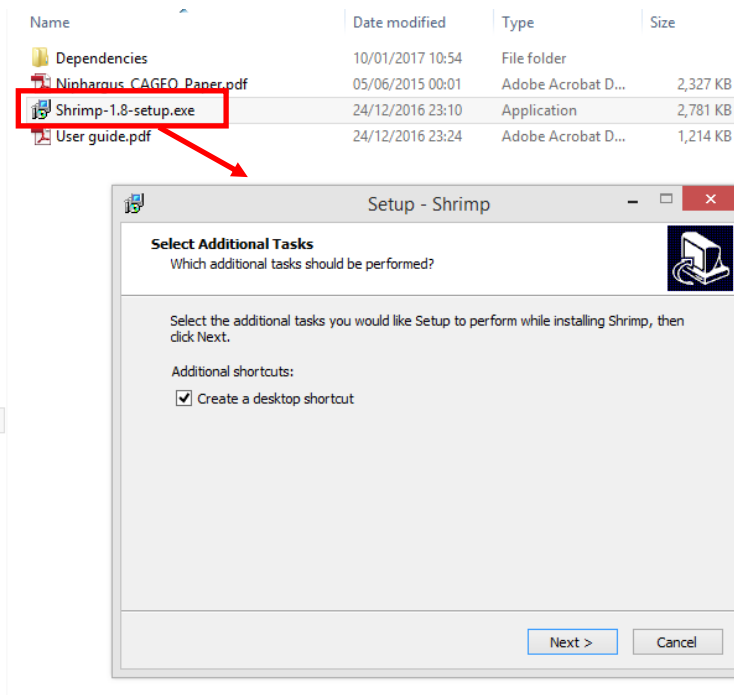


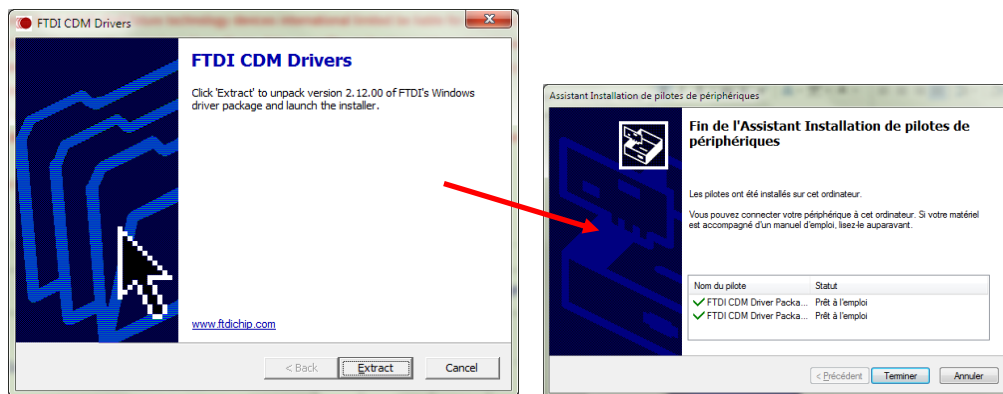


Niphargus & Shrimp
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1. Shrimp setup



Before plugin a Niphargus for the first time, it is best to install the measurements downloading application “Shrimp”. The installation is straightforward, and its duration will depend on the software components previously installed on the system. The Niphargus drivers (FTDI virtual serial port) will also automatically install at the end of the setup (see below). Follow the screen instructions to install the drivers.



Once installed, Shrimp icon look like this :

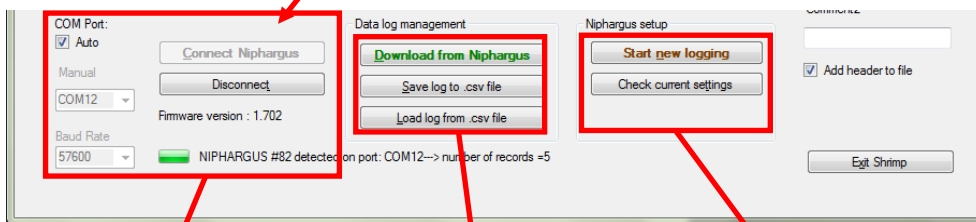
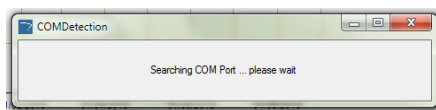
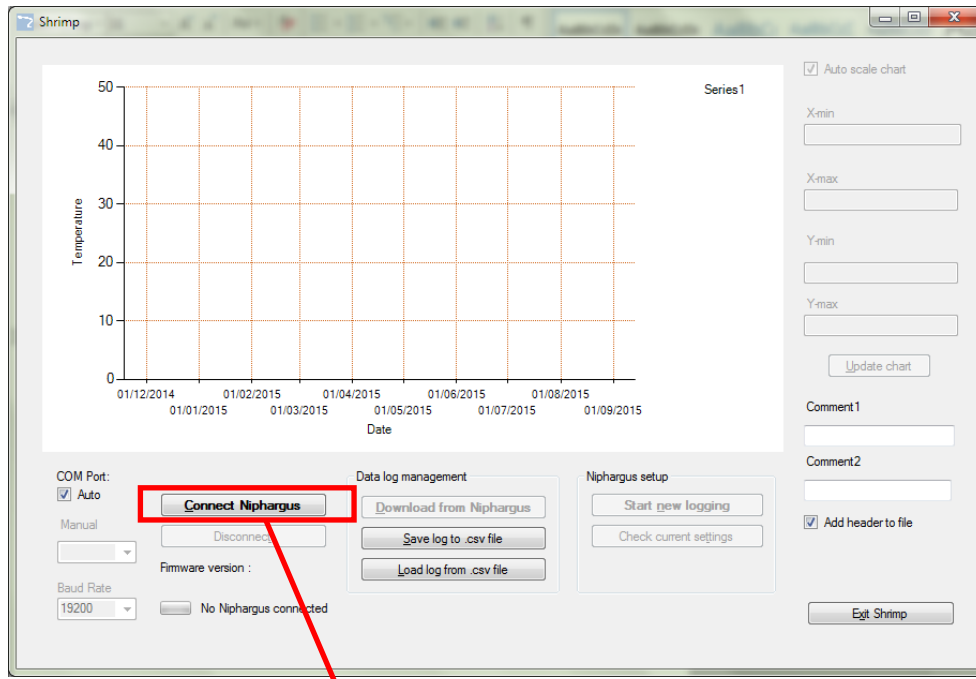


You can now plug-in a Niphargus and start the program. The first plug-in of a Niphargus on a new computer can take a few seconds (“new hardware detected” pop-up). Once the “new hardware” is installed properly, the Niphargus is ready to use.



2. Connect a Niphargus to Shrimp

Once shrimp has started, click on “Connect Niphargus” to initiate the communication with the logger, Shrimp will then scan the computer communication ports to detect a Niphargus. If the detection fails, maybe the Niphargus is still not ready to communicate, wait a few seconds and retry. Wait typically 2-3 seconds between the plug-in of a Niphargus in the USB port and the connection in Shrimp.



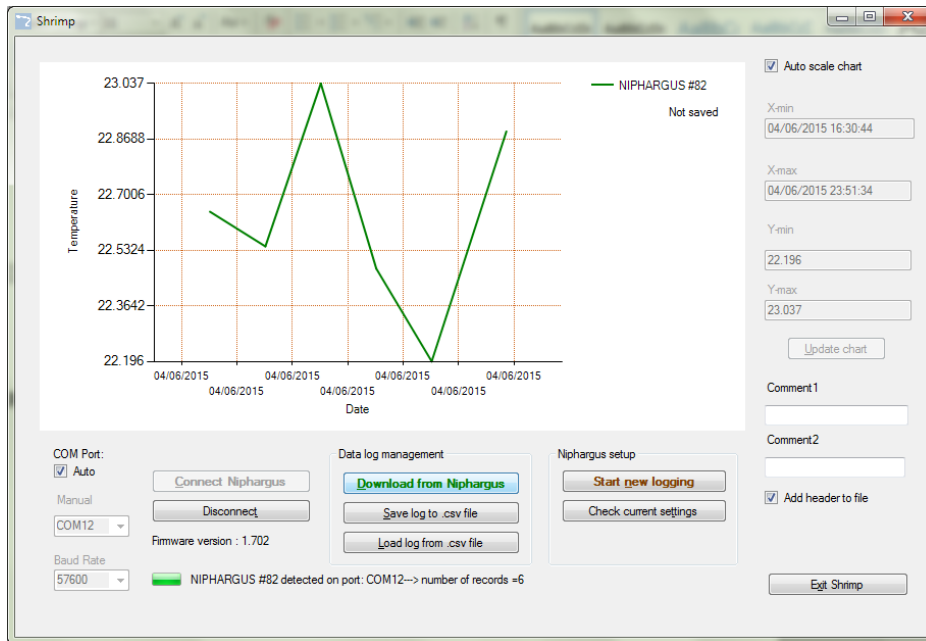
Connection section: Connect the logger, disconnect the logger (swap of Niphargus). The communication port can also be selected manually if the automatic detection fails.

Temperature logs: download the data from the logger, save to a .csv (semicolon separated values) file and load a file.

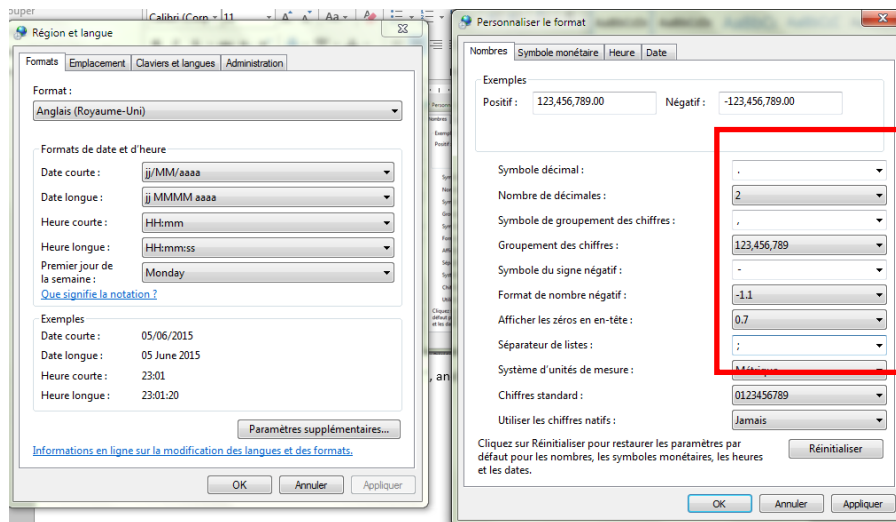
Settings section: start a new series of measurements and check the logger current settings and status.

3. Download a log from the Niphargus

Once connected, click on “Download from Niphargus” to download the recorded data. The download can take up to 40sec if the memory is full (26000 date-time-temperature values). Once downloaded, a preview of the data appears on the chart. You can then save the data by clicking on “Save the log to .csv file”. The csv file is a semicolon separated value file than can be opened in excel. Temperature values are expressed in °C with decimal separated with a point.



Tip: If Excel does not separate correctly the columns, you can set regional parameters (in Windows Control Panel – Language and Region – Additional settings).



Decimal symbol should be set to point “.”, and list separator set to semicolon “;”

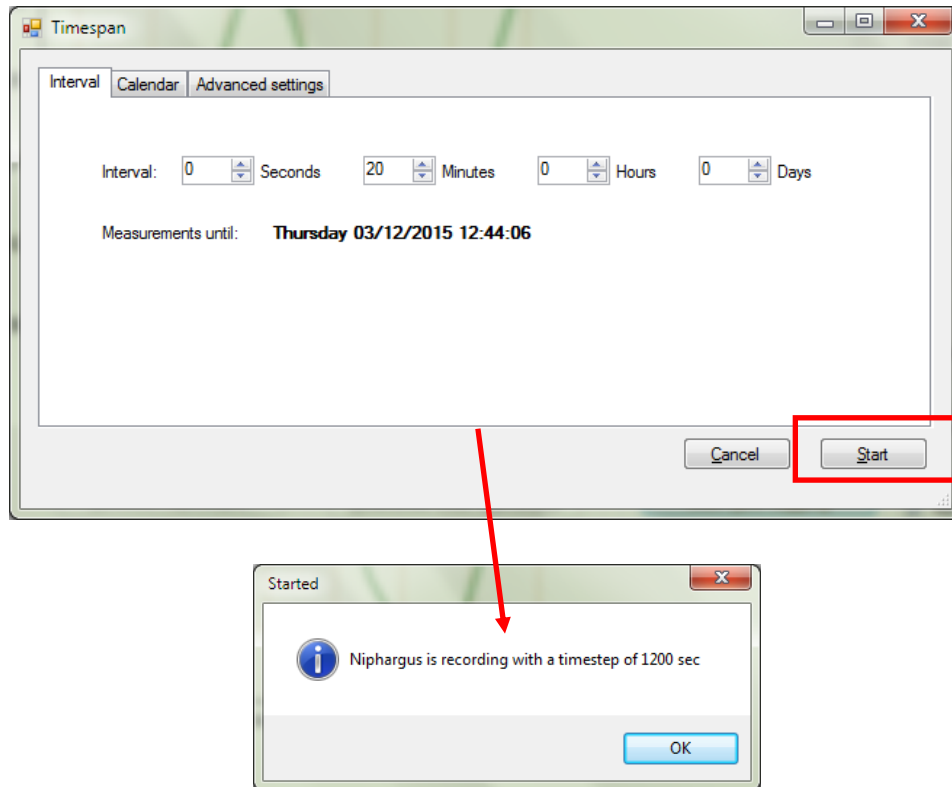
Typical log file should look like this :

A header with metadata on the recordings, 3 columns with date-time stamps, measured temp (raw values), corrected values (calibration made with a precision thermistor at 10°C)

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1		<ID-NIPHARGUS>NIPHARGUS #82</ID-NIPHARGUS>	
2		<Date_on>4/6/2015</Date_on>	
3		<Interval>3600</Interval>	
4		<Voltage>3.066 V</Voltage>	
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6		<Number_of_records>6</Number_of_records>	
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8		</Header>	
9		<COMMENT1></COMMENT1>	
10		<COMMENT2></COMMENT2>	
11		</COMMENT2></COMMENT2>	
12			
13		(*) These values correspond to a calibrated/corrected temperature values vs a thermistor at 10 Celsius deg.	
14		The correction for this Niphargus probe was measured to: 0.108 Celsius deg	
15			
17	DateTime	MeasuredTemp	CorrectedTemp[*]
18	04/06/2015 17:30	22.649	22.757
19	04/06/2015 18:30	22.544	22.652
20	04/06/2015 19:30	23.037	23.145
21	04/06/2015 20:30	22.477	22.585
22	04/06/2015 21:30	22.196	22.304
23	04/06/2015 22:51	22.892	23

3. Start a new measurement with the Niphargus

To start a new series of measurements, click on “Start new logging”. The following box appears to choose a measurement interval. For each interval choice, the maximum duration of measurements before the Niphargus memory is full is calculated (end of measurement date-time). Note that Calendar and advanced setting tabs are not yet implemented.



Tips :

- Minimal measurement interval for this version of the Niphargus is 5 seconds, if a shorter interval is chosen, Niphargus will automatically switch to 5 seconds interval.
- The Niphargus only start to record temperature once unplugged (led flash every 10 seconds). Avoid keeping the logger plugged on the USB port for a long time, it will drain the battery quicker.
- **A new series of measurements automatically erase the previous data recorded by the Niphargus! Be sure to save the previous log to a file before starting a new measurement!**

