How to

AXIS W401Body Worn Activation Kit

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1. Introduction

Automation has become a critical aspect of any body worn camera program. The primary use case for the AXIS W401 Body Worn Activation Kit is public safety, but it can be used in a more general sense to auto-activate an Axis body worn camera or ensure the camera is recording. This can be accomplished with the AXIS W401 as it has Bluetooth built in, which can send and receive beacons with an approved Axis body worn system.

When a Bluetooth signal from the AXIS W401 is generated, it will send out a beacon with the AXIS W800 System Controller system ID embed in the signal to ensure only Axis body worn cameras belonging to that system are activated. This signal can be configured in two ways; one 10 sec pulse or a constant beacon until the event trigger has been stopped. Vice versa, the AXIS W401 can be programmed to receive a Bluetooth beacon from an authorized Axis body worn camera to generate an event driven by the AXIS W401.

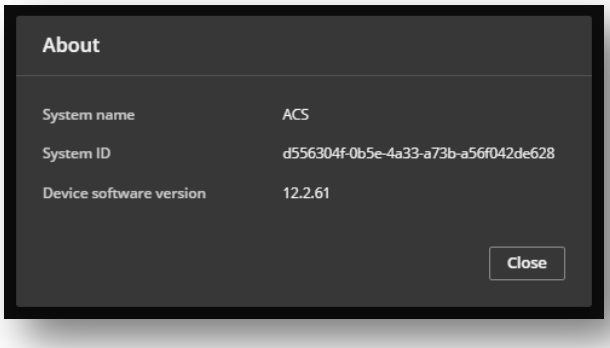
The objective of this document is to provide guidance on programming, installation and some use cases on how the AXIS W401 can be used.

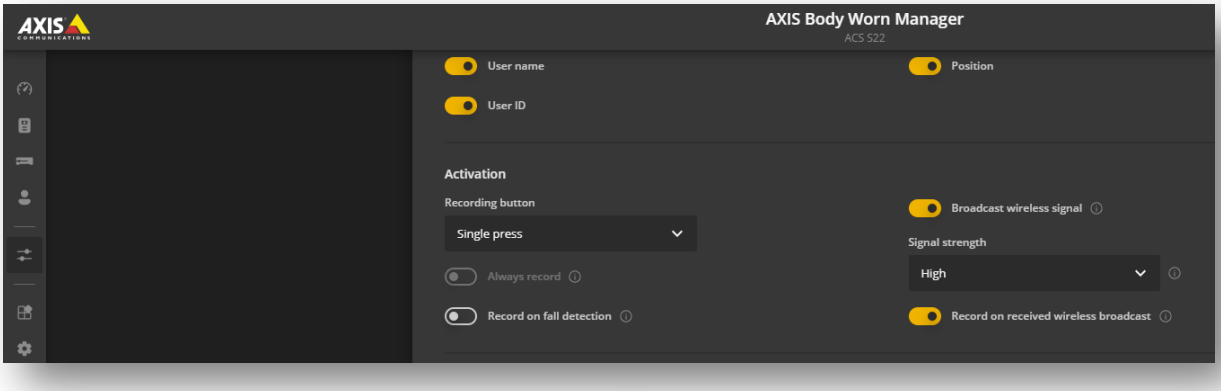
2. Programming

PLEASE NOTE: *If installing this device in a vehicle, ensure that it is programmed prior to providing it to the vehicle upfitter. Ensure that the body worn system has been configured, as you will need the system ID from the AXIS W800. Also, if installing in a vehicle, setting an IP address is NOT required but does help if troubleshooting.*

Log into the AXIS W401 and set a username and password.

- Copy the AXIS W800 system ID associated with this W401.
    - Log into you AXIS W800 > top right-hand corner click on the 3 ellipse > click About > copy the system ID
    - While logged into you AXIS W800, ensure that the user profiles have Bluetooth send and receive configured.

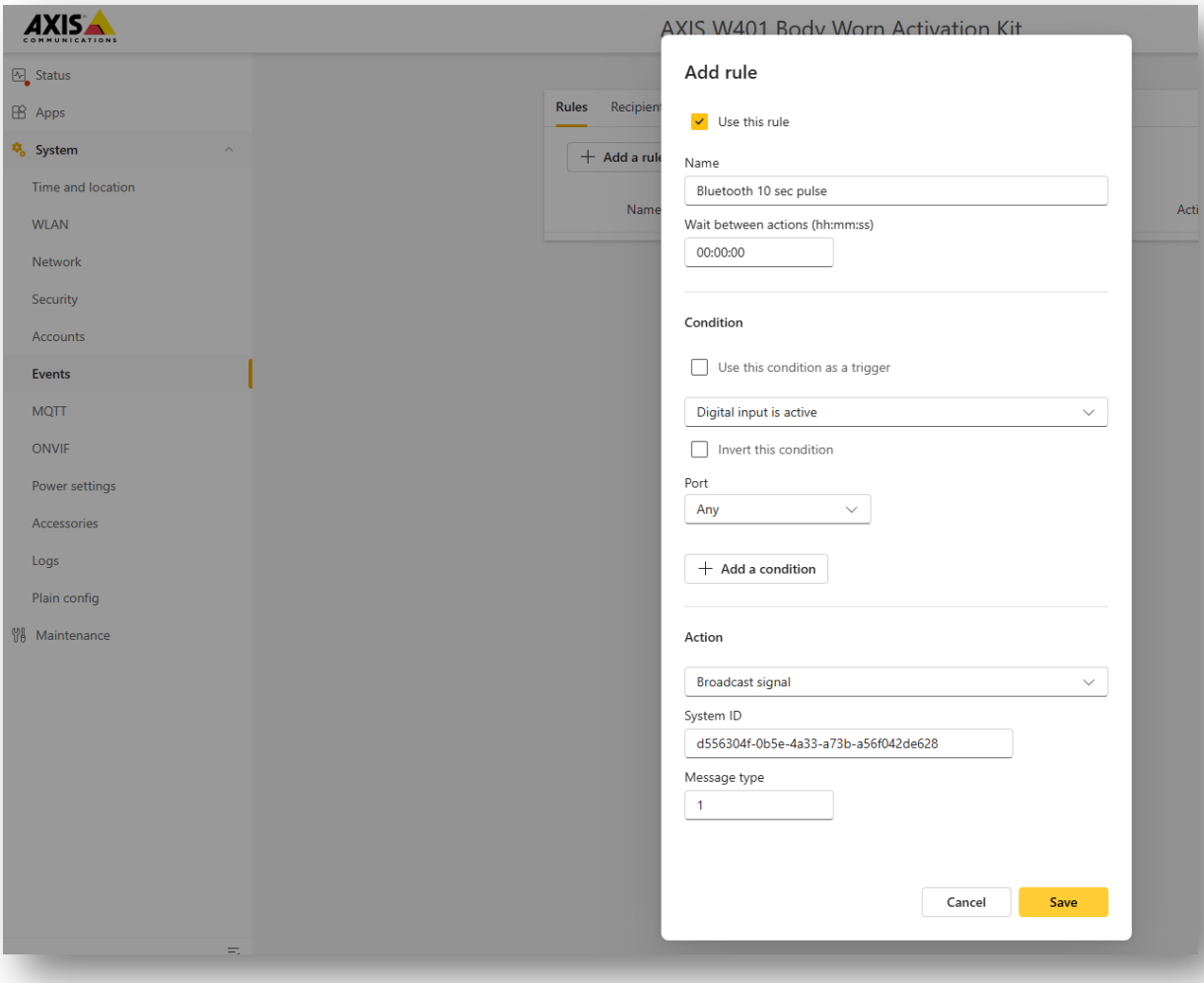




2.1. Creating 10 sec. pulse

With this rule, the AXIS W401 will only create one 10 sec pulse when the input is triggered. Log into the AXIS W401 and got to:

System > Events > Rules > Add rule > Name rule > Condition = Digital Input is active > Port = Any input or the individual input > Action = Broadcast signal > Copy and paste the AXIS W800 system ID > Message type = 1

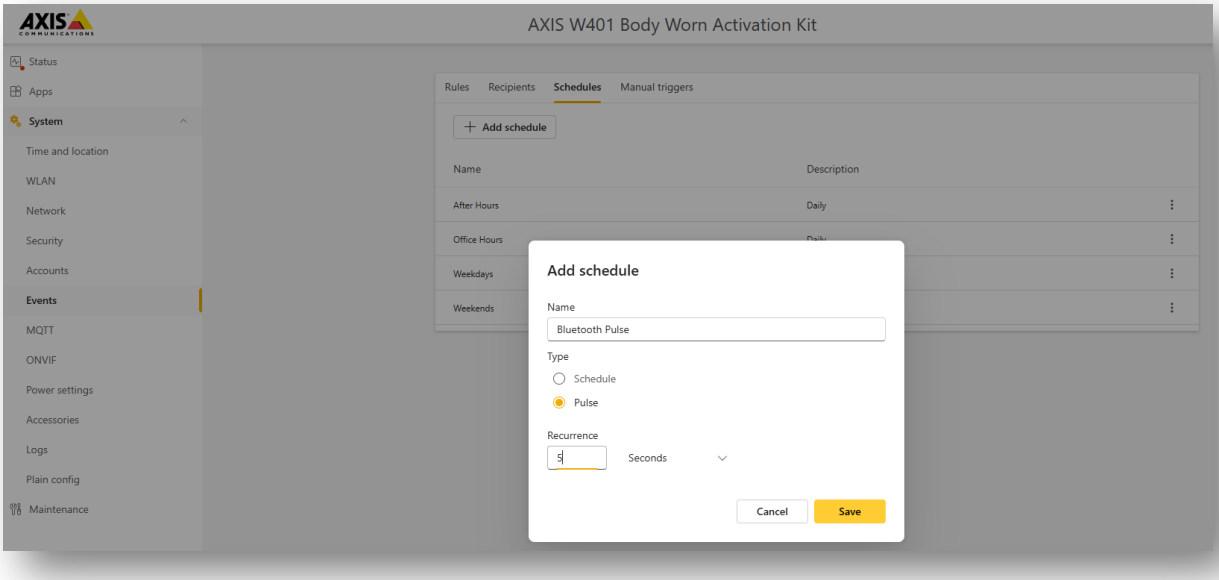


2.2. Creating a continuous pulse

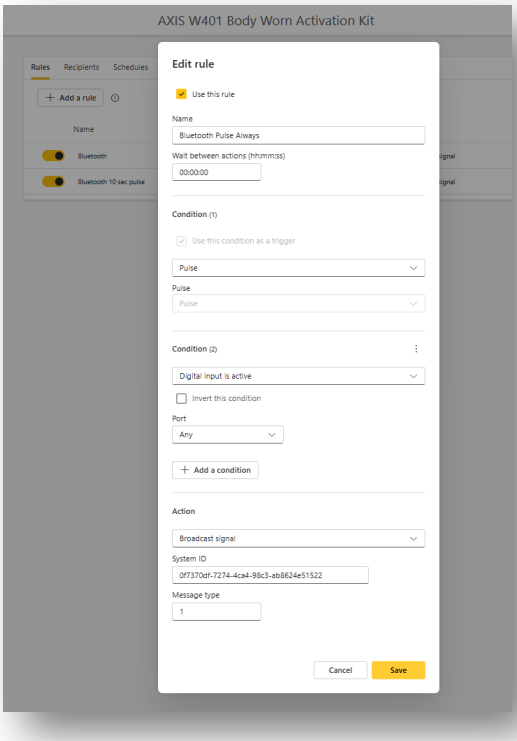
With this rule, the AXIS W401 will create a continuous pulse until the triggering event has stopped. This will activate any body worn camera associated with the system, within range. The use case for this is when the Bluetooth beacon should be on until the event has stopped.

Log into the AXIS W401 and program a schedule for pulse which will allow for the constant pulse event.

Go to:
System > Events > Schedule > Add Schedule > Change the Type to Pulse > Name the schedule > Set recurrence to 5 sec. > Save



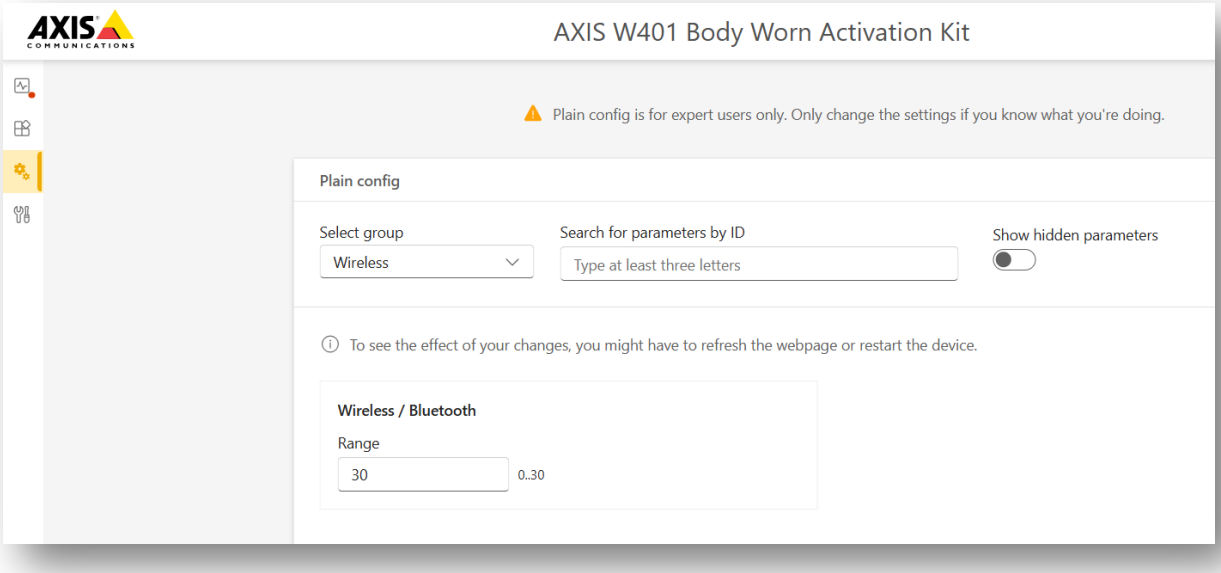
Next go to Rules:
Add rule > Name rule > Condition 1 = Pulse > Condition 2 = Digital Input is active > Port = Any input or the individual input > Action = Broadcast signal > Copy and paste the AXIS W800 system ID > Message type = 1



2.3. Adjusting Bluetooth Beacon Strength

The Bluetooth strength on the AXIS W401 can be adjusted. Out of the box, the AXIS W401 is set to its highest strength (30) which can activate a camera **out to 300ft; line of site.** It can be adjusted down from there.

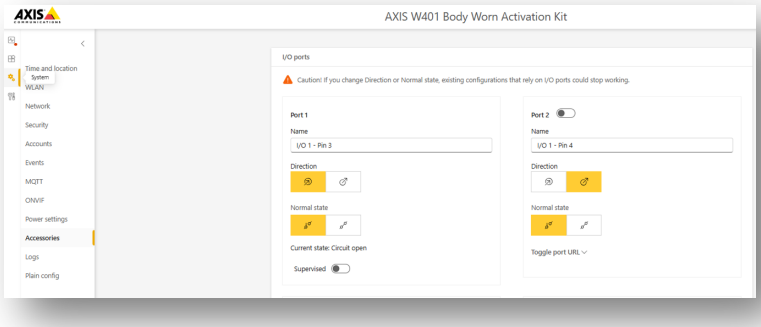
Go to:
System > Plain config > Wireless > adjust from 30 down



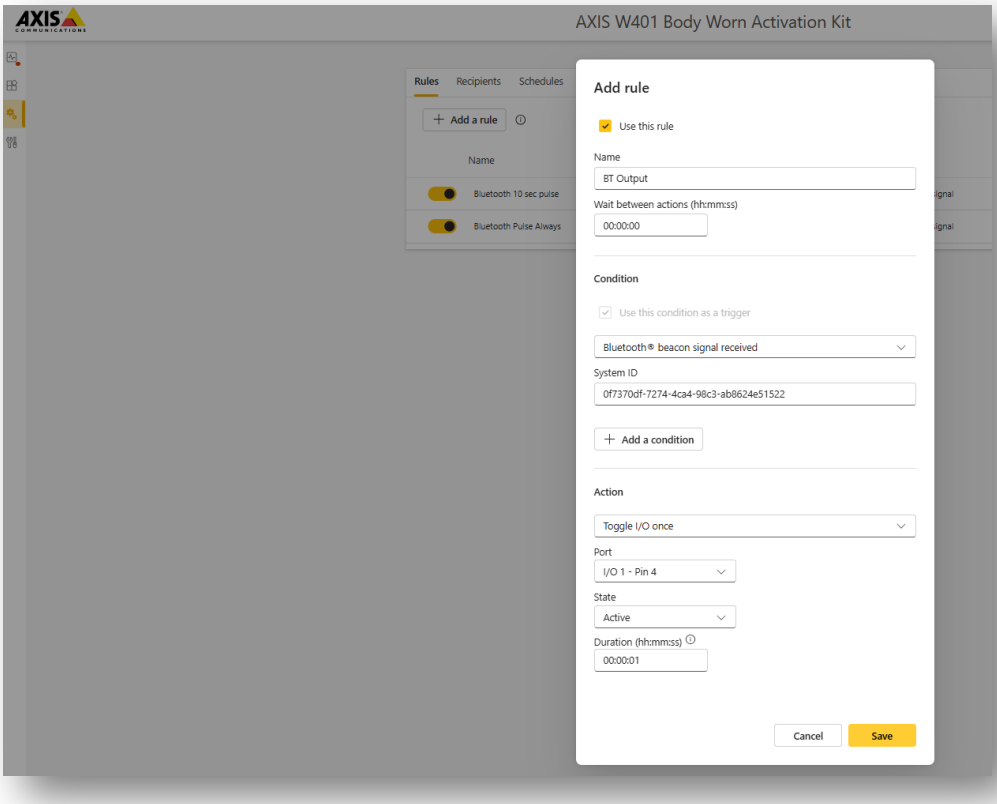
2.4. Receiving a Bluetooth Beacon

The AXIS W401 can receive a Bluetooth beacon from an Axis body worn camera. When the body worn camera starts recording a Bluetooth signal is sent to the AXIS W401, which can then send an output into another system. For example, an output could be tied into an alarm panel so when a body worn camera is activated the AXIS W401 triggers the alarm panel.

Go to:
System > Accessories > Change the associated Pin/Port from an input to an output event



Next:
System > Events > Add Rule > Name the rule > Condition is Bluetooth beacon signal received > Input the AXIS W800 system ID > Action = Toggle I/O once > Select the output Pin > State = Active > Duration = 1sec > Save



3. Physical Install

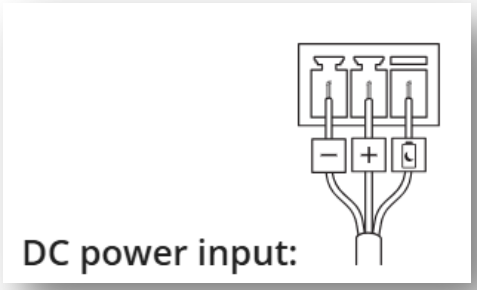
The AXIS W401can be powered by 12V or POE. It can be installed inside of a facility or in the back of a public safety vehicle. In either case, secure the AXIS W401near the tiggering source, per the installation guide instructions.

3.1. POE Installation

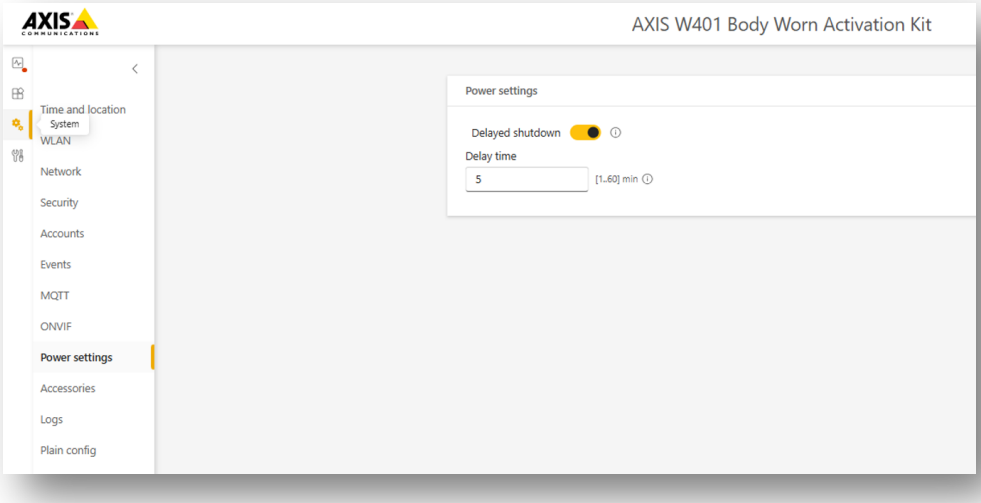
Connect the AXIS W401 to a POE power source.

3.2. 12 Volt Installation

Use a constant or switched 12V DC power source. **Use a 2amp fuse inline between the positive power source and the AXIS W401**. The DC terminal, on the AXIS W401, from left to right is Negative, Positive and Ignition Sense. If using ignition sense, ensure to wire a switched power source to this Pin and toggle delayed shutdown on.



To enable delayed shutdown, go to:
System > Power Settings > Toggle delayed shutdown on > Set the time parameter



3.3. Wiring the Input

The DIO on the AXIS W401 is configured to be in a floating state, meaning to trigger an event, the input needs to receive a grounded signal. The AXIS W401 supports up to 8 individual triggers across 2 terminals. When programming the I/O's inside of the F91, you will see them referred to Ports. I/O Pin 3 = Port 1.

Terminal 1

1. DC Ground
2. DC Output 12V
3. Port 1 = I/O 1 – Pin 3
4. Port 2 = I/O 1 – Pin 4
5. Port 3 = I/O 1 – Pin 5
6. Port 4 = I/O 1 – Pin 6

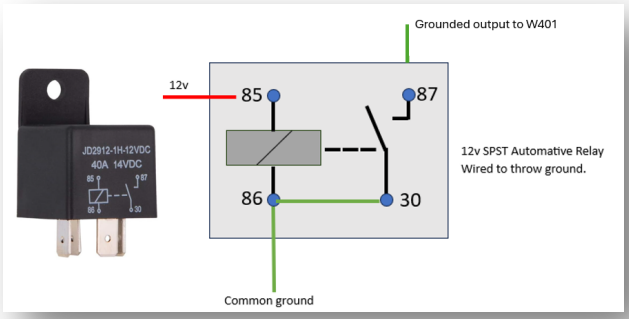
Terminal 2

1. DC Ground
2. DC Output 12V
3. Port 5 = I/O 2 – Pin 3
4. Port 6 = I/O 2 – Pin 4
5. Port 7 = I/O 2 – Pin 5
6. Port 8 = I/O 2 – Pin 6

Choose which terminal that will be used and wire Pin 1 to the common ground that is shared by the triggering source. Take the trigger wire and

terminate it into either pins 3, 4, 5, or 6. There can be multiple trigger sources and configurations.

Pin 3, 4, 5, or 6 need to receive a grounded trigger. If the trigger source is supplying a positive power, that will need to be converted to a ground via a relay like the example below:



4. Closing

For a video demonstration of this solution in action go to this YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8V-7ZqzN6o

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