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Structured Text - Networking

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Networking (in Unity Pro)

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Modbus is a serial communications protocol originally published by Modicon (now Schneider Electric) in 1979 for use with its programmable logic controllers (PLCs). Simple and robust, it has since **become a de facto standard communication** protocol, and it is now a commonly available means of connecting industrial electronic devices.

*Examples of Field Bus (IEC 61158) standards: **MODBUS** (Schneider), **PROFIBUS** (Field Bus type, Siemens), **CAN** bus (Controller Area Network, 1983 Robert Bosch GmbH), ...*

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Modbus RTU — Binary representation of the data for protocol communication. Includes CRC. Modbus messages are framed (separated) by idle (silent) periods.

Modbus ASCII — Makes use of ASCII characters for protocol communication.

Modbus TCP/IP or Modbus TCP — Modbus variant for communications over TCP/IP networks, connecting over port 502.

RTU = Remote Terminal Unit

MTU = Main Terminal Unit

CRC = Cyclic Redundancy Check

TCP = Transmission Control Protocol

ASCII = American Standard Code for Information Interchange

Modbus

Function type

Function name / Function code

Physical Discrete Inputs

Read Discrete Inputs **2**

Bit access

Internal Bits or Physical Coils

Read Coils **1**

Write Single Coil **5**

Function Code	Function	Request	Normal Response
1	Read Coil Status	Address of first coil to read (2 bytes). Number of coils to read (2 bytes).	Number of bytes of coil values to follow (1 byte). Coil values (8 coils per byte).
2	Read Input Status	Address of first discrete input to read (2 bytes). Number of discrete inputs to read (2 bytes).	Number of bytes of discrete input values to follow (1 byte). Discrete input values (8 discrete inputs per byte).
3	Read Holding Registers	Address of first register to read (2 bytes). Number of registers to read (2 bytes).	Number of bytes of register values to follow (1 byte). Register values (2 bytes per register).
4	Read Input Registers	Address of first register to read (2 bytes). Number of registers to read (2 bytes).	Number of bytes of register values to follow (1 byte). Register values (2 bytes per register).
5	Force/Write Single Coil	Address of coil (2 bytes). Value to force/write: 0 for OFF and 65,280 (FF 00 in hexadecimal) for ON.	Same as request.
6	Write Single Holding Register	Address of holding register to write (2 bytes). New value of the holding register (2 bytes).	Same as request.
15	Force/Write Multiple Coils	Address of first coil to force/write (2 bytes). Number of coils to force/write (2 bytes). Number of bytes of coil values to follow (1 byte). Coil values (8 coil values per byte).	Address of first coil (2 bytes). Number of coils (2 bytes).
16	Write Multiple Holding Register	Address of first holding register to write (2 bytes). Number of holding registers to write (2 bytes). Number of bytes of register values to follow (1 byte). New values of holding registers (2 bytes per register).	Address of first written holding register (2 bytes). Number of written holding registers (2 bytes).

Modbus, send a message (Matlab) :

```
t = tcpip('85.16.111.143', 502, 'NetworkRole', 'client');
fopen(t);
packet = [0 1 0 0 0 4 0 90 0 2];
fwrite(t, packet, 'uint8');
```

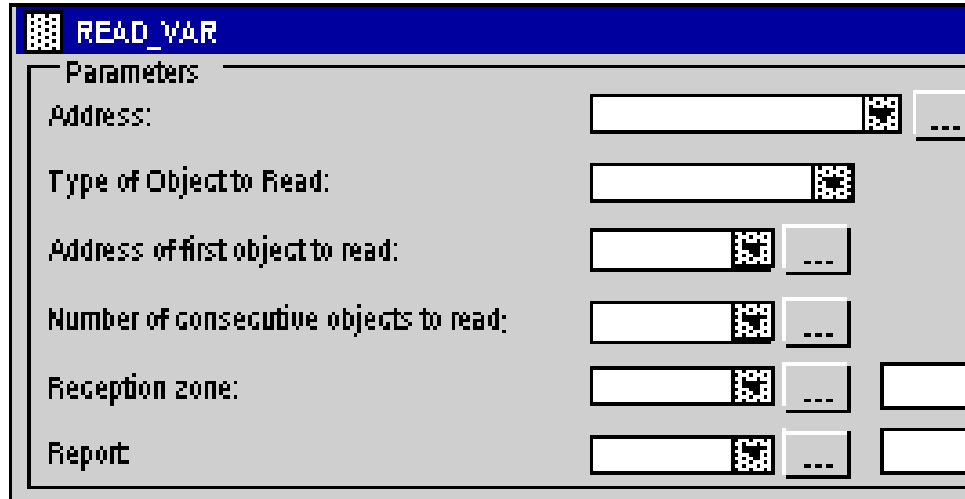
Modbus, see the message (Wireshark) :

Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
85.16.111.1	85.16.111.143	TCP	66	52131 → 502 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
85.16.111.143	85.16.111.1	TCP	70	502 → 52131 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=4096 Len=0 MSS=1452 WS=1
85.16.111.1	85.16.111.143	TCP	54	52131 → 502 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=66560 Len=0
85.16.111.1	85.16.111.143	TCP	54	[TCP Window Update] 52131 → 502 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=2097152 Len=0
85.16.111.1	85.16.111.143	Modbus...	64	Query: Trans: 1; Unit: 0, Func: 90: Unity (Schneider)
85.16.111.143	85.16.111.1	TCP	64	502 → 52131 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=11 Win=4093 Len=0
85.16.111.143	85.16.111.1	Modbus...	117	Response: Trans: 1; Unit: 0, Func: 90: Unity (Schneider)
85.16.111.1	85.16.111.143	TCP	54	52131 → 502 [ACK] Seq=11 Ack=56 Win=2096896 Len=0

> Modbus/TCP
 v Modbus
 .101 1010 = Function Code: Unity (Schneider) (90)
[\[Request Frame: 10\]](#)
 Data: 00fe05300211000000002002000021000502110000000000...

0000	c8 d3 ff d5 e6 1d 00 80 f4 02 6f 8f 00 67 aa aa o .g..
0010	03 00 00 00 08 00 45 00 00 5f 00 1a 00 00 40 06E. _.....@.
0020	f1 ce 55 10 6f 8f 55 10 6f 01 01 f6 cb a3 93 b9	..U.o.U. o.....
0030	75 be 2f e4 dd 19 50 18 10 00 10 1c 00 00 00 01	u./...P.
0040	00 00 00 31 00 5a 00 fe 05 30 02 11 00 00 00 00	...1.Z... .0.....
0050	20 02 00 00 21 00 05 02 11 00 00 00 00 00 0d 54	...!...
0060	53 58 20 50 35 37 20 32 36 33 34 4d 01 01 01 00	SX P57 2 634M...
0070	00 00 80 02 00

READ_VAR



Address:

ADDR(STRING)
 ARRAY [0..5] OF INT

Type of object to read:

'%M' for reading internal bits
 '%MW' for reading internal words
 '%S' for reading system bits
 '%SW' for reading system words
 '%I' for reading input bits
 '%IW' for reading input words

Address of first object to read:

The possible objects are of the DINT type
 (variables, constants, immediate value)

Number of consecutive objects to read:

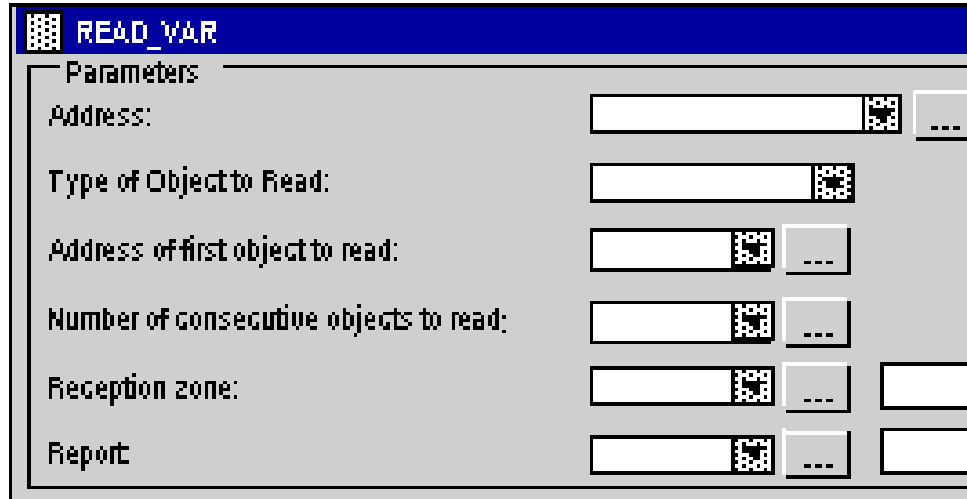
The possible objects are of the INT type
 (variables, constants, immediate value)

Reception zone:

The reception zone is an integer array.
 The size of this array depends on the
 number of objects to read. This integer
 array can be located or not.

Report: The report is an array of 4
 integers

READ_VAR



Challenge: how to make READ_VAR non-blocking in an operating system without using processes nor threads?

READ_VAR

Example including execution check

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At a Glance

The following example illustrates the READ_VAR function with a management parameter check.

Programming the function

Programming in ST:

```
IF NOT %M21 AND %I0.1.2 THEN
    %MW210:4 := 0;
    %MW212 := 50;
    READ_VAR(ADDR('0.3.1.7'), '%MW', 20, 1, %MW210:4, %MW1701:1);
    SET %M21;
END_IF;
```

- the input bit %I0.1.2 controls the function,
- the internet bit %M21 is used to test the activity of the function,
- %MW210:4 := 0; initializes the management table to 0,
- %MW212 := 50; initializes the timeout value to 5 seconds.

NOTE: READ_VAR (ADDM('0.3.1.7'), '%MW', 20, 1, %MW210:4, %MW1701:1); syntax must be used for Modicon M340 PLCs as ADDR function cannot be used by a Modicon M340 PLC.

Programming the exchange check

Programming in ST:

```
IF %M21 AND NOT %M210.0 THEN
    INC %MW214;
    IF %MW211 = 0 THEN
        INC %MW215;
    ELSE
        SET %Q0.2.2;
        INC %MW216;
        %MW217 := %MW211;
    END_IF;
END_IF;
```

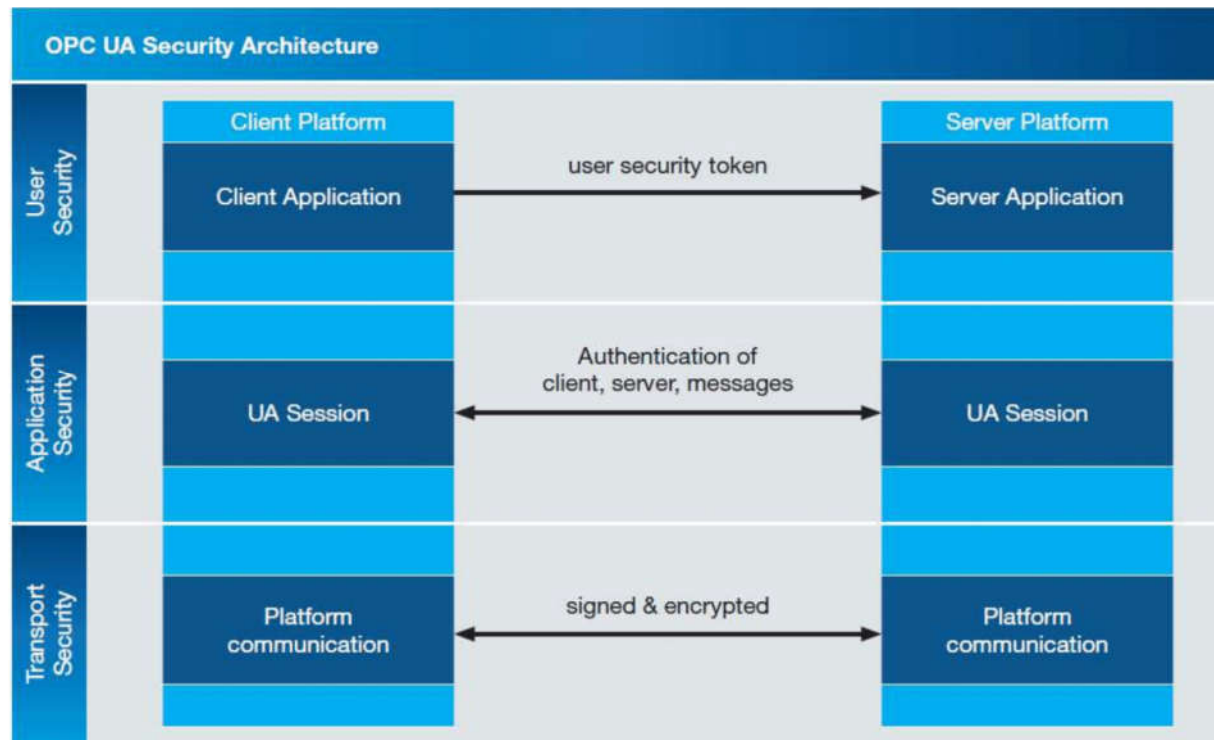
- %MW214 counts the number of exchanges,
- %MW215 counts the number of correct exchanges,
- %MW216 counts the number of exchanges generating errors,
- %MW217 stores the error message,
- %Q0.2.2 indicates an exchange failure.

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Open Platform Communication - Unified Architecture (OPC-UA)

Device and machine builders must ensure data integrity, confidentiality, ownership and **security** [Sikora'18].

In [ABB'18] is indicated **OPC UA is currently the best solution** that realizes the use case in a secure way to interface to the PLC and the World Wide Web (WWW).



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