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Preface - Honeywell Communications

There are two types of RS485 network communications that can be used with **Honeywell** recorders for the purposes of downloading data to a host in real time.

Trendbus is a **Honeywell** protocol that is used in conjunction with the Windows-based *TrendManager Pro* software. This allows real-time downloading of data to a host PC which *Trend-Manager Pro* uses to create real-time graphs and update records of the set-ups for each recorder in the network. Trendbus is explained in Chapter 1 of this manual.

Modbus[™] is an industry standard protocol used in many SCADA packages for network control. This allows **Honeywell** recorders to be inserted into existing networks using Modbus[™] or linked directly to a controller over an RS485 link. Modbus[™] is explained in Chapter 2.

Chapter 1: Introduction

Summary

Trendbus is an RS485 serial communications protocol developed by **Honeywell**. It enables 32 recorders to be linked to each comms port in a network configuration, with each recorder transferring information to a single PC. Using *TrendManager Pro*, data from selected pens on any of the networked recorders can be imported to the *TrendManager Pro* database and displayed onto graphs in real time. Trendbus Multiport offers the same features, but uses up to 8 RS485 ports at the same time on the same PC, enabling up to 256 recorders to be connected to the same PC.

Further instructions are found in the **Honeywell V5** User Manual and the *TrendManager Pro* on-line Help facility and references to these aids are made in this manual where necessary.

Specifications

Recorders

Any model of **Honeywell** recorder may be installed in a Trendbus network. See Chapter 12 of the **Honeywell V5** User Manual on how to check the firmware version of your recorder.

The recorder must also be fitted with an RS485 communications card.

PC Requirements

The PC must be fitted with the Amplicon PC241i RS485 card and must be running Windows NT. The Trendbus communications configuration is included in *TrendManager Pro*, and as such your PC must be of the standard specified in the Installation Instructions that accompany *TrendManager Pro*.

Installation and Connection

Trendbus networks are subject to standard RS485 specifications. This section details the setup of the Amplicon 8 channel isolated RS485 card, the PC241i.



This diagram shows 1 of the 8 nine way D Type connectors on the PC241i break out box.

PC241i Configuration

The PC241i card must be configured correctly before installation into the host PC.

Card base addresses:

- Com 1 6A0
- Com 2 6A8
- Com 3 6B0
- Com 4 6B8
- Com 5 630
- Com 6 638
- Com 7 640
- Com 8 648

These are configured by Switch 4: Switch 4 (SW4)= 11010110 Where 1 = ON + Up Position 8 sets IRQ group to 3,4,5,7

i.e. Switch 3 (SW3) = 00011000

Switch 2 (SW2) = 01100001

Switch 1 (SW1) = 11111111

Where 1 = On = Up

IRQ's 3,4 & 5 are used for the comms ports, while IRQ 7 is reserved for the 'Watchdog' I/O interface.

IRQ's 3,4 & 5 must be shared across the eight ports:

- Com 1 IRQ 3
- Com 2 IRQ 4
- Com 3 IRQ 5
- Com 4 IRQ 3
- Com 5 IRQ 4
- Com 6 IRQ 5
- Com 7 IRQ 3
- Com 8 IRQ 4

The following jumpers must be IN:

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J111, J121, J131, J141, J151, J161, J171, J181.
J112, J122, J132, J142, J152, J162, J172, J182.
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The following jumpers must be OUT: J110, J120, J130, J140, J150, J160, J170, J180.

Installation

Ensure the switches and jumpers are configured as on the previous page, fit the card in the PC and run the setup.exe on the PC241i's Windows NT Serial Driver Disk and follow the instructions.

After installing, delete the existing Com ports and add each of the 8 Amplicon ports, Com1 to Com8. Set the base addresses and IRQ's for each port as shown. Set RS485 half duplex to "None" and ensure the FIFO box is checked. Do not restart until all 8 ports have been added.

Windows NT sometimes re-sets Com2 (and Com1), so it may take several attempts. If it is not possible to get 8 Amplicon ports as required, then the offending port should be set to 'default' settings and the Amplicon port configured as Com 9. The TMP.ini file (created in the Windows directory when TMP is first run) can then be modified to choose the actual port configured.

e.g.

- Unable to configure Com 2;
- Set Com 2 settings to "default";
- Configure Com 9 instead, using the base address and IRQ for Com 2;

In TMP.ini under the [COM2] heading change Port=COM2 to Port=COM9. Within *TrendManager Pro* the user will still refer to Com 2, and the port will still be "Channel 2" on the PC241i break out box.

Chapter 2: Communications

Operation

To start the Trendbus network running, select the Comms option in the Special Setups menu. Ensure that the Comms facility is enabled on each recorder in the network and that all recorders are set to the same baud rate.

The remainder of the set-up procedure is performed in *TrendManager Pro Version 4.9*. Full information is contained in the *TrendManager Pro Version 4.9* online Help facility, but a brief sequence of actions is given below for ease of reference.

- 1. From the Configure menu in *TrendManager Pro Version 4.9*, choose the Communications option.
- From the Trendbus dialog box, check the Enable Trendbus box and enable the Comms ports on your PC to which the networks are connected. Select the same baud rate as on each of your recorders in each network.
- Click on OK and the Communications Status window will appear. This window may be removed by clicking on the Close button and opened again by choosing Communications Status from the View menu, or minimise to the task bar.
- 4. Each recorder on the network should have a corresponding recorder on the *TrendManager Pro Version 4.9* database. To check this select Recorders from the Configure menu a list will appear with all the recorders on the database. The ID numbers of each of these recorders should be unique and should correspond to the ID numbers of the recorders in the network. (If you cannot find a networked recorder on the database, you may need to create one as described in the *TrendManager Pro Version 4.9* Help section on Creating a New Recorder.)
- 5. For each networked recorder on the database activate the Recorder Configuration page and choose System. In the Comms section of the System settings make sure that the Enable Trendbus for this Recorder check box is ticked. Ensure the port is correct and set the storage frequency.
- 6. For each individual pen required on the network, go into the Comms section of the Pen Setups page. From there tick the Comms Pen Enable check box and decide upon the logging method and speed for data from that Pen. Further information on logging methods and speeds for Trendbus is given in Section 5 of this manual.
- 7. When the set-ups have been completed, click on OK in the Recorder Configuration page and that recorder will be added to the Communications Status window. Data will immediately be relayed from the selected pens on that recorder into the *TrendManager Pro Version 4.9* database.

With the recorders on the network being successfully linked to *TrendManager Pro Version 4.9*, information may be displayed as a graph. Create a graph in the normal way and identify the relevant pen either from the Data Locator or by adding a data source in the Graph Settings page. All the graphing functions are available and data transferred via both Trendbus and floppy disk can be presented on a

graph. When identifying a pen as a data source for a graph, the means by which the data for that pen was acquired is shown by the following symbols:-

Data acquired from a Pen via Trendbus.

Transferred to TrendManager Pro Version 4.9 via floppy disk.



As data is received to a graph from networked recorders, the traces will eventually reach the edge of the graph. Selection of the Auto Scrolling option from the *TrendManager Pro Version 4.9* toolbar will result in the graph being continuously redrawn with the latest data.

Appendix A

Important points about Trendbus

Purpose

Trendbus is designed to allow the user to receive data from remote recorders, without having to retrieve the disk from the unit. It is not a substitute for recording data onto floppy disk, which can be done at speedier logging rates.

Functions

TrendManager Pro uses Trendbus to perform the following functions:-

- Retrieval of the current recorder set-up
- Retrieval of real-time data from individual channels on networked recorders at independent sampling rates and methods
- Time synchronisation of networked recorders

Setups can not be transferred to a recorder usingTrendbus.

Data Acquisition

Data acquired using Trendbus is stored in a different location on the *TrendManager Pro* database from data transferred via floppy disk. The fastest logging rate is 1 second/log.

The Communications Status window lists all the networked recorders on each port and reports if there is an error or interruption in data transfer between recorder and *TrendManager Pro*.

For further information consult the on-line Help facility in *TrendManager Pro*, which gives comprehensive details on Communications set-ups, operations and features.

Appendix B

Trendbus Trouble-shooter

Follow these instructions to eliminate any Trendbus problems:

RS485 Communications

Check the configuration of the Amplicon eight channel comms card.

Recorder Configuration

1. Ensure that each recorder is configured for Trendbus as follows:

- In the Factory Hardware options, ensure RS485 TMP Comms is selected.
- In the Comms settings (Special Set-up menu) check that the baud rate is set correctly.
- 2. Ensure that the recorder has the correct Unit ID Number, and that it is different on each recorder on each port.

TrendManager Pro Configuration

- 1. Ensure that each recorder required to communicate usingTrendbus is enabled to do so in the System settings for that recorder, and that the port enabled is the port to which it is physically connected.
- 2. Ensure that one or more pens are configured to receive Comms data in the Pen settings for that pen.
- 3. From the Configure Communications option, enable Trendbus and the ports, and then check that the baud rate is set to match the recorders on each respective port.

Redundant System.

When using the **Honeywell** D53129 "Watchdog" system, where two PC's running two *TrendManager Pro* packages are linked to form a redundant system, each PC will operate in either Master or Slave mode.

- Master Mode is when the PC is on line and storing data.
- Slave Mode, is when the PC is on stand-by and monitoring for Master fail.

The Communications Status window will give the status for each recorder. The values displayed and their meanings are indicated overleaf.

In Master Mode		
Mode	Description	
Initialising	Trendbus is being configured.	
Downloading	TrendManager Pro is attempting to download set-up information from the recorder.	
Real-Time	TrendManager Pro will request real-time data when required.	
In Set-Up	The user has entered Set-Up on the recorder. During this time, no data is logged for the recorder, and once the user exits Set-Up the mode will change to "Downloading".	
Configuration error	The pens selected for Comms do not correspond with the pens enabled on the recorder.	
Disabled	A recorder has been removed from Comms operations.	
Waiting	Occurs briefly at Start-Up and if the user enters Set-Up on the recorder.	
(blank)	TrendManager Pro is retrying the operation.	
No Reply	<i>TrendManager Pro</i> received nothing from the recorder. Work through the above checklist to ensure configuration is correct. If all is OK, then your PC is unsuitable for Trendbus operations. (See minimum PC specification.)	
RX Error	<i>TrendManager Pro</i> received a reply from the recorder, but it was corrupt. If the error persists you may have a faulty connection on two recorders with the same ID Number. (See note below.)	
TX Error	<i>TrendManager Pro</i> tried unsuccessfully to communicate with the recorder via Trendbus. If this persists check that you have identified a valid comms port on you PC. If this is OK then your PC is unsuitable for Trendbus operations. (See minimum PC specification.)	
Error	A general comms error has occurred. Your PC is unsuitable for Trendbus operations. (See minimum PC specification.)	
Talking	Trendbus has received real-time data from the recorder. Trendbus is working correctly - Congratulations!	
Talking *	Trendbus has received real-time data but it arrived later than expected. If this is a common occurrence then the system is too heavily loaded. The user should reduce the log rate for the pens of the recorder(s) in question.	
HotSwap	Hot-Swap may appear briefly during Database hot-swap.	

In Slave Mode		
Mode	Description	
Monitoring	TrendManager Pro is trying to monitor the bus for recorder messages.	
Listening	The slave has heard messages for this recorder.	
No messages	Nothing heard from this recorder.	

Continuous RX Errors

If RX Error messages occur in the Communications Status window, check that

- There is no faulty connection in the RS485 wiring
- There are no recorders in the network with the same ID number

Then try amending the RX timeout in the TMP.ini file using a text editing package, such as Windows Notepad, to open the file. In the [comms] section of the file you will find a line Timeout = 150. Change the value to 200, then save and close the file.

If frequent RX Error messages occur, try changing the Baud rate of the network, first to 19200, then, if that is not successful, to 9600. Remember to change the Baud rate on the recorders in the network as well as on *TrendManager Pro*.

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