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# M5201A PXIe Downconverter Modules

Four CH, 2-16 GHz RF, 0.01-2.4 GHz IF



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## Safety Summary

The following general safety precautions must be observed during all phases of operation of this instrument. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific warnings or operating instructions in the product manuals violates safety standards of design, manufacture, and intended use of the instrument. Keysight Technologies assumes no liability for the customer's failure to comply with these requirements. Product manuals are provided on the Web. Go to [www.keysight.com](http://www.keysight.com) and type in your product number in the Search field at the top of the page.

### **WARNING**

**Do not use the device if it is damaged. Contact your Keysight sales representative for replacement of device.**

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### **WARNING**

**Verify that all safety precautions are taken. Make all connections to the unit before applying power. Note the external markings described under “Safety symbols & instrument markings”.**

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### **WARNING**

**Do not operate the device in an explosive atmosphere or wet environments. Do not operate the instrument around flammable gases or fumes, vapor, or wet environments.**

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### **WARNING**

**Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to the product. Return the product to a Keysight Sales and Service Office to ensure that safety features are maintained.**

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### **CAUTION**

If the device is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the device may be impaired.

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### **CAUTION**

Do not attempt to clean the device. If cleaning the card is absolutely necessary, follow the instructions given in “**Cleaning the module**” section of this document.

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Refer to **Safety information** on page 71 for module-specific safety considerations.

## Environmental Conditions

This instrument is intended for “indoor use” only.

The following table shows the environmental requirements and the corresponding characteristics for the product.

Environmental Requirements	General characteristics
Temperature	Operating condition: 0°C to 40°C Storage condition: -40°C to 70°C
Maximum Relative Humidity (non-condensing)	Type tested, 95% RH up to 40°C, decreases linearly to 40% RH at 45°C
Altitude	Operating condition: Up to 10,000 ft (3048m) Storage condition: Up to 15,000 ft (4572m)
Pollution degree*	Pollution Degree 2

\* See table below for Pollution Degree definitions

Pollution Degree	Description
1	No pollution or only dry, non-conductive pollution occurs. The pollution has no influence. Example: A clean room or climate-controlled office environment.
2	Normally only dry non-conductive pollution occurs. Occasionally a temporary conductivity caused by condensation may occur. Example: General indoor environment.
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	<p>The instruction manual symbol. The product is marked with this warning symbol when it is necessary for the user to refer to the instructions in the manual.</p>
	<p>The CE mark is a registered trademark of the European Community.</p>
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	<p>The RCM mark is a registered trademark of the Australian Communications and Media Authority.</p>
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	<p>Electro Static Discharge. Attach ESD protective wrist strap to avoid damage by direct contact with the equipment.</p>
	<p>China Restricted Substance Product Label. The EPUP (environmental protection use period) number in the center indicates the time period during which no hazardous or toxic substances or elements are expected to leak or deteriorate during normal use and generally reflects the expected useful life of the product.</p>
	<p>This is the Keysight email address required by EU directives applicable to our product.</p>

## Compliance and Environmental Information

**Table 1** Compliance and Environmental Information

Safety Symbol	Description
	<p>The crossed out wheeled bin symbol indicates that separate collection for waste electric and electronic equipment (WEEE) is required, as obligated by the EU DIRECTIVE and other National legislation.</p> <p>Please refer to <a href="http://keysight.com/go/takeback">keysight.com/go/takeback</a> to understand your Trade in options with Keysight in addition to product takeback instructions.</p>

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You can then search by product number to find the latest Declaration of Conformity.

## In this Guide

This guide provides you the information to begin using the M5201A PXIe Downconverter Modules.

- **Chapter 1**, “Overview on M5201A PXIe Downconverter modules” provides an overview of the M5201A PXIe Downconverter Module hardware and software along with an overview of the applications that enhance the module’s functionality.
- **Chapter 2**, “Setting up the M5201A module” describes the precautions and steps you must observe to get started with a newly procured M5201A module.
- **Chapter 3**, “Setting up the M5201x software” describes the steps to download, install and get started with the M5201x software along with its associated software.
- **Chapter 4**, “Troubleshooting and Safety information” describes few troubleshooting steps along with some safety information you must observe while using the M5201A card and related equipment.

For more information

- For detailed information on how to use the M5201x software and its add-on applications, refer to the *M5201A PXIe Downconverter Modules User Guide*, which is available at <https://www.keysight.com/find/M5201A-TechSupport>.
- For technical assistance, reach out to your local Keysight Technologies representative at <https://www.keysight.com/find/contactus>.



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## Section 1.1: About this document

This document helps you get started with a brief introduction to the M5201A PXIe Downconverter module along with its associated software components. It also serves as a guide for the required preliminary setup followed by procedures to install the Keysight M5201A PXIe Module SFP and API along with its extended components.

## Section 1.2: About M5201A PXIe Downconverter modules

The M5201A is a single-slot PXIe module. **Figure 1** shows the front view of an actual physical M5201A module that can be procured.



Figure 1 Front view of an M5201A PXIe Downconverter module

The key specifications of the M5201A module are listed in [Table 2](#). For all other characteristics of the M5201A PXIe Downconverter modules, refer to the *M5000 Series High-Performance PXI System Datasheet*.

**Table 2 Key specifications of the M5201A PXIe Downconverter module**

Characteristics	Value / Range
<b>RF in characteristics</b>	
Frequency range	2.5 GHz to 16 GHz
Max input power	0 dBm
Input power damage level	+10 dBm
Port match	S11 < -10 dB up to 10 GHz S11 < -5 dB up to 16 GHz
<b>IF out characteristics</b>	
Channel bandwidth	10 MHz - 2400 MHz
Port match	< -10 dB
<b>Performance characteristics</b>	
Conversion gain	
▪ 2 GHz to 6 GHz	> 4 dB
▪ 4 GHz to 10 GHz	> 3 dB
▪ 10 GHz to 16 GHz	> 0 dB
LO frequency range	1 GHz to 18 GHz
LO Frequency resolution	$5 \times 10^6$ Hz
LO Phase resolution	$84 \times 10^{-9}$ degrees
Input referred noise	-166 dBm/Hz
Noise figure	8 dB
Phase noise	-130 dBc/Hz at 12 GHz, 10 kHz offset
Channel to channel isolation	> 60 dB
Supported PXIe Chassis	M9046A

The input and output flow in the M5201A PXIe Downconverters is shown in [Figure 2](#). It has a low-IF downconverter functionality with four pairs of RF/IF channels and a single, shared, internal local oscillator (LO). The LO is

generated by the Keysight's High Frequency DAC & RF Upconverter. The M5201A can derive its analog timing reference from either of two sources. It can either use the internal 100 MHz System Reference Clock or the external 2.4 GHz Analog Reference Clock. The System Clock is easier to use because it does not require external clock generation and distribution. However, the best absolute phase noise and coherency between modules is achieved when using the external Analog Clock.

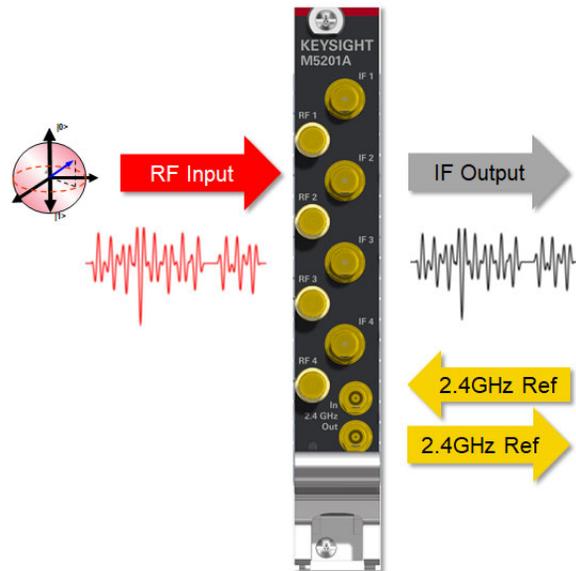


Figure 2 Functional depiction of the M5201A module

### CAUTION

Use caution when mating high-density connectors to ensure proper alignment and prevent damage to the contacts.

## Section 1.3: About license options for M5201A modules

You may limit the bandwidth configuration range on the M5201A modules by procuring the following licenses and activating them using the M5201x SW. Refer to the *M5201A PXIe Downconverter Modules User Guide* for more information about configuring the frequency on the M5201A modules.

**Table 3 License option for M5201A modules**

License option	Description	What it does?
M5201A-012	12 GHz RF Bandwidth Limit Adjustment	Limits bandwidth configuration range from 2.5 to 12 GHz only.

To procure these licenses, contact Keysight Sales.

To download one or more licenses, visit <https://ksm.software.keysight.com>.

To install the licenses, follow the instructions given in the email that is sent to you with the license attached.

## Section 1.4: About products supported with M5201A modules

You require the following (recommended) Keysight products to achieve precision and control when performing measurements. Visit the corresponding product pages on [www.keysight.com](http://www.keysight.com) to procure and refer to the respective documentation to understand how to use these modules/products.

**Table 4 List of supported equipment**

Required equipment	Recommended Part number(s)
PXIe Digitizer modules	M5200A
PXIe RF AWG modules	M5300A
PXIe Baseband AWG modules	M5301A
PXIe LVDS Digital IO modules	M5302A
System Sync modules	M9032A / M9033A
PXIe Chassis: High-Power, 18-slot, 24 GB/s	M9046A
High-Performance Reference Clock Source	-
<b>Controller options</b> (use one of the following options)	
PXIe High-Performance Embedded Controller	M9037A
External Controller*	(recommended) HP Z8 1FZ80UT#ABA 2.2 GHz Intel Xeon Silver 4114 10-Core (G4 Workstation)
<b>Other accessories</b>	
PXIe 5-channel Source / Measure Unit, 100 pA	M9614A
PXIe 5-channel Precision Source/Measure Unit, 500 kSa/s, 10 pA, 30 V, 500 mA	M9615A
PXIe System Modules and Cable Interface	M902xA
PCIe High-Performance Host Adapter	M9049A
PXI Network Analyzers	M980xA-series
Infiniium UXR-Series Oscilloscope: 16 GHz, 4 Channels	UXR0164A

\* You may use any External Controller of your choice. Keysight recommends using the HP

Z8 G4 Workstation to scale up your system for multi-chassis operations.

To connect the HP Z8 G4 workstation as an external controller to the M9046A PXIe chassis, you require the following additional products:

- M9049A PCIe High Performance Host Adapter
- M9023A PXIe High Performance System Module
- Y1201A PCIe cable

## NOTE

For information about the recommended BIOS and Windows system settings in the External Controller being used along with one or more M5000-series modules, refer to

<http://www.keysight.com/find/PXIAXIePCBIOSandWindowsSettings>.

The M5000-series modules require specific Keysight cables that have been customized for connectivity with the M9032x SSM modules and M9046A PXIe high-performance chassis. **Table 5** lists the cables that you may procure for the configuration of a single/multi-chassis multi-system setup.

**Table 5** Customized cables for use with M5201A PXIe Downconverter modules

Cable type	Specification	Model number
System Sync/Link	x4-x4, 0.5M	Y1320A
	x4-x4, 1.0M	Y1321A
	x8-2, x4, 0.5M	Y1323A
	x8-2, x4, 1.0M	Y1324A
	x8-x8, 0.5M	Y1326A
	x8-x8, 1.0M	Y1327A
	x8-x8, 2.0M	Y1329A
MCX(m) to MCX(m)	phase stable, 0.3m	Y1330A
	phase stable, 1.0m	Y1331A
	phase stable, 2.0m	Y1332A
SMA(m)-SMP(f)	0.3m	Y1333A
Cat-5	RJ-45 connectors (to interconnect chassis)	

**NOTE**

**When configuring with the M9046A-QS1 option, all cables must be the same length to ensure proper functioning of the clocking mechanism.**

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The complexity of your quantum computing system shall determine the quantity of modules and cables that should be procured.

For more information about the cables that you wish to procure, contact Keysight Support.

## Section 1.5: About M5201x software features

The Keysight M5201x software, which comprises of drivers, programming libraries and Software Front Panel for the M5201A module, provides a comprehensive platform to perform the basic operations pertaining to Downconverter modules. The M5201x software API is powered by the KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software for performing real-time operations and HVI sequencing.

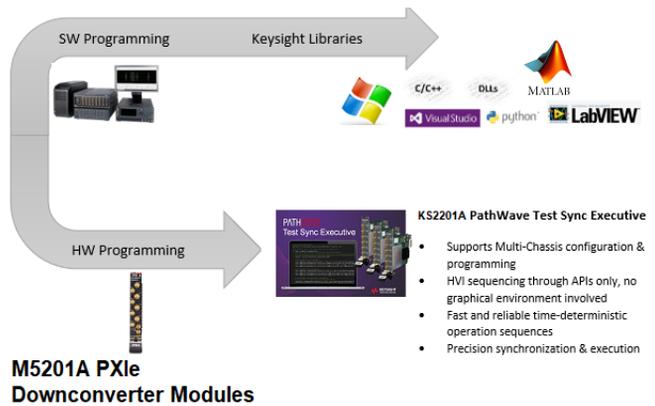


Figure 3 Model depicting the M5201x software capabilities

## Section 1.6: About KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software

The KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software is a programming environment based on Keysight's Hard Virtual Instrument (HVI) technology, that enables you to develop and execute synchronous real-time operations across multiple instruments. The real-time sequencing and synchronization capabilities of the PathWave Test Sync Executive software make it a powerful tool for *Multi-Input Multi-Output (MIMO)* applications that require tight synchronization and real-time control and feedback in areas such as Quantum Computing.

### 1.6.1: About HVI Technology

HVI technology enables you to program one or multiple instruments to execute time-deterministic sequences of operations and execute them with precise synchronization. It achieves this by deploying an executable code into each instrument's HW to be executed by the HVI engine or processor included integrated into the instrument. The code executes on these engines in parallel, across multiple instruments. The new user-defined HW operation of the group of instruments is called a Hard Virtual Instrument or just HVI. The sequences of operations or instructions executed by the HVI engines are called HVI sequences. On top of the advantages inherent of the new use model, several other features have been added, such as extended multi-chassis capabilities and expanded product support.

When creating an HVI, you can include any instrument, similar to Keysight's M5201A PXle Downconverter modules, that have HVI support.

## 1.6.2: M5201A Firmware version requirements for HVI

**Table 6** summarizes the M5201x software and firmware versions that are compatible for HVI programming with the most recent version of the KS2201A software.

**Table 6** Firmware Version Requirements

Instrument	Drivers, Firmware & Software Page	KS2201A SW version	M5201A SW version*
M5201A	<a href="https://www.keysight.com/find/M5201A-Driver">https://www.keysight.com/find/M5201A-Driver</a>	<a href="https://www.keysight.com/find/KS2201A-drivers">https://www.keysight.com/find/KS2201A-drivers</a>	Visit site for the latest available version.

\*Firmware upgrade/downgrade and M5201x software upgrade/downgrade can be performed manually. There is no need to return the module to Keysight.

## 1.6.3: About HVI Application Programming Interface

The HVI Application Programming Interface (API) is the set of programming classes and methods that allows the user to create and program an HVI instance. Refer to the *KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive User Guide* to know more about the HVI Python API.

### NOTE

HVI programming is supported with 64-bit Python versions 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11 and 3.12 along with their subversions. Multiple versions are also supported.

HVI core functionality is extended by each instrument with an instrument specific API. The core API is common to all products and only the instrument specific HVI API will change (instrument instructions, actions, events), depending on the products. It is important to differentiate between the core HVI features and the instrument specific extensions, which allow a heterogeneous array of instruments and resources to coexist on a common framework.

The HVI Core API exposes all HVI functions and is a common API for all products. It defines the base interfaces and classes that are used to create an HVI, control the hardware execution flow, and operate with data, triggers, events and actions, but it alone does not include the ability to

control instrument specific operations. The core API defines the hardware virtual instrumentation framework, and it is the job of the product-specific HVI instrument extensions to enable instrument functionalities in an HVI.

When Keysight M5201x is installed on a PXI system, it installs the drivers required to interact with the M5201A modules. Additionally, the graphical environment for the Keysight M5201x SFP provides a visual representation of most of the M5201x API's features.

The M5201x API classes contains HVI add-on API interfaces provided as an extension of the instrument. These add-on interfaces provide access to instrument specific HVI features such as setting LO phase, and so on.

For installation and usage instructions regarding the KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software, refer to the *KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive User Manuals*.

## Section 1.7: References to Help documents

**Table 7** Reference document titles and access links

Document Reference	Filename / Format	Reference location
M5201A PXIe Downconverter Modules Startup Guide	PDF	
M5201A PXIe Downconverter Modules Security Guide		<a href="https://www.keysight.com/find/M5201A-TechSupport">https://www.keysight.com/find/M5201A-TechSupport</a>
M5201A PXIe Downconverter Modules User Guide (including SFP Help)	PDF	
M5201x IVI-C Help	KtM5201x.chm	
M5201x IVI.NET Help	Keysight_KtM5201x_Fx45.chm	Click <b>Start</b> > <b>Keysight M5201x PCIe Module</b>
M5201x HVI Add-on Help	Keysight_KtM5201xHvi_Fx45.chm	or, go to C:\Program Files\Keysight\M5201x\Help
M5201x C++ API Help	index.html	
ktM5201x LabVIEW API Help	KtM5201x_LabVIEW_Help.chm	C:\Program Files\Keysight\M5201x\LABVIEW_DRIVER_HELP
M5201x Python API Help	index.html	Click <b>Start</b> > <b>Keysight M5201x PCIe Module</b> or, go to C:\Program Files\Keysight\M5201x\python\html
M5000-Series PXIe Modules Data Sheet	PDF	
KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive User Guide	PDF	<a href="#">KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive Document Library</a>

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## Section 2.1: Unpacking, Inspecting and Verifying the shipment

The module arrives packed in one small box. Before unpacking your module(s), inspect the packaging container for evidence of mishandling during transit. Inspect the carton carefully for any damage, or signs of rough handling.

Remove the M5201A module from the packaging container and ensure that all accessories are included. Inspect the module and accessories for damage. If the contents appear damaged, notify your local Keysight Technologies Inc. representative.

### CAUTION

The module is shipped in materials which prevent damage from static. The module should only be removed from the packaging in an anti-static area ensuring that correct anti-static precautions are taken. Store the module in an anti-static envelope when not in use.

### 2.1.1: Precautions against ESD

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage or destroy electronic components. Use a static-safe workstation to perform all work on electronic assemblies.

### CAUTION

Make sure the cables are discharged before connecting them to the module. A momentary connection to a load or short will discharge the cable prior to connecting the cable to the module inputs.

Figure 4 shows a static-safe workstation using two types of ESD protection:

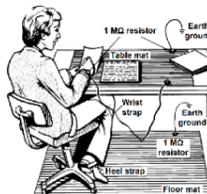


Figure 4 Static-safe workstation for ESD protection

- Conductive table-mat and wrist-strap combination
- Conductive floor-mat and heel-strap combination

Both types, when used together, provide a significant level of ESD protection. Of the two, only the table-mat and wrist-strap combination provides adequate ESD protection when used alone. To ensure user safety, the static-safe accessories must provide at least 1 M $\Omega$  of isolation from ground.

## WARNING

**DO NOT use these techniques for a static-safe workstation when working on circuitry with a voltage potential greater than 500 volts.**

### 2.1.2: Verifying shipment of M5201A module

Table 8 lists the items included in your M5201A module shipment:

**Table 8** Verifying M5201A module shipment items

Qty.	Keysight Part number	Description
1	M5201A	Keysight M5201A PXIe Downconverter Module
1	M5201-92000	Keysight M5201A PXIe Downconverter Module Quick Start Guide
1	5972-3335	PXI Modular Product Startup Quick Reference
1	9320-6715	China RoHS Addendum for Modules
1	9320-6797	Keysight safety leaflet

### 2.1.3: Inspecting for damage

After unpacking an instrument, inspect it for any shipping damage. Report any damage to the shipping agent immediately, as such damage is not covered by the warranty (Refer to the warranty information at beginning of this document).

## CAUTION

**To avoid damage when handling the M5201A module, do not touch exposed connector pins.**

Visit [www.keysight.com/find/tips](http://www.keysight.com/find/tips) for information on preventing damage to your Keysight equipment.

## 2.1.4: Returning the Module for Service

If you find it necessary to return the M5201A module for repair or service, follow the steps below:

### NOTE

**The M5201A is factory tested, aligned, adjusted, and shipped as a single module.**

- 1 Review the warranty information shipped with your M5201A module.
- 2 Contact Keysight to obtain a Return Material Authorization (RMA) and return address. For assistance with finding the required contact information, visit [www.keysight.com/find/assist](http://www.keysight.com/find/assist).
- 3 Write the following information on a tag and attach it to the malfunctioning equipment:
  - Name and address of the owner. A P.O. box is not acceptable as a return address.
  - Description of failure or service required.
- 4 Pack the instrument in its original packaging. Include all cables. If the original packaging material is not available, use anti-static bubble wrap or packing peanuts. Place the instrument in a sealed container and mark the container "FRAGILE".
- 5 On the shipping label, write ATTENTION REPAIR DEPARTMENT and the RMA number.
- 6 In your correspondence, refer to the module by serial number.

## Section 2.2: Installing the PXIe Module

Proceed through this section in the following order:

- 1 Review **Before installing the module** to understand installation guidelines and precautions.
- 2 Prepare the PXIe Chassis for the installation process.
- 3 Install the Controller (embedded or external).
- 4 Install the PXIe Module.
- 5 Install slot blockers and filler panels in the empty PXIe chassis slots.
- 6 Power up the PXIe chassis.

For more information about the appropriate configuration of your single chassis and multi-chassis systems, visit [www.keysight.com/find/pxie-multichassis](http://www.keysight.com/find/pxie-multichassis).

### 2.2.1: Before installing the module

#### CAUTION

PXIe hardware does not support “hot-swap” (changing modules while power is applied to the chassis) capabilities. Before installing or removing a module to/from the chassis, power down the chassis to prevent damage to the module.

### Best practices for cooling chassis and M5201A module

The following are the recommended best practices to ensure proper and safe module operating conditions:

- Ensure that the ambient air temperature around the chassis does not exceed 40°C.
- To maintain proper airflow within the chassis, all empty chassis slots must be fitted with slot blockers (Keysight model **Y1212A**, 5 per kit) and EMC filler panels (Keysight model **Y1213A**, 5 per kit). This includes any empty slots to the left of slot 1.
- Ensure that adequate clearance is provided around all chassis vents, both air intake vents, and air exhaust vents, including any vents at the bottom of the chassis. For more information, refer to the documentation associated with the Chassis you are using.
- Ensure that all the fan filters are clean and unobstructed.

- To the extent possible, install the chassis in a location with lower ambient temperatures. For example, avoid the situation where the exhaust air from another chassis feeds into the air intake for this chassis.
- If you have multiple M5201A modules and space is available in your chassis, leave an empty slot between modules to enhance airflow. Ensure that a slot blocker and a filler panel are installed in the empty slots. Be aware that leaving an empty slot between modules changes the length of inter-module cables, if any, and may also cause the modules to be on different chassis backplane PXI\_TRIG trigger bus segments.
- Set the fan speed switch on the chassis such that the module may receive sufficient airflow for adequate cooling. If not, it can result in a thermal shutdown of the M5201A module. Setting the fan speed to the maximum limit ensures maximum cooling with all chassis.

The Keysight Chassis have multiple air intakes. They are located at the lower sides, lower front and bottom of the chassis. Refer to the documentation of the Chassis you are using to know about cooling.

## 2.2.2: Preparing the PXIe Chassis

- 1 Make sure that the line cord is plugged into a grounded outlet to establish earth ground.

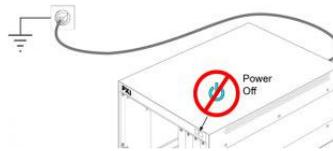


Figure 5 Establishing earth ground to the chassis

- 2 Make sure that the chassis power switch is **Off**.
- 3 Before inserting a module into the chassis, back the mounting screws out to ensure that there is no interference between the screws and the mounting rails.
- 4 Make sure that the PXIe chassis fans are operable and free of dust and other contaminants that may restrict airflow.

### 2.2.3: Installing the Embedded Controller

Before installing the module, remove plastic thread protectors on the top and bottom of mounting screws. Use the appropriate instructions below for installing the embedded controller or the remote controller.

#### CAUTION

Do not power up the controller until instructed to do so later in this document.



Figure 6 Front panel view of M9037A Embedded Controller

If your configuration contains a Keysight Embedded Controller (for example, M9037A), follow the procedure below. For additional details, refer to the instructions in the [M9037A Startup Guide](#).

- 1 Remove the M9037A module from its ESD protective bag. See [“Precautions against ESD”](#) on page 28.
- 2 Install the embedded controller in Slot 1 (see the ▲ icon above the slot) in the chassis.

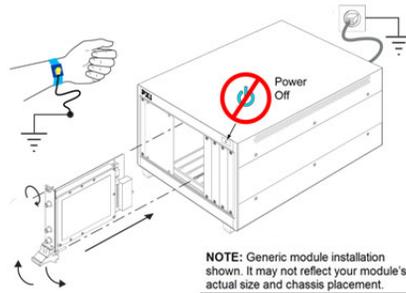


Figure 7 Depiction of installing a PXle embedded controller module

- While holding the module by the injector/ejector handle and making sure the injector/ejector handle is pushed down in the unlatched (downward) position, slide the controller module into chassis, using the slot guides (top and bottom).
  - Sliding the module into position, when you begin to feel resistance, pull up on the injector/ejector handle to fully inject the module into the chassis backplane connectors.
  - Tighten the module retaining screws (top and bottom) and torque them to 5 Lb-In (0.57 N-m).
- 3 Install a blank Y1213A filler panel in the empty slot to the left of the controller.
  - 4 Connect peripherals (mouse, keyboard, and monitor).

## 2.2.4: Connecting a remote controller PC to the chassis

A remote controller is an external, Windows-based PC that connects to the chassis through a PCIe cable. The remote controller can be a desktop PC, a laptop PC, or a rack-mounted PC. If your configuration contains a Keysight Cable Interface module, follow the procedure below.

### NOTE

The following procedure addresses using a cabled PCIe interface between the chassis and an external host computer. However, if you intend to use a system module to control a subordinate downstream chassis or RAID configuration:

1. Install the module in an x8 hybrid slot in the PXle chassis.
2. Reverse the switch settings from those noted in this procedure: On the module, set both the S301 switches to “Host” and set the S201 rocker switch to the left-hand position. On the chassis backplane, set the controller slot power-supply switch to the left.

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- 1 Locate slot 1 in the chassis, with the ▲ icon above the slot.
  - 2 Set the chassis controller slot power supply switch to the right-hand position. This provides power to slot 1 for the benefit of the PCIe interface card.
  - 3 Remove the interface module from its protect bag. See “[Precautions against ESD](#)” on page 28.
  - 4 On the module, set both S301 switches to the Host (right-hand) position and set the S201 rocker switch to the left-hand position.
  - 5 Install the Cable Interface module into the chassis:
    - While holding the module by the injector/ejector handle and making sure the injector/ejector handle is pushed down in the unlatched (downward) position, slide the module into chassis, using the slot guides (top and bottom).
    - Sliding the module into position, when you begin to feel resistance, pull up on the injector/ejector handle to fully inject the module into the chassis backplane connectors.
    - Tighten the module retaining screws (top and bottom) and torque them to 5 Lb-In (0.57 N-m).

- 6 Connect the Interface module to your laptop or desktop PC.

## 2.2.5: Installing Slot Blockers and Filler Panels

To assure proper operating temperatures, install slot blockers (Keysight model [Y1212A](#), 5 per kit) and EMC filler panels (Keysight model [Y1213A](#), 5 per kit) in empty module slots.

## 2.2.6: Installing the Module

Plan your module position. Before installing the module, remove plastic thread protectors on the top and bottom of mounting screws. Install the left-most module first and continue installing modules from left to right, similar to installing the embedded controller, as shown in [Figure 7](#). Also, [Figure 8](#) illustrates an x-ray view of the direction and position of the module inside the chassis during insertion.

When installing the M5201A module:

- 1 Hold the module by the injector/ejector handle and make sure that the injector/ejector handle is pushed down in the unlatched (downward) position. Slide the module into chassis, using the slot guides (top and bottom).
- 2 Slide the module into position. When you begin to feel resistance, pull up the injector/ejector handle to fully inject the module into the chassis backplane connectors.
- 3 Tighten the module retaining screws (top and bottom) and torque them to 5 Lb-In (0.57 N-m).

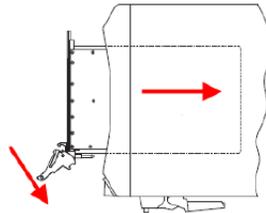


Figure 8 X-ray illustration of installing a PXIe module

**NOTE**

The images above shows generic module installation. It may not reflect your module's actual size and chassis placement.

## 2.2.7: Powering up the Chassis and Remote Controller PC

When powering up the system, the chassis should be powered up first. After powering up the chassis, you should wait at least three seconds before powering on the PC. The chassis front panel temperature LED, which is on for three seconds after the chassis is powered up, provides a convenient way to measure this delay.

- 1 Make sure that the line cord is plugged into a grounded outlet to establish earth ground.

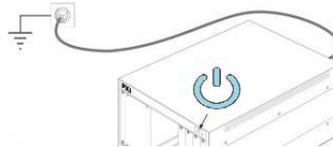


Figure 9 Establishing earth ground to the chassis

- 2 Make sure all cable connections are secure and modules/controller inserted properly.
- 3 Press the power button on the chassis.

**CAUTION**

If you are using a remote controller and you have installed the interface cable, you must power up the chassis before you power up the PC. When you power down your chassis, shut down the PC before you power down the chassis.

The temperature LED, which is on for the first three seconds after the chassis is powered up, can be used as an indicator of when to power on the PC. When the LED goes off, the PC can be powered on.

- 4 Power on the PC.

## CAUTION

PXle hardware does not support “hot-swap” (changing modules while power is applied to the chassis) capabilities. Before installing or removing a module to/from the chassis, power down the chassis to prevent damage to the module.

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The PC should be shut down before the chassis is powered down. This will prevent the chassis, as it's being powered down, from disrupting operation of the PC.

In brief, the PC should be off whenever the chassis is powered up or down. Because chassis modules are not hot-swappable, chassis modules should only be added or removed when the chassis is powered down. The power sequence described above doesn't apply to an embedded controller installed in the chassis because the embedded controller and chassis are powered together.

## 2.2.8: LED sequence during module turn-on

Following is the LED color sequence seen on the M5201A module when it is powering on. The LED is off, if the module is powered off or if stage 2 of the FPGA has not loaded yet.

- Turns Blue when the B (stage 2) version of the FPGA is loaded.
- Turns Green when the module driver connects.
- If the FPGA overheats and turns off, the LED switches off (this is the only option in this case).
- Changes from Green to Blue when module driver disconnects.

## 2.2.9: Installing required software

After the PC boots up and Windows desktop appears, you must install the software required for programming the M5201A modules. See [Chapter 3](#), “Setting up the M5201x software”.

## Section 2.3: Verifying M5201A module's operation

The operation of the M5201A module must be verified after you ensure that all required software is installed, the chassis is powered on, and all cabling is correct.

### 2.3.1: Verifying M5201A connection

The Keysight Connection Expert (installed with IO Libraries Suite) helps you check the connection of the M5201A PXIe Downconverter modules. To check if the module and its slot location are visible in the Keysight Connection Expert, click **Start > Keysight Connection Expert**.

As shown in [Figure 10](#), the connected instruments are visible in the Connection Expert, including one or more M5201A modules in their respective slots.

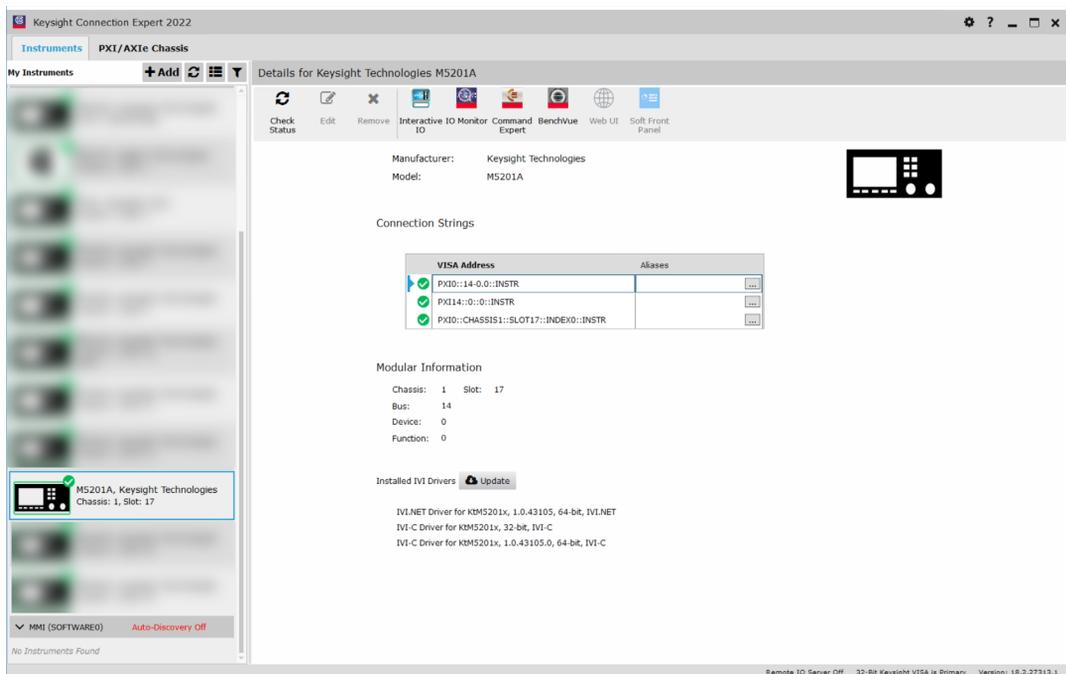


Figure 10 Checking M5201A module connection in Connection Expert

If any or all modules and their slot locations are still not visible in Connection Expert, click the  icon to scan.

You may also launch the M5201x Soft Front Panel (SFP) software to check the M5201A module connection status.

Click **Start > Keysight M5201x PCIe Module > M5201x SFP (x64)**.

The “Connect to Instrument” window appears by default and if connected, it displays the M5201A modules along with the respective slots and VISA address.

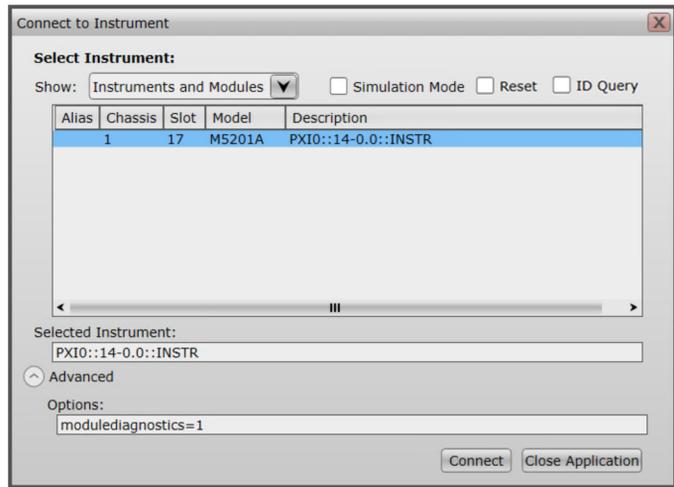


Figure 11 Checking M5201A connection in M5201x SFP

If you are still unable to communicate with the M5201A modules, verify that the following software and hardware has been correctly installed:

- Keysight IO Libraries Suite
- M5201x SFP (x64)
- Module and chassis drivers
- System Interface Card, cable and PC PXIe card connections, if you are using an external host PC

## 2.3.2: Conducting Self test

The next step in this process is to conduct a Self Test of the M5201A module.

- 1 Click **Start** > **Keysight M5201x PCIe Module** > **M5201x SFP (x64)** to launch the M5201x SFP.
- 2 On the **Connect to Instrument** window that appears, select the M5201A module you wish to run the self test on, and click **Connect**.

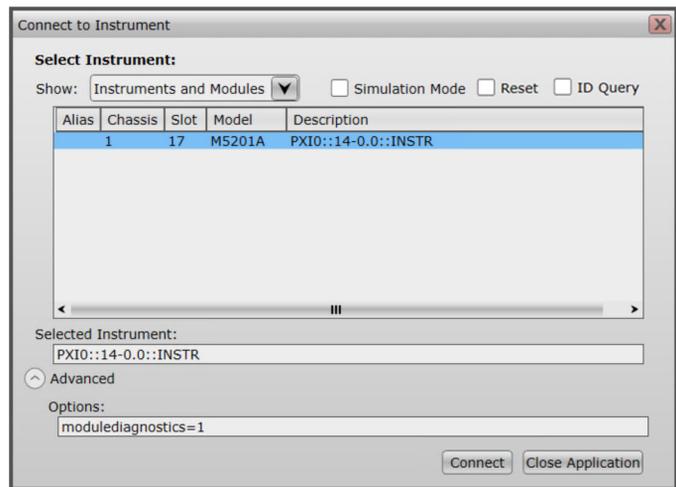


Figure 12 Viewing module connections in M5201x SFP

### NOTE

If the module and its slot location is not visible in the “Connect to Instrument” dialog box, close the SFP and perform the steps described in the “Verifying M5201A connection” section. After running Keysight Connection Expert, you may restart the SFP.

- 3 From the main menu of the M5201x SFP, click **Utilities** > **Self Test...**

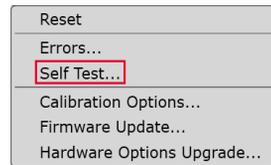


Figure 13 Viewing module connections in M5201x SFP

- 4 On the **Self Test** window that appears, click **Run Self Test**.

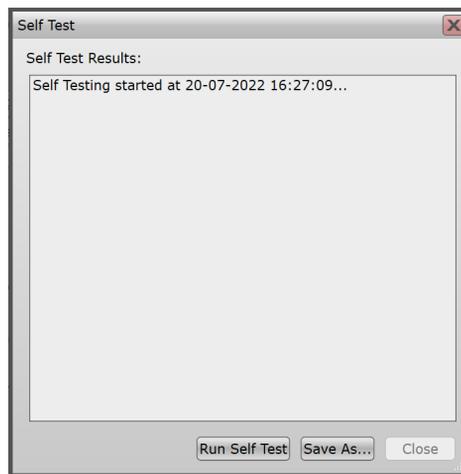


Figure 14 Starting Self test on the selected M5201A module

If the self test is successful, the Self Test window appears as shown below.

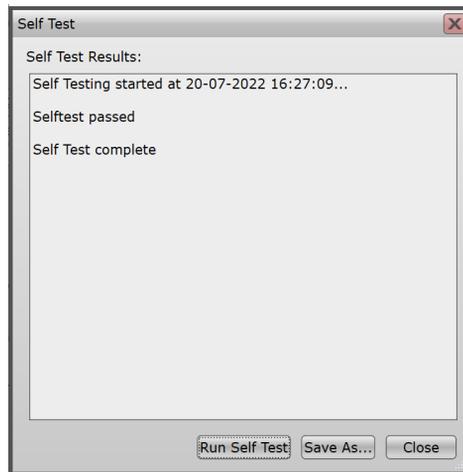


Figure 15 Self test passed status on the selected M5201A module

5 Click **Close** to exit the **Self Test** window.

If the Self Test fails, it indicates that the module likely needs service. In such cases, you must return the faulty module. Refer to “[Returning the Module for Service](#)” on page 30.

## Section 2.4: Cleaning the module

### **WARNING**

**Do not attempt to clean the card. If cleaning is absolutely necessary, to prevent electrical shock, disconnect the power cord from the mains before removing the modules from the chassis.**

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- 1 Power off the chassis and remove the M5201A module.
- 2 Use either a dry lint free cloth, or compressed air to clean the front plate (face-plate) only of the M5201A module.
- 3 If a damp cloth is used, or if there is condensation from the compressed air, make sure that the card is completely dry before reinserting the card into the chassis.

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## Section 3.1: Prerequisites to setting up M5201x software

### 3.1.1: System requirements

- Windows 10 (x64 bit) / Windows 11 (x64 bit)

### 3.1.2: Prerequisite software requirements

**Table 9** Software to be installed prior to M5201x SW

S. No.	Prerequisite software name (click to navigate)	License (Free / Procured)
1	<a href="#">Keysight IO Libraries Suite 2018 (version 18.1.23218 or later)</a>	Free
2	<a href="#">M9046A PXIe Chassis Drivers</a>	Free
3*	<a href="#">Python</a> 64-bit versions 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11 and 3.12 along with their subversions. Multiple versions are also supported.	-
4*	(optional) Any C# / .NET compiler	-
5*	(optional) Any C / C++ compiler	-

\*Install this programming interface only if it meets your requirements.

\*\* See the section "Instructions for Python users".

#### NOTE

Prior to installing any other software/drivers, Keysight recommends installing the IO Libraries Suite whose IO Control Bundle comprises of several elements that support the module drivers.

### General installation steps for prerequisite software

Perform these steps for installing the software in the sequence shown in [Table 9](#).

- 1 On the Technical Support page, click the "Download" button and save the installer.
- 2 Run the downloaded installer.
- 3 Follow the on-screen instructions.

## For PXIe Chassis drivers and firmware

- 1 When installing the Keysight Chassis Family Driver, PXIe Chassis SFP (Software Front Panel) software is automatically installed.
  - Chassis firmware version can be checked and updated using PXIe Chassis SFP.
- 2 For any other chassis model being used, Keysight recommends installing the required firmware version and its compatible chassis driver separately.

## Instructions for Python users

- 1 Double-click the Python installer, which you have downloaded on your local machine.

The Python Setup window appears.



Figure 16 Initial Python Setup window

- 2 Make sure that both options “Install launcher for all users (recommended)” and “Add Python 3.7 to PATH” are checked. By default, the check box for the former option is selected and it is clear for the latter option.
- 3 Click “Install Now” to install the required Python libraries.

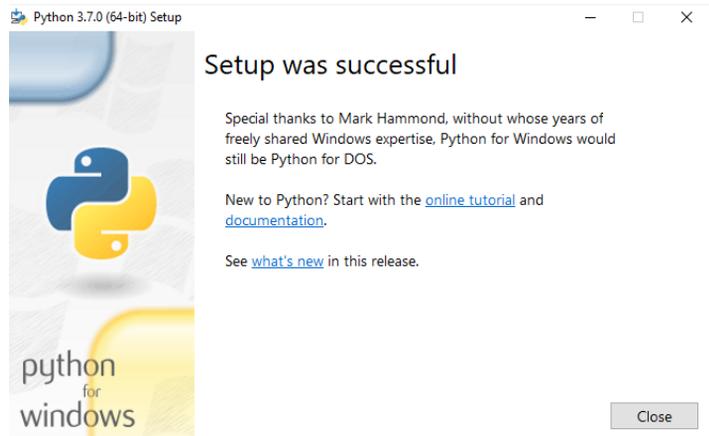


Figure 17 Final Python Setup window

- 4 On the final window pertaining to Python Setup, click “Close” to exit.
- 5 To verify if the Python installation is successful,
  - a Launch the command prompt.
  - b On the root directory, type `python` and press <Enter>. See Figure 18.

The version information of the current Python installation is displayed.

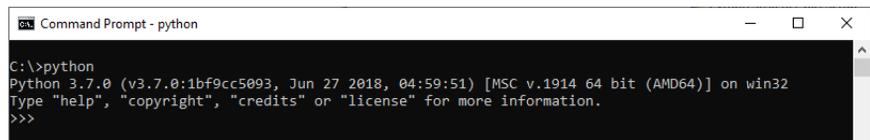


Figure 18 Python installation verification on command prompt window

- c Ensure that Python has been added to the 'PATH' in 'System Variables'. If it does not appear, you must manually add an entry.

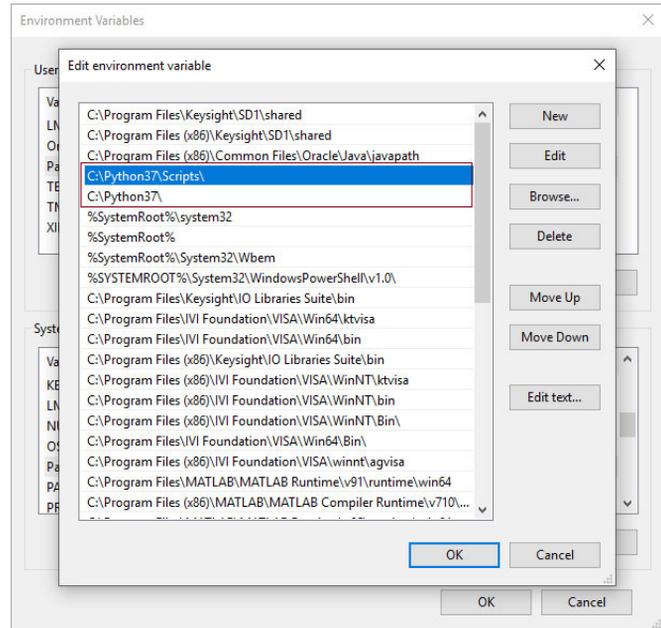


Figure 19 Verifying addition of Python to PATH environment variable

- 6 On the command prompt window shown in [Figure 18](#), you may optionally enter the following commands to install the 'NumPy', 'SciPy' and 'Matplotlib' libraries:

- `python -m pip install numpy`
- `python -m pip install scipy`
- `python -m pip install matplotlib`

After each library is installed, you should see a message "Successfully installed...". If you encounter any error, exit the command prompt window and launch a new one to repeat steps 5b and 6.

The procedure for downloading and installing the M5201x software, Module firmware, PathWave FPGA Board Support Package and KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software are described further in this chapter.

## Section 3.2: Obtaining License Options

Keysight M5201x software does not require any license to be installed. However, the software used with M5201x software require specific license options that you must procure. Visit the respective product page on [www.keysight.com](http://www.keysight.com) for pricing details and purchasing Keysight products.

**Table 10** Software License Options required for supported Software (other than M5201x)

Software	License option
KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software	<i>KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive User Guide</i>

## Section 3.3: Downloading required software

The following list points to the web pages on Keysight website, where you can download the respective software installer files from. Install each software in the sequence shown in [Table 11](#). Prior to installing one or more of these software files, you must have installed the software listed under the section, “[Prerequisite software requirements](#)” on page 46.

**Table 11** Required software and installer pages

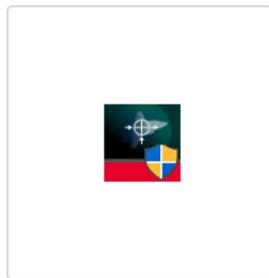
Sequence	Prerequisite software	Web Page to download installer from
1	Keysight M5201x software	Click <a href="#">here</a> to visit page.
2	KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software	Click <a href="#">here</a> to visit page.

## Section 3.4: Installing required software

The following sections show installation procedure for each software in the sequence listed in [Table 11](#). Before you begin installing the M5201x software, you must ensure that all other software listed in “[Prerequisite software requirements](#)” on page 46 are installed on the same machine.

### 3.4.1: Installing Keysight M5201x software

- 1 After you have downloaded the executable file from Keysight.com, double-click the installer for M5201x Software.



M5201xSetup1.0.43106.0\_win

Figure 20 Icon for the M5201x software installer

#### NOTE

The M5201x SW installer checks for .NET framework version 4.8. If it is not available, the following error is prompted and installation is aborted.

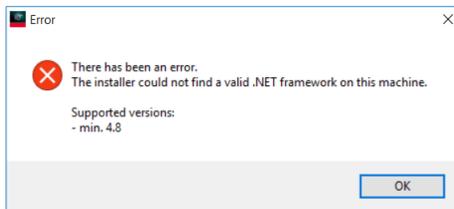


Figure 21 Error if supported .NET framework is not detected

If the .NET framework version 4.8 is available, the Welcome screen on the M5201x Setup Wizard appears.

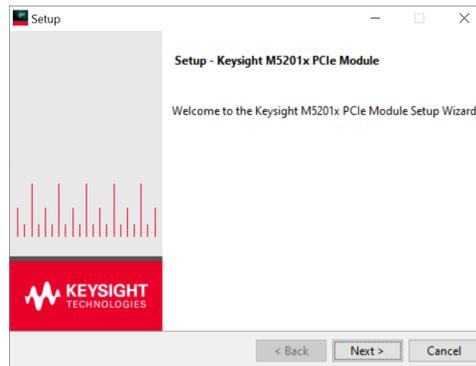


Figure 22 Welcome window on the M5201x Setup Wizard

- 2 Click **Next >**. The terms of the License Agreement are displayed.

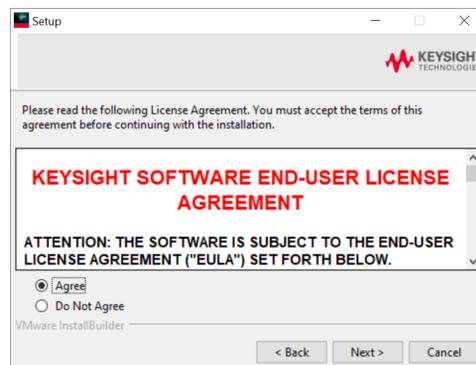


Figure 23 License Agreement window on the M5201x Setup Wizard

- 3 Select **Agree** to proceed.
- 4 Click **Next >**.

Based on your preferences, the Setup window displays various components of the M5201x SW that you may select to install or clear to refrain from installation. Clearing components from installation helps you save disk storage space on your machine. Selecting / clearing one or more entries is optional.

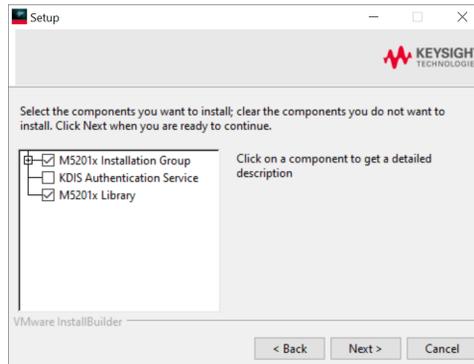


Figure 24 Selecting / clearing components during M5201x SW installation

By default, all components but KDIS Authentication Service are selected.

If you wish to set your machine as the KDIS root node, select the “KDIS Authentication Service” component. For more information about Keysight Distributed Infrastructure Service (KDIS), refer to the *M5201A PXIe Downconverter Modules User Guide*.

- 5 Click **Next >**. The Setup window informs you that the wizard is ready to begin installation of the M5201x SW drivers.

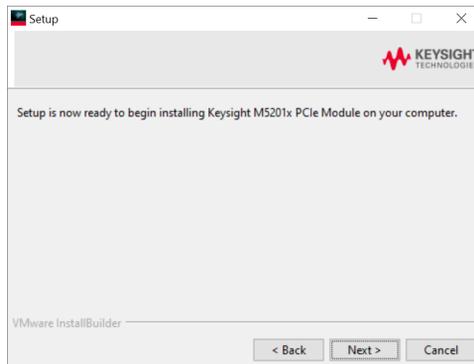


Figure 25 Information displayed on the M5201x Setup Wizard

- 6 Click **Next >**. A progress bar appears indicating the installation status.

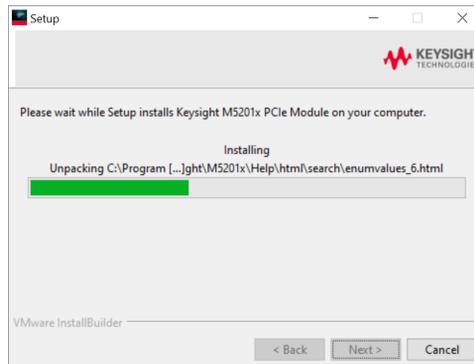


Figure 26 Progress bar on the M5201x Setup Wizard

The completion window on the M5201x Setup Wizard is displayed.

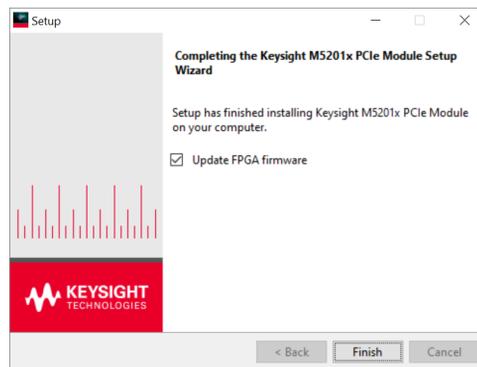


Figure 27 Completion window on the M5201x Setup Wizard

Note that the final window displays an option, which is enabled by default, to **Update FPGA firmware**.

- i With the **Update FPGA firmware** enabled, click **Finish** to complete the software installation, to exit the M5201x Setup Wizard and to allow the installer to proceed with updating the FPGA firmware revision on the M5201A modules.

The following prompt is displayed during FPGA firmware update.

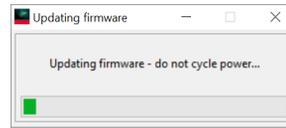


Figure 28 Updating firmware prompt in the M5201x Setup Wizard

- ii Clear the **Update FPGA firmware** check box, click **Finish** to complete the software installation and exit the M5201x Setup Wizard.

## 3.4.2: Installing M5201A module firmware updates

### Prerequisite

The Keysight M5201x software must be installed to update your module firmware.

### Downloading the Firmware

The latest firmware for the M5201A module is included in the Keysight M5201x software package.

### Modifying the Firmware

To update the FPGA firmware, you may follow the steps defined in the previous section.

Based on your programming requirements, you may either upgrade or downgrade the Firmware version on an M5201A module, using the SW driver APIs or the M5201x SFP. The APIs to perform firmware update are defined in the Online Help of the respective programming language you may be using. The steps to perform firmware update using the SFP are given below.

- 1 Launch the Keysight M5201x SFP software from the **Start** menu.
- 2 From the main menu of the M5201x software, click **Utilities > Firmware Update...**

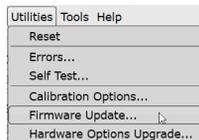


Figure 29 Accessing Firmware Update option in SFP

### NOTE

Currently, the firmware version on the M5201A modules is up-to-date. The next firmware version will be available in the next release of the M5201x software.

### 3.4.3: Installing KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive SW

Note that the KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software is not a standalone software. It enhances the Keysight M5201x API to support HVI technology by adding the DLLs required for programming libraries. Therefore, the Keysight M5201x software must already be installed on the same machine.

Refer to the *KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive User Manual* available at [KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive Technical Support](#) page for installation instructions and to know about the licenses that you must procure for the KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software.

## Section 3.5: Launching the software

### 3.5.1: Launching the M5201x user interface

Once you have installed the Keysight M5201x software, you can launch the Soft Front Panel (SFP) from the **Start** menu.

- 1 On your Win10 OS, click **Start > Keysight M5201x PCIe Module > M5201x SFP (x64)**.

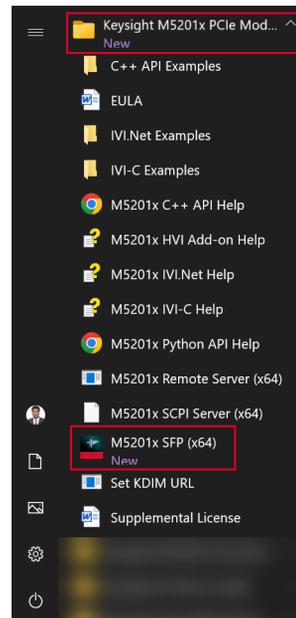


Figure 30 Launching SFP from the Start Menu

The Connect to Instrument window is displayed, as shown in [Figure 31](#) and [Figure 32](#).

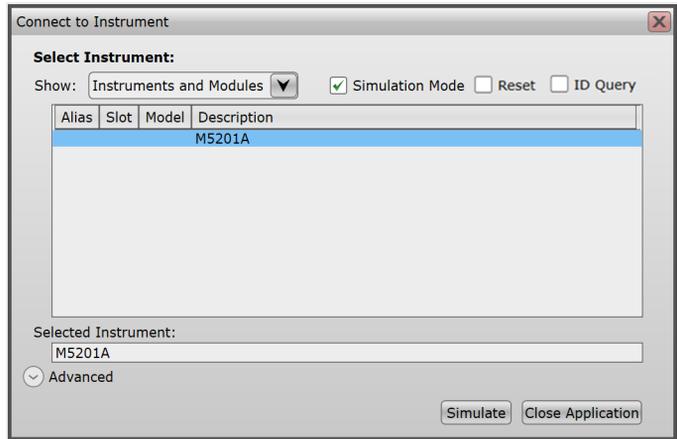


Figure 31 Default window without any active cards

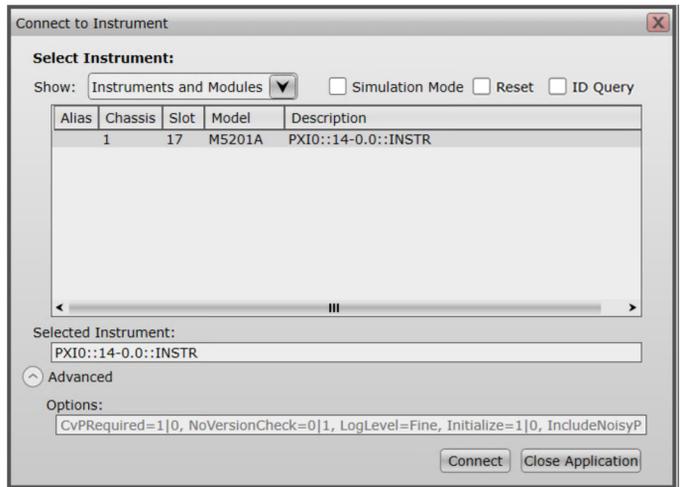


Figure 32 Default window with active cards

As shown in **Figure 32**, while launching, the Keysight M5201x software auto-detects any active M5201A cards that are connected to the chassis. All such cards are displayed along with the chassis, slot number and VISA address on the **Connect to Instrument** window.

There are two modes that the M5201x SFP can be operated in.

- ‘Simulation mode’ enabled—This is the default mode of SFP operation. The **Simulation Mode** check box is selected by default and the **Simulate** button is displayed on the window. As the name indicates, this mode is used for offline SFP operations. In this mode, even if you select an active module (which is connected to a chassis in powered on state), toggling the SFP controls does not affect the signal state on the module. The status bar on the main window shows ‘Simulation Mode’, as shown in [Figure 33](#).

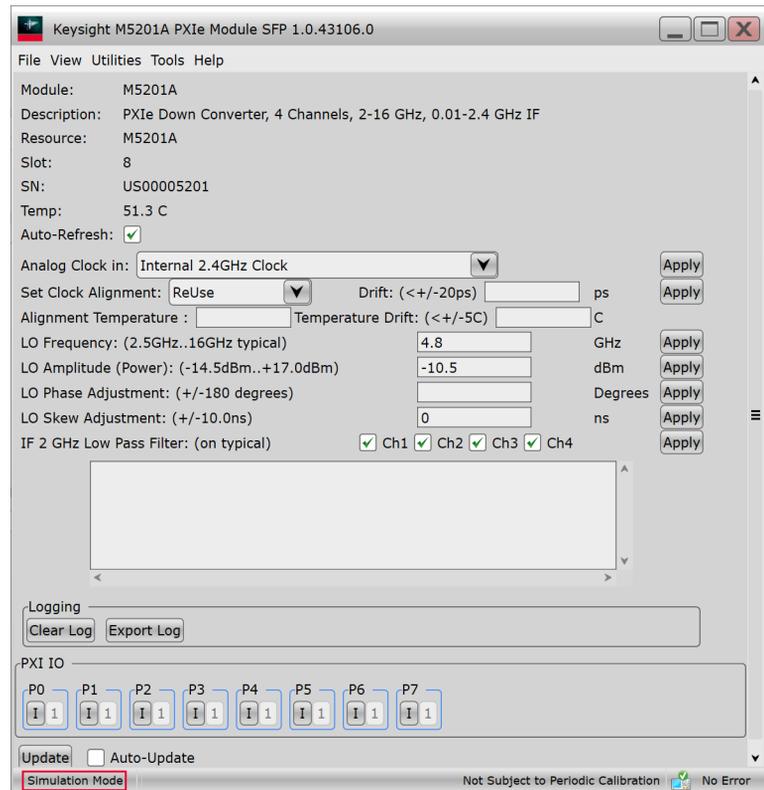


Figure 33 “Simulation Mode” in the status bar on the main window

Note that a demo ‘M5201A’ module only is displayed in [Figure 31](#) and in [Figure 32](#) along with other active cards. This entry appears when “Simulation Mode” is enabled only, irrespective of state of the chassis (On / Off) or the modules inserted in them.

- ‘Simulation mode’ disabled—This is the active mode of SFP operation and is available when the **Simulation Mode** check box is manually cleared. The **Simulate** button is replaced with the **Connect** button on the **Connect to Instrument** window, as shown in [Figure 34](#). In this mode, only the active modules are displayed along with the respective chassis number, slot number and VISA address.

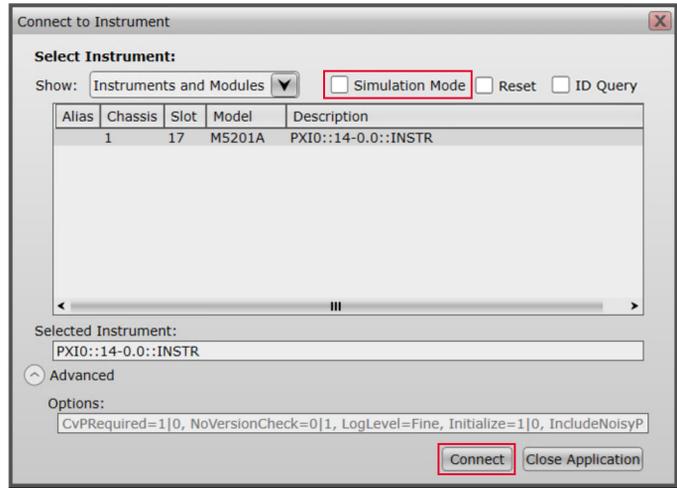


Figure 34 Connect to Instrument with “Simulation Mode” disabled

This mode is used for active SFP operations. In this mode, toggling the SFP controls changes the signal state on the selected module. The status bar on the main window shows ‘Connected to <VISA-address>’ to indicate the module that has been selected, as shown in [Figure 35](#).

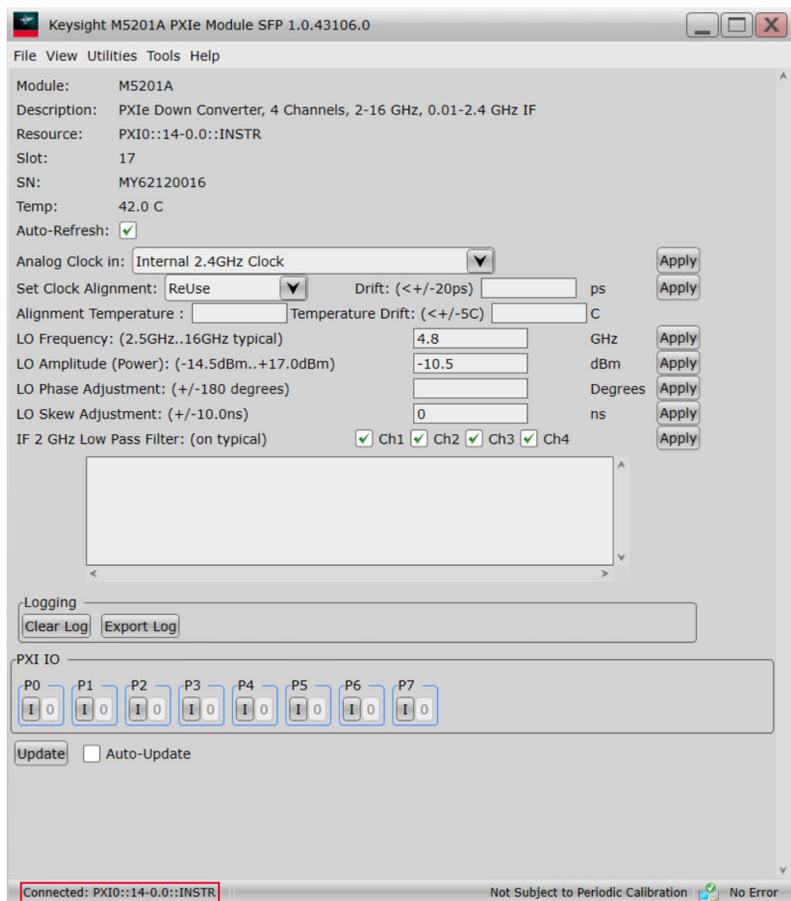


Figure 35 “Connected to <VISA address>” in the status bar on the main window

For more information regarding the features and functionality of the Keysight M5201x SFP, refer to the *M5201A PXIe Downconverter Modules User Guide*, which can be accessed via the **Help** menu of the M5201x SFP.

## 3.5.2: Starting M5201x API

You may access the M5201x API to control and configure the connected instruments using the 'ktM5201x' Library available in Python, C/C++ and .NET programming languages.

The following work flow, using Python commands, shows how to use Keysight M5201x Programming Libraries:

- 1 Import required system components and python libraries (as needed).

Examples:

```
import sys
import os
import numpy as np # For keysight_ktm5201x arrays
```

- 2 Import the M5201x Python library for programming the M5201A card.

Example:

```
import keysight_ktm5201x as m5201x
```

- 3 Proceed with creating module objects and defining other M5201x functions.

### NOTE

For both simulation and non-simulation modes, when defining options in either C, C#, Visual Basic, C++ or MATLAB programming languages, make sure to include the "DriverSetup= Model=M5201A" string prior to including the other required options.

For example, the options in your C# script must appear as:

```
var options = "DriverSetup= Model=M5201A, QueryInstrStatus=true, RangeCheck=true, Simulate=false";
```

Also, when programming using IVI-C, IVI-.NET and Python, make sure to rename the property "reset" used in options to "DriverReset". For example, the options in your Python script can be written as:

```
options = "DriverSetup=Model=M5201A, Simulate=False, DriverReset=True"
```

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For more information regarding M5201x API programming functions, refer to the Help files, which are available in *C:\Program Files\Keysight\M5201x*, for each programming language.

### 3.5.3: Initiating PathWave Test Sync Executive software

As mentioned earlier, the KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software is not a standalone software. It enhances the Keysight M5201x API to support HVI technology by adding the DLL files required for Python libraries. After you install the KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software, you can find the library in *C:\Program Files\Keysight\HVI\api\python\keysight\_pathwave\_hvi*.

The HVI API within the KS2201A PathWave Test Sync Executive software consists of classes that provide native HVI functionalities that are common across any measurement instrument deployed within an HVI system.

#### NOTE

**HVI programming is supported with 64-bit Python versions 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11 and 3.12 along with their subversions. Multiple versions are also supported.**

To use the HVI API in Python, import the HVI API Python package that is included with the HVI installer. This will be your first part of your code in each of your files. Unless this package is imported, the HVI API will not be found.

The following work flow, using Python commands, shows how to add HVI library to an application and create an HVI instance.

- 1 Import required system components and python libraries (as needed).

Examples:

```
import sys
import os
import numpy as np # For keysight_ktm5201x arrays
```

- 2 Import the M5201x Python library for programming the M5201A card.

Example:

```
import keysight_ktm5201x as m5201x
```

- 3 Import the HVI library to create an HVI instance.

Example:

```
import keysight_hvi as kthvi
```

- 4 Create KtHvi instance

Example:

```
module_resource_name = 'KtHvi'
hvi = kthvi.Hvi(module_resource_name)
```

- 5 Add each engine to the KtHvi instance

Example:

```
hvi.engines.add(module.hvi.engines.main_engine, "engine_name")
```

- 6 Based on your requirements, you may proceed with defining HVI resources (actions, events, triggers), programming HVI sequences and compiling, loading and executing the HVI application.

The HVI functions corresponding to M5201x API can be found in the *M5201x HVI Add-On Help* in *C:\Program Files\Keysight\M5201x\Help*.

The complete description of the HVI Python API can be found in the help file that is provided with the HVI installer, available in:

*C:\Program Files\Keysight\HVI\api\python\doc*

## 4. Troubleshooting and Safety information

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This section guides you to perform certain troubleshooting steps if you run into an error caused by a specific known limitation of the software.

## Section 4.1: Issues during installation

- If you receive the following error: “Another IVI-C driver for this instrument is already installed.”, the possible reason is that the IVI-C driver from the previous installation was not removed for some unknown reason. To fix this issue, try one of the following fixes:
  - Make sure that all the older instances of the IVI-C driver for the M5201A modules are removed from the Control Panel.
  - Navigate to *C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\IVI\Bin* and delete any DLL files named *KtM5XXXx\_64.dll*, if found.
  - Navigate to *C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\IVI\Drivers* and delete any directory named *KtM5XXXx*, if found.
  - Navigate to *C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\IVI\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.5.50709* and delete any directory named *Keysight.KtM5XXXx <version>*, if found.
- If you receive the following error:

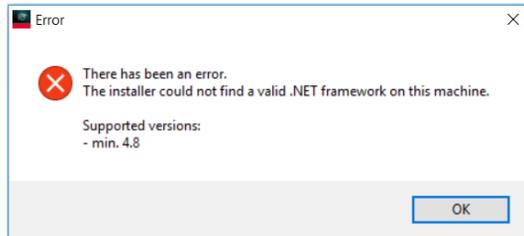


Figure 36 Error if supported .NET framework is not detected

Install .NET framework version 4.8 on your machine, before attempting installation of the M5201x SW.

- If installing the complete/hardware install and the installer is stalling for long periods or failing installing Keysight IO Libraries, try downloading and installing Keysight IO Libraries directly from <https://www.keysight.com/find/iolib>.
- For Keysight support for help with tools and documentation or to connect with a technical support expert for product and service support, see <https://www.keysight.com/find/support>.

## Section 4.2: Issues with Python

### 4.2.1: Installing M5201x Drivers on Python ver. other than 3.7

M5201x instrument drivers include the binary distribution for Python 3.7.x running on a 64-bit version of windows. For other versions of Python, the Python shim is created that will allow Python to access the instrument driver. In order to correctly compile the shim, you require a version of Visual Studio 2017 installed (the community edition is sufficient for this) with the C++ Desktop Development workload installed. Once the appropriate prerequisites are installed, you must navigate to the instrument driver python folder and install the python module's *.tar.gz* file, as shown:

```
C:\Program Files\Keysight\M5201x\python>pip install  
keysight_ktm5201x-1.0.43106.tar.gz
```

### 4.2.2: Installing Python after the Instrument Driver

The installers for M5201A module drivers attempt to install Python during installation. However, there are various reasons, including the ones listed below, that this may not work for you.

- 1 Python 3.7.x is not set as the default Python interpreter on the system.
- 2 Python is installed after installing the instrument driver.

In such cases, it may be necessary for you to manually install the Python module containing the instrument driver. To do this, navigate to the instrument driver python folder and install the Python's *.whl* file, as shown:

```
C:\Program Files\Keysight\M5201x\python>pip install  
keysight_ktm5201x-1.0.43106-cp37-cp37m-win_amd64.whl
```

#### NOTE

For offline installation, the M5201A module drivers require that the Python module *numpy* be already installed and will fail, if it has not already been installed.

## Section 4.3: Issues with performing updates

### 4.3.1: Issue when performing FW / FPGA updates via the SFP

You might see unexpected interrupts or error message prompts when performing FPGA updates via the SFP.

In such cases, ignore the interrupts or error prompts to continue with the firmware update.

### 4.3.2: Issue when performing SW version update

During SW version update, selecting FPGA firmware update may return error code: "Segmentation Violation".

In such cases, in the "Connect to Instrument" window, enter "Initialize=0" in the Advanced Options and manually perform Firmware update using the SFP.



Figure 37 Setting option 'Initialize=0' to perform firmware update through SFP

## Section 4.4: Safety information

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**IMPORTANT**

The safety of any system incorporating the equipment is the responsibility of the assembler of the system.

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**Maintenance** To remove dirt or dust from the M5201A module, follow the instructions given in [Cleaning the module](#) on page 44 of this document.

### 4.4.1: General safety considerations

Before applying power

**WARNING**

**If this product is not used as specified, the protection provided by the equipment could be impaired. This product must be used in a normal condition (in which all means for protection are intact) only.**

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**CAUTION**

The measuring terminals on this instrument are designed to be used with external signals described in Mains-isolated secondary circuits, but NOT with external signals described in Categories II, III, and IV. The input of this instrument cannot be connected to the mains.

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Table 12 Description of Measurement Category II, III and IV

Measurement Category	Description
II	Applicable to testing and measuring circuits connected directly to utilization points (socket outlets and similar points) of the low-voltage mains installation. Example: Measurements on MAINS CIRCUITS of household appliances, portable tools and similar equipment and on the consumer side only of socket-outlets in the fixed installation.
III	Applicable to test and measuring circuits connection to the distribution part of the building's low-voltage mains installation. To avoid risks caused by the hazards arising from these higher short-circuit currents, additional insulation and other provisions are required. Example: Measurements on distribution boards (including secondary meters), photovoltaic panels, circuit breakers, wiring, including cables, bus-bars, junction boxes, switches, socket-outlets in the fixed installation, equipment for industrial use and some other equipment such as stationary motors with permanent connection to the fixed installation. NOTE: For equipment that is part of a fixed installation, the fuse or circuit breaker of the installation can be considered to provide adequate protection against short-circuit currents.
IV	Applicable to test and measuring circuits connected at the source of the building's low-voltage mains installation. Due to these high short-circuit currents, which can be followed by a high energy level, measurements made within these locations are extremely dangerous. Great precautions shall be made to avoid any chance of a short circuit. Example: Measurements on devices installed before the main fuse or circuit breaker in the building installation.

### Servicing

#### **WARNING**

**Servicing of the modules must be performed by qualified personnel only. To avoid electrical shock, do not perform any servicing manually. Return the module to Keysight Service Center.**

### Equipment and accessories

#### **WARNING**

**For safety reasons, only Keysight approved equipment and accessories should be used with the module.**

#### **NOTE**

Position chassis to ensure easy access to remove the modules.



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