



User Manual

LucidControl AO4/AO8

4/8 Channel Analog Output USB Module

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1 Introduction

This document describes the functionality of the LucidControl AO4/AO8 USB module generating 4/8 analog voltages or currents controllable via Universal Serial Bus.

This document explains functions which are specific to the AO4/AO8 module.

2 Setup and Installation



Fig. 1 shows the sketch of the Analog Output AO8 module with 8 analog voltage or current outputs.

Each IO connector has 8 terminals, one positive and one negative pin.

The lower IO connector is used for channels 0 to 3.

The upper IO connector available on the AO8 analog input module only. It is used for the channels 4 to 7.

Fig. 1 Analog Output Module AO8

2.1 Safety Information

LucidControl complies with regulations and industrial standards active in the EU. To keep the device functional, the following safety and maintenance information must be adhered.

The device must only be used for the intended purpose.

The device must not be used under the following conditions:

- It is obviously damaged
- An error was detected
- Outside humidity and temperature limits
- Unauthorized personnel



For the analog output module it is explicitly stated that no potential of any external power source must be applied to any connector of the module. The modules must only be used within the specified conditions.

2.2 Configurations

| Module Type | Type Number | Output Voltage Range | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| | | V_{Min} | V_{Max} |
| Voltage Outputs | LCTR-AOn-5 | 0 V | 5 V |
| | LCTR-AOn-10 | 0 V | 10 V |
| | LCTR-AOn-24 | 0 V | 24 V |

Tab. 1 Output Voltage Range

| Module Type | Type Number | Output Voltage Range | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| | | I_{Min} | I_{Max} |
| Current Outputs | LCTR-AOn-20M0 | 0 mA ¹⁾ | 20 mA |
| | LCTR-AOn-20M4 | 4 mA | 20 mA |

Tab. 2 Output Current Range

Note:

- 1) A minimum saturation current remains on the output. See I_{ChMin} in specification.

Tab. 1 and Tab. 2 list the available output types and their value ranges.

2.3 Interface and Interconnection

2.3.1 USB Connection

LucidControl USB modules are connected to the computer by using a USB 2.0 cable which must not extend a length of 5 m. They are “bus powered” what means that the host computer supplies the module with power.

LucidControl AO4/AO8 module is rated with a maximum current of 250 mA.

2.3.2 IO Connection

2.3.2.1 Voltage Outputs

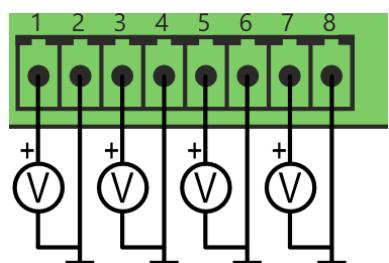


Fig. 2 shows the connection of 4 voltmeters connected to the IO terminals of channels 0 to 3 of the AO4/AO8 module.

Fig. 2 AO4/AO8 Voltage Outputs

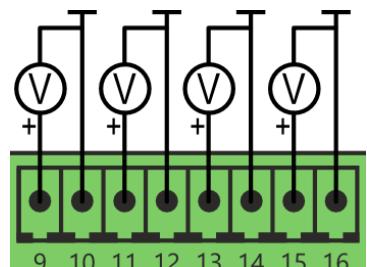


Fig. 3 shows the connection of 4 voltmeters connected to the IO terminals of channels 4 to 7 of the AO8 module.

Fig. 3 AO8 Voltage Outputs

Uneven IO terminal numbers are connected with the positive voltage output signal, even IO terminal numbers are connected to ground signal.

2.3.2.2 Current Outputs

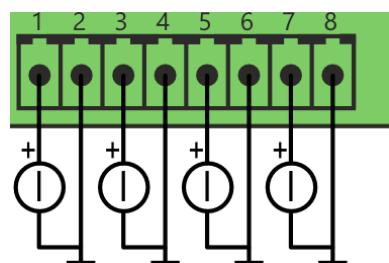


Fig. 4 shows 4 currentmeters connected to the IO terminals of channels 0 to 3 of the AO4-I/AO8-I module.

Fig. 4 AO4-I/AO8-I Current Outputs

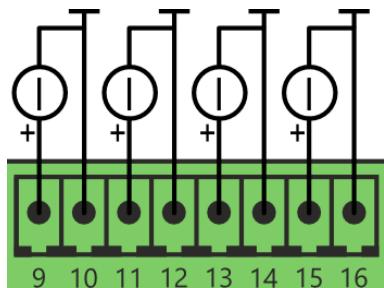


Fig. 5 shows 4 current meters connected to the IO terminals of channels 4 to 7 of the AO8-I module.

Fig. 5 AO8-I Current Outputs

Uneven IO terminal numbers are connected with the positive current output signal, even IO terminal numbers are connected to ground signal.

2.4 Setup of Hard- and Software

Setting up LucidControl hardware is straight forward:

1. Ensure that no signal is applied to the IO Connector
2. Connect LucidControl via USB with the computer
3. Applies for Microsoft Windows older than Windows 10 only: The system asks for an installation file. This is not a driver but only an information file (INF). The file can be downloaded from our website www.lucid-control.com/downloads
4. LucidControl switches the green power LED on. The module can be used.

2.4.1 Windows

After the installation has finished, the Windows Device Manager lists a new serial port (COM). The module can be accessed by using this port.

If more than one module is connected to a computer, the operating system ensures that the same serial port number is assigned to the module(s) after restart.

2.4.2 Linux

The module is immediately installed as /dev/ttyACMn device where n is a number referring to the index of the device.

Note

If more than one module is connected to a computer, Linux does by default not ensure that a module is permanently linked to the same /dev/ttyACMn device.

2.4.3 LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool

The LucidIoCtrl command line tool can be downloaded from our website:

www.lucid-control.com/downloads

This page provides the command line tool LucidIoCtrl for different architectures.

Please see the section 3 of the general *LucidControl User Manual* for more information about LucidIoCtrl.

2.4.4 First Steps

After the module was successfully installed, the green Power LED is switched on signaling that the module is ready for use.

The following examples demonstrate the functionality of the module by using the LucidIoCtrl command line tool.

Windows Examples:

For all examples it is assumed that the module is connected to COM1.

Set the values of all 4 voltage output channels. Value of CH0 = 5.000 V, CH1 = 2.500 V, CH2 = 1.250 V, CH3 = 0.625 V

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM1 -tV -c0,1,2,3 -w5.000,2.500,1.250,0.625 [ENTER]
```

Set the values of all 4 current output channels. Value of CH0 = 5.000 mA, CH1 = 2.500 mA, CH2 = 1.250 mA, CH3 = 0.625 mA

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM1 -tC -c0,1,2,3 -w5.000,2.500,1.250,0.625 [ENTER]
```

Linux Examples:

For all examples it is assumed that the module is connected to /dev/ttyACM0.

Set the values of all 4 output channels. Value of CH0 = 5.000 V, CH1 = 2.500 V, CH2 = 1.250 V, CH3 = 0.625 V

```
LucidIoCtrl -d/dev/ttyACM0 -tV -c0,1,2,3 -w5.000,2.500,1.250,0.625 [ENTER]
```

Set the values of all 4 current output channels. Value of CH0 = 5.000 mA, CH1 = 2.500 mA, CH2 = 1.250 mA, CH3 = 0.625 mA

```
LucidIoCtrl -d/dev/ttyACM0 -tC -c0,1,2,3 -w5.000,2.500,1.250,0.625 [ENTER]
```

3 Module Operation

The LucidControl AO4/AO8 Analog Output Module generates 4/8 independent output voltage or current signals.

3.1 Operation Modes

3.1.1 Inactive Mode

Setting an output to inactive mode disables processing of the output and sets the output voltage to minimum value (e.g. 0 V).

Setting an output to Inactive Mode does not suspend the output processing and refreshing but forces the output voltage to minimum value.

3.1.2 Standard Mode

In standard mode the processing of the analog output is executed.

3.2 Offset Compensation

The value of the IO Configuration Parameter *outAnOffset* (see 3.4.4) is added to the output value.

3.3 Commands

3.3.1 Setlo

This command sets the output signal of one output channel.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|-------|
| Command | Setlo | Access | Write |
| Opcode | 0x40 | | |
| LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool | | | |
| Call (-tV) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -tV -w[Voltage] | | |
| Call (-tC) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -tC -w[Current] | | |

LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool Example

Set output channel 0 to 2.540 V:

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -tV -w2.540 [ENTER]
```

Set output channel 0 to 10 mA:

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -tC -w10 [ENTER]
```

Request Frame

| OPC | P1 | P2 | LEN | Data Field |
|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| 0x40 | Channel | Value Type | Length | Value |

| Value | Description | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|---|---|---------|---|---|---------|--|---|---------|
| Channel | Number of input or output channel (Range: 0 to 7) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Value Type | Value Type Supported Value Types <table border="1" data-bbox="377 361 1319 833"> <thead> <tr> <th>Value Type</th><th>Value Range</th><th>Length</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Signed Voltage Resolution 1 µV (0x1D)</td><td>-100,000,000 µV ~ 100,000,000 µV (-100 V ~ 100 V)</td><td>4 Bytes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Signed Voltage Resolution 1 mV (0x1C)</td><td>-30,000 mV ~ 30,000 mV (-30 V ~ 30 V)</td><td>2 Bytes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Signed Current Resolution 1nA (0x23)</td><td>-1,000,000,000 nA ~ 1,000,000,000 nA (-1 A ~ 1A)</td><td>4 Bytes</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | | | Value Type | Value Range | Length | Signed Voltage Resolution 1 µV (0x1D) | -100,000,000 µV ~ 100,000,000 µV (-100 V ~ 100 V) | 4 Bytes | Signed Voltage Resolution 1 mV (0x1C) | -30,000 mV ~ 30,000 mV (-30 V ~ 30 V) | 2 Bytes | Signed Current Resolution 1nA (0x23) | -1,000,000,000 nA ~ 1,000,000,000 nA (-1 A ~ 1A) | 4 Bytes |
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| Length | Length of the Values in the Data Field | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Value | Values accordingly to the Value Type | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Response Frame

| Status | Length |
|---------------|---------------|
| Status | 0 |

In case of an error, the command returns the Execution Status Code documented in the general *LucidControl User Manual*.

3.3.2 SetIoGroup

This command sets the voltage or current of a group of output channels of the same Value Type.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|-------|
| Command | SetIoGroup | Access | Write |
| Opcode | 0x42 | | |
| LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool | | | |
| Call (-tV) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channels] -tV -w[Voltages] | | |
| | <u>Channels:</u> Comma separated list of channels e.g. -c0,2,3 | | |
| | <u>Values:</u> Comma separated list of voltages or currents to set e.g. -w1.25,2.5,7.5 | | |
| Call (-tC) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channels] -tC -w[Currents] | | |

LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool Example

Set output channel 0 to 1.25 V, output channel 2 to 2.50 V and output channel 3 to 7.50:

LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0,2,3 -tV -w1.25,2.5,7.5 [ENTER]

Set output channel 0 to 5 mA, output channel 2 to 15.5 mA and output channel 3 to 20:

LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0,2,3 -tC -w5,15.5,20 [ENTER]

Request Frame:

| OPC | P1 | P2 | LEN | Data Field |
|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| 0x40 | Channel Mask | Value Type | Length | Value(s) |

| Value | Description | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|--------------|--------|---|---|---------|---|---|---------|--|---|---------|---|---|------|---|---|------|---|---|------|---|---|------|---|-------|-----------------------|
| Channel Mask | <p>Channel Mask Specifies the output channels to access</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="393 316 1033 754"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="393 316 552 361">Channel</th><th data-bbox="552 316 822 361">Bit Position</th><th data-bbox="822 316 1033 361">Value</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td data-bbox="393 361 552 406">0</td><td data-bbox="552 361 822 406">0</td><td data-bbox="822 361 1033 406">0x01</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="393 406 552 451">1</td><td data-bbox="552 406 822 451">1</td><td data-bbox="822 406 1033 451">0x02</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="393 451 552 496">2</td><td data-bbox="552 451 822 496">2</td><td data-bbox="822 451 1033 496">0x04</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="393 496 552 541">3</td><td data-bbox="552 496 822 541">3</td><td data-bbox="822 496 1033 541">0x08</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="393 541 552 586">4</td><td data-bbox="552 541 822 586">4</td><td data-bbox="822 541 1033 586">0x10</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="393 586 552 631">5</td><td data-bbox="552 586 822 631">5</td><td data-bbox="822 586 1033 631">0x20</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="393 631 552 676">6</td><td data-bbox="552 631 822 676">6</td><td data-bbox="822 631 1033 676">0x40</td></tr> <tr><td data-bbox="393 676 552 754">7</td><td data-bbox="552 676 822 754">P1A 0</td><td data-bbox="822 676 1033 754">P1=0x80 P1A = 0x01</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Values are bitwise OR combined Size of P1 is 1 or 2 bytes. If Bit 7 of P1 is set, a subsequent P1A is expected.</p> <p><u>Examples:</u></p> <p>Accessing channel numbers:</p> <p>0 and 3 Value = 0x01 OR 0x08 = 0x09 1 and 2 Value = 0x02 OR 0x04 = 0x06 1, 2 and 7 Value P1 = 0x02 OR 0x04 = 0x86 Value P1A = 0x01 (for channel 7)</p> | Channel | Bit Position | Value | 0 | 0 | 0x01 | 1 | 1 | 0x02 | 2 | 2 | 0x04 | 3 | 3 | 0x08 | 4 | 4 | 0x10 | 5 | 5 | 0x20 | 6 | 6 | 0x40 | 7 | P1A 0 | P1=0x80 P1A = 0x01 |
| Channel | Bit Position | Value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 0x01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 0x02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 0x04 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 3 | 0x08 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 4 | 0x10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 5 | 0x20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 6 | 0x40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | P1A 0 | P1=0x80 P1A = 0x01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Value Type | <p>Value Type Supported Value Types</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="393 1260 1335 1731"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="393 1260 759 1304">Value Type</th><th data-bbox="759 1260 1092 1304">Value Range</th><th data-bbox="1092 1260 1335 1304">Length</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="393 1304 759 1439">Signed Voltage Resolution 1 µV (0x1D)</td><td data-bbox="759 1304 1092 1439">-100,000,000 µV ~ 100,000,000 µV (-100 V ~ 100 V)</td><td data-bbox="1092 1304 1335 1439">4 Bytes</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="393 1439 759 1574">Signed Voltage Resolution 1 mV (0x1C)</td><td data-bbox="759 1439 1092 1574">-30,000 mV ~ 30,000 mV (-30 V ~ 30 V)</td><td data-bbox="1092 1439 1335 1574">2 Bytes</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="393 1574 759 1731">Signed Current Resolution 1nA (0x23)</td><td data-bbox="759 1574 1092 1731">-1,000,000,000 nA ~ 1,000,000,000 nA (-1 A ~ 1A)</td><td data-bbox="1092 1574 1335 1731">4 Bytes</td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Value Type | Value Range | Length | Signed Voltage Resolution 1 µV (0x1D) | -100,000,000 µV ~ 100,000,000 µV (-100 V ~ 100 V) | 4 Bytes | Signed Voltage Resolution 1 mV (0x1C) | -30,000 mV ~ 30,000 mV (-30 V ~ 30 V) | 2 Bytes | Signed Current Resolution 1nA (0x23) | -1,000,000,000 nA ~ 1,000,000,000 nA (-1 A ~ 1A) | 4 Bytes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Signed Current Resolution 1nA (0x23) | -1,000,000,000 nA ~ 1,000,000,000 nA (-1 A ~ 1A) | 4 Bytes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Length | Length of the Values in the Data Field (One Value for each channel) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Values | One or more values to set in ascending channel order | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Response Frame

| Status | Length |
|--------|--------|
| Status | 0 |

In case of an error, the command returns the Execution Status Code documented in the general *LucidControl User Manual*.

Example of SetIoGroup

The following request frame sets outputs 0 to 1.25 V and output 1 to 2.5 V.

Request Frame

| OPC | P1 | P2 | LEN | Data Field | | | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|----------------|------|------|------|----------------|------|------|------|
| 0x42 | 0x03 | 0x1D | 0x08 | Byte | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Value Output 0 | | | | Value Output 1 | | | |
| | | | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | | | | 0xD0 | 0x12 | 0x13 | 0x00 | 0xA0 | 0x25 | 0x26 | 0x00 |

Channel Mask for Param1:

0x01 OR 0x02 = 0x03

Output Values in Data Field are sorted:

Channel 0, Channel 1

Response Frame:

| Status | Length |
|--------|--------|
| 0x00 | 0x00 |

3.3.3 GetIo

This command reads the voltage or current of the analog output.

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|------|---|----------------|----|--------------|
| Command | GetIo | Access | Read | | | | |
| Opcode | 0x46 | | | | | | |
| LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool | | | | | | | |
| Call (-tL) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -tV -r LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -tC -r | | | | | | |
| Return | CHn:VV <table border="1"><tr><td>n</td><td>Output Channel</td></tr><tr><td>VV</td><td>Output Value</td></tr></table> | | | n | Output Channel | VV | Output Value |
| n | Output Channel | | | | | | |
| VV | Output Value | | | | | | |

LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool Example

Read voltage of output channel 0

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -tV -r [ENTER]
-> CH0:5.00000
```

Read current of output channel 0

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -tC -r [ENTER]
-> CH0:5.00000
```

Request Frame

| OPC | P1 | P2 | LEN |
|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 0x46 | Channel | Value Type | 0 |

| Value | Description | | |
|---|---|---------------|--|
| Channel | Number of input or output channel (Range: 0 ~ 3) | | |
| Value Type | Supported Value Types | | |
| Value Type | Value Range | Length | |
| Signed Voltage Resolution 1 µV (0x1D) | -100,000,000 µV ~ 100,000,000 µV (-100 V ~ 100 V) | 4 Bytes | |
| Signed Voltage Resolution 1 mV (0x1C) | -30,000 mV ~ 30,000 mV (-30 V ~ 30 V) | 2 Bytes | |
| Signed Current Resolution 1nA (0x23) | -1,000,000,000 nA ~ 1,000,000,000 nA (-1 A ~ 1A) | 4 Bytes | |

Tab. 3 GetIo RequestResponse Frame:

In case of successful execution the command returns the value of the specified channel number.

| Status | LEN | Data Field |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|
| Status | Length | Value |

In case of an error, the command returns the Execution Status Code documented in the general *LucidControl User Manual*

3.3.4 GetIoGroup

This command reads the voltage or currents of a group of analog outputs of the same Value Type.

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|------|---|---------------|----|--------------|
| Command | GetIoGroup | Access | Read | | | | |
| Opcode | 0x48 | | | | | | |
| LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool | | | | | | | |
| Call (-tV) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channels] -tV -r LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channels] -tC -r | | | | | | |
| | <u>Channels:</u> Comma separated list of channels e.g. -c0,1,3 | | | | | | |
| Return | List of values sorted from lower to higher channels CHn:VV | | | | | | |
| | <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>n</td><td>Input Channel</td></tr> <tr> <td>VV</td><td>Output Value</td></tr> </table> | | | n | Input Channel | VV | Output Value |
| n | Input Channel | | | | | | |
| VV | Output Value | | | | | | |

LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool Example

Read output voltages of channel 0, 1 and 3:

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0,1,3 -tV -r [ENTER]
-> CH0:1.25000 CH1:2.50000 CH3:5.00000
```

Read output currents of channel 0, 1 and 3:

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0,1,3 -tC -r [ENTER]
-> CH0:1.25000 CH1:2.50000 CH3:5.00000
```

Request Frame

| OPC | P1 | P2 | LEN |
|------|--------------|------------|-----|
| 0x48 | Channel Mask | Value Type | 0 |

| Value | Description | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|------------|--------------|--------|---|---|---------|---|---|---------|--|---|---------|---|---|------|---|---|------|---|---|------|---|---|------|---|-------|---------|--|--|------------|--|--|--|
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| Channel | Bit Position | Value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 0x01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 0x02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 0x04 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 3 | 0x08 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 4 | 0x10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 5 | 0x20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 6 | 0x40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | P1A 0 | P1=0x80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | P1A = 0x01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Value Type | Value Range | Length | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signed Voltage Resolution 1 µV (0x1D) | -100,000,000 µV ~ 100,000,000 µV (-100 V ~ 100 V) | 4 Bytes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Response Frame:

In case of successful execution the command returns the read values of the channels specified in the Channel Mask.

| Status | LEN | Data Field |
|--------|--------|------------|
| Status | Length | Value(s) |

In case of an error, the command returns the Execution Status Code documented in the general *LucidControl User Manual*

Example of GetIoGroup Request:

The following request frame reads outputs 0 and 1. It returns the output voltages as signed 4 byte result.

| Opcode | P1 | P2 | Length |
|--------|------|------|--------|
| 0x48 | 0x03 | 0x1D | 0x00 |

Channel Mask (P1): $0x01 \text{ OR } 0x02 = 0x03$

Response Frame:

Output 0 = 1.25 V, output 1 = 2.50 V. Values in Data Field are in ascending channel order.

| Header Field | | Data Field | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------|------------|------|------|------|---------|------|------|------|
| Status | LEN | Bytes | | | | | | | |
| 0x00 | 0x08 | Value 0 | | | | Value 1 | | | |
| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | | 0xD0 | 0x12 | 0x13 | 0x00 | 0xA0 | 0x25 | 0x25 | 0x00 |

3.4 IO Configuration Parameters

LucidControl modules are configured by a set of System Configuration Parameters and IO Configuration Parameters.

The parameters are accessible by the SetParam and GetParam command which are described in the general *LucidControl User Manual*.

3.4.1 outAnValue

This IO Configuration Parameter represents the voltage or current value of the analog output.

| Parameter | outAnValue | Access | Read / Write |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Address | 0x1000 | | |
| Values | Voltage in 1 µV resolution | | |
| Default Value | 0 | Parameter Type | 4 bytes signed |
| LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool | | | |
| Parameter Name | outAnValue | Parameter Values | -100,000,000 µV ~ |

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | 100,000,000 µV or -1,000,000 µA ~ 1,000,000 µA |
| Call (Set) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -soutAnValue[=Value] {-p} {--default} | | |
| Call (Get) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -goutAnValue | | |

LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool Example

Set output voltage of channel 0 to 5 V and make the setting persistent.

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -soutAnValue=5000000 -p [ENTER]
```

Read output voltage of channel 0 (value is 5 V).

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -goutAnValue [ENTER]  
-> outAnValue=5000000
```

By using outAnValue an output value can be made persistent. In this case the stored voltage or current level is restored after a restart of the module.

Note:

For normal operation it is recommended to use the functions Setlo (see 3.3.1) and Getlo (3.3.3) in order to access the output channel value.

3.4.2 outAnMode

This IO Configuration Parameter configures the operation mode of the output.

| Parameter | outAnMode | Access | Read / Write | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------|------|------|------|----------|------|----------|
| Address | 0x1100 | | | | | | | | |
| Values | Output Mode <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Byte</th> <th>Mode</th> </tr> <tr> <td>0x00</td> <td>inactive</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0x01</td> <td>standard</td> </tr> </table> | | | Byte | Mode | 0x00 | inactive | 0x01 | standard |
| Byte | Mode | | | | | | | | |
| 0x00 | inactive | | | | | | | | |
| 0x01 | standard | | | | | | | | |
| Default Value | standard | Parameter Type | 1 byte unsigned | | | | | | |
| LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool | | | | | | | | | |
| Parameter Name | outAnMode | Parameter Values | inactive / standard | | | | | | |
| Call (Set) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -soutAnMode[=Mode] {-p} {--default} | | | | | | | | |
| Call (Get) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -goutAnMode | | | | | | | | |

LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool Example

Set operation mode of output channel 0 to Standard Mode and make the setting persistent.

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -soutAnMode=standard -p [ENTER]
```

Read the operation mode of input channel 0.

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -goutAnMode [ENTER]
-> outAnMode=standard
```

3.4.3 outAnRefreshTime

This IO Configuration Parameter configures the output refresh time T_{Refresh}

| Parameter | <i>outAnRefreshTime</i> | Access | Read / Write |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Address | 0x1113 | | |
| Values | T_{Refresh} in μs (micro seconds) $0.1 \text{ ms} \leq T_{\text{Refresh}} \leq 10 \text{ ms}$ | | |
| Default Value | 1 ms | Parameter Type | 4 bytes unsigned |
| LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool | | | |
| Parameter Name | <i>outAnRefreshTime</i> | Parameter Values | Time [μs] |
| Call (Set) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -soutAnRefreshTime[=Value] {-p} {--default} | | |
| Call (Get) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -goutAnRefreshTime | | |

LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool Example

Set T_{Refresh} of output channel 0 to 5 ms and make the setting persistent.

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -soutAnRefreshTime=5000 -p [ENTER]
```

Read T_{Refresh} parameter of input channel 0

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -goutAnRefreshTime[ENTER]
-> outAnRefreshTime=5000
```

3.4.4 outAnOffset

This IO Configuration Parameter configures the output offset compensation value which is described in section 3.2.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Parameter | <i>outAnOffset</i> | Access | Read / Write |
| Address | 0x1120 | | |
| Values | Offset Compensation in 1 mV steps (-3 V ~ 3 V) Offset Compensation in 1µA steps (-3mA ~ 3mA) | | |
| Default Value | 0 | Parameter Type | 2 bytes signed |
| LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool | | | |
| Parameter Name | outAnOffset | Parameter Values | Voltage [1 mV] Current [1 µA] |
| Call (Set) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -soutAnOffset[=Value] {-p} {--default} | | |
| Call (Get) | LucidIoCtrl -d[COMx] -c[Channel] -goutAnOffset | | |

LucidIoCtrl Command Line Tool Example

Set output offset compensation value of output channel 0 to -5 mV and make the setting persistent.

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -soutAnOffset=-5 -p [ENTER]
```

Read Offset Compensation value.

```
LucidIoCtrl -dCOM4 -c0 -goutAnOffset [ENTER]
-> outAnOffset=-5
```

4 Specification

| Parameter | Condition | Value | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Outputs | | | | | |
| No of Output Channels | | | 4/8 | | |
| Output - Electrical Characteristics | | | | | |
| Max. Output Current | Output Function | Digital to Analog Conversion | | | |
| | Resolution | 12 bit | | | |
| | Base Accuracy | typ. $\pm 0.25\%$ of full scale range | | | |
| | AOn-24 Others | I _{TotalMax} | 40 mA 160 mA | | |
| Output – Electrical Characteristics of Current Outputs | | | | | |
| Max. Output Voltage | U _{ChMax} | | 10 V | | |
| Min. Output Current ⁴⁾ | AOn-20M4 | I _{ChMin} | 4 mA | | |
| | AOn-20M0 | | typ. 0.25 mA | | |
| Output Current Dependence ³⁾ | R _L not 500Ω | | ±0.5 % | | |
| Output – Electrical Characteristics of Voltage Outputs | | | | | |
| Max. Output Current per Channel | AOn-24 | I _{ChMax} | 10 mA ¹⁾ | | |
| | Others | | 40 mA | | |
| Min. Output Voltage ²⁾ | AOn-24 | U _{ChMin} | 50 mV | | |
| | Others | | See Note ²⁾ | | |
| Output – Timing Characteristic | | | | | |
| Setup Time for stable output | T _{Stable} | typ. 1 ms | | | |
| DAC Conversion Time | T _{Conv} | typ. 1 ms | | | |
| Module – Communication | | | | | |
| USB | 2.0 Full Speed CDC Profil | | | | |
| Module – Electrical Characteristics | | | | | |
| Power Supply | USB Bus Powered with +5V No additional Power Supply needed. | | | | |
| Maximum Rated Supply Current | 250 mA | | | | |
| Module – Environment | | | | | |
| Temperature | Storage | -20 °C ... +70 °C | | | |
| | Operation | 0 °C ... +55 °C | | | |
| Humidity | < 85 % RH, non-condensing | | | | |
| Module – Housing | | | | | |
| Dimension L x W x H | 90 x 54 x 62 mm | | | | |
| Weight (in total) | 120 g | | | | |
| Assembly | Rail-Mount (EN 50022, TS35) | | | | |
| Protection Class (DIN 40050) | IP20 | | | | |

| Module - Indicators | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation and Error Indicator • Communication Indicator | |
| Software | |
| Supported Operating Systems | Windows® XP, Windows® Vista, Windows® 7, Ubuntu, Debian, Raspbian |
| Application Programming Interface (API) | Console / Terminal Application, Java and Python |

Tab. 4 AO4/AO8 Specification**Notes:**

- 1) For currents > 2 mA an additional tolerance of max. 50 mV must be considered.
- 2) If not further specified, the modules are able to drive the minimum output value within the specified tolerances.
The minimum value is 0V for non -S voltage modules.
- 3) Outputs are calibrated to a base accuracy with 500Ω output resistors. For output resistances other than 500Ω, the Output Current Dependence applies.
- 4) For AOn-20M0, a minimum saturation current must be considered.

5 Order Information

| Order Code | Product |
|---------------|---|
| LCTR-AO4-5 | LucidControl Analog Output USB Module with 4 channels 0 ~ 5 V |
| LCTR-AO4-10 | LucidControl Analog Output USB Module with 4 channels 0 ~ 10 V |
| LCTR-AO4-24 | LucidControl Analog Output USB Module with 4 channels 0 ~ 24 V |
| LCTR-AO4-20M0 | LucidControl Analog Output USB Module with 4 channels 0 ~ 20 mA |
| LCTR-AO4-20M4 | LucidControl Analog Input USB Module with 4 channels 4 ~ 20 mA. |
| LCTR-AO8-5 | LucidControl Analog Output USB Module with 8 channels 0 ~ 5 V |
| LCTR-AO8-10 | LucidControl Analog Output USB Module with 8 channels 0 ~ 10 V |
| LCTR-AO8-24 | LucidControl Analog Output USB Module with 8 channels 0 ~ 24 V |
| LCTR-AO8-20M0 | LucidControl Analog Output USB Module with 8 channels 0 ~ 20 mA |
| LCTR-AO8-20M4 | LucidControl Analog Input USB Module with 8 channels 4 ~ 20 mA. |

Tab. 5 Order Information

6 Document Revision

| Date | Rev. | |
|------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| 2019/09/16 | 1.4 | Added documentation of USB Isolation |
| 2023/04/06 | 1.5 | AO8 Support |

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