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1. Introduction

This guide explains the Modbus communications protocol features and functions. There are no great variations in this library for our new product line Wasmote v15, released on October 2016.

Anyway, if you are using previous versions of our products, please use the corresponding guides, available on our Development website.

You can get more information about the generation change on the document “New generation of Libelium product lines”.

1.1. The standard

Modbus is a serial communications protocol originally published by Schneider Electric in 1979 for use with their programmable logic controllers (PLCs). Modbus is located in the level 2 of the OSI model, and uses a master/slave (or client-server) architecture. 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. Modbus communication protocol presents the follow features:

- It has been developed with industrial applications in mind
- Openly published and royalty-free
- Easy development and maintenance

Modbus allows communication between many devices connected to the same network, for example a system that measures temperature and humidity and communicates the results to a computer. Many of the data types are named from its use in driving relays: a single-bit physical output is called a coil, and a single-bit physical input is called a discrete input or a contact.

This list includes some of the most common uses of the standard:

- Multiple master-slave applications
- Sensors and instruments
- Industrial networking
- Building and infrastructure
- Transportation and energy applications

1.2. Master/Slave principle

The master / slave principle has the following characteristics:

- Only one master can be connected in a network.
- One or more slaves can be connected at the same time in a network.
- Only the master can initiate communication, i.e., sending requests to the slaves.
- In Modbus communications, the master can only initiate one transaction simultaneously.
- The slaves can only respond to requests from the master.
- Slaves are not allowed to initiate communication with or the master or with any other slave. In Modbus communications, slaves generate an error message and send it as a response to the master if an error has occurred in the reception of a message or the slave can not perform the requested action.
1.3. Modbus data transmission

Modbus for Wasp mote uses RTU mode of transmission. This mode is used in serial communication and makes use of a compact, binary representation of the data for protocol communication. The RTU format follows the commands/data with a cyclic redundancy check checksum as an error check mechanism to ensure the reliability of data. Modbus RTU is the most common implementation available for Modbus. A Modbus RTU message must be transmitted continuously without inter-character hesitations. Modbus messages are framed by idle periods.

The Modbus RTU transmission mode usually includes a parity bit to detect transmission errors. You can choose to transmit data with or without parity checking, but always make sure that all equipment connected to Modbus has the same configuration mode, otherwise communication will not be possible.

With Parity Checking

![With Parity Checking diagram]

Without Parity Checking

![Without Parity Checking diagram]

Figure: Bit sequence in RTU mode

1.4. Modbus RTU frame

An RTU frame includes the following information:

![Modbus RTU frame diagram]

Address: Valid slave device addresses are in the range of 0 ... 247 (decimal). The individual slave devices are assigned addresses in the range of 1... 247. Value 0 is reserved for broadcast messages (no response). When the slave sends its response, it places its own address in this address field of the response frame to let the master know which slave is responding.

Code Function: Valid codes are in the range of 1... 255 (decimal). The function code field tells the slave what kind of action to perform. For a normal response, the slave simply echoes the original function code. For an exception response, the slave returns a code that is equivalent to the original function code with its most significant bit set to a logic 1. All Modbus devices recognize the same set of function codes.

Data: The data field contains additional information which the slave must use to take the action defined by the function code. This can include items like register addresses, quantity of items to be handled, etc. If no error occurs, the data field contains the data requested. If an error occurs, the field contains an exception code that the master application can use to determine the next action to be taken.

CRC: The checksum is calculated by the master and sent to the slave. The checksum is re-calculated by the slave and compared to the value sent by the master. If a difference is detected, the slave will not construct a response to the master.
2. Modbus over RS-485 and RS-232

The Modbus protocol can be implemented over RS-485 and RS-232 physical layers. The Waspmote platform provides the necessary hardware and software for working with both protocols. The name and use of the functions are the same for RS-232 and RS-485, and the only changes are the library to include and the instantiation of the object. The differences between the two standards are explained in the corresponding communication guides.

**Note:** Both RS-232 module and RS-485 module can implement Modbus since, it is simply a software layer built on top the physical layer. That is why we suggest to start developing in RS-232 or RS-485, and after this, continue with Modbus.

The Modbus library has been tested with various devices and is compatible with the majority of commercial modules, but this does not ensure the working with all of them. Be sure that the Modbus module fits your technical requirements. The final user is the responsible to perform the task of communicating the Modbus module with other commercial devices.

### 2.1. Modbus over RS-232

The first step to use Modbus over RS-232 is to include the corresponding libraries and instantiate the necessary objects. Below you can see how to include this library.

```cpp
#include <ModbusMaster.h>
```

After including libraries, you have to instantiate a `ModbusMaster` object. Below you can see that an object called `slave` has been created in the address “1” (in the assumption that an actual Modbus slave is connected in that address), and the corresponding communication protocol is configured, in this case RS232_COM. When the master needs to communicate with the address “1”, it must use this object.

```cpp
ModbusMaster slave(RS232_COM, 1);
```

Example of code to run in slaves nodes:

```cpp
ModbusSlave mbs(RS232_COM);
```

### 2.2. Modbus over RS-485

The first step to use Modbus over RS-485 is to include the corresponding libraries and instantiate the necessary objects. Below you can see the complete process.

Example of use in master mode:

```cpp
#include <Wasp485.h>
#include <ModbusMaster.h>

ModbusMaster slave(RS485_COM, 1);
```

Example of code to run in slaves nodes:

```cpp
ModbusSlave mbs(RS485_COM);
```
After including libraries, you have to instantiate a `ModbusMaster` object. Below you can see that an object called `slave` has been created in the address “1” (in the assumption that an actual Modbus slave is connected in that address), and the corresponding communication protocol is configured, in this case RS485_COM. When the master needs to communicate with the address “1”, it must use this object.

```java
// Instantiate ModbusMaster object as slave ID 1
ModbusMaster485 node(RS485_COM, 1);
```

Example of use in slave mode:

```java
// Include these libraries for using the RS-485 and Modbus functions
#include <Wasp485.h>
#include <ModbusSlave.h>
```

After including the libraries, you have to instantiate a `ModbusSlave` object.

```java
// Create new mbs instance
ModbusSlave485 mbs(RS485_COM);
```
3. Modbus on Plug & Sense!

The Modbus protocol is available for Plug & Sense! as a secondary communication module, through the RS-232 or the RS-485 modules. This is an optional feature. The Modbus module is placed on socket 0 by default, being accessible through an additional and dedicated socket on the antenna side of the enclosure. On the other hand, the main radio interface of the Plug & Sense! device is placed on socket 1.

The user can choose between 2 probes to connect the Modbus protocol: A standard DB9 connector and a waterproof terminal block junction box. These options make the connections on industrial environments or outdoor applications easier.
The Modbus signals are wired according to the hardware used inside Plug & Sense! (RS-232 or RS-485 modules). Please refer to the corresponding guide on the Development section for further information.
4. Applications

This module allows the user to interface the Wasp mote ecosystem with Modbus systems. Wasp mote allows to perform three main applications:

1º- Connect any sensor to an existing Modbus device/network
Wasp mote can be configured to work as a node in the network, inserting sensor data into the Modbus bus already present. Wasp mote can obtain information from more than 70 sensors which are currently integrated in the platform by using specific sensor boards (e.g.: CO, CO\textsubscript{2}, temperature, humidity, acceleration, pH, IR, luminosity, etc). This way, the sensor information can be read from any Modbus device connected to the bus.

![Figure: Wasp mote integrated in a Modbus network](image)

2º- Add wireless connectivity to Modbus devices
Wasp mote can be configured to read the information from the bus and send it to the Libelium IoT Gateway using any of the wireless radio modules available: 802.15.4, 868 MHz, 900 MHz, WiFi, 4G, Sigfox and LoRaWAN, Bluetooth Pro, Bluetooth Low Energy and RFID/NFC. Remember that the RS-485 module can only be plugged on the socket 0 because it is controlled via SPI bus; this makes impossible to plug another SPI-type module in the same Wasp mote, like CAN Bus or LoRa.

![Figure: Modbus wireless connectivity](image)
3º- Connect to the Cloud Modbus devices

Waspmote can be configured to read the information coming from Modbus devices and send it wirelessly directly to the Cloud using WiFi, GPRS, GPRS+GPS, 3G and 4G radio interfaces.

Figure: Cloud connection
5. Master library functions

5.1. Configuring the master

The configuration of the master is very important before starting the communication with the slaves. Be sure that your devices can be used with the Wasp mote Modbus protocol. For example, the baud rate must be in the available range of Wasp mote and the communication must be 8N1 (8 bits, 1 stop bit, no parity).

5.1.1. Library constructor

Before using the library, an object of the library must be created. This object will assign the physical address of the slave. This address can take values from 0 to 255 (address 0 is normally for broadcast mode). In a network, this address must be unique for each device. In this example we are going to communicate RS-485 devices, so the master must be configured to use this protocol of communication when creating an object.

Example of use:

```cpp
{
    // Instantiate ModbusMaster object as slave ID 1
    ModbusMaster node(RS485_COM, 1);
}
```

You can create an object for managing several slaves in an easy way.

Example of use:

```cpp
{
    // Instantiate ModbusMaster object as slave ID 1
    ModbusMaster temperatureSensor(RS485_COM, 1);
    // Instantiate ModbusMaster object as slave ID 2
    ModbusMaster co2Sensor(RS485_COM, 2);
}
```

5.1.2. Begin function

In the `begin()` function, the baud rate communication must be configured. This baud rate must be one of the standard values mentioned in the RS-485 and RS-232 guides. If the value is not a standard value, the device will be configured at 1200 bps.

We suggest to study the RS-232 or RS-485 Communication Guides to know how to configure these modules.
5.2. Modbus master library and function

The Modbus library for Waspmote implements the next functions. Maybe the terminology can change depending on documentation, but the code functions must be the same in all Modbus devices. The Modbus standard includes more functions, but these are the most used and important ones.

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<td>0x16</td>
<td>Mask Write Register</td>
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<td>0x17</td>
<td>Read Write Multiple Registers</td>
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The Modbus library receives and analyzes the response that the slaves send back to the master. This way, the user can know if the frame was correctly processed by the slave.

5.2.1. Read coils

This function requests the on/off status of discrete coils from the slave device. When receiving a Modbus query message with function `readCoils()` (code 0x01 in the "field" function of the Modbus frame), the slave collects the necessary output values and constructs an answer message. The length of this message is dependent on the number of values that have to be returned.

Example of use:

```c
{
  // This variable will store the result of the communication
  // result = 0: no errors
  // result = 1: error occurred
  int result = node.readCoils(address, bitQty);

  if (result != 0)
  {
    // If no response from the slave, print an error message
    USB.println("Communication error");
    delay(1000);
  }
  else
  {
    // If all ok
    USB.print("Read value: ");
    // Print the read data from the slave
    USB.print(node.getResponseBuffer(0));
    delay(1000);
  }
}
```

See an example of use here:

5.2.2. Read discrete inputs

Reading input values with Modbus is done in the same way as reading the status of coils. The only difference is that for inputs, Modbus function `readDiscreteInput()` is used (code 0x02). Like with coils, the address of the first input, and the number of inputs to read must be put in the data field of the query message. After receiving a query message with Modbus function `readDiscreteInput()`, the slave puts the requested input values in a message structure and sends this message back to the Modbus master. The length of the message depends on the number of input values returned.

Example of use:

```c
{
    // This variable will store the result of the communication
    // result = 0: no errors
    // result = 1: error occurred
    int result = node.readDiscreteInputs(address, bitQty);

    if (result != 0)
    {
        // If no response from the slave, print an error message
        USB.println(“Communication error”);
        delay(1000);
    }
    else
    {
        // If all OK
        USB.print(“Read value: “);
        // Print the read data from the slave
        USB.print(node.getResponseBuffer(0));
        delay(1000);
    }
}
```

5.2.3. Write single coil

This function writes a single coil to either on or off. The request message specifies the coil address to be written. The requested on/off state is specified by a constant in the request data field. The normal response is an echo of the request, returned after the coil state has been written.

Example of use:

```c
{
    // This variable will store the result of the communication
    // result = 0: no errors
    // result = 1: error occurred
    int result = node.writeSingleCoil(address, bitData);

    if (result != 0)
    {
        // If no response from the slave, print an error message
        USB.println(“Communication error”);
        delay(100);
    }
    else
    {
        // If all OK
        USB.print(“Data writted successfully”);
        delay(100);
    }
}
```

See an example of use here:

5.2.4. Write multiple coils

This Modbus function code is used to write each coil in a sequence of coils to either on or off in a remote slave. The request specifies the coil references to be forced. Coils are addressed starting at zero, therefore coil numbered 1 is addressed as 0. The requested on/off states are specified by contents of the request data field. A logical ‘1’ in a bit position of the field requests the corresponding output to be on. A logical ‘0’ requests it to be off.

```c
// Write data in the transmission buffer, for writing it in the slave	node.setTransmitBuffer(0, ON); // ON defined previously
node.setTransmitBuffer(1, OFF); // OFF defined previously
node.setTransmitBuffer(2, ON);

// This variable will store the result of the communication
// result = 0: no errors
// result = 1: error occurred
int result = node.writeMultipleCoils(address, byteQty);

delay(100);
```

5.2.5. Read holding registers

This function is used to read the contents of a contiguous block of holding registers in a slave. The request specifies the starting register address and the number of registers. In the registers are addressed starting at zero. Therefore registers numbered 1-16 are addressed as 0-15. The register data in the response message are packed as two bytes per register.

Example of use:

```c
// This variable will store the result of the communication
// result = 0: no errors
// result = 1: error occurred
// Read 4 bytes
int result = node.readHoldingRegisters(accX, bytesQty);
```

5.2.6. Read input registers

This function code is used to read contiguous input registers in a slave. The Request PDU specifies the starting register address and the number of registers. The registers are addressed starting at zero. The register data in the response message are packed as two bytes per register, with the binary contents right justified within each byte. For each register, the first byte contains the high order bits and the second contains the low order bits.

Example of use:

```c
// This variable will store the result of the communication
// result = 0: no errors
// result = 1: error occurred
int result = node.readInputRegisters(address, bytesQty);
```

See an example of use here:
5.2.7. Write single register

This function code is used to write a single holding register in a remote device. The request specifies the address of the register to be written. Registers are addressed starting at zero. Therefore, the register numbered 1 is addressed as 0. The normal response is an echo of the request, returned after the register contents have been written.

Example of use:

```c
// This variable will store the result of the communication
// result = 0: no errors
// result = 1: error occurred
int result = node.writeSingleRegister(address, byteData);

if (result != 0)
{
    // If no response from the slave, print an error message
    USB.println("Communication error");
    delay(100);
} else
{
    // If all OK
    USB.print("Data writted successfully.");
    delay(100);
}
```

See an example of use here:


5.2.8. Write multiple registers

This function is used to write a block of contiguous registers in a remote device. The requested values to write are specified in the request data field. Data is packed as two bytes per register. The normal response returns the function code, starting address, and quantity of registers written.

Example of use:

```c
{
    // Write data in the transmission buffer, for writing it in the slave
    node.setTransmitBuffer(0, analogRead(1));
    node.setTransmitBuffer(1, analogRead(2));
    node.setTransmitBuffer(2, analogRead(3));

    // This variable will store the result of the communication
    // result = 0: no errors
    // result = 1: error occurred
    int result = node.writeMultipleRegisters(address, byteQty);
    delay(100);
}
```

5.2.9. Mask write register

This function code is used to modify the contents of a specified holding register using a combination of an AND mask, an OR mask, and the register’s current contents. The function can be used to set or clear individual bits in the register. The request specifies the holding register to be written, the data to be used as the AND mask, and the data to be used as the OR mask.
5.2.10. Read and write multiple registers

This function code performs a combination of one read operation and one write operation in a single Modbus transaction. The write operation is performed before the read. The request specifies the starting address and number of holding registers to be read as well as the starting address, number of holding registers, and the data to be written. The byte count specifies the number of bytes to follow in the write data field. The normal response contains the data from the group of registers that were read. The byte count field specifies the quantity of bytes to follow in the read data field.

5.3. Other library functions

5.3.1. Retrieve data

All data received from the slave is stored in an internal buffer in the master. This buffer has public declaration and can be read using the corresponding object, when you are using Modbus read functions.

Example of use:

```c
{
    // Store the read data from the slave
    int data0 = node.getResponseBuffer(0));
    int data1 = node.getResponseBuffer(1));
}
```

5.3.2. Clear response buffer

This function acts like a flush of the response buffer and delete all previous information. It is recommended to use this function before starting a new reading process.

Example of use:

```c
{
    // Clear the response buffer
    node.clearResponseBuffer();
}
```
6. Slave library functions

The configuration of the slave is very important before starting the communication with the master device.

6.1. Library constructor

Before using the library, an object of the library must be created. This object is necessary for managing the rest of the functions.

Example of use for the RS-485 module:

```c
{ // Create new mbs instance
    ModbusSlave mbs(RS485_COM);
}
```

For RS-232 communication the way of use is very similar.

```c
{ // Create new mbs instance
    ModbusSlave mbs(RS232_COM);
}
```

6.2. Configuring the slave

This function is used to configure some necessary parameters of the network. This function will assign the baud rate and the slave direction that the master will use to communicate with the slave in a network.

For RS-485:

```c
{ 
    // Modbus slave configuration parameters
    // SlaveId
    const unsigned char SLAVE = 2;
    // Baud rate
    const long BAUD = 9600;
    // Configure mbs
    mbs.configure(SLAVE, BAUD);
}
```

In RS-232 the use is very similar, but you have to configure the socket where the module is connected in the configuration function.

Example of use:

```c
{ 
    // Modbus slave configuration parameters
    // SlaveId
    const unsigned char SLAVE = 1;
    const long BAUD = 115200;

    // Configure mbs
    mbs.configure(SLAVE, BAUD, SOCKET0);
}
```

See an example of use here:

http://www.libelium.com/development/waspmote/examples/rs-485-09-modbus-slave-mode
6.3. Saving data in registers

To use Waspmote as a Modbus slave device you need create some specific registers to exchange information. These registers are used to read or write the information sent by the master device, depending on the operation. Waspmote slave library only accepts the next Modbus functions:

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<td>0x10</td>
<td>Write Multiple Registers</td>
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These registers can be used to store information, for example from the sensors connected to Waspmote.

Example of use:

```c
// Global buffer
int regs[MB_REGS];

{
    // Pass current register values to mbs
    mbs.update(regs, MB_REGS);

    // Read all the analog Inputs, and store the values in
    // the Modbus registers
    regs[MB_0] = ACC.getX(); // X Value
    regs[MB_1] = ACC.getY(); // Y Value
    regs[MB_2] = ACC.getZ(); // Z Value
    regs[MB_3] = PWR.getBatteryLevel(); // Battery level
}
```

The function updates the current values of the registers in the Modbus slave object. These registers can also be written from the master device and used for example, to activate a digital output or to configure some parameters of the slave.

This function is useful for controlling what values the user wants to make available for the master.

See an example of use here: [http://www.libelium.com/development/waspmote/examples/rs-485-10-modbus-slave-acc-battery-level](http://www.libelium.com/development/waspmote/examples/rs-485-10-modbus-slave-acc-battery-level)
7. Real applications

Modbus has become a standard communications protocol and is now the most commonly available means of communicating with industrial electronic devices. The network configuration process is very similar in all Modbus devices. The next section describes the typical steps needed to communicate Waspmote with a Modbus commercial device. In this example, we are going to use a standard Modbus device.

First of all, you must be sure that your device is compatible with Waspmote. In the device manual the communication parameters will be described (device address, baud rate...). You also must check that the device uses RTU format. There are many variants of Modbus protocols, but Waspmote implements the RTU format. Modbus RTU is the most common implementation available for Modbus.

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<tr>
<td>Write (Preset) Single Register</td>
<td>06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Return Slave ID</td>
<td>17</td>
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The next step is to know what Modbus commands uses the device. The supported commands should be listed in a table. In the next Figure you can see an example of the Modbus commands extracted from a datasheet. The Modbus library for Waspmote is compatible with the majority of the Modbus commands.

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<td>19200</td>
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<td>Parity</td>
<td>N</td>
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<tr>
<td>Data bits</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stop bit</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flow control</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
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All Modbus devices include a register map with the location and a description of the data stored in the registers. Modbus functions operate on register map to monitor, configure, and control the device’s inputs and outputs. You have to refer to the register map of your device to gain a better understanding of its operation. Modbus registers are organized into reference types identified by the leading number of the reference address. You can see below an example of how to read and write data in a Modbus device.
### Address | Bytes | Range | Defaults °C | Defaults °F | Register and Description
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
0 to 3 | 4 | - | - | - | Serial Number -4 byte value. Read-only
4 to 5 | 2 | - | - | - | Software Version -2 byte value. Read-only
6 | 1 | 255 | 254 | 254 | ADDRESS. Modbus device address
100 | 2 | 0-1000 | - | - | ROOM TEMPERATURE reading in DegF. Can also write to this register for single point calibration
101 | 2 | 0-600 | - | - | ROOM TEMPERATURE reading in DegC. Can also write to this register for single point calibration.
304 | 2 | 0-1000 | - | - | Relative Humidity reading. Writing a humidity value to register will do calibration, for details, refer to Humidity Calibration.

**Figure: Modbus typical register map**

In our example, we are going to read the temperature value from our device. We can see in the register map, that the temperature value is stored in the register 30011 and is accessible with the function `readInputRegisters()`, and is stored in 16 bits format (2 bytes).

So the necessary function to get the value of the temperature is shown in the next code example.

**Example code:**

```c
// Instantiate ModbusMaster object as slave ID 1
ModbusMaster node(RS485_COM, 1);

// Define one address for reading, extracted from the datasheet
#define address 30011
// Define the number of bytes to read, extracted from the datasheet
#define bytesQty 2

// This variable will store the result of the communication
#define result 0: no errors
#define result 1: error occurred

// Read Holding Registers is the necessary function to read the temperature register
int result = node.readHoldingRegisters(address, bytesQty);

if (result != 0) {
    // If no response from the slave, print an error message
    USB.println("Communication error");
    delay(1000);
} else {
    // If all ok
    USB.print("Read value: ");
    // Print the read data from the slave
    USB.print(node.getResponseBuffer(0));
    delay(1000);
}
```
The last step is to make the physically connection between the Modbus device and Waspmote. Our device uses RS-485 physical layer and uses a differential line transmission. The name of the lines can change. In many devices are named A/B, or +/-.

![Waspmote RS-485 module connecting to a Modbus device](image)

If the communication has been established, you should be able to see the temperature data in your serial monitor. If the communication with the device is not correct you should view an error message. You can use this error message to make retries and as a feedback of the state of your network.

In the next section and in the development section of the web, there is a complete example if how to configure Waspmote and the RS-485 module in a wireless application.
8. Code examples and extended information

For more information about the Waspmote hardware platform go to:

http://www.libelium.com/waspmote
http://www.libelium.com/development/waspmote

In the Waspmote Development section you can find complete examples:
http://www.libelium.com/development/waspmote/examples

Example:

ImGui* ------ [RS-485_12] - Modbus Registers Map ------*

* This sketch shows the use of the Modbus communication protocol over
* RS-485 standard, and the use of the main functions of the library.
* Modbus allows for communication between many devices connected
* to the same network. There are many variants of Modbus protocols,
* but Waspmote implements the RTU format. Modbus RTU is the most
* common implementation available for Modbus.
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* Version: 0.1
* Design: David Gascón
* Implementation: Ahmad Saad
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////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
// RS-485 Modbus parameters
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

// Include these libraries for using the RS-485 and Modbus functions
#include <Wasp485.h>
#include <ModbusMaster.h>

// TABLE contents
#define NAME 0
#define ADDRESS 1
#define BYTES 2
#define FCODE 3
// Define the size of the TABLE
#define NUM_REGISTERS 5
#define NUM_PARAMETERS 4

// Registers names
#define SERIALNUMBER 0
#define SOFTVERSION 1
#define MODBUSADDRESS 2
#define TEMPERATURE 3
#define HUMIDITY 4

// Function codes used
#define READ_HOLDING_REGISTERS 0x03

// Modbus Table Registers
static const int TABLE[NUM_REGISTERS][NUM_PARAMETERS] =
{
    // NAME, ADDRESS, BYTES, FCODE
    { SERIALNUMBER, 0, 4, READ_HOLDING_REGISTERS },
    { SOFTVERSION, 4, 2, READ_HOLDING_REGISTERS },
    { MODBUSADDRESS, 6, 2, READ_HOLDING_REGISTERS },
    { TEMPERATURE, 101, 2, READ_HOLDING_REGISTERS },
    { HUMIDITY, 304, 2, READ_HOLDING_REGISTERS }
};

// Default address of Modbus device
#define DEFAULTADDRESS 254

// Instantiate ModbusMaster object as slave ID 254
ModbusMaster node(RS485_COM, DEFAULTADDRESS);

// Variable to store the results of Modbus communication
int result;

// Serial monitor messages
static const char* messages[] =
{
    "SERIAL NUMBER",
    "SOFTWARE VERSION",
    "MODBUS ADDRESS",
    "TEMPERATURE",
    "HUMIDITY",
};

void setup()
{
    // Init USB port for debugging
    USB.ON();
    USB.println(F("Modbus table registers example"));

    // Initialize Modbus communication baud rate
    node.begin(19200);
}

void loop()
{
    // Initial message
    USB.println(F("Reading Modbus device..."));
    USB.println(F(""));

    // This loop will read all the registers
    // And prints in the serial monitor the results
    for (int i = SERIALNUMBER; i <= HUMIDITY; i++)
```c
{ // General function to read registers
result = node.readRegisters(TABLE[i][ADDRESS], TABLE[i][BYTES], TABLE[i][FCODE]);
// result = 0: no errors
// result != 0: error occurred
if (result != 0)
{
    // If no response from the slave, print an error message
    USB.print(F("Communication error while trying to read");
    USB.println(messages[i]);
    USB.print(F("Result: ");
    USB.println(result);
    delay(100);
}
else
{
    USB.print(messages[i]);
    USB.print(F(" => "));
    // Some registers return more than one value
    for (int i = 0; i < node.available(); i++)
    {
        USB.print(node.getResponseBuffer(i), DEC);
    }
    USB.println();
}
USB.println(F("****************************************");
USB.println();
delay(10000);
}
```
9. API changelog

Keep track of the software changes on this link:

www.libelium.com/development/waspmote/documentation/changelog/#Modbus
10. Documentation changelog

From v7.0 to v7.1:

• Added references to the integration of Industrial Protocols for Plug & Sense!