



Cambrionix ModIT-Max Module User Manual

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ModIT-Max
User Manual



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Your ModIT-Max at a glance

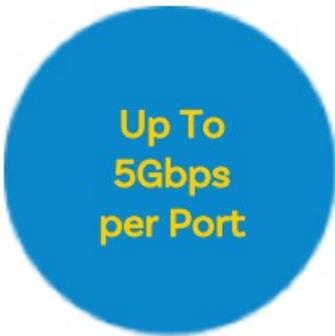
The ModIT-Max has been designed to provide high-speed data transfer to USB compliant devices and expand the endpoint limits.

The ModIT-Max can charge attached USB devices without using a local computer. The ModIT-Max allows any USB compliant device to be charged at its optimum rate (up to 2.4A). The firmware can be updated to ensure the ModIT-Max can manage the latest devices. It is ready to charge out-of-the-box and sync devices when attached to a host computer.

When a local (host) computer is attached, the host can control the operation of each port using software provided by Cambrionix. Device charging and synchronisation can be monitored through Cambrionix's LiveViewer Application, the Application Programming Interface (API) or Command Line Interface (CLI). Cambrionix's monitoring and control software can be downloaded from <https://www.cambrionix.com/software>

With your ModIT-Max there is a Thunderbolt™ 3 connection to the host capable of up to 5 Gbps. The upstream data transfer rate will be shared amongst the downstream connections.

2.1. Key Features

 <p>Up To 5Gbps per Port</p> <p>Transfer Data Seamlessly</p>	 <p>Up To 2.4A per Port</p> <p>Power</p>	
Each high-speed port can transfer data up to 5Gbps	Each port can charge devices up to 2.4A (12W)	Up to 96 de bs

Safety

This user manual is for informational purposes only, it contains information for the start-up and operation of this

product. Note: the contents and the product described are subject to change without notice. To avoid injuries and damage, observe the safety instructions in the user manual.

This manual has been arranged to follow the IEC/ICEE 82079-1 standard. This is to facilitate the easier understanding and location of information relating to the ModIT-Max. Any errors or omissions can be reported using our support ticket system (see Help and Support). This way, any issues that are discovered can be acted on quickly and we can update the documentation to reflect this.

Understanding and observing the instructions in this user manual are prerequisites for hazard-free use and safety during operation. This user manual cannot cover all possible applications. If you would like additional information or if problems arise that are not sufficiently addressed in this manual, please ask your distributor or contact us directly using the means preferred, which are located on the back cover of this manual.

	 CAUTION
	Personal Injury and Damage to the product Always observe the safety instructions in this user manual

3.1. Signal word panel

Depending on the probability of serious consequences, potential dangers are identified with a signal word, the corresponding safety colour, and if appropriate, the safety alert symbol.



CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in moderate or minor (reversible) injury.

CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in damage to the product and its functions, or to property in its proximity.

3.2. Safety alert symbol



Use of the safety alert symbol indicates a risk of injury.

Observe all measures that are marked with the safety alert symbol in order to avoid injury

3.3. Pictograms

These symbols will be used throughout this documentation to alert to any potential dangers or any actions that must be taken.

Warning Signs	
 Electrical hazard	 Fire Hazard
Mandatory action signs	
 Read operating instructions	 Mandatory regulation

3.4. Product modification

Cambrionix products are designed and manufactured to meet the requirements of UK and international safety regulations. Modifications to the product could affect safety and render the product non-compliant with relevant safety standards, resulting in injury or damage to the product.

	 CAUTION
	An electric shock or personal injury may occur Do not modify the product in any way. Do not dismantle the product. Do not open the product

	 CAUTION
	Fire, or personal injury may occur Do not obstruct air vents on the product. Do not cover the product in or place near combustible material.

	CAUTION
	Damage to your product may occur Do not bend or compress any part of the product.

3.5. Power supply

This section describes the safety precautions you must follow when using the external power supply.

	 CAUTION
	An electric shock or personal injury may occur Do not use a damaged power cord or plug, or a loose power socket. Do not touch the power plug with wet hands. Do not allow liquids to come into contact with the unit or power supply.

	CAUTION
	Damage to your product may occur Do not short circuit the Power Supply Unit (PSU) supplied with your product. Do not disconnect the power cord while the product is being used. Do not bend or pull the power cord with excessive force. Do not use a power supply that exceeds the power supply specifications within this manual

3.6. Storage and Installation

This section describes safety precautions you must follow when installing and storing your ModITMax.

	 CAUTION
	An electric shock or personal injury may occur Do not place the power cord near heat sources. Connect the plug only to an earthed socket.

	CAUTION
	<p>Damage to your Cambionix product may occur</p> <p>Operate the product only in an environment where the ambient temperature is inside the operating temperature range.</p> <p>Operate the product only in an environment where the relative humidity is inside the operating range.</p> <p>Be careful not to leave the power cord underneath a heavy object.</p>

	 CAUTION
	<p>Overheated power sockets may cause a fire</p> <p>Do not overload the power socket that your hub is connected to.</p> <p>Insert the power plug all the way into the socket so that it is not loose.</p>

	CAUTION
	<p>Overloading the brackets may cause failure</p> <p>The rack brackets for all our products are not designed to be used in a mobile application, bracket failure could occur if the units are not supported fully e.g Shock during road transport.</p>

Getting Started

This manual provides a reference for end-users installing for the first time and using their hub afterwards. As well as a guide for product safety-related information.

The ModIT-Max is intended to be used in an indoor static environment in which the environment falls within the tested specifications to provide charge, sync and management functionality. Please see the physical specifications section of this manual for information on the environment specifications.

4.1. Unpacking your product

When you have received your product, please check the packing slip inside the box to ensure all contents and quantities are correct before opening. This is to avoid retesting and repackaging any items that are not required.

When opening the packaging, use a suitable method to open the box i.e, do not use a knife. This is to ensure the product is not damaged.

	 CAUTION
	<p>Personal Injury and Damage to the product</p> <p>There will be a label on the hub advising you to read the User manual before use. This will need to be removed before use as it may be covering host ports, vents etc..</p>

Part description	Part
Thunderbolt™ 3 updatar cable	2003

Part description
Key for locking mechanism
Yellow cable arms with Apple cables
Yellow cable arms with Cambrionix cables
UK Power cable
US Power cable
EU Power cable
AUS Power cable
IND Power cable

4.3. Connecting to the mains

Make sure you adhere to local safety regulations, connect the power cable to the socket and switch the power supply on. The hub is now ready to charge the attached devices.

Periodic inspections should be made to power supply cables and any USB cables for any signs of damage. If any damage is found, replace the damaged cord before further use.

4.4. Connecting to a Host

Once the power is connected, connect the ModIT-Max to your host system using a Thunderbolt™ 3 cable. Using an incorrect host cable may result in the hub and all subsequent ports not being recognised by your host.

Cambrionix recommend using the Thunderbolt™ cable that is provided with our ModIT-Max. If you are looking at purchasing your own cable, to achieve 40Gbps a suitable cable would be either:

- up to 0.8m passive
- up to 2m active.

Cambrionix recommend using cables certified by Intel®, all cables marked with the Thunderbolt™ logo should have certification.

Only one host can be connected to a hub at one time.

Please note that USB specifications require a minimum 100 mA charge current to be available during data transfer. As indicated in above, if the attached device has a BC1.2 compliant CDP port, the device can draw up to 2.4A whilst transferring data.

4.5. Charging

Your ModIT-Max will allow your device to charge at the maximum rate possible up to 2.4A. The way that charging takes place is the ModIT-Max will provide the device with a capability to charge and the devices USB charging controller will determine the maximum amount of charge it wants to draw down.

Although a maximum charge rate of 2.4A is possible, the device itself determines the exact rate and as such you may not see the maximum amount of charging on every device type that is connected.

4.6. Cables

Some USB cables are data transfer only, and some are power delivery only. There are also options that can handle both tasks. Be sure to verify a cable's abilities before purchasing it and select a cable which can handle the speeds and power transfer that you require. We would advise using the cable that was provided with the device to connect to our hubs.

4.7. Keys

Your ModIT-Max comes with a set of keys which can be used to manually close and open the locking mechanisms on all of the slots at once. This will override any other functions on the hub so that you can secure devices away or make them available to remove.

These keys are provided with your ModIT-Max but if you need any replacement's or spares you can contact Cambrionix to organise a new set to be sent out.

4.8. Registration

You may register your product at www.cambrionix.com/product-registration

4.9. Help and Support

FAQs and help can be found on the Help page here

- www.cambrionix.com/help_pages/help.

You can raise a support ticket for more in depth support here

- <https://cambrionix.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portals>

You can also download any of our manuals and keep up to date at the link here

- www.cambrionix.com/product-user-manuals

When contacting support, please supply the product information for the hub in question. This can be found on the Device Information Plate which is either on the underside or back of the unit.

Providing serial and Purchase order numbers, can help identify your specific product and speed up the process.

Using your ModIT-Max

In this section, you can find information using your hub in charge or sync application. You can also find information on managing your hub, changing port modes, connecting multiple hubs to one host and using Cambrionix Software.

5.0.1 LED States

Your ModIT-Max has inbuilt LEDs used to show the state of the ports, devices and the power state. These LEDs can be configured to support your use case; this can be controlled either by using the API to send commands directly or through separate software. When the hub is powered on all the available LED's will flash once and then revert to the default behaviour mentioned below.

Colour	Behaviour
Flashing Red	Port is in charge mode and is profiling the device
Red	Port is in charge mode and is charging
Green	Port is in charge mode and the device has reached the charged threshold
Blue	Port is in Sync mode and has a host connection
LED Off	No Device is detected

5.0.2 Fan Behaviour

Your ModIT-Max has an inbuilt fan used to cool the product when internal temperatures rise above a set threshold. On power up the fan will spin for approximately a second before turning off. The temperature at which the fan should begin to cool the device is Fan start Temperature °C, the fan will be at max speed when the internal temperature reaches Fan max Temperature. Once the ModIT-Max is below internal temperature of Fan start Temperature the fan will switch off. With the ModIT-Max there is also an internal power supply which has its own fan which will continuously be active with a very low sound level (less than 47db at full load)

5.1. Using without connecting to a host

When the Hub is switched on and is not connected to a local host computer it is automatically configured to charge devices using its intelligent charging algorithm. Connect the devices to be charged to any of the available ports (not the Host Port) using USB – compliant cables.

Once the devices are connected, the algorithm will detect the highest charge rate allowable for each attached device. Charging at the optimum rate (up to 2.4A) specified by the manufacturer will commence once profiling is complete. Depending on the state of charge of the device attached, this may take tens of seconds.

5.2. Using when connected to a host

5.2.1 Connecting the Hub to a host computer

You can use either Thunderbolt™ host port on the rear of the hub to connect to your host system; there are two ports on the rear, so you can use one port to connect the host and the other port to daisy chain multiple hubs.

5.2.2 Authorising Thunderbolt™ hubs on Linux®

With Linux® systems, it is necessary to authorise/enrol the ModIT-Max before it connects.

To do this, you will need to use “boltctl,” which is used to control the Thunderbolt™ device manager. “boltctl” is the command-line interface to interact with boltctl, the system daemon that manages Thunderbolt™ 3™ devices. Using “boltctl”, input the following commands to authorise and enrol your ModIT-Max.

Some useful information on this can be found at the following link.

<https://manpages.ubuntu.com/manpages/focal/en/man1/boltctl.1.html>

power [-t | -timeout seconds]

Power up the Thunderbolt™ controller. If the Thunderbolt™ controller is not in “native enumeration mode”, it can be completely powered down by the host firmware/BIOS. On supported systems, there is an interface to “force” power the Thunderbolt™ controller. If supported, this command will request the daemon to do so. The daemon will keep track of all client requests and will release the force power override when the last request is released.

authorize DEVICE

Authorize a currently unauthorized device identified via its unique id (uuid) DEVICE. If a key is stored in the database, it will be used, given the security level of the domain supports secure device connection. Use boltctl list to find out the uuid of a device.

enrol [-policy default] DEVICE

Authorize and record the device with the unique id DEVICE in the database. If the domain supports a secure connection a new key will be generated and stored in the database alongside the device and vendor name. The key, if created, will be used in the future to authorize the device securely.

5.2.3 Charging

When the Host Port is connected to a local computer, the hub defaults to Sync mode and charge currents are determined according to USB Implementers Forum (USBIF) Super-Speed USB3 specifications. If the attached device complies with USB-IF Battery charging specification BC1.2 and supports Charging Downstream Port (CDP), the hub can provide high-speed charging at 1.5A. If the connected device does not comply with BC1.2, the charge current will be limited to 900 mA in compliance with USB specifications.

If you wish to limit the charging to your devices whilst connected to your host system then you can disable CDP. You can disable CDP through Internal hub settings either by going through the advanced settings and turning “Sync charge” off or through the API and disabling it via code. For example, the instructions would be below using the command line.

The CLI commands for turning off the sync charge options, with a 1 or 0 per port.

```
settings_unlock
```

```
settings_reset
```

```
settings_set sync_chrg 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

```
settings_set alt_sync_chrg 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

```
reboot
```

This can also be done via the API if this is easier. Just supply that string (joined with \n) like:

```
cbrxapi.cbrx_connection_set(handle, “Settings”, “settings_unlock\nsettings_reset\nsettings_set sync_chrg 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0\nsettings_set alt_sync_chrg 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0\nreboot”)
```

Note that settings_reset clears any previous settings, so if you need to retain something else, it would be better to issue settings_display first, which gives you the entire settings which you can then modify and re-issue in entirety.

5.2.4 Data Transfer

If you wish to transfer data, change applications, restore or update your mobile device, a data connection to a local host computer is required. The Cambrionix API and software is compatible with macOS®, Windows™ and Linux® operating systems and can transfer data between these operating systems and many mobile operating systems such as iOS™ and Android™.

In order to transfer data, connect the host port to your local (host) computer using a Thunderbolt™ 3 compliant cable. Any devices connected to the hub will now appear as if they were connected to the host computer’s USB port.

To transfer data, connect the Thunderbolt™ port of your local (host) computer to one of the Thunderbolt™ ports on the back of the hub using a Thunderbolt™ 3 compliant cable (Thunderbolt™ 4 cable is backwards compatible). A Thunderbolt™ 2 cable with a Thunderbolt™ 2-3 adaptor can also be used with reduced data speeds. Any devices connected to the hub will now appear connected to the host computer’s USB port. The hub fully complies with SuperSpeed USB 3.2 and can provide up to 5Gbps data transfer speeds per port. A yellow LED above each port will illuminate when Syncing. You can use the program of your choice to transfer data to and from your device. If the attached device has a BC1.2-compliant CDP port, the device can draw up to 1.5A while transferring

data.

5.2.5 Communication Interface and Protocol

The ModIT-Max appears as a virtual COM port (VCP). On Microsoft Windows™, the system will appear as a COM port, the COM port number can be found in device manager. On macOS®, a device file is created in the / directory. S is an alpha-numeric serial string unique to each device /dev/tty.usbserial S
Devices incorporate a USB to UART converter IC from FTDI International. On Windows 7 or later, a driver may automatically be installed (if Windows is configured to download drivers from the internet automatically). If this is not the case, or if a Mac® or Linux® platform is used, the driver may be downloaded from www.ftdichip.com. The VCP drivers are required. For Linux® or Mac computers, the default OS drivers should be used. The default communications settings are as below, ANSI terminal emulation should be selected.

Communication setting	Value
Number of bits per second (baud)	115200
Number of data bits	8
Parity	None
Number of stop bits	1
Flow control	None

5.3. Scalability

USB controllers generally have an endpoint limit, limiting the number of devices that can be enumerated when connected to the USB3 port of a local computer. USB3 port xHCI host controllers in most computers limit the number of endpoints enumerated between 64 and 128.

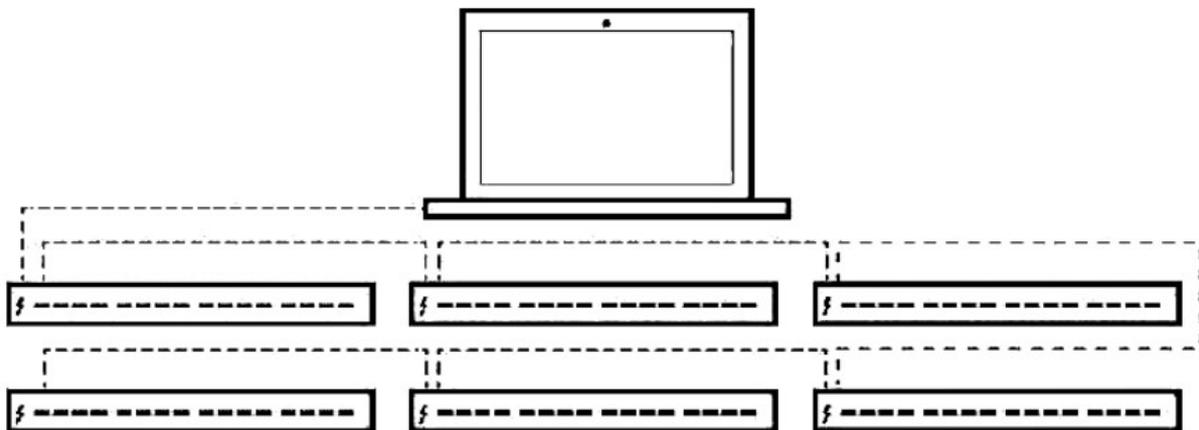
Mobile devices enumerate as more than one endpoint, and complex devices with touch panels often enumerate as 5 or 6 endpoints. Consequently, the number of devices that can be successfully enumerated is typically limited to less than twenty.

By using Thunderbolt™ connectivity and incorporating host controllers inside the hub each port can handle up to 16 endpoints. If you wish to synchronise more devices, multiple hubs can be daisy-chained to allow up to 96 devices to be managed simultaneously from a single host computer.

To daisy-chain multiple hubs, each hub needs to be connected to mains power individually, then the first hub in the chain should be connected to the local computer through one of the Thunderbolt™ ports. The next hub in the daisy-chain is connected using one of its Thunderbolt™ ports to the remaining Thunderbolt™ port of the first hub. A third, fourth and fifth hub can be added in the same way, connecting the available Thunderbolt™ port of the previous hub to one of the Thunderbolt™ ports of the next device in the daisy-chain. Using this approach, a maximum of six hubs can be linked together, allowing 96 devices to be synced from a single host computer.

For more information on endpoints, connecting multiple devices and calculating how many devices you can connect to your host system please see our [technical note](#) on endpoints.

It is possible to daisy-chain different thunderbolt 3 products together e.g., TS3-C10 and TS3-16.



5.4. Managing Ports & Your ModIT-Max

Each port on your ModIT-Max can be managed either individually, or all together. You can turn the ports off and on, change the port mode, or change various other settings applicable to the ModITMax more information can be found in the LiveViewer section under Internal hub settings. This can be done through LiveViewer, the CLI or by

connecting to the hub via the API.

5.4.1 Port Modes

Sync	Turn specific ports or the whole hub to sync mode
Biased	Detect the presence of a device but it will not sync or charge it
Off	Turn specific ports or the whole hub to sync mode Detect the presence of a device but it will not sync or charge it

5.4.2 Switching port modes

You can switch between port modes by using LiveViewer, the CLI or by connecting to the hub via the API. If you switch a port off then this will stop any connection taking place to the USB device and would mimic unplugging the USB device completely from the host system.

If you are in Sync mode and then switch to Charge mode the USB device will disconnect briefly whilst the profiling process takes place. Once the profiling has taken place, and a charging profile is selected, the device will then draw a charge rate, which will be defined by the charging controller within the USB device. The charging profile will limit the maximum amount that the device is able to draw.

If you are in Off or Charge mode and switch to Sync mode the USB device will disconnect briefly whilst a data connection is opened, the USB device will then become available to the host as if the USB device is connected directly to the host, and will be able to sync data at a maximum rate of 5 Gbps. The ModIT-Max will also charge the device whilst connected. It is impossible to have a data connection to a USB device without any power negotiating, you can reduce the charging rates available by disabling CDP (Charging downstream port).

You can disable CDP through Internal hub settings either by going through the hub settings and turning "Sync charge" off or through the API and disabling it via code. For example, using the command line, the instructions would be as below.

```
settings_unlock
```

```
settings_set sync_chrg 0000000000000000
```

5.4.3 Charging Profiles

To ensure attached devices charge at their optimum rate, our smart USB hubs come with the below intelligent charging profiles built in:

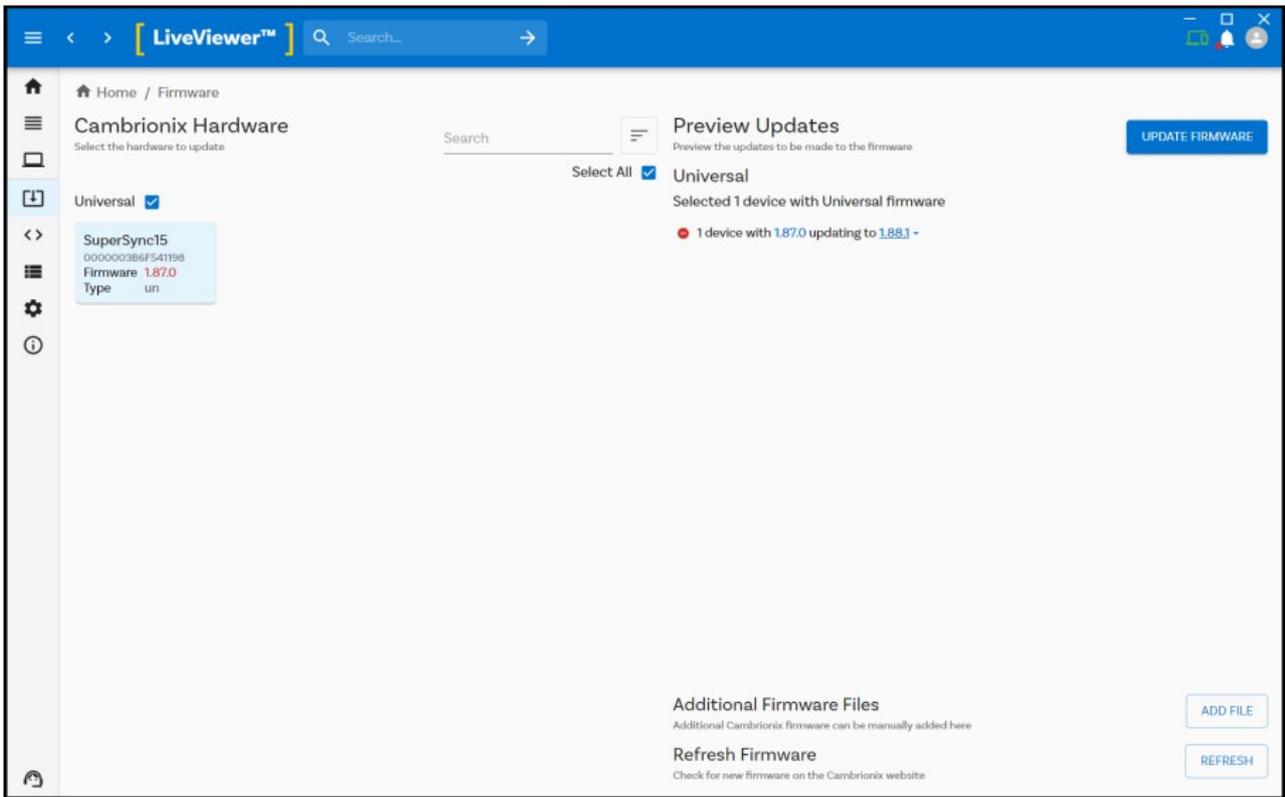
0	Intelligent charging algorithm which will select a profile 1-6
1	2.1A (Apple)
2	BC1.2 Standard (this covers the majority of Android™ phones and other devices)
3	Samsung
4	2.1A (Profile 1 but with a longer timeout)
5	1.0A (Typically used by Apple)
6	2.4A (Typically used by Apple)

5.4.4 Firmware

The firmware can be kept up to date using our LiveViewer software. As part of delivering an easy user experience, our LiveViewer application is now a set-and-forget solution. The LiveViewer application will discover your USB hub's firmware and present an update for you.

To update the firmware, first, go to the firmware section of LiveViewer. Here you can see the available Firmware versions to install to the hub.

The current firmware version on the hub is displayed in the firmware section alongside the hub's name. This will appear red if a newer version is available or green if it is the most up to date.



To install the firmware onto the hub click the hub(s) connected that you want to update, the latest firmware will be automatically selected, if you wish to change the firmware version you are updating to then this can also be done. Once selected press the update button at the top and the update will commence.

	 CAUTION
	<p>Your ModIT-Max may not function correctly Do not downgrade firmware onto a new product</p>

	 CAUTION
	<p>Your Cambrionix Firmware may get corrupted Do not interrupt the Firmware update process. Do not disconnect the power during the update process.</p>

	 CAUTION
	<p>Your Cambrionix Hub may not be visible or become unresponsive If you have older hardware with Firmware version number lower than 1.83 then the hub may not be compatible with the Cambrionix API and will need to be updated to the latest version of Firmware using the Command Line Updater which can be downloaded and installed from the following link. https://www.cambrionix.com/firmware</p>

CAUTION

A new version may be available

Ensure you have the latest version of Firmware installed on your hub. These updates will often contain new features, fixes for bugs and performance improvements

5.5. Software

Cambrionix provides interfaces by which the Hub can be monitored and managed:

- LiveViewer
- Cambrionix Connect
- Cambrionix API
- Command Line Instructions

LiveViewer or Cambrionix Connect can use the API to interact with the devices through a user-friendly application, or the API can be used to provide other protocols that send translated string commands. The ModIT-Max uses string commands to communicate with the host system. These can be sent via the virtual serial port of the ModIT-Max directly,

There are different channels for both our LiveViewer application and the API. The channels are Beta and Release. We would recommend using the release version of both the API and LiveViewer.

We will push bug fixes and updates through Beta before it is merged into the Release version. If you have found a bug that we have a fix for, the Beta releases may already have addressed these and implemented fixes.

5.5.1 Installing Software

Cambrionix has software that can be used to manage the devices and your hub using different host systems. This section has instructions and information on using our software on three of the most popular host systems.

Our software is available to download from www.cambrionix.com/software, you will find software available for Windows™, Mac® and Linux® Systems.

Linux®OS systems tested with our software are Ubuntu 18.04 LTS or Debian 9; some other OS versions based on the two mentioned will work. Some different Linux®OS versions may work, but we don't test against other distributions.

To install on Mac® and Windows™ systems, download the install files from the above link, once downloaded run the install process and dialogue boxes will help you through installation and initial set-up.

For Linux® systems, download the install files from the website at the above link. Once downloaded, you can either install it from the desktop GUI or the command line via:

```
sudo apt install ./
```

after this command you will need to enter the file name that has just been downloaded from our website.

5.5.2 LiveViewer

LiveViewer is an application downloaded from www.cambrionix.com/products/liveviewer. Once downloaded and installed on the host computer, LiveViewer allows you to switch the ports on and off and set the port mode.

LiveViewer's home page shows the hubs available, by selecting a hub you can obtain the following information about all the ports:

- Status (Attached/disconnected)
- Mode (Charge/Sync/Off)
- Profile (Charging profile)
- Duration (How long the device has been attached)
- End time (Time the battery reaches a threshold (full) level)
- Current (Quick charge current in mA)
- Energy (Present energy rate)

Tick boxes adjacent to each port symbol allow that port mode to be changed when the "enable port controls" is selected. LiveViewer shows the hub rail voltages, time since switched on, total current and power, and temperature. Further details on LiveViewer are available on our website.

www.cambrionix.com/products/liveviewer

Internal hub settings

Within your hub, there are some specific controllable settings called 'internal hub settings'. These are a variety of different settings for your ModIT-Max.

You can navigate to the Internal hub settings by opening LiveViewer and selecting the hub you want to connect to. Once you have chosen the connected hub, navigate to the below icon on the top right of the screen from LiveViewer or Connect



Once you have pressed this you will be taken to the Internal hub settings section where you can view and change the Internal hub settings, including reverting back to default factory settings.

Setting name	Description	Default value
Friendly Name	Define the friendly name for this device. Limit of 31 characters. This name will appear in the device's system information if set.	Empty
Attach Threshold (mA)	The attach threshold is the device current (mA) level at which the hub can determine that a device (iPhone etc.) has been attached to a port. The attach threshold may need to be increased if the device (iPhone etc.) is connected to a Cambrionix port with a cable which includes an LED or other electronics. It may also need to be increased if you are using a device (iPhone etc.) with a 3rd party sled/holder/case (such as a barcode scanner or battery pack) which contains electronics or charging pass-through	10
Charged Threshold (mA)	The charged threshold is used to determine if the device is probably charged. If the drawn power goes below this mark for 2 minutes, then we set a charged flag	100
Temperature Max (°C)	Sets Maximum temperature before the shut-down of ports	70
Remap Ports	Change the ordering of the ports from the default Sequential	order
Default Profiles	Change the default profile for specific ports. Use 0 for default operation	0
Ports On	Configure which ports to be always powered regardless of attach status. This must only be used in conjunction with a default profile	Off
Sync Charge	Enable CDP* on a per port basis	On
Alt Sync Charge	Enable alternative method CDP* to support some hardware. This has no effect if Sync Charge for that port is disabled.	On
Display Mode	Change display mode for hubs that have extended LEDs	Current (mA)
Flags	Change various flags	None selected
Stagger (ms)	Introduce a delay between ports turning on when either host is detected or mode is switched to Sync. 0-9999ms	3000
Stagger_offset (ms)	An additional delay to add before starting the staggered process. 0-9999ms	0

*Charging Downstream Port (CDP) Being enabled means that a port is capable of transferring data and charging the device at the same time with a higher current than just data syncing alone. With CDP enabled the hub can supply up to 1.5A

If you disable CDP you will receive the notification "This Hub has the Charge Downstream Port UCS mode disabled. This could limit the maximum current seen on some ports." This notification is there to ensure you haven't turned this off by accident and can still have the highest charge available.

There is more information on the Internal hub settings and how to manage them in our CLI manual. which can be found at the link [here](#).



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Ensure you have the latest version of LiveViewer installed on your host system. These updates will often contain new features, fixes for bugs and performance

5.5.3 Cambrionix API improvements

The Cambrionix API allows you to monitor and control each port in detail and to integrate these functions into your own workflow processes. The API comprises a daemon (which is a program running in the background) that can be downloaded from www.cambrionix.com/products/api and installed on the host machine. Port information and control can be provided through the API. Calls are sent as a request to the API to “Get” port, device or Hub information, or “Set” port functions. A library of sample code is downloaded along with the API from the following link www.cambrionix.com/products/api and can be found within the program files under ‘examples’. These can help you integrate many of these functions into your process work-flow alongside the complete user manual.



CAUTION

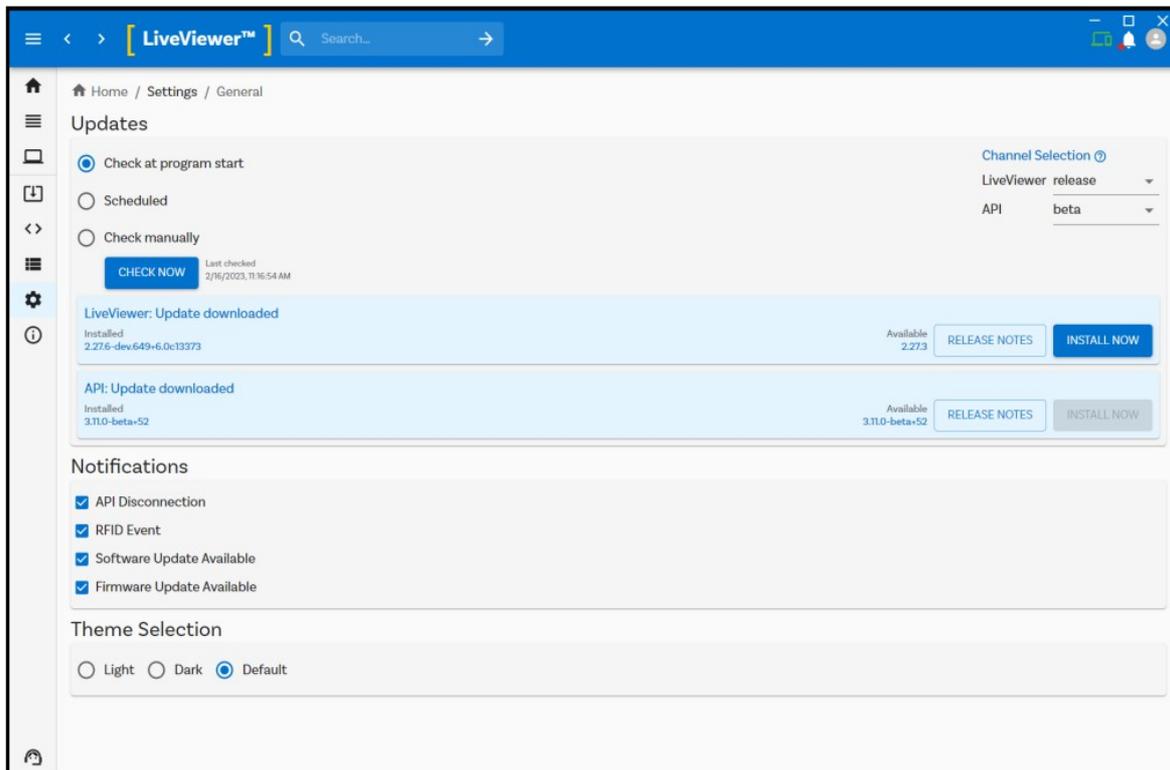
A new version may be available

Ensure you have the latest version of API installed on your host system. These updates will often contain new features, fixes for bugs and performance

5.5.4 Updating Software improvements

By using LiveViewer you will be able to automatically download and install the most up to date software (LiveViewer and the Cambrionix API)

By going into the settings section on the left-hand side of LiveViewer, you can navigate to the general tab, and under this can see the options for keeping both LiveViewer and the API up to date.



By default LiveViewer will check for updates regularly or, if you prefer, you can change to a manual update selection. You can also select which version of the software you would like to use between the Beta or Release options. You can also select historic versions of the API and LiveViewer to install. When you have some software updates available, you can select install now to begin the installation process; a progress bar will appear to show the installation status. From this bar, you can also view the release notes for the version of the software you are looking at.

5.5.5 Removing Software

If you wish to uninstall the software (Cambrionix LiveViewer, Cambrionix API and the Cambrionix Recorder Service) from your host system, the following steps can do this.

Windows™

To remove the software from a Windows™ system, you can do so by going into “Add or remove programs” finding the software you wish to remove, selecting it and pressing “uninstall”

macOS®

To remove the software from a macOS® system, locate the application in the Finder, drag the application to the

Trash, or select the application and choose File >Move to Trash. You may be asked to enter the name and password of an administrator account on your Mac®. Then to completely delete the application, choose Finder > Empty Trash. Alternatively, use the below instructions.

```
sudo /Library/Cambrionix/ApiService/bin/CambrionixApiService --remove  
sudo /Library/Cambrionix/ApiService/bin/CambrionixRecorderService --remove
```

Linux®

To remove software on Linux® there are two options.

The first is to use the Software centre, then either the list of installed applications or the search bar to find the software you wish to remove. Once you have selected the application, click on the remove button and you will be prompted for a password, enter the password and the software will be removed.

The second way you can remove software is by using the command line. All you need to do is to use the command in the following fashion:

```
sudo apt remove program_name
```

Variable	Description
<i>program_name</i>	The file name of the program including any version numbers

You'll be asked to enter your account password. When you enter it, nothing is visible on the screen. You will need to confirm removal, it will ask for your confirmation, press the enter key or Y key: Keep in mind that you'll have to use the exact package name in the apt remove command otherwise, it will show 'unable to locate package error'. You can type the first few letters of the program you want to uninstall, and then hit the tab key. It will show all the installed packages that match those letters at the beginning of their names.

5.5.6 Command Line Instructions (CLI)

Command Line Instructions can be used to control and monitor the functions of the hub and attached devices. To use the command-line interface a serial terminal emulator must be installed on the host computer. Examples include PuTTY, Serial, ZTerm, and Minicom. If you would like more information, please look at our more in-depth information here: www.cambrionix.com/cli

Two example commands can be seen below, you can use these commands to check hub information and health.

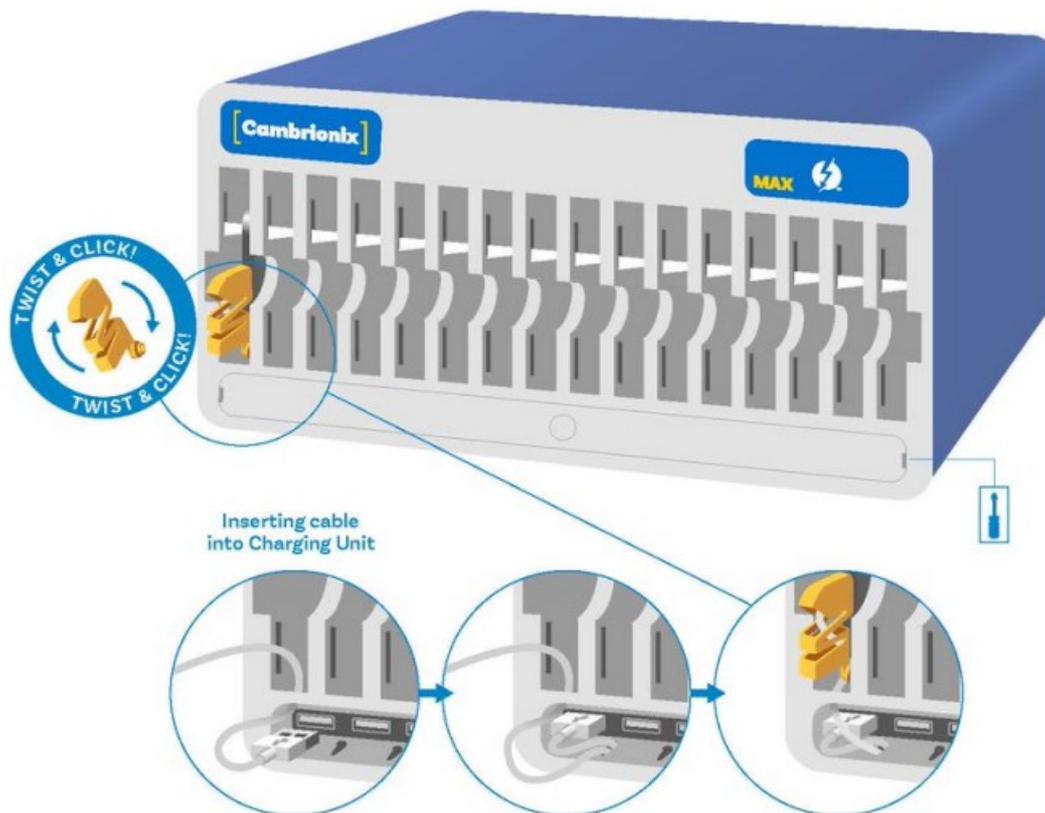
Command	Action
system	Show hardware and firmware information
health	Show voltages, temperatures, errors and boot flag

5.6. User adjustments

5.6.1 Changing the cables

You can change the cables of your ModIT-Max to suit the devices that you will be using. This is a simple process that can be achieved using the method below.

- Remove the front panel of the module using a small flat-headed screwdriver
- Remove the yellow cable arms
- Remove the cable from the yellow arm
- Unplug the cable from the module
- Once the original cable has been removed, plug in the new cable and repeat the steps in reverse



5.6.2 Adjusting-the-backstop

You can adjust the backstop to the unit, this will change the depth of the slot to fit larger or smaller devices in the slots. The backstop is across all slots, so each will have a consistent depth.

There is an hex key screw in the middle of the back of the unit which can be screwed to move the backstop back and forward.

5.7. Gate arms

The ModIT-Max has been designed to be able to store devices as well as charge and manage them.

The slots on the ModIT-Max have gate arms in place to hold the devices and deter the removal of devices unless authorised.

Using Cambrionix Connect or LiveViewer, you can control the gates and open and close the gate(s).

You can also control the gates directly through the API using the 'Port.N.Gate' such as the command below. More information on this can be found in the API user manual

```
{
  "id": 0,
  "jsonrpc": "2.0",
  "method": "cbrx_connection_set",
  "params": [
    7654,
    "Port.1.gate",
    "open"
  ]
}
```

Physically trying to change the positions of the gates is considered product misuse. The gate arm can be broken with excessive user interaction, which will likely damage the equipment and potentially harm the user.

The gates do have a feature that if they are blocked from opening or closing the gate will stop moving to prevent damage, they will enter an error state. Once the blockage is removed you can reset the gates using commands or the master key.

CAUTION

Damage to the product may occur

When the gates are moving between the open and closed positions, the user must not touch them.

The gates are operated by a motor so the user must not physically move them.

5.8. Cleaning your ModIT-Max

Cleaning the product is generally not required, although in some instances it may be necessary if excess dirt/ dust/ hair has accumulated, or if minor liquid spillages have occurred on the module during operation or storage.

 **CAUTION**

 **Electric shock or personal injury may occur**

If there is a dirt/ spillage over a ventilation slot, external data/ power connector or product aperture, please remove power from the unit without touching the liquid and seek advise before reapplying power

- Ensure that the product is switched off and the power cord is removed from the product. Hold the power cable by the plug and do not touch either the plug or the power cord with wet or damp hands as an electrical shock may result
- Wipe the product with a clean, dry and soft cloth. Do not use detergents which contain alcohol, solvent or surface-active agents. Do not spray water or detergent directly onto the product Mildly dampen a soft and dry cloth in water and wring thoroughly to clean the product as required
- Dry the product thoroughly once the cleaning has finished
- Reconnect the power cord and use your product as advised once cleaning is complete

Antimicrobial additive

Our integrated antimicrobial technology within ModIT (made by Clariant) works to continuously minimise the presence of microbes (incl. bacteria, algae and fungi) throughout the entire life-cycle of the product. This works by having a surface where microbes cannot grow which in turn reduces the spread of the microbes, this will help minimise contact points and reduce the risk of passing on infections/ diseases throughout your work environment.

Product Specifications

The ModIT-Max is manufactured in the UK

6.1. Input Power Requirements

Input Voltage (V)	100 – 250
Input Current (A)	4
Input Connector	C14

6.2. Output Power

Output Voltage (V)	5
Output Voltage Tolerance (%)	+/-5
Output Current, Max per Port (A)	2.4
Output Power, Max per Port (W)	12
Output Power, Total (W)	200

6.3. Rail value limits

Five volt rail Max (V)	5.58
Five volt rail Min (V)	4.5

6.4. Physical specifications

Upstream connector type	Thunderbolt™ 3
Downstream connector type	USB3.2 Type-A
Maximum Downstream Data Speed per Port (Gbps)	5
Ambient Operating Temperature range °C	0 – 35
Relative, non-condensing, humidity operating range (%)	5 – 95% non-condensing
Dimensions WxDxH (mm)	445 x 367 x 230
Slot Width (mm)	17
Weight (kg)	15
Number of Downstream ports	16

The ModIT-Max slots have been tested with all currently available mobile phones (up to 25.4mm) with and without protective covers, these include (but not limited to) the Otterbox Defender and Lifeproof Fre.

Ports Lifetime

Standard USB connections have a minimum rated lifetime of 1,500 cycles of insertion and removal.

USB-C receptacles have a minimum rated lifetime of 10,000 cycles of insertion and removal. This is an industry-standard.

One thing you can do to prolong the lifetime of the ports on your ModIT-Max is to use “sacrificial cables” in between the hub and your charging cables so when you repeatedly connect/ disconnect you are only going to wear the cables rather than the hub.

6.5. Packaged information

Boxed Dimensions WxDxH (m)	0.57 x 0.34 x 0.57
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6.6. Consumables and Placing Orders

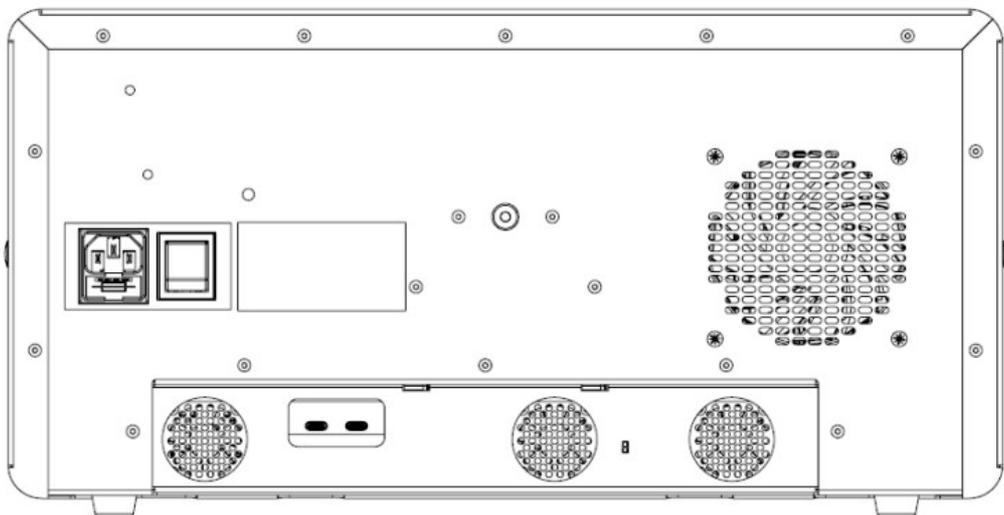
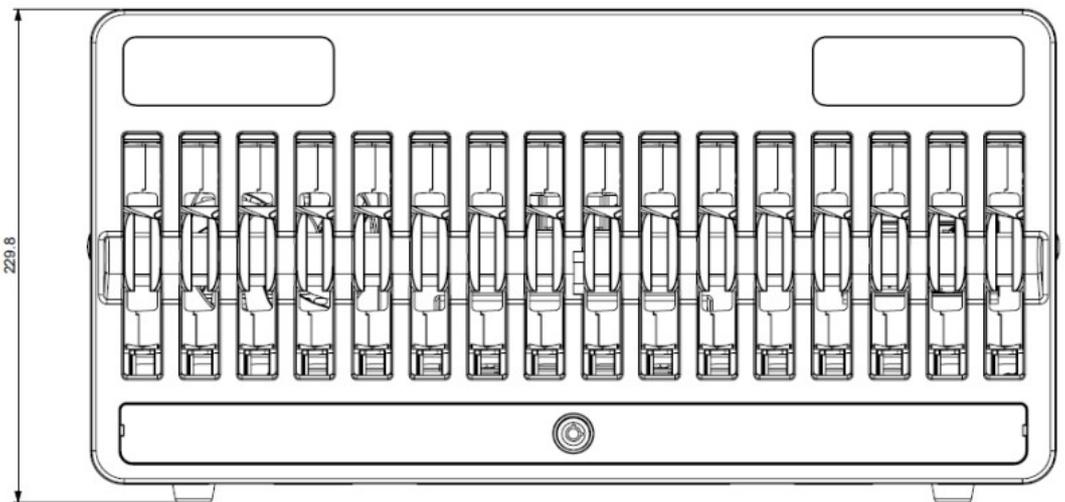
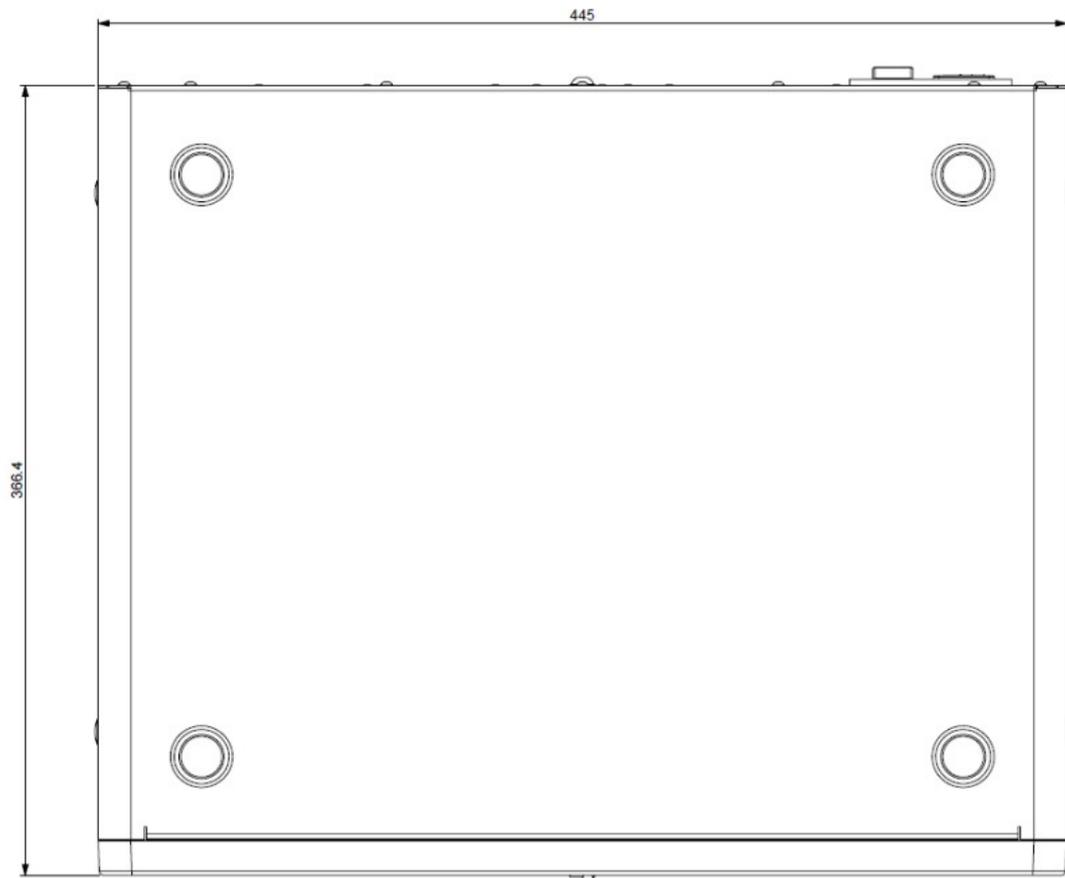
Below is a list of any Consumable products you may require for your ModIT-Max including the cables you will require to connect devices to the hub.

Fuses	T5A 240
Cables	USB3.2 Type-A

If you require any spare parts, such as the power cable or Thunderbolt™ 3 cable, these can be ordered by quoting the product part number and the spare part number (available from the Getting Started section).

These can be ordered from the reseller or solution partner you purchased your ModIT-Max from, or from Cambrionix directly.

To find one of our partners local to you please visit www.cambrionix.com/partners where you can learn about the local vendors and distributors that can assist you and find their contact information.

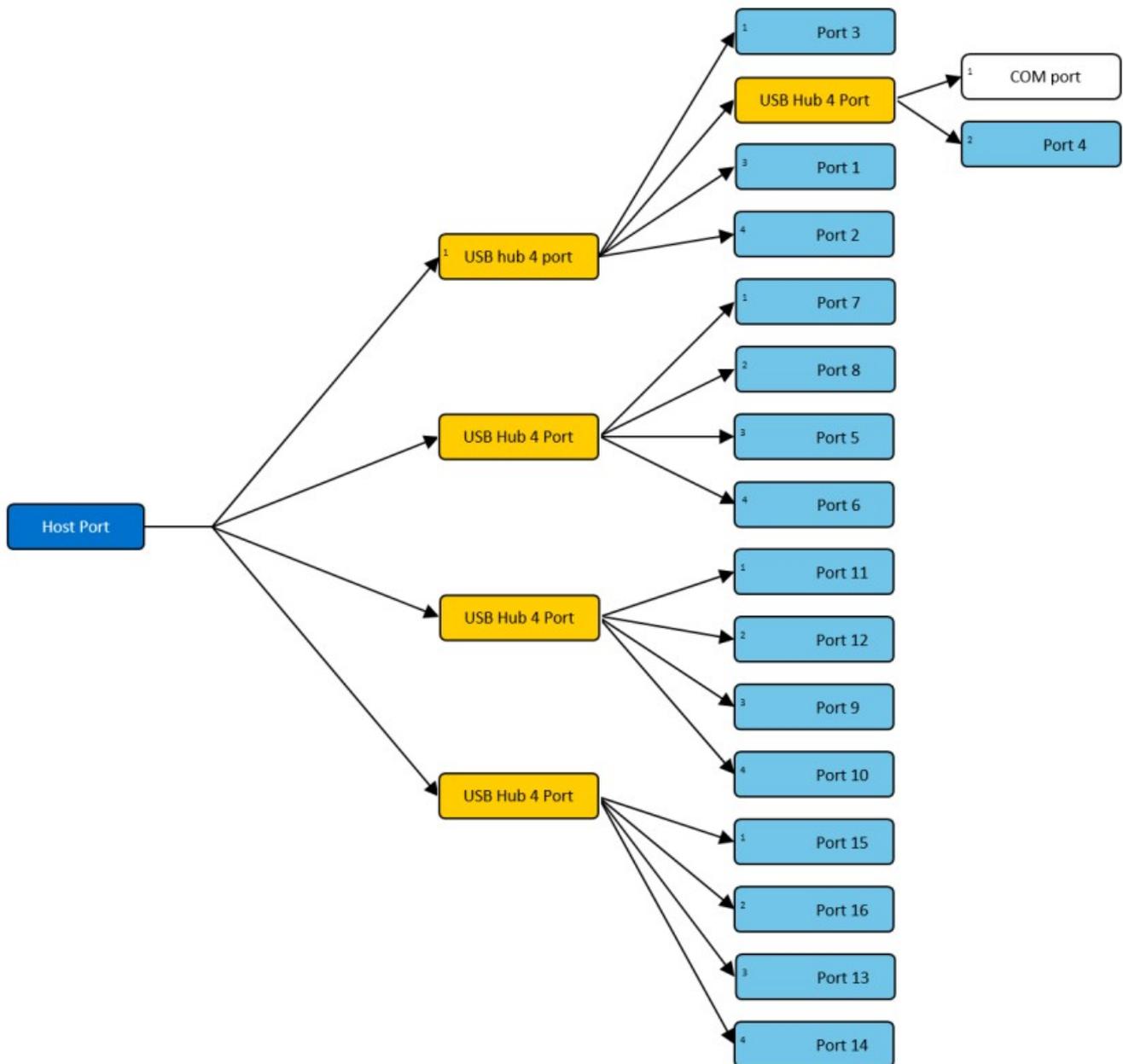


6.7. Hub Architecture

Below is a diagram of the internal architecture for the ModIT-Max.

	Fig	Description
	1	This is the external physical port number
	2	This is present if this component is connected to an internal hub, if it is present the number represents the port number on the internal hub

Background colour	Description
	An External physical port you can connect a USB device to
	The Host port that you will connect the host computer to
	An Internal hub which can then connect to external ports or other internal components
	Any other components which includes expansion ports and internal chips



Troubleshooting

If you experience any issues with your ModIT-Max; please try the following troubleshooting steps, if the issue is not addressed in this section, please get in touch with your local vendor or Cambrionix. To contact Cambrionix Support please see Help and Support.

7.1. Common troubleshooting tips

Some tips and information to check first.

- If you directly connect the same device to the port the hub is in, does it appear to the OS.
- If you plug a device (phone, USB stick) into the hub, does it appear to the OS (device manager/system info etc.).
- Are you using a Thunderbolt™ host cable? (USB Type-C does not equal Thunderbolt™)
- Is the Thunderbolt™ cable connected to a Thunderbolt™ port?
- Try switching the cables with ones that are working/ use cable from a hub that is working.
- Have you checked the fuse in the hub?

7.2. Logging through LiveViewer

If you are experiencing a bug or an issue, we may ask you to obtain some logs of the behaviour, to see in more

detail what is happening. To get logs of the behaviour use the following steps to get a zip file of the logs.

1. Open LiveViewer (if this is not already downloaded, then go onto our website and download both the API and LiveViewer) www.cambrionix.com/software
2. Once in LiveViewer, on the left-hand side of the screen, select the settings section.
3. Once in the settings section, select the API tab.
4. In the API section click the “cog” button on the right hand side of the local API
5. Click the “select all” tick box and then the save button.
6. After this is enabled, use the hub in a way that causes the issue you are seeing.
7. Wait for the issue to occur, i.e. device disconnects.
8. Make a note of the time and date that the issue occurs then go back to the API page in LiveViewer, and press the zip logs.
9. Once you have the logs un-tick the “select all” box and save your settings.
10. Send the logs to us for us to take a look at.

The API keeps a maximum of 20 logs at 256Mb each, so the latest one is usually smaller. If a crash occurs, you would see a smaller log file and the next instance of API shuffles the existing ones

7.3. Hardware Failure

If the Hardware fails the LEDs can flash in a pattern to determine the type of failure. The power LED will flash the pattern if no LEDs are present on the downstream ports.

The unit will blink four times, followed by eight long or short flashes, which then repeat. The flashes are a number in binary which match a number in our error code list.

i.e if the LED flashes the following – BBBB SLSSSLSS, the binary number is 01000100.

7.4. Device connection

If you are seeing any device connection issues please read through the following trouble shooting steps to see if this resolves the observed behaviour.

Device issues when updating

We have found that during updates on some devices the connection can be dropped or lost on the device, this is due to devices going in and out of the bootloader and requiring different power levels.

In most instances disabling CDP and changing the ports to always be on has resolved this issue for our customers.

You can disable CDP through Internal hub settings either by going through the advanced settings and turning “Sync charge” off or through the API and disabling it via code. For example, the instructions would be below using the command line.

```
settings_unlock  
settings_set sync_chrg 0000000000000000
```

You can set the ports to always be on through Internal hub settings through the advanced settings and turning “Ports On” settings to always on for each port. When you set the port to always be on you will need to set a default profile on each port for when the port(s). There is a description for each profile within LiveViewer or Cambrionix Connect.

Unstable device connection

Some devices can have unstable connections with your host system through the ModIT-Max. We have only observed this behaviour in a very few amount of devices, disabling CDP and setting the ports to always be on has resolved all issues and the connections are stable.

You can disable CDP through Internal hub settings either by going through the advanced settings and turning “Sync charge” off or through the API and disabling it via code. For example, using the command line, the instructions would be as below.

```
settings_unlock  
settings_set sync_chrg 0000000000000000
```

You can set the ports to always be on through Internal hub settings through the advanced settings and turning “Ports On” settings to always on for each port. When you set the port to always be on you will need to set a default profile on each port for when the port(s). There is a description for each profile within LiveViewer or Cambrionix

Connect.

Battery information for Android

If you are observing an issue displaying battery information on Android devices ensure firstly you have ADB tool installed and open then try these things in order.

1. Check that developer options are enabled on the android device, and then that USB debugging is also enabled.
2. If you have done this step and it still does not work, go to Developer Options and click 'Revoke USB debugging authorisations'. Unplug the cable and reconnect.
3. If this still doesn't work, turn off the developer options at the top, re-enable it, and re-enable 'USB Debugging'.
4. You can get detailed info directly from ADB at each step to diagnose things:
adb.exe shell dumpsys battery # Use -s SERIAL_NUMBER as first options
if you have more than 1 Android attached

Unknown devices

Sometimes, within Liveviewer and device manager, the connected device may show up as an unknown device. This can be due to the host system needing to be trusted on the device. This can be done on the device itself on the initial connection.

This could also be due to an insufficient number of endpoints available on the USB controller in the host system. This limitation within the USB controller can only be resolved if you connect fewer USB devices to the controller in question.

For Apple devices there is a setting called "USB accessories" which can be activated, Once activated it will reduce the amount of times a device will need to be unlocked/ trusted. More information can be found at the link <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT208857>.

Cannot connect any more devices

Sometimes, you may reach the endpoint limit of your USB controller and this may stop you from being able to attach any more devices to your host system.

You can create more space is to change connections from USB3 to USB2. You can change the connection by disabling USB3 in the BIOS on startup.

A much simpler way is to use USB2 cables instead of USB3 cables, limiting the connection to USB2.

7.5. Hub connection issues

If you there are issues with the hub and connecting to your host system, please see below troubleshooting solutions.

Hub not connecting to host

If you see that the ModIT-Max is not connecting to the host system, one of the issues may be caused by the USB drivers on your host system not being up to date. It is good practice to ensure you have the latest drivers and updates installed on your host system, which is usually handled by the OS, but sometimes may require an update directly from the USB host controllers manufacturer, which will be found on their website.

USB drivers required are FTDI drivers, which can be found on the site <https://ftdichip.com/drivers/>.

Cannot access the COM port

You may get an error message stating "COM (and then a number) could not be opened (Access is denied)".

This is because an application has control over the COM port that the hub is connected to, and no subsequent application can access the hub. To resolve this, you will need to close any other applications that are using the COM port before trying to use the COM port.

7.6. Using with a headless system

If you are using a headless system with no GUI, then and you require to enable logging for support issues, you can use the following command to create the logging cfg file manually:

```
echo  
*=DEBUG>/etc/opt/cambrionix/cambrionix.log.cfg
```

Then after re-producing the problem, you can zip the logs from the folder
/var/log/cambrionix

You may delete the file below when you are finished with it.

```
/etc/opt/cambrionix/cambrionix.log.cfg
```

7.7. Software troubleshooting

Some users have noted that the API can cause a high level of CPU usage. This can sometimes be linked to the

API recorder service. If you are finding this and you are not using it then we would recommend to uninstall it from your system entirely. Information on how to uninstall programs can be found in the Removing Software section.

Firmware Update

If you have older hardware with Firmware version number lower than 1.83 then the hub may not be compatible with the Cambrionix API and will need to be updated to the latest version of Firmware using the Command Line Updater which can be downloaded and installed from the following link. <https://www.cambrionix.com/firmware>

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Returns and Damaged Products

If you wish to return or fix a damaged product first look at the terms on our website www.cambrionix.com/terms-conditions

Before a product is returned please contact support using the methods detailed in the Help and Support section.

9.1. What if my order arrives with an issue?

- If you have received your order in a damaged box and/or the product has physical damage please contact Cambrionix Customer Support or your distribution partner. Please provide photos of the damaged box and/or product when contacting Customer support.
- If an item in your order does not have physical damage but is not functioning properly or will not power on, please contact Customer Support or your distribution partner and provide as much information as possible and including any steps followed to troubleshoot internally.
- Please include photos of the damaged box and product when contacting Customer Support.

Note: If you have received your order in a damaged box and the damage was indicated to the courier, please provide us with a copy of the delivery note detailing this.

9.2. What happens after I have requested a Return?

- If you have not purchased the Product(s) direct from Cambrionix please contact the vendor the item was originally purchased from for their returns process.
- Once you have notified Cambrionix of your return, Cambrionix will arrange for the collection of the product(s), or provide instructions and details for you to return the product direct.
- When returning your product(s), please only send back the items that were advised through the support process.
- Return your product(s) in the original packaging where you can. Where original packaging is not available, use suitable packing methods, which will ensure that the product cannot be subject to impact damage. i.e. double-walled cardboard box with 50mm of soft material.
- Product(s) not returned in their original condition may result in additional costs, please refer to the warranty and terms section on our website.

- Where Cambrionix arranges collection, return shipping will be free, unless Cambrionix notified you otherwise.
- When contacting us about returning a product please provide the following information.
 - Collection Address
 - Weights and Dimensions WxDxH (m) of shipment
 - Preferred collection date and time.
 - Product serial number(s) (this can be found on a label on the rear or underside of the unit)
 - Purchase order number(s)

Compliance and Standards

- CE Tested and marked
- CB Certificate
- Complies with EN60950 safety requirements for IT equipment
- FCC Part 15 Tested and marked
- Housed within a UL94-VO specification fire enclosure
- RoHS Compliant
- Independently safety tested by the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) under file #E346549

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Title	Link	Application Number	Grant Number
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CAMBRIONIX VERY INTELLIGENT ...	UK00002646617	2646617	00002646617
MOD IT DS	GB2591233	6089600	6089600
MOD IT	eSearch	007918669	007918669
MOD IT	90079186690001	007918669-0001	90079186690001
MOD IT	90079186690002	007918669-0002	90079186690002
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- [Help Home - Cambrionix](#)
- [Partners - Cambrionix](#)

