

EasySense Mac OSX Quick Start Guide

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Compatibility

Computer	Mac OSX V10.7 or later 64 bit processor
Connection	USB
Data Logger	EasySense Vu EasySense Vu+ EasySense VISION EasySense V-Log4 and V-Log8

To begin

- Download the EasySense Mac software from the Mac App Store and install.
- Use the USB lead to connect the data logger to the computer and open the EasySense program.



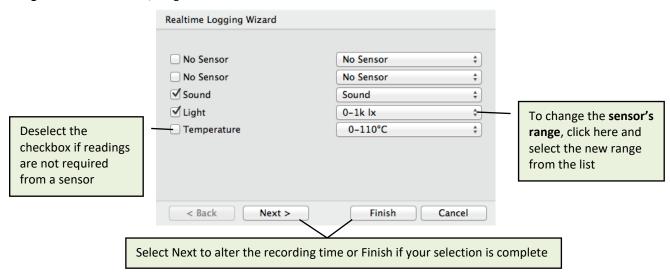
Recording data

- To begin recording, simply click on the **Start** icon.
- During logging the Start/**Stop** icon will show a red square. Click on this icon to stop data being recorded before the selected duration has passed.
- If you want to repeat the last experiment (with all of the settings the same) simply click on the **Start** icon again.

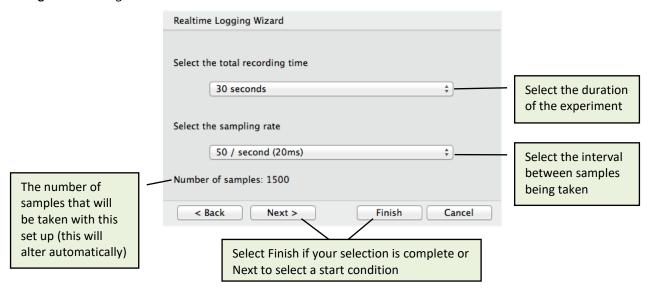


To set up a new investigation e.g. to change the duration of a recording in Graph, or to identify a change of sensors or change a sensor's range, select the **New** experiment wizard.

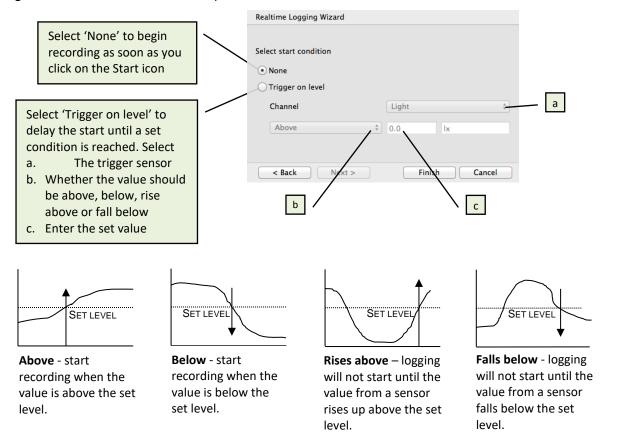
Stage 1: Sensor selection, range and deselect



Stage 2: Recording duration



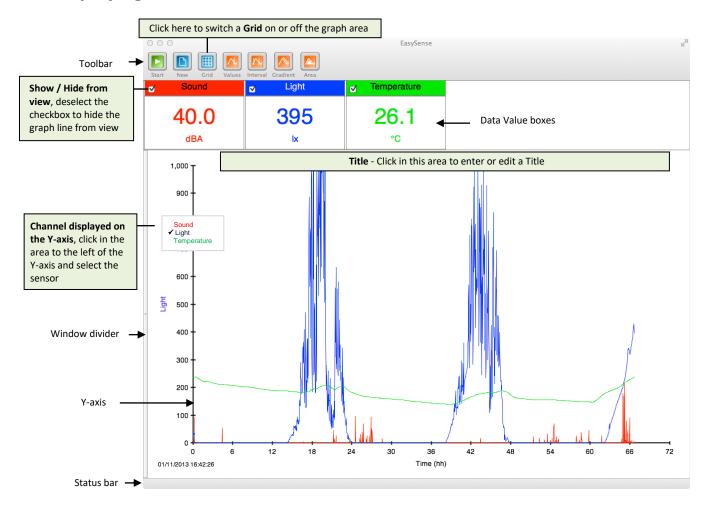
Stage 3: Select the Start condition as required.



- Select Finish.
- Click on the **Start** icon . Recording will start when the start condition you have selected is met. The recording will stop when the selected time span has passed.

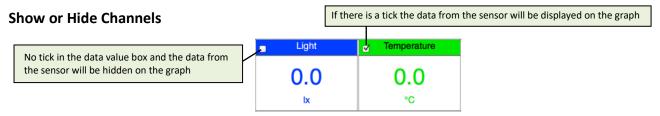
If trigger on level was selected, a 'Waiting for trigger' message will appear in the status bar (below the graph). When the trigger condition is reached the recording will begin.

Displaying data



Data Value boxes

The value recorded by a sensor is displayed in a data value box. The colour used in a data value box corresponds to the colour of the plotted line and the y-axis label on the graph.



Y-Axis display

Click with mouse button in the space to the left of the graph area and select the sensor you want displayed on the Y-axis.

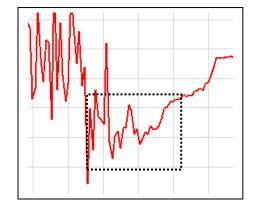
Zoom

An area of the graph can be magnified so that it can be seen in greater detail.

Position the mouse pointer at the top corner of the area to be magnified. Click, hold down and drag the rectangular box over the area to be magnified. Release the mouse button to show the magnified area.

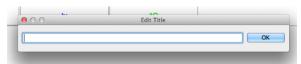
To expand the magnified area further, repeat the above.

Double click the mouse to return to the original graph.



Title

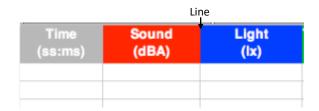
To add or edit a title either click with the mouse in the area above the graph or select **Edit Title** from the Display menu. Type in the text for the title.



The Table display

The graph area automatically fills the window. To expose the table either select **Show Table** from the **Display** menu or drag the window divider to the right i.e. position the mouse pointer over the window divider to the left of the screen, when it becomes a ***| *** symbol, click, hold down the mouse button, and drag to the right to expose the table area.

The width of the columns in the table can be increased or decreased. Position the mouse pointer in between the columns in the heading, when it becomes a +| > symbol, click, hold down and drag to adjust the width.



Changing a sensor's range

Some *Smart Q* sensors have multiple ranges e.g. a Light Level Sensor. The way to change a sensor's range to one more suitable for an experiment is:

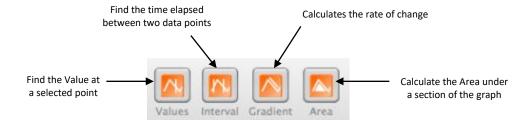
- Select the New recording wizard icon.
- Click on the sensor's name, it will be listed using its current range.



- Select the required range from the list.
- Select Finish to exit the wizard.

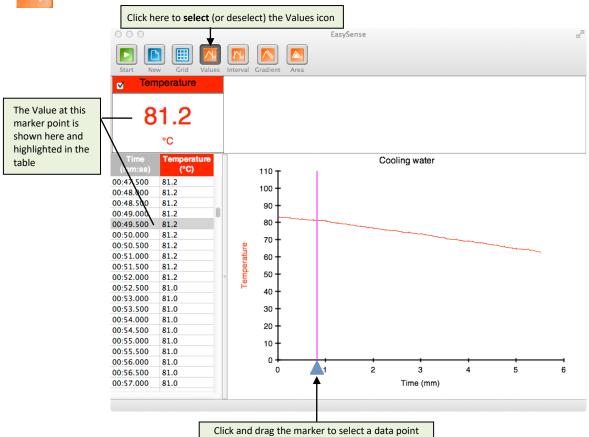
Analysing captured data

There are a number of tools built into the graph window to allow the analysis of captured data. Select the tool either using the icons on the toolbar or from the Analysis drop down menu.

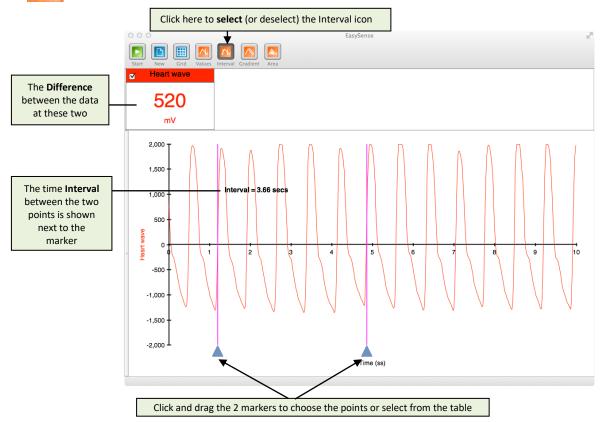




Values

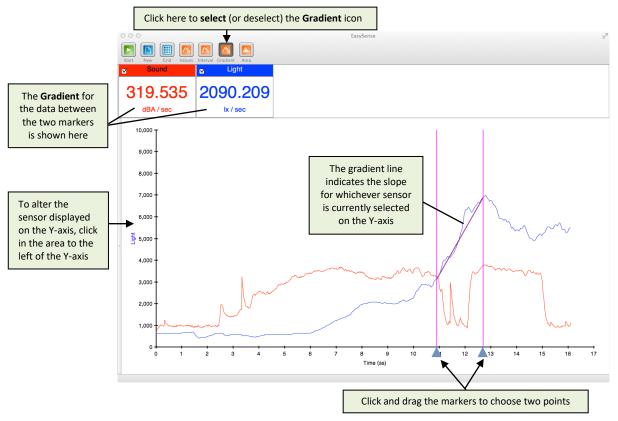


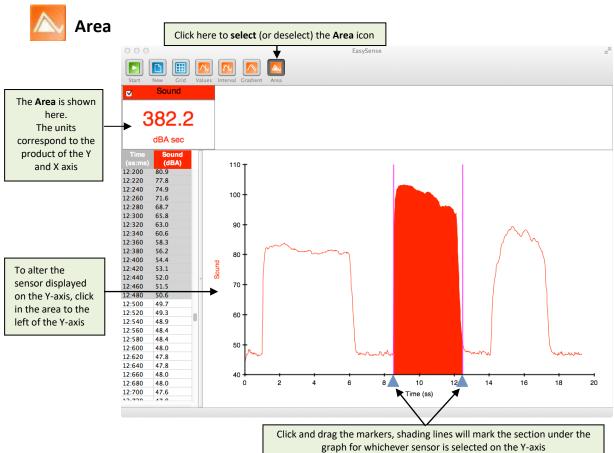
Interval / Difference



Gradient

This feature calculates the rate of change of data. When the graph line is horizontal the gradient is zero and values are not changing. A positive gradient shows that values are increasing – the larger the gradient, the faster the change.



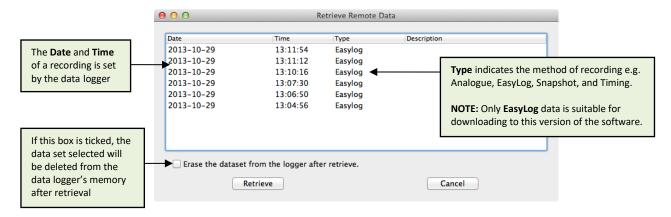


Retrieve Remote

Retrieved data can be used in the same way as real-time data i.e. it can be analysed, saved and printed.

To retrieve data stored on the Vu data logger:

- Select Retrieve Remote from the File menu. A dialog box will open showing a list of data sets.
- Select the required set of data and click on the Retrieve button.



Edit menu options

Copy

Used to copy the current Table onto the clipboard from where it can be pasted into spreadsheet, word processor or desktop publishing applications.

Select All

Use to select all the data in the Table.

File menu options

Item	Description
New 🛅	Use to set up a new recording e.g. opens the Logging wizard.
Open	Use to load previously saved data files. Locate the correct EasySense file (.SSL) and click on Open.
Save As	A dialogue box will open to allow the captured data to be saved as an EasySense file using a filename and destination of your choice. Saved as .SSL type file.
Save	Provided the file has been saved previously, the data will be automatically saved, retaining the name given the first time it was saved. If you Save while only a selected part of the data is being used then only the selected data will be saved.

Printing

Page Set-up	To set up the print output to suit your printer. Use to select whether to print in landscape or portrait format.
Print	To print out a copy of the current graph area

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