



FDS TIMING SOLUTION MLED-3C Ctrl and Display Box User Manual

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Presentation



1.1. Switches and connectors

1. Active GPS antenna (SMA connector)
2. Radio antenna 868Mhz-915Mhz (SMA connector)
3. Validation switch (Orange)
4. Selection switch (Green)
5. Audio out
6. Input 1 / temperature sensor
7. Input 2 / Sync Output
8. RS232 / RS485
9. Power connector (12V-24V)

Only for model with SN <= 20

If SN > 20 power connector is on the back

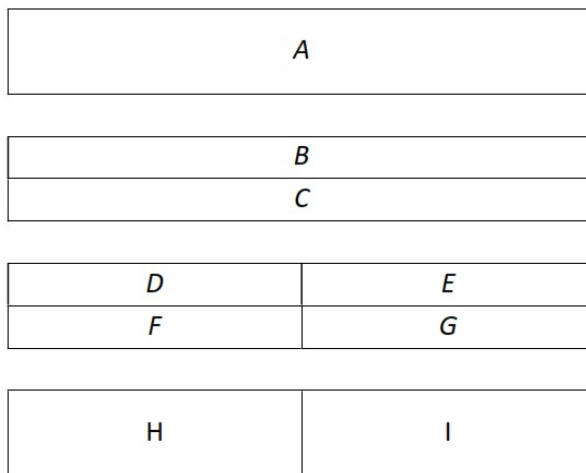
1.2. MLED assembly

The most common configuration comprises of 3 or 4 x MLED panels adjoined to form a display fully configurable to either a single full height line of characters or multiple lines as below. Another configuration proposed is 2 rows of 6 modules which form a 192x32cm display area.

The total display area is divided into 9 zones (A – I) as the schematic below. Be aware that some zones share the same display area and should not be used together. A line number as well as a color can be assigned to each zone via the IOS or PC setup application.

It is recommended to assign the value “0” to any unused zone.

The MLED-CTRL box must always be connected to the lower right MLED module.



Display with 3 x MLED panels (MLED-3C):

Zone A:	8-9 characters, height 14-16cm depending on the font type selected
Zone B – C:	16 characters per zone, height 7cm
Zone D – G:	8 characters per zone, height 7cm
Zone H – I:	4 characters per zone, height 14-16cm

Display with 2x6 MLED panels (MLED-26C):

Zone A:	8-9 characters, height 28-32cm depending on the font type selected
Zone B – C:	16 characters, height 14-16cm per zone
Zone D – G:	8 characters, height 14-16cm per zone
Zone H – I:	4 characters, height 28-32cm per zone

Operating Mode

Six operating modes are available (effective for firmware version 3.0.0 and above).

1. User Control via RS232, Radio or Bluetooth
2. Time / Date / Temperature
3. Start-Finish
4. Speed trap
5. Counter
6. Start Clock

Modes can be selected and configured either via our mobile or PC setup application.

Modes 2-6 are optimized for MLED-3C and MLED-26C configuration. Some of them also work with MLED-1C.

2.1. User Control Mode

This is the general display mode for which you can send data from your own preferred software. Information can be displayed using either the RS232/RS485 port or Radio (using FDS / TAG Heuer protocol) or via Bluetooth using our mobile application.

This is the only mode giving full access to the display zones described in chapter 1.2.

2.2. Time / Date / Temperature Mode

Alternating time, date and temperature, all controlled via GPS and external sensors. Each of which can be pre-defined colors selected by the user for optimum and eye-catching visual impact.

The user can choose between Time, Date and Temperature or a mix of all 3 options scrolling consecutively depending on the user selection.

Temperature can be displayed in either °C or °F.

During initial power up, the displays internal time is used. If GPS is selected as the default synchro source in the settings, once a valid GPS signal is locked the information displayed is synchronized accurately.

Time of day is put on hold when a pulse on input 2 (radio or ext) is received.

TOD at Input 2 pulse is also send to RS232 and printed.

2.3. Start-Finish Mode

Start-Finish mode is a simple yet accurate mode of displaying time taken between 2 positions or inputs. This mode works either with the external Jack inputs 1 & 2 (wired solution), or with WIRC (wireless photocells) signal.

Two input sequence modes are available:

a) Sequenced mode (Normal)

– On receiving an impulse on jack input 1 or wirelessly via WIRC 1, the running time starts.

– On receiving an impulse on jack input 2 or wirelessly via WIRC 2, the time taken is displayed.

b) No sequenced mode (Any Inputs)

– Starts and Finish actions are triggered by any Inputs or WIRC.

Besides Start/Finish impulse acquisition, jack inputs 1 & 2 have two other alternate functions when using Radio inputs:

Alternate Function	Short pulse	Long pulse
1	Block/UnBlock WIRC 1 or 2 Impulses	Reset sequence
2	Block/UnBlock WIRC 1 and 2 Impulses	Reset sequence

- The Result is displayed for a predefined duration (or permanently) as per the user selected parameter.
- Jack and Radio Inputs 1&2 lock time (delay time frame) can be changed.
- WIRC wireless photocells 1 & 2 can be paired to MLED-CTRL using the Menu buttons or via our setup Apps.
- The running time / time taken can be any color pre-defined by the user.

2.4. Speed trap Mode

Speed mode is a simple yet accurate mode of displaying speed between 2 positions or inputs.

This mode works either with the external Jack inputs 1 & 2 (via a manual push button), or with WIRC (wireless photocells) signal.

Distance measured, speed color and unit displayed (Km/h, Mph, m/s, knots) and can be configured manually using the Menu Buttons or via our setup Apps.

Two input sequence modes are available:

a) Sequenced mode (Normal)

– On receiving an impulse on jack input 1 or wirelessly via WIRC 1, start time is recorded

– On receiving an impulse on jack input 2 or wirelessly via WIRC 2, finish time is recorded. Speed is then calculated (using the time difference and distance) and displayed.

b) No sequenced mode (Any Inputs)

– Start and Finish time stamps are triggered by impulses coming from any Input or WIRC.

– Speed is then calculated and displayed.

Besides impulse generation, jack inputs 1 & 2 have two other alternate functions when using Radio inputs:

Alternate Function	Short pulse	Long pulse
1	Block/UnBlock WIRC 1 or 2 Impulses	Reset sequence
2	Block/UnBlock WIRC 1 and 2 Impulses	Reset sequence

- The speed is displayed for a predefined duration (or permanently) user selectable parameter.
- Jack and Radio Inputs 1&2 lock time (delay time frame) can be changed.
- WIRC wireless photocells 1 & 2 can be paired to MLED-CTRL using the Menu buttons or via our setup Apps.

2.5. Counter Mode

- This mode works either with the external Jack inputs 1 & 2, or with WIRC signals.
- User can chose between 1 or 2 counters and several predefined counting sequences.
- For single counter, Jack input 1 or WIRC 1 is used for counting up and Jack input 2 or WIRC 2 for counting down.
- For dual counter, Jack input 1 or WIRC 1 is used for Counter 1 count up and Jack input 2 or WIRC 2 for Counter 2 count down.
- Depressing and holding for 3 seconds a jack input will reset the corresponding counter to its initial value.
- All parameters as inputs lock time, initial value, 4 digits prefix, counter color can be set using the Menu Buttons or via our setup Apps.
- WIRC 1&2 can be paired using the Menu Buttons or via our setup Apps.
- Settings allow the possibility to hide the leading '0'.
- If RS232 protocol is set to "DISPLAY FDS", then each time the counter is refresh, a Display frame is send on the RS232 port.

2.6. Start-Clock Mode

This mode enables MLED Display to be used as a fully configurable start clock.

Different layouts with traffic lights, count-down value and text, can be selected according to the user defined selections.

External Jack inputs 1 & 2 control the start/stop and reset functions. Full control is also possible from our iOS App. Guide line for a proper countdown sequence setting:

** For reference: TOD = Time of Day

1. Select whether a manual countdown or automatic start at a defined TOD value is required. If TOD is selected, countdown will start before TOD value in order to reach zero at the selected TOD.
2. Set the number of countdown cycles. If more than one cycle, the interval between cycles has also to be defined. For proper operation, the interval value must be greater than the sum of the countdown value and the « End of countdown time ». A value of '0' means infinite number of cycles.
3. Set the countdown value, initial color and color change threshold, as well as audible beep if required.
4. Select the desired countdown layout (see description below).
5. According to the selected layout, all other relevant parameters should be configured.

Before countdown:

After initial power-up, the display enters a "wait for synchro" state. The default synchro is defined in the settings.

Other synchronization methods can be initiated via our IOS Application. Once the synchro completed, the state changes to “wait for countdown”. According the selected parameters, the Countdowns will either be started manually or automatically at a predefined time of day.

During the “wait for countdown” state, a predefined message can be displayed on the upper and lower lines as well as TOD.

During countdown:

Depending on the selected layout, information like countdown value, lights and text will be displayed. Countdown value and traffic light color will changes according to the following rules:

- When the countdown starts, the main color is defined by the parameter « Countdown Color ».
 - Up to 3 color sectors can be defined. When the countdown reaches the time defined in a sector, the color changes according to the sector definition. Sector 3 has priority over sector 2 which has priority over sector 1.
 - Countdown will stop at the value defined by the parameter « Countdown end time» its value can be set from 0 to 30sec after countdown reaches 0.
 - When the countdown reach zero, a time frame is sent on the RS232 together with a synchro pulse.
 - When the countdown end time is reached, the TOD is displayed until the next countdown.
- 3 audio beeps can be programmed independently. A threshold for continuous beeps (every second) can also be defined. Continuous beeps will sound until countdown reaches zero (0 will have a higher pitch and longer duration tone).

In some Layouts a text can be displayed during and at the end of the countdown. For example “GO”

2.6.1. Parameters

Countdown layouts:

A) Counter only

Full size Countdown value is displayed.

B) Counter and text

Full size countdown value is displayed until it reaches zero. On reaching zero a Text is displayed instead.

C) 5 Lights Off

Initially full size countdown value is displayed. At value = 5, five full traffic lights replace the value.

Traffic light colors are is defined according to the sectors definition. Every second a light is turned off. At zero, all lights are turned back according to the sector's color.

D) 5 Lights On

Initially full size countdown value is displayed. At value = 5, five empty traffic lights replace the value. Traffic lights color is set according to the sectors definition. Every second a light is turned on until zero is reached.

E) Cnt 2 Lights

Full size countdown value is displayed (max 4 digits) as well as 1 traffic light on each side.

F) Cnt Text 2 Lights

Full size countdown value is displayed (max 4 digits) as well as 1 traffic light on each side. When zero is reached a text replaces the countdown.

G) TOD Cnt

Time of day is displayed on the upper left side.

A full size Countdown value is displayed (max 3 digits) on the right side.

H) TOD Cnt 5Lt Off

Time of day is displayed on upper left side.

A full size Countdown value is displayed (max 3 digits) on the right side.

When the countdown reaches 5, five full small traffic lights appear on the bottom left side under the TOD. Light colors are set according to the sectors defined. Every second a light is turned off. At zero, all lights are turned back on with sector's color.

I) TOD Cnt 5Lt On

Time of day is displayed on upper left side.

A full size Countdown value is displayed (max 3 digits) on the right side.

When the countdown reaches 5, five empty small traffic lights appear on the bottom left side under the TOD. Light

colors are set according to the sectors defined.

Every second a light is turned On until zero is reached.

J) 2 Lines Text Cnt

During countdown, the value is displayed on the bottom line with traffic lights on each side. The upper line is filled out with a user defined text.

When the countdown reach zero, the upper line changed to a second user defined text, and the countdown value on the bottom line is replaced by a third text.

K) Bib TOD Cnt

Time of day is displayed on upper left side.

A full size Countdown value is displayed (max 3 digits) on the right.

The bib number is displayed on the bottom left side under the TOD.

At the end of each cycle, the next Bib value is selected. The Bib list can be downloaded into the display via the IOS app. It is also possible to enter manually on the fly each Bib with the app.

Start CntDown mode:	Manual start or start at defined TOD
Manual start sync:	Manual start can be defined to start at the next 15s, 30s or 60s. If 0 is set the countdown starts immediately
Cycles number:	Number of countdown cycles performed automatically once the first is started (0 = non stop)
Cycles time interval:	Time between each countdown cycle This value must be equal or greater than the “countdown value” plus the “end of countdown time”
Countdown value:	Countdown time in seconds
Countdown color:	Initial color for countdown
Sector 1 time:	Start of sector 1 (compared to countdown value)
Sector 1 color:	Color of sector 1
Sector 2 time:	Start of sector 2 (compared to countdown value)
Sector 2 color:	Color of sector 2
Sector 3 time:	Start of sector 3 (compared to countdown value)
Sector 3 color:	Color of sector 3
End of Countdown:	Time at which a countdown cycle is completed. Value goes from 0 to – 30sec. Sector 3 color is used
Beep 1 time:	Countdown time of the first beep (0 if not used)
Beep 2 time:	Countdown time of the second beep (0 if not used)
Beep 3 time:	Countdown time of the third beep (0 if not used)
Continuous Beep:	Countdown time at which a beep is generated every second until zero is reached
For Layouts (B, F, J) Final Text down:	Text displayed in the center when countdown reaches zero
For Layout (J) Up text CntDwn:	Text displayed on upper line during countdown
Up text at 0:	Text displayed on upper line when countdown reaches zero
Up text CntDwn color:	Upper line text color during countdown
Up text at 0 color:	Upper line text color when countdown reaches zero

Menu & Settings

Display and Mode parameters can be defined via 2 different methods.

- Navigating the display integrated menu using the onboard display push buttons
- Using our iOS application
- Using our PC application

3.1. Display Menu hierarchy

To enter the display menu, press the illuminated orange button for 3 seconds.

Once in the menu use the illuminated Green button to navigate through the menu and the illuminated Orange button to make a selection.

Depending on the mode selected or activated options status some menu items may be not visible.

Main menu:

MODE SETTINGS	(Define the parameters of the selected mode)
MODE SELECTION	(Select a mode. Some modes need to be activated first with a code from your supplier)
GENERAL SETTINGS	(Display general settings)
EXT INPUTS	(Parameters of the 2 external inputs -Jack connectors)
RADIO	(Radio settings and WIRC wireless photocell pairing)
EXIT	(Leave the menu)

General Settings:

DISP INTENSITY	(Change the default display intensity)
BIG FONTS	(change the full height fonts)
RS232 PROTOCOL	(Select the RS232 output protocol)
RS232 BAUDRATE	(Select the RS232/RS485 baud rate)
GPS STATUS	(Display the GPS status)
LICENSE CODE	(Enter a license code to activate additional lodes)
EXIT	(Leave the menu)

Mode Selection:

USER CONTROL	(Standard display mode to be used with iOS App or RS232 connection)
TIME/TEMP/DATE	(Display the time of date, time or temperature or all three scrolling)
START/FINISH	(Start / Finish – With running time)
SPEED	(Speed trap)
COUNTER	(Input 1 increments Counter, Input 2 decrements Counter, reset with Input 2 long press)
STARTCLOCK	(Fully configurable Start Clock mode)
EXIT	(Leave the menu)

Mode Settings (Display Mode)

LINES ADDRESS	(Set the line number for each zone)
LINES COLOR	(Set the color of each zone)
EXIT	(Leave the menu)

Mode Settings (Time / Temperature & Date Mode)

DATA TO DISP	(Select what to display :temp,time,date)
TEMP UNITS	(Change the temperature unit-cor "F)
TIME COLOR	(Color of the Time value)
DATE COLOR	(Color of the Date)
TEMP COLOR	(Color of the Temperature)
TOD HOLD COLOR	(Color of the Time value when on hold by input 2)
TOD HOLD TIME	(Set the TOD holing duration)
SYNCH RO	(Re Synchronize the clock – Manual or GPS)
EXIT	(Leave the menu)

Mode Settings (Start/Finish Mode)

DISP HOLDING TIME	(set the time the information is displayed. 0 = always displayed)
COLOR	(Color of Running time and result)
TIME FORMAT	(Format of the time displayed)
INPUTS SEQUENCE	(Select the inputs sequence mode :Standard / Any Inputs)
INPUT 1FCN	(Function of Input 1: Std input I Auxilary FCN 1I Auxilary FCN 2)
INPUT 2 FCN	(Function of Input 2 : Std input I Auxiliary FCN 1I Auxiliary FCN 2)
PRINT SETTINGS	(Print the settings if RS232 Protocol is set to Printer)
PRINT RESULTS	(Print the time result if RS232 Protocol is set to Printer)
EXIT	(Leave the menu)

Mode Settings (Speed Mode)

DUAL COUNTER	(selection between 1 and 2 counters)
COUNTER SEQUENCE	(counting sequence :0-9999,0-999,0-99,0-15-30-45,0-1-2-X)
INITIAL VALUE	(Initial counter value after reset)
COUNTER PREFIX	(Prefix displayed before the counter – 4 digits max)
LEADING 0	(Leave or remove the leading '0')
PREFIX COLOR	(Color of the prefix)
COUNTER 1 COLOR	(Color of the counter 1)
COUNTER 2 COLOR	(Color of the counter 2)
EXIT	(Leave the menu)

Mode Settings (Start-Clock Mode)

OFF SESSION MODE	(Select what to display when not in a countdown session)
START MODE	(Select between Manual and Automatic Start)
CYCLES NUMBER	(Number of countdown cycles: 0 = infinite)
CNTDOWN PARAM	(Countdown parameters menu)
CNTDOWN LAYOUT	(Select the way countdown info are displayed)
SYNCHRO	(Perform a new synchro: GPS or manual)
PRINT SETTINGS	(Print the settings if RS232 Protocol is set to Printer)
EXIT	(Leave the menu)

CntDown Param (Start-Clock Mode)

COUNTDOWN VALUE	(Countdown value)
COUNTDOWN COLOR	(Initial count down color)
SECTOR 1 TIME	(Start time of color sector 1)
SECTOR 1 COLOR	(Color of sector 1)
SECTOR 2 TIME	(Start time of color sector 2)
SECTOR 2 COLOR	(Color of sector 2)
SECTOR 3 TIME	(Start time of color sector 3)
SECTOR 3 COLOR	(Color of sector 3)
CNTDWN END TIME	(Time after countdown sequence reach zero)
TEXT UP ≥ 0 COLOR	(Color of the upper text displayed in some Layout during the countdown)
TEXT UP = 0 COLOR	(Color of the upper text displayed in some Layout when 0 is reached)
BEEP 1	(Time of Beep 1:0 = disabled)
BEEP 2	(Time of Beep 2:0 = disabled)
BEEP 3	(Time of Beep 3:0 = disabled)
CONTINUOUS BEEP	(Start time for continuous Beep: 0 = disabled)
EXIT	(Leave the menu)

WIRC / WINP / WISG

WIRC, WINP or WISG can be used to send impulses in modes “Start-Finish”, “Speed trap”, “Counter”, “Count-Down”. In order to be recognized by the MLED-CTRL Box, a pairing must be performed either via the Menu Buttons or via our setup Apps.

Important:

Do not use a same WIRC/WINP/WISG on a Display and a TBox simultaneously.

4.1. Factory settings

Factory settings can be restored by pressing both Menu Buttons on MLED-CTRL during power up.

- All parameters will be reset to default.
- Bluetooth password will be reset to “0000”
- Bluetooth will be activated if previously disabled
- Bluetooth will enter DFU mode (for a firmware maintenance)

Once reset completed, power will have to be recycled (OFF/ON) in order to resume normal operation.

Connections

5.1. Power

The MLED-CTRL box can be powered from 12V to 24V. It will forward power to the connected MLED modules. Current drawn will depend of the input voltage as well as the number of MLED panels connected.

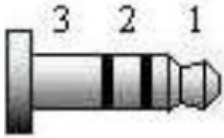
5.2. Audio output

In some display modes, audio tones are generated on the 3.5mm stereo jack connector. Both R & L channels are shorted together.

5.3. Input_1 / Temperature sensor Input

This 3.5mm jack connector combines 2 functionalities.

1. Time capture input 1
2. Digital temperature sensor input



- 1: External input 1
- 2: Temperature Sensor Data
- 3: GND

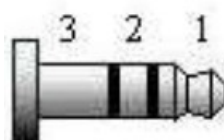
If temperature sensor is not used, an FDS jack to Banana cable can be used to connect an input switch.

5.4. Input_2 / Output

This 3.5mm jack connector combines 2 functionalities.

1. Time capture input 2
2. General purpose output (optocoupled)

- 1: External input 2
- 2: Output
- 3: GND



If output is not used, an FDS jack to Banana cable can be used to connect an input switch.
If output is used, a special adaptor cable is requested.

5.5. RS232/RS485

Any standard RS232 DSUB-9 cable can be used to drive the MLED-Ctrl from a computer or other compatible device. On the connector, 2 pins are reserved for RS485 connection.

DSUB-9 female pinout:

1	RS485 A
2	RS232 TXD (Out)
3	RS232 RXD (In)
4	NC
5	GND
6	NC
7	NC
8	NC
9	RS485 B

Display communication Protocol RS232/RS485

For basic text strings (no color control), the MLED-CTRL box is compatible with FDS and TAG Heuer display protocol.

6.1. Basic Format

<STX>NLXXXXXXXX<LF>

STX = 0x02

N = line number <1..9, A..K> (total 1 ... 20)

L = brightness <1..3>

X = characters (up to 64)

LF = 0x0A

Format: 8bits / no parity / 1 stop bit

Baud Rate: 9600bds

6.2. Characters Set

All standard ASCII characters <32 .. 126> excepted for the char ^ which is used as delimiter

!"#\$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQRSTUVWXYZ

[_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz{|}~

Extended Latin ASCII characters (ISO-8859-1) <224 .. 255>

àáâãäåæçèéêëìíîïðñòóôõö÷øùúûüýþÿ

6.3. FDS extended commands

The following specification is valid for firmware version V3.0.0 and above.

Inline commands can be added in a display frame between the ^^ delimiters.

Command	Description
<code>^cs c^</code>	Color overlay
<code>^cp s e c^</code>	Color overlay between two characters position
<code>^tf p c^</code>	Display a Traffic Light at position (Filled)
<code>^tb p c^</code>	Display a Traffic Light at position (Border only)
<code>^ic n c p ^</code>	Display an icon (among proposed icons)
<code>^fi c^</code>	Fill all display
<code>^fs n s c^</code> <code>^fe^</code>	Flash part of a text
<code>^fd n s c^</code>	Flash full line
<code>^rt f hh:mm:ss^</code> <code>^rt f hh:mm:ss.d^</code> <code>^rt f mm:ss^</code> <code>^rt f mm:ss.d^</code> <code>^rt f sss^</code> <code>^rt f sss.d^</code>	Display a running time

Color Overlay:

Command	Description
<code>^cs c^</code>	<p>Color overlay</p> <p>cs = start color overlay cmd</p> <p>c = color code (1 or 2 digits : <0 ... 10>)</p> <p>Example A: <STX>13Welcome ^cs 2^FDS^cs 0^Timing<LF></p> <p>“Welcome” and “Timing” are in the default line color</p> <p>“FDS” is in Green</p> <p>Example B: <STX>23^cs 3^Colour^cs 4^ Display<LF></p> <p>“Color” is in Blue</p> <p>“Display” is in Yellow</p> <p>Color overlay is only applied in the current received frame.</p>

Text Color at position:

Command	Description
<code>^cp s e c^</code>	<p>Set color overlay between two characters position (permanent)</p> <p>cp = cmd</p> <p>s = first character position (1 or 2 digits : <1 .. 32>)</p> <p>e = last character position (1 or 2 digits : <1 .. 32>)</p> <p>c = color code (1 or 2 digits : <0 ... 10>)</p> <p>Example: <STX>13^cp 1 10 2^^cp 11 16 3^ <LF></p> <p>Characters position 1 to 10 are defined in Green</p> <p>Characters position 11 to 16 are defined in Blue</p> <p>This setting is saved in non-volatile memory, and is applied to all following received frame.</p>

Display a Traffic lights at position (Filled):

Command	Description
<code>^tf p c^</code>	<p>Display a filled traffic light at a defined position</p> <p>tf = cmd</p> <p>p = position starting from the left (1 .. 9). 1 inc = 1 traffic light width</p> <p>c = color code (1 or 2 digits : <0 ... 10>)</p> <p>Example: <STX>13^tf 1 2^^tf 2 1^ <LF></p> <p>Display a green and a red traffic Light on the left of the display.</p> <p>This will overlay any other data.</p> <p>The rest of the display is not modified.</p> <p>Do not add text in the same frame</p>

Display a Traffic lights at position (Border only):

Command	Description
<code>^tb p c^</code>	<p>Display a traffic light (border only) at a defined position</p> <p>tb = cmd</p> <p>p = position starting from the left (1 .. 9). 1 inc = 1 traffic light width</p> <p>c = color code (1 or 2 digits : <0 ... 10>)</p> <p>Example: <STX>13^tb 1 2^^tb 2 1^ <LF></p> <p>Display a green and a red traffic Light on the left of the display.</p> <p>This will overlay any other data.</p> <p>The rest of the display is not modified</p> <p>Do not add text in the same frame</p>

Display an Icon:

Command	Description
<code>^ic n c p^</code>	<p>Display an icon inline a text or at a defined position</p> <p>ic = cmd</p> <p>c = color code (1 or 2 digits : <0 ... 10>)</p> <p>p = position starting from the left (*optional) <1...32></p> <p>1 inc = ½ icon width</p> <p>Example 1: <STX>13^ic 1 2 2^<LF></p> <p>Display a small green traffic light at position 2</p> <p>Example 2: <STX>13^ic 5 7^Finish<LF></p> <p>Display a white checker flag on the left followed by the text 'Finish'</p> <p>* If this parameter is omitted, the icon is displayed before, after or between a text. Text can be added in the same frame.</p> <p>If this parameter > 0 then the icon will be displayed at the defined position overlaying any other data. Do not add text in the same frame.</p> <p>Icon list:</p> <p>0 = reserved</p> <p>1 = small traffic light filled</p> <p>2 = small traffic light empty</p> <p>3 = traffic light filled</p> <p>4 = traffic light empty</p> <p>5 = Checker flag</p>

Fill all display:

Command	Description
<code>^fi c^</code>	<p>Fill with a defined color the full display area. Only 50% of the LEDs are turned on to reduce current and heating fi = cmd c = color code (1 or 2 digits : <0 ... 10>) Example: <STX>13^fi 1^ <LF> Fill the display line with the red color.</p>

Flash a full line:

Command	Description
<code>^fd n s c^</code>	<p>Flash a full line fd = cmd s = Speed <0 ... 3> n = Number of flash <0 ... 9> (0 = permanent flashing) c = color code *optional (0 – 2 digits : <0 ... 10>) Example: <STX>13^fd 3 1^<LF> Flash the line 3 times at speed 1</p>

Flash a text:

Command	Description
<code>^fs n s c^</code> <code>^fe^</code>	<p>Flash a text fs = Start of text to flash cmd fe = End of text to flash cmd s = Speed <0 ... 3> n = Number of flash <0 ... 9> (0 = permanent flashing) c = color code *optional (0 – 2 digits : <0 ... 10>) Example: <STX>13^fs 3 1^FDS^fe^ Timing<LF> Display the text “FDS Timing”. The word ‘FDS’ is flashing 3 times. Color is not present so Black by default.</p>

Display a running time:

Command	Description
<code>^rt f hh:mm:ss^</code> <code>^rt f hh:mm:ss.d^</code> <code>^rt f mm:ss^</code> <code>^rt f mm:ss.d^</code> <code>^rt f sss^</code> <code>^rt f sss.d^</code>	<p>Display a running time rt = cmd f = Flags <0 ... 7> (bit0 = remove leading 0; bit1 =countdown) hh = hours <0 ... 99> mm = minutes <0 ... 59> sss = seconds <0 ... 999> ss = seconds <0 ... 59> d = decimal Example 1: <STX>13^rt 0 10:00:00^<LF> <STX>13^rt 0 10:00:00.5^<LF> Display a clock starting at 10h. A decimal can be added for a better synchronization, however if the display is 8 digits wide, the decimal is not showed. Example 2: <STX>13^rt 1 00:00.0^<LF> Display a running time in mm:ss.d from 0, hiding the leading zero.</p>

Color code:

code	Color
0	Black
1	Red
2	Green
3	Blue
4	Yellow
5	Magenta
6	Cyan
7	White
8	Orange
9	Deep pink
10	Light Blue

How to update the firmware

Updating the MLED-CTRL box firmware is relatively simple.

For this operation you will need to use the software "FdsFirmwareUpdate".

- a) Disconnect power from the MLED-CTRL Box
- b) Install the program "FdsFirmwareUpdate" on your computer
- c) Connect the RS232
- d) Run the program "FdsFirmwareUpdate"
- e) Select the COM Port
- f) Select the update file (.bin)
- g) Press Start on the program
- h) Connect the power cable to MLED-CTRL Box

MLED module firmware can also be updated via the MLED-CTRL Box using the same procedure.

Firmware and apps can be found on our website: <https://fdstiming.com/download/>

Technical specifications

Power supply	12V-24V (+/- 10%)
Radio frequencies & Power : Europe India North America	869.4 – 869.65 MHz 100mW 865 – 867 MHz 100mW 920 – 924 MHz 100mW
Inputs precision	1/10'000 sec
Operating temperature	-20°C to 60°C
Time drift	ppm @ 20°C; max 2.Sppm from -20°C to 60°C
Bluetooth module	BLE 5
Dimensions	160x65x35mm
Weight	280gr

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