

GE CCM Driver

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Overview

The GE CCM Driver provides a reliable way to connect GE CCM controllers to OPC Client applications; including HMI, SCADA, Historian, MES, ERP and countless custom applications. It is intended for use with GE Programmable Logic Controllers.

Setup

Supported Devices

Series 90-30 311/313, 331/341
Series 90-70 731/732, 771/772, 781/782
Series Six CCM2
Series Five CCM2

Communication Protocol

GE CCM (Client/Server mode)

● **Note:** Although the PLC device can be configured to operate in Client/Server or Peer to Peer mode, the driver can only support Client/Server communications.

Supported Communication Parameters

Baud Rate: 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 9600, 19200
Parity: Odd, None
Data Bits: 8
Stop Bits: 1

● **Note:** Not all devices support the listed configurations.

Ethernet Encapsulation

This driver supports Ethernet Encapsulation, which allows the driver to communicate with serial devices attached to an Ethernet network using a terminal server. Ethernet Encapsulation mode is invoked by selecting it in the Physical Medium property located in the Serial Communications property group under Channel Properties. For more information, refer to the OPC Server's help documentation.

Channel and Device Limits

The maximum number of channels supported by this driver is 100. The maximum number of devices supported by this driver is 90 per channel. Server Network Device IDs range from 1 to 90.

Flow Control

When using an RS232/RS485 converter, the type of flow control that is required depends on the converter's needs. Some do not require any flow control whereas others require RTS flow. Consult the converter's documentation to determine its flow requirements. An RS485 converter that provides automatic flow control is recommended.

● **Note:** When using the manufacturer's supplied communications cable, it is sometimes necessary to choose a flow control setting of **RTS** or **RTS Always** under the Channel Properties.

Channel Properties — General

This server supports the use of multiple simultaneous communications drivers. Each protocol or driver used in a server project is called a channel. A server project may consist of many channels with the same communications driver or with unique communications drivers. A channel acts as the basic building block of an OPC link. This group is used to specify general channel properties, such as the identification attributes and operating mode.

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Identification

Name: Specify the user-defined identity of this channel. In each server project, each channel name must be unique. Although names can be up to 256 characters, some client applications have a limited display window when browsing the OPC server's tag space. The channel name is part of the OPC browser information. The property is required for creating a channel.

• For information on reserved characters, refer to "How To... Properly Name a Channel, Device, Tag, and Tag Group" in the server help.

Description: Specify user-defined information about this channel.

• Many of these properties, including Description, have an associated system tag.

Driver: Specify the protocol / driver for this channel. Specify the device driver that was selected during channel creation. It is a disabled setting in the channel properties. The property is required for creating a channel.

• **Note:** With the server's online full-time operation, these properties can be changed at any time. This includes changing the channel name to prevent clients from registering data with the server. If a client has already acquired an item from the server before the channel name is changed, the items are unaffected. If, after the channel name has been changed, the client application releases the item and attempts to re-acquire using the old channel name, the item is not accepted. Changes to the properties should not be made once a large client application has been developed. Utilize proper user role and privilege management to prevent operators from changing properties or accessing server features.

Diagnostics

Diagnostics Capture: When enabled, this option makes the channel's diagnostic information available to OPC applications. Because the server's diagnostic features require a minimal amount of overhead processing, it is recommended that they be utilized when needed and disabled when not. The default is disabled.

• **Note:** This property is not available if the driver does not support diagnostics.

• For more information, refer to "Communication Diagnostics" and "Statistics Tags" in the server help.

Tag Counts

Static Tags: Provides the total number of defined static tags at this level (device or channel). This information can be helpful in troubleshooting and load balancing.

Channel Properties — Serial Communications

Serial communication properties are available to serial drivers and vary depending on the driver, connection type, and options selected. Below is a superset of the possible properties.

Click to jump to one of the sections: [Connection Type](#), [Serial Port Settings](#) or [Ethernet Settings](#), and [Operational Behavior](#).

Notes:

- With the server's online full-time operation, these properties can be changed at any time. Utilize proper user role and privilege management to prevent operators from changing properties or accessing server features.
- Users must define the specific communication parameters to be used. Depending on the driver, channels may or may not be able to share identical communication parameters. Only one shared serial connection can be configured for a Virtual Network (see [Channel Properties — Serial Communications](#)).

Property Groups		
General		
Serial Communications		
Write Optimizations		
Advanced		
	Connection Type	
	Physical Medium	COM Port
	Serial Port Settings	
	COM ID	39
	Baud Rate	19200
	Data Bits	8
	Parity	None
	Stop Bits	1
	Flow Control	RTS Always
	Operational Behavior	
	Report Communication Errors	Enable
	Close Idle Connection	Enable
	Idle Time to Close (s)	15

Connection Type

Physical Medium: Choose the type of hardware device for data communications. Options include Modem, Ethernet Encapsulation, COM Port, and None. The default is COM Port.

1. **None:** Select None to indicate there is no physical connection, which displays the [Operation with no Communications](#) section.
2. **COM Port:** Select Com Port to display and configure the [Serial Port Settings](#) section.
3. **Modem:** Select Modem if phone lines are used for communications, which are configured in the [Modem Settings](#) section.
4. **Ethernet Encap.:** Select if Ethernet Encapsulation is used for communications, which displays the [Ethernet Settings](#) section.
5. **Shared:** Verify the connection is correctly identified as sharing the current configuration with another channel. This is a read-only property.

Serial Port Settings

COM ID: Specify the Communications ID to be used when communicating with devices assigned to the channel. The valid range is 1 to 9991 to 16. The default is 1.

Baud Rate: Specify the baud rate to be used to configure the selected communications port.

Data Bits: Specify the number of data bits per data word. Options include 5, 6, 7, or 8.

Parity: Specify the type of parity for the data. Options include Odd, Even, or None.


Stop Bits: Specify the number of stop bits per data word. Options include 1 or 2.

Flow Control: Select how the RTS and DTR control lines are utilized. Flow control is required to communicate with some serial devices. Options are:

- **None:** This option does not toggle or assert control lines.
- **DTR:** This option asserts the DTR line when the communications port is opened and remains on.
- **RTS:** This option specifies that the RTS line is high if bytes are available for transmission. After all buffered bytes have been sent, the RTS line is low. This is normally used with RS232/RS485 converter hardware.
- **RTS, DTR:** This option is a combination of DTR and RTS.
- **RTS Always:** This option asserts the RTS line when the communication port is opened and remains on.
- **RTS Manual:** This option asserts the RTS line based on the timing properties entered for RTS Line Control. It is only available when the driver supports manual RTS line control (or when the properties are shared and at least one of the channels belongs to a driver that provides this support).

RTS Manual adds an **RTS Line Control** property with options as follows:

- **Raise:** Specify the amount of time that the RTS line is raised prior to data transmission. The valid range is 0 to 9999 milliseconds. The default is 10 milliseconds.
- **Drop:** Specify the amount of time that the RTS line remains high after data transmission. The valid range is 0 to 9999 milliseconds. The default is 10 milliseconds.
- **Poll Delay:** Specify the amount of time that polling for communications is delayed. The valid range is 0 to 9999. The default is 10 milliseconds.

 **Tip:** When using two-wire RS-485, "echoes" may occur on the communication lines. Since this communication does not support echo suppression, it is recommended that echoes be disabled or a RS-485 converter be used.

Operational Behavior

- **Report Communication Errors:** Enable or disable reporting of low-level communications errors. When enabled, low-level errors are posted to the Event Log as they occur. When disabled, these same errors are not posted even though normal request failures are. The default is Enable.
- **Close Idle Connection:** Choose to close the connection when there are no longer any tags being referenced by a client on the channel. The default is Enable.
- **Idle Time to Close:** Specify the amount of time that the server waits once all tags have been removed before closing the COM port. The default is 15 seconds.

Ethernet Settings

Note: Not all serial drivers support Ethernet Encapsulation. If this group does not appear, the functionality is not supported.

Ethernet Encapsulation provides communication with serial devices connected to terminal servers on the Ethernet network. A terminal server is essentially a virtual serial port that converts TCP/IP messages on the Ethernet network to serial data. Once the message has been converted, users can connect standard devices that support serial communications to the terminal server. The terminal server's serial port must be properly configured to match the requirements of the serial device to which it is attached. *For more information, refer to "Using Ethernet Encapsulation" in the server help.*

- **Network Adapter:** Indicate a network adapter to bind for Ethernet devices in this channel. Choose a network adapter to bind to or allow the OS to select the default.
 - *Specific drivers may display additional Ethernet Encapsulation properties. For more information, refer to [Channel Properties — Ethernet Encapsulation](#).*

Modem Settings

- **Modem:** Specify the installed modem to be used for communications.
- **Connect Timeout:** Specify the amount of time to wait for connections to be established before failing a read or write. The default is 60 seconds.
- **Modem Properties:** Configure the modem hardware. When clicked, it opens vendor-specific modem properties.
- **Auto-Dial:** Enables the automatic dialing of entries in the Phonebook. The default is Disable. *For more information, refer to "Modem Auto-Dial" in the server help.*
- **Report Communication Errors:** Enable or disable reporting of low-level communications errors. When enabled, low-level errors are posted to the Event Log as they occur. When disabled, these same errors are not posted even though normal request failures are. The default is Enable.
- **Close Idle Connection:** Choose to close the modem connection when there are no longer any tags being referenced by a client on the channel. The default is Enable.
- **Idle Time to Close:** Specify the amount of time that the server waits once all tags have been removed before closing the modem connection. The default is 15 seconds.

Operation with no Communications

- **Read Processing:** Select the action to be taken when an explicit device read is requested. Options include Ignore and Fail. Ignore does nothing; Fail provides the client with an update that indicates failure. The default setting is Ignore.

Channel Properties — Write Optimizations

The server must ensure that the data written from the client application gets to the device on time. Given this goal, the server provides optimization properties to meet specific needs or improve application responsiveness.

Property Groups	[-] Write Optimizations	
General	Optimization Method	Write Only Latest Value for All Tags
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Write Optimizations

Optimization Method: Controls how write data is passed to the underlying communications driver. The options are:

- **Write All Values for All Tags:** This option forces the server to attempt to write every value to the controller. In this mode, the server continues to gather write requests and add them to the server's internal write queue. The server processes the write queue and attempts to empty it by writing data to the device as quickly as possible. This mode ensures that everything written from the client applications is sent to the target device. This mode should be selected if the write operation order or the write item's content must uniquely be seen at the target device.
- **Write Only Latest Value for Non-Boolean Tags:** Many consecutive writes to the same value can accumulate in the write queue due to the time required to actually send the data to the device. If the server updates a write value that has already been placed in the write queue, far fewer writes are needed to reach the same final output value. In this way, no extra writes accumulate in the server's queue. When the user stops moving the slide switch, the value in the device is at the correct value at virtually the same time. As the mode states, any value that is not a Boolean value is updated in the server's internal write queue and sent to the device at the next possible opportunity. This can greatly improve the application performance.
 - **Note:** This option does not attempt to optimize writes to Boolean values. It allows users to optimize the operation of HMI data without causing problems with Boolean operations, such as a momentary push button.
- **Write Only Latest Value for All Tags:** This option takes the theory behind the second optimization mode and applies it to all tags. It is especially useful if the application only needs to send the latest value to the device. This mode optimizes all writes by updating the tags currently in the write queue before they are sent. This is the default mode.

Duty Cycle: is used to control the ratio of write to read operations. The ratio is always based on one read for every one to ten writes. The duty cycle is set to ten by default, meaning that ten writes occur for each read operation. Although the application is performing a large number of continuous writes, it must be ensured that read data is still given time to process. A setting of one results in one read operation for every write operation. If there are no write operations to perform, reads are processed continuously. This allows optimization for applications with continuous writes versus a more balanced back and forth data flow.

● **Note:** It is recommended that the application be characterized for compatibility with the write optimization enhancements before being used in a production environment.

Channel Properties — Advanced

This group is used to specify advanced channel properties. Not all drivers support all properties; so the Advanced group does not appear for those devices.

Property Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Normalized Float Handling	
General	Floating-Point Values	Replace with Zero
Write Optimizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Inter-Device Delay	
Advanced	Inter-Device Delay (ms)	0

Non-Normalized Float Handling: A non-normalized value is defined as Infinity, Not-a-Number (NaN), or as a Denormalized Number. The default is Replace with Zero. Drivers that have native float handling may default to Unmodified. Non-normalized float handling allows users to specify how a driver handles non-normalized IEEE-754 floating point data. Descriptions of the options are as follows:

- **Replace with Zero:** This option allows a driver to replace non-normalized IEEE-754 floating point values with zero before being transferred to clients.

- **Unmodified:** This option allows a driver to transfer IEEE-754 denormalized, normalized, non-number, and infinity values to clients without any conversion or changes.

● **Note:** This property is disabled if the driver does not support floating-point values or if it only supports the option that is displayed. According to the channel's float normalization setting, only real-time driver tags (such as values and arrays) are subject to float normalization. For example, EFM data is not affected by this setting.

● *For more information on the floating-point values, refer to "How To ... Work with Non-Normalized Floating-Point Values" in the server help.*

Inter-Device Delay: Specify the amount of time the communications channel waits to send new requests to the next device after data is received from the current device on the same channel. Zero (0) disables the delay.

● **Note:** This property is not available for all drivers, models, and dependent settings.

Channel Properties — Communication Serialization

The server's multi-threading architecture allows channels to communicate with devices in parallel. Although this is efficient, communication can be serialized in cases with physical network restrictions (such as Ethernet radios). Communication serialization limits communication to one channel at a time within a virtual network.

The term "virtual network" describes a collection of channels and associated devices that use the same pipeline for communications. For example, the pipeline of an Ethernet radio is the client radio. All channels using the same client radio associate with the same virtual network. Channels are allowed to communicate each in turn, in a "round-robin" manner. By default, a channel can process one transaction before handing communications off to another channel. A transaction can include one or more tags. If the controlling channel contains a device that is not responding to a request, the channel cannot release control until the transaction times out. This results in data update delays for the other channels in the virtual network.

Property Groups	[-] Channel-Level Settings	
General	Virtual Network	None
Serial Communications	Transactions per Cycle	1
Communication Serialization	[-] Global Settings	
	Network Mode	Load Balanced

Channel-Level Settings

Virtual Network: Specify the channel's mode of communication serialization. Options include None and Network 1 - Network 500. The default is None. Descriptions of the options are as follows:

- **None:** This option disables communication serialization for the channel.
- **Network 1 - Network 500:** This option specifies the virtual network to which the channel is assigned.

Transactions per Cycle: Specify the number of single blocked/non-blocked read/write transactions that can occur on the channel. When a channel is given the opportunity to communicate, this is the number of transactions attempted. The valid range is 1 to 99. The default is 1.

Global Settings

Network Mode: This property is used to control how channel communication is delegated. In **Load Balanced** mode, each channel is given the opportunity to communicate in turn, one at a time. In **Priority** mode, channels are given the opportunity to communicate according to the following rules (highest to lowest priority):

1. Channels with pending writes have the highest priority.
2. Channels with pending explicit reads (through internal plug-ins or external client interfaces) are prioritized based on the read's priority.
3. Scanned reads and other periodic events (driver specific).

The default is Load Balanced and affects *all* virtual networks and channels.

🔴 Devices that rely on unsolicited responses should not be placed in a virtual network. In situations where communications must be serialized, it is recommended that Auto-Demotion be enabled.

Due to differences in the way that drivers read and write data (such as in single, blocked, or non-blocked transactions); the application's Transactions per cycle property may need to be adjusted. When doing so, consider the following factors:

- How many tags must be read from each channel?
- How often is data written to each channel?
- Is the channel using a serial or Ethernet driver?
- Does the driver read tags in separate requests, or are multiple tags read in a block?
- Have the device's Timing properties (such as Request timeout and Fail after x successive timeouts) been optimized for the virtual network's communication medium?

Device Properties — General

A device represents a single target on a communications channel. If the driver supports multiple controllers, users must enter a device ID for each controller.

Property Groups	Identification	
General	Name	
Scan Mode	Description	
	Channel Assignment	
	Driver	
	Model	
	ID Format	Decimal
	ID	2

Identification

Name: Specify the name of the device. It is a logical user-defined name that can be up to 256 characters long and may be used on multiple channels.

🔴 **Note:** Although descriptive names are generally a good idea, some OPC client applications may have a limited display window when browsing the OPC server's tag space. The device name and channel name become part of the browse tree information as well. Within an OPC client, the combination of channel name and device name would appear as "ChannelName.DeviceName".

For more information, refer to "How To... Properly Name a Channel, Device, Tag, and Tag Group" in server help.

Description: Specify the user-defined information about this device.

Many of these properties, including Description, have an associated system tag.

Channel Assignment: Specify the user-defined name of the channel to which this device currently belongs.

Driver: Selected protocol driver for this device.

Model: Specify the type of device that is associated with this ID. The contents of the drop-down menu depend on the type of communications driver being used. Models that are not supported by a driver are disabled. If the communications driver supports multiple device models, the model selection can only be changed when there are no client applications connected to the device.

Note: If the communication driver supports multiple models, users should try to match the model selection to the physical device. If the device is not represented in the drop-down menu, select a model that conforms closest to the target device. Some drivers support a model selection called "Open," which allows users to communicate without knowing the specific details of the target device. *For more information, refer to the driver documentation.*

ID: Specify the device's driver-specific station or node. The type of ID entered depends on the communications driver being used. For many communication drivers, the ID is a numeric value. Drivers that support a Numeric ID provide users with the option to enter a numeric value whose format can be changed to suit the needs of the application or the characteristics of the selected communications driver. The format is set by the driver by default. Options include Decimal, Octal, and Hexadecimal.

Note: If the driver is Ethernet-based or supports an unconventional station or node name, the device's TCP/IP address may be used as the device ID. TCP/IP addresses consist of four values that are separated by periods, with each value in the range of 0 to 255. Some device IDs are string based. There may be additional properties to configure within the ID field, depending on the driver.

Operating Mode

Property Groups	+ Identification	
General	- Operating Mode	
Scan Mode	Data Collection	Enable
	Simulated	No

Data Collection: This property controls the device's active state. Although device communications are enabled by default, this property can be used to disable a physical device. Communications are not attempted when a device is disabled. From a client standpoint, the data is marked as invalid and write operations are not accepted. This property can be changed at any time through this property or the device system tags.

Simulated: Place the device into or out of Simulation Mode. In this mode, the driver does not attempt to communicate with the physical device, but the server continues to return valid OPC data. Simulated stops physical communications with the device, but allows OPC data to be returned to the OPC client as valid data. While in Simulation Mode, the server treats all device data as reflective: whatever is written to the simulated device is read back and each OPC item is treated individually. The data is not saved if the server removes the item (such as when the server is reinitialized). The default is No.

Notes:

1. This System tag (_Simulated) is read only and cannot be written to for runtime protection. The System tag allows this property to be monitored from the client.
2. When a device is simulated, updates may not appear faster than one (1) second in the client.

● Simulation Mode is for test and simulation purposes only. It should never be used in a production environment.

Tag Counts

Property Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Identification <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Mode <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tag Counts	
General	Static Tags	130

Static Tags: Provides the total number of defined static tags at this level (device or channel). This information can be helpful in troubleshooting and load balancing.

Device Properties — Scan Mode

The Scan Mode specifies the subscribed-client requested scan rate for tags that require device communications. Synchronous and asynchronous device reads and writes are processed as soon as possible; unaffected by the Scan Mode properties.

Property Groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scan Mode	
General	Scan Mode	Respect Client-Specified Scan Rate ▼
Scan Mode	Initial Updates from Cache	Disable

Scan Mode: Specify how tags in the device are scanned for updates sent to subscribing clients. Descriptions of the options are:

- **Respect Client-Specified Scan Rate:** This mode uses the scan rate requested by the client.
- **Request Data No Faster than Scan Rate:** This mode specifies the value set as the maximum scan rate. The valid range is 10 to 99999990 milliseconds. The default is 1000 milliseconds.
 - **Note:** When the server has an active client and items for the device and the scan rate value is increased, the changes take effect immediately. When the scan rate value is decreased, the changes do not take effect until all client applications have been disconnected.
- **Request All Data at Scan Rate:** This mode forces tags to be scanned at the specified rate for subscribed clients. The valid range is 10 to 99999990 milliseconds. The default is 1000 milliseconds.
- **Do Not Scan, Demand Poll Only:** This mode does not periodically poll tags that belong to the device nor perform a read to get an item's initial value once it becomes active. It is the OPC client's responsibility to poll for updates, either by writing to the _DemandPoll tag or by issuing explicit device reads for individual items. *For more information, refer to "Device Demand Poll" in server help.*
- **Respect Tag-Specified Scan Rate:** This mode forces static tags to be scanned at the rate specified in their static configuration tag properties. Dynamic tags are scanned at the client-specified scan rate.

Initial Updates from Cache: When enabled, this option allows the server to provide the first updates for newly activated tag references from stored (cached) data. Cache updates can only be provided when the new item reference shares the same address, scan rate, data type, client access, and scaling properties. A

device read is used for the initial update for the first client reference only. The default is disabled; any time a client activates a tag reference the server attempts to read the initial value from the device.

Device Properties — Timing

The device Timing properties allow the driver's response to error conditions to be tailored to fit the application's needs. In many cases, the environment requires changes to these properties for optimum performance. Factors such as electrically generated noise, modem delays, and poor physical connections can influence how many errors or timeouts a communications driver encounters. Timing properties are specific to each configured device.

Property Groups	☐ Communication Timeouts	
General	Connect Timeout (s)	3
Scan Mode	Request Timeout (ms)	1000
Timing	Attempts Before Timeout	3

Communications Timeouts

Connect Timeout: This property (which is used primarily by Ethernet based drivers) controls the amount of time required to establish a socket connection to a remote device. The device's connection time often takes longer than normal communications requests to that same device. The valid range is 1 to 30 seconds. The default is typically 3 seconds, but can vary depending on the driver's specific nature. If this setting is not supported by the driver, it is disabled.

● **Note:** Due to the nature of UDP connections, the connection timeout setting is not applicable when communicating via UDP.

Request Timeout: Specify an interval used by all drivers to determine how long the driver waits for a response from the target device to complete. The valid range is 50 to 9999999 milliseconds (167 minutes). The default is usually 1000 milliseconds, but can vary depending on the driver. The default timeout for most serial drivers is based on a baud rate of 9600 baud or better. When using a driver at lower baud rates, increase the timeout to compensate for the increased time required to acquire data.

Attempts Before Timeout: Specify how many times the driver issues a communications request before considering the request to have failed and the device to be in error. The valid range is 1 to 10. The default is typically 3, but can vary depending on the driver's specific nature. The number of attempts configured for an application depends largely on the communications environment. This property applies to both connection attempts and request attempts.

Timing

Inter-Request Delay: Specify how long the driver waits before sending the next request to the target device. It overrides the normal polling frequency of tags associated with the device, as well as one-time reads and writes. This delay can be useful when dealing with devices with slow turnaround times and in cases where network load is a concern. Configuring a delay for a device affects communications with all other devices on the channel. It is recommended that users separate any device that requires an inter-request delay to a separate channel if possible. Other communications properties (such as communication serialization) can extend this delay. The valid range is 0 to 300,000 milliseconds; however, some drivers may limit the maximum value due to a function of their particular design. The default is 0, which indicates no delay between requests with the target device.

● **Note:** Not all drivers support Inter-Request Delay. This setting does not appear if it is not available.

Property Groups General Scan Mode Timing	[-] Timing	
	Inter-Request Delay (ms)	0

Device Properties — Auto-Demotion

The Auto-Demotion properties can temporarily place a device off-scan in the event that a device is not responding. By placing a non-responsive device offline for a specific time period, the driver can continue to optimize its communications with other devices on the same channel. After the time period has been reached, the driver re-attempts to communicate with the non-responsive device. If the device is responsive, the device is placed on-scan; otherwise, it restarts its off-scan time period.

Property Groups General Scan Mode Timing Auto-Demotion	[-] Auto-Demotion	
	Demote on Failure	Enable
	Timeouts to Demote	3
	Demotion Period (ms)	10000
	Discard Requests when Demoted	Disable

Demote on Failure: When enabled, the device is automatically taken off-scan until it is responding again.

Tip: Determine when a device is off-scan by monitoring its demoted state using the `_AutoDemoted` system tag.

Timeouts to Demote: Specify how many successive cycles of request timeouts and retries occur before the device is placed off-scan. The valid range is 1 to 30 successive failures. The default is 3.

Demotion Period: Indicate how long the device should be placed off-scan when the timeouts value is reached. During this period, no read requests are sent to the device and all data associated with the read requests are set to bad quality. When this period expires, the driver places the device on-scan and allows for another attempt at communications. The valid range is 100 to 3600000 milliseconds. The default is 10000 milliseconds.

Discard Requests when Demoted: Select whether or not write requests should be attempted during the off-scan period. Disable to always send write requests regardless of the demotion period. Enable to discard writes; the server automatically fails any write request received from a client and does not post a message to the Event Log.

Device Properties — Redundancy

Property Groups General Scan Mode Timing Auto-Demotion Tag Generation Tag Import Settings Redundancy	[-] Redundancy	
	Secondary Path	Channel.Device1
	Operating Mode	Switch On Failure
	Monitor Item	
	Monitor Interval (s)	300
	Return to Primary ASAP	Yes

Redundancy is available with the Media-Level Redundancy Plug-In.

• Consult the website, a sales representative, or the [user manual](#) for more information.

Data Types Description

Data Type	Description
Boolean	Single bit
Byte	Unsigned 8 bit value bit 0 is the low bit bit 7 is the high bit
Word	Unsigned 16 bit value bit 0 is the low bit bit 15 is the high bit
Short	Signed 16 bit value bit 0 is the low bit bit 14 is the high bit bit 15 is the sign bit
DWord	Unsigned 32 bit value bit 0 is the low bit bit 31 is the high bit
Long	Signed 32 bit value bit 0 is the low bit bit 30 is the high bit bit 31 is the sign bit
BCD	Two byte packed BCD Value range is 0-9999. Behavior is undefined for values beyond this range.
LBCD	Four byte packed BCD Value range is 0-99999999. Behavior is undefined for values beyond this range.
Float	32 bit floating point value. The driver interprets two consecutive registers as a floating point value by making the second register the high word and the first register the low word.

Address Descriptions

Address specifications vary depending on the model in use. Select a link from the following list to obtain specific address information for the model of interest.

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311 Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I512 I1 to I505 (every 8th bit) I1 to I497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q512 Q1 to Q505 (every 8th bit) Q1 to Q497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Register References	R1 to R512 R1 to R511 R1.b to R512.b (b is bit number 0 to 15)	Word , Short, BCD DWord, Long, LBCD, Float Boolean	Read/Write

*When an array specification is given, the default data type Boolean becomes Byte.

Note: All device addresses can be prefixed with a % sign if needed (such as %R100). This can aid the conversion from other OPC servers or communications drivers.

Default Data Type Override

The default data types for each device type are shown in the table above. To override the default data type for register references, append a data type indicator to the device address. The possible data type indicators are as follows.

F = Float
S = Short
L = Long
M = String

(BCD) = BCD

Examples

R100 F = Accesses R100 as a floating point value.

R300 L = Accesses R300 as a long.

R400-R410 M = Accesses R400-R410 as a string with a length of 22 bytes.

● **Note:** There must be a space between the register number and the specific data type.

String Access to Registers

Register space can be accessed as string data by appending and specifying the "M" data type. The length of the string is based on how the device address reference is entered. Examples are as follows.

R100-R120 M = Accesses Register R100 as string with a length of 42 bytes.

R400 M = Accesses Register R400 as a string with a length of 4 bytes.

R405-R405 M = Accesses Register R405 as a string with a length of 2 bytes.

Note: The maximum string length is 128 bytes.

Array Support

The following data types support arrays: Byte, Word, Short, DWord, Long and Float. An array is a collection of contiguous elements of a given data type. The maximum array size is 32 DWords (Longs and Floats), 64 Words (Shorts) or 128 Bytes for a total of 1024 bits. For information on the two ways to specify an array, refer to the examples below.

Example 1

R1 [4] includes the following Word addresses:

R1, R2, R3, R4

Example 2

R16 [3][4] includes the following Word addresses:

R16, R17, R18, R19

R20, R21, R22, R23

R24, R25, R26, R27

3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words

12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

313 Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I512 I1 to I505 (every 8th bit) I1 to I497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q512 Q1 to Q505 (every 8th bit) Q1 to Q497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Register References	R1 to R1024 R1 to R1023	Word , Short, BCD DWord, Long, LBCD, Float	Read/Write

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
	R1.b to R1024.b (b is bit number 0 to 15)	Boolean	

*When an array specification is given, the default data type Boolean becomes Byte.

● **Note:** All device addresses can be prefixed with a % sign if needed (such as %R100). This can aid the conversion from other OPC servers or communications drivers.

Default Data Type Override

The default data types for each device type are shown in the table above. To override the default data type for register references, append a data type indicator to the device address. The possible data type indicators are as follows.

F = Float
S = Short
L = Long
M = String
(BCD) = BCD

Examples

R100 F = Accesses R100 as a floating point value.

R300 L = Accesses R300 as a long.

R400-R410 M = Accesses R400-R410 as a string with a length of 22 bytes.

● **Note:** There must be a space between the register number and the data type indicator.

String Access to Registers

Register space can be accessed as string data by appending the "M" data indicator. The length of the string is based on how the device address reference is entered. Examples are as follows.

R100-R120 M = Accesses Register R100 as string with a length of 42 bytes.

R400 M = Accesses Register R400 as a string with a length of 4 bytes.

R405-R405 M = Accesses Register R405 as a string with a length of 2 bytes.

● **Note:** The maximum string length is 128 bytes.

Array Support

The following data types support arrays: Byte, Word, Short, DWord, Long and Float. An array is a collection of contiguous elements of a given data type. The maximum array size is 32 DWords (Longs and Floats), 64 Words (Shorts) or 128 Bytes for a total of 1024 bits. For information on the two ways to specify an array, refer to the examples below.

Example 1

R1 [4] includes the following Word addresses:

R1, R2, R3, R4

Example 2

R16 [3][4] includes the following Word addresses:

R16, R17, R18, R19

R20, R21, R22, R23

R24, R25, R26, R27
 3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words
 12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

331 Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I512 I1 to I505 (every 8th bit) I1 to I497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q512 Q1 to Q505 (every 8th bit) Q1 to Q497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Register References	R1 to R2048 R1 to R2047 R1.b to R2048.b (b is bit number 0 to 15)	Word , Short, BCD DWord, Long, LBCD, Float Boolean	Read/Write

*When an array specification is given, the default data type Boolean becomes Byte.

Note: All device addresses can be prefixed with a % sign if needed (such as %R100). This can aid the conversion from other OPC servers or communications drivers.

Default Data Type Override

The default data types for each device type are shown in the table above. To override the default data type for register references, append a data type indicator to the device address. The possible data type indicators are as follows.

- F = Float
- S = Short
- L = Long
- M = String
- (BCD) = BCD

Examples

- R100 F = Accesses R100 as a floating point value.
- R300 L = Accesses R300 as a long.
- R400-R410 M = Accesses R400-R410 as a string with a length of 22 bytes.

Note: There must be a space between the register number and the data type indicator.

String Access to Registers

Register space can be accessed as string data by appending the "M" data indicator. The length of the string is based on how the device address reference is entered. Examples are as follows.

- R100-R120 M = Accesses Register R100 as string with a length of 42 bytes.
- R400 M = Accesses Register R400 as a string with a length of 4 bytes.
- R405-R405 M = Accesses Register R405 as a string with a length of 2 bytes.

● **Note:** The maximum string length is 128 bytes.

Array Support

The following data types support arrays: Byte, Word, Short, DWord, Long and Float. An array is a collection of contiguous elements of a given data type. The maximum array size is 32 DWords (Longs and Floats), 64 Words (Shorts) or 128 Bytes for a total of 1024 bits. For information on the two ways to specify an array, refer to the examples below.

Example 1

R1 [4] includes the following Word addresses:
R1, R2, R3, R4

Example 2

R16 [3][4] includes the following Word addresses:
R16, R17, R18, R19
R20, R21, R22, R23
R24, R25, R26, R27
3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words
12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

341 Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I512 I1 to I505 (every 8th bit) I1 to I497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q512 Q1 to Q505 (every 8th bit) Q1 to Q497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Register References	R1 to R9999 R1 to R9998 R1.b to R9999.b (b is bit number 0 to 15)	Word , Short, BCD DWord, Long, LBCD, Float Boolean	Read/Write

*When an array specification is given, the default data type Boolean becomes Byte.

● **Note:** All device addresses can be prefixed with a % sign if needed (such as %R100). This can aid the conversion from other OPC servers or communications drivers.

Default Data Type Override

The default data types for each device type are shown in the table above. To override the default data type for register references, append a data type indicator to the device address. The possible data type indicators are as follows.

F = Float
S = Short
L = Long

M = String
(BCD) = BCD

Examples

R100 F = Accesses R100 as a floating point value.

R300 L = Accesses R300 as a long.

R400-R410 M = Accesses R400-R410 as a string with a length of 22 bytes.

● **Note:** There must be a space between the register number and the data type indicator.

String Access to Registers

Register space can be accessed as string data by appending the "M" data indicator. The length of the string is based on how the device address reference is entered. Examples are as follows.

R100-R120 M = Accesses Register R100 as string with a length of 42 bytes.

R400 M = Accesses Register R400 as a string with a length of 4 bytes.

R405-R405 M = Accesses Register R405 as a string with a length of 2 bytes.

● **Note:** The maximum string length is 128 bytes.

Array Support

The following data types support arrays: Byte, Word, Short, DWord, Long and Float. An array is a collection of contiguous elements of a given data type. The maximum array size is 32 DWords (Longs and Floats), 64 Words (Shorts) or 128 Bytes for a total of 1024 bits. For information on the two ways to specify an array, refer to the examples below.

Example 1

R1 [4] includes the following Word addresses:

R1, R2, R3, R4

Example 2

R16 [3][4] includes the following Word addresses:

R16, R17, R18, R19

R20, R21, R22, R23

R24, R25, R26, R27

3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words

12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

731 Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I512 I1 to I505 (every 8th bit) I1 to I497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q512 Q1 to Q505 (every 8th bit) Q1 to Q497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Register References	R1 to R16384	Word , Short, BCD	Read/Write

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
	R1 to R16383 R1.b to R16384.b (b is bit number 0 to 15)	DWord, Long, LBCD, Float Boolean	

*When an array specification is given, the default data type Boolean becomes Byte.

● **Note:** All device addresses can be prefixed with a % sign if needed (such as %R100). This can aid the conversion from other OPC servers or communications drivers.

Default Data Type Override

The default data types for each device type are shown in the table above. To override the default data type for register references, append a data type indicator to the device address. The possible data type indicators are as follows.

F = Float
S = Short
L = Long
M = String
(BCD) = BCD

Examples

R100 F = Accesses R100 as a floating point value.

R300 L = Accesses R300 as a long.

R400-R410 M = Accesses R400-R410 as a string with a length of 22 bytes.

● **Note:** There must be a space between the register number and the data type indicator.

String Access to Registers

Register space can be accessed as string data by appending the "M" data indicator. The length of the string is based on how the device address reference is entered. Examples are as follows.

R100-R120 M = Accesses Register R100 as string with a length of 42 bytes.

R400 M = Accesses Register R400 as a string with a length of 4 bytes.

R405-R405 M = Accesses Register R405 as a string with a length of 2 bytes.

● **Note:** The maximum string length is 128 bytes.

Array Support

The following data types support arrays: Byte, Word, Short, DWord, Long and Float. An array is a collection of contiguous elements of a given data type. The maximum array size is 32 DWords (Longs and Floats), 64 Words (Shorts) or 128 Bytes for a total of 1024 bits. For information on the two ways to specify an array, refer to the examples below.

Example 1

R1 [4] includes the following Word addresses:

R1, R2, R3, R4

Example 2

R16 [3][4] includes the following Word addresses:

R16, R17, R18, R19

R20, R21, R22, R23
 R24, R25, R26, R27
 3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words
 12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

732 Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I512 I1 to I505 (every 8th bit) I1 to I497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q512 Q1 to Q505 (every 8th bit) Q1 to Q497 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Register References	R1 to R16384 R1 to R16383 R1.b to R16384.b (b is bit number 0 to 15)	Word , Short, BCD DWord, Long, LBCD, Float Boolean	Read/Write

*When an array specification is given, the default data type Boolean becomes Byte.

● **Note:** All device addresses can be prefixed with a % sign if needed (such as %R100). This can aid the conversion from other OPC servers or communications drivers.

Default Data Type Override

The default data types for each device type are shown in the table above. To override the default data type for register references, append a data type indicator to the device address. The possible data type indicators are as follows.

F = Float
 S = Short
 L = Long
 M = String
 (BCD) = BCD

Examples

R100 F = Accesses R100 as a floating point value.
 R300 L = Accesses R300 as a long.
 R400-R410 M = Accesses R400-R410 as a string with a length of 22 bytes.

● **Note:** There must be a space between the register number and the data type indicator.

String Access to Registers

Register space can be accessed as string data by appending the "M" data indicator. The length of the string is based on how the device address reference is entered. Examples are as follows.

R100-R120 M = Accesses Register R100 as string with a length of 42 bytes.
 R400 M = Accesses Register R400 as a string with a length of 4 bytes.

R405-R405 M = Accesses Register R405 as a string with a length of 2 bytes.

● **Note:** The maximum string length is 128 bytes.

Array Support

The following data types support arrays: Byte, Word, Short, DWord, Long and Float. An array is a collection of contiguous elements of a given data type. The maximum array size is 32 DWords (Longs and Floats), 64 Words (Shorts) or 128 Bytes for a total of 1024 bits. For information on the two ways to specify an array, refer to the examples below.

Example 1

R1 [4] includes the following Word addresses:

R1, R2, R3, R4

Example 2

R16 [3][4] includes the following Word addresses:

R16, R17, R18, R19

R20, R21, R22, R23

R24, R25, R26, R27

3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words

12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

771 Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I2048 I1 to I2041 (every 8th bit) I1 to I2033 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q2048 Q1 to Q2041 (every 8th bit) Q1 to Q2033 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Register References	R1 to R16384 R1 to R16383 R1.b to R16384.b (b is bit number 0 to 15)	Word , Short, BCD DWord, Long, LBCD, Float Boolean	Read/Write

*When an array specification is given, the default data type Boolean becomes Byte.

● **Note:** All device addresses can be prefixed with a % sign if needed (such as %R100). This can aid the conversion from other OPC servers or communications drivers.

Default Data Type Override

The default data types for each device type are shown in the table above. To override the default data type for register references, append a data type indicator to the device address. The possible data type indicators are as follows.

F = Float

S = Short

L = Long
 M = String
 (BCD) = BCD

Examples

R100 F = Accesses R100 as a floating point value.

R300 L = Accesses R300 as a long.

R400-R410 M = Accesses R400-R410 as a string with a length of 22 bytes.

● **Note:** There must be a space between the register number and the data type indicator.

String Access to Registers

Register space can be accessed as string data by appending the "M" data indicator. The length of the string is based on how the device address reference is entered. Examples are as follows.

R100-R120 M = Accesses Register R100 as string with a length of 42 bytes.

R400 M = Accesses Register R400 as a string with a length of 4 bytes.

R405-R405 M = Accesses Register R405 as a string with a length of 2 bytes.

● **Note:** The maximum string length is 128 bytes.

Array Support

The following data types support arrays: Byte, Word, Short, DWord, Long and Float. An array is a collection of contiguous elements of a given data type. The maximum array size is 32 DWords (Longs and Floats), 64 Words (Shorts) or 128 Bytes for a total of 1024 bits. For information on the two ways to specify an array, refer to the examples below.

Example 1

R1 [4] includes the following Word addresses:

R1, R2, R3, R4

Example 2

R16 [3][4] includes the following Word addresses:

R16, R17, R18, R19

R20, R21, R22, R23

R24, R25, R26, R27

3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words

12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

772 Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I2048	Boolean*	Read/Write
	I1 to I2041 (every 8th bit)	Byte	
	I1 to I2033 (every 8th bit)	Word, Short, BCD	
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q2048	Boolean*	Read/Write
	Q1 to Q2041 (every 8th bit)	Byte	
	Q1 to Q2033 (every 8th bit)	Word, Short, BCD	

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Register References	R1 to R16384 R1 to R16383 R1.b to R16384.b (b is bit number 0 to 15)	Word , Short, BCD DWord, Long, LBCD, Float Boolean	Read/Write

*When an array specification is given, the default data type Boolean becomes Byte.

● **Note:** All device addresses can be prefixed with a % sign if needed (such as %R100). This can aid the conversion from other OPC servers or communications drivers.

Default Data Type Override

The default data types for each device type are shown in the table above. To override the default data type for register references, append a data type indicator to the device address. The possible data type indicators are as follows.

F = Float
S = Short
L = Long
M = String
(BCD) = BCD

Examples

R100 F = Accesses R100 as a floating point value.

R300 L = Accesses R300 as a long.

R400-R410 M = Accesses R400-R410 as a string with a length of 22 bytes.

● **Note:** There must be a space between the register number and the data type indicator.

String Access to Registers

Register space can be accessed as string data by appending the "M" data indicator. The length of the string is based on how the device address reference is entered. Examples are as follows.

R100-R120 M = Accesses Register R100 as string with a length of 42 bytes.

R400 M = Accesses Register R400 as a string with a length of 4 bytes.

R405-R405 M = Accesses Register R405 as a string with a length of 2 bytes.

● **Note:** The maximum string length is 128 bytes.

Array Support

The following data types support arrays: Byte, Word, Short, DWord, Long and Float. An array is a collection of contiguous elements of a given data type. The maximum array size is 32 DWords (Longs and Floats), 64 Words (Shorts) or 128 Bytes for a total of 1024 bits. For information on the two ways to specify an array, refer to the examples below.

Example 1

R1 [4] includes the following Word addresses:

R1, R2, R3, R4

Example 2

R16 [3][4] includes the following Word addresses:

R16, R17, R18, R19
 R20, R21, R22, R23
 R24, R25, R26, R27
 3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words
 12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

781 Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I12288 I1 to I12281 (every 8th bit) I1 to I12273 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q12288 Q1 to Q12281 (every 8th bit) Q1 to Q12273 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Register References	R1 to R16384 R1 to R16383 R1.b to R16384.b (b is bit number 0 to 15)	Word , Short, BCD DWord, Long, LBCD, Float Boolean	Read/Write

*When an array specification is given, the default data type Boolean becomes Byte.

● **Note:** All device addresses can be prefixed with a % sign if needed (such as %R100). This can aid the conversion from other OPC servers or communications drivers.

Default Data Type Override

The default data types for each device type are shown in the table above. To override the default data type for register references, append a data type indicator to the device address. The possible data type indicators are as follows.

F = Float
 S = Short
 L = Long
 M = String
 (BCD) = BCD

Examples

R100 F = Accesses R100 as a floating point value.
 R300 L = Accesses R300 as a long.
 R400-R410 M = Accesses R400-R410 as a string with a length of 22 bytes.

● **Note:** There must be a space between the register number and the data type indicator.

String Access to Registers

Register space can be accessed as string data by appending the "M" data indicator. The length of the string is based on how the device address reference is entered. Examples are as follows.

R100-R120 M = Accesses Register R100 as string with a length of 42 bytes.

R400 M = Accesses Register R400 as a string with a length of 4 bytes.

R405-R405 M = Accesses Register R405 as a string with a length of 2 bytes.

● **Note:** The maximum string length is 128 bytes.

Array Support

The following data types support arrays: Byte, Word, Short, DWord, Long and Float. An array is a collection of contiguous elements of a given data type. The maximum array size is 32 DWords (Longs and Floats), 64 Words (Shorts) or 128 Bytes for a total of 1024 bits. For information on the two ways to specify an array, refer to the examples below.

Example 1

R1 [4] includes the following Word addresses:

R1, R2, R3, R4

Example 2

R16 [3][4] includes the following Word addresses:

R16, R17, R18, R19

R20, R21, R22, R23

R24, R25, R26, R27

3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words

12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

782 Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I12288 I1 to I12281 (every 8th bit) I1 to I12273 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q12288 Q1 to Q12281 (every 8th bit) Q1 to Q12273 (every 8th bit)	Boolean* Byte Word, Short, BCD	Read/Write
Register References	R1 to R16384 R1 to R16383 R1.b to R16384.b (b is bit number 0 to 15)	Word , Short, BCD DWord, Long, LBCD, Float Boolean	Read/Write

*When an array specification is given, the default data type Boolean becomes Byte.

● **Note:** All device addresses can be prefixed with a % sign if needed (such as %R100). This can aid the conversion from other OPC servers or communications drivers.

Default Data Type Override

The default data types for each device type are shown in the table above. To override the default data type for register references, append a data type indicator to the device address. The possible data type indicators are as follows.

F = Float

S = Short

L = Long
 M = String
 (BCD) = BCD

Examples

R100 F = Accesses R100 as a floating point value.
 R300 L = Accesses R300 as a long.
 R400-R410 M = Accesses R400-R410 as a string with a length of 22 bytes.

● **Note:** There must be a space between the register number and the data type indicator.

String Access to Registers

Register space can be accessed as string data by appending the "M" data indicator. The length of the string is based on how the device address reference is entered. Examples are as follows.

R100-R120 M = Accesses Register R100 as string with a length of 42 bytes.
 R400 M = Accesses Register R400 as a string with a length of 4 bytes.
 R405-R405 M = Accesses Register R405 as a string with a length of 2 bytes.

● **Note:** The maximum string length is 128 bytes.

Array Support

The following data types support arrays: Byte, Word, Short, DWord, Long and Float. An array is a collection of contiguous elements of a given data type. The maximum array size is 32 DWords (Longs and Floats), 64 Words (Shorts) or 128 Bytes for a total of 1024 bits. For information on the two ways to specify an array, refer to the examples below.

Example 1

R1 [4] includes the following Word addresses:
 R1,R2,R3,R4

Example 2

R16 [3][4] includes the following Word addresses:
 R16,R17,R18,R19
 R20,R21,R22,R23
 R24,R25,R26,R27
 3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words
 12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

Series Six Addressing

The default data types are shown in **bold**.

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
Discrete Inputs	I1 to I12288	Boolean*	Read/Write
	I1 to I1017 (every 8th bit)	Byte	
	I1 to I1009 (every 8th bit)	Word, Short, BCD	
	I1025 to I12273 (every 16th bit)	Word, Short, BCD	
Discrete Outputs	Q1 to Q12288	Boolean*	Read/Write

Device Address	Range	Data Type	Access
	Q1 to Q1017 (every 8th bit) Q1 to Q1009 (every 8th bit) Q1025 to Q12273 (every 16th bit)	Byte Word, Short, BCD Word, Short, BCD	
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Example 2

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R16, R17, R18, R19

R20, R21, R22, R23

R24, R25, R26, R27

3 rows x 4 columns = 12 words

12 x 16 (word) = 192 total bits

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Error Descriptions

The following error/warning messages may be generated. Click on the link for a description of the message.

Address Validation

[Missing address](#)

[Device address '<address>' contains a syntax error](#)

[Address '<address>' is out of range for the specified device or register](#)

[Device address '<address>' is not supported by model '<model name>'](#)

[Data Type '<type>' is not valid for device address '<address>'](#)

[Device address '<address>' is Read Only](#)

[Array size is out of range for address '<address>'](#)

[Array support is not available for the specified address: '<address>'](#)

Serial Communications

[COMn does not exist](#)

[Error opening COMn](#)

[COMn is in use by another application](#)

[Unable to set comm parameters on COMn](#)

[Communications error on '<channel name>' \[<error mask>\]](#)

Device Status Messages

[Device '<device name>' is not responding](#)

[Unable to write to '<address>' on device '<device name>'](#)

[Unable to write to tag '<address>' on device '<device name>'. Invalid request](#)

[Unable to read tag '<address>' on device '<device name>'. Invalid request](#)

[Unable to read '<count>' bytes starting at '<address>' on device '<device name>'. Invalid request](#)

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[Unable to read tag '<address>' on device '<device name>'. Framing error](#)

[Unable to read '<count>' bytes starting at '<address>' on device '<device name>'. Framing error](#)

Device Specific Messages

[Invalid tag in block starting at '<address>' in device '<device>'](#)

Missing address

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

A tag address that has been specified dynamically has no length.

Solution:

Re-enter the address in the client application.

Device address '<address>' contains a syntax error

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

A tag address that has been specified dynamically contains one or more invalid characters.

Solution:

Re-enter the address in the client application.

Address '<address>' is out of range for the specified device or register

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

A tag address that has been specified dynamically references a location that is beyond the range of supported locations for the device.

Solution:

Verify that the address is correct; if it is not, re-enter it in the client application.

Device address '<address>' is not supported by model '<model name>'

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

A tag address that has been specified dynamically references a location that is valid for the communications protocol but not supported by the target device.

Solution:

Verify that the address is correct; if it is not, re-enter it in the client application. Also verify that the selected model name for the device is correct.

Data Type '<type>' is not valid for device address '<address>'

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

A tag address that has been specified dynamically has been assigned an invalid data type.

Solution:

Modify the requested data type in the client application.

Device address '<address>' is Read Only

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

A tag address that has been specified dynamically has a requested access mode that is not compatible with what the device supports for that address.

Solution:

Change the access mode in the client application.

Array size is out of range for address '<address>'

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

A tag address that has been specified dynamically is requesting an array size that is too large for the address type or block size of the driver.

Solution:

Re-enter the address in the client application to specify a smaller value for the array or a different starting point.

Array support is not available for the specified address: '<address>'

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

A tag address that has been specified dynamically contains an array reference for an address type that doesn't support arrays.

Solution:

Re-enter the address in the client application to remove the array reference or correct the address type.

Address '<address>' is not valid on device '<device name>'

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

A device model name has been changed such that the specified address is no longer valid.

Solution:

Either choose another model that supports the specified address or modify (remove) the invalid address.

COMn is in use by another application

Error Type:

Fatal

Possible Cause:

The serial port assigned to a device is being used by another application.

Solution:

Verify that the correct port has been assigned to the channel.

Error opening COMn

Error Type:

Fatal

Possible Cause:

The specified COM port could not be opened due an internal hardware or software problem on the target computer.

Solution:

Verify that the COM port is functional and may be accessed by other Windows applications.

COMn does not exist

Error Type:

Fatal

Possible Cause:

The specified COM port is not present on the target computer.

Solution:

Verify that the proper COM port has been selected.

Unable to set comm parameters on COMn

Error Type:

Fatal

Possible Cause:

The serial parameters for the specified COM port are not valid.

Solution:

Verify the serial parameters and make any necessary changes.

Communications error on '<channel name>' [<error mask>]

Error Type:

Serious

Error Mask Definitions:

B = Hardware break detected.

F = Framing error.

E = I/O error.

O = Character buffer overrun.

R = RX buffer overrun.

P = Received byte parity error.

T = TX buffer full.

Possible Cause:

1. The serial connection between the device and the Host PC is bad.
2. The communications parameters for the serial connection are incorrect.

Solution:

1. Verify the cabling between the PC and the PLC device.
2. Verify that the specified communications parameters match those of the device.

Device '<device name>' not responding

Error Type:

Serious

Possible Cause:

1. The serial connection between the device and the Host PC is broken.
2. The communications parameters for the serial connection are incorrect.
3. The named device may have been assigned an incorrect Network ID.
4. The response from the device took longer to receive than the amount of time specified in the "Request Timeout" device setting.

Solution:

1. Verify the cabling between the PC and the PLC device.
2. Verify the specified communications parameters match those of the device.
3. Verify that the Network ID given to the named device matches that of the actual device.
4. Increase the Request Timeout setting so that the entire response can be handled.

Unable to write to '<address>' on device '<device name>'

Error Type:

Serious

Possible Cause:

1. The serial connection between the device and the Host PC is broken.
2. The communications parameters for the serial connection are incorrect.
3. The named device may have been assigned an incorrect Network ID.

Solution:

1. Verify the cabling between the PC and the PLC device.
2. Verify the specified communications parameters match those of the device.
3. Verify that the Network ID given to the named device matches that of the actual device.

Unable to write to tag '<address>' on device '<device name>'. Invalid request

Error Type:

Serious

Possible Cause	Solution
The Device ID in packet does not match the ID of the device.	Verify that the correct Device ID has been specified in Device Properties.
Invalid memory type.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify that the memory type for the address in question is correct for the specified model. 2. Consult the device manufacturer's help documentation for memory types/ranges.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invalid address for specified memory type. 2. Transfer across a memory boundary. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify that the offset for the address in question is correct for the specified model. 2. Verify that no request exceeds the range for that memory type. 3. Consult the device manufacturer's help documentation for memory types/ranges.
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Unable to read tag '<address>' on device '<device name>'. Invalid request.

Error Type:

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Unable to read '<count>' bytes starting at '<address>' on device '<device name>'. Invalid request

Error Type:

Serious

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Possible Cause	Solution
3. Invalid header character. 4. Invalid address for specified memory type.	accordingly.

Unable to write to tag '<address>' on device '<device name>'. Framing error

Error Type:

Serious

Possible Cause:

1. Misalignment of packets due to connection/disconnection between PC and device.
2. Faulty hardware and/or cables.
3. Incorrect communication settings.

Solution:

1. Check all hardware (including cabling) for faults, loose connections and proximity to noisy sources.
2. Verify proper communication settings (such as parity, flow control, baud rate and stop bits). Correct the settings in Channel Properties accordingly.

Note:

Framing errors occur when a frame of incorrect size is received or when the received frame doesn't pass a validity (checksum) test.

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Invalid tag in block starting at '<address>' in device '<device>'

Error Type:

Warning

Possible Cause:

The driver has attempted to access a tag that is not supported in the current device.

Solution:

Check that the memory register tables in the device programming software for the range of registers of the type <address> that are supported in the current device. Verify that all tags of this type entered in the client application are valid.

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