

# Using InTemp® with 21 CFR Part 11 Systems

This document is intended to clarify how Onset Computer Corporation’s InTemp mobile app, InTempConnect cloud database, and the CX family of loggers, including the CX400 and CX500 series loggers, are compatible within an environment where 21 CFR Part 11 is being employed.

Title 21 CFR Part 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations deals with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines on electronic records and electronic signatures in the United States. Part 11, as it is commonly called, defines the criteria under which electronic records and electronic signatures are considered to be trustworthy, reliable, and equivalent to paper records.

The following table shows how the 21 CFR Part 11 requirements can be addressed using the InTemp mobile app and InTempConnect in conjunction with the CX family of data loggers, the customer’s mobile devices, and the customer’s internal procedures.

Regulation Reference	Onset Comments
<p><b>Sec. 11.10 Controls for Closed Systems</b></p> <p>Persons who use closed systems to create, modify, maintain, or transmit electronic records shall employ procedures and controls designed to ensure the authenticity, integrity, and, when appropriate, the confidentiality of electronic records, and to ensure that the signer cannot readily repudiate the signed record as not genuine. Such procedures and controls shall include the following:</p> <p>(a) Validation of systems to ensure accuracy, reliability, consistent intended performance, and the ability to discern invalid or altered records.</p> <hr/> <p>(b) The ability to generate accurate and complete copies of records in both human readable and electronic form suitable for inspection, review, and copying by the agency.</p> <hr/> <p>(c) Protection of records to enable their accurate and ready retrieval throughout the records retention period.</p>	<p>NIST-traceable temperature accuracy certification come standard with the CX family of data loggers to assure customers that the hardware they are using will perform within the stated specifications. In addition, this document along with customer SOPs should be used to ensure consistency throughout the customer’s process for maintaining a 21 CFR Part 11 system. The best way to ensure reliability and performance is through the proper use of the controls in Onset’s InTemp application and InTempConnect as laid out in the remainder of this document.</p> <hr/> <p>The primary data record resides in two locations. The first is an embedded database in the app that only the app itself can access. The second is a cloud data warehouse with audit tracking enabled. Customers can export a secure PDF with document-level-permissions from both the app and cloud, which prevents editing of the PDF by an end user.</p> <hr/> <p>Both InTempConnect and the InTemp app store the data in a secure database, which can be accessed only with system credentials. InTempConnect is housed on secure third-party servers.</p> <p>The customer systems must ensure that mobile devices are backed up regularly. The mobile device must have sufficient memory to allow for storage of data for the appropriate records retention period. The app will keep all data files unless explicitly deleted by a user.</p> <p>For all communication between the mobile app and cloud, SSL and username/password authentication is used along with a proprietary protocol buffer data structure. In addition, SSL is used in the website, providing encryption of all data to and from the server.</p>

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<b>Sec. 11.10 Controls for Closed Systems (continued)</b>	
(d) Limiting system access to authorized individuals.	<p>Local computers as well as both Android and iOS provide their own locking mechanisms to prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing the data. The InTemp and InTempConnect cloud system provide an authenticated email/password login, shared between the app and the cloud. InTemp applications that are associated with an InTempConnect account automatically assign a passkey to loggers associated with that account. In addition, the InTemp app and the CX family of data loggers have the capability to add a passkey to the logger in standalone mode, preventing other mobile devices from connecting to or accessing the data on the device.</p> <p>The InTemp app will log a user out and require re-authentication each time the app is closed or backgrounded in the device.</p>
(e) Use of secure, computer-generated, time-stamped audit trails to independently record the date and time of operator entries and actions that create, modify, or delete electronic records. Record changes shall not obscure previously recorded information. Such audit trail documentation shall be retained for a period at least as long as that required for the subject electronic records and shall be available for agency review and copying.	<p>All pertinent user events are stored in the logger, including connections, configurations, downloads, and periodic checks. This information is then synced with InTempConnect when data is uploaded from the InTemp app. In addition, the user is forced to log in to the app with an app-specific username and password. The events are included in the secure PDF, along with the user who performed each action, the time of the action, and the latitude and longitude of the action (assuming location services were enabled on the mobile device at the time).</p>
(f) Use of operational system checks to enforce permitted sequencing of steps and events, as appropriate.	<p>A reminder feature in the app aids with performing periodic temperature checks on the logger.</p>
(g) Use of authority checks to ensure that only authorized individuals can use the system, electronically sign a record, access the operation or computer system input or output device, alter a record, or perform the operation at hand.	<p>Access to local computers running InTempConnect and mobile devices running the app can be controlled by the computer operating system and/or Android and iOS locking mechanisms, including biometric security. Customer procedures should be used to ensure only authorized users can access the mobile devices.</p> <p>Cloud-connected mode allows an administrator to control who can access the app and cloud.</p>
(h) Use of device (e.g., terminal) checks to determine, as appropriate, the validity of the source of data input or operational instruction.	<p>Every CX family data logger has a unique serial number that is stored with the data file and uniquely identifies that data file as being generated by that logger.</p> <p>Each logger deployment in InTempConnect is given its own record that is unique by serial number and deployment date/time, which allows the validity of each deployment to be verified and tracked.</p>
(i) Determination that persons who develop, maintain, or use electronic record/electronic signature systems have the education, training, and experience to perform their assigned tasks.	<p>User guides and online training are available to ensure the user has the information needed to operate the system.</p>
(j) The establishment of, and adherence to, written policies that hold individuals accountable and responsible for actions initiated under their electronic signatures, in order to deter record and signature falsification.	<p>InTemp app and InTempConnect users are forced to log in to the systems using a username (email) and password. Those values are stored in the logger and the secure PDF, and cannot be edited.</p>

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<b>Sec. 11.10 Controls for Closed Systems (continued)</b>	
<p>(k) Use of appropriate controls over systems documentation including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Adequate controls over the distribution of, access to, and use of documentation for system operation and maintenance.</li> <li>(2) Revision and change control procedures to maintain an audit trail that documents time-sequenced development and modification of systems documentation is under version control.</li> </ol>	<p>Customers should follow their own guidelines for control when using any documentation, including user guides or SOPs for the CX family of data loggers or InTemp system. All Onset provided documentation is revision controlled. It is customers' responsibility to ensure they are using the most recent revision and that it is consistent with their internal SOPs, Training Documents, and other relevant materials.</p>
<b>Sec. 11.30 Controls for Open Systems</b>	
<p>Persons who use open systems to create, modify, maintain, or transmit electronic records shall employ procedures and controls designed to ensure the authenticity, integrity, and, as appropriate, the confidentiality of electronic records from the point of their creation to the point of their receipt. Such procedures and controls shall include those identified in 11.10, as appropriate and additional measures such as document encryption and use of appropriate digital signature standards to ensure, as necessary under the circumstances, record authenticity, integrity, and confidentiality.</p>	<p>All PDF reports generated by InTemp and InTempConnect are secured with document-level permissions that ensure changes cannot be made to the PDF.</p>
<b>Sec. 11.50 Signature Manifestations</b>	
<p>(a) Signed electronic records shall contain information associated with the signing that clearly indicates all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The printed name of the signer;</li> <li>(2) The date and time when the signature was executed; and</li> <li>(3) The meaning (such as review, approval, responsibility, or authorship) associated with the signature.</li> </ol>	<p>The secure PDF report generated by the InTemp app and InTempConnect indicates the name, email, and company of the user who generated the report. In addition, all pertinent information about the logger and the deployment is contained in the report.</p>
<p>(b) The items identified in paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) of this section shall be subject to the same controls as for electronic records and shall be included as part of any human readable form of the electronic record (such as electronic display or printout).</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<b>Sec. 11.70 Signature/Record Linking</b>	
<p>Electronic signatures and handwritten signatures executed to electronic records shall be linked to their respective electronic records to ensure that the signatures cannot be excised, copied, or otherwise transferred to falsify an electronic record by ordinary means.</p>	<p>The secure PDF created by both the InTemp app and InTempConnect is protected by document-level permissions embedded in the PDF report itself. These permissions cannot be edited by the end user.</p>

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<b>Electronic Signatures</b>	
<b>Sec. 11.100 General Requirements</b>	
(a) Each electronic signature shall be unique to one individual and shall not be reused by, or reassigned to, anyone else.	<p>The actions performed on the logger are all contained in the secure PDF report, and the user who performed each action is listed in that report. Actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Configuring and starting the logger</li> <li>• Daily checks of the logger</li> <li>• Downloading the logger</li> <li>• Generating the PDF report</li> </ul> <p>When logger data files are uploaded to the InTempConnect data warehouse, the associated action meta-data is transmitted as well and is stored with the data warehouse.</p>
(b) Before an organization establishes, assigns, certifies, or otherwise sanctions an individual's electronic signature, or any element of such electronic signature, the organization shall verify the identity of the individual.	Email address is used as a username for both the InTemp app and InTempConnect, ensuring verification of the identity. Cloud-connected users must authenticate that email address.
(c) Persons using electronic signatures shall, prior to or at the time of such use, certify to the agency that the electronic signatures in their system, used on or after August 20, 1997, are intended to be the legally binding equivalent of traditional handwritten signatures.	Not applicable.
<b>Sec. 11.200 Electronic Signature Components and Controls</b>	
Electronic signatures that are not based upon biometrics shall:	Organizations using the InTemp system should ensure that their users' local computer and iOS or Android devices are secured with a passcode or finger print ID.
(1) Employ at least two distinct identification components such as an identification code and password.	
(2) Be used only by their genuine owners	See above
(3) Be administered and executed to ensure that attempted use of an individual's electronic signature by anyone other than its genuine owner requires collaboration of two or more individuals.	No comment.

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<p><b>Sec. 11.300 Controls for Identification Codes/Passwords</b></p> <p>Persons who use electronic signatures based upon use of identification codes in combination with passwords shall employ controls to ensure their security and integrity. Such controls shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Maintaining the uniqueness of each combined identification code and password, such that no two individuals have the same combination of identification code and password.</li> <li>(b) Ensuring that identification code and password issuances are periodically checked, recalled, or revised (e.g., to cover such events as password aging).</li> <li>(c) Following loss management procedures to electronically deauthorize lost, stolen, missing, or otherwise potentially compromised tokens, cards, and other devices that bear or generate identification code or password information, and to issue temporary or permanent replacements using suitable, rigorous controls.</li> <li>(d) Use of transaction safeguards to prevent unauthorized use of passwords and/or identification codes, and to detect and report in an immediate and urgent manner any attempts at their unauthorized use to the system security unit, and, as appropriate, to organizational management.</li> <li>(e) Initial and periodic testing of devices, such as tokens or cards, that bear or generate identification code or password information to ensure that they function properly and have not been altered in an unauthorized manner.</li> </ul>	<p>Customers should set up their local computers and iOS or Android devices to meet the requirements in this section.</p>

