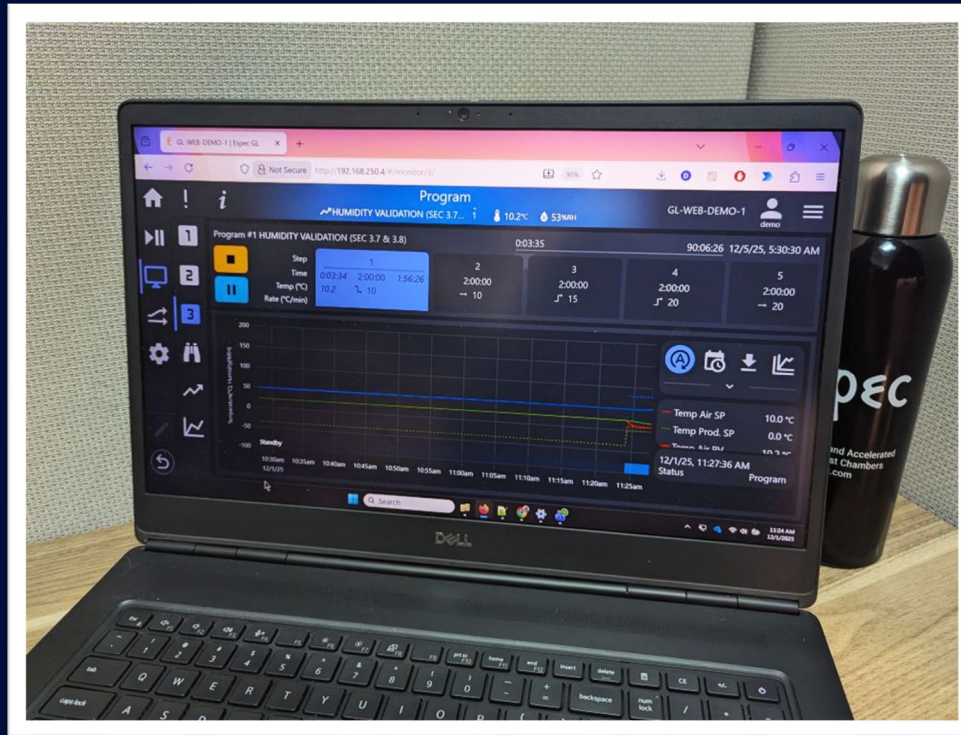




# ESPEC GL CONTROL SYSTEM REMOTE/SOFTWARE ACCESS GUIDE

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# SEVERAL CHOICES FOR REMOTE ACCESS OF THE GL CONTROL SYSTEM

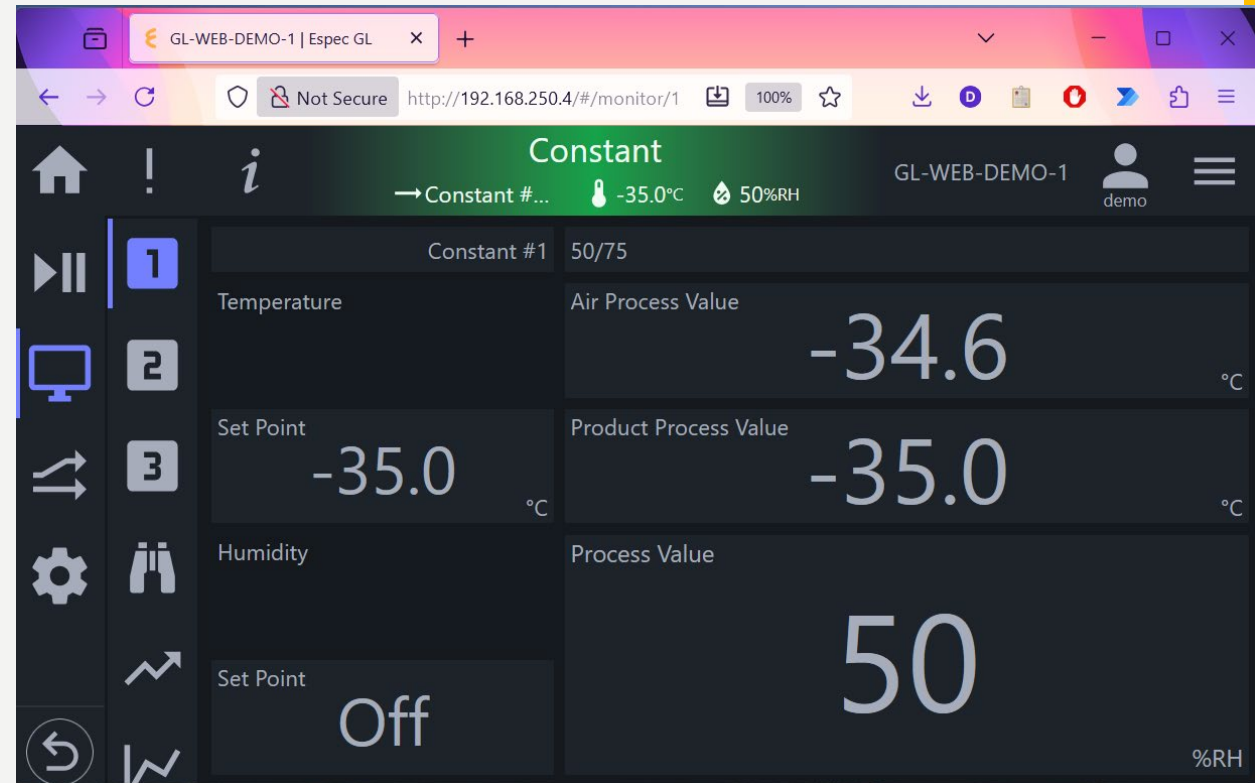
In a nutshell (see following pages for details):

1. Direct remote user access via **Ethernet/LAN**:
  1. Remote browser operation
  2. Datalogging and file downloads via USB or browser
  3. Custom macros for email notifications or other actions (like scheduled data downloads)
2. Ethernet for **RESTful API** integration with your other software
3. Ethernet or optional RS-232 serial port for **connecting directly** to the controller via your software
  1. ESPEC Chamber Connect Library in **Python** available
4. Use **LabVIEW** with either a serial port or the API

# 1. WEB BROWSER

## Web server for remote access via a browser

- Access the chamber from any device on the local network. Same interface as the controller.
- View current chamber operational status including trend-graph
- Internal data storage for two years (when set at 10 second sampling)
- Export operation data as a CSV file (20+ parameters)
- Test profile creation, upload/download, and back-up
- Remote only functions:
  - Network view: see all your enabled ESPEC chambers on one screen.
  - Macro editor



Try the live demo at  
<http://gl.espec.com:8080>

# 1A. USB PORT

The system includes a USB port with three functions:

## 1. Data Download

Get all the stored data points from the controller or just a specific segment of time. Download will be a CSV file that can be opened in Excel. 25 operational parameters available.

## 2. Program upload/download

Enables the user to save programs and swap between chambers.

## 3. Input connection

A mouse and/or keyboard can be connected via the USB, if needed.

## 4. Firmware updates

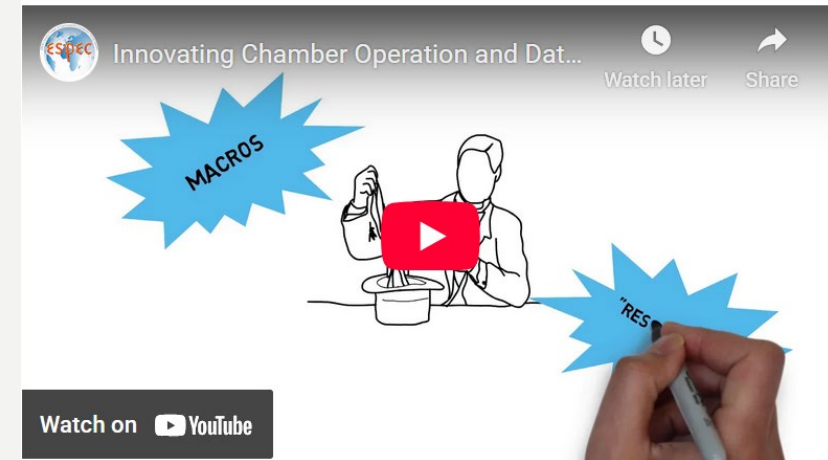
The GL can get firmware updates directly from the internet, or uploaded via the USB.



# 2. RESTFUL API

## Simplified software integration with RESTful API.

- API allows machine-to-machine communication without complicated command protocols. The GL is built on the API and a SQL database.
- View our [API Documentation and guide](#)
- [Use sample Python code](#)
- Note: The API uses a data cache that updates every 10 seconds. Some setup settings are not accessible from the API.



[Our 3-minute video on the magic of APIs and Macros](#)

# 3. DIRECT CONTROLLER CONNECTION

You can bypass the webserver and talk directly to the chamber controller.

ESPEC offers a [Chamber Connect Library](#) to help users jumpstart their custom software applications. This library is hosted on Github and uses Python 3 code. It includes a communications protocol library applicable for other software languages.

This library is offered as-is and some functionality of the GL may not be available at this time. It is also applicable to the following controllers: ESPEC P-300 & SCP-220, Watlow F4T & F4.

The [Communications Manual](#) provides complete system documentation of commands and protocol. Free software, such as PuTTY (for TCP) and Termite (for serial), can be used with for directly sending these commands.



[Chamber Connect Library \(Github\)](#)

[GL Communications Manual \(pdf\)](#)

# 3A. RS-232

ESPEC offers RS-232 serial communication port as an optional feature. See the previous page for functionality.

Third party devices:

- Ethernet-to-Serial converter: [Grid Connect](#)
- USB-to-Serial converter: Mouser FTDI CH1PI-X10

RS-232 / Serial Port



# 4. USING LABVIEW

Want to use LabVIEW? You can talk to the API or via a serial port to the controller directly:

Using serial port and LabVIEW VISA drivers:

1. Purchase optional RS-232 serial port
2. Download VISA drivers via NI: [Espec Climatic-Chamber SCP](#)

Using LabVIEW via the RESTful API: Install and set up following LabVIEW tools shared on Github, then use our API.

1. [JSON Serialization & Deserialization Library for LabVIEW](#)
2. [REST Client Library for LabVIEW](#)