



# **User Manual**

## **IBOX-MBS-ESSER**

Gateway for the integration of ESSER 8007 / 8008 / IQ8 fire panels in Modbus enabled monitoring and control systems.



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# 1. Description

### 1.1 Introduction

Integration of ESSER 8007/8008/IQ8 fire panels into a Modbus master device or system, using *Box Modbus Server - ESSER* gateway.

The aim of this integration is to make available points states of ESSER 8007/8008/IQ8 fire panels from a Modbus master device or system. For this *IBOX-MBS-ESSER* gateway works, from the Modbus system point of view, acting as a Modbus slave device responding to data polls coming from the Modbus master, and from the ESSER system point of view, acting as a serial device connected to its serial port, and serving the data received from ESSER to the Modbus side.

IBOX-MBS-ESSER connects to the serial port of the ESSER panel, either through the RS232 port or the RS485 port, software selectable.



# Integration of ESSER 8007/8008/IQ8 fire panels using *IBOX-MBS-ESSER*

## 1.2 Functionality

General overview:

The ESSER communication protocol is based on events, the states of the system elements (detectors, modules, etc.) are transmitted through the protocol in the form of events whenever they occur.

The role of IBOX-MBS-ESSER consists in associate the elements of the ESSER system with Modbus register addresses.

IBOX-MBS-ESSER has a fixed association of ESSER elements with Modbus register addresses. The Modbus value to represent each state of the panel or element is configurable using LinkBoxMB software tool in a simple and friendly way.

The procedure of configuration of IBOX-MBS-ESSER consists basically in the following:

- Introduction of the communication parameters for Modbus side and for ESSER side.
- Assign the values desired in Modbus for each state to integrate.
- Once this configuration has been done with the configuration software tool LinkBoxMB, you have to download this configuration to IBOX-MBS-ESSER via a serial connection and IBOX-MBS-ESSER will reboot with the new configuration working.

The numerical values that will represent, in the Modbus registers, the different possible states of the ESSER points can be selected in the configuration process.

IBOX-MBS-ESSER can be configured as Modbus TCP slave or Modbus RTU (RS232/RS485) slave.

The whole capacity of one single ESSER panel is supported.

The control of the ESSER panel is permitted, and commands toward the panel are permitted.

All ESSER elements (detectors, outputs and zones) are configured in IBOX-MBS-ESSER by default for a single panel.

Also all the general events are detected by IBOX-MBS-ESSER and translated to Modbus:

The integration operation is as follow:

Once IBOX-MBS-ESSER is configured and connected to both systems (ESSER and Modbus), it maintains a "keep alive" message with the panel, being this message the request/response of panel status, also it listens continuously the ESSER serial port for new events. With every event, the new status received is updated in the IBOX-MBS-ESSER memory and become available to be read by the Modbus master device.

As mentioned before, the protocol in the serial port of the ESSER is based in spontaneous messages, that is, only changes of status are sent through the protocol whenever they occurs. Because of this, when IBOX-MBS-ESSER starts up, actual status of elements is unknown, but the panel will inform to IBOX-MBS-ESSER about the actual state of the panel and elements when it receives the message requesting the status.

## 1.3 Capacity of IBOX-MBS-ESSER

Element	Max.*	Notes
Panel states number	3	General states of the panel in independent Modbus registers.
Number of Points	3000	Modbus registers

\* These maximum values can be extended on demand

Ref.: IBOX-MBS-ESSER

## 2. Modbus interface of IBOX-MBS-ESSER

#### 2.1 Description

IBOX-MBS-ESSER acts as a slave device in its Modbus interface, this interface can be the Ethernet port (if using Modbus TCP), or the RS232 port or the RS485 port (if using Modbus RTU). To access the points and resources of the IBOX-MBS-ESSER from Modbus system, you must specify as the Modbus register addresses, those fixedly configured inside IBOX-MBS-ESSER corresponding to ESSER elements. See details of the Modbus address map below in this document.

#### 2.2 Definition of signals

Every signal defined in IBOX-MBS-ESSER corresponds to an ESSER element. Every possible element's status (FIRE, FIRE DISABLED, TEST...) in the ESSER system can be freely associated to a numerical value in Modbus. This numerical value will be the point's value read from Modbus when the associated ESSER element is in this state. All the points are of type analog from the point of view of Modbus.

#### 2.3 Functions supported

Modbus functions 03 and 04 (*read holding registers* and *read input registers*) can be used to read Modbus registers.

Modbus function 06 must be used to write Modbus registers.

If *poll records* are used to read more than one register, it is necessary that the range of addresses requested contains valid addresses, if not the corresponding Modbus error code will be returned.

All the registers are of 2 bytes and its content is expressed in MSB..LSB.

Modbus error codes are fully supported, they will be sent whenever a non valid Modbus action or address is required.

## 3. ESSER interface of IBOX-MBS-ESSER

This section describes the ESSER part of the IBOX-MBS-ESSER configuration and functionality. This section assumes the user is familiar with ESSER technology and technical terms.

#### 3.1 Main features

From the ESSER system point of view, IBOX-MBS-ESSER acts as a serial device connected to its serial port, and serving the data received from ESSER to the Modbus side.

IBOX-MBS-ESSER ESSER interface use IDT protocol through RS485 or RS232 connection (TTY board required). The ESSER communication protocol is based on events, the states of the system elements (detectors, modules, etc.) are transmitted through the protocol in the form of events whenever they occur.

The 3 general states of the ESSER fire panel are available as independent Modbus registers. Each Modbus register corresponds to a single element of the panel: detector, output or zone. The value offered per each Modbus register reflects the state of the element associated in the panel, the possible values are from 0-Normal, 1-Alarm... to 7-TEST. Each element to detect is defined in a table indicating zone number, output or detector number, and type of element (detector, output or zone).

Commands toward the panel are allowed for reset, disconnect and test the elements. When a communication error with the panel occurs it is indicate in the panel.

## 4. LinkBoxMB. Configuration & monitoring tool for IBOX-MBS-ESSER Modbus Server series

#### 4.1 Introduction

LinkBoxMB is a Windows<sup>®</sup> compatible software developed specifically to monitor and configure IBOX-MBS-ESSER Modbus Server series. It is possible to configure all external protocols available for IBOX-MBS-ESSER Modbus Server and to maintain different customer's configurations based on a LinkBoxMB project for every different installation. Maintaining always on hard disk a copy of the last configuration files for every external protocol and customer, that is to say for every project.

From LinkBoxMB, as well as configure the integration signals list and connection parameters for every external protocol, it is permitted to select the serial port to use to connect to IBOX-MBS-ESSER Modbus Server and the use of some tools for monitoring and debugging de device. Some of these tools will be explained in this document but only some of them, the rest of available debugging tools and commands will not be explained here because they are for exclusive use under the recommendations of our technical support.

LinkBoxMB allows configuring all IBOX-MBS-ESSER Modbus Server series independently of the external system used. For every external system, LinkBoxMB has a specific configuration window. Periodically, new free versions of LinkBoxMB are released incorporating the latest developed integrations for external systems.

#### 4.2 Project definition

The first step to do in LinkBoxMB for a new installation is to create the installation's project giving a descriptive name to it. When you create a project, a new folder is created with the name of the project containing the configuration files needed depending on the external protocol selected for the project. It is strongly recommended that you create a new project for every installation, if not, overwriting of configuration files of previous installations using the same external protocol may occur, loosing the configuration data for those previous installations. The projects folder is located in AppFolder\ProjectsMB, where AppFolder is the installation folder of LinkBoxMB (by default C:\Program Files\Intesis\LinkBoxMB). Inside the projects folder, a new folder will be created for every project defined in LinkBoxMB with the files needed for the project.

When you open LinkBoxMB, the project selection window will appear inviting you to select a project or create a new one. A demo project for every external protocol supported is provided with the standard installation of LinkBoxMB. You can create a new project or select a demo project based on the external protocol desired, and create a new one from the demo one selected.

Project/Folder	IntesisBox	Description
Demo AlgorexPrn	AlgorexPrn	
Demo AlgorexPrn Hebrew	AlgorexPrn	Example Hebrew texts
Demo Algorinet	Algorinet	
Demo Bacnet	Bacnet	
Demo Cerberus	CerberusMK7022	Write enabled
📕 Demo Esser	Esser	
Demo FC330A	FC330A	
🛛 Demo Kilsen	Kilsen	
Demo KNX	KNX	
Demo LON	LON	
Demo LON Daikin	LON	Gateway Daikin DMS504B51 (64 units)
Demo LON Mitsubishi Electric	LON	Gateway L-MAP
Demo M-BUS	MBus	
Demo Mitsubishi Electric	MitsubishiG50	
Demo Notifier ID 3000	NotifierID 3000	
Demo Mitsubishi Electric Demo Notifier ID 3000	MitsubishiG50 NotifierID3000	

#### Project selection window

To create a new project, select a project using the same external protocol you want to use in the new project and click on *New* button. You will be prompted to create a copy of the selected project (useful for similar installations) or create a brand new one.



If you select *Yes* you will be prompted to specify a name and a description for the new project that will be based on the same external protocol than the selected one. If you select *No* you can specify a name, a description and an external protocol to use from the list of available external protocols.

Project	
Desired	MuCosturgeRuilding
Project	Puil-ling with Eases fire panel
Description	
Intesisbox	
	Accept Cancel

On *Accept*, a new folder will be created inside the projects folder with the name given to the project, this folder will contain the template configuration files if the project is a brand new one, or a copy of the configuration files if it is a copy of a selected one.

A description of the files created for an ESSER protocol based project can be found in section *Files* in this document.

From all the possibilities of LinkBoxMB, only changes in configuration for the integration and configuration file generation can be performed while disconnected from IBOX-MBS-ESSER (working off-line), allowing you to do these tasks in the office more comfortably. Before any monitoring or downloading action to IBOX-MBS-ESSER can be performed, the connection between IBOX-MBS-ESSER and the PC running LinkBoxMB must be established (working on-line). To do so follow these steps:

- 1. Make sure IBOX-MBS-ESSER is powered-up a correctly connected to the Modbus system via the Ethernet connection (Modbus TCP) or serial connection (Modbus RTU) and to ESSER panel via the RS232 connection (consult details for connection and pin assignments in section *Connections* of this document).
- 2. Connect a free PC serial port to the IBOX-MBS-ESSER serial port marked as *PC Console*. (Use the standard serial cable supplied with the device or a customer's cable following the pin assignments specified in section *Connections* in this document).

3. Select in LinkBoxMB the PC serial port used for the connection to IBOX-MBS-ESSER. Use menu Configuration -> Connection.

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4. Check the checkbox *off-line* under the menu bar (it will change automatically to *on-line*) and LinkBoxMB will ask for INFO about the IBOX-MBS-ESSER connected to it via the serial connection, if the connection is ok then IBOX-MBS-ESSER will respond with its identification (this can be monitored in the *IBOX-MBS-ESSER Communication Console* window, as showed below).

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Once connected to IBOX-MBS-ESSER, all the options of LinkBoxMB are fully operative.

To monitor the communication between IBOX-MBS-ESSER and the Modbus master device, select the menu *View -> Bus -> Modbus*. The *Modbus communication Viewer* window will be opened. This window show in real time all the communication frames between IBOX-MBS-ESSER and the Modbus master device as well as debugging messages referent to internal protocol (Modbus) sent by IBOX-MBS-ESSER.



To monitor the communication between IBOX-MBS-ESSER and the external system (ESSER in this case), select the menu *View -> Bus -> ESSER*. The *External protocol communication viewer* window will be opened. This window show in real time all the communication frames between IBOX-MBS-ESSER and ESSER panel as well as debugging messages referent to external protocol (IDT) sent by IBOX-MBS-ESSER.

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Zone:11 Cod	1:28			
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Zone:4 Cod:	28			
rx:lc,c0,d,2e	,40,29,1a,54,			
11h03m 10/0	16			
rx:1c,28,15,1	2,3,d,32,54,			
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#### 4.3 Connections configuration

To configure the IBOX-MBS-ESSER connection parameters and the Modbus values for each possible state, select menu *Configuration -> IBOX-MBS-ESSER*. The *ESSER Configuration* window will be opened.

Select the Connection tab to configure the connection parameters.

Two kinds of information are configured using this window, the referent to the Modbus side and the referent to the ESSER side.

Modbus side configuration parameters:



#### Modbus Interface Configuration

1. Select the type of connection desired (TCP or RTU).

If Modbus TCP is selected, then:

- 2. Enter the IP address for IBOX-MBS-ESSER.
- 3. Enter the IP netmask for IBOX-MBS-ESSER.
- 4. Enter the default router address to use by IBOX-MBS-ESSER, leave blank if there is no need of router address.
- 5. Enter the TCP port to use, by default 502.

If Modbus RTU is selected, then:

- 6. Select the type of port to use (RS232 or RS485).
- 7. Select the baud rate to use.
- 8. Select the parity (none, even or odd).
- 9. Enter the Modbus slave number for IBOX-MBS-ESSER.

ESSER side configuration parameters:



#### **ESSER** Configuration

- 1. Baud rate configured in the communication board, by default 600.
- 2. Data bits configured in the communication board, by default 8.
- 3. Parity configured in the communication board, by default none.
- 4. ESSER to IBOX-MBS-ESSER connection (RS232/RS485).
- 5. List of ESSER codes that will force alarm activation (any point going to a status marked in this list will be considered as alarm activation for the point and consequently the digital alarm status for the point will be activated, the alarm deactivation is considered when the point goes back to normal status).
- 6. Waiting timeout (8..120s) for a response of the ESSER panel. After this timeout without communication activity from the ESSER panel, the communication error signal for the panel will be activated.
- 7. When a point is in a status different than normal, after this timeout (8..120s) not receiving notification of status for the point from the ESSER panel, the status of the point will be considered back to normal.

## 4.4 Signals

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1 1-Commun	iication Error	50			Communication Error Panel	1	0-In	1-Dig	1-Yes	
2 2-Power su	upply failure				Power supply failure Panel	2	0-In	1-Dig	1-Yes	
3 3-Global Al	larm				Global Alarm Panel	3	0-In	1-Dig	1-Yes	
4 4-KeyBoar	d active				KeyBoard active Panel	4	0-In	1-Dig	1-Yes	
5 5-Reset pu	ush button				Reset push button Panel	5	1-Out	1-Dig	1-Yes	
6 6-Silence p	push button				Silence push button Panel	6	1-Out	1-Dig	1-Yes	
7 0-Data		1	0	1-Z	Z1	7	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes	
8 0-Data		1	1	0-D	Z1D1	8	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes	
9 0-Data		1	2	0-D	Z1D2	9	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes	
10 0-Data		2	3	1-Z	Z2	10	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes	
11 0-Data		2	1	0-D	Z2D1	11	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes	
12 0-Data		2	2	0-D	Z2D2	12	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes	
13 0-Data		3	2	0-D	Z1D3	13	24/0	0-Ana	0-No	
14 0-Data		1	2	0-D	Z2D4	14	24/0	0-Ana	0-No	
15 0-Data		3	3	0-D	Z1D3	15	2-1/0	0-Ana	0-No	
16 0-Data		5	3	0-D		16	2-1/0	0-Ana	0-No	
17 0-Data		7	4	0-D		17	24/0	0-Ana	0-No	
18 0-Data		9	4	0-D		18	2-1/0	0-Ana	0-No	
19 0-Data		11	1	0-D		19	24/0	0-Ana	0-No	
20 0-Data		13	2	0-D		20	24/0	0-Ana	0-No	
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21 0-Data								1000		

Select the *Points* tab for a description of the IBOX-MBS-ESSER datapoints.

#### **Points list**

This window is just for information purposes about the datapoints existing into the IBOX-MBS-ESSER and its functionality.

- 1. *#*. Signal's number (edit not permitted). Every line in the grid corresponds to a signal (group of ESSER points). Signals (lines in the grid) can be added or deleted selecting the desired line and clicking *Add* or *Delete* buttons. Special signals (see below) are fixed (deletion not permitted). This column is used only to enumerate the lines in the grid (signals).
- 2. Data type. Indicates de type of data.
- 3. *Zone/Control.* Zone number or Control group number (0..9999) of this ESSER point.
- 4. *Detector*. Detector number (1..32) inside the zone of this ESSER point.
- 5. *DZC*. Type of ESSER point: 0-Detector, 1-Zone, 2-Control group, just type 0, 1 or 2 to change this value to the desired one.
- 6. *Description*. Point's descriptive name (optional). Only used to describe the point at user level.
- 7. Point. Modbus address (1..3000).
- 8. *I/O*. Data direction. (0-Input, 1-Ouput, 2-In/Out). Edit not permitted.

- 9. A/D. Signal type. Possible values: 0-Analog, 1-Digital. Edit not permitted.
- 10. *Active*. Indicates if the signal is active or not for the integration. Possible values: 0-No, 1-Yes. Edit using the mouse right-button-click menu available on the column.

In column *Point value* you can enter the desired value individually per cell or you can auto enumerate some consecutive cells, for this last follow these steps:

- 5. Select using the left mouse button (clicking and dragging) all the rows in the list to which you want to automatically assign values (must be consecutive rows).
- 6. Click right mouse button over the selected fields and select *Auto Enumeration* option from the pop-up menu that will appear.

Point	1/0	A/D	Active
1	0-In	1-Dig	1-Yes
2	0-In	1-Dig	1-Yes
3	Auto	) Enumer	ation
- 4	0-IN	1-DIG	1-res
5	1-Out	1-Dig	1-Yes
6	1-Out	1-Dig	1-Yes
7	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes
8	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes
9	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes
10	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes
11	24/0	0-Ana	1-Yes
12	2-1/0	0-Ana	1-Yes

7. Enter the first value to assign.

🗖 Auto Enumeratio	n	
Point		
2	Accept	<u>C</u> ancel

8. Enter the increment between consecutive assignments. For example selecting 2 for the first value and an increment of 0, the values generated will be always 2.

🔲 Auto Enumeratio	on	
Enter the increment		
0	Accept	<u>C</u> ancel

#### 4.5 Sending the configuration to IBOX-MBS-ESSER

When the configuration has been saved (button *Accept*) and the IBOX-MBS-ESSER configuration binary file has been generated (remember to select yes when asked if you want to generate the IBOX-MBS-ESSER file), to send the configuration file to IBOX-MBS-ESSER click on the button *Send File*. The process of file transmission can be monitored in the *IBOX-MBS-ESSER Communication Console* window. If the file transmission is ok, IBOX-MBS-ESSER will reboot automatically with the new configuration loaded.



Remember that saving the configuration and generating the IBOX-MBS-ESSER bin file only saves to the hard disk on the PC the configuration files. **Do not forget to send the configuration binary file to the IBOX-MBS-ESSER (using button Send File) after saving the configuration.** 

#### 4.6 Signals viewer

Once IBOX-MBS-ESSER is running with the correct configuration, to supervise the status of the configured signals, select menu *View -> Signals*. The Signals Viewer window will be opened. This window shows all the active IBOX-MBS-ESSER signals with its main configuration parameters and its real time value in the column Value. After a reset of IBOX-MBS-ESSER or after sending a configuration file to the IBOX-MBS-ESSER, all the signal's values will be updated automatically in the signals viewer, in case you connect to the IBOX-MBS-ESSER when it is already running, you should press the *Update* button to get updated values, press just once the button to update all the signal values, from this moment the signal values will be maintained updated until the connection is closed.

🖬 Signa	ıls Viewer			
Signals				
#	Signal	Point	1/0	Value
1	Communication Error Panel	1	0-In	1
2	Power supply failure Panel	2	0-In	0
3	Global Alarm Panel	3	0-In	0
4	KeyBoard active Panel	4	0-In	0
5	Reset push button Panel	5	1-Out	0
6	Silence push button Panel	6	1-Out	0
7	Z1	7	2-1/0	0
8	Z1D1	8	2-1/0	0
9	Z1D2	9	24/0	0
10	Z2	10	2-1/0	0
11	Z2D1	11	2-1/0	0
12	Z2D1	12	24/0	0
2				
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The signals viewer can be used although only one system is connected to the IBOX-MBS-ESSER, *ESSER* or *Modbus*, and is very useful for supervision and test.

It is possible to force a specific value to any signal for test purposes, to do so just double click on the row and select the desired value and Accept in the Data Test window. The new value entered will be available through the *Modbus* interface, the same way as if it has been received from the ESSER panel.

Detector office	1	
Test Data		
2	Accept	<u>Cancel</u>

This tool is very useful to test the communication in the Modbus side from the Modbus master device for example, without the need to have the ESSER panel connected and running.

The signals viewer window has a button to copy to the Windows Clipboard all the contents of the window (in tab separated text format).

#### 4.7 System commands

LinkBoxMB includes an option to send to IBOX-MBS-ESSER a set of system commands for debugging and control purposes; this list is available in the commands list as shown in the figure below. To send a command to IBOX-MBS-ESSER just select it from the list, or type it with the correct format, and press *Enter* or click on button *Send*. IBOX-MBS-ESSER will act accordingly with the command received; the process can be monitored in the IBOX-MBS-ESSER Communication Console window. The use of some of these commands can be critical for IBOX-MBS-ESSER normal functioning, having this in mind use only these commands following the recommendations of our technical support. A list of the more commonly used commands and the way to use them will be returned by IBOX-MBS-ESSER after sending the HELP command.



## 4.8 Files

LinkBoxMB saves the integration configuration in the following files inside the project folder:

PROJECT.INI	ini file containing general information referent to the project.
ESSER.INI	ini file containing the information referent to the connection
	parameters and other special adjustments
ESSER.DAT	Text file (tab separated values) with the signals information (groups list). This file can be edited (with Excel for example) to change the configuration quicker and easier. Later on, when selecting <i>Configuration -&gt; IBOX-MBS-ESSER</i> in LinkBoxMB, if the changes have been made respecting the correct format, all the changes in the configuration done from Excel can be seen in the groups list.
ESSER.LBOX	Binary file created from the information in the four files described above. This is the file really downloaded to IBOX-MBS-ESSER.

It is strongly recommended to back up the project folder containing these files in external media, once the installation process is finished. This way you will be able to do future configuration changes in case of reinstallation of LinkBoxMB due, for example, to a failure of the hard disk in the PC where LinkBoxMB was installed.

The configuration cannot be uploaded from IBOX-MBS-ESSER to LinkBoxMB, only can be downloaded, the download file ESSER.LBOX does not contain all the integration information, as for example the signals description.

## 5. Set-up process and troubleshooting

#### **Pre-requisites**

It is necessary to have the Modbus master device operative and well connected to the Modbus port of IBOX-MBS-ESSER, remember to respect the maximum of 15 meters cable distance if using RS232 communication.

It is necessary to have the ESSER panel with an RS232 port operative and at a distance of IBOX-MBS-ESSER installation site of 15 meters maximum (due to RS232 communication).

Connectors, connection cables, PC for LinkBoxMB, and other auxiliary material, if needed, are not supplied for this standard integration. The items supplied for this integration are:

- IBOX-MBS-ESSER Modbus Server device with ESSER IDT external protocol firmware loaded.
- LinkBoxMB software to configure IBOX-MBS-ESSER.
- Console cable needed to download the configuration to IBOX-MBS-ESSER.
- Product documentation.

#### Set-up procedure

- 1. Install LinkBoxMB on your laptop, use the setup program supplied for this and follow the instructions given by the Installation wizard.
- 2. Install IBOX-MBS-ESSER in the desired installation site. The mounting can be on DIN rail or on a stable not vibrating surface (DIN rail mounted inside a metallic industrial cabinet connected to ground beside the Panel is recommended).
- 3. Connect the communication cable coming from the Modbus master device to the port marked as Modbus of IBOX-MBS-ESSER (used RS232, RS485 or Ethernet port depending on the type of Modbus communication to use). (See details for this communication cable in section *Connections* of this document).
- 4. Connect the communication cable coming from the RS232 or RS485 port of the ESSER to the port marked as **ESSER** of IBOX-MBS-ESSER. (See details for this communication cable in section *Connections* of this document).
- 5. Power up IBOX-MBS-ESSER. The supply voltage can be 9 to 30 Vdc or just 24 Vac. Take care of the polarity of the supply voltage applied.

**WARNING!** In order to avoid earth loops that can damage IBOX-MBS-ESSER and/or any other equipment connected to it, we strongly recommend:

- The use of DC power supplies, floating or with the negative terminal connected to earth. Never use a DC power supply with the positive terminal connected to earth.
- The use of AC power supplies only if they are floating and not powering any other device.

- 6. Connect the communication cable coming from the serial port of your laptop PC to the port marked as **PC Console** of IBOX-MBS-ESSER. (See details for this communication cable in section *Connections* of this document).
- 7. Open LinkBoxMB, create a new project selecting a copy of the one named **DEMO ESSER** and give it the name desired, select the serial port used to connect to IBOX-MBS-ESSER (menu Configuration -> Connection) and switch working mode to *on-line* (checkbox *off-line/on-line*). The IBOX-MBS-ESSER identification must appear in the *IBOX-MBS-ESSER communication console* window as showed below.

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- 8. Modify the configuration as desired, save it and download the configuration file to IBOX-MBS-ESSER as explained before.
- 9. Open the *Modbus Communication Viewer* window (menu View -> Bus -> Modbus) and check that there is communication activity, some TX frames and some other rx frames. This means that the communication with the Modbus master device is ok. In case there is no communication activity between IBOX-MBS-ESSER and the Modbus master device check that it is operative, check the baud rate, and check also the communication cable used to connect both devices. (See details for this communication cable in section *Connections* of this document).

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🔽 View last	🔽 View bus	С	
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10. Open the *External Protocol Communication Viewer* window (menu View -> Bus ESSER) and check that there is communication activity, some RX frames as showed in the figure below. This means that the communication with the ESSER panel is ok. In case of no communication activity between IBOX-MBS-ESSER and ESSER, check that the RS232 port of ESSER panel is operative and well configured, and check also the communication cable used to connect both devices. (See details for this communication cable in section *Connections* of this document).

😨 External Prot	ocol Communicatio	n Viewe	r: Esser	
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# 6. Connections



IBOX-MBS- ESSER (DB9 M)	C2	Modbus RTU Connection		Master RTU (DB9 M)
Cable		RS-232		Cable
(DB9 F)		(Crossed)		(DB9 F)
RX	2	← ↓	2	RX
TX	3		3	TX
GND	5	<b>←</b> →	5	GND
Cable		or RS-485		
(DB9 F)				
TX/RX+	+	<b>↓</b>		TX/RX+
TX/RX-	-	<b>↓</b>		TX/RX-

IBOX-MBS- ESSER (DB9 F)	C3	PC Connection (LinkBoxMB)		PC (DB9 M)
Cable		RS-232		Cable
(DB9 M)		(Straight)		(DB9 F)
TX	2	<b>├</b>	2	RX
RX	3	<	3	TX
GND	5	<b>↓</b>	5	GND

IBOX-MBS- ESSER (DB9 M)	C4	ESSER connection		Micro module TTY-RS232
Cable		RS-232		Connection
(DB9 F)		(Straight)		terminal
				block (8 pins)
RX	2	<b>←</b>	2	TX
ТХ	3		3	RX
GND	5	<b>↓</b>	7	GND
Cable		or RS-485		Cable
RX	2	] ←	2	ТХ
ТХ	3	▶	3	RX

## 7. Mechanical & electrical characteristics



Enclosure	Plastic, type PC (UL 94 V-0). Dimensions: 107mm x 105mm x 58mm.
Colour	Light Grey. RAL 7035.
Power	9 to 30Vdc +/-10% 1.4W.
	24Vac +/-10% 1.4VA.
	Plug-in terminal bloc for power connection (2 poles).
Mounting	Surface.
	Wall.
	DIN rail EN60715 TH35.
ESSER ports	1 x Serial RS232 (DB9 male DTE).
	1 x Serial RS485 (Plug-in screw terminal block 2 poles).
Modbus RTU ports	1 x Serial RS232 (DB9 male DTE).
	1 x Serial RS485 (Plug-in screw terminal block 2 poles).
Modbus TCP port	1 x Ethernet 10BT RJ45.
LED indicators	1 x Power.
	2 x Serial port (ESSER) activity (Tx, Rx).
	2 x Serial port (Modbus RTU) activity (Tx, Rx).
-	2 x Ethernet port link and activity (LNK, ACT).
Console port	RS232. DB9 female connector (DCE).
Configuration	Via console port. <sup>1</sup>
Firmware	Allows upgrades via console port.
Operational temperature	-40°C to +70°C
Operational humidity	5% to 95%, non condensing
Protection	IP20 (IEC60529).
RoHS conformity	Compliant with RoHS directive (2002/95/CE).
Certifications	CE

Standard cable DB9male - DB9female 1,8 meters long is supplied with the device for connection to a PC COM port for configuring and monitoring the device. The configuration software, compatible with Windows<sup>®</sup> operating systems, is also supplied.

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# 8. Functional characteristics

ESSER interface	
Туре	Serial connection.
Configuration	Baud rate, data bits, parity.
parameters	• RS232/R485.
	<ul> <li>Waiting timeout for a response of the ESSER panel.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Waiting timeout for change status point back to normal.</li> </ul>
	ESSER codes that will force alarm activation.
Interactivity with	ESSER points can be read and write from the gateway.
ESSER system	• Modbus value reflecting each possible state is fully configurable.
Modbus	
interface	
Device type	Slave.
Modbus modes	TCP, RTU RS232 or RS485.
supported	
Modbus ICP	IP address.
configuration	Subnet mask.
parameters	Default gateway.
	TCP port.
Modbus RTU configuration parameters	• RS232/RS485.
	Baud rate, parity.
	Slave number.
Points	
Modbus data types	All the points are of data type UNSIGNED INT in the Modbus interface.

# 9. Dimensions



Recommended available space for its installation into a cabinet (wall or DIN rail mounting), with space enough for external connections:





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