# Crestron **CNXMIDI** CNX MIDI Interface Expansion Card Operations Guide



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# CNX MIDI Interface Expansion Card: CNXMIDI

# Description

## **Functional Description**

The CNXMIDI, a MIDI Interface Expansion Card provides MIDI IN, OUT, and THRU interface. Use with devices such as mixers and lighting equipment.

## **Physical Description**

The CNXMIDI, shown below, is a circuit board fastened to an aluminum faceplate. The card is manufactured to easily fit into an unoccupied slot in a Crestron CNX Generation Control System.

**CNXMIDI** Faceplate



The faceplate contains three female 5-pin DIN connectors. These are standard MIDI connectors. Silk screening is applied to the faceplate; jacks are labeled THRU, IN, and OUT from left to right, as shown above.

# **Leading Specifications**

The table below provides a summary of leading specifications for the CNXMIDI. Dimensions and weight are approximations rounded to the nearest hundredth unit.

Leading Specifications of the CNXMIDI

SPECIFICATIONS	DETAILS
Connectors	(3) 5-pin DIN connectors
Power Requirements	24VDC, network power; 4 Watts
SIMPL <sup>™</sup> Windows®	Version 1.21.03 or later
CNX Operating System	Version 5.01.29x or later
CNX Monitor	Version 2.05x or later
Dimensions:	
Height	0.98 in (24.9 mm)
Width	5.00 in (127 mm)
Depth	6.58 in (167.1 mm)

As of the date of manufacture, the unit has been tested and found to comply with specifications for CE marking.

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## Setup

## Installation

Items required to install the CNXMIDI are already attached to the unit. The only tools required are a Phillips tip screwdriver and a grounding strap. Follow the assembly procedure below.

**CAUTION:** The CNXMIDI contains electrostatic sensitive devices (ESD); observe precautions for handling ESDs to avoid damaging the card.

**NOTE:** If installing the CNXMIDI into a CNMSX-AV, it is assumed that the CNXCAGE has been installed.

- 1. Disconnect power from the CNMSX.
- 2. Use the Phillips tip screwdriver and remove two screws and blank faceplate from the control system.
- 3. Align the CNXMIDI with the card guides in the open slot and slide the expansion card into position.
- 4. Firmly press both ends of the CNXMIDI faceplate to seat the expansion card into the control system connector.
- 5. Tighten the thumb screws to secure the CNXMIDI to the control system.
- 6. Reapply power to the CNMSX.

### **Preparation for Use**

The three female connectors on the CNXMIDI accept standard MIDI male cables. Refer to the pinout table below if the connecting cable is to be made.

Standard MIDI 5-Pin Male DIN Pinout

MIDI IN			MIDI	<b>OUT &amp; MIDI THRU</b>
PIN	ASSIGNMENT		PIN	ASSIGNMENT
1	No Connection		1	No Connection
2	No Connection		2	Ground
3	No Connection		3	No Connection
4	Current Source		4	Current Sink
5	Current Sink		5	Current Source

## **Programming with SIMPL Windows**

SIMPL (Symbol Intensive Master Programming Language) is an easy-to-use programming language that is completely integrated and compatible with all Crestron system hardware. The objects that are used in SIMPL are called symbols. SIMPL Windows offers drag and drop functionality in a familiar Windows® environment.

SIMPL Windows is Crestron Electronics' software for programming Crestron control systems. It provides a well-designed graphical environment with a number of workspaces (i.e., windows) in which a programmer can select, configure, program, test, and monitor a Crestron control system.

The next two subsections describe a sample SIMPL Windows program that utilizes the CNXMIDI. The first subsection details how the sample program works with a textual description and block diagram. The second subsection provides a broad description of how to actually create the SIMPL Windows program.

**NOTE:** The following description assumes that the reader is familiar with SIMPL Windows. If not, please refer to the extensive help information provided with the software.

**NOTE:** There is no need to recreate the sample SIMPL Windows program. A copy of this program is available from Crestron's ControlCD (Version 5.1 or later). Search for the CNXMIDI.SMW project in the SIMPL Windows Example Base.

## How the Program Works

A basic CNXMIDI SIMPL program is shown in block diagram form below. For this example, the CNXMIDI occupies slot #1 of a CNMSX-PRO. This example plays three notes on a MIDI keyboard. A note is turned on for 0.05s and then there is silence for 0.05s before the next note is played. The sequence is triggered when a certain note is received from the keyboard, and stopped at the end of the sequence.

#### Block Diagram of CNXMIDI



## How to Create the Program

### **Configuration Manager**

Use the Configuration Manager workspace in SIMPL Windows to select and configure all the devices that need to be included into the system. For this example, add a CNXMIDI to slot #1 of the control system, shown below.

**NOTE:** SIMPL Windows v1.21.03 or later is required to program the CNMSX-AV or PRO with a CNXMIDI card. If using an earlier version of SIMPL Windows, Crestron recommends a SIMPL Windows and operation system upgrade. The latest version can be obtained from the Software Downloads page of Crestron's website (www.crestron.com). New users are required to register in order to obtain access to the FTP site.



Graphical System View of CNXMIDI in SIMPL Windows' Configuration Manager

### **Programming Manager**

Use the Programming Manager workspace in SIMPL Windows to select symbols and assign their respective signals. Expand the Network Module folder and expand the CNXMIDI. Double click on the ST-LT/MIDI serial driver to view it in detail view (alternatively CTRL+D), as shown on the next page.

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	ST-LT/MIDI Serial Driver				
	[b(\$] [n(\$]				
	[enable]				
C1_ON	\x90\x3C\x40	str1			
D_ON	\x90\x3E\x40	str2			
E_ON	\x90\x40\x40	str3			
C1_OFF	\x90\x3C\x00	str4			
D_OFF	\x90\x3E\x00	str5			
E_OFF	\x90\x40\x00	str6			
str7	\x90\x3C\x40				
[delimiter]					

Graphical Detail View of ST-LT/MIDI in SIMPL Windows' Programming Manager

Expand the Logic folder to display the logic symbols used in this program. They include Oscillator, Set Reset Latch, and Ring Counter symbols. Some logic symbols are shown in optional sub system folders. Assign the signals as shown.

Graphical Detail View of Oscillator in SIMPL Windows' Programming Manager

💓 S-2 : Clock for Not	🛐 S-2 : Clock for Notes : Oscillator					
OSC_GATE	Oscillator gate out					
hi_time lo_time	0.05s 0.05s					

Graphical	Detail	View c	of Ring	Counter in	SIMPL	Windows'	Programming	Manager
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🛂 S-3 : Count through notes : Ring Counter 📃 🗖 🗙						
	Ring Cou	nter				
NOTE_CLOCK	Clk	01	C1_ON	Þ		
RESET	[Reset]	02	C1_OFF			
	[Reverse]	o3 [	D_ON	Þ		
618 	1	04 [	D_OFF	Þ		
		05 E	E_ON			
		06 E	E_OFF			
		07	STOP	>		
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Graphical Detail View of Set/Reset Latch in SIMPL Windows' Programming Manager



# **Problem Solving**

## Troubleshooting

The table below provides corrective action for possible trouble situations. If further assistance is required, please contact a Crestron technical support representative.

TROUBLE	POSSIBLE CAUSE(S)	CORRECTIVE ACTION
CNXMIDI	CNX Control System is	Verify power to CNX Control System.
does not	not receiving power.	
function.	Circuit card is not	Verify CNXMIDI is properly inserted into
	properly seated in slot.	CNX Control System slot per procedures in
		this Operations Guide.
	Cable from CNXMIDI to	Verify wiring. Connect only the required pins
	controlled equipment is	for each communication type.
	incorrect.	
	Programming error.	Check SIMPL Windows program.
	Controlled device is not	Use manufacturer-supplied diagnostic tool
	accepting commands.	to verify that controlled device is operating
		properly.

## **Further Inquiries**

If after reviewing this Operations Guide for the CNXMIDI, you cannot locate specific information or have questions, please take advantage of Crestron's award winning technical support team by calling:

- In the US and Canada, call Crestron's corporate headquarters at 1-888-CRESTRON [1-888-273-7876] or 1-201-767-3400.
- In Europe, call Crestron International at +32-15-50-99-50.
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