**Weather Data Collection at SCBI-Front Royal-Posey Hollow**

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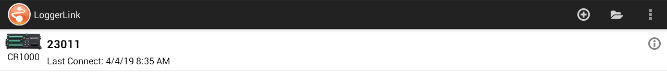
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**Method: LoggerLink App and wifi**

BEFORE you go to the field, make sure:

* tablet or phone is fully charged
* it has at least 100 MB storage space
* it has the “LoggerLink” app installed



In the field, collecting data:

1. To connect, select the datalogger from the main screen, and

it will automatically connect to the datalogger.

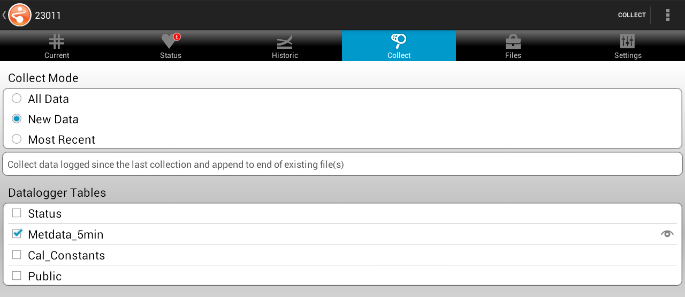


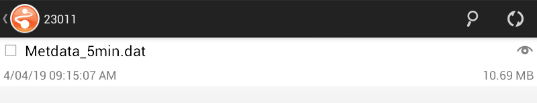
1. To collect data, navigate to “Collect”. You’ll be given the

options

* 1. “All” = all data on the sensor
  2. “New” = data since last collection
  3. “Most recent” = data back to a specified time

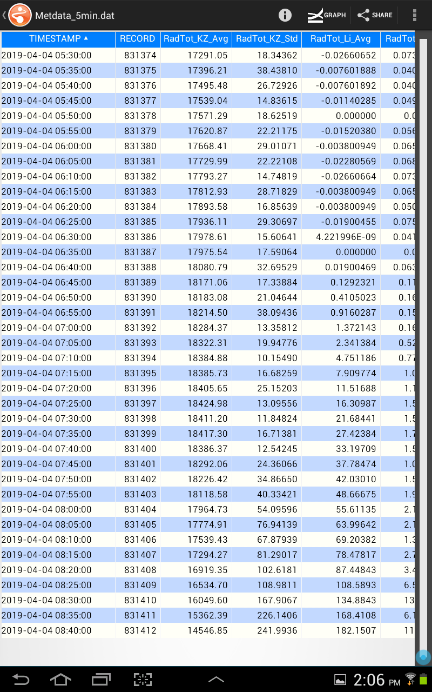
(e.g. last 100 hours)





1. Choose “NEW”, then press “Collect.”
   1. For a month’s worth of data (~10,500 entries), it takes

about 10 minutes to collect.



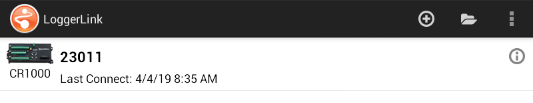
1. When it’s done, you’ll see a page with the .dat file called

“Metdata\_5min.dat”. Click on the eye symbol, and it will say

“Indexing file” (takes a minute or two) before you can preview the

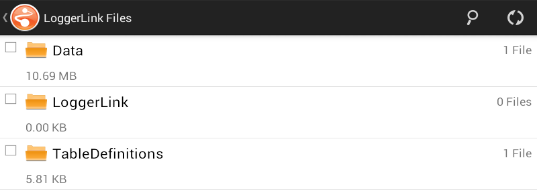
data you just collected.

* 1. Verify the data is up to date and the range you want.

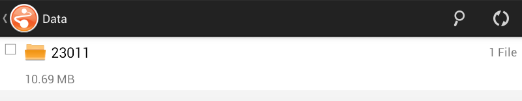
In the lab, on tablet:

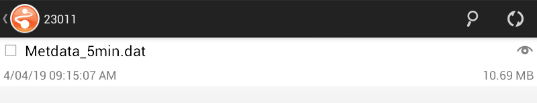
1. Open the LoggerLink app again, and select the open

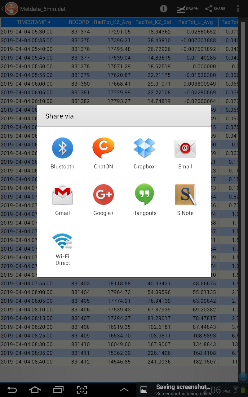
folder icon in the top right.

1. Select “Data”, then select “23011” (the datalogger number),

then select the eye icon (or the 3 vertical dots), then “View file.”





1. Make sure you are fully connected to wifi in the lab.
   1. You will probably have to reconnect and authenticate.
2. Navigate to “Share”, and select Gmail. Send email to yourself.
   1. This can take a while depending on wifi strength.
   2. You can verify progress in the Gmail app from the home screen.

In the lab, on computer:

1. Save the raw file to T:\SIGEO\Met tower\Meteo DATA\TXT\_Files\ and change

file name to include date of collection (e.g. Weather-CR1000\_Metdata\_5min\_08232018).

1. Change the file extension to .txt.
2. Paste new data in the .txt file ‘SCB\_Metdata\_5min\_YEAR’.
   1. Select data quickly using Ctrl+Shift+End.
3. Also update new data in the .csv file: ‘SCB\_Metdata\_5min\_YEAR’.
   1. In Excel 2016 and newer, open the .txt file you updated in Step 3.
   2. Click “Save As”, change “Save as type” to “All Files” and select the current .csv. Click Yes to replace.

We use the SI network drive as backup repository BUT next step is more important!

1. Ask Krista to send you an invitation to access the ‘Climate” repository in GitHub.
2. Steps on GitHub:
   1. Navigate to your local GitHub repositories. Move the updated .csv to

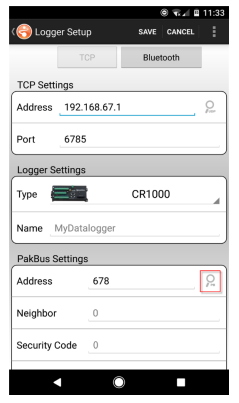
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* 1. Open GitHub desktop. You will see the modified file in your history
  2. Make a comment in GitHub (i.e. in Summary: “Updated records for 2018”, in Description: add any relevant comment or none)
  3. Commit to master.
  4. Push!

1. Once the data has been uploaded to the T drive AND pushed to GitHub,

go ahead and delete from the tablet in order to keep memory space open.

**Extra notes:**

Setting up for the first time (in the field):

1. Open upper metal box on tower.
2. Connect your phone/tablet to the NL241 wifi and open LoggerLink app.
3. In the app, press the + key to add a datalogger.
4. Make sure **TCP** selected, then tap the Search button to discover any

devices on the wifi network.

1. Select the NL241
2. Fields will be filled automatically.
   1. **Port** is 6785
   2. The default of the PakBus Address is 678, but we found that

switching this to “1” allowed it to connect.

* 1. Instead, 678 should be in the **Neighbor** field.

1. Press **Save**, and you’ll be taken back to the main screen.

BEFORE you go to the field, make sure

* tablet or phone is fully charged
* it has at least 500 MB storage space <- possibly more memory needed for first time
* it has the “LoggerLink” app installed