

G3 Modbus configuration guide (v2.5)

Revision log:

v2.5>add support for BITS datatype (FC=03/04)
>update for fw6.4.1 sqlite_db
v2.4>change datatype BOOLEAN to BITS (FC=01/02)
v2.3>add support for #comment
>add support for different polling interval for each asset
>add [multiplier, adder] optional arguments for data type FLOAT
>add support for data type INT64, return hexadecimal value
v2.2> add support for data type INT8
> add support for Modbus/RTU over TCP
v2.1> add block marker MBM_START, MBM_STOP
>add [multiplier, adder] optional arguments for data type INT
v2.0> add support for data type FLOAT.
>revise definition of data type REGS.

Filename :	iotasset.txt
Location :	\user

1. Introduction

The file 'iotasset.txt' contains the assets configuration that is required by the Modbus master program to acquire data from slave devices. Acquired data is then inserted into database for downstream IoT clients.

2. IOT asset 'KEY,VALUE' general format

Each IOT asset is defined by using a BLOCK of 'key, value' pairs (CSV format). There are four Modbus key names that must be present for each IOT asset.

MODBUS KEYS	Description
TYPE	Define the type of Modbus communication
ADDR	Define the address of the Modbus slave device
MBFC	Define the Modbus function code for query device
REGS	Define the Modbus target registers and data type

Each asset block must also include the pair 'Key, Field_name' for database purpose. Backslash (\) and double quote mark (") char cannot be used. Comments can be inserted by using the hash (#) sign.

To ease parsing of different types of assets, the asset blocks need to be located between the start and end of block markers.

MODBUS BLOCK MARKER	Description
MBM_START	Define the start of Modbus assets
MBM_STOP	Define the end(stop) of Modbus assets

3. IOT asset 'KEY,VALUE' setup information

TYPE, m [, i]

Argument	Value	Description
m	RTU	Modbus/RTU standard protocol over RS-485
	TCP	Modbus/TCP standard protocol over Ethernet
i	1, 2, 3, 4, 5,....	Poll interval for each asset. #1

#1 Optional: Argument [i] if excluded will result in default polling i=1 (polls on every interval).

Example of Poll Interval calculations with master Poll Period = 15 sec.

note: Poll Period is the time interval between polling, refer to web config 'IoT Hardware'.

Asset Poll Period	Calculation	Poll Interval (i)
1min	1*60/15	4
30min	30*60/15	120
1 hour	1*60*60/15	240
3 hour	3*60*60/15	720

ADDR, n0 Modbus/RTU
ADDR, n1.n2.n3.n4 : p Modbus/TCP
ADDR, n1.n2.n3.n4 : p : u Modbus/RTU over TCP

Argument	Value	Description	Notes
n0	1-247	Unit/Node ID	For Modbus/RTU device
n1.n2.n3.n4:p	n1,n2,n3,n4=0-255 p=502 (default)	Slave IP address Slave port	For Modbus/TCP device
n1.n2.n3.n4:p:u	n1,n2,n3,n4=0-255 p=502 (default) u=1-247	Slave IP address Slave port Unit/Node ID	For Modbus/RTU over TCP device, apply "TYPE, TCP"

MBFC, s

Argument	Value	Description
s	1	Read Coil Status (FC=01)
	2	Read Input Status (FC=02)
	3	Read Holding Registers (FC=03)
	4	Read Input Registers (FC=04)

FC=function code in Modbus protocol

REGS, t, u, v [, x, y]

Argument	Value	Description
t	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,...	Data address of first register requested (dec) # ³
u	Number of register	Number of register requested (dec)
v	Data Type	Data type conversion from Modbus hex data
x	Multiplier	Value = Value*Multiplier + Adder # ⁴
y	Adder	Value = Value*Multiplier + Adder # ⁴

#3 Depending on device model, may require -1 offset of the register address.

#4 Optional: for Data Type INTEGER & FLOAT, **both** x & y arguments required when applied.

REGS, t, u, BITS, m, n (FC=03/04 with datatype BITS)

m	Bit Start Position 15-0	Bit parsing start position 15[MSB]-0[LSB]
n	Bit Count 1-8	Number of bits to parse

4. Data Type definitions for standard Modbus**DATA TYPE BITS FOR MODBUS 1-BIT COIL/INPUT (FC=01/02)**

v [Data Type]	u [Number of register]	Description
BITS	1-16	1-16 bits to unsigned integer # ⁵

#5 Binary value will be converted to decimal value, eg 1110₂ will be reported as 14₁₀. The more significant bits contain the higher coil variables.

DATA TYPE INTEGER FOR MODBUS 16-BIT REGISTER (FC=03/04)

v [Data Type]	u [Number of register]	Description
BITS	1	16-bit register parsing to 1-8 bits (unsigned integer)
UINT8H/ UINT8L	1	16-bit register to 8-bit unsigned integer , hi byte / lo byte
SINT8H/ SINT8L		16-bit register to 8-bit signed integer , hi byte / lo byte
UINT16HL	1	16-bit register to 16-bit unsigned integer , big endian
UINT16LH		16-bit register to 16-bit unsigned integer , little endian
SINT16HL		16-bit register to 16-bit signed integer , big endian
SINT16LH		16-bit register to 16-bit signed integer , little endian
UINT32HLhI	2	16-bit register pair to 32-bit unsigned integer , big endian
UINT32hIHL		16-bit register pair to 32-bit unsigned integer , Word - little endian, Byte - big endian
UINT32LHIh		16-bit register pair to 32-bit unsigned integer , Word - big endian, Byte - little endian
UINT32hLH		16-bit register pair to 32-bit unsigned integer , little endian
SINT32HLhI		16-bit register pair to 32-bit signed integer , big endian
SINT32hIHL		16-bit register pair to 32-bit signed integer , Word - little endian, Byte - big endian
SINT32LHIh		16-bit register pair to 32-bit signed integer , Word - big endian, Byte - little endian
SINT32hLH		16-bit register pair to 32-bit signed integer , little endian

DATA TYPE STRING FOR MODBUS 16-BIT REGISTER (FC=03/04)

v [Data Type]	u [Number of register]	Description
STRING16	8	Set of eight 16-bit registers to 16 ASCII characters (e.g. abcdefghijklmnop)
STRING16R		Set of eight 16-bit registers to 16 ASCII characters , byte swapped (e.g. badcfeghjilknmpo)
STRING8	4	Set of four 16-bit registers to 8 ASCII characters (e.g. abcdefgh)
STRING8R		Set of four 16-bit registers to 8 ASCII characters , byte swapped (e.g. badcfegh)

DATA TYPE FLOAT FOR MODBUS 16-BIT REGISTER (FC=03/04)

v [Data Type]	u [Number of register]	Description
FLOAT32ABCD	2	16-bit register pair to IEEE-754 single precision floating point number. Byte orientation=ABCD,DCBA,BADC,CDAB AB=word data from first 16-bit register CD=word data from second 16-bit register
FLOAT32DCBA		
FLOAT32BADC		
FLOAT32CDAB		

5. Example for IOT asset configuration

#iotasset example for Modbus/RTU, Modbus/TCP and Modbus/RTU over TCP

MBM_START #start of Modbus block

TYPE, RTU #Modbus/RTU
 ADDR, 5 #Unit/node ID=5
 MBFC, 2 #Modbus function=02
 REGS, 18, 3, BITS #Data addr=18, Num of reg=3, Data type=BITS
 Key, FlowSwitch

TYPE, RTU
 ADDR, 8
 MBFC, 3 #Modbus function=03
 REGS, 25, 1, BITS, 8, 2 #Data type=BITS, Start_bit=8, Bit_count=2
 Key, McStatus

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TYPE, RTU, 5 #Modbus/RTU, every 5 polling interval
ADDR, 11
MBFC, 3
REGS, 25, 1, UINT16HL, 0.5, 0.1 #value=value*0.5 + 0.1
Key, UPSVoltage

TYPE, TCP, 10 #Modbus/TCP, every 10 polling interval
ADDR, 192.168.1.100:502 #Slave IP=192.168.1.100, Port=502
MBFC, 3
REGS, 100, 2, UINT32HLhl #Data type=unsigned 32-bit integer
Key, Temperature

TYPE, TCP #Modbus/RTU over TCP
ADDR, 192.168.1.120:502:11 #Port=502, Unit/Node ID=11
MBFC, 4
REGS, 200, 8, STRING16 #Data type=16 ascii chars
Key, AlarmText

TYPE, TCP #Modbus/RTU over TCP
ADDR, 192.168.1.130:502:21 #Port=502, Unit/Node ID=21
MBFC, 3
REGS, 500, 2, FLOAT32ABCD #Data type=float single precision
Key, ActivePower

MBM_STOP #end of Modbus block

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6. Methods to upload 'iotasset.txt' file to G3

-Upload the iotasset.txt file from your computer using the 'Upload iotasset.txt' button in the 'IoT Hardware' tab.

-Put the iotasset.txt file in \user folder of USB drive (with label 'FATBOX'). Plug the USB drive into G3 and click the 'Upload to FATBOX' button in the 'Management' tab.

-Use SCP/Putty console or WinSCP.

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