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Serial/Ethernet Converter & Modbus Gateway USER GUIDE

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Ethernet Gateway Set-Up

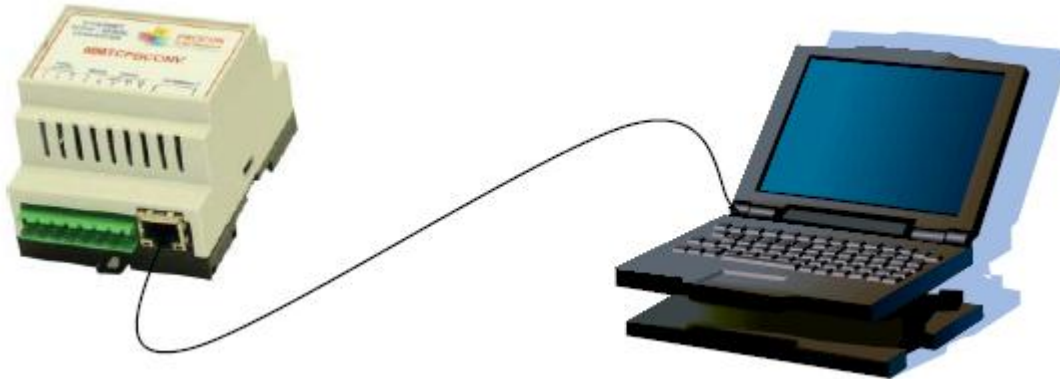
Please refer to the following pages for detailed instructions on the correct procedures for setting up the Ethernet gateway.

Please note the following settings should be used:

Module IP	The IP address being allocated to the gateway
Default Gateway IP	The default gateway IP address being allocated. If this is not available (enter zeroes in these fields)
Subnet Mask	The desired subnet mask
Socket Timeout	90
Converter Mode	0
Char Timeout	0
Port Number	N/A
Server IP	N/A
Watchdog Interval	15 Minutes
Baud Rate	4800
Data Bits	8
Stop Bits	1
Parity	None
RS232/RS485	RS485
Serial Reply Timeout	25
RS485 On Delay	5
RS485 Off Delay	0

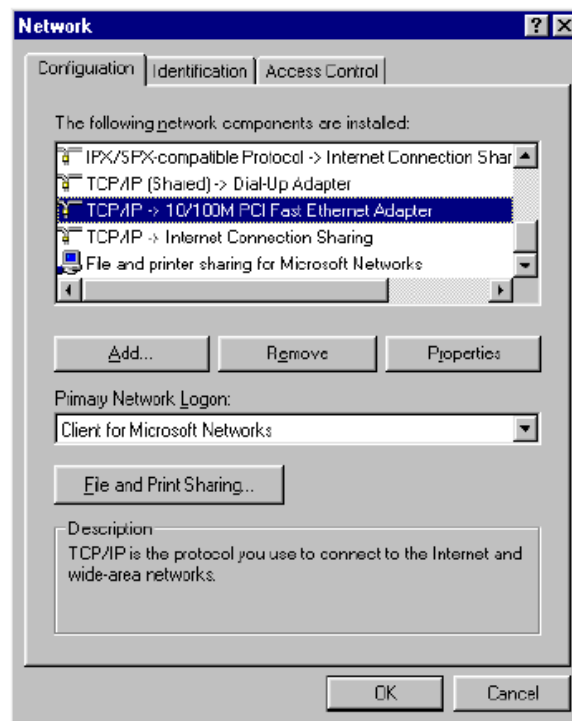
Connecting To a PC which is not Connected to a Network.

If the PC is equipped with an Ethernet card but not connected to a network, a local network address should be used for communication between the Converter Module and the PC. The Converter Module is shipped with a default IP address 169.254.111.111. This address is in the address area reserved for local networks not connected to the Internet. For direct connection between the PC and the Converter Module, a crossover Ethernet cable is required.

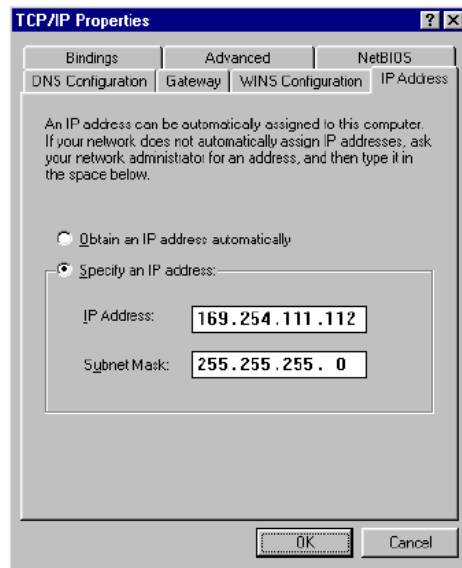


To setup your PC to connect directly to the Converter Module, an IP address in the same range as the Converter Module must be assigned to the PC. In Windows environments, this should be done as follows:

- Connect the PC and the Converter Module together using a crossover cable
- Open the Windows Control Panel
- Select Network
- Select TCP/IP -> the PC's Ethernet adaptor from the Configuration tab as shown below



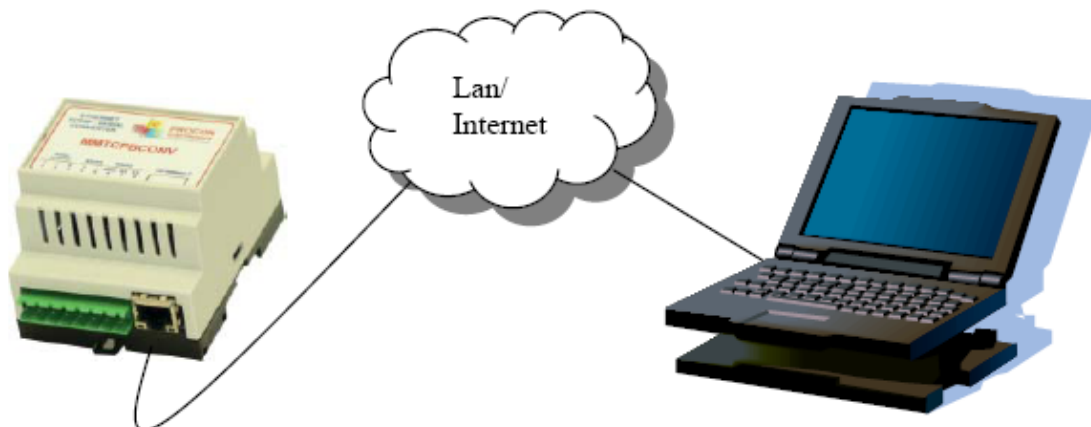
- Click the properties button. A TCP/IP Properties box similar to the one below should appear



- Select the IP Address tab
- Choose to Specify an IP address as shown in the figure
- Insert the IP address 169.254.111.112 and the corresponding subnet mask as shown
- Save your settings by pressing OK in both TCP/IP properties and Network properties
- Reboot your PC

Connecting to a PC which is connected to a Network

If there is an Ethernet network available, the Converter Module can be connected to any Ethernet connection or hub belonging to the network. If the PC is connected to a network, there is a strong possibility that the default IP address of the Converter Module is outside the range of the network (the address doesn't belong to the IP subset of the network). If the Ethernet network is connected to the Internet, this is certain. In this case a new IP address for the Converter Module is required. Contact the local network administrator to be assigned a free IP address for the Converter Module. The new IP address is programmed into the Converter Module using a Web browser software such as Internet explorer. In this case the Converter Module must first be connected directly to a PC as described above.



In the remainder of this chapter, the IP address 169.254.111.111 is used as an example. Exchange this IP address with the IP address you have set up in all the occurrences.

To test the connection between the PC and the Converter Module, a simple program called *ping* can be used. *Ping* sends a number of messages to the specified IP address and displays the response. The ping program can be run from the command line or from a DOS window on the PC, as follows:

- Open the Windows Start Menu
- Click Run
- In the Open box, type: "ping 169.254.111.111"

If the network connection is OK, the program will respond with:
"Reply from 169.254.111.111" and information about the response time.

If there is a problem with the network setup the program will respond:

"Destination host unreachable". There may be two solutions to this problem:

- If the PC is connected in a network, change the IP address to an address accessible from the local network.
- If the Converter Module is connected directly to the PC(or through a hub), change the PC's IP address to one in the same address range as the Converter Module.

If there is a problem with the Converter Module the program will respond:

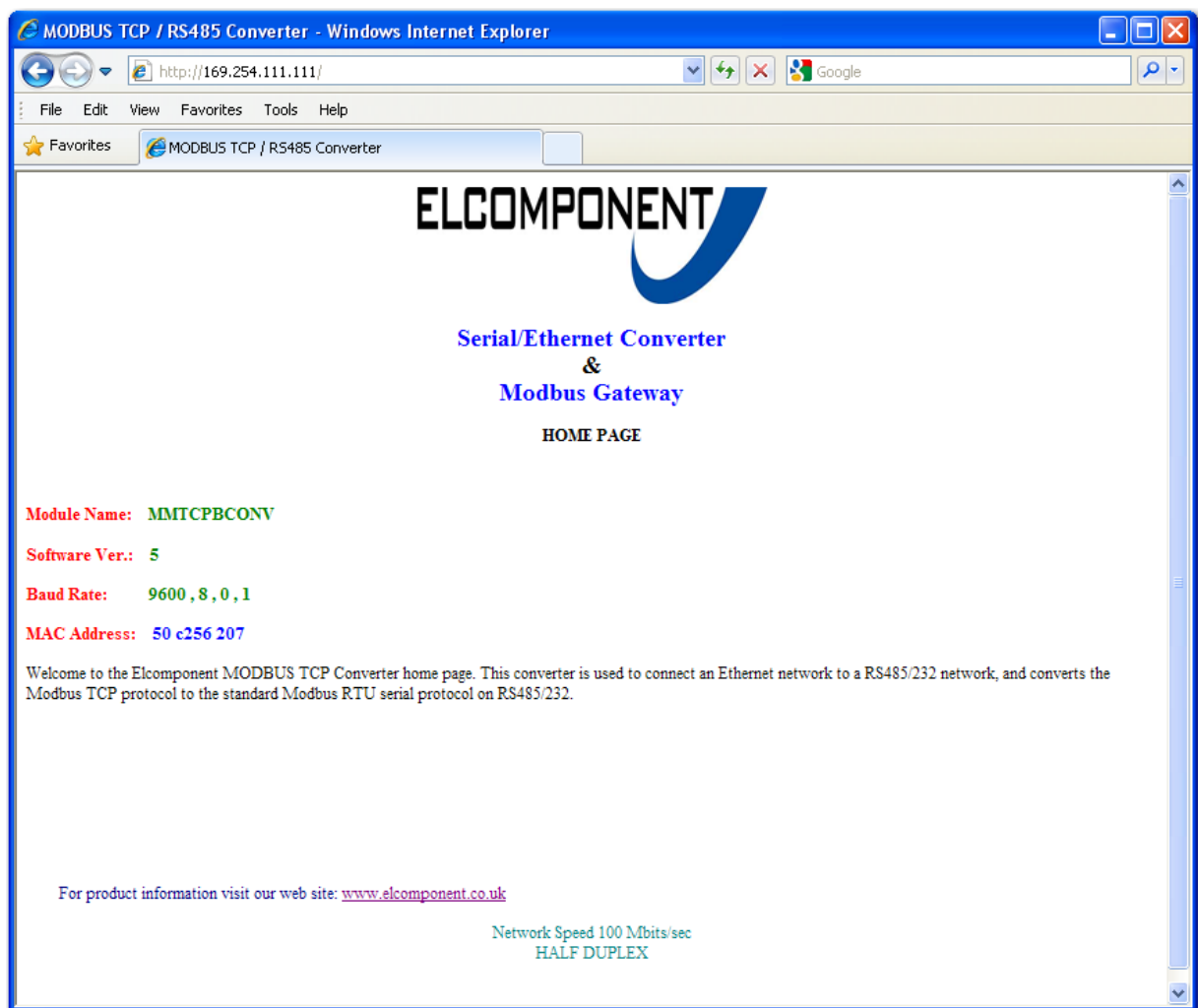
"Request timed out", this means that the Converter Module can not respond to messages. Check the power connection. Check that the Link LED is illuminated when the cable is plugged into the RJ45 connector.

Viewing Web Pages

The Converter Module has built in web pages. These are used for checking the configuration and dynamic data, and for altering the configuration. To view these Web pages, a Web browser such as Internet Explorer or Netscape is needed.

To view the default Web page in Converter Module, start the Web browser and type "169.254.111.111" into the address line of the browser window. The main page of the Converter Module will now be displayed in the browser window.

If no Web page is displayed, go back to testing the network connection to the Converter Module by using the ping command. If the Converter Module replies to the ping messages, check the setup of the Web browser. If the Converter Module is directly connected to the same network as the PC, "direct connection to the network" or "bypass proxy server for local addresses" should be selected in the Web browser configuration menu. If the Converter Module is connected to the PC through a firewall, a proxy server should be selected in the configuration menu. Contact the local network administrator for information about the network configuration.




7.8 Troubleshooting Guide.

NO	Checkpoint		Solution
1	Is the LINK LED on and is the ACTIVITY LED flashing with short pulses?	NO	No network connection is detected. The Ethernet cable is either not plugged in or wrong type of cable is used. For connection to a network with a hub or switch, a normal network cable can be used. For direct connection to a PC network card, a twisted cable must be used.
		YES	A network connection is detected, the Converter Module is connected to the network.
2	Does the Converter Module respond to PING requests?	NO	Either the PC or the Converter Module is setup with wrong IP address. To change the IP address of the Converter Module back to the default address, remove the power, open the Converter Module housing and remove the jumper labelled DEFAULT IP. Apply power to the Converter Module for a short while. Now replace the jumper and close the enclosure. To change the IP address of a PC, use the Windows "control panel -> network -> TCP/IP properties" and setup an IP address close to the Converter Module address. The Converter Module is shipped with a default IP address of 169.254.111.111, the PC can be setup with an IP address of 169.254.111.112
		YES	The PC and Converter Module are setup with a correct IP address and they are able to communicate with each other.
3	Can the default Web Page be accessed in a Web browser?	NO	This is normally caused by the setup of the Web browser. In the "options" or "preferences" menu, check that the Web browser is configured for direct network connection or local area network and NOT using a proxy server.
		YES	No Problems

Parameter Configuration

The Web page address "169.254.111.111/ip.htm" is entered into the address line of the browser window to access the configuration page. This page allows you to change the IP address of the Converter Module, select serial timeout, to setup the baud rate of the Converter Module on the RS485 network, and to enter a Module Description Name for identification/maintenance purposes.


**Serial/Ethernet Converter
&
Modbus Gateway**

Ethernet Configuration Parameters					
Module IP	169	254	111	111	
Default Gateway IP	169	254	111	1	
Subnet Mask	0	0	0	0	
Socket Time Out	90				X 1 second

- **IP Address:** The new IP address can be entered into the web page as shown above. After this has been done, you must click the Submit button to send the values to the Converter Module. The screen will now be updated and if successful will continue to display the new IP address. The new IP address will only be effective after the Converter Module power has been switched off and on again. This feature allows you to check that the correct IP address has been entered before being activated. If the IP address has been entered incorrectly and the power has not been switched off, it is possible to re-enter the correct IP address. If the power has been switched off and back on again, the Converter Module will not communicate until you enter the new IP address into the address line of the browser window.
- **Default Gateway IP Address:** A **default gateway** is a node (a router) on a computer network that serves as an access point to another network. In enterprises, however, the gateway is the computer that routes the traffic from a PC to the outside network that is serving the Web pages. It is only necessary to configure the default gateway IP address if the PC that is accessing the Converter is on a different network.
- **Subnet Mask:** In computer networks, a **subnetwork** or **subnet** is a range of logical addresses within the address space that is assigned to an organization. The subnet mask is used to inform the Converter that it must send its replies to the gateway if the IP address of the PC is on a different network. When the subnet mask is set to "0.0.0.0"

then it is effectively disabled and the default gateway is not used. A typical subnet mask would be "255.255.255.0".

- **Socket Timeout:** If a socket connection is broken, say due to a network fault, it must timeout to free it up so that it can be used again. This timer is triggered by activity on the converter, so if there is no communications activity for longer than the timeout period, the socket will close.
- **Converter Mode:** These modes have been described in detail in a section 2. Enter 0,1 or 2 as required.

Communication Modes		
Converter Mode	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0 = Server - Standard Mode / Multi Socket 1 = Server - Socket Listen Mode / Single socket 2 = Client - Remote Socket Open Mode / Single socket
Char Timeout	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Time to wait before sending Rx Chars when using Port 30004 in Mode 0, or using Mode 1/2 X 10 milliseconds
Port Number	<input type="text"/>	Modbus TCP = 502 Mode 1&2 only
Server IP	<input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="0"/>	Mode 2 only
Modbus Comms Watchdog	<input type="text" value="15"/>	X 1 minute

- **Char Timeout:** This timeout has been described in detail in a section 2. Enter a value in 10millisecond increments.
- **Port Number:** The Port number used to tell the converter that the incoming TCP/UDP message must get sent to the serial port.
- **Server IP:** The client converter in mode 2 must connect to the server converter. Enter the IP address of the server converter in this field.

RS232/RS485 Communications Port Parameters		
Baud Rate	<input type="text" value="4800"/>	
Data Bits	<input type="text" value="8"/>	
Parity	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0=None, 1=Even, 2=Odd
Stop Bits	<input type="text" value="1"/>	
RS232/RS485	<input type="text" value="1"/>	0=RS232, 1=RS485
Serial Reply Timeout	<input type="text" value="25"/>	X 10 milliseconds
RS485 On Delay	<input type="text" value="5"/>	X 1 milliseconds
RS485 Off Delay	<input type="text" value="0"/>	X 1 milliseconds

Module Name

Warning: The IP address will not be updated until the power on the module has been switched off and on again. After clicking on the Submit button check that the correct IP address has been entered. If you forget the IP address, refer to the user manual to reset the module back to the default IP value.

- **Baud Rate, Data Bits, Parity, Stop Bits:** The configuration of the serial port can be configured by selecting the parameters from the pull-down menu. Click on the Submit button to load these values into the Converter Module.
- **RS232/RS485:** This field is used to select RS232 or RS485 on the serial port.
- **Serial Reply Timeout:** This timeout is the time the module waits for a reply from a slave device. If a reply is received then this timeout is cancelled and the converter looks for the next TCP message. If the slave does not send a reply, then this timeout will expire and allow the converter to look for the next TCP message. This timeout must be longer than the turn-around time of the slave device or it will timeout before the slave replies. This timeout only operates in Mode 0.
- **RS485 On Delay:** This is the time the RS485 transmitter will be enabled before data is transmitted. This has no effect on RS232 communications.
- **RS485 Off Delay:** This is the time the RS485 transmitter will be enabled after data is transmitted. This has no effect on RS232 communications.
- **Module Name:** This field allows you to enter a module description name into the Converter Module. This is an identifier for diagnostic/maintenance purposes and is chosen to best describe the Converter Module in the system by name or number.

Product specification	
Safety	IEC 950
EMC	IEC 61000-4-2-A1 Level 2 IEC 61000-4-3-A1 Level 2 IEC 61000-4-4 Level 3 CISPR 11:1991-A1 / EN 55011:1998 Group 1 Class A
	EMC Directive 89/336/EEC
	Low Voltage Equipment Directive 73/23/EEC