opens.
- d. You are prompted to login or create your My NTi Audio Account.
- e. The web page "My NTi Audio Products" opens. Your XL2 Analyzer is listed with its Serial Number on this page.
- f. Enter the license number printed on the rear side of the CD cover and click "Get Activation Key".
- g. The activation key file is then available for download.
- h. Copy this activation key file into the root directory of the XL2 memory (=Mini-SD-Card).
- i. Remove the USB cable and power up your XL2.
- j. Congratulations, the Remote Measurement option is now permanently enabled on your instrument.

NOTE – If the XL2 Remote Measurement option is not installed, the instrument will respond to some basic commands like *IDN?, but will answer with the error "Parameter not available, license not installed" (Error No. 5).

Driver

Your XL2 communicates with your PC via a virtual COM port over USB. The drivers for this communication are installed on your PC when you install the XL2 Projector application.

A separate driver package can be supplied upon request.

Getting Started

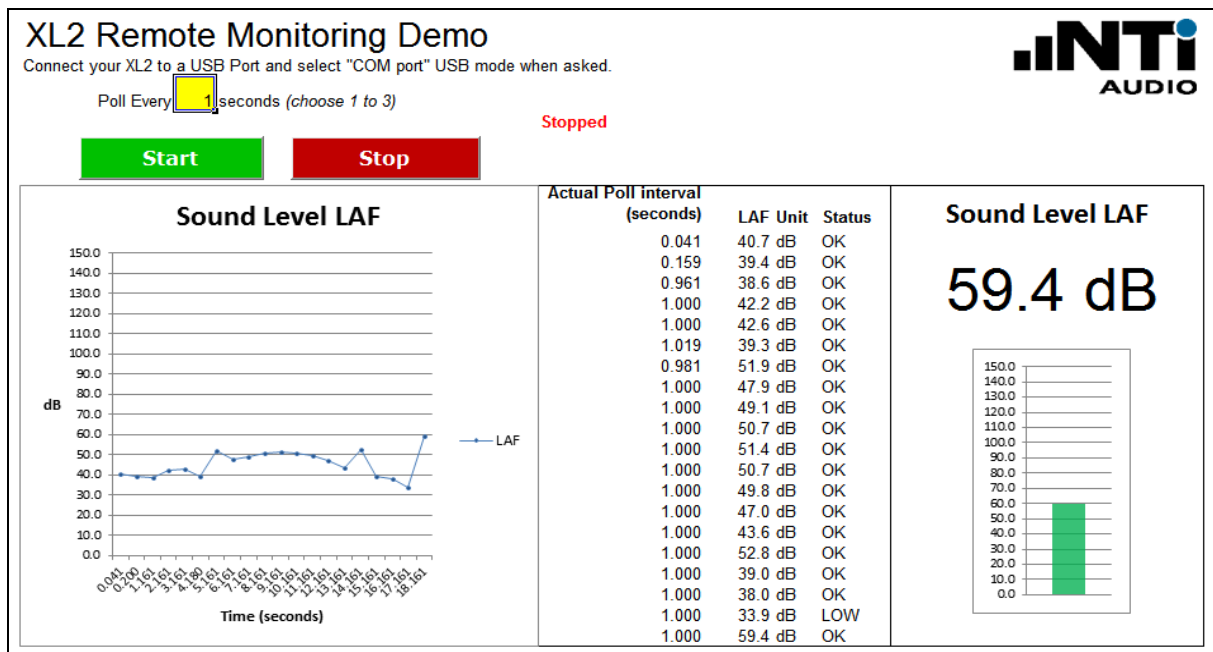
Requirement: Make sure that you have installed the XL2 Projector on your system. Together with the XL2 Projector, the USB serial driver is installed, which is required for the Remote Measurement option of the XL2.

You receive the following "Getting Started" tools:

MICROSOFT EXCEL DEMO APPLICATION

This demo, written in visual basic for applications (VBA), queries XL2 data online into MS Excel and charts the sound level graph.

1. Connect the XL2 to your computer
2. On the XL2, select "COM port" at the pop-up USB Mode
3. On your PC, open the file "XL2 Remote Monitoring Demo.xls"
4. Click the start button in the software -> the XL2 is started and logging starts on the PC screen.
5. The demo stops automatically after 20 log lines.



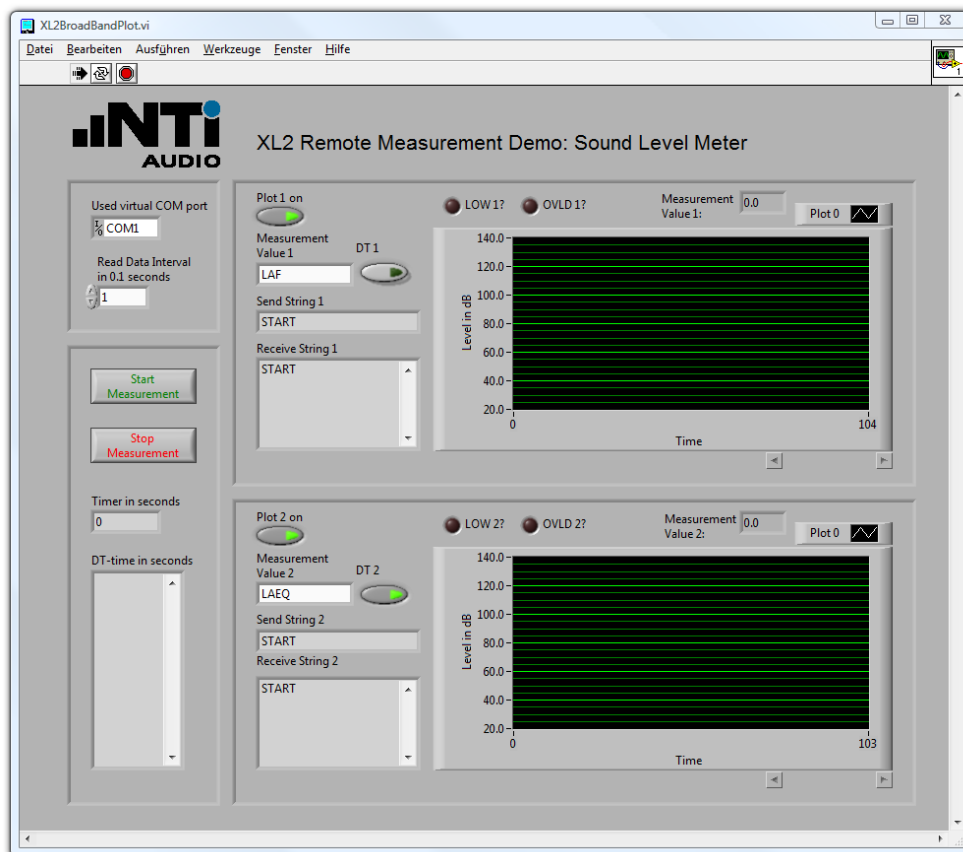
On your PC, press the Alt-F11 keys to access the open source code and extend the functionalities according your individual requirements.

LABVIEW DEMO APPLICATION

You can use the demo application in two ways. Use either the runtime version (runs without LabView), or the LabView source files (requires a LabView 10 basic license).

RUNTIME VERSION

6. Select the folder "LabViewDemo\RuntimeInstall"
7. Start "setup.exe" and follow the instructions on the screen. As soon as the installation has successfully completed, a shortcut is available in the Windows start menu.
8. Start "XL2SLMeterRemote" under "All Programs → NTi Audio".



9. In case any error messages are displayed, simply continue with these instructions.

10. Connect your XL2

- a) Connect your XL2 to your PC via USB and power-up the XL2. The XL2 displays the **USB Mode** window.
- b) Select **COM port** on your XL2.
- c) As soon as your XL2 is connected to your PC, the "Used virtual COM port" changes from "COM1" to another COM port.

NOTE – If the COM port used is higher than COM9, then the application will not open the COM port. In this case you need to change the number of the COM port in the windows device manager to a number lower than 10.

11. Upper plot

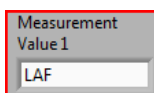
The default measurement value is LAF. The data is immediately displayed in the upper plot area.

12. Lower plot

The default measurement value is LAEQ. Press the "Start Measurement" button to display the measurement results in the lower plot area.

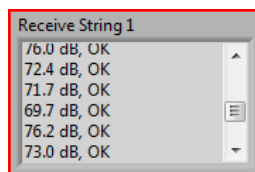
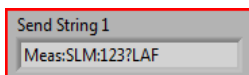
13. Change measurement value

The plotted measurement value can be changed by typing the value name into the "Measurement Value" field of the plot below. A list of valid value names is listed in the section "MEASure:SLM:123?" of this manual. Some measurement values require the Extended Acoustics Pack option of the XL2. To get a dt-value of a measurement, click the displayed dt button. For more details please refer to section "MEASure:SLM:123:dt?" in this manual.



14. Commands

The "Send String" of a plot shows the complete string, which is sent to your XL2 to acquire the measurement value. The "Receive String" of a plot shows all received measurement values. Use the scrollbar to view all values.



15. Setting time parameter

In the "Read Data Interval" you can change the speed of acquiring data from your XL2. The minimum interval is 0.1 second, represented by a value of 1. Enter the value 20 to acquire measurement results every two seconds. The "Timer in seconds" shows the current measurement timer value of your XL2. The "dt-time in seconds" shows the measured time between two consecutive measurement value requests. Use the scroll bar to view all request intervals.



LABVIEW SOURCE FILE VERSION

Open the file "XL2BroadBandPlot.vi" in the "LabViewDemo\SourceFiles\SLM" folder to run the application with LabView. The application works as described in the Runtime Version section.

An additional demo is included as a source file, which plots the level RMS , THD+N + frequency time sweep. In order to run the THD demo application, open the File "XL2ThdPlot.vi" in the "LabViewDemo\SourceFiles\THD" folder.

DEMOS WITH TERMINAL PROGRAM

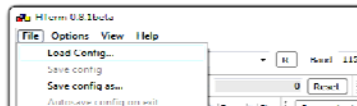
The terminal program “HTerm” with the configuration file “XL2_Config.cfg” offers a quick introduction to handling the XL2 Remote Measurement commands.

Requirement: Make sure that you have installed the XL2 Projector software on your PC, thereby ensuring that the serial driver, required for remote measuring, is available. Verify that the XL2 Projector software functions correctly prior to continuing with the next steps.

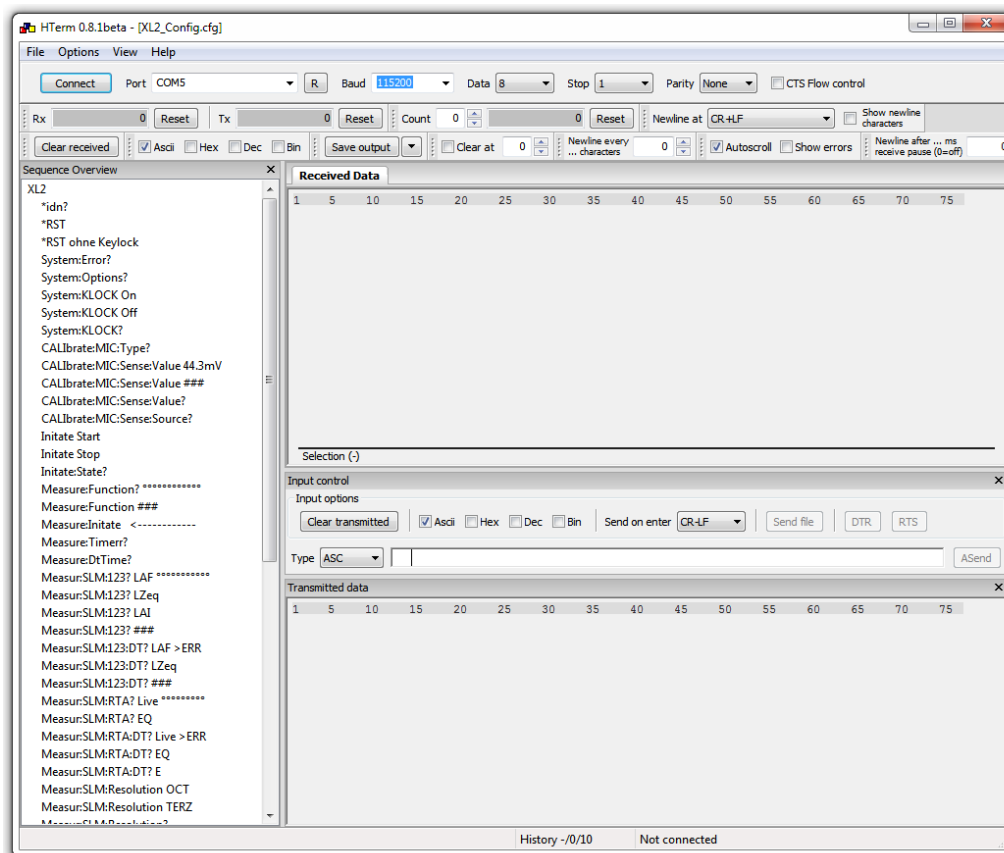
- 1) Start the terminal program HTerm.exe:



- 2) Load the configuration File “XL2_Config.cfg”

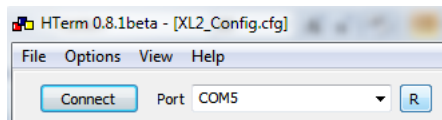


- 3) HTerm displays the loaded XL2 configuration file:

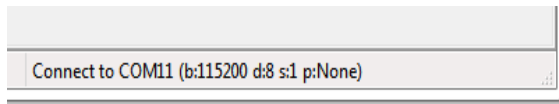


- 4) Connect your XL2
 - a) Connect your XL2 via USB to your PC and power-up the XL2. The XL2 displays the **USB Mode** window.
 - b) Select **COM port** on your XL2.

- 5) Selecting the COM port in HTerm:
 - a) Press the R button to refresh the port list



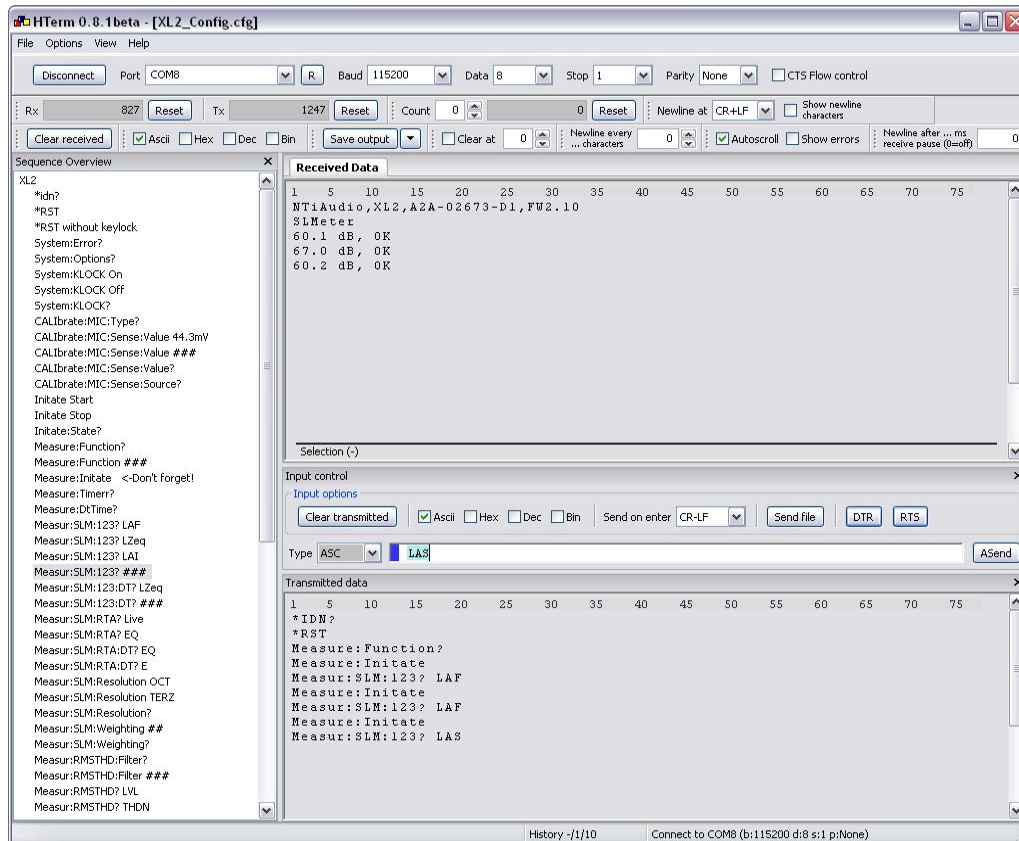
- b) Select the COM port used to communicate with your XL2 (e.g. your PC displays the com port assigned to the XL2 during the initial connection to your XL2).
 - c) Press "Connect" and wait for the status information of HTerm in the bottom line; as soon as it is connected successfully, the status line should show something like this:



- 6) First communication with your XL2:
 - a) Double-click on "*idn?" in the "Sequence Overview" window on the left hand side.
 - b) "*IDN?" is shown on the transmitted data window.
 - c) "NTiAudio, XL2, A2A-xxxx-D1, FW2.xx" is shown in the Received Data window.
- 7) Reset your XL2 to a defined status
 - a) Execute the "*RST" command to set your XL2 to a defined state. The RST command
 - i) clears the error queue
 - ii) stops any running measurement
 - iii) exits any active profile
 - iv) selects the SLMeter function
 - v) resets parameters
 - vi) locks the keyboard
- 8) Read measurement function
 - a) Double-click "MEASure:Function?"
 - b) The Received Data window shows "SLMeter"
- 9) Read measurement data
 - a) Double-click "MEASure:INITiate", this reads all the actual measurement results for post-processing on your PC.
 - b) Double-click "MEASur:SLM:123: LAF?"
 - c) The Received Data window shows e.g. "70.1 dB, OK" (= the live sound level from "MEASure:INITiate" before)
 - d) Double-click any other parameter to read out further measurement results taken by the "MEASure:INITiate" command.

10) Read measurement data

- a) Any measurement results not listed in the HTerm sequence overview can be read using the commands with "###" (= placeholders for individual input values).
- b) Double-click "MEASure:INITiate"
- c) Double-click "MEASur:SLM:123: ###"
- d) Add the required characters into the "Input control" window and press ENTER. In the example below, the value "LAS" is queried:



11) Stopping the remote measurement

- a) Click the button "Disconnect" in HTerm
- b) Disconnect your XL2 from the USB connection to your PC.

Commands

Command Structure

The commands are sent in ASCII format through the virtual COM port to your XL2 Audio and Acoustic Analyzer. Every command transmission from your PC to your XL2 or vice versa must be terminated with "CR LF" (**C**arriage **R**eturn, **L**ine **F**eed).

The measurement commands are divided into six groups (i.e. "subsystems").

<i>Subsystem</i>	<i>Function</i>
*	Device status commands
INITiate	Status control for a measurement
MEASurement	Measurement result query commands
INPUt	Settings for Input signal path
CALibrate	Microphone Calibration commands
SYSTem	System status commands

- The XL2 accepts the *short* or any variant of the *full* form of the commands.
- In the command list, the CAPITAL letters indicate the *short* form. However, the XL2 accepts both lowercase and UPPERCASE letters, i.e. commands are not case-sensitive.
- Multiple commands separated by semi-colons (";") are not supported.
- Errors are stored in an error queue and can be queried with the "SYSTem:ERROr?" command.

Command Notation & Descriptive Symbols

The XL2 command descriptions use headings to divide the syntax information into easily-readable parts. These headings and their meaning are listed below. If a heading does not apply to a command, it does not appear in the command syntax description.

Usage	What the command does
Availability	The mode and system settings that must be active to execute the command
Parameter	The parameters to be set and their types
Answer	The possible answer(s) to a query command
Examples	Command examples are provided here. Short form and lowercase characters are randomly altered to remind the reader that both forms are allowed
Explanation	Additional explanations, hints and notes

The subsequent table lists the symbols that are used for the command description.

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Description</i>
:	Colons separate elements of an XL2 command.
[]	Square brackets enclose the <i>list of available parameters</i> , out of which 1 parameter must be selected.
	A vertical line reads as an "OR", i.e. this sign separates <i>alternative</i> parameters.
< >	Triangle brackets enclose the <i>variable parameters</i> that must be set for a user-defined value.
{ }	Braces have the same meaning as triangle brackets (" $< >$ "), except that the enclosed parameters can be included <i>several</i> times.
,	Commas separate arguments in an arguments list.
?	The question mark indicates a <i>query</i> command.
()	Round brackets enclose comments.
🖥️ →	The string is sent from your PC to your XL2.
→ 🖥️	The string is returned from your XL2 to your PC.

NOTE – If a value is undefined, the XL2 returns the message -999.



Device Status

***IDN?**


Shortcut The Identification query reads the unique identification of your XL2.

Availability always

Answer <Manufacturer>, *string*
<Unit>,
<Serial Number>,
<FW Version>


Example  → *IDN?
→  NTiAudio, XL2, A2A-12345-D0, FW2.03

*RST



Shortcut	The RST command executes a device reset, and should be the first command when starting a remote session, to ensure that all XL2 settings make sense for remote measuring.
Availability	always
Answer	<Manufacturer>, <i>string</i> <Unit>, <Serial Number>, <FW Version>
Example	 → *RST
Details	<p>It is highly recommended to execute this command first to avoid unwanted side effects.</p> <p>The RST command</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• clears the error queue• stops any running measurement• stops any running script• exits any active profile• selects the SLMeter function• sets the following parameters<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Append mode: OFF○ Auto save: OFF○ Logging: OFF○ Events: OFF○ Timer mode: CONTINUOUS○ Range: MID○ RMS/THDN Filter: Z-WEIGHTED○ Input: XLR○ Phantom Power: ON○ RTA Source: LZP○ RTA Resolution: TERZ• locks the keyboard• sets the precision of queried floating-point numbers to 'LCD'

INITiate Subsystem

INITiate

Shortcut	Starts/Stops a measurement
Availability	SLMeter, ZFFT, 12OCT
Parameter	[START STOP] <i>string</i>
Example	 → INIT START
Details	<p>Time dependent parameters like LAeq, LAFmax, etc. are undefined until START has been initiated.</p> <p>The start procedure may last a few seconds. If required, query INIT:STATE? to see, whether the start procedure is finished.</p> <p>When a measurement is stopped with STOP, the calculation of time dependent parameters is stopped and the result stays constant.</p>

INITiate:STATE?

Shortcut	Queries the run status of a measurement
Availability	always
Answer	[STOPPED FROZEN SETTling RUNNING PAUSED] <i>string</i>
Example	 → INIT:STATE? →  RUNNING

MEASure Subsystem


MEASure:FUNction

Shortcut	Defines the active measurement function		
Availability	always		
Parameter	[SLMETER FFT RT60 POLARITY DELAY RMD/THD SCOPE 1/12OCT STI-PA CALIBRTE SYSTEM]	<i>string</i>	only the first two characters are necessary
Example	🖥️ → MEASURE:FUNCTION SLMETER		
Details	Switching between measurement functions may last 1-2 seconds.		



MEASure:FUNction?

Shortcut	Queries the active measurement function		
Availability	always		
Answer	[SLMETER FFT RT60 POLARITY DELAY RMD/THD SCOPE 1/12OCT STI-PA CALIBRTE SYSTEM]	<i>string</i>	
Example	🖥️ → MEASURE:FUNCTION? → 🖥️ SLMeter		

MEASure:INITiate

Shortcut	Triggers a measurement
Availability	always
Example	 → MEAS:INIT
Details	<p>All measurements results of the MEASure subsystem are stored synchronously by this command.</p> <p>Before the first MEAS:INIT has been sent, all measurement values are undefined.</p> <p>A typical workflow is</p> <pre>*RST INIT START MEAS:INIT MEAS:SLM:123? <para1> MEAS:SLM:123? <para2> MEAS:INIT MEAS:SLM:123? <para1> MEAS:SLM:123? <para2> ...</pre>

MEASure:TIMER?



Shortcut	Queries the actual measurement timer value.
Availability	SLMeter
Answer	<code><timer></code> <i>integer</i> <code>sec, [OK UNDEF]</code> <i>string</i>
Example	 → MEAS:INIT MEAS:TIMER? →  3765 sec, ok
Details	This represents the time since initiating START.

MEASure:DTTIme?

Shortcut Queries the time period used for the calculation of dt values. The value is active as long as the measurement is RUNNING, and is reset after each INIT:MEAS or INIT START command.

Availability SLMeter, when RUNNING

Answer <timer> *float*
sec, [OK|UNDEF] *string*

Example  → INIT START
MEAS:INIT
MEAS:DTTIme?
→  2.156522 sec, ok


Details This exact time information is required to correctly combine EQ values acquired with the remote interface. In contrast to the XL2 internal logging, where the time interval between log lines is equidistant and therefore the dt time is not required when combining LEQ_dt values, measurements acquired with the remote interface have a certain time jitter. For combining EQ_dt values that are not equidistant, the accurate dt time of each LEQ_dt value is needed.
RECOMMENDATION: an LEQ of any time period can be calculated by summing up LE values and then calculate the $LEQ = LE - 10 \cdot \log(\text{PERIODE}[\text{sec}])$. For doing so, the dt time is not necessary.

MEASure:DECImals

Shortcut Defines the precision of queried floating-point numbers.

Availability Always

Parameter [LCD|EXTENDED] *string* only the first character is necessary

Example  → MEASURE:DECI EXTENDED



Details With the default setting 'LCD' all floating point numbers are returned in the same precision as seen on the units LCD. With 'EXTENDED', two additional digits are returned.

MEASure:DECImals?

Shortcut Queries the precision of queried floating-point numbers.

Availability always

Answer [LCD|EXTENDED] *string*

Example  → MEASURE:DECI?
→  LCD

MEASure:SLM Subsystem

MEASure:SLM:123?

Shortcut	Queries a broad band measurement result of the SLMeter.	
Availability	SLMeter	
Parameter	[LxS LxSMAX LxSMIN LxF LxFMAX LxFMIN LxEQ LxPK LxPKMAX LAEQt LAEQtMAX k1 k2]	<i>string</i> x = [A C Z] t = [5" 10' 15' 60']
	<i>Additional with installed EAP</i> [LxI LxIMAX LxIMIN LxE LAFT3 LAFT3EQ LAFT5 LAFT5EQ LAFT5EQ-LAEQ LAIEQ-LAEQ LCEQ-LAEQ L1% L5% L10% L50% L90% L95% L99%]	<i>string</i> Statistics based on LAF
Answer	<Level, > dB, [OK OK* UNDEF LOW OVLD LOW+OVLD OPTION_REQUIRED]	<i>float</i> <i>string</i>
Example	<pre> 🖥️ → INIT START MEAS:INIT MEAS:SLM:123? LASMAX → 🖥️ 53.8 dB,OK </pre>	
Details	Returns a broad band result parameter that has been stored by the last MEAS:INIT command. If the parameter is unknown, a ";" is returned.	

MEASure:SLM:123:dt?

Shortcut Queries a broad band dt measurement result of the SLMeter.



Availability SLMeter

Parameter [LxSMAX | LxSMIN | *string* x = [A|C|Z]
| LxFMAX | LxFMIN |
LxEQ | LxPKMAX |

Additional with installed EAP

[LxIMAX | LxIMIN | LxE | *string*

Answer <Level, > dB, *float*
[OK | UNDEF | LOW | OVLD | LOW+OVLD | *string*
OPTION_REQUIRED | NO_DT_VALUE]

Example  → INIT START
MEAS:INIT
MEAS:SLM:RTA? LASMAX
→  53.8 dB,OK

Details Queries a broad band result parameter of the SLMeter that has been stored with the last MEAS:INIT command. dt Measurements are cleared after each MEAS:INIT, so this function returns the e.g. LEQ between two MEAS:INIT commands. The values have the same meaning as the dt values found in XL2 log files.

If the parameter is unknown, a ";" is returned.

MEASure:SLM:RTA?

Shortcut Queries the spectral results of the SLMeter.



Availability SLMeter

Parameter [LIVE | *string*
MAX | MIN |
EQ | CAPT]

Additional with installed EAP

[E |
1% | 5% | 10% | 50% | 90% | 95% | 99%]

Answer {Level_n,} dB, *float* 1/1 resolution: n = 12, f_{start} = 8 Hz
[OK|UNDEF|LOW|OVLD|LOW+OVL *string* 1/3 resolution: n = 36, f_{start} = 6.3 Hz
D|OPTION_REQUIRED]

Example  → INIT START
MEAS:INIT
MEAS:SLM:RTA? EQ
→  46.3, 50.7, 34.5, 45.4, 42.2, 37.2, 39.0, 39.8, 32.1,
28.5, 29.8, 31.0 dB, LOW

Details Queries the spectral results of the SLMeter that have been stored by the last MEAS:INIT command. If the parameter is unknown, a ";" is returned.

MEASure:SLM:RTA:DT?

Shortcut	Queries the dt spectral results of the SLMeter.		
Availability	SLMeter		
Parameter	[EQ E]	<i>string</i>	
Answer	{Level _n } dB, [OK UNDEF LOW] OVLd LOW+OVLd NO_DT_VALUE]	<i>float</i> <i>string</i>	1/1 resolution: n = 12, f _{start} = 8 Hz 1/3 resolution: n = 36, f _{start} = 6.3 Hz
Example	<pre> 🖥️→ INIT START MEAS:INIT MEAS:SLM:RTA:DT? EQ →🖥️ 46.3, 50.7, 34.5, 45.4, 42.2, 37.2, 39.0, 39.8, 32.1, 28.5, 29.8, 31.0 dB, LOW </pre>		
Details	Queries the spectral results parameter of the SLMeter that has been stored by the last MEAS:INIT command. dt Measurements are cleared after each MEAS:INIT, so this function returns the LEQ of LE between two MEAS:INIT commands. The values have the same meaning as the dt values found in XL2 log files. If the parameter is unknown, a ";" is returned.		


MEASure:SLM:RTA:RESOLution

Shortcut	Defines the resolution, in which the RTA results are acquired.		
Availability	SLMeter		
Parameter	[OCT TERZ]	<i>string</i>	
Example	<pre> 🖥️→ MEAS:SLM:RTA:RESO TERZ Measure:Slm:Rta:Resolution Oct </pre>		
Details	Command is only accepted when SLMeter is stopped.		



MEASure:SLM:RTA:RESOLution?

Shortcut	Queries the resolution, in which the RTA results are acquired.		
Availability	SLMeter		
Answer	[OCT TERZ]	<i>string</i>	
Example	<pre> 🖥️→ MEAS:SLM:RTA:RESO? →🖥️ TERZ </pre>		

MEASure:SLM:RTA:WEIGHting

Shortcut	Defines the frequency and time weighting, in which the RTA results are acquired.
Availability	SLMeter
Parameter	[AF AS <i>string</i> CF CS ZF ZS XF XS]
Example	 → MEAS:SLM:RTA:WEIG ZS
Details	Command is only accepted when SLMeter is stopped.

MEASure:SLM:RTA:WEIGHting?

Shortcut	Queries the frequency and time weighting, in which the RTA results are acquired.
Availability	SLMeter
Answer	[AF AS <i>string</i> CF CS ZF ZS XF XS]
Example	 → MEAS:SLM:RTA:WEIG? →  ZS

MEASure:RMSThdn Subsystem

MEASure:RMSThdn?

Shortcut	Queries a measurement result from the RMS+THDN meter		
Availability	RMSTHD meter		
Parameter	[LVL THDN F]	<i>string</i>	
Answer	<value>	<i>float</i>	Unit is fixed to Volt
	[V,[OK UNDEF OVERLOAD]]		Unit is fixed to %
	[%,[OK UNDEF OVERLOAD]]	<i>string</i>	Unit is fixed to Hz
	[Hz,[OK UNDEF OVERLOAD]]		
Example	<pre> 🖥️ → MEAS:INIT MEAS:RMST? LVL → 🖥️ 5.184e-6 V,OK 🖥️ → MEAS:RMST? THDN → 🖥️ 0.0028 %,OK 🖥️ → MEAS:RMST? F → 🖥️ 127.101 Hz,OK </pre>		

MEASure:RMSThdn:FILTer


Shortcut	Defines the frequency weighting filter for the RMS/THDN meter.		
Availability	RMSTHD meter		
Parameter	[Z-WEIGHTING A-WEIGHTING C-WEIGHTING HP 100Hz HP 400Hz HP 19kHz 22.4-22.4k]	<i>string</i>	It is sufficient to send the first 5 characters, e.g. "Z-WEI".
Example	<pre> 🖥️ → MEAS:RMSTHD:FILTER HP 4 </pre>		

MEASure:RMSThdn:FILTer?



Shortcut	Queries the frequency weighting filter for the RMS/THDN meter.		
Availability	RMSTHD meter		
Answer	[Z-WEIGHTING A-WEIGHTING C-WEIGHTING HP 100Hz HP 400Hz HP 19kHz 22.4-22.4k]	<i>string</i>	
Example	<pre> 🖥️ → MEAS:RMSTHD:FILTER? → 🖥️ 22.4-22.4k </pre>		

INPUT Subsystem


INPUT:SELEct

Shortcut	Configures which input connector is selected.
Availability	always
Parameter	[XLR RCA] <i>string</i>
Example	 → INPUT:SELECT XLR



INPUT:SELEct?

Shortcut	Queries the input range setting.
Availability	SLMeter
Answer	[XLR RCA] <i>string</i>
Example	 → INPUT:SELE? →  XLR


INPUT:RANGe

Shortcut	Configures the input range setting.
Availability	SLMeter
Parameter	[LOW MID HIGH] <i>string</i>
Example	 → INPUT:RANGE MID
Details	SLMeter accepts this command only when measurement is stopped.



INPUT:RANGe?

Shortcut	Queries the input range setting.
Availability	SLMeter
Answer	[LOW MID HIGH] <i>string</i>
Example	 → INPUT:RANGE? →  MID

INPUt: PHANtom

Shortcut	Configures the input range setting.
Availability	always
Answer	[ON OFF] <i>string</i>
Example	 → INPUT : PHAN ON
Details	This command is <u>not</u> accepted when an ASD sensor is connected.

INPUt: PHANtom?

Shortcut	Queries the phantom power setting.
Availability	always
Answer	[ON OFF ASD] <i>string</i>
Example	 → INPUT : PHAN? →  ON

CALIBrate Subsystem


CALIBrate:MIC:TYPE?

Shortcut	Queries the microphone type recognized by the ASD (A utomatic S ensor D etection) system.
Availability	Always
Answer	[M2210 M4260 noASD] <i>String</i>
Example	<pre> ↳ CALI:MIC:TYPE? → M4260 </pre>
Details	If no ASD microphone is currently connected, the command always returns noASD. In contrast, the command CALIB:MIC:SENS:SOURce returns the ASD microphone that was last connected, as long as the microphone sensitivity has not been changed manually or by remote command.



CALIBrate:MIC:SENS:SOURce?

Shortcut	Queries the source of the sensitivity value.
Availability	always
Answer	[PLEASE CALIBRATE USER CALIBRATED MANUALLY <i>string</i> M2210 USER M2210 FACTORY M2210 CAL.CENTER M4260 USER M4260 FACTORY M4260 CAL.CENTER]
Example	<pre> ↳ CALI:MIC:SENS:SOURce? → M4260 FACTORY </pre>
Details	Returns the ASD microphone that was last connected as long as the microphone sensitivity has not been changed manually or by remote command. PLEASE CALIBRATE is returned when the sensitivity has never been set since the last factory default setup.

CALibrate:MIC:SENS:VALUe

Shortcut	Defines the microphone sensitivity in V/Pa.
Availability	always
Parameter	<sens> <i>float</i> 100e-6 to 9.99 V/Pa
Example	 → CALIB:MIC:SENS:VALU 0.02 CALIB:MIC:SENS:VALU 20e-3
Details	Command is not accepted when an ASD microphone is connected.

CALibrate:MIC:SENS:VALUe?

Shortcut	Queries the microphone sensitivity in V/Pa .
Availability	always
Answer	<sens> V,OK <i>float</i> 100e-6 to 9.99 V/Pa
Example	 → CALIB:MIC:SENS:VALU? →  21.54e-3 V,OK

SYSTem Subsystem

SYSTem:ERROr?

Shortcut Queries the error queue

Availability always



Answer {*errno_n*, } *integer* $n \leq 10$

SCPI System errors

- 350 Error queue full - at least 2 errors lost
- 115 Too many parameters in command
- 113 Invalid command
- 112 Too many characters in one of the command parts
- 109 Missing command or parameter
- 108 Invalid parameter

XL2 errors

- 1 Command too long; too many characters without new line
- 2 UNEXPECTED_PID
- 3 DSP_TIMEOUT
- 4 Changing microphone sensitivity is not possible when an ASD microphone is connected to the XL2
- 5 Parameter not available, license not installed
- 6 dt value does not exist for this parameter
- 7 Parameter is not available in the current measurement function
- 8 Unspecified DSP error
- 9 Not valid, measurement is running

Example  → SYSTem:ERRO?
 →  -113, -113, -113, -109, -109

Details There are different classes of errors. Some errors refer to the command syntax, others to internal states of the XL2.
 Every error is pushed into the error queue that must be queried to get information about any error.

SYSTem:KEY

Shortcut	Simulates a key stroke on the XL2.		
Availability	always		
Parameter	[ESC NEXT FNEXT PREV FPREV ENTER PAGE START PAUSE SPEAKER LIMIT LIGHT]	<i>string</i>	Multiple keys may be sent with one command (see example).
Example	<pre>PC → SYST:KEY PAGE → PC OK PC → SYST:KEY ESC ENTER PREV PREV → PC OK</pre>		
Details	The command returns OK after all keystrokes have been executed by the XL2. Execution of the keys can take a moment, especially if measurement functions are changed using this command. FNEXT and FPREV are "fast" wheel turn simulations that are necessary to manipulate numbers using key commands.		

SYSTem:KLOCK

Shortcut	Locks the keyboard of the XL2		
Availability	always		
Parameter	[ON OFF]	<i>string</i>	ON: Keyboard is locked
Example	<pre>PC → SYST:KLOCK ON</pre>		
Details	If the USB cable is disconnected, KLOCK is automatically set to OFF.		

SYSTem:KLOCK?

Shortcut	Queries the key lock status		
Availability	always		
Answer	[ON OFF]	<i>string</i>	
Example	<pre>PC → SYST:KLOCK? → PC ON</pre>		

SYSTem:LIMItled?

Shortcut	Queries the limit LED status
Availability	always
Answer	[OFF GREEN ORANGE RED] <i>string</i>
Example	<pre>🖥️ → SYST:LIMI? → 🖥️ GREEN</pre>

SYSTem:MSD

Shortcut	Switches the XL2 to the USB mass storage mode
Availability	always
Answer	No answer
Example	<pre>🖥️ → SYST:MSD</pre>

Details After sending this command, the XL2 drops the COM connection (no more remote commands are possible) and switches to mass storage mode. The host then has full access to the data stored on the SD card of the XL2.

The XL2 returns to the COM mode immediately after the XL2 drive was ejected by the host.

If "safely remove" was chosen by the host, the XL2 returns to the COM mode after a timeout of 2 minutes.

SYSTem:OPTIons?

Shortcut	Queries the installed options
Availability	always
Answer	<STIPA, > <i>string</i> <EAP, > REMOTE <, SLI>
Example	<pre>🖥️ → SYST:OPTI? → 🖥️ EAP,REMOTE</pre>

Supplements

Automatic COM Port Detection

The following procedure automatically detects the COM port assigned for communication to your XL2. Thus, it is not necessary for you to manually set the COM port. The procedure is also used in the XL2 Projector and the Microsoft Excel and LabView XL2 remote demonstration projects.

The XL2 Projector uses the Windows built-in driver "usbser.sys" to communicate with your XL2. This driver provides a virtual COM port over USB. If the XL2 Projector is installed, the usbser.sys driver is available. In order to find the COM port assigned to your XL2, kindly follow these steps in the MS Windows registry:

1. Execute the command "regedit" to open the registry editor.
2. Open the key "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\system\CurrentControlSet\Services\usbser", which is available if the driver is installed.
3. Open the "Enum" subkey that is created as soon as an usbser device is connected to your PC for the first time.
4. Note the hexadecimal value behind the "Count" entry in the Enum subdirectory; it indicates the number of devices that are currently using the usbser driver.
Example: Count → 0x0000000A (10) means that ten devices are using the usbser driver.
5. Note the strings behind the variables "0", "1" ... to the aforementioned number of devices that are using the usbser driver. If the string contains the substring "VID_1A2B&PID_0004", the connected device is an XL2 from NTi Audio.
Example: the string "USB\VID_1A2B&PID_0004\5&640e942&0&1" indicates that the connected device is an XL2.
6. Create the subkey "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\system\ControlSet001\Enum\<xxx>\Device Parameters" under "Computer", whereby <xxx> stands for the result string obtained in step 4, and open the key.
7. Read the variable "PortName" from the key; it contains the name of the virtual COM port to which your XL2 is connected (e.g. "COM10").
8. Open the given COM port to check if it is already used by another program.

NTi Audio offer an implementation of this algorithm in C++, VBA and LabView upon request.