

RE-INVENTING TEST & MEASUREMENT THROUGH *SPEED* AND *SIMPLICITY*

KickStart



Guide



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Safety precautions

Before using this product, see the safety precautions associated with your instrument. The instrumentation associated with this software is intended for use by personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the instrument safety precautions to avoid possible injury or death. Read and follow all installation, operation, and maintenance information carefully before using any instrument.

Refer to the instrument user documentation for complete product specifications. If the product is used in a manner not specified, the protection provided by the product warranty may be impaired.

Safety precaution revision as of January 2018.

KickStart software

KickStart allows you to create apps, manipulate settings, and view and export previous runs without a license. However, to run an app or communicate with and control an instrument, KickStart software requires a license. You can launch a one-time trial for the KickStart Apps.

Go to tek.com/keithley-kickstart and you will see information about the software. On this page you can also download free trial software and buy or request a quote. Once you purchase KickStart you will have access to all of the base KickStart apps with a floating license. A floating license allows you to manage the transfer of individual license files to different computers.

Manage licenses

You can maintain your licenses from within KickStart. The KickStart software license provides access to KickStart applications and features. A license is activated either by purchasing the software or through a trial. A trial will allow you to use full functionality for a limited period of time.

To install or remove a license, select the key icon  .

You can also view previously entered licenses and the dates and times for when the licenses were entered and checked out and when they expire.

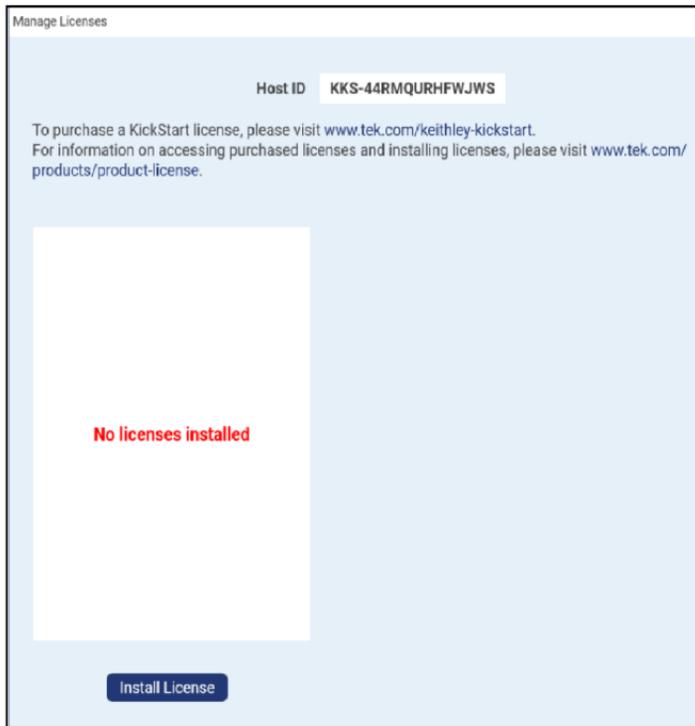
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Install a license

KickStart software licenses are managed using the Tektronix Asset Management System (TekAMS). Each KickStart license is valid for a single computer at a time. Use TekAMS to check out the license for your computer so that you can move the license to a different computer. That process is described on the next page. The email address of the primary user or administrator who manages the license is the license key manager. Key managers are authorized to add users who can then access these licenses and assign them to specific instruments and computers. For more information on TekAMS, see tek.com/products/product-license.

To generate a license file, you must submit your **Host ID** to TekAMS. The **Host ID** is located at the top of the **Manage Licenses** window.

Download the license file from TekAMS and transfer it to the computer that will run KickStart software. Open KickStart software and select the key icon . Using the **Manage Licenses** window, select **Install License** and browse to the downloaded license file. After the license is entered, the license and its details are viewable.



Maintenance and Checkout defined

Maintenance:

Indicates the date your license will expire and when your license is eligible for updates. Once the current license expires, you will not be able to receive future updates.

Checkout:

Indicates the date the checkout will expire and when the license for your specific PC will expire. When you generate your license file in TekAMS, you can set the checkout time. Once checkout expires, you will need to check out another license file in TekAMS. If you need to move the license to a different PC, select **Remove License** to remove it from this PC. Next, check the license into TekAMS, then generate a new license file in TekAMS for the new PC.

Manage Licenses

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 High Resistivity	Maintenance
 KickStart Suite	Expires on 10/13/2021
	Checkout
	Expires on 10/13/2021
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced

[Install License](#) [Remove License](#)



If you purchased a license, select the Key icon to manage licenses.

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Install License **Remove License**

Select Install License.

- Data Logger
- 1.946 DMM
- High Resistivity
- I-V Characterizer
- Power Supply
- Scope
- I-V Tracer

High Resistivity-1

Settings Table Graph

Instruments | Apps

- Data Logger
- 1.946 DMM
- High Resistivity**
- I-V Characterizer
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High Resistivity-1

Settings | Table | Graph

Manage Licenses

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Open File

This PC > OSDisk (C:) > Users > Downloads

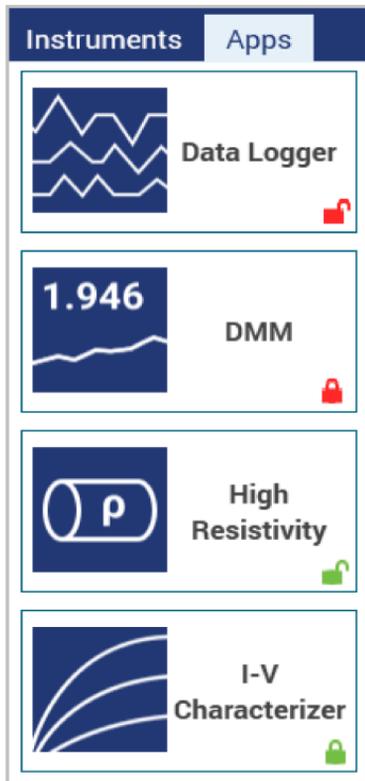
Search in Downloads

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File name: ---_KKS-PQ55HPFJR8MHE_KICKSTARTFL-HRMA2_ENTER.LIC License File (*.lic)

Open Cancel

Select Open to install the license.



When you first open KickStart, the Instruments tab displays available instruments on the left. Select the Apps tab and you will see a lock on each App. The text below describes the licenses and lock icons:

Red unlocked indicates a license or trial that will expire soon. The lock turns red when the license or trial is within 45 days of expiration.

Red lock indicates the license has expired. Also, no trial is available.

Green unlocked indicates a license or trial in use. The trial is for a limited time.

Green locked indicates a trial is available. The trial has not been activated.

Instruments Apps

Data Logger

1.946 DMM

High Resistivity

I-V Characterizer

Power Supply

Scope

I-V Tracer

Confirm Trial Start

 The High Resistivity app requires a valid license to collect data. You can view settings or view previous data without a license. A 60-day trial is available to enable full functionality.

Start Trial View Only

View Only allows you to view the settings of the app without starting a trial.

Notice the High Resistivity app has a green lock indicating a trial is available. Select Start Trial to activate.



Instruments Apps

Data Logger

1.946
DMM

High Resistivity

I-V Characterizer

Power Supply

Scope

I-V Tracer

Hover the cursor over the lock to see information about the license or trial.

High Resistivity
Trial Activated
Remaining: 51 days

The High Resistivity app trial has been activated.



Instruments Apps

DAQ

DAQ6510

My USB DAQ6510

LAN : 134.63.74.17

DMM

DMM7510

My DMM7510

USB

Shelved Instruments

Advanced Discovery

Enter an IP address.

Simulated Instruments

Model

Name

Add

Advanced

Select an instrument name to change it. Right-click it to view more details.

Instruments are automatically discovered and appear in the instruments pane.

Select to change your color theme.





Instruments Apps

DAQ

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My USB DAQ6510

LAN : 134.63.74.17

DMM

DMM7510

My DMM7510

USB

To launch an app, double-click or drag the instrument to the main window. For example, the Data Logger app has been added.



You can add multiple instruments and select an app for each one.

Select the app and select OK to run it.

Shelved Instruments

Advanced Discovery

Enter an IP address.

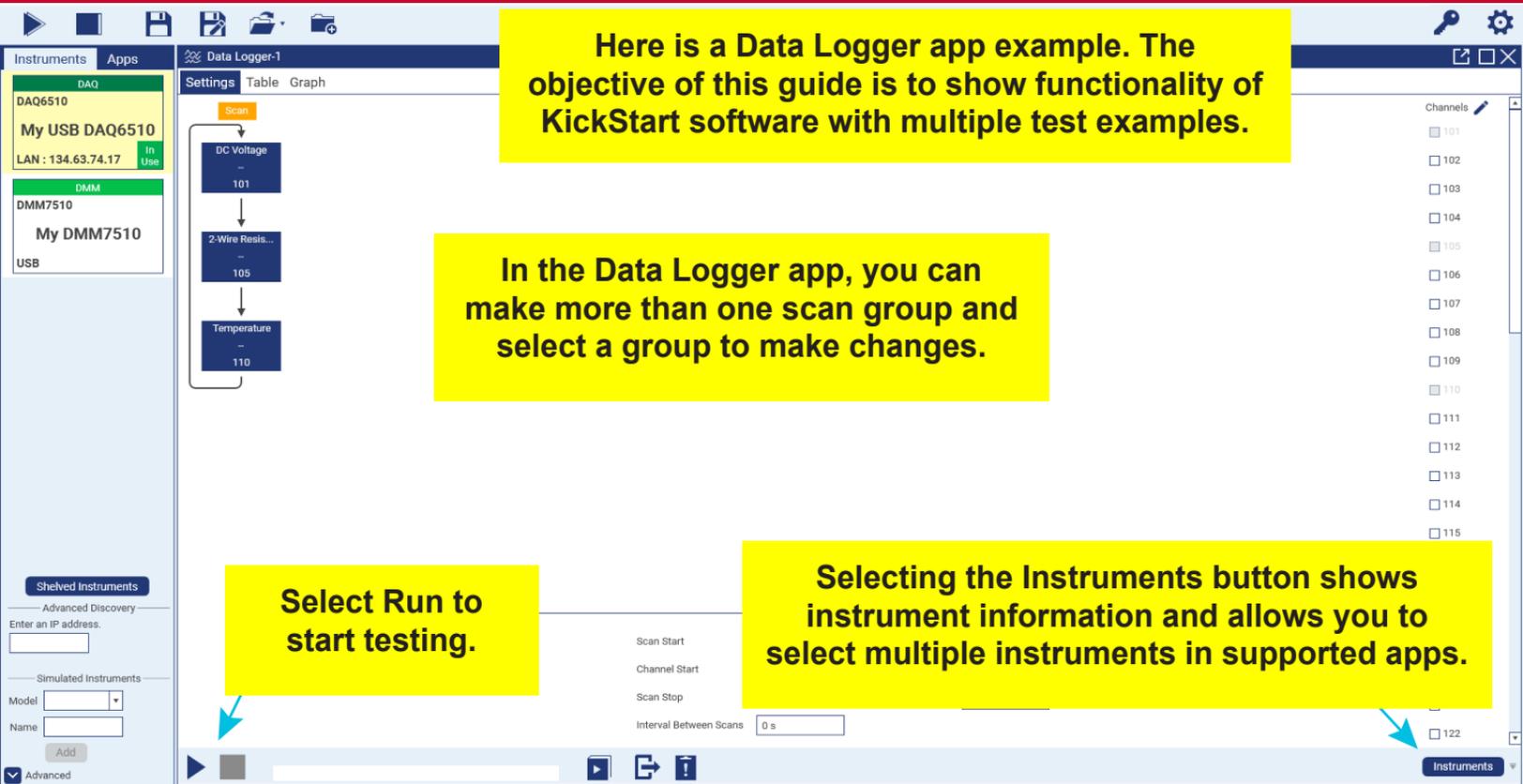
Simulated Instruments

Model

Name

Add

Advanced



Here is a Data Logger app example. The objective of this guide is to show functionality of KickStart software with multiple test examples.

In the Data Logger app, you can make more than one scan group and select a group to make changes.

Select Run to start testing.

Selecting the Instruments button shows instrument information and allows you to select multiple instruments in supported apps.

Data Logger app test results Table

Settings **Table** Graph

	101	105	110	
	Time (s)	Voltage (V)	Rename channel... Hide	Temperature (°C)
1	0.000000	130.4924e-3	Hide	Overflow
2	183.255e-3	1.333125e-3	Overflow	Overflow
3	316.697e-3	1.087836e-3	Overflow	Overflow
4	433.421e-3	1.090553e-3	Overflow	Overflow
5	566.798e-3	1.057833e-3	Overflow	Overflow
6	700.186e-3	1.323632e-3	Overflow	Overflow
7	816.904e-3	1.161639e-3	Overflow	Overflow
8	950.268e-3	1.263899e-3	Overflow	Overflow
9	1.066995	1.175119e-3	Overflow	Overflow
10	1.200366	1.176510e-3	Overflow	Overflow
11	1.333750	1.320319e-3	Overflow	Overflow
12	1.450469	1.231441e-3	Overflow	Overflow
13	1.583839	1.277140e-3	Overflow	Overflow
14	1.700551	1.197838e-3	Overflow	Overflow
15	1.833928	1.143120e-3	Overflow	Overflow
16	1.967314	1.390603e-3	Overflow	Overflow
17	2.084032	1.176756e-3	Overflow	Overflow
18	2.217402	1.256484e-3	Overflow	Overflow
19	2.334122	1.184285e-3	Overflow	Overflow
20	2.467497	1.213338e-3	Overflow	Overflow
21	2.600878	1.374660e-3	Overflow	Overflow
22	2.717605	1.184874e-3	Overflow	Overflow
23	2.850977	1.159177e-3	Overflow	Overflow
24	2.967709	1.214419e-3	Overflow	Overflow
25	3.101079	1.125066e-3	Overflow	Overflow
26	3.234450	1.125066e-3	Overflow	Overflow
Min	0.000000	130.4924e-6	Overflow	Overflow
Max	10.453846	1.729782e-3	Overflow	Overflow
Mean	5.254503	1.222797e-3	0.000000	0.00
StdDev	3.055702	164.0915e-6	0.000000	0.00

Rename or hide a column by moving your cursor to the far right and selecting the drop-down menu.

Navigation icons: Play, Stop, Save, Print, Folder, Refresh, Home

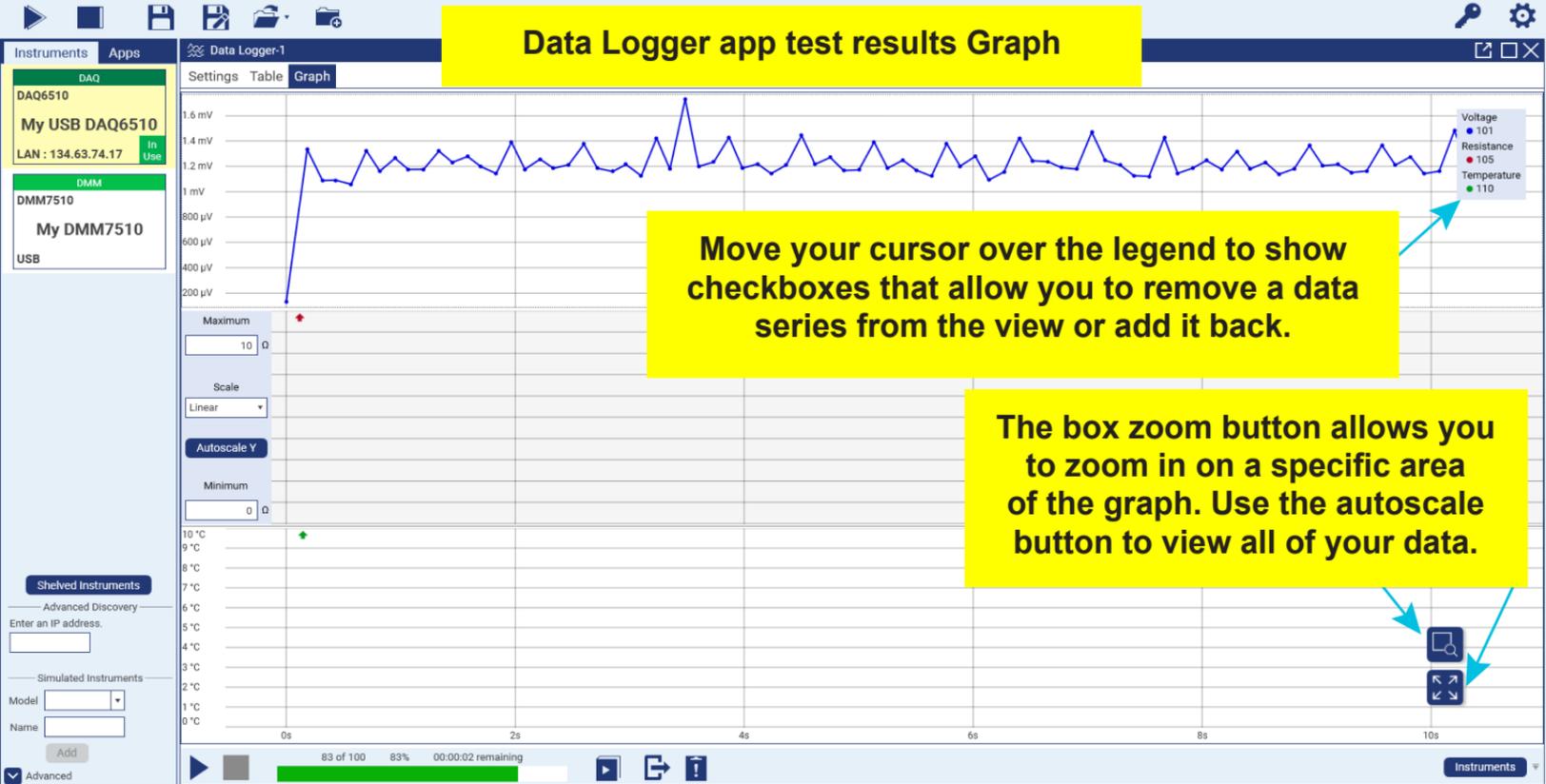
Top Bar: Instruments | Apps | Data Logger-1 | Settings | Table | Graph

Left Panel: DAQ (My USB DAQ6510), DMM (My DMM7510), USB, Shelved Instruments, Advanced Discovery (Enter an IP address), Simulated Instruments (Model, Name)

Bottom Bar: 83 of 100 | 83% | 00:00:02 remaining | Play, Stop, Refresh, Help icons

Bottom Right: Instruments

Data Logger app test results Graph



Move your cursor over the legend to show checkboxes that allow you to remove a data series from the view or add it back.

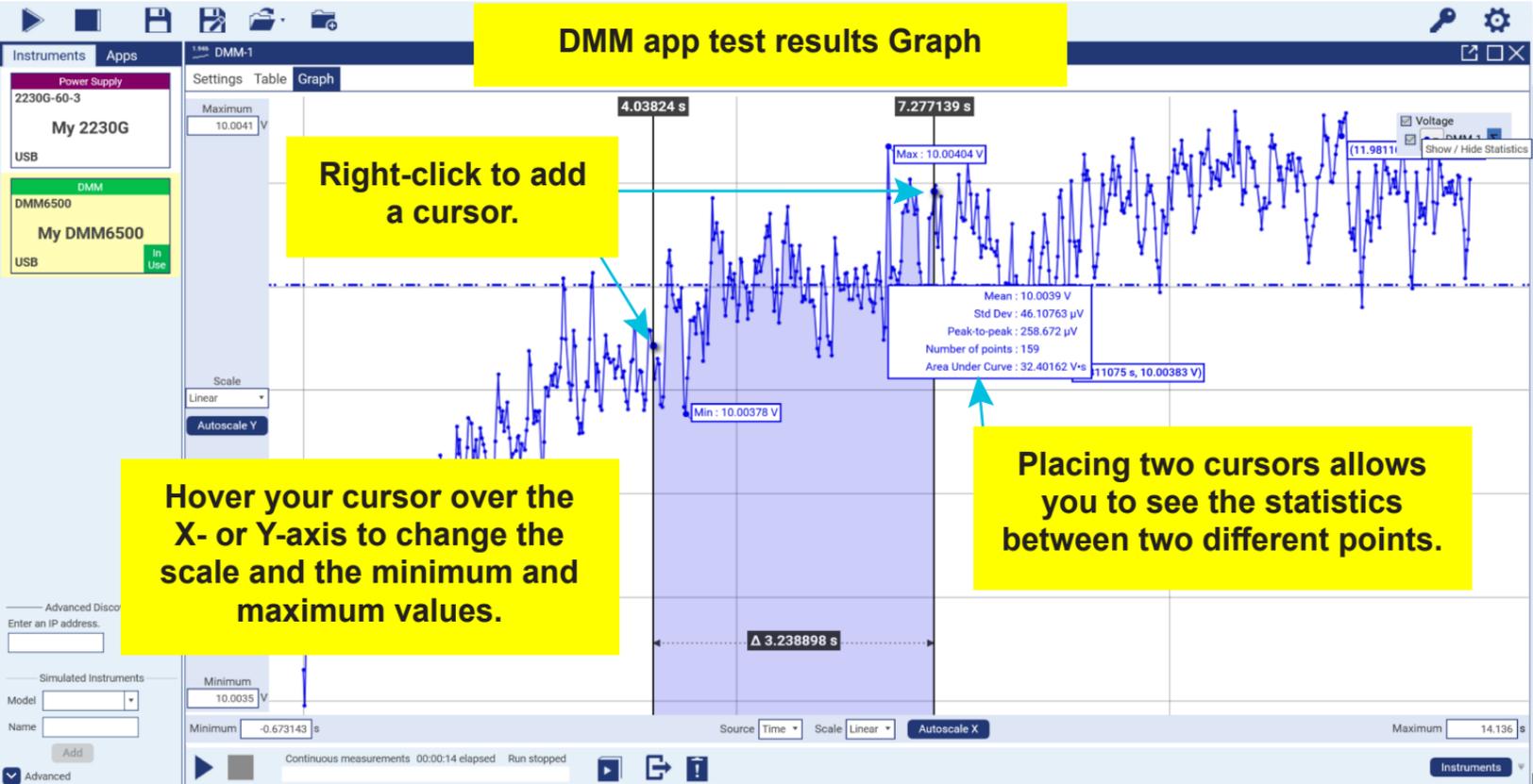
The box zoom button allows you to zoom in on a specific area of the graph. Use the autoscale button to view all of your data.

DMM app test results Graph

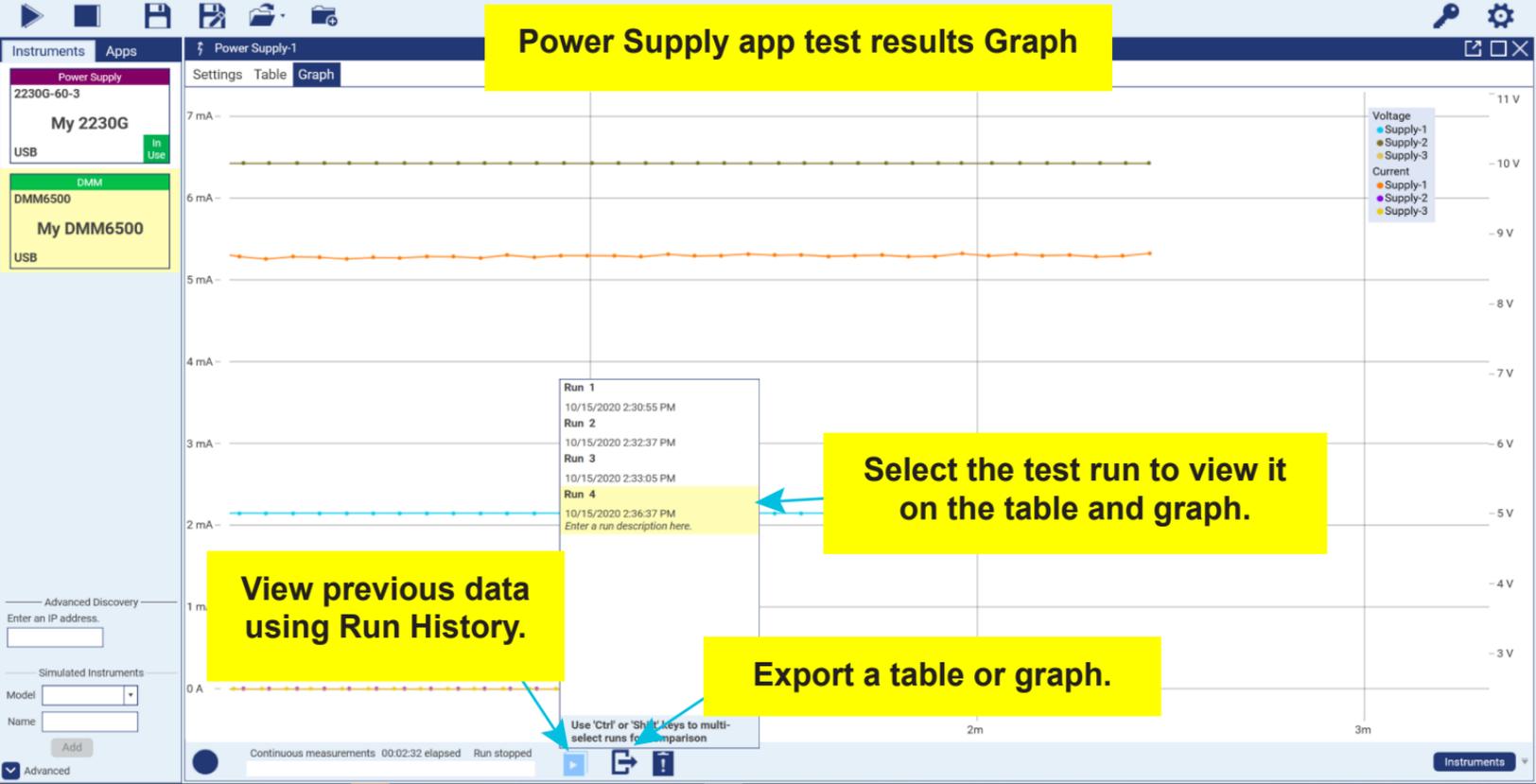
Right-click to add a cursor.

Hover your cursor over the X- or Y-axis to change the scale and the minimum and maximum values.

Placing two cursors allows you to see the statistics between two different points.



Power Supply app test results Graph



Select the test run to view it on the table and graph.

View previous data using Run History.

Export a table or graph.

Use 'Ctrl' or 'Shift' keys to multi-select runs for comparison

Export selected data

When you select the export icon, the Export Data window opens. Here you can choose to export a table, graph, or both.

You can set your runs to export automatically. Make sure you choose the path for the saved files and create a file name.

You can export all of the runs or selected runs.

Export Data

Export Table

Format

Exclude hidden data

Include test configuration

Export Graph

Color theme Light Dark

Resolution

Show gridlines

Automatically export new runs

Path

Filename

Example DMM-1 Run 1 2020-10-20T12.01.09.png
DMM-1 Run 1 2020-10-20T12.01.09.csv

Run 1

Run 1

Scope app test Settings

In the Scope app, select the Graph tab in Waveforms mode to confirm that the correct waveform was retrieved.

Select the mode that relates to your data.

Set when the capture occurs.

Channel information is shown here. Select Retrieve Data to see the data collected on this channel.

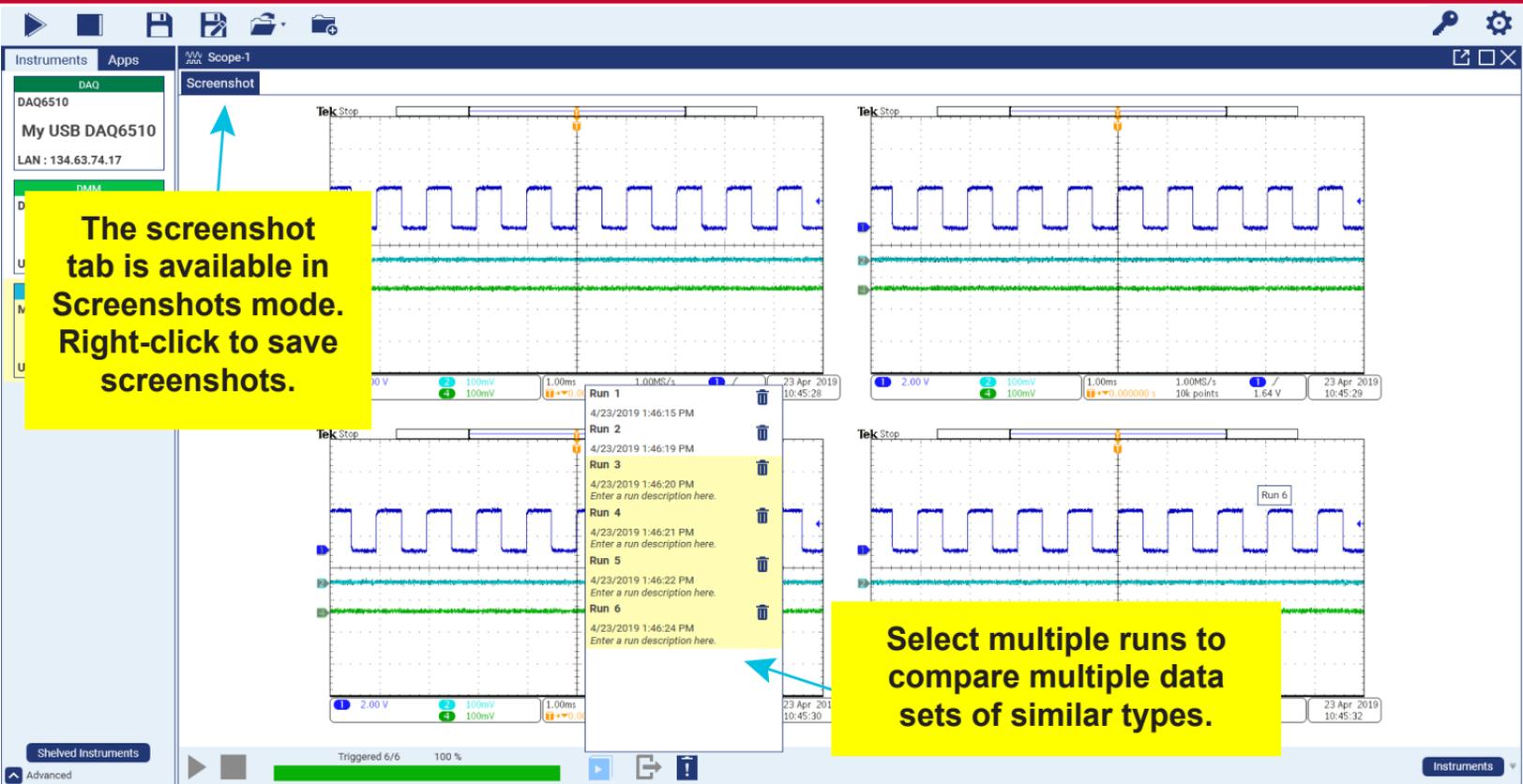
You are unable to retrieve data from disabled channels. Enable or disable channels from your instrument.

The screenshot shows the 'Scope-1' application window. At the top, there are tabs for 'Settings', 'Table', and 'Graph'. The 'Settings' tab is active. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Waveforms', 'Measurements', and 'Screenshots' options. The main area displays channel settings for four channels. Channel 1 is ON with 'Retrieve Data' checked. Channel 2 is ON with 'Retrieve Data' unchecked. Channel 3 is OFF with 'Retrieve Data' unchecked. Channel 4 is ON with 'Retrieve Data' unchecked. Below the channel settings, there are checkboxes for 'References' and 'Math'. At the bottom, there are 'Acquisition Settings' including 'Acquisition Mode', 'Record Length', 'Horizontal Scale', 'Sample Rate', 'Trigger Type', and 'Trigger Source'. On the far left, there are sections for 'Shelved Instruments' and 'Simulated Instruments'.

Channel	Mode	Retrieve Data
Channel 1	ON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Channel 2	ON	<input type="checkbox"/>
Channel 3	OFF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Channel 4	ON	<input type="checkbox"/>

Acquisition Settings

Acquisition Mode	Stopped	Sample Rate	1 MHz
Record Length	10 k	Trigger Type	Edge
Horizontal Scale	1 ms/div	Trigger Source	CH1



The screenshot tab is available in Screenshots mode. Right-click to save screenshots.

Select multiple runs to compare multiple data sets of similar types.

Next steps

For more information and to view documentation specific to your instrument, see the Keithley Instruments website, [tek.com/keithley](https://www.tek.com/keithley).

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