GETTING STARTED GUIDE

NI PXIe-7971R

NI FlexRIO™ FPGA Module for PXI Express

This document explains how to install your NI FlexRIO system, comprised of the NI PXIe-7971R (NI 7971R) FlexRIO FPGA module and an NI FlexRIO adapter module.

For information about the device specifications, refer to the *NI PXIe-7971R Specifications*, available at **Start»All Programs»National Instruments»NI FlexRIO**, and at *ni.com/manuals*.

For detailed information about the features and configuration options specific to the NI FlexRIO FPGA module, refer to the *NI FlexRIO Help*, available at **Start»All Programs»National Instruments»NI FlexRIO**, and at *ni.com/manuals*.

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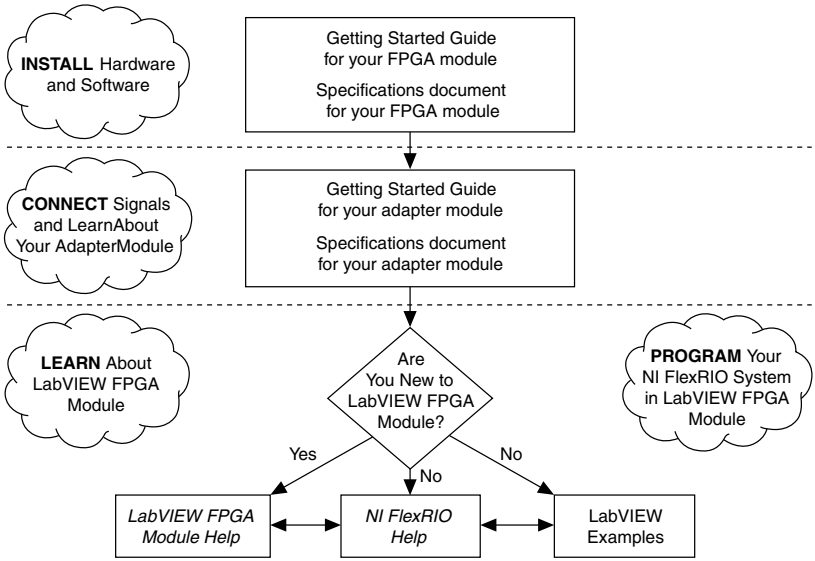

Table 1. NI FlexRIO Documentation Locations and Descriptions

Document	Location	Description
Getting started guide for your FPGA module	Available from the Start menu and at *ni.com/manuals*.	Contains installation instructions for your NI FlexRIO system.
Specifications document for your FPGA module	Available from the Start menu and at *ni.com/manuals*.	Contains specifications for your NI 7971R module.
Getting started guide for your adapter module	Available from the Start menu and at *ni.com/manuals*.	Contains signal information, examples, and CLIP details for your adapter module.
Specifications document for your adapter module	Available from the Start menu and at *ni.com/manuals*.	Contains specifications for your adapter module.
LabVIEW FPGA Module Help	Embedded in *LabVIEW Help* and at *ni.com/manuals*.	Contains information about the basic functionality of the LabVIEW FPGA Module.

Table 1. NI FlexRIO Documentation Locations and Descriptions (Continued)

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NI FlexRIO Help	Available from the Start menu and at *ni.com/manuals*.	Contains information about the FPGA module, adapter module, and CLIP configuration information.
LabVIEW Examples	Available in NI Example Finder. In LabVIEW, click **Help»Find Examples» Hardware Input and Output»FlexRIO**.	Contains examples of how to run FPGA VIs and Host VIs on your device.
IPNet	*ni.com/ipnet*	Contains LabVIEW FPGA functions and intellectual property to share.
NI FlexRIO product page	*ni.com/flexrio*	Contains product information and data sheets for NI FlexRIO devices.

Required Components

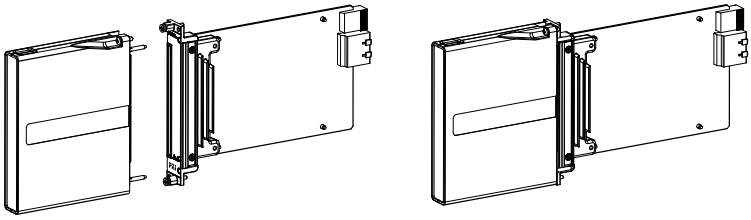
The following items are necessary to set up and use your NI FlexRIO system:

- The NI FlexRIO hardware device, comprised of the following items:
  - NI 7971R
  - NI FlexRIO adapter module

Note You can use the NI FlexRIO FPGA module without an adapter module for coprocessing or peer-to-peer streaming. The adapter module installation instructions in this document do not apply to these circumstances.

The following figure shows the combined module.

Figure 2. Combining Your Adapter Module and FPGA Module



- The following software packages:
  - LabVIEW
  - LabVIEW FPGA Module
  - NI FlexRIO Support

    Note The most recent version of NI FlexRIO Support is available at *ni.com/downloads*. Search for `flexrio` to download the latest version of NI FlexRIO Support.
  - NI FlexRIO Adapter Module Support[1]

    Note The most recent version of NI FlexRIO Adapter Module Support is available at *ni.com/downloads*. Search for `flexrio adapter module support` to download the latest version of NI FlexRIO Adapter Module Support. You do not need this software if you are not using an adapter module.
  - (Optional) LabVIEW Real-Time Module.
- A PXI Express/CompactPCI Express chassis
- One of the following controllers:
  - PXI Express/CompactPCI Express embedded controller
  - MXI kit and a PC
- One of the following operating systems:
  - Windows 8
  - Windows 7

[1] The NI 1483 adapter module requires the NI-IMAQ instrument driver instead of NI FlexRIO Adapter Module Support.

  - Windows Vista
  - Windows XP Pro x32 Service Pack 2 or Service Pack 3
- At least one cable for connecting signals to the NI FlexRIO device. Refer to your adapter module documentation for a list of applicable cables and accessories for your NI FlexRIO system.

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Installing the Application Software and Driver

Before installing your hardware, you must install the application software and instrument driver. Visit *ni.com/info* and enter `rdsoftwareversion` as the Info Code to determine which minimum software versions you need for your device. Install the software in the following order:

1. Install LabVIEW.

   Refer to the *LabVIEW Installation Guide* for installation instructions for LabVIEW and system requirements for the LabVIEW software. Refer to the *LabVIEW Upgrade Notes* for additional information about upgrading to the most recent version of LabVIEW for Windows. Documentation for LabVIEW is available at *ni.com/manuals* and by selecting **Start»All Programs»National Instruments»LabVIEW»LabVIEW Manuals**.
2. Install the LabVIEW FPGA Module.

   Refer to the *LabVIEW FPGA Module Release and Upgrade Notes* for installation instructions and information about getting started with the LabVIEW FPGA Module. Documentation for the LabVIEW FPGA Module is available at *ni.com/manuals* and by selecting **Start»All Programs»National Instruments»LabVIEW»LabVIEW Manuals**.
3. (Optional) Install the LabVIEW Real-Time Module.

   Refer to the *LabVIEW Real-Time Module Release and Upgrade Notes* for system requirements, installation instructions, and additional information about using the LabVIEW Real-Time Module.
4. Install NI FlexRIO.

   Refer to the *NI FlexRIO Readme* on the NI FlexRIO installation media for system requirements and installation instructions for NI FlexRIO Support. Documentation for NI FlexRIO Support is available at *ni.com/manuals* and by selecting **Start»All Programs»National Instruments»NI FlexRIO**.

   Note If you are not using an adapter module, skip step 5.
5. Install NI FlexRIO Adapter Module Support.

   Refer to the *NI FlexRIO Adapter Module Support Readme* on the NI FlexRIO Adapter Module Support installation media for system requirements and installation instructions. Documentation for NI FlexRIO Adapter Module Support is available at *ni.com/manuals*

and by selecting **Start»All Programs»National Instruments»NI FlexRIO»NI FlexRIO Adapter Module Documentation**.

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Installing the NI FlexRIO Devices

Note You must install the software before installing the hardware.

Unpacking

The NI 7971R modules ship in antistatic packages to prevent electrostatic discharge from damaging module components. To prevent such damage when handling the modules, ground yourself using a grounding strap or by holding a grounded object, such as your computer chassis, and complete the following steps:

1. Touch the antistatic package to a metal part of the computer chassis before removing the module from the package.

   Caution Never touch the exposed pins of connectors.

2. Remove each module from the package and inspect it for loose components or any other sign of damage.

Notify NI if the modules appear damaged in any way. Do not install a damaged module into the chassis.

Preparing the Environment

Ensure that the environment you are using the NI 7971R in meets the following specifications.

Operating temperature (IEC 60068-2-1, IEC60068-2-2).....0 °C to 55 °C

Operating humidity (IEC 60068-2-56).....10% to 90% RH, noncondensing

Pollution Degree.....2

Maximum altitude.....2,000 m at 25 °C ambient temperature

Indoor use only.

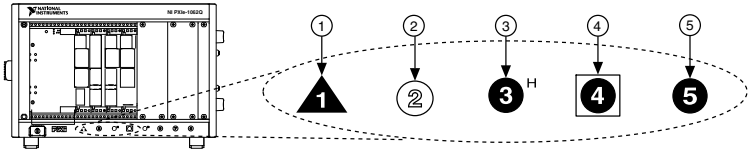
Note Refer to the *NI PXIe-7971R Specifications* at *ni.com/manuals* for complete specifications.

Installing the NI FlexRIO FPGA Module

Note You must install the software before you install the hardware.

1. Power off and unplug the PXI Express chassis. Refer to your chassis manual to install or configure the chassis.
2. Identify a supported PXI Express slot in the chassis. The figure below shows the symbols that indicate the slot types in a PXI Express chassis.

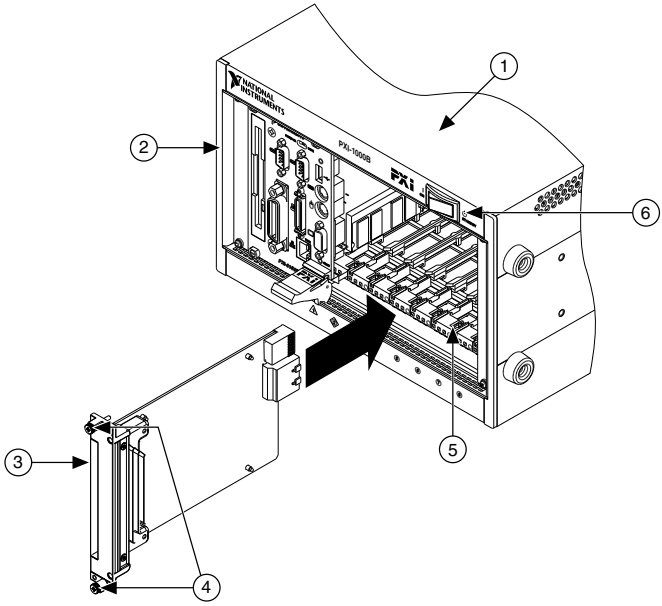
Figure 3. Symbols for PXI Express/PXI Express HybridSlots



1. PXI Express System Controller Slot
2. PXI Peripheral Slot
3. PXI Express Hybrid Peripheral Slot
4. PXI Express System Timing Slot
5. PXI Express Peripheral Slot

   Refer to the chassis documentation for specifications.
3. Remove the filler panel of an unused PXI Express slot.
4. Touch any metal part of the chassis to discharge any static electricity. Place the PXI Express module edges into the module guides at the top and bottom of the chassis, and slide the module into the chassis until the module is fully inserted, as shown in the figure below.

Figure 4. Installing an NI FlexRIO FPGA Module in the PXI Express Chassis



1. PXI Express Chassis
2. PXI Express System Controller
3. NI FlexRIO FPGA Module
4. Front-Panel Mounting Screws
5. Module Guides
6. Power Switch

5. Secure the device front panel to the chassis front panel mounting rail using the front panel mounting screws.
6. Plug in and power on the PXI Express chassis.

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Confirming that Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX) Recognizes the Device

Use Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX) to configure your National Instruments hardware. MAX informs other programs about which devices reside in the system and how they are configured. MAX is automatically installed with NI FlexRIO Support.

1. Launch MAX by navigating to **Start»All Programs»National Instruments»NI MAX** or by clicking the NI MAX desktop icon.
2. In the Configuration pane, double-click **Devices and Interfaces** to see the list of installed devices. Installed devices appear under the name of their associated chassis.

3. Expand your **Chassis** tree item. MAX lists all devices installed in the chassis. Your default device names may vary.

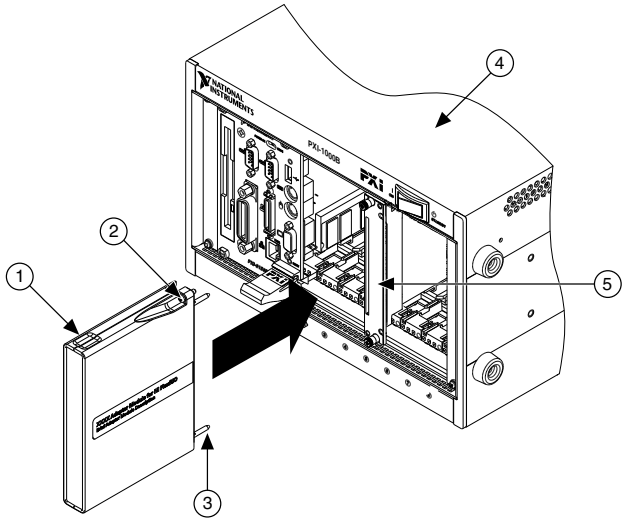
Note If you do not see your hardware listed, press <F5> to refresh the list of installed devices. If the device is still not listed, power off the system, ensure the device is correctly installed, and restart.

Installing the NI FlexRIO Adapter Module

Note Skip this step if you are not using an adapter module.

1. Gently insert the guide pins and the high-density card edge of the NI FlexRIO adapter module into the corresponding connectors of the NI FlexRIO FPGA module, as shown in the figure below.

Figure 5. Installing the NI FlexRIO Adapter Module



1. NI FlexRIO Adapter Module
2. Captive Screw
3. Guide Pin
4. PXI/PXI Express Chassis
5. NI FlexRIO FPGA Module

The connection may be tight, but do not force the adapter module into place.

2. Tighten the captive screws on the NI FlexRIO adapter module to secure it to the NI FlexRIO FPGA module. NI recommends using the laser-tipped screwdriver (part number 748677-01) included in the NI PXIe-7971R packaging.
3. Launch LabVIEW to begin configuring your NI FlexRIO system.

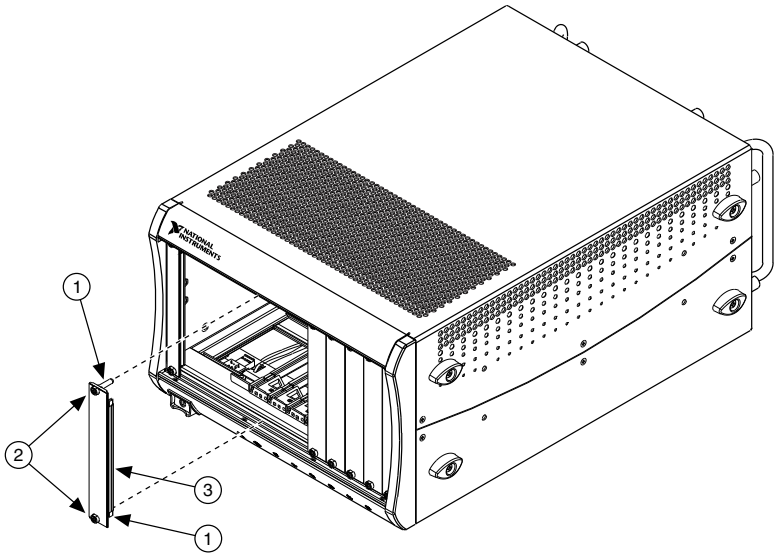
Note MAX only recognizes FPGA modules that are in the chassis. Your adapter module will not appear in MAX.

Installing PXI EMC Filler Panels

To ensure specified EMC performance, PXI EMC filler panels must be properly installed in your NI FlexRIO system. The PXI EMC filler panels (National Instruments part number 778700-01) must be purchased separately.

1. Remove the captive screw covers.
2. Install the PXI EMC filler panels by securing the captive mounting screws to the chassis, as shown in the figure below. Make sure that the EMC gasket is on the right side of the PXI EMC filler panel.

Figure 6. PXI EMC Filler Panels and Chassis



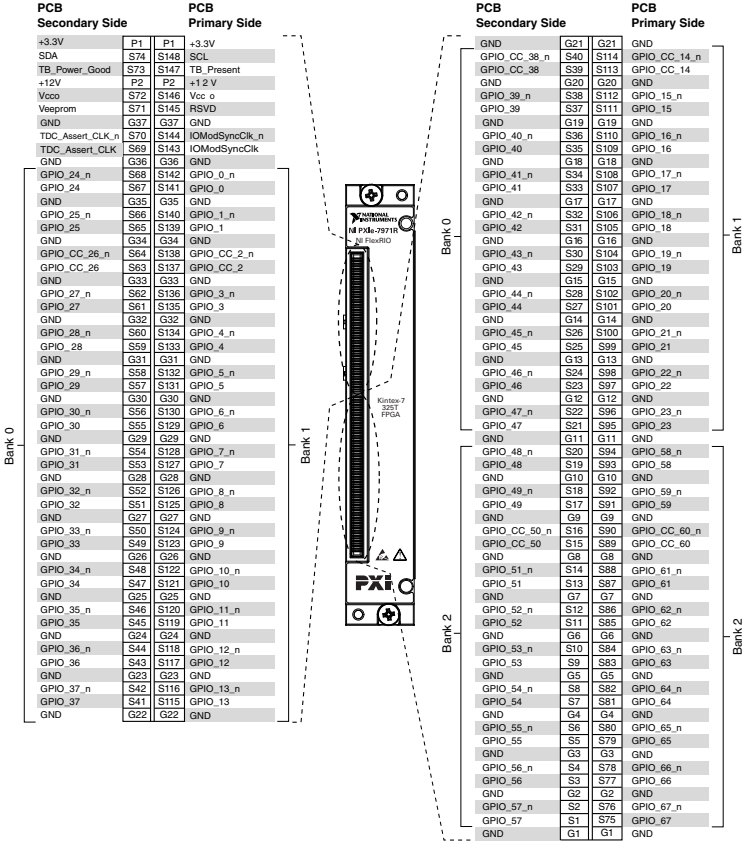
1. Captive Screw Covers
2. Captive Mounting Screws
3. EMC Gasket

Note You must populate all slots with a module or a PXI EMC filler panel to ensure proper module cooling. Do not over tighten screws (2.5 lb · in. maximum). For additional information about the use of PXI EMC filler panels in your PXI system, visit `ni.com/info` and enter `emcpanels`.

NI FlexRIO FPGA Module Signals

The following figure shows the available signals on the NI FlexRIO FPGA module. Refer to your adapter module specifications for your adapter module pinout.

Figure 7. NI FlexRIO FPGA Module Front Connector Pin Assignments and Locations



Note Pins S72 and S146 are shorted together on the NI 7971R.

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Compliance and Certifications

Safety

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following electrical equipment safety standards for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1

Note For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the *Online Product Certification* section.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326-1 (IEC 61326-1): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- EN 55022 (CISPR 22): Class A emissions
- EN 55024 (CISPR 24): Immunity
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 22: Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions

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- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

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

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

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

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

Caution Refer to the *Read Me First: Safety and Electromagnetic Compatibility* document for important safety and electromagnetic compatibility information. To obtain a copy of this document online, visit *ni.com/manuals*, and search for the document title.

Caution When exposed to transient electromagnetic phenomena such as electrostatic discharge (ESD) or power surges, this product may experience a temporary upset or other performance degradation that requires more than 10 seconds for self-recovery.

Caution The NI FlexRIO FPGA module front panel interface is sensitive to electrostatic discharge. Use caution when handling the NI FlexRIO FPGA module to prevent damage to the internal components exposed by this interface.

Caution Using the NI 7971R in a manner not described in this document may impair the protection the NI 7971R provides.

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