

# **Model 2450 SourceMeter®**

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# Version 1.6.7c Firmware Release Notes

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# **General Information**

# Supported models

This firmware is intended for use on the following Keithley Instruments product models:

2450, 2450-NFP, 2450-RACK, 2450-NFP-RACK



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If you are upgrading firmware from v1.0.0i **TO ANY OTHER FIRMWARE REVISION**, it is critical that firmware upgrade be run two times for all firmware components to be upgraded correctly.

Firmware v1.1.0s fixes an issue with the firmware upgrade code inside the 2450 and this requires that the upgrade be performed two times either from the front panel or any remote upgrade process. If you are at firmware revision v1.1.0s or later, then you only need to run firmware upgrade one time.

NOTE: When using Test Script Builder (TSB) to Flash from v1.0.0i, the same requirement applies and the UPGRADE/DOWNGRADE option needs to be run twice.

# Firmware upgrade instructions

NOTE: Do not turn off power or remove the USB flash drive until the upgrade process is complete.

#### From the front panel:

- 1. Copy the firmware upgrade file to a USB flash drive. The file is: ki 2450 v1 6 7c.upg.
- 2. Verify that the upgrade file is in the root subdirectory of the flash drive and that it is the only firmware upgrade file in that location. 2450 firmware files end with the file extension .upg. (for example: ki 2450 v1 6 7c.upg).
- 3. Disconnect any input and output terminals that are attached to the instrument.
- 4. Turn the instrument power off. Wait a few seconds.
- 5. Turn instrument power on.
- 6. Insert the flash drive into the USB port on the front panel of the instrument.
- 7. From the instrument front panel, press the **MENU** key.
- 8. Under System, select Info/Manage.
- 9. Choose an upgrade option:
  - To upgrade to a newer version of firmware: Select **Upgrade to New**.
  - To return to a previous of firmware: Select **Downgrade to Older**.
- 10. If the instrument is controlled remotely, a message is displayed. Select Yes to continue.
- 11. When the upgrade is complete, reboot the instrument.

NOTE: A message is displayed while the upgrade is in progress. Do not remove power until the upgrade message shows complete. It should take less than 7 minutes.

For additional information about upgrading the firmware, refer to the "How do I Upgrade Firmware?" topic in the "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)" section of the Model 2450 Interactive SourceMeter® Instrument Reference Manual (document number: 2450-901-01). This manual is available online at http://www.tek.com/support, Search for "2450 Reference Manual".

# **Upgrade considerations for the Model 2450**

ATTENTION: Once the 2450 is upgraded to v1.2.0f, the unit can NEVER be downgraded to an older firmware version. Subsequent versions of firmware will be able to downgrade back to v1.2.0f but no earlier version.

Upgrade files are available on the Keithley Instruments website (<a href="http://www.tek.com/keithley">http://www.tek.com/keithley</a>). To find firmware files on the Keithley Instruments website:

- 1. Select the **Support** tab.
- 2. Select Find Software, Manuals, FAQs By Model.
- 3. In the model number box, type 2450.
- 4. Select Go.
- 5. Select **Software**. A list of available firmware updates and any available documentation for the instrument is displayed.
- 6. Click the file you want to download.

# Version v1.6.7c Release

#### Overview

Version 1.6.7c is an audited minor release which fixes several different bugs all listed below. RELEASED 12-NOV-2018

#### Critical Fixes

PR61513 Better timer accuracy for times greater than 65 ms.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

Using a constant delay block in a TriggerFlow® takes slightly more time than specified when the delay is greater than 65.5 ms.

#### Resolution:

The delay time before the extra time is seen has been increased to 1.024 seconds.

### PR61508 AR60539

Restore SmartScale® button on graph screen after pan/zoom.

# Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

#### Symptom:

Steps to reproduce:

- 1. View the graph screen.
- 2. Pan or zoom the graph.
- 3. The SmartScale button no longer appears.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NIHK6042 Trigger models hangs with fast NPLC setting.

# Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

## Symptom:

Setting up a TriggerFlow® model using the TSP-Link® trigger lines for synchronization with a fast measurement in a loop can hang waiting for the trigger.

#### Resolution:

NIHK4274 TSP-Link performance improvements.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

TSP-Link connection can generate errors if the unit is performing high sample rate or low NPLC measurements.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# NIHK6106 TSP-Link initialization memory leak.

NIHK6239

# Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

Performing a tsplink.initialize() command would reduce the amount of available memory slightly each time it executed. This occurred because the firmware was not correctly clearing the group leaders which led to extra memory allocation. Eventually this problem can result in an out of memory condition.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# NIHK6320 TSP-Link node number 64 is no longer selectable.

# NIHK6306

# Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

#### Symptom:

Using TSP-Link node number 64 could cause compatibility issues with older TSP-Link products.

# Resolution:

The maximum TSP-Link node number has been limited to 63.

SYS42 Creating a script on a remote TSP-Link node causes a "Node inaccessible" error.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

Steps to reproduce:

- 1. Use tsplink.initialize() to create the TSP-Link network.
- 2. Send the script source to the remote node via the dataqueue node [remoteNode].dataqueue.add(myScript.source)
- 3. Create the script on the remote node
   node[remoteNode].execute(myScript.name ..
  "= script.new(dataqueue.next(), [[" .. myScript.name .."]])")
- 4. The remote node becomes unresponsive and a node inaccessible error is generated.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

SYS535 Using a 2600S, 2600AS, 2600BS, 3706, or a 3706A product as the TSP-Link master results in errors for some commands.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

#### Symptom:

Using a 2600S, 2600AS, 2600BS, 3706, or a 3706A product as the TSP-Link master will generate errors when attempting to use functions or attributes that accept enumeration types.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

NS1131 Sending data to TCP/IP socket is too slow.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

The TCP/IP socket interface can experience long delays before the acknowledge packet is sent from the instrument for large data packets.

# Resolution:

NS1115 Trigger timer does not generate the event at the correct time for long delay settings.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

#### Steps to reproduce:

```
trigger.timer[1].reset()
trigger.timer[1].delay = delay_time
trigger.timer[1].start.generate = trigger.ON
```

The event should be generated immediately but will not be generated if delay\_time is greater than 65.5 ms.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

### PR61512 AR60483

Limit level set incorrectly on function change.

# AR60483 Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models

### Symptom:

The source limit level could be set incorrectly after changing measure function. This can lead to unexpected source limit conditions, depending on the load and other settings

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# NS284 Source range limit checking should generate error on invalid value.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

Setting the source range to a value greater than the maximum value would select the highest range but would not generate an error. For 2450 models, the voltage range maximum value is 210 V and for current it is 1.05 A.

#### Resolution:

NS967 Output is still ON after turning it OFF and output light is off.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

Under certain conditions, creating a configuration list with the output OFF and then recalling it during the execution of a TriggerFlow can result in the output state showing as OFF even when the output is still ON.

# Steps to reproduce:

```
reset()
smu.measure.func = smu.FUNC_DC_CURRENT
smu.measure.configlist.create('mList')
smu.source.configlist.store('mList')
smu.measure.configlist.store('mList')
smu.source.configlist.store('sList')
smu.source.func = smu.FUNC_DC_CURRENT
smu.source.output = smu.ON
trigger.model.load('ConfigList', 'mList', 'sList', 0.1)
trigger.model.initiate()
waitcomplete()
smu.measure.func = smu.FUNC_RESISTANCE
print("Expect OFF, found: "..smu.source.output)
smu.source.output = smu.OFF
print("Expect OFF, found: "..smu.source.output)
```

# Resolution:

# Version v1.6.4c Release

#### Overview

Version 1.6.4c is an audited minor release which fixes a number of different bugs all listed below. RELEASED 23-JUN-2017

## **Critical Fixes**

AR55151	Problem with Abort on Limit. When sweeping voltage, the unit stops prematurely and never reaches the
AR55431	current limit.

AR55767 PR61306

# Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

This bug was introduced with firmware revision v1.6.1a and is fixed with firmware revision v1.6.4c.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# AR55671

Problem with Abort on Limit. Fail warning message 2733 "TM path #1 block #12 ended due to source PR61306 limit exceeded" is displayed even though the true source limit was not reached.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

This bug was introduced with firmware revision v1.6.3d and is fixed with firmware revision v1.6.4c.

#### Resolution:

# Version v1.6.3d Release

#### Overview

Version 1.6.3d is an audited minor release which fixes a number of different bugs all listed below. RELEASED 18-APR-2017

#### **Critical Fixes**

AR54361 PR60339 2450 Measure Configuration Lists do not save Auto Range setting.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

The Auto Range attribute was not being saved correctly when Config Lists were created. Auto Range was always set to "Off".

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# AR54920

Trigger timer does not work correctly for counts > 65535

# AR60477

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

# Symptom:

Before this enhancement, the TTI products had a limit of 65,535 points for the trigger timer. This limit has been increased to 1,048,575 to match how the 26xx products behave. The trigger timer will now work up to 1,048,575 points.

#### Resolution:

This enhancement has been made.

PR60362 Output button cannot turn off the output without a power cycle.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models

# Symptom:

Under certain conditions, when in Ohm Meter mode and changing source values, the instrument will display +0.00000GV or !DispNAN!V and the output button cannot turn off the output without a power cycle.

#### Resolution:

PR60377 ENHANCEMENT: Add firmware version and program counter to blue screen information.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

# Symptom:

Whenever a rare system crash occurs and displays a blue screen, valuable information such as firmware revision and program counter (PC) will be displayed to help pinpoint the exact location of the crash.

#### Resolution:

This enhancement has been made.

PR60504 Trigger model based upon trigger timer sometimes hangs during a long-term test

# Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

# Symptom:

Under certain conditions, creating a trigger model based upon the trigger timer will hang right in the middle of a test that runs for many minutes or longer. This bug was introduced in firmware revision 1.5.0.

#### Resolution:

# Version v1.6.1a Release

# Overview

Version 1.6.1a is a Hot Fix against Service Pack 6 firmware v1.6.0i. Only one critical fix was made and no other changes were introduced.

RELEASED 25-JUL-2016

# **Critical Fixes**

PR59438 HF1: Cannot graph digitizer with track group

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

# Symptom:

When customers enable track groups on the graph, data is either wrong or completely missing. This is especially problematic for graphing digitized data and for Demo mode.

# Resolution:

# Version v1.6.0i Release

#### Overview

Version 1.6.0i is the sixth official firmware upgrade release for the Model 2450. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document. RELEASED 18-JUL-2016

# Compatibility concerns

n/a

#### **Critical Fixes**

PR57905 AR50675

PR57048 Instrument not reliably responding to NI VISA "go to local" function

Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

# Symptom:

Under certain conditions customers are not able to reconnect to the 2450 after remote operation and manually placing the 2450 into local mode.

#### **Resolution:**

This issue has been corrected. The instrument will now go into "local mode" after issuing the "logout" command.

PR58210

Buffer file contains extra NULL values.

# AR52304

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

# Symptom:

When saving a databuffer on the DMM7510 form the internal webpage the databuffer will insert NULL values into the CSV file. When saving a buffer from the front panel of the instrument there are no NULL values inserted for the same data set.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. Extra NULL characters are no longer generated.

PR58329 There are complaints about swipe screen performance.

AR52702

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

#### Symptom:

Most swipe screens appear to move more slowly than in previous firmware revisions.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. Swipe screen action has been restored to previous versions of firmware and has been slightly sped up.

PR58384 Downgrading from firmware revision v1.5.0 to v1.3.0 will cause the unit to reboot unnecessarily.

# AR52713

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

#### Symptom:

When downgrading firmware from v1.5.0 to v1.3.0, a warning message window instructing the user to remove existing scripts will display and then the unit will reboot unconditionally.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected in version v1.6.0 and later. The unit will only reboot if the user proceeds with the downgrade.

# AR52717

PR58469 Pressing the <HOME> button 2 times behavior changes from v1.3.0 to v1.5.0.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

#### Symptom:

Feature definition on FW 1.3.0s or earlier is push HOME key once goes to last swipe screen on the home screen. Pushing HOME key a 2<sup>nd</sup> time takes you back to home swipe on the home screen. FW1.5.0g does not do that 2nd HOME key action.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. Previous behavior has been restored.

PR58719 The trigger model locks up when using a Delay List.

#### AR52324

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

Under certain conditions, when programming one of the timers to use a delay list, the trigger model task 'locks up'. The only remedy is to abort operation and reset the instrument.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR51021 TSP-Link: Inactive nodes are not removed after the next tsplink reset().

# Models affected:

All 2450 models

### Symptom:

The 26xxA/B correctly removes index in the "node" table that are no longer present. On the 2450, a second tsplink reset() does not remove a tsplink node that had its address changed or was reconfigured from the node table after a tsplink reset().

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR56486 Calling tsplink.initialize() under specific conditions can cause slave to lockup.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

Under certain conditions, when connecting 2 or more 2450s, certain scripts will cause the Master SMU to no longer respond over the bus or from the front panel.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR56487 Calling tsplink.initialize() under specific conditions can cause slave to lockup.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

Attempting to initialize TSP-Link using tsplink.initialize() may result in the following error being reported:

TSP-Error 1202: Link initialization failed

One or more of the slave instruments may lockup.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR56812 TTI Instruments do not work well when TSP-Linked to a Model 26xx.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

# Symptom:

When hooking up (4) 26xx-X SMUs to each other in series (one of which is the master) and then putting a TTI Instrument on the end, the box will lock up after the 3rd tsplink.reset(). The problem gets worse if you start hooking instruments in parallel.

#### Resolution:

PR57761 TSP-Link node at address 64 error when using "enum" eg. trigger.EVENT\_DISPLAY.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

TSP-Link enum sharing was not properly accounting for 1-based node numbers when generating bit masks. Therefore, node 64 would get completely shifted away and become zero.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# PR58964 Timing problem with Autoexec scripts.

# Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

# Symptom:

Certain scripts that have been designated as 'default' or Autoexec scripts will start running before the system has completely booted up. This may cause the Autoexec script to get skipped and not executed at all upon first boot up.

# Resolution:

# **Enhancements**

#### PR56495 Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

#### **Enhancement:**

When turning on REL, the units on the graph should not change. This behavior has been implemented.

#### PR58734 Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

#### **Enhancement:**

The reading tables have been enhanced to visually differentiate between OVERFLOW and LIMITS. Overflow readings will now be set to RED TEXT and Limits will be set to YELLOW TEXT.

# **Noncritical Fixes**

PR58864 Swipe screen content disappears after pressing the home key on large reading screen.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models, 2460 models, 2461 models, 7510 models

# Symptom:

Under certain sequences of events, after minimizing the default swipe screen and then pressing the HOME button, certain content on the swipe screen will be missing.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

#### **Known issues**

n/a

# Version v1.5.0g Release

#### Overview

Version 1.5.0g is the fifth official firmware upgrade release for the Model 2450. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document.

RELEASED 11-MAR-2016

# Compatibility concerns

Firmware revision v1.5.0g can be installed on any vintage 2450. After upgrading to v1.5.0g, be advised that in order to downgrade back to previous versions of firmware, you MUST archive and remove all saved scripts before the downgrade will be allowed.

# **Critical Fixes**

PR56630 AR50775

PR56630 Problem with Trigger Model not waiting.

Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

Under certain conditions when an SMU is connected to a digitizing instrument (2461 or DMM7510) the digitizer will start digitizing before the trigger has been sent to start it.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57147

Generating Sweep parameters does not save correctly in the Config List.

AR51367

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

When creating a new Source Config List and then immediately saving this Config List to a script, the instrument will hang.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57991 AR52304 Hardware is in the wrong state at boot up.

# Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

From initial boot-up and factory default settings, if you have the 2450 force 1 volt into  $1G\Omega$ , we expect 1nA of current. But instead 2450 reports only 0.100 nA. If one configures the instrument to force current (1nA) and measure voltage, the expected 1 volt is measured. Thereafter, returning to force 1V and measure current will yield the expected 1nA value. This issue can be observed from both the front and rear terminals.

Resolution: This issue has been corrected. The 2450 now boots up into the exact desired state.

PR56931 Throw an error is auto-range low is set and the source and measure function match.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

Certain command sequences will cause the SMU to display an error and this error is not consistent between the 2450, 2460, and 2461.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected and the error message between the 2450, 2460, and 2461 now match.

PR56942 Sort binning template's constant limit blocks are jumping to the wrong blocks.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

When the SortBinning template was originally ported to the 2450, it correctly moved the notify block for external output. However, it did not correctly renumber the constant limit block's branch to block value.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# PR56964 Virtual front panel scrolling issue.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

When using the virtual front panel, the user is unable to scroll up and down in the system settings menu. Using the web interface, the user should be allowed to at least scroll through the system settings.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57014 Memory corruption when using a Config List over 60,000 indexes.

# Models affected:

All 2450 models

### Symptom:

When creating a Config List of greater than 60,000 indexes, when trying to retrieve values above index 60,000, the wrong index was retrieved and the number of indexes over-flowed.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. The maximum number of indexes is correctly supported up to 1,000,000.

PR57059 Limit is wrongly reported after a range change.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

Under certain conditions, the Limit indicator is on in error. This was likely to occur when sourcing voltages at or very close to the source limit and sourcing into an OPEN and changing the measure range to a higher range.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57207 Incorrect source value after using OCOMP ohms.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

Under certain conditions, after running OCOMP ohms and immediately switching ranges while digitizing, an incorrect source value is returned.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57265 Certain scripts cause error code 5093 "Cannot change the source function, range, level, or limit when using the Resistance measure function."

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

Certain scripts cause the "createconfigscript()" function to put a source function call after the measure resistance function.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR57512 Cursor statistics don't display if x1 > x2.

# Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

Notice that the stats are displayed as long as x2 is to the right of x1. As soon as they cross, hash marks are displayed for all stats.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

#### **Enhancements**

#### No PR Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

The behavior of the command <code>display.waitevent()</code> has changed. When the example below is run, a dialog will be shown. If Yes or No is not pressed within 1 second, then <code>display.waitevent()</code> will time out. The <code>buttonId</code> will now contain <code>display.BUTTON\_SELF</code> instead of 0 (zero). It will also return <code>display.BUTTON</code> <code>SELF</code> if the prompt is removed with <code>display.delete()</code>.

```
display.prompt(display.BUTTONS_YESNO, "Press Yes or No...")
objectID, buttonId = display.waitevent(1)
```

#### PR57905 AR50675

# PR57905 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Add a command to put the instrument into LOCAL mode.

The command logout can be used to log out of remote mode and force the instrument into LOCAL mode. This command was previously failing in certain situations. This command is now fully supported.

# **Noncritical Fixes**

n/a

#### Known issues

n/a

# Version v1.3.0s Release

#### Overview

Version 1.3.0s is the fourth official firmware upgrade release for the Model 2450. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document.

RELEASED 10-JUN-2015

# Compatibility concerns

Firmware revision v1.3.0s can be installed on any vintage 2450.

Active Buffer Behavior Starting with v1.3.0s, the behavior of the Active Buffer has changed. Prior to v1.3.0s, the Active Buffer was always <u>defbuffer1</u> by default. Now with v1.3.0s, the Active Buffer will be the most recently created or selected buffer. Additionally, while graphing data, when a user creates or selects a new buffer, that data will automatically be graphed. This feature can be disabled by manually selecting another trace and deleting (if desired) the active trace. The user can also just select a different buffer.

#### **Critical Fixes**

PR50999 Need better indication when unit is in continuous trigger mode when set to 10PLC and 100 count repeat AR39793 filter

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

During some types of measurements the 2450 will appear to be stuck with no activity. The solution is to add an animated indicator to show that measurements are still taking place and the 2450 is active.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. There is now an active indicator for continuous readings, even when the reading will be coming in very slowly, the indicator displays that the test is still running.

PR51112 AR39909

USBTMC: Error returned every other time status byte requested via USB

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

This issue was discovered after writing a Status Byte routine in LabVIEW™ which enables the user to query the status byte in a loop. Every other time STB was requested, an error was returned.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR51359

Resistor Sorting Trigger Model Example Incorrect

AR40280

Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

The examples which are explained on page 3-78 in 2450 Reference Manual (2450-901-01 Rev. B / September 2013) are wrong.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. All diagrams and coding examples have been updated and verified.

# PR51544 AR40577

Y-Axis units on the graph do not update properly when changing functions

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

### Symptom:

When graphing measurements as a function of time, and then you change functions (say from resistance to current), the units do not update properly on the Y-axis unless you go to one of the tabs on screen and then go back to the Graph or if the unit auto scales.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

### PR51545 AR40578

Unit intermittently hangs up when pressing the HOME key from the Graph Page

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Models affected: All 2450 models

# Symptom:

Intermittently when on the Graph page and then pressing the HOME key, the unit will hang up and must be rebooted.

# Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# PR55123

Autoexec script cannot be aborted

# AR42424

Models affected: All 2450 models

# Symptom:

If there is a problem with any script that has been set to run automatically at power up (autoexec), it cannot be aborted.

# Resolution:

PR55188 :READ? Query always returns the last reading at the end of the continuous butter.

#### AR42592

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

For example, if a basic measurement is set up to defbuffer1 (size 10000) and then takes 11000 readings, the last 1000 readings will all return the same value. This should act as a circular buffer.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# PR55281

Problem with certain trigger block configurations

# AR42407

# Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

If setting several Notify Blocks with Line#1 as PASS signal trigger, Line#2 as FAIL signal trigger, and Line#4 as EOT signal trigger, for example, in the TriggerFlow, you will find any single Notify Block with Line#X would give out trigger out signals on Line#1,#2,#4 in the same time.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR55600 \*TRG command trigger source does not work in SCPI mode trigger model.

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

Using a trigger model .wait block with the command event in SCPI does not work when \*TRG is sent. Instead, it generates the following error ==> Error 2713 - "No trigger model engine available".

#### Resolution:

This issue has been resolved. Now, the \*TRG command will satisfy the wait block when sent if waiting for a command event.

### PR55867 AR43082

1uA Current Source error when using Config List

# Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

Under a very specific sequence of events, setting the Source Config List source value to 1.0uA will revert to 0uA after pressing the Trigger button on the front panel.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR56135 AR50078 QuickSet Performance Setting does not work on fastest setting

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

On the QuickSet Menu, when editing the Performance Slide bar, if you choose the fastest speed, the dial indicates a speed of ~1700/sec. However, the actual speed is only 10/sec no matter how much the other settings are optimized. The only way to achieve this speed is to create a simple trigger model configuration that sources, measures, and loops back continuously, then manually set NPLC to .01, turn auto ranging for source and measure off, and set source delay to 0.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected and the Performance Slide bar works correctly for all settings.

#### **Enhancements**

#### **GENERAL Models affected:**

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

A number of improvements have been made to the overall Graphical User Interface as follows:

- 1. Screen Colors: All screen colors have been modified for better contrast and easier readability.
- 2. <u>Pinch-to-Zoom Performance:</u> Throughout the user interface, the "Pinch-to-zoom" touch screen motion has been improved and is more responsive.
- 3. <u>Improve Swiping:</u>
  - The swipe user interface gesturing has been dramatically improved and is more responsive.
  - b. Added Vertical Swiping in various screens in the GUI.
  - c. Horizontal swiping has been made more smooth and is consistent with Vertical Swiping.
  - d. "Fling" swiping has been implemented where faster swiping actions result in rapid scrolling followed by decay based on the velocity of the "fling."
  - e. Swipe Down on the Home screen will display larger readings.
- 4. <u>Tabs and Buttons</u>: Throughout the user interface multiple data display options have been made available through tabs (header bars) with swipe screen indicators to show how many options are available and which display tab is active.



- 5. Graphing:
  - a. New Auto Scale Options (X-Axis) → Track Latest, Track Group
  - b. New Auto Scale Options (Y-Axis) → y-swim lanes, y-shared, y-per trace
  - c. Multi-Trace Line Plots
  - d. Multi-Trace Scatter Plots
  - e. Various refresh and performance improvements
- 6. Histogram:
  - a. New Auto-Scale, Auto-Bin, and Fit

- b. Smartscale choose best scaling option
- Various refresh and performance improvements
- 7. TTI Synchronization: All Touch, Test, Invent® Keithley Models including the 2450, 2460, and 7510 have been carefully updated so that they are all consistent in look, feel, and general navigation.
- 8. Updated Reading Table: Added new reading table features and a new Reading Preview Graph. Please see the Reference Manual for further details.



PR50885 AR39690

# Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Add a direct shortcut from the HOME view measurement line to the measurement settings menu.

A shortcut icon has been added to the swipe bar on the HOME source/measurement tab.



PR51356 Models aff AR40325

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Add a CLEAR or ENTER parameter to the WAIT block of the trigger model.

The CLEAR of ENTER or NEVER was added the WAIT block on the trigger screen.

#### PR53815 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Add a :TRIGger: LOAD command that takes a template name as a first argument

### Old Command

#### **New Command**

```
:TRIGger:LOAD:EMPTY :TRIGger:LOAD "Empty"
:TRIGger:LOAD:CONFiguration:LIST :TRIGger:LOAD "ConfigList", <parameter list as before>
:TRIGger:LOAD:TRIGger:EXTernal :TRIGger:LOAD "LogicTrigger", <parameter list as before>
:TRIGger:LOAD:LOOP:SIMPle :TRIGger:LOAD "SimpleLoop", <parameter list as before>
:TRIGger:LOAD:LOOP:DURation :TRIGger:LOAD "DurationLoop", <parameter list as before>
<not present> :TRIGger:LOAD "LoopUntilEvent", <parameter list as before>
<not present> :TRIGger:LOAD "GradeBinning", <parameter list as before>
<not present> :TRIGger:LOAD "SortBinning", <parameter list as before>
```

#### Example:

#### before:

```
:TRIGger:LOAD:LOOP:DURation <duration>, <delay>, "<reading buffer>"
```

#### after:

```
:TRIGger:LOAD <duration>. <delay>, "<readingBuffer>"
```

#### **Usage Notes:**

- o The template name is not case-sensitive
- The template name needs to be in quotes
- o This makes the SCPI command more like the TSP equivalent trigger model.load() command
- See the Reference Manual for more details

#### PR55190 AR42567

#### PR55190 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Change the Voltmeter default source range from 10uA to 10mA.

It order to speed things up, and to better measure voltages on more inductive loads, the default source range for the Voltmeter QuickSet has been changed from 10uA to 10mA.

#### PR56127 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Add an API command to mark the start of a group for writable buffers.

A status optional parameter has been added to the following TSP and SCPI commands:

# **SCPI**

```
TRACe:WRITe:READing <standard writable reading buffer>, <reading value>,
  [<time sec>, <time nsec>, [<status>]]

TRACe:WRITe:READing <full writable reading buffer>, <reading value>,
  <extra value>, [<time sec>, <time nsec>, [<status>]]

TSP

buffer.write.reading(<standard writable reading buffer>, <reading value>,
  [<time sec>, <time nsec>], [<status>])
```

```
buffer.write.reading(<full writable reading buffer>, <reading value>,
<extra value>, [<time sec>, <time nsec>],[<status>])
```

The optional status parameter indicates if the reading being added is start of group for plotting on the graph. The default is 0. Set this to 0 if not start of group or set to 256 if start of group. This parameter only accepts 0 or 256 - any other value generates an error. For TSP, buffer.STAT\_START\_GROUP can be used to set it. You would set status to 256 to help graph a family of curve traces on the graph.

# **Noncritical Fixes**

# PR50249 Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

GPIB: The SRQ annunciator does not get lit for GPIB, works ok for USB and VXI-11.

# Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# PR50426 Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

Clearing Limit 2 will clear the Limit 1 annunciator on the display instead of the Limit 2 annunciator.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# **Known issues**

# Version v1.2.0f Release

### Overview

Version 1.2.0f is the third official firmware upgrade release for the Model 2450. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document. **RELEASED 7-JAN-2015** 

# **Compatibility concerns**

Firmware revision v1.2.0f can be installed on any vintage 2450.

# **Critical Fixes**

PR51382

#### AR40324 Models affected:

All 2450 models

### Symptom:

The limit values in trigger.BLOCK\_BRANCH\_LIMIT\_CONSTANT are saved incorrectly in the Create Config operation.

Under certain conditions, limit values are saved as zero.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

AR40457

Models affected:

PR51440 PR51987

All 2450 models, SCPI2400 mode only

# Symptom:

Source Memory Sweep does not work properly when Source Auto Clear is enabled.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# AR40488 Models affected:

AR40573 AR40575

All 2450 models

PR51449

# Symptom:

Calibration date is set to 03/16/1996 after updating from v1.0.0i to v1.1.0s. This is due to the fact that a new field was added between v1.0.0i and v1.1.0s and the new field was not initialized properly.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected and Calibration Date will be set to the old Calibration Adjust Date if not already initialized.

# AR40579

# Models affected:

PR51546 All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

Black bars appear across the bottom of the screen capture image.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# AR40591

#### Models affected:

# PR51537

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

When capturing multiple screen shots in succession, the following error would sometimes occur.

2350 Internal: SPLAT! drop packet to input queue

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

#### AR41514

#### Models affected:

PR52399

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

VISA Device Clear over USB sometimes causes timeout and data loss.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# AR41552

# Models affected:

#### PR52941

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

Under certain test setups, \*RST (and front panel reset) will cause voltage spike at the output.

# Resolution:

Voltage spikes after \*RST (and front panel reset) have been greatly reduced.

# AR41757

# Models affected:

### PR53544 PR54481

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

When sourcing current on the 100mA range or lower, and the instrument ranges up to the 1A range, the source value may be incorrectly rounded.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

### AR42086 PR54659

# AR42086 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

When source read-back is turned off, the programmed source values are returned. If the programmed values are less than 1 volt, the returned values are incorrect due to rounding problems.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

# **Enhancements**

#### PR48621 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Implement and document procedure for Clearing Memory and Data Sterilization for the Model 2450. This document can be requested from the Keithley Instruments Quality team.

# PR53367 Models affected:

All 2450 models

### **Enhancement:**

Add SCPI equivalent for trigger.LOG\_WARN\_ABORT.

```
added ABORt as the equivalent
```

```
trig:bloc:log:even 1, abort, "abort message"
```

trig:bloc:list?

LOG EVENT EVENT: # 2733 MESSAGE: "abort message"

#### **Noncritical Fixes**

#### PR50249 Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

GPIB: The SRQ annunciator does not get lit for GPIB, works ok for USB and VXI-11.

#### **Resolution:**

This issue has been corrected.

#### PR50426 Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

Clearing Limit 2 will clear the Limit 1 annunciator on the display instead of the Limit 2 annunciator.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

#### PR51390 Models affected:

All 2450 models

# Symptom:

The command

```
value = display.input.prompt(display.BUTTONS_YESNO, "Do you want to
continue?")
```

will cause the variable "value" to return nil.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

#### PR51807 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

Some measure attributes are not saved in the Measure Configuration List.

smu.measure.configlist.recall() does not restore the following attributes:

- Display digits
- Limit auto clear
- Math percent
- User delay (1 through 5)

If the filter is not enabled, the following attributes are not restored:

- Filter count
- Filter type

If relative offset is not enabled, the following attribute is not restored:

- Relative offset value

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

#### PR54651 Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

Changing the measure range low setting (used for auto-range) could result in incorrect operation if the range is higher than the active measure range.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

## **Known issues**

N/A

## Version v1.1.0s Release

### Overview

Version 1.1.0s is the second official firmware upgrade release for the Model 2450. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document.

RELEASED 14-FEB-2014

## Compatibility concerns

This version of firmware cannot be installed on newer 2450 systems. Also, once any system is updated to firmware revision v1.2.0f or later, firmware version v1.0.0s can NEVER be installed again.

## **Critical Fixes**

PR50333 AR39747

#### PR50333 Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

2450 should not measure resistance with output off.

Because resistance measurements are dependent on the current or voltage source, resistance measurements with the source off are meaningless and will be confusing to the user.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. Once the output has been turned on/off once, the 2450 will display UNAVL (unavailable) in the upper right corner and the measurement fields will display dashes.

PR50703

#### Models affected:

AR39206 All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

The graph shows voltage drop as current instead of current when sourcing current and then selecting source as the Y-axis.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

PR50704 AR39257

#### PR50704 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

When certain sequences of SCPI commands using the :TRIG:LOAD:LOOP command were sent, the 2450 would throw a Fatal System Error requiring a 2450 power cycle to recover.

## Resolution:

### PR50750 AR39364

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

When setting up a source configuration list, in some cases the source configuration list screen on the front panel GUI will show a source limit value of "None" if a config list point is selected.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

## PR50860 AR39658

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

When zooming in on the graph, the magnitude of the data changes incorrectly. Sometimes the actual graph area of interest will scroll out of sight.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. The overall graph zooming capability has been dramatically improved.

# AR39795

## PR50998 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

In certain cases, when setting up a Dual Sweep, the last point of the Source Configuration List is incorrect.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

#### PR51005 Models affected:

AR39859

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

There was an inconsistency in the \*CLS command behavior with SCPI and 2400SCPI modes. In SCPI and 2400SCPI modes, the Output Queue was not always cleared properly. In TSP mode, the command sometimes returned Error Code -410 Query Interrupted or Error Code -420 Query Unterminated.

### Resolution:

# AR39957

## PR51046 Models affected:

All 2450 models

### Symptom:

When a Source Configuration List is generated in the TriggerFlow Model, everything works OK. When the Source Configuration List is saved and then recalled, the 2450 sometimes returns the Error Code -221 Conflict Error because the Currrent Range of all of the Source Points is always saved to the 100uA range.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

#### PR51263 Models affected:

AR40267

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

Sometimes, the Abort on Source Limit setting does not work when the 2450 performs Voltage Sweeping and reaches the Source Limit.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

## PR51051

## AR40159

#### Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

Extra Current Steps occur between Current Source Range transitions when using the Source Configuration List.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

#### PR51186 Models affected:

AR39968

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

2450 crashes after long period of time running through LabVIEW™.

## Resolution:

## **Enhancements**

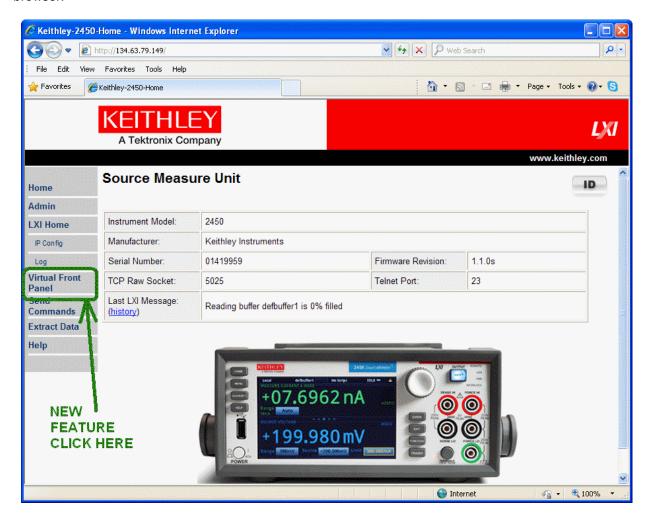
#### PR50774 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Implement new Virtual Front Panel capability.

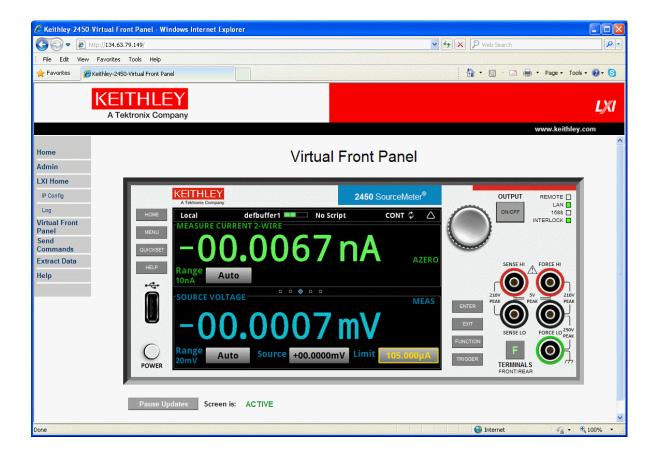
To access the new Virtual Front Panel, access the 2450 through Ethernet using your favorite Internet browser.



When asked for a Username and Password: enter the Username and Password for that particular 2450. The default Username is admin and the default Password is admin.



An example of the 2450 Virtual Front Panel is shown below. Users can use their mouse from a standard PC to control the instrument. Users can also use touch screens from most touch screen devices that can access the 2450 IP address.



## PR50906 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

2450 Quick Start Guide, User Manual, and Reference Manuals have all been updated.

The 2450 Release Notes for Firmware Revision v1.1.0s have also been updated and are available at the Keithley Instruments, Inc. website.

Click Here → http://www.keithley.com/products/dcac/currentvoltage/2450smu/?path=2450/Documents

#### PR50231 Models affected:

All 2450 models

### **Enhancement:**

Implement and document procedure for Customer onsite Calibration of Model 2450.

This capability is scheduled to be available late Q1'2014. Please check back at <a href="www.keithley.com">www.keithley.com</a> for updates in early April 2014.

#### PR48744 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Provide capability for customers to save screen capture files from the front panel to the USB Flash Drive.

This capability is documented in Rev-C of the 2450 Reference Manual in Section 2 Page 44 (2-44).

In short, with a valid USB Flash Drive inserted into the front USB port of the 2450, press the <HOME> and <ENTER> keys simultaneously and the current screen image will be saved to the USB Flash Drive.

#### PR50657 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

The maximum number of characters allowed for naming a Reading Buffer on the front panel GUI was 18 characters. The bus commands allow up to 32 characters. The GUI maximum number of characters has been updated to 32 to match the bus command limit.

#### PR50662 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Add a password verification method to the 2450 GUI.

When changing the 2450 system password, the user will be prompted to enter the password a second time. The second entry will be used to verify that the first and second passwords match and that the intended password has indeed been entered. If the two passwords do not match, an error dialog is displayed and the users is instructed to try again.

#### PR50758 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

Scripts can be written in TSB and downloaded to the model 2450. However, scripts do not enable the user to input values from the front panel. The 26xx family of SMUs allows users to input values into their scripts real time.

Starting with firmware revision v1.1.0s, functionality has been added to the 2450 that allows users to input values into the scripts real-time from the front panel.

The new commands are as follows:

```
display.input.number()
display.input.option()
display.input.prompt()
display.input.string()
```

These commands are documented in Rev-C of the 2450 Reference Manual in Section 8 Page 51 (8-51).

## PR50866 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

The 2450 System Information window has been updated to show calibration adjustments vs. calibration without adjustment dates. The System Information window now presents these dates as follows.

Adjust Date 11/19/2013

Adjust Count 1

Calibration Date 4/17/2014

## PR50876 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

The behavior of the \*LANG? command on the 2450 has been changed as follows.

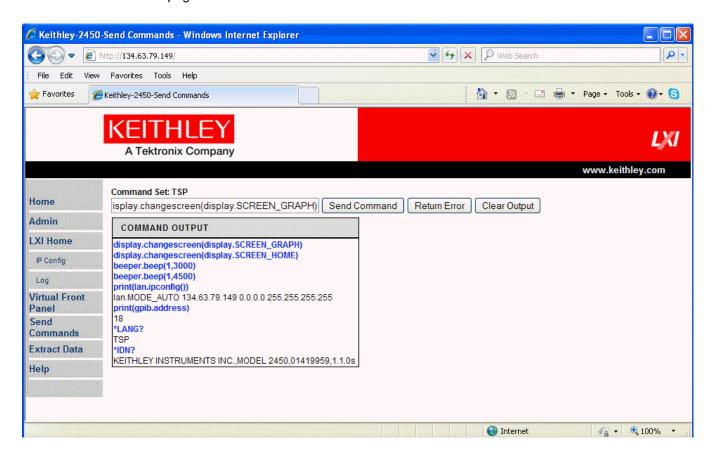
Sending the query \*LANG? over a non-controlling interface will no longer change the interface control of the unit. For example, if the unit is under local control, then sending the \*LANG? over Telnet, USB, or GPIB will leave the unit under local control. This was done in order for KickStart (or any other remote control software) to query connected/accessible instruments without resetting them or changing or disturbing the current trigger model.

## PR51248 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

The 2450 built-in webpage has been enhanced to show a historical list of commands recently sent to the instrument. This new COMMAND OUTPUT window has been added to the Send Commands section of the webpage.



## PR51249 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### **Enhancement:**

The 2450 built-in webpage has been enhanced. A new button "Return Error" has been added to allow users to easily query the last unread error number and error message. This new functionality works in both TSP and SCPI modes.

#### **Noncritical Fixes**

#### PR50285 Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

On the Manage Scripts window, the Left Arrow and Delete buttons remain enabled and active even after a USB Flash Drive has been removed from the instrument.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

#### PR50404 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

TSP-Link reset or initialization may consistently fail on some 2450 units. The unit being reset may ignore the reset, stop responding to bus commands, and/or display "Slave" in the Communication Status Indicator.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

## PR50670 Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

The LAN Reset button on the back of the 2450 failed to reset the system password.

### **Resolution:**

This issue has been corrected and the system password is reset to the default, admin.

## PR50772 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

Offset Compensation for SVMI (ohms) and Offset Compensation for SIVM (ohms) did not perform the offset measurement correctly.

## Resolution:

## PR50785 Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

On the TriggerFlow Screen, the default Bit Pattern and Bit Mask show 255. Since there are only 6 trigger lines on the 2450, the maximum Bit Pattern should be no more than 63.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. The maximum value for Bit Pattern is now 63. The maximum value for Bit Mask remains 255.

#### PR50786 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

Digital I/O Trigger blocks behavior functionality was not correct.

#### Resolution:

For Digital I/O Trigger blocks, as the mask setting changes, any bits that are set to 1 will have the corresponding Digital I/O line set to Digital I/O Output Mode. For bits set to 0, those corresponding Digital I/O line modes remain unchanged.

## PR50899 Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

The default value for Source Current Range displayed on the front panel does not match the actual Source Current Range value.

#### Resolution:

The default Current Source Range is now 10nA in (2450) SCPI mode.

#### PR50903 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

Source Current and Source Voltage Levels have incorrect Min and Max Values. : SOURce[1]:CURRent[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] reports that the minimum acceptable value is -1.00 and maximum is 1.00 when they should be -1.05 and 1.05, respectively.

#### Resolution:

## PR50979 Models affected:

All 2450 models

#### Symptom:

If a Sweep Function encounters a Source Limit Value Event, the Source will not turn off.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected. The 2450 will now automatically turn off the Source Output if a Source Limit Event occurs.

### PR51033 Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

Sending \*IDN? over USB TMC causes the unit to switch into USBTMC control instead of staying with the current active interface. It also puts the trigger model back into IDLE mode.

#### Resolution:

This issue has been corrected.

## PR51205 Models affected:

All 2450 models

## Symptom:

ICL command "display.changescreen()" can lock up after the command "reset()" is called over and over again.

#### Resolution:

#### **Known issues**

PR48636 Model 2450 does not respect a USB Flash drive file that is read only.

#### Models affected:

2450

## Symptom:

The 2450 will write over read-only files on flash drives. For example, if the 2450 attempts to write to file aaa.txt and aaa.txt is marked read-only, the 2450 will rewrite file aaa.txt without warning. This problem does NOT suggest the 2450 randomly overwrites arbitrary files on a flash drive.

#### Workaround:

There is no known workaround for this issue at this time.

PR49308 trigger.BLOCK BRANCH COUNTER loop without a measure or delay block appears to hang.

**SCPI**: :TRIGger:BLOCk:BRANch:COUNter

TSP: trigger.model.setblock() with trigger.BLOCK BRANCH COUNTER

#### Models affected:

2450

## Symptom:

When running a tight trigger loop without a measurement or delay in the sequence, the 2450 will be unresponsive until the loop ends.

#### Workaround:

Add any measurement or short delay in the trigger loop and the 2450 will perform normally. A future firmware release will work around this problem automatically.

## Version v1.0.0i Release

#### Overview

Version 1.0.0i is the initial firmware release for the Model 2450. No fixes are listed since this is the very first firmware release. Known Issues, Usage Notes, and Upcoming Enhancements are listed below in this document. RELEASED 31-JUL-2013

## Compatibility concerns

This version of firmware cannot be installed on newer 2450 systems. Also, once any system is updated to firmware revision v1.2.0f or later, firmware version v1.0.0i can NEVER be installed again.

#### Critical fixes

N/A

#### **Enhancements**

N/A

#### Noncritical fixes

N/A

#### Known issues

PR48636 Model 2450 does not respect a USB Flash drive that is read only.

#### Models affected:

2450

## Symptom:

The 2450 will write over read-only files on flash drives. Specifically, if the 2450 attempts to write to file aaa.txt and aaa.txt is marked read-only, the 2450 will rewrite file aaa.txt without warning. This problem does NOT suggest the 2450 randomly overwrites arbitrary files on a flash drive.

#### Workaround:

There is no known workaround for this issue at this time.

PR49308 Trigger.BLOCK BRANCH COUNTER loop without a measure or delay block causes hang.

**SCPI**: :TRIGger:BLOCk:BRANch:COUNter

TSP: trigger.model.setblock() with trigger.BLOCK BRANCH COUNTER

#### Models affected:

2450

## Symptom:

When running a tight trigger loop without a measurement or delay in the sequence, the 2450 will be unresponsive until the loop ends.

#### Workaround:

Simply add any measurement or short delay in the trigger loop and the 2450 will perform normally. A future firmware release will work around this problem automatically.

PR49812 MANUAL: Better explanation of sweep delay needed.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

## Symptom:

Recent changes to the sweep commands did not get added to the 2450 Reference Manual in time for first release.

#### Workaround:

The sweep commands accept a delay setting of 0 for no delay, -1 for auto delay (excluding the list command), or constant value between 50 us and 10000 s.

#### The TSP sweep commands are:

```
smu.source.sweeplinear()
smu.source.sweeplinearstep()
smu.source.sweeplist()
smu.source.sweeplog().
```

## The SCPI sweep commands are:

```
:SOURce[1]:SWEep:<function>:LINear
:SOURce[1]:SWEep:<function>:LINear:STEP
:SOURce[1]:SWEep:<function>:LIST
:SOURce[1]:SWEep:<function>:LOG
```

For smu.source.sweeplist() and :SOURce[1]:SWEep:<function>:LIST, the delay setting configures a constant delay trigger block in the trigger model.

A delay of zero omits the trigger block.

The configuration list delay settings act independently of the delay specified in the command. Therefore, a double delay may result by utilizing both.

The next version of the 2450 Reference Manual will be updated.

PR49835 Recalling measure configuration list causes error 823.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

#### Symptom:

When recalling the measure configuration list before the source configuration list, the error code 823 may be displayed.

#### Workaround:

When recalling both source and measure configuration lists, always recall the source configuration list before the measure. This order ensures that dependencies between source and measure settings will be properly handled.

PR49885 MANUAL: Source delay is incorrect for default settings and resistance measure function.

**SCPI**: :SOURce[1]:<function>:DELay

TSP: smu.source.delay

#### Models affected:

All 2450

## Symptom:

In the 2450 Reference Manual, the documentation for the command smu.source.delay claims the default setting is .001. This is NOT TRUE. There is no default value for the command smu.source.delay and if queried without being set, will return the last auto delay setting.

The manual also states "If you turn auto delay back on, the programmed source delay value is added to the auto delay time." This is also incorrect.

#### Workaround:

Make sure to set an initial value for smu.source.delay.

The next version of the 2450 Reference Manual will be corrected.

PR49892 Changes to the Reference Manual.

## Models affected:

All 2450

## Symptom:

A number of miscellaneous late changes were not added in time to Rev-A revision of the 2450 Reference Manual. Some of the key issues have been documented here.

A) The following commands have been removed from the product:

SCPI: SYSTem:BEEPer:STATe TSP: beeper.enable

These commands have been used in various places in the manual and in documented examples. These references will be removed in the next revision of the manual. No substitute commands have been provided.

- B) Digital I/O behavior:
  - a. For digital I/O lines, changing the line mode to input will set the line state high.
  - b. For digital I/O lines, changing the line mode to output will set the line state low.
  - c. When configuring digital I/O, the output side of the line should be configured before the input side to avoid a false input trigger detection

- C) Using the reset() command:
  - a. On page 3-125 in the Reference Manual, the following NOTE is INCORRECT. The command tsplink.initialize() DOES change the states of the individual nodes in the system.

## NOTE

Using the reset() command in a TSP-Link network differs from using the tsplink.reset() or tsplink.initialize() command. The tsplink.reset() or tsplink.initialize() command reinitializes the TSP-Link network, but does not change the state of the individual nodes in the system.

- D) Resistance Mode Changes: Auto Ohms vs. Manual Ohms:
  - a. Significant changes were made to the way resistance mode was documented in Revision A of the 2450 Reference Manual. Below is a summary of differences in the Reference Manual vs. the actual implementation. The Reference Manual will be updated to reflect these changes in Revision B of the 2450 Reference Manual. Sections affected are 2-91, 6-46, 8-116, and 9-14.
  - b. The term "Auto Ohms" has been removed from the user interface. The user interface now presents "Ohmmeter" as a One-Touch Quick Setup (see diagram below).
  - c. The term "Manual Ohms" has been removed from the user interface. The user interface now presents "Resistance" as a Measure function vs. Voltage or Current Source (see diagram below).
  - d. The following commands have been eliminated
    - i. [SENSe[1]]:RESistance:MODe AUTO | MANual (SCPI, section 6-46)
    - ii. smu.measure.resistancemode = smu.RESISTANCE\_AUTO or smu.RESISTANCE MANUAL (TSP, section 8-116)
  - e. The following existing commands have a new argument as follows
    - i. [SENSe[1]]:<function>:UNIT WATT | OHM | VOLT | AMP
       (section 6)
    - ii. smu.measure.unit = <WATT> <OHM> <VOLT> <AMP>
  - f. New TSP Command Usage:
    - i. "Manual Ohms" → Measures resistance by sourcing voltage, measuring current, and calculating the resistance reading.
      - smu.source.func = smu.FUNC\_DC\_VOLTAGE
      - smu.measure.func = smu.FUNC DC CURRENT
      - smu.measure.unit = smu.UNIT\_OHM

#### OR

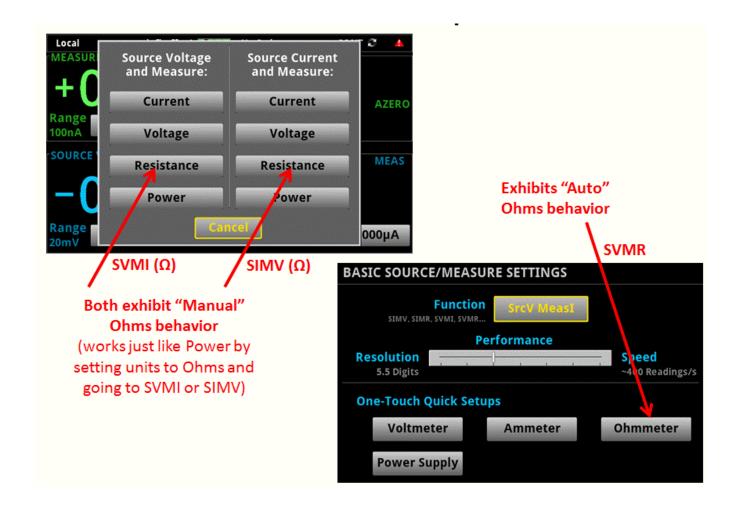
- smu.source.func = smu.FUNC\_DC\_CURRENT
- smu.voltage.func = smu.FUNC DC VOLTAGE
- smu.measure.unit = smu.UNIT OHM
- ii. "Auto Ohms" → Measures resistance by sourcing current, measuring voltage, and calculating the resistance reading. In this case, the source current and source limit are automatically calculated and set.
  - smu.measure.func = smu.FUNC\_RESISTANCE

- g. New SCPI Command Usage:
  - i. "Manual Ohms" (see definition above)
    - SOURce: FUNC VOLTage
    - [SENSe[1]]:FUNC "CURRent"
    - [SENSe[1]]:CURRent:UNIT OHM

#### OR

- SOURce: FUNC CURRent
- [SENSe[1]]:FUNC "VOLTage"
- [SENSe[1]]:VOLTage:UNIT OHM
- ii. "Auto Ohms" (see definition above)
  - [SENSe[1]]:FUNC "RESistance"
- h. Front panel user interface setting of Manual vs. Auto Ohms measurements

<see the following figure for details>



PR49955 Cannot repeatedly reconnect with LAN triggers.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

#### Symptom:

Certain scripts (where LAN connections are quickly and repeatedly disconnected and reconnected in rapid succession) may cause a failed connection.

#### Workaround:

Due to limited socket resources, the safest rate of making LAN connections is 1 connection per second. If there is need for more than one LAN connection per second, the total number of socket resources available is approximately 180, and after a socket is closed, it will take 2 minutes to become available again.

PR50042 MANUAL: TSP-Link mode command only supports open drain.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

## Symptom:

In the 2450 Reference Manual, the documentation erroneously states that the TSP command tsplink.line[N].mode accepts the following parameters:

```
tsplink.MODE_DIGITAL_IN
tsplink.MODE_DIGITAL_OUT
tsplink.MODE_TRIGGER_IN
tsplink.MODE_TRIGGER_OUT
```

## Workaround:

Do not use the parameters listed above in the command tsplink.line[N].

The next version of the 2450 Reference Manual will be corrected.

PR50188 MANUAL: The source sweep list function does not support smu.DELAY AUTO.

### Models affected:

All 2450

#### Symptom:

In the 2450 Reference Manual, the documentation incorrectly states that the source sweep list function supports the setting smu.DELAY AUTO.

#### Workaround:

Do not use the setting -1 for delay in the following command:

```
:SOURce[1]:SWEep:<function>:LIST
```

Do not use the setting smu.DELAY\_AUTO in the following command:

smu.source.sweeplist()

The next version of the 2450 Reference Manual will be corrected.

PR50228 The display.screen command has been changed.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

## Symptom:

The TSP attribute command, display.screen, has been replaced with a TSP function, display.changescreen(). The parameters to the new function are the same that display.screen previously took as a set attribute.

The SCPI query command DISPlay: SCReen? does not exist.

The DISPlay: SCReen command is only intended to change the screen view NOT to query which view is active

#### Workaround:

N/A

PR50231 Need to Add Customer Calibration.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

## Symptom:

Because the 2450 added two lower current ranges and one lower voltage range, existing 2400 customer calibration hardware will not work on the 2450. Keithley is working on a recommended customer calibration equipment list, but for now, customer calibration of the 2450 is not supported.

#### Workaround:

Keithley plans to support customer calibration within six months after shipping the initial Model 2450. Please see <a href="https://www.keithley.com">www.keithley.com</a> for updates.

PR50350 Trying to print beyond buffer dimensions causes timeout for new buffer.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

## Symptom:

Attempting to print buffer elements that are outside the range of [1, bufferVar.n] may cause a script to hang or a bus command to timeout.

#### Workaround:

Prior to using print() command with a buffer or printbuffer(), the elements or bounds provided should be checked to ensure that they are between 1 and bufferVar.n. inclusively.

PR50378 Config lists generated by the sweep API don't get saved to the config script.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

### Symptom:

Changes made to source config lists generated using the sweep API are not retained when saving the configuration.

#### Workaround:

Move all points in the config list generated using the sweep API to a new config list. This can be accomplished by first, creating a new config list. Next, iteratively recall each point from the sweep config list and store it to the new config list. Then delete the config list generated by the sweep API. Finally, build a custom trigger model that uses the new config list.

PR50379 Customer trigger model is overwritten when restoring pre-boxed sweep.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

### Symptom:

Changes made to trigger models generated using the sweep API are not retained when saving the configuration.

#### Workaround:

Move all points in the config list generated using the sweep API to a new config list. This can be accomplished by first, creating a new config list. Next, iteratively recall each point from the sweep config list and store it to the new config list. Then delete the config list generated by the sweep API. Finally, build a custom trigger model that uses the new config list.

PR50404 TSP-Link does not reset properly on some units.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

#### Symptom:

TSP-Link reset or initialization may consistently fail on certain units. The unit being reset or initialized may ignore the reset or initialization command, stop responding to bus commands, and/or display "Slave" in the communications status indicator.

#### Workaround:

If the reset or initialization command is ignored, try calling it again. It may necessary to repeat this action up to ten times. If the command causes a time-out for bus communications and/or "Slave" is displayed in the communications status indicator for the unit being reset or initialized, then it is necessary to choose a different unit to be the TSP-Link master.

PR50497 SCPI command syntax checking: Error is not generated if parameter is not valid long or short form of the specified command.

#### Models affected:

All 2450

## Symptom:

The 2450 fails to generate an error when the parameter to a SCPI command does not match either the short or long form of the parameter being specified. Instead, the unit will accept any number of characters between the short and long form as being valid. For example, in the following list, only the first two examples should be allowed, however, the additional four examples are being accepted as valid. In a future firmware release, the additional four examples will generate an error message.

COMMAND	v1.0.0 Firmware	Future Firmware
:SYSTem:EVENtlog:COUNt? INF	OK	OK
:SYSTem:EVENtlog:COUNt? INFORMATIONAL	OK	OK
:SYSTem:EVENtlog:COUNt? INFO	OK	SYNTAX ERROR
:SYSTem:EVENtlog:COUNt? INFORM	OK	SYNTAX ERROR
:SYSTem:EVENtlog:COUNt? INFORMAT	OK	SYNTAX ERROR
:SYSTem:EVENtlog:COUNt? INFORMATION	OK	SYNTAX ERROR

#### Workaround:

Only send a valid short or long form of the SCPI command parameter. Based on the example listed, send either INF or INFORMATIONAL for the related command. This will avoid new syntax errors when upgrading to new 2450 firmware in the future.

PR51449 Calibration Date is set to 03/16/1996 after updating 1.0.0i to 1.1.0s.

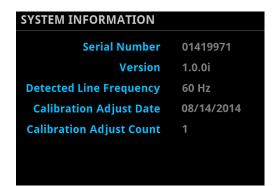
#### Models affected:

All 2450

## Symptom:

After upgrading the 2450 firmware from version v1.0.0i to v1.1.0s, the Calibration Date is 03/16/1996. Do NOT be alarmed. This issue has NO IMPACT on calibration and calibration values. The issue is that from v1.0.0i to v1.1.0s, a new date field was added and it has not been initialized properly. Also, the date headings have also changed to differentiate between Adjust Date and Calibration Date (e.g. Verification Date). See the diagrams below.

v1.0.0i firmware



v1.1.0s firmware

SYSTEM INFORMATION	
Serial Number	01419971
Version	1.1.0s
<b>Detected Line Frequency</b>	60 Hz
Adjust Date	08/14/2014
Adjust Count	1
<b>Calibration Date</b>	03/16/1996

Before, there was only one date field named "Calibration Adjust Date." This was the date that the 2450 was last calibrated WITH adjustment. Starting with the v1.1.0s firmware, a new date named "Calibration Date" was added to display and differentiate between the Adjust Date and Calibration (without adjust) Date. The new "Adjust Date" is the same field as the old "Calibration Adjust Date." The new "Calibration Date" is brand new field and this will be the date the 2450 was last calibrated WITHOUT adjustment. Since the new "Calibration Date" field did not exist with v1.0.0i firmware, this new date is un-initialized and has defaulted to 03/16/1996. Again, this has zero impact on the original factory calibration and does not impact the factory stored calibration constants in any way.

#### Workaround:

This date will be properly set the next time the 2450 is returned to Keithley or a designated field service office for recalibration. If you insist on updating the "Calibration Date" to equal the "Adjust Date", please refer to the "Model 2450 Interactive SourceMeter Calibration Manual." This manual can be found at www.keithley.com. The document is 2450-905-01.