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# PB16 Push Button Hub

## User Manual Model HX-PB16 Push-Button Hub

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Compatible with Ascentic Push-Buttons or AirSelect Touchless Sensors



## Push-Button Hub

The Ascentic® HX-PB16 Push-Button Hub provides a flexible way to control a compatible media player, such as a BrightSign® Model XD1033, with up to 16 pushbuttons or sensors. Each HX-PB16 controls sixteen buttons or sensors and may be expanded to 256 positions. Each position may be used for product selection or other commands (see page 4).



## Button Control Functions

Demonstration is controlled by push-buttons with RJ9 connectors, such as the Model 013-100. Button behavior such as LED blink, LED lit solid etc. are assigned by serial commands to each button press (see page 4).

## RS-232 Port

HX-PB16 communicates with third party devices such as Brightsign players via RS-232. The RS-232 Baud rate is 115200 and may be set for Null or Straight using the switch located beside the RS-232 port. By default it is set to null modem. The port is a modular RJ-45; adapter cables are available for 3.5mm or DB-9 serial ports. For commands and

protocol, see page 4.

## **RS-485 Communication Bus**

The RS-485 communication pathway links compatible Ascentic devices such as Ascentic MediaHubs. It is also used to daisy-chain multiple HX-PB16 modules in one system (see Module ID below).

### **Module ID**

You may expand the system by linking multiple button hubs together via RS-485. Each hub must have a unique Module ID, which can be assigned via RS-232 commands. To assign a new module ID, disconnect the HX-PB16 from all devices via RS-485. Connect a programmer via RS -232 and use the command “[DEV=916,1;DEV=#]” to assign a unique address. Use numerals 0 through 256 for each ID.

### **Power**

Connect the 12V power adapter (included) to the jack marked 12V DC Input. The Power Bus port may be connected to a MediaHub, or other device sharing the power adapter, provided the power supply is sized correctly for the load.

### **Installation**

- Attach the player and the HX-PB16 modules to a flat surface with the screws provided.
- Connect push-buttons. Push-buttons can be RJ9 momentary switches or PX-100 touchless sensors.
- If multiple HX-PB16 modules are used in the same system, first assign unique module ID to each device, then connect them via Cat 5/6 using the RS-485 ports.
- Connect the serial cable from the HX-PB16 to a compatible media player. If using RS-232, set the port's Null/ Straight switch to the desired setting for the connected device.
- Connect the power adapter to AC power, then to the HX-PB16 power port, and power

other devices.

- Call or email our tech support team with questions that are not addressed in this manual.



## Push-Buttons

The RJ9 connector push-button shown is the 013-100 with blue LED ring; other colors include white, green and red.

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## Touchless Sensors

The PX-100 sensor connects to an RJ9 port just like a button. See Touchselect documentation for serial commands.

## Serial Command Protocol

The Model HX-PB16 has the default device ID 916, address 1. It can send and receive serial commands via RS-485 at 57600 Baud, 8-N-1, and half-duplex; and via RS-232 at 115200 Baud, 8-N-1, and full-duplex. Both configuration ports utilize a modular RJ-45 jack with the following pinouts:

### RS-485 Pinout: RS-232 Pinout:

Pin #	Function	Pin #	Function	Pin #	Function	Pin #	Function
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P1	Orange	White	Ground
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P5	Blue	White	Power Bus (12V Devices Only)
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P1 Orange White – Ground

P5 Not Connected

P2 Orange – Ground P6 Green – Data B Negative P2 Orange – Ground P6 Green – RX or TX

P3 Green White – Data A Positive

P7 Brown White – Ground P3 Green White – TX or RX

P7 Brown White – Ground

P4 Blue – Power Bus (12V Devices Only)

P8 Brown – Ground P4 Not Connected P8 Brown – Ground

## **RS-232 Command Reference**

The HX-PB16 supports serial communication via RS-232 using a consistent message format. Messages are categorized as SET, QUERY, or RESPONSE / EVENT, and follow the structured syntax below.

### **General Format**

- SET Command Format: [DEV=916,1; COMMAND]
- QUERY Command Format: [DEV=916,1; COMMAND?]
- RESPONSE / EVENT Format: (DEV=916,1; RESPONSE)

### **Basic Control Commands**

Command Name	Type	Function	Command Format
REBOOT	SET	Reboots the device	[DEV=916,1; REBOOT]
RESET DEFAULTS	SET	Restores factory defaults and reboots	[DEV=916,1; RESET; DEFAULT]

### **Button LED Control**

Command	Name	Type	Function	Command Format
BUTTON LED ON SET	Turns on specified LED (or all with *)	[DEV=916,1;BTN=\$;LED=ON]		
BUTTON LED OFF SET	Turns off specified LED (or all with *)	[DEV=916,1;BTN=\$;LED=OFF]		
BUTTON LED BLINK SET	Blinks specified LED (or all with *)	[DEV=916,1;BTN=\$;LED=BLINK]		
BUTTON LED BLINK FAST SET	Blinks specified LED (or all with *)	[DEV=916,1;BTN=\$;LED=FAST]		
BUTTON LED BLINK SLOW SET	Blinks specified LED (or all with *)	[DEV=916,1;BTN=\$;LED=SLOW]		
PRESSED BUTTON LED ON SET	Turns on specified LED (or all with *)	[DEV=916,1;BTN=\$;PRLED=ON]		
PRESSED BUTTON LED OFF SET	Turns off specified LED (or all with *)	[DEV=916,1;BTN=\$;PRLED=OFF]		
PRESSED BUTTON LED BLINK SET	Blinks specified LED (or all with *)	[DEV=916,1;BTN=\$;PRLED=BLINK]		
PRESSED BUTTON LED BLINK FAST SET	Blinks specified LED (or all with *)	[DEV=916,1;BTN=\$;PRLED=FAST]		
PRESSED BUTTON LED BLINK SLOW SET	Blinks specified LED (or all with *)	[DEV=916,1;BTN=\$;PRLED=SLOW]		

## Button Press Events

Event Name	Function	Event Format
BUTTON PRESS	Reports button press	(DEV=916,1; BTN=\$; PRESS)
BUTTON RELEASE	Reports button release	(DEV=916,1; BTN=\$; RELEASE)

## System Queries

Command	Name	Type	Function	Command Format	Response Format
APP VERSION QUERY	Retrieves application firmware version	[DEV=916,1;APP;VERSION?]	(DEV=916,1;APP;VERSION=\$)		
BOOTLOADER VER QUERY	Retrieves bootloader firmware version	[DEV=916,1;BOOT;VERSION?]	(DEV=916,1;BOOT;VERSION=\$)		
APP NAME QUERY	Retrieves hardware version information	[DEV=916,1;APP;NAME?]	(DEV=916,1;APP;NAME=\$)		
RS232 DEVICE ID QUERY	Retrieves device ID for 1st RS-232 device	[DEV=0;DEV?]	(DEV=916,1;DEV=1)		

**LED Commands:** The structure is “[DEV=#;BTN=\$;LED=%]”

- # is the device ID (916,1)

- \$ is the single, multiple, or all button positions
- Single = single integer, 1-20
- Multiple = comma separated integers, 1-20
- All = \*
- % sets the LED state
- OFF
- ON
- BLINK (NORMAL SPEED)
- FAST
- SLOW

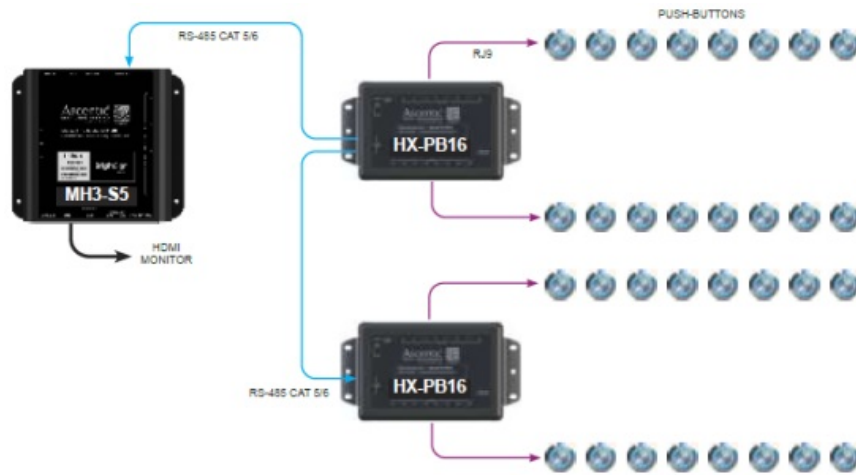
## **Example Push-Button System**

A Brightsign player provides audio and video content for an interactive display. Four products on display have three push buttons each to start playback and adjust volume. Button presses are converted to serial commands and sent to the media player. The RS-232 cable (PN 801-373) connects it to the Brightsign player's

## **Example Expanded System**

An Ascentic MediaHub with Brightsign core provides audio and video content for an interactive display. 32 products on display have push-buttons to start playback. The buttons are connected to positions 1-16 on each HX-PB16. Each HX-PB16 has a unique module ID (see page 2). The RS-485 cable (CAT 5 / 6) connects the first Push-Button Hub to the MediaHub's RS-485 bus port.





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## Documents / Resources

	<p><a href="#">Audio Authority PB16 Push Button Hub [pdf]</a> User Manual</p> <p>E-259, PB16 Push Button Hub, PB16, Push Button Hub, Button Hub, Hub</p>
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