

# Current Cost CC128 XML Data Output

## 1. Serial Port

The CC128 Display Unit outputs ASCII text over it's serial port at 57600 baud, 1 start, 8-bit data, 1 stop, no parity, no handshake. The CC128 version of hardware does not listen for incoming data.

If your PC does not have a COM serial port, the Current Cost Prolific serial USB cable can be used in conjunction with a software driver to create a virtual COM port.

A terminal emulator program like Window's Hyper Terminal or the [C2 TERMINAL](#) software application, will display the port's data.

For a quick check, a batch command like the following works on some PC systems. Obviously, edit the "COM" port number to the one in use.

```
@echo off
title CurrentCost Data Display
color f0
prompt ""
mode con: cols=100 > nul
mode COM13: baud=57600 parity=n data=8 stop=1 > nul
echo Displaying data received from COM13 serial port. Press Ctrl-C to stop...
echo
type COM13
pause
```

The Prolific PL-2303 Drivers support Windows 2K/XP/Vista along with MacOS (8, 9 and 10.x PowerPC and Intel) and Linux (some kernels include support without additional drivers).

If the data is captured to a text file, some HTML browsers will open this to display the block of XML for easier reading, but the text must be prefixed and post fixed with a block label, eg <xml>...</xml>. MS Excel will read this data and it can be auto filtered. Alternatively there are free XML viewers available. All these programs start to load very slowly with file sizes above 2MB. There is no separate schema available, the programs will create their own.

The intention of providing the xml data is to enable custom software to be created to use the information in whatever way meets your personal or company objectives or interests.

## 2. Real-Time Output

The monitor's display unit outputs data whenever successful transmission is received from any transmitter [listed as a sensor in the XML data]. The channel in the XML data relates to current clamp 1,2 or 3 or the single channel of a plug in 10A socket transmitter.

Note normally transmitters are known as channels/appliances and clamps as sensors. But for some unknown reason the two names are swopped around when it comes to the XML

data! As long as you take this onboard you will not get confused.

The CC128 message structure is slightly compressed compared with the Current Cost "Classic" format, as follows:

```
<msg>start of message
<src>CC128-v0.11</src> source and software version
<dsb>00089</dsb> days since birth, ie days run
<time>13:02:39</time> 24 hour clock time as displayed
<tmpr>18.7</tmpr> temperature as displayed
<sensor>1</sensor> Appliance Number as displayed
<id>01234</id> radio ID received from the sensor
<type>1</type> sensor Type, "1" = electricity
<ch1> sensor channel
<watts>00345</watts> data and units
</ch1>
<ch2>
<watts>02151</watts>
</ch2>
<ch3>
<watts>00000</watts>
</ch3>
</msg> end of message
```

This message is sent out for each Appliance Sensor received (sensor 1 to 9) plus the "Whole House" Sensor, which is listed as sensor 0.

### 3. Historical Data Output

A full cycle of History messages are output starting at 1 minute past every odd hour, ie 17:01, 19:01 etc. A burst of data is sent once every 10 seconds. History Data is sent for all 10 sensors regardless if they are now present or not.

Four items of sensor data for each of 10 sensors are sent each xml burst, ie 40 items. When the data from one store is completely sent, the data from the next store is sent. When the cycle is completed, the wire is quiet of history data until the start of the next cycle.

A full cycle of output can be initiated for download on demand by pressing and holding the Down and OK buttons together until the LED flashes. Real-time XML output and all on-screen update including the time stops while this is happening.

### 3.1 Two-Hourly Historical Data

The last 31 days Energy Usage is output as 2-hour aggregates of KWHr (3720 values covering 9 Appliances plus Whole House), the data being aggregated starting at odd hours, eg 23:00 to 01:00, 01:00 to 03:00 etc. This accommodates industry requests to view evening and night data segments distinguished at 23:00.

"Sensor 0" refers to the "Whole House" and Sensors 1 to 9 are Appliance Sensors.

Where sensors have more than one channel, the value presented is the total of all channels.

```
<msg> start of message
  <src>CC128-v0.11</src> [as for Real-Time]
    <dsb>00089</dsb> [as for Real-Time]
  <time>13:10:50</time> [as for Real-Time]
  <hist> start of history
  <dsw>00032</dsw> days since wipe of history
  <type>1</type> sensor Type, "1" = electricity
  <units>kwahr</units> units of data eg KWHr
  <data> start of data burst
  <sensor>0</sensor> historic Appliance Number
  <h024>001.1</h024> h="hours", 24="22 to 24 hrs ago"
  <h022>000.9</h022> h="hours", 22="20 to 22 hrs ago"
  <h020>000.3</h020> h="hours", 18="20 to 20 hrs ago"
  <h018>000.4</h018> h="hours", 22="16 to 18 hrs ago"
  </data>
  ... [Sensor 1 to 8 data here]
  <data>
  <sensor>9</sensor>
  <units>kwahr</units>
  <h024>000.0</h024>
  <h022>000.0</h022>
  <h020>000.0</h020>
  <h018>000.0</h018>
  </data>
</hist>
</msg> end of message
```

### 3.2 Daily Historical Data

The last 90 days Energy Usage is output as daily aggregates of KWHr (900 values covering 9 Appliances plus Whole House).

For simplicity, this data overlaps the 2-hr history store in the present version.

"Sensor 0" refers to the "Whole House" and Sensors 1 to 9 are Appliance Sensors.

Where sensors have more than one channel, the value presented is the total of all channels.

```
<msg>
<src>CC128-v0.11</src>
<dsb>00089</dsb>
<time>13:10:50</time>
<hist>
<dsw>00032</dsw>
<type>1</type>
units>kwhr</units>
<data>
<sensor>0</sensor>
<units>kwhr</units>
<d055>012.9</d055> d="days", 055="55 days ago"
<d054>011.0</d054>
<d053>014.3</d053>
<d052>019.5</d052>
</data>
... [Sensor 1 to 8 data here]
<data>
<sensor>9</sensor>
<units>kwhr</units>
<d055>000.0</d055>
<d054>000.0</d054>
<d053>000.0</d053>
<d052>000.0</d052>
</data>
</hist>
</msg>
```

### 3.3 Monthly Historical Data

The last 84 months Energy Usage is output as monthly aggregates of KWHr (840 values covering 9 Appliances plus Whole House).

For simplicity, this data overlaps the 2-hr and Daily history stores in the present version [*subject to review*].

"Sensor 0" refers to the "Whole House" and Sensors 1 to 9 are Appliance Sensors.

Where sensors have more than one channel this is stored totalled.

```
<msg>
<src>CC128-v0.11</src>
<dsb>00089</dsb>
<time>13:10:50</time>
<hist>
<dsw>00032</dsw>
<type>1</type>
<units>kwhr</units>
<data>
<sensor>0</sensor>
<units>kwhr</units>
<m002>257.0</m002> m="month", 002="2 months ago"
<m001>340.0</m001>
</data>
... [Sensor 1 to 8 data here]
<data>
<sensor>9</sensor>
<units>kwhr</units>
<m002>000.0</m002>
<m001>000.0</m001>
</data>
</hist>
</msg>
```

### 4. Document Version

The original document was issued by Current Cost on 18th February 2009. This document has been altered by [Aussie Home Energy](#) to add additional details where thought needed, in some cases to remove confusion by the reader.

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