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SignalVu-PC Quick Start User Manual

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SignalVu-PC Quick Start

This document describes how to install the SignalVu-PC base software, connect to an instrument with SignalVu-PC, activate SignalVu-PC optional applications, and provides a brief introduction to the application. For full operating information on SignalVu-PC, access the SignalVu-PC Help in the application software from the Main menu from Help > User Manual.

SignalVu-PC can be used as a stand alone software application on a PC and also with the Tektronix Spectrum Analyzers listed below.

PC requirements for SignalVu-PC

The PC on which SignalVu-PC is installed must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Windows operating system: Windows 10 (64-bit)
- 20 GB free space on the C: drive
- 8 GB RAM
- The 5GNR analysis plug-in is supported on Windows 10 (SignalVu-PC), 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO or LPD oscilloscope models.
- Multichannel Analysis is supported on Windows 10 (SignalVu-PC), 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B/5 Series B MSO or LPD Oscilloscope. Here after this will be referred to as MSO/LPD.

PC requirements for SignalVu-PC when connecting to a Tektronix Spectrum Analyzer

Supported analyzers.

The following Tektronix USB Spectrum Analyzers require a PC with the listed minimum requirements to obtain full performance.

- RSA306
- RSA306B
- RSA306B-SMA
- RSA503A, RSA507A
- RSA513A, RSA518A
- RSA603A, RSA607A

Note: The RSA7100 comes with the CTRL7100 PC preconfigured and has different requirements than those noted below.

Minimum requirements.

The following minimum PC requirements must be met to obtain full performance with SignalVu-PC with the above listed USB analyzers.

- USB 3.0 port
- · Windows 10 (64-bit) operating system
- · Intel Core i7 4th generation processor or greater

Processors of lower performance can be used, with reduced real time performance. This means that the minimum signal duration for 100% probability of intercept will increase and the performance of AM/FM demodulation and listening will be degraded.

- 8 GB RAM
- Drive capable of sustained write rates of 300 MB/sec to support streaming data

If streaming data is not needed, drives with slower write rates will work.

• 20 GB free space on the C: drive

Connection to Instruments

SignalVu-PC automatically connects to a Tektronix spectrum analyzer if one is detected via the USB port (or the PCIe port for the RSA7100) and if no other devices are currently connected to SignalVu-PC). No user action is required. The Connect feature also allows connection to an MDO4000B/C or 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO or LPD instrument when Option CON is installed.

Refer to the *Connectivity* section for connecting to a MDO4000B/C or 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO or LPD. The Connectivity section also provides instructions to manually connect to a Tektronix Spectrum Analyzer.

The SignalVu-PC application Help file (Help > User Manual) also contains this information.

The 5GNR analysis plug-in is supported on Windows 10 (SignalVu-PC), 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO or LPD models.

TekVISA

Tektronix Virtual Instrument Software Architecture (TekVISA) is a Tektronix VISA solution. It is a collection of software and documentation that allows for remote control of instruments regardless of instrument brand and physical connection. TekVISA includes a VISA driver, VISA libraries, documentation, USB Device Driver, VXI-11 server, and connection management/debug software.

When you install the SignalVu-PC software, you will have the option to install TekVISA. You should only use the version of TekVISA supplied with the SignalVu-PC software.

If you have an older version of TekVISA already installed, you need to uninstall that version before installing the most recent version.

Note:



If you want to control SignalVu-PC from another PC by using a programmatic interface, you must use TekVISA. TekVISA is also required for a LAN connection to a supported instrument.

TekVISA is not required for a USB connection to a Tektronix USB spectrum analyzer with SignalVu-PC.

Windows 10 activation

The version of Microsoft Windows 10 that ships with the CTRL7100/RSA7100 is shipped in Deferred Activation mode. Microsoft has a default activation method that requires a connection to the Internet. If you do not have a connection, you can activate Windows 10 by phone or you can continue to operate in Deferred Activation mode.

First time activation.

You can activate Windows 10 two ways.

- 1. Connect to the Internet. Windows will automatically activate. You can also go to System Properties to connect and activate.
- 2. Call Microsoft and speak with a representative to activate Windows 10. Contact information and a unique activation code (installation ID) will appear in a pop up window.

Activation with removable drives.

If an SSD/HD is removed from one controller and inserted into another controller, then the activation process will need to run again. If controller 2 is not connected to the Internet, the activation will fail and an Activate Windows watermark will display on the screen. To activate Windows and remove the watermark, you must connect to the Internet or call Microsoft.

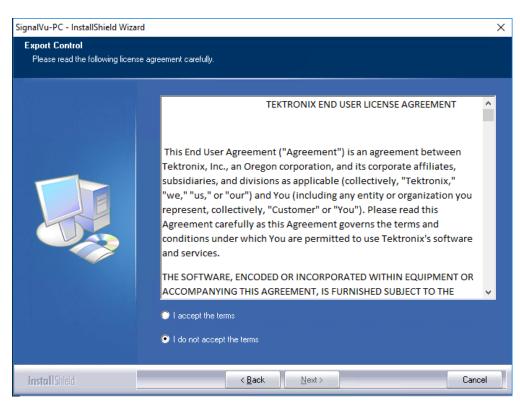
Installing SignalVu-PC

SignalVu-PC can be downloaded from the web and is preinstalled on the CTRL7100 for the RSA7100.

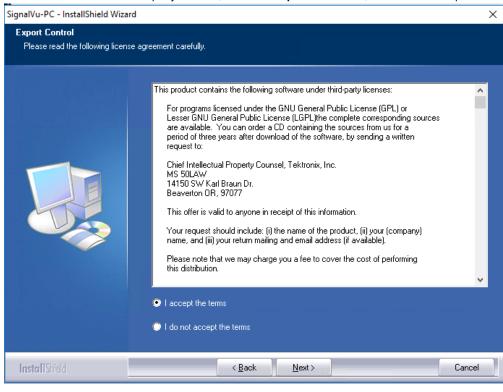
- 1. If you downloaded SignalVu-PC from the web:
 - a. Unzip the archive on the PC where SignalVu-PC will be installed.
 - b. Use Windows Explorer to navigate to the folder you extracted from the archive.
 - c. Double-click Setup.exe to start the software installation.
- 2. Follow the software installation steps.
 - a. Installation start up. Click Next to continue.

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	Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for SignalVu-PC The InstallShield Wizard will install SignalVu-PC on your computer. To continue, click Next.	
InstallShield	< Back Next > Cancel	

b. Read the Tektronix End User License Agreement, select I accept the all terms, and click Next to proceed with installation.



c. Read the software under third-party licenses, select I accept the all terms, and click Next to proceed with installation.



d. Software installation is ready to begin. Click Install to begin.

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	the wizard.	
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e. The following window shows the progress in installation of application and its dependencies.

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f. After you install the SignalVu-PC application, read the ReadMe, and click Next for further installation.

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InstallShield	< Back Next > Ca	ncel

g. Depending on your PC's security settings, you may see this Windows Security dialog box. Click Install to continue with the USB device software installation. If you click Don't Install, the entire SignalVu-PC installation will abort and SignalVu-PC will be un-installed from the PC.

Windows Security
Would you like to install this device software? Name: Tektronix Universal Serial Bus controlle
Publisher: Tektronix, Incorporated
Always trust software from "Tektronix, Incorporated".
You should only install driver software from publishers you trust. How can I decide which device software is safe to install?

h. Install the TekVISA software. Ensure the box is checked and click Finish to complete the installation.

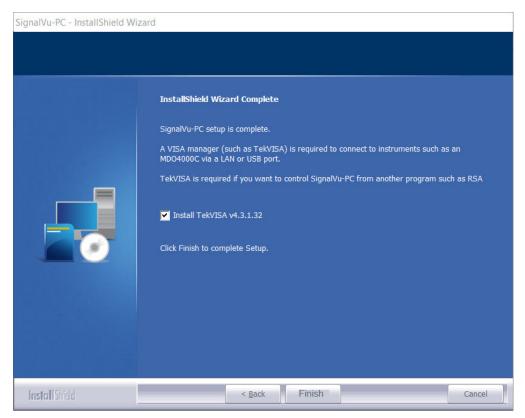
Note:



If you want to control SignalVu-PC from another PC by using a programmatic interface, you must use TekVISA. TekVISA is also required for a LAN connection to a supported instrument.

TekVISA is optimized for SignalVu-PC, especially for instrument searching, and is the recommended VISA application. If you want to use another VISA application, such as NIVISA, uncheck the TekVISA box to bypass the installation.

TekVISA is not required for a USB connection to a Tektronix USB spectrum analyzer with SignalVu-PC.



i. Close all other applications and click Next to continue.

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	Please read the following instructions carefully.	
	This package will install Tektronix OpenChoice TekVisa and its supporting components. The installation can take up to 15 minutes depending on your system configuration. This wizard will first take you to the License Agreement followed by the Readme screen. It then installs all the software components and reboots the system. You may then use the Tektronix OpenChoice TekVisa.	
	It is recommended that you close all other applications before continuing with the wizard. Click Next to continue.	
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InstallShield	< <u>Back</u> <u>Next></u> Cancel	

j. If TekVISA was installed, a restart of the PC is required before using the software.

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	InstallShield Wizard Complete The InstallShield Wizard has successfully installed SignalVu-PC. Before you can use the program, you must restart your computer.
Install Shield	< Back Reboot Cancel

- 3. If you've purchased optional applications for SignalVu-PC, you can activate them by installing a purchased license. Read *SignalVu-PC* optional application licenses for more information.
- 4. If you have purchased the 5GNR Analysis option, you need activate the same. Refer to *How to manage the 5GNR analysis license* on page 16.

SignalVu-PC optional application licenses

The SignalVu-PC product software is made up of the base software and any additionally purchased applications software (licensed optional software). The base software provides access to the standard SignalVu-PC applications. It is available for download, free of charge, from the Tektronix Web site at www.Tek.com\downloads. Once you have the base version, you can purchase licenses for optional SignalVu-PC applications or choose to activate 30 day free trials of those applications.

License types

Tektronix is working to make it easier for you to manage the options you purchase for SignalVu-PC by implementing a licensing scheme to host your purchased licenses and allow you to manage your licenses yourself. As a result, there are two types of licenses: License Keys (legacy) and License Files (new).

- License Keys: Prior to December 4, 2015, optional applications were activated with license keys. This is referred to as the legacy licensing method. Any license keys already purchased are still valid. Contact Tektronix sales or technical support for transferring previously purchased legacy license(s) to the new license file system.
- License Files: Beginning December 4, 2015, optional applications are activated with license files. To install a license file, read SignalVu-PC license files.

SignalVu-PC license files

SignalVu-PC optional applications (purchased after December 4, 2015) are controlled via license files, rather than the previous method of installing license keys.

SignalVu-PC licenses can be associated with and stored on either your PC or any RSA300 series, RSA500 series, RSA600 series, and RSA7100 series spectrum analyzers. Two types of licenses (Node-locked and Floating) are available, and there are three methods to purchase them, (1) as an option to your hardware, or separately as a (2) Node-locked or (3) Floating license. Licenses are managed using the Tektronix Asset Management System (AMS) on Tek.com. If your licenses are purchased as an option to your instrument, use of the Tektronix AMS is not required for you to use them. Just connect the instrument to your PC with SignalVu-PC, and the licenses will be recognized automatically.

A licensing scheme is used to host your license files. If they are not already installed on your instrument or PC, you can access and manage your licenses from the Tektronix Product License Web page: http://www.tek.com/products/product-license. The Product License page provides the following:

- · Inventory of all the licenses in your company account
- · Ability to check out a license
- · Ability to check in a license
- · Ability to move a floating licenses

Note: If you purchased licenses as options to the RSA306, RSA500, RSA600, or RSA7100, these licenses are pre-installed on the instrument. No activation or installation is required.

How to purchase application licenses

A variety of optional, licensed applications are available for purchase for SignalVu-PC. These licenses can be associated with and stored on either your PC or any RSA300 series, RSA500 series, RSA600 series, and RSA7100 series spectrum analyzers. Licenses can be purchased as an option to your hardware, or separately as a Node-locked or a Floating license.

Contact your local Tektronix Account Manager to purchase a license. If your purchased license is not ordered as an option to your instrument, you will receive an email with a list of the applications purchased and the URL to the Tektronix Product License Web page, where you will create an account and can then manage your licenses using the Tektronix Asset Management System (AMS): *www.tek.com/products/product-license*.

AMS provides an inventory of the license(s) in your account. It enables you to check out or check in a license and view the history of licenses.

Optional applications are enabled by one of the following license types.

License type	Description
Node locked license (NL) purchased as an option to your instrument	either a PC or an instrument. It can be reassociated to either a PC or another spectrum analyzer two times using Tek AMS.
	When associated with an instrument, this license is factory-installed on that instrument at the time of manufacture. It will be recognized by any PC operating with SignalVu-PC when the instrument is connected. However, the licensed application is deactivated from the PC if the licensed instrument is disconnected.
	This is the most common form of licensing, as it simplifies management of your applications.

Table continued...

License type	Description
Node locked license (NL) purchased separately	This license is initially assigned to a specific host id, which can be either a PC or an instrument. It can be reassociated to either a PC or instrument two times using Tek AMS.
	This license is delivered via email and is associated with either your PC or with an instrument when you install the license.
	This license should be purchased when you want your license to stay on your PC, or if you have an existing USB instrument on which you would like to install a license.
Floating license (FL) purchased separately	This license can be moved between different host ids, which can be either PCs or instruments. It can be reassociated to different PCs or instruments an unlimited number of times using Tek AMS.
	This license is delivered via email and is associated with either your PC or with an instrument when you install the license.
	This is the most flexible license and is recommended in applications where the license needs to be moved frequently.

To view a list of currently installed application licenses (options) in your SignalVu-PC product, select **Tools > Licenses > Manage** from the SignalVu-PC main toolbar.

Refer to the following sections for information about How to install a license and How to return a license .

Available application options.

A list of currently available application options is in the SignalVu-PC ordering information section.

How to install a license

Before installing an application license, you must first have purchased one and downloaded the license to your product or a portable memory device. The following instructions include information about how to download and purchase licenses.



Note: If you purchased licenses as options to the RSA7100, these licenses are pre-installed on the instrument. No activation or installation is required.

1. Select Tools > Licenses > Manage to open the Manage Licenses window.

Host: This computer Host ID: XXX-XXXXXXX Computer ID: Install new license	XXXX-XXXX-XXXX API Version: 20.0
License Description ENG-DEVL-SVPC ENGINEERING LICENSE - SVPC - ENG	Type Expiration SINEERING DEV Fixed 2/18/2022 9:49:23 AM
	Uninstall selected license

 Select This computer or other license host from the list on the left side of the window. Notice that the Host ID field will populate with the ID for the selected host. Currently installed licenses associated with that host will also appear in the bottom right panel of the window under Installed Licenses.



Note: Host ID, Computer ID, and API Version fields are required for installing the 5GNR analysis plugin. To install other analysis plugins only Host ID is required.

- 3. If you already have a license file (*.lic) downloaded, click the **Install new license** button and navigate to the license you want to install, and then click **Open**. The license will install and appear in the Installed Licenses list. This task is now complete.
- 4. If the license you want to install is in your TekAMS system account, do the following:
 - a. Select the host on which you want to install the license from the Select license host list. For example, if you want to install the license on the computer, select This computer. Notice that the Host ID field on the right will populate with the ID for the selected host.
 - **b.** Click 🗈 to copy the host ID.



Note: To Install the 5GNR analysis plugin, Click 🗈 to copy the Host ID, Computer ID, and API Version.

c. Navigate to the TekAMS system, log in, and enter the host ID in the appropriate field. The Tek AMS system can be accessed from a link on this page www.tek.com/products/product-license.



Note: For the 5GNR analysis plugin, enter the Host ID and Computer ID.

- d. Follow the instructions online to download the desired license file (*.lic).
- e. Once the license is downloaded, perform step 3 above.
- 5. If you do not have a license yet, do the following:
 - a. Using an Ethernet connection, navigate to www.Tek.com/products and find your product.
 - b. Click on the Additional Options tab. This tab lists all available software license options.
 - c. Find the option you want, then click on the related link to download a free trail version.
 - d. Click on the related link to request a quote.

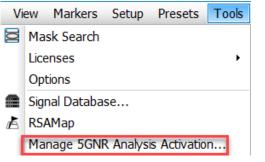
e. After your purchase is complete, you will receive instructions for creating a TekAMS account to access and manage your licenses. Once your account is set up, perform step 4 above.

How to manage the 5GNR analysis license

After installing the SignalVu-PC 5GNR Analysis plugin, it needs to be activated on that instrument/PC/laptop. The activation requires an activation code which is 20 digit alphanumeric characters separated by a hyphen between every four characters. The following topics give procedure to activate or deactivate the 5GNR Analysis.

5GNR Analysis activation

- 1. Start the SignalVu-PC application.
- 2. On the Tools menu, click Manage 5GNR Analysis Activation.... The Manage 5GNR Analysis Activation dialog box appears.



3. If you do not have the activation code, under Activation, click Copy, and then close the Manage 5GNR Analysis Activation dialog box.

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Activat	tion		
		ctivation code to run 5GNR analysis on this system. If you have already received the from Tektronix, enter it in the text area below and click Activate.	
Ac	ctivation code	Enter activation code here Activate	
		ve the activation code, you can share the Computer ID and API Version with your local unt Manager to get the activation code generated for this system.	
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	eactivate if Sig otion/license h	gnalVu 5GNR Analysis option/license is uninstalled or the validity of 5GNR Analysis has expired.	
			Close

Note: Share the *Computer ID* and *API Version* that you have copied with your local Tektronix account manager to get the activation code generated for this system.

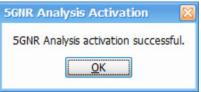
4. If you have the activation code, under Activation, in the Activation code box, enter the activation code that you received from Tektronix, and then click the Activate.

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	ve the activation code, you can share the Computer ID and API Version with your local unt Manager to get the activation code generated for this system.
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5. If you receive the "5GNR Analysis activation failed. Please enter a valid activation code." message, click **OK**, and then contact your local Tektronix support or Account Manager to get the correct activation code.



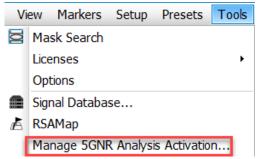
6. If you receive the "5GNR Analysis activation successful" message, click OK.



7. Close the Manage 5GNR Analysis Activation dialog box and restart the SignalVu-PC application.

5GNR Analysis de-activation

- 1. Start the SignalVu-PC application.
- 2. On the Tools menu, click Manage 5GNR Analysis Activation.... The Manage 5GNR Analysis Activation dialog box appears.



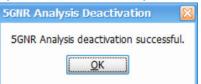
3. Under Deactivation, click Deactivate 5GNR Analysis.

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	tivation code to run 5GNR analysis on this system. If you have already received the from Tektronix, enter it in the text area below and click Activate.
Activation code:	Enter activation code here Activate
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4. Click OK and continue with 5GNR Analysis de-activation.

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	e from Tektronix, enter it in the text area below and click Activate.
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eactivation	OK Cancel
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Deactivate if Si option/license	ignalVu 5GNR Analysis option/license is uninstalled or the validity of 5GNR Analysis has expired.

5. If you receive the "5GNR Analysis deactivation successful" message, click OK, and then restart the SignalVu-PC application.



How to return a license

You can return (uninstall) a license from a particular product as follows:

- 1. Select Tools > Licenses > Manage to open the Manage Licenses window.
- 2. In the Manage Licenses window, select the license you want to return.

Host ID: XXX-XXXXXXXX Computer ID:	xxxx-xxxx-xxxx API Version: 20.0
Installed Licenses Installed Licenses License Description ENG-DEVL-SVPC ENGINEERING LICENSE - SVPC - ENGIN	Type Expiration IEERING DEV Fixed 2/18/2022 9:49:23 AI
	Uninstall selected license.

3. Click Uninstall selected license. The following window will appear.

Uninstall License
Are you certain you wish to uninstall the selected license? If you choose to uninstal, provide the path and file name to save the exit license file. You will need this file to reinstall the module. Go to Tektronix Asset Management System (http://www.tek.com/products/product-license) to checkin the saved exit license file. Refer to the help for detailed instruction. Click Yes to Uninstall, or click No to cancel.
Yes No

- 4. Click Yes to uninstall the license. You will then be prompted to save an exit license file. This is the file you will check into (return to) your TekAMS account.
- 5. Save the exit license file to the desired location.
- 6. Click Close.
- 7. Navigate to your TekAMS account and check in the saved exit license file.

How to move a license to a different host

You can return a purchased license and then reassign it to a different host, as indicated below. See the SignalVu-PC ordering information section for a list of available application licenses.

- Node locked license (NL): This license type can be reassigned no more than two times. This allows you to reassign the license in the case of an upgrade to a new Windows platform, for example.
- Floating license (FL): This license type can be reassigned an unlimited number of times.

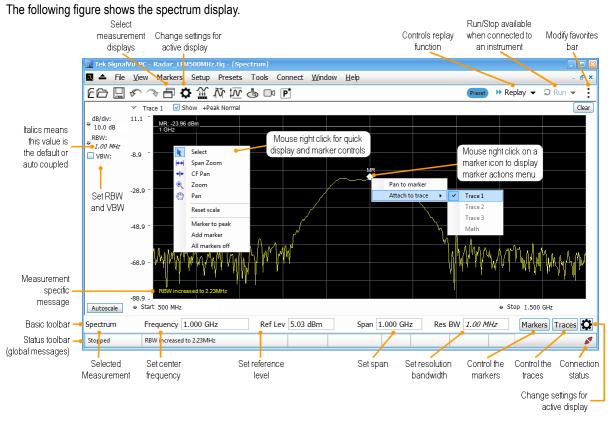
When assigning a floating license, you need to specify the host id and the duration the feature is to be enabled on the host. After the license expires, the feature is automatically disabled on that host and the license in then available to be assigned to a different host.

Getting Started with SignalVu-PC

SignalVu-PC displays

The SignalVu-PC Vector Signal Analysis software enables a desktop PC to perform vector-signal analysis on waveforms acquired by Tektronix oscilloscopes and Real-Time Signal Analyzers. Capture the waveform once on an oscilloscope or real-time signal analyzer and make repeated measurements on the PC without recapturing the waveform. SignalVu-PC utilizes the same analysis capabilities found in the RSA6000 Series and RSA5000 Series Real-Time Analyzers.

Note: For complete operating instructions, refer to the SignalVu-PC instrument Help accessed by selecting Help > User manual.



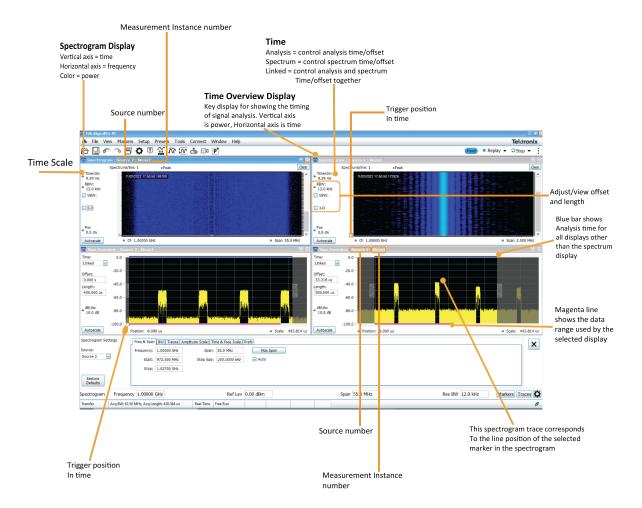
This figure shows the spectrogram, time overview, and spectrum displays.

MULTICHANNEL ANALYSIS

The Multi-channel analysis feature is available when the SignalVu-PC is connected to MSO/LPD. The feature allows to add same measurement for different sources. This number of sources depends on the number of channels connected to MSO/LPD. Multiple incoming signals from different sources (RF / IQ / Differential IQ) can be acquired, analyzed and results can be viewed at the same time in multiple displays.



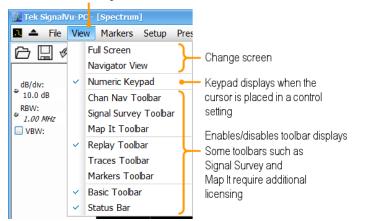
Note: SignalVu-PC supports multichannel analysis for the Pulsed RF plugin measurements and General Signal Viewing Plugin except for DPX measurement. The number of Sources depends upon the sources available in instrument.



This figure shows the various toolbar display controls.

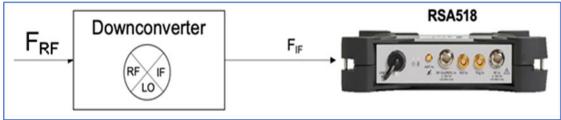
Change global

view settings



External Downconverter

The External Downconverter tab is available when RSA or 5/6 Series MSO is connected to SignalVu-PC. It allows you to configure the external downconverter settings connected with the instrument. This can help you to analyse and visualize the RF signals at the actual input frequency of downconverter.



You can enable the downconverter for any source(s), configure the LO frequency, and the instrument bandwidth sub-range to be used. You can also choose between Low or High Injection side. Based on the above configured parameters, enter the range of input frequency. If you select High Injection side, the spectrum inversion takes place.

So	Source Configuration IQ Sampling Parameters MSO Settings MSO Data Advanced External Downconverter							
		Instrument	t Bandwidth	Downconverter On	LO Frequency	Injection	Input Center Frequency Range	Spectrum Inverted
•	Source 1	0.000000 Hz	8.00000 GHz	\checkmark	1.00000 GHz	Low Side	1.00000 GHz - 9.00000 GHz	No
	Source 2	0.000000 Hz	8.00000 GHz		1.00000 GHz	Low Side	1.00000 GHz - 9.00000 GHz	No
	Source 3	0.000000 Hz	8.00000 GHz		1.00000 GHz	Low Side	1.00000 GHz - 9.00000 GHz	No
	Source 4	0.000000 Hz	8.00000 GHz		1.00000 GHz	Low Side	1.00000 GHz - 9.00000 GHz	No

Figure 1: External Downconverter tab when connected to MSO.

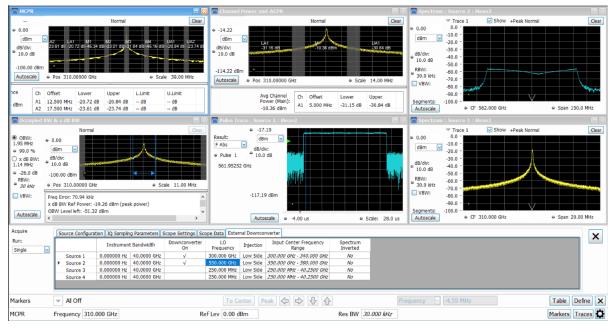


Figure 2: External downconverter enabled for different sources.

Connectivity

You can connect to the following instruments with your PC (with SignalVu-PC installed):

- RSA503A, RSA507A, RSA513A, and RSA518A Spectrum Analyzers via USB 3.0
- RSA603A and RSA607A Spectrum Analyzers via USB 3.0
- RSA306B and RSA306B-SMA Spectrum Analyzers via USB 3.0
- RSA306 Spectrum Analyzer via USB 3.0
- 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B/5 Series B MSO or LPD oscilloscope.
- RSA7100 Spectrum Analyzers via PCIe (SignalVu-PC comes installed on the CTRL7100 that ships with the RSA7100)
- MDO4000B/C or 5 Series /6 Series B MSO or LPD instrument via USB, wireless, or LAN (Option CON for SignalVu-PC required)
- SignalVu-PC can also be installed on 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO or LPD oscilloscope with windows operating system.
- The 5GNR analysis plug-in is supported on Windows 10 (SignalVu-PC), 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO or LPD oscilloscope models.



Note: Only one instrument at a time can be connected to SignalVu-PC.

Connecting a Tektronix Spectrum Analyzer to a PC

Establishing a connection to a Tektronix Spectrum Analyzer instrument is as simple as connecting the cable from the PC to the instrument.

USB connection.

For a USB analyzer, you can connect the USB cable either before or after starting the SignalVu-PC application. During the connection process, SignalVu-PC indicates that it is finding and connecting to the instrument. Please wait for the connection process to complete before using the software.



Note: Your PC may notify you that it has found a new USB device and has loaded the device drivers. If you see these notifications, wait until the drivers are loaded before continuing.

PCle connection.

For a RSA7100 analyzer, connect the PCIe cable from the CTRL7100 controller (PC) to the instrument before powering on the PC. Both the analyzer and the SignalVu-PC application will start when the CTRL7100 is powered on. Please wait for the application to launch and the convertor fans to reduce speed before using the software.

The SignalVu-PC application always monitors the ports. Anytime a Tektronix Spectrum Analyzer is discovered, a connection is immediately

established causing the Connect status indicator to turn green (2). Disconnecting the instrument from the PC also disconnects the

SignalVu-PC application, causing the Connect status indicator to turn red (*M*).

If the SignalVu-PC application is already connected to another instrument (either USB, PCIe, or network), an automated connection will not take place. In this situation, you have to do the following:

- 1. Select Disconnect From Instrument to end the existing connection.
- 2. Select Connect To Instrument. You should see the connected analyzer in the instrument list.
- 3. Select the instrument.



Note: The SignalVu-PC software version must be at or above the version provided with the Tektronix Spectrum Analyzer. The latest version of software is available from the Tektronix web site *tek.com/downloads*.

 A Connect Status dialog box will appear to confirm the instrument is connected and SignalVu-PC can receive live data from the instrument. Note: You can quickly verify connection status by looking at the Connected indicator square. It is green (🖉) when an



instrument is connected. It is red (2) when it is not. You can also view the name of the instrument that is connected by

hovering the pointer over the 🧖.

5. When you want to connect to a different instrument, select Disconnect From Instrument to end the current connection.

Connecting SignalVu-PC to an MDO4000B/C or 5 Series/5 Series B MSO/ 6 Series/6 Series B MSO or 6 Series LPD instrument

Note:



 You can watch a video tutorial about using Connect (with Option CON enabled) to connect to an MDO4000B/C Series or 5 Series B MSO or 6 Series LPD instrument and about WLAN Presets at www.youtube.com/user/tektronix. For more information about the Tektronix YouTube channel, click on the Help menu in the SignalVu-PC application, select User Manual, and search for YouTube.

2. Verify that the licence SV-RFVT is installed on Tekscope in 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO or LPD and LiveLink (CON Option) license is installed on SignalVu PC.

USB connection.

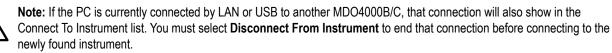
To establish a connection using USB, perform the following procedures in the order given.

- 1. Check that the instrument is on.
 - a. For MDO4000B/C series, verify that the oscilloscope is on.
 - b. For 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO or LPD, verify that oscilloscope is on and the Tekscope is launched.
- 2. Connect a USB cable to the MDO/MSO or LPD.
- 3. Connect the other end of that USB cable to the PC.



Note: Your PC may notify you that it has found a new USB device and has loaded the device drivers. If you see these notifications, wait until the drivers are loaded before continuing.

- 4. Double click the SignalVu-PC icon on the Desktop to start the application.
- 5. Click **Connect** on the menu bar to view the drop down menu.
- 6. Select Connect To Instrument. You should see the USB connected MDO or MSO or LPD in the Connect To Instrument list.



- If you do not see the USB MDO or MSO or LPD, click Search for Instrument. TekVISA is now searching for instruments. A
 notification will briefly appear stating that the instrument was found. Check that the newly found instrument now appears in the
 Connect To Instrument list.
- 8. Select the instrument.
- 9. A Connect Status dialog box will appear to confirm the instrument is connected and SignalVu-PC can receive live data from the instrument.

Note: You can quickly verify connection status by looking at the Connected indicator square at the bottom of the screen. It



is green (🖉) when an instrument is connected. It is red (🖍) when it is not. You can also view the name of the instrument

that is connected by hovering the pointer over the *S*.

10. Use SignalVu-PC to configure the MDO. Frequency, Amplitude, Span, Bandwidth, and Time Scaling parameters for the RF channels can only be changed using SignalVu-PC.



Note: Press F1 on your keyboard to open the SignalVu-PC help for information about configuring and using the application. You can also click on Help > User Manual in the SignalVu-PC menu bar to open the help.

11. When you are ready to connect to a different instrument, select **Disconnect From Instrument** to first end the current connection.



Note: For more search options using TekVISA, go to the Visa Resource Manager (double click in the applications tray).

LAN or wireless connection.

To establish a connection using a LAN or wireless connection, perform the following procedures in the order given.

- 1. Check that the PC has a working LAN or wireless network connection.
- 2. Use an Ethernet cable to connect the MDO to the network.
- 3. Verify the IP address.
 - a. For MDO4000B/C series, Check that the MDO is on and wait for the IP Address to display on the screen. Write down the IP address to help you identify the MDO in the SignalVu-PC application.
 - **b.** For 5 Series/6 Series B MSO or LPD, Verify that the Tekscope is launched and identify the IP Address of the oscillocope.
- 4. Double click the SignalVu-PC icon on the Desktop to start the application.
- 5. Click **Connect** on the menu bar to view the drop down menu.
- 6. Select Search For Instrument. TekVISA is now searching for instruments.
- 7. A notification will briefly appear stating that the instrument was found. Check that the newly found instrument now appears in the **Connect To Instrument** list and then click on the instrument name to connect.



Note: If the PC is currently connected by LAN/wireless or USB to another MDO4000B/C/5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO, that connection will also show in the Connect To Instrument list. You must select **Disconnect From Instrument** to end that connection before connecting to the newly found instrument.

- 8. If you do not see the LAN address of the MDO or MSO or LPD, click **Manually Search for LAN Instrument**. You will then need to enter the IP address of the MDO or MSO into the IP Address dialog box and click **Connect**.
- 9. A Connect Status dialog box will appear to confirm the instrument is connected and SignalVu-PC can receive live data from the instrument.

Note: You can quickly verify connection status by looking at the Connected indicator square at the bottom of the screen. It



is green (🖉) when an instrument is connected. It is red (尾) when it is not. You can also view the name of the instrument

that is connected by hovering the pointer over the *S*.

- **10.** Configure parameters.
 - **a.** Use SignalVu-PC to configure the MDO. Frequency, Amplitude, Span, Bandwidth, and Time Scaling parameters for the selected RF channels can only be changed using SignalVu-PC.
 - **b.** Use SignalVu-PC to configure the MSO. Frequency, Amplitude, Span, Bandwidth, and Time Scaling parameters of the selected channels (all channels are RF channels) can only be changed using SignalVu-PC.
 - c. Use SignalVu-PC to configure the LPD. Frequency, Amplitude, Span, Bandwidth, and Time Scaling parameters for selected RF channels can only be changed using SignalVu-PC.



Note: Press F1 on your keyboard to open the SignalVu-PC help for information about configuring and using the application. You can also click on Help > User Manual in the SignalVu-PC menu bar to open the help.

11. When you are ready to connect to a different instrument, select **Disconnect From Instrument** to first end the current connection.



Note: For more search options using TekVISA, go to the Visa Resource Manager (double click in the Windows applications tray).

Connecting to 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO or LPD instrument while SignalVu-PC runs inside it

- 1. Install SignalVu-PC software on 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO.
- 2. Double click the TekScope icon on desktop to launch the TekScope application in the oscilloscope.
- 3. Launch Open choice Instrument Manager in TekVisa.
- 4. The TekVisa application automatically detects the GPIB as **GPIB8:1:INSTR**, continue to step 6, if auto-detection is unsuccessful, continue to next step.
- 5. Click Search Criteria > LAN and select VXI-11, enter the IP address 127.0.0.1 in Hostname and click Search.
- 6. Verify that your instrument is searched and listed successfully in VISA.
- 7. Double click the SignalVu-PC icon on the desktop to start the application.
- 8. Click **Connect** on the menu bar to view the drop-down menu.
- 9. Click Search For Instrument. A notification is shown to ensure the instrument is found and listed in the Connect To Instrument list.
- 10. Click on the instrument name to connect.
- 11. A Connect Status dialog box will appear to confirm the instrument is connected and SignalVu-PC software can receive live data from the instrument.

SignalVu-PC ordering information

The following table shows available optional applications and the license type associated with that application option. See the How to purchase application licenses section for information about license types and how to activate one.

Application description	Application (option)	License type
AM/FM/PM/Direct Audio Analysis	SVANL-SVPC	Node Locked
	SVAFL-SVPC	Floating
Settling Time (frequency and phase)	SVTNL-SVPC	Node Locked
measurements	SVTFL-SVPC	Floating
General Purpose Modulation Analysis to	SVMNL-SVPC	Node Locked
work with analyzer of acquisition bandwidth ≤40 MHz and MDO	SVMFL-SVPC	Floating
General Purpose Modulation Analysis to	SVMHNL-SVPC	Node Locked
work with analyzer of any acquisition bandwidth	SVMHFL-SVPC	Floating
800 MHz acquisition bandwidth (for	B800NL-SVPC	Node Locked
frequencies > 3.6 GHz	B800FL-SVPC	Floating
Pulse Analysis to work with analyzer of	SVPNL-SVPC	Node Locked
acquisition bandwidth \leq 40 MHz and MDO.	SVPFL-SVPC	Floating
Pulse Analysis to work with analyzer of acquisition bandwidth less than or equal to 40MHz and multi-channel analysis with 5/6 Series MSO; electronically downloaded canned software.		
Pulse Analysis to work with analyzer of any	SVPHNL-SVPC	Node Locked
acquisition bandwidth.	SVPHFL-SVPC	Floating
Pulse Analysis to work with analyzer of any acquisition bandwidth and multi-channel analysis with 5/6 Series MSO; electronically downloaded canned software.		
Phase Noise measurements (5/6 Series	PHASNL-SVPC	Node Locked
MSO and RSA7100)	PHASFL-SVPC	Floating
Advanced triggers (Frequency Mask,	TRIGHNL-SVPC	Node Locked
Density) for the RSA7100 only	TRIGHFL-SVPC	Floating
EMI Pre-compliance and Troubleshooting	EMCVUNL-SVPC	Node Locked
	EMCVUFL-SVPC	Floating
Flexible OFDM Analysis	SVONL-SVPC	Node Locked
	SVOFL-SVPC	Floating
WLAN 802.11a/b/g/j/p measurements	SV23NL-SVPC	Node Locked
	SV23FL-SVPC	Floating

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Application description	Application (option)	License type
WLAN 802.11n measurements	SV24NL-SVPC	Node Locked
(Requires SV23NL-SVPC or SV23FL-SVPC)	SV24FL-SVPC	Floating
WLAN 802.11ac measurement to work with	SV25NL-SVPC	Node Locked
analyzer of acquisition bandwidth \leq 40 MHz and MDO	SV25FL-SVPC	Floating
(Requires SV23NL-SVPC or SV23FL-SVPC and SV24NL-SVPC or SV24FL-SVPC)		
WLAN 802.11ac measurement to work with	SV25HNL-SVPC	Node Locked
analyzer of any acquisition bandwidth and MDO	SV25HFL-SVPC	Floating
(Requires SV23NL-SVPC or SV23FL-SVPC and SV24NL-SVPC or SV24FL-SVPC)		
APCO P25 measurements	SV26NL-SVPC	Node Locked
	SV26FL-SVPC	Floating
Bluetooth® measurements ¹	SV27NL-SVPC	Node Locked
	SV27FL-SVPC	Floating
Bluetooth® 5 measurements ¹ (Requires	SV31NL-SVPC	Node Locked
SV27NL-SVPC or SV27FL-SVPC)	SV31FL-SVPC	Floating
Mapping	MAPNL-SVPC	Node Locked
	MAPFL-SVPC	Floating
SignalVu-PC connection to the	CONNL-SVPC	Node Locked
MDO4000B/C or 5 Series/5 Series B MSO/ 6 Series/6 Series B MSO or 6 Series LPD.	CONFL-SVPC	Floating
Live connection and base SignalVu-PC VSA measurements using the 5 or 6 Series MSO Oscilloscope (with opt. SV-RFVT); electronically downloaded canned software.		
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Application description	Application (option)	License type
WLAN 802.11a/b/g/j/p/n/ac and option to	SV2CNL-SVPC	Node Locked
connect to MDO4000B/C. Works with analyzer of analyzer of acquisition bandwidth \leq 40 MHz and MDO.	SV2CFL-SVPC	Floating
WLAN 802.11a/b/g/j/p/n/ac and Connect to 5/6 Series MSO (with opt. SV-RFVT) to work with analyzer of acquisition bandwidth ≤ 40 MHz; electronically downloaded canned software.		
(This option bundles the following: SV23NL- SVPC or SV23FL-SVPC, SV24NL-SVPC or SV24FL-SVPC, SV25NL-SVPC or SV25FL- SVPC, and CONNL-SVPC or CONFL- SVPC)		
WLAN 802.11a/b/g/j/p/n/ac and option to	SV2CHNL-SVPC	Node Locked
connect to MDO4000B/C. Works with analyzer of any acquisition bandwidth.	SV2CHFL-SVPC	Floating
(This option bundles the following: SV23NL- SVPC or SV23FL-SVPC, SV24NL-SVPC or SV24FL-SVPC, SV25HNL-SVPC or SV25HFL-SVPC, and CONNL-SVPC or CONFL-SVPC)		
LTE [™] Downlink RF measurements ²	SV28NL-SVPC	Node Locked
	SV28FL-SVPC	Floating
5G NR Uplink/Downlink RF Power, Bandwidth, Demodulation and Error Vector Magnitude measurements	5GNRNL-SVPC	Node Locked
WiGig 802.11ad and 802.11ay	SV30NL-SVPC	Node Locked
measurements (only for offline analysis)	SV30FL-SVPC	Floating
EMI CISPR detectors	SVQPNL-SVPC	Node Locked
	SVQPFL-SVPC	Floating
Signal survey and classification	SV54NL-SVPC	Node Locked
	SV54FL-SVPC	Floating
Playback of recorded files (RSA500A series	SV56NL-SVPC	Node Locked
and RSA600A series only)	SV56FL-SVPC	Floating
IQFlow™ continuous and simultaneous	STREAMNL-SVPC	Node Locked
streaming of data to RAID (requires option C7100-A or C7100- B) and 40 GbE 3	STREAMFL-SVPC	Floating
(RSA7100 only)		

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³ IQFlow is a trademark of Tektronix

Application description	Application (option)	License type
IQFlow [™] continuous streaming of IQ data to	CUSTOM-APINL-SVPC	Node Locked
a custom API application (RSA7100 only)	CUSTOM-APIFL-SVPC	Floating
Return loss, VSWR, cable loss, and distance	SV60NL-SVPC	Node Locked
to fault (RSA500A series and RSA600A series only)	SV60FL-SVPC	Floating
Education-only version of all modules for SignalVu-PC	EDUFL-SVPC	Floating

License pre-requisite information for SignalVu-PC with 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B Mixed Signal Oscilloscope

Please refer the following table for the license pre-requisite information:

Instrument	Pre-requisite license	Install license on	Comments
SignalVu-PC with 5 Series/5 Series B MSO/ 6 Series/6 Series B MSO or 6 Series / BD		SignalVu-PC	License to be installed on SignalVu-PC.
B MSO or 6 Series LPD			 License is required to establish the communication between SignalVu-PC application and 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO.
	SV-RFVT	TekScope in 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO	 License to be installed on 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO.
			 License is required to get IQ Data from 5 Series/6 Series/6 Series B MSO Spectrum-view.

Based on your requirements, purchase the SVP, SVM or SVT licenses on SignalVu-PC. Below are the available licenses for the measurements:

- 1. Settling time measurements (SignalVu-PC SVT)
 - a. Live Connect (Opt CON): Pre-requisite license to be installed in the SignalVu-PC application.
 - **b. SV-RFVT**: Pre-requisite license to be installed in the TekScope application.
- 2. Pulse Measurements (SignalVu-PC SVP)
 - a. Live Connect (Opt CON): Pre-requisite license to be installed in the SignalVu-PC application.
 - **b. SV-RFVT**: Pre-requisite license to be installed in the TekScope application.
- 3. General Purpose Modulation Analysis (SignalVu-PC SVM)
 - a. Live Connect (Opt CON): Pre-requisite license to be installed in the SignalVu-PC application.
 - b. SV-RFVT: Pre-requisite license to be installed in the TekScope application.

Note: Essentials (SignalVu-PC SVE) is a base measurement plugin and is available for free.

Features by spectrum analyzer

The following table lists a subset of features that may or may not be available for your analyzer when connected to SignalVu-PC. An " $\sqrt{}$ " means the feature is available with the specified product. Some of these features require specific options be installed. You can view a list of options for SignalVu-PC above or an *www.tek.com*/.

Feature	RSA300 Series	RSA500 Series	RSA600Series	RSA7100
Audio demodulation (listening)	\checkmark	N	\checkmark	
DPX Spectrogram (DPXogram)	V	\checkmark	\checkmark	N
Fast Frame				\checkmark
Frequency Mask Trigger				\checkmark
Phase Noise measurements				N
DPX Density Trigger				\checkmark
Internal GPS			\checkmark	\checkmark
Playback of recorded files (Option SV56-SVPC)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Playback of recorded files (DataVu-PC)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	N
Tracking generator and return loss, VSWR, cable loss, and distance to fault (Option 04 with SV60- SVPC)		N	\checkmark	

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