IP Serial Server

IPS-101 (1-port) IPS-102 (2-port) IPS-201 (1-port) IPS-202 (2-port) IPS-204 (4-port)

User Manual

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1. Introduction

The **IPS** (**IP Serial Server**) provides the serial device server for Windows hosts to control serial devices located virtually anywhere through a TCP/IP or UDP/IP Ethernet connection. The IPS has the asynchronous serial port connection on one side, and a 10/100 Mbps Ethernet connection on the other side. It connects devices, such as CNC, weight scales, and scanners. Applications include industrial/factory automation, automatic warehouse control, and hospital/laboratory automation.

The IPS Windows driver provides Virtual COM port to control the IPS. Virtual COM port provides access to any of the ports on the IPS, as if a real serial port on the computer.

IPS can function as a server or client for both TCP and UDP connection. The application scenarios are Straight IP mode, Virtual COM mode, and Paired mode. In Straight IP and Virtual COM modes, IPS should only work as a server. When in the Paired mode one IPS must set as a client and the other must set as a server in both TCP and UDP connection.

1.1 Main Features

- Multi-interface serial ports -- software selectable for RS-232, RS-422, or RS-485 interface.
- **10/100 Mbps Ethernet** with Auto-detecting
- **TCP or UDP / Client or Server operation**
- Built-in Ethernet switch ports for easy cascaded wiring
- Software OS Support Windows 2000/2003/XP/Vista
- Firmware Upgrade for future revisions/upgrades
- **Configuration** of the IPS settings can be accomplished using any of the following methods:
 - ✓ Web Server allows configuration via the network using any web browser
 - ✓ IPS Administrator for searching and listing the IPS/WIPS servers attached to the LAN
 - ✓ **Telnet** allows **remote** configuration via the network
 - ✓ Serial Console allows local configuration through the serial port
- Virtual COM Driver Software for Windows installs virtual COM ports, viewable in the Windows Device Manager under Ports (COM & LPT). The driver installs a virtual COM on windows which maps the virtual COM port to the IP address and TCP/UDP port of the IPS, enabling the Windows applications to access remote serial devices over an IP-based Ethernet LAN. Any program running on the computer and using Windows-based COM ports can access the serial devices attached to the IPS. The LAN becomes transparent to the serial device and the software running on the PC.
- TCP Probe selectable protocol ensures reliable communications in Virtual COM mode or Paired mode. This feature restores the connections if communications are temporarily lost at either end due to loss of power or the Ethernet connection.

1.2 Communication Modes

The IPS enables communication with serial devices over a LAN or WAN. Serial devices no longer are limited to a physical connection to the PC COM port. They can be installed anywhere reachable by the LAN/WAN using TCP/IP or UDP/IP communications. This allows traditional Windows PC software access to serial devices anywhere on the LAN/WAN network.

1.2.1 Straight IP Mode

Straight IP mode allows applications using TCP/IP or UDP/IP socket programs to communicate with the asynchronous serial ports on the IPS. In this type of application the IPS is configured as a TCP or UDP server. The socket program running on the PC establishes a communication connection with the IPS. The data is sent directly to and from the serial port on the server. When using UDP protocol the server can be configured to broadcast data to and receive data from multiple IP addresses.



Figure 1 Straight IP Mode / Virtual COM Mode

1.2.2 Virtual COM Mode

Virtual COM mode allows the user to provide a virtual COM port on the computer. Windows programs using standard Windows API calls are able to interface to virtual COM ports. When a program on the PC opens the new COM port, it communicates with the remote serial device connected to one of the ports on the IPS.

After connection, the LAN is transparent to the program and serial device. Applications are able to work just as if the serial device is connected directly to a physical COM port on the computer. The virtual COM software converts the application's data into IP packets, sends it across the network to the IPS, which converts the IP packet back to serial data and sends the data out a serial port located on the IPS.

To use this mode, the IPS must be set to either TCP/server or UDP/server with a designated communication port number. The virtual COM driver is the TCP or UDP client.

1.2.3 Paired Mode

Paired Mode is also called **Serial Tunneling mode**. In this mode any two serial devices that can communicate with a serial link will be able to communicate using two IPS and the LAN.

Two IPS are connected to a network, one configured as a TCP/UDP client and the other as a TCP/UDP server. In the setup the **Remote IP address** field of the server must contain the address of the client. This will allow the client's IP address to pass the IP address-filtering feature of the server. Conversely, the **Remote IP address** of the client must contain the server's IP address. Both communication port numbers must be the same.



Figure 2 Paired Mode

1.2.4 TCP Probe

The TCP Probe protocol connection provides a reliable communications connection in Virtual COM mode and Paired mode. This feature can restore the connection if communications are temporarily lost at either end due to loss of power or Ethernet connection.

Without this feature a device that loses a connection and stops communicating would not be able to reconnect without human intervention. A TCP data connection can be lost when there is a power failure or temporary loss of an Ethernet connection on either the client or server. If a loss occurs the Probe feature will try to reconnect the TCP data connection every five seconds until communications is established again. The Probe feature is not applicable when using an UDP application.

1.3 Installation and Startup

For descriptive purposes this section considers a typical configuration consisting of a computer connected via an Ethernet LAN to the IPS connected to the RS-232 port of a serial device.

1.3.1 Package Checklist

The IP Serial Server is shipped with the following items included:

- ✓ The IP Serial Server unit
- ✓ Power Adapter
- ✓ Quick Start Guide
- ✓ CD-ROM Disk (Documentation and software)
- ✓ Footpads set

1.3.2 Hardware Setup



Figure 3 Typical Hardware Setup

- **Step 1**: Connect the IPS to the network using a standard Ethernet cable.
- Step 2: Connect the IPS to the RS-232 port on the serial device.Note: If the serial device is configured as a DCE use a straight-through serial cable.If the serial device is configured as a DTE use a crossover (null modem) cable.
- **Step 3**: Apply power to the IPS.

1.3.3 Software Installation

Using the CD included with the IP Serial Server, install the **IPS Administrator** software on the host computer.

1.3.4 IP Serial Server Configuration

Step 1: Open the **IPS Administrator** software. It will automatically search for any reachable IPS devices. A list of all IPS connected to the LAN will appear in the IPS List window.

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Q	者 🤹		*						
Search Server	Virtual COM Uninstall Virt Mapping COM	al Port Status	Upgrade Firmware						
Server name	IP address	Port	Protocol	Status	COM	Interface			
IPS-301 IPS-102 IPS-102	192.168.0.206 192.168.0.207 192.168.0.207	7000 7000 7001	TCP TCP UDP	Not connected Not connected Not connected	Not mapped Not mapped Not mapped	RS232 RS485 RS232			
, Ready						NUM /			



Step 2: Double click the desired IPS port on the list to bring up the Server Configurations screen.

Systen	1 Serial Port 1	Serial Port 2				
	Model name:	IPS-102		DHCP:	Disable	
	Server name:	IPS-102	1	P address:	192.168.0.207	
	Serial number	01020807000001	1	Vetmask:	255.255.255.0	
	Password:			Bateway:	192.168.0.254	
	FW version:	3.0 & 08/09/26	1	ink status:	10/Full Duplex	
	MAC address:	00:22:E4:EE:EE:E4	1	Hardware ID:	AP-IPS102-A01	
		Απηίν		Cancel	1	

System Serial Port 1 S	erial Port 2			6			
Baud rate: Data/Stop bits: Parity: Flow control: TCP/UDP: TCP/UDP port:	9600 8-1 None TCP 7000	Delimiter 1: Delimiter 2: Force transmit: Inter-byte gap: Connection status: Serial type:	00 00 0 0 Not Connected Console	Hex (00-FF, 00=disable) Hex (00-FF, 00=disable) x100ms (0-65535, 00=disable) x100ms (0-65535, 00=disable)			
Serial timeout: TCP alive timeout: TCP mode:	0 (0-655 0 (0-255 Server 💌	35 sec) Max T min) Conne Remot	CP connection: ction at: e IP address:	1 Power up 255.255.255.255			
Cancel							

Figure 5 The Configurations Window

Step 3: Change the Server Configurations as required.

(a) Disable DHCP, set appropriate static IP, Netmask and Gateway addresses from your Network Administrator (recommended), or enable DHCP to allow the IPS to obtain an IP address from DHCP server.

(b) Set the **Serial type** to **RS-232** to match the serial device connected to the IPS. **Note**: the default is at **Console** mode, so you have to change to **RS-232** mode for data transmission.

(c) Set **Baud Rate, Data/Parity/Stop**, and **Flow Control** to match the configuration of the serial device connected to the IPS serial port.

- **Step 4:** When the parameters have been set, click **Apply**. Following the prompts in the dialogue boxes, Restart the IPS and Search all reachable servers again.
- **Step 5:** Re-enter Server Configurations to verify the changes have taken effect, or to view/change the configuration of other ports. Each port must be configured separately.

1.3.5 Install Virtual COM Ports

Step 1: From the **Windows Start** menu, run the **Install Virtual COM** utility included with the **IPS Administrator** software.

- **Step 2:** Search for all servers on the network
- **Step 3:** Select a port and map it to an unused COM port (e.g. Port 3). Configure it for TCP protocol and the appropriate IP address (determined in the last section).

Map To:	Сомз		-
Flow Contro	I		_
Nor	ne C RTS/CT	'S C Xon/	Koff
Protocol:	TCP	•	
IP Address:	192.168.0.207		
Port Number:	4000		

Figure 6 Configuring the Virtual COM Port

- 1.3.6 Check Data Communications
 - **Step 1:** Run the terminal emulation program (such as **HyperTerminal** or **PuTTY**). Select the COM port (e.g. Port 3).
 - **Step 2:** Set **Baud Rate**, **Data/Parity/Stop**, and **Flow Control** to match the configuration of the serial device connected to the **IPS** serial port.
 - Step 3: Communications with the serial device should now be operational.

2. Hardware Connections

2.1 Front/Rear Views







Figure 8 The Panel Layout of 1-port / 2-port IPS



Figure 9 The Panel Layout of 4-port IPS (IPS-204)

2.2 Connectors, Indicators, and Reset Switch

2.2.1 Indicator Lights

LED	Indication			
Power	Red – power indication			
	ON: power is applied			
Ready Green blinking per second when system is ready				
	Ethernet Link/Act/10/100Mbps:			
I EDg on DI45	Orange 10BaseT Ethernet connection established			
connectors	Green 100BaseT Ethernet connection established			
connectors	Blinking: when data in activity			
	ON: when no data in activity and link connected			
	When set up as a TCP server:			
	Steady Green - client has made a connection,			
	communications starting			
I EDg of Sovial port	Flashing Green – data present at the serial port			
(4 nont model)	Light off – connection closed			
(4-port model)				
	When setup in UDP mode:			
	Steady Green – port ready			
	Flashing Green – data is being transmitted or received			

2.2.2 Power Connector

Plug the plug from the included power supply into the power jack and then plug the supply in. When power is applied the Red power light will illuminate. The tip of the power plug is positive; the sleeve is negative.

2.2.3 Reset Button

This switch resets the unit, similar to the effect of removing/applying power. The Reset switch is recessed to avoid accidental operation. To reset the unit, insert a small plastic tool, press lightly and hold for three seconds. The Link and Ready lights will go out and then come back on.

2.2.4 Ethernet Connector

The IPS has built-in Ethernet switch and provides dual standard RJ-45 receptacle mounted in the top edge of the chassis. The IPS can be connected to an Ethernet hub, switch, or wall plate using a standard straight-through RJ-45 (male) Ethernet cable. To connect directly to an RJ45 Ethernet port on a PC or laptop a crossover Ethernet cable must be used.

2.2.5 Serial Ports

The IPS has one/two/four serial ports. The port can be configured as RS-232, RS-422, or RS-485 interface.

3. Installing the IPS Administrator Software

The Windows-based **IPS Administrator** and **Virtual COM Port** software makes configuration fast and easy. If using Windows, installing the **IPS Administrator** software and setting up virtual COM ports to configure the IPS is recommended.

3.1 Software Installation

The IPS Administrator software includes:

- ✓ IPS Administrator
- ✓ Install / Remove Virtual COM Ports

3.1.1 Automatic Installation

Step 1:Inserting the CD in the CD-ROM should automatically launch the Install Shield Wizard.

3.1.2 Manual Installation

Step 1: To manually start the software installation, from the Windows Desktop, click Start button and click Run item. At the Run command line type E:\Install_IPS\setup.exe and click OK (E: is the drive letter for the CD ROM.), or open the File manager and double click E:\Install_IPS\setup.exe.

The Install Shield Wizard window will be displayed.



Figure 10 The Install Shield Wizard Window

Step 2: When the IPS Administrator Setup window appears, click Next.



Figure 11 The Setup Window of IPS Administrator

Step 3:When Choose Destination Location appears, click **Next**. The installation progress will be shown until complete.



Figure 12 The Choose Destination Window

Step 4:Click Finish when the Install Shield Wizard Complete dialogue appears. When finished, dialogue box will close.



Figure 13 The Install Shield Wizard Complete Window

3.1.3 Updating an Existing Installation

If an older version of the **IPS Administrator** software is already installed, the **Modify, repair or remove the program** window will appear when the installation process is initiated:





The recommended procedure is to **Remove** all installed components first. Once the software has been removed, **Install** the new software.

3.1.4 Opening the IPS Administrator

Step 5:If the WIPS is not already connected to the network or to the Ethernet port on the computer, connect it. Apply power. The PWR indicator should light red, the Link LEDs on the Ethernet connector should indicate which type of Ethernet connection has been made and the RDY LED will flash indicating configuration can begin.

Step 6:Start the IPS Administrator software. In Windows Desktop, click:

Start > All Programs > IPS > IPS Administrator

As soon as the **IPS Administrator** opens it will initiate **Searching Server** and after a few seconds the **IP Serial Server List** will display all **IP Serial Server devices (wire or wireless models)** on the network.

🔩 IPS Admin	istrator						
<u>S</u> erver <u>V</u> iew	<u>Exit</u> elp						
Q	<u>×</u> (*				
Search Server	Virtual COM Uninstal Mapping CC	l Virtual Port Status)M	Upgrade Firmware				
Server name	Server type	IP address	Port	Protocol	Status	COM	Interface
IPS	Wired	192.168.0.249	7000	TCP	Not connected	Not mapped	RS-232
IPS	Wired	192.168.0.249	7001	TCP	Not connected	Not mapped	RS-232
WIPS	Wi-Fi	192.168.0.185	7000	TCP	N/A	Not mapped	Console
WIPS	Wi-Fi	192.168.0.185	7001	TCP	N/A	Not mapped	RS-232
WIPS	Wi-Fi	192.168.0.185	7002	TCP	N/A	Not mapped	RS-232
WIPS	Wi-Fi	192.168.0.185	7003	TCP	N/A	Not mapped	RS-232
Ready							NUM //

Figure 15 IPS Administrator displays all IP Serial Servers found

4. Using the IPS Administrator

The IPS Administrator software allows:

- Searching for servers connected to the network
- Displaying and changing the configuration of those servers
- Installing virtual COM ports on a computer
- Displaying and configuring virtual COM ports
- > Uninstalling virtual COM ports on a computer
- Upgrading the IPS firmware
- Monitoring Port Status
- Saving and Loading Configuration Files

4.1 Hardware Setup

Step 1: Connect the IPS to the LAN or to a computer Ethernet port.



Figure 16 Ethernet Connection via a LAN



Figure 17 Direct Ethernet Connection using a Crossover Cable

Step 2: Apply power. The red Power indicator will light, the Link indicator lights when an Ethernet connection is made, and the Ready indicator will flash.

4.2 Software Setup

Step 3. To run the IPS Administrator, from the Windows Desktop click:

Start > All Programs > IPS > IPS Administrator

As soon as the IPS Administrator opens it will initiate Searching Server and after a few seconds the IPS List will display all IPS devices on the network.

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Search Server	Virtual COM Mapping	Uninstall Virtual COM	Port Status	Upgrade Firmware			
Server name	IP ad	dress	Port	Protocol	Status	COM	Interface
IPS-301 IPS-102 IPS-102	192.1 192.1 192.1	168.0.206 168.0.207 168.0.207	7000 7000 7001	TCP TCP UDP	Not connected Not connected Not connected	Not mapped Not mapped Not mapped	RS232 RS485 RS232
Ready							NUM

Figure 18 The IPS Administrator Window

4.3 Software Overview

The **IPS Administrator** window provides the following information:

- Menus (Server, View, Exit, Help)
- Icons (Search Server, Virtual COM Mapping, Uninstall Virtual COM, Port Status, Upgrade Firmware)

4.3.1 Menus

Server

- **Search Server** Searches for IPSs on the network and brings back configuration information that will be displayed in the Server Configurations window.
- Virtual COM Mapping Selects the Virtual COM List. Double clicking on any COM port in the Virtual COM List brings up a window that allows changing the virtual COM settings such as Flow Control, Protocol, IP address, and Port Number. Virtual COM settings must match IPS port settings.
- **Uninstall Virtual COM** Allows virtual COM ports to be uninstalled from the IPS Administrator window.
- **Port Status** Brings up a screen that displays the following information associated with the selected serial port:

Serial TX: Displays the number of bytes of data sent to the serial device since the IP connection was established.

Serial RX: Displays the number of bytes of data received from the connected serial device since the IP connection was established.

DTR/RTS: The DTR/RTS Port Status indicator displays the current logic state of the DTR and RTS hardware handshake (output) lines for the selected IPS port (1 = asserted, 0 = not asserted).

DCD/DSR/CTS: The DCD/DSR/CTS Port Status indicator displays the current logic state being received on the DCD, DSR and CTS hardware handshake (input) lines for the selected IPS port (1 = asserted, 0 = not asserted)

Status: Indicates whether the client software has made a connection with the IPS.

IP Address: Displays the IP address of the connected client when there is a client connection

- **Upgrade Firmware** Used when downloading new firmware to the IPS.
- **Save Configuration File** Allows the user to save the current configuration information to a file with a .vcom extension.
- Load Configuration File Allows the user to load a configuration file.

View

Provides three viewing options for the IPS Administrator screen:

- **Status Bar** allows the Status Bar at the bottom of the screen to be viewable or hidden.
- **Split** allows the position of the split between the Icons pane and the Virtual COM List / IP Serial Server List panes to be dragged horizontally using the mouse.

Exit

• Allows you to Exit the IPS Administrator program

Help

• Accesses the **About vcomui** (virtual com user interface) dialogue box, which indicates the software version number

4.3.2 Icons

The functions Search Server, Virtual COM Mapping, Uninstall Virtual COM, Port Status, Upgrade Firmware can also be selected using icons located in the top window.

4.3.3 Serial Server List / Virtual COM List

To make management of lists of IPS easier, lists can be sorted by clicking on any tab heading. Scrolling bars facilitate scrolling through long lists.

Serial Server List

- Server Name Displays the name of the IPS. The name is listed once for each port.
- **IP Address** Displays the IP Address for the IPS. All ports in an IPS have the same the same IP address.
- **Port** Displays the port number for each IPS port.
- **Protocol** Displays the currently selected TCP or UDP mode for the IPS.
- **Status** The Status indicates the mapped virtual COM port condition.

Not Connected is shown when a program does not have the port Open.

Connected is shown when that mapped port is Open for use.

- **COM** Displays the name of the computer COM port mapped to each IPS port. If no computer port has been mapped it displays **Not mapped**.
- **Interface** Displays the interface type of the serial port.

Virtual COM List

- **COM Name** Displays the number of the COM port mapped to each IPS port.
- **IP Address** Displays the IP Address for the IPS. All ports in an IPS have the same IP address.
- **Protocol** Displays the currently selected TCP or UDP mode for the IPS.
- **Port** Displays the port number for each IPS port.
- Flow Control Indicates what type of flow control is configured for each port.
- Status Indicates whether each port is currently In Use or Not Used.

4.3.4 Status Bar

Displays the current status of the software in the bottom, left corner of the screen

- Ready
- Waiting for the server to restart...
- Searching reachable servers...

4.4 Search for Servers

Upon opening the IPS Administrator software it will automatically execute **Search Server** to search for all reachable IPSs.

- Step 4: To manually initiate a search for servers, click the Search Servers icon. TheSearch Setup box will appear. It provides two options for searching for servers on the network:
 - Specify the IP Address of the IPS or
 - Search all reachable servers

arch setup	E
Search Specified Server	
Gearch all reachable	e servers.
ок	Cancel

Figure 19 The Search Setup Window

Step 5: Enter the IP Address assigned to the desired IPS or click Search all reachable servers, then OK. IP Address is used to find IPS units that are not on the same subnet. (Routers on the network will block the standard broadcast used to find servers if Search all reachable servers is selected.) The user must set an IP address that conforms to the LAN addressing scheme.

The Searching window is shown until all active IPSs on the LAN are listed in the **IPS List** window.

4.5 Setting the Configurations

The **Configurations** window displays the current configurations for the currently selected server.

Step 6: To open the Configurations window, highlight the IPS in the IPS List window, double-click to open.

The **Configurations** window is used to configure and store the configuration settings. Details for setting Configurations are described in the next chapter.

Co	nfigura	tions							×
ſ	System	Serial Port 1 Ser	ial Port 2						
								,	
		Model name:	IPS-102		DHCP:	Disable	•		
		Server name:	IPS-102		IP address:	192.168.0.207	_		
		Serial number	01020807000001		Netmask:	255.255.255.0	_		
		Password:			Gateway:	192.168.0.254	_		
		FW version:	3.0 & 08/09/30		Link status:	10/Full Duplex	_		
		MAC address:	00:22:E4:EE:EE:E4		Hardware ID:	AP-IPS102-A01			
				L					
			Apply		Cancel				

Figure 20 The Configurations Window

Note: IPS Administrator Navigation:

- Use the mouse to select the property and parameters or
- Tab to move to the next property
- Tab+Shift to move back to previous property
- Arrows to move between configurations or change values or contents of the current configuration
- Enter to select Apply or Cancel
- Step 7: After configuring as needed, click Apply to store the configuration in the server. The following window will appear:



Figure 21 The Restart Dialogue Box

Step 8:Click Yes to restart. The following dialogue box will appear:



Figure 22 The Restarting Dialogue Box

After eight seconds a dialogue box will ask whether you want to search for all reachable servers again.



Figure 23 The Search Server Dialogue Box

While the IPS is searching for all reachable servers the following dialogue box appears:



Figure 24 The Searching Dialogue Box

After that port has been applied you may want to re-enter **Server Configurations** to verify the changes have taken effect, or to view/change the configuration of other ports. Each port must be configured separately.

5. Configuring the IP Serial Server

The IPS can be configured using any of four different user interfaces: the **IPS Administrator** software, **Console Mode, Telnet** or the **Web Server**. The **Configurations** described in this chapter can be changed from any of these user interfaces.

5.1	Description	of Configuration	- System
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С	onfigura	tions						×
	System	Serial Port 1 Ser	ial Port 2					_
		Model name:	IPS-102] [DHCP:	Disable	•	
		Server name:	IPS-102		IP address:	192.168.0.207		
		Serial number	01020807000001		Netmask:	255.255.255.0		
		Password:			Gateway:	192.168.0.254		
		FW version:	3.0 & 08/09/30		Link status:	10/Full Duplex		
		MAC address:	00:22:E4:EE:EE:E4		Hardware ID:	AP-IPS102-A01		
	L							
			Apply		Cancel			

Figure 25 The Server Configurations Window of IPS Administrator

5.1.1 Model Name

The model highlighted to open for configuration.

5.1.2 Server Name

This field displays the name that has been assigned to the IPS. A new Server Name of up to 16 characters can be entered. If more than one IPS is connected on the LAN it is recommended that a new name be assigned to each. When the IPS Administrator finds an IPS on the LAN it displays the server name and IP Address allowing the user to distinguish between IPS.

5.1.3 Serial Number

Each IPS has a unique serial number. This is fixed and cannot be changed.

5.1.4 Password

Entering a password activates a security feature on the IPS. Once a password is entered it will be required to access the menu and make changes.

5.1.5 FW Version

It shows the currently loaded firmware version.

5.1.6 MAC Address

The MAC address is fixed and cannot be changed. It is assigned in the factory. Every Ethernet device manufactured has it own unique MAC address.

5.1.7 DHCP

DHCP servers are a part of numerous LAN management systems. The DHCP field provides two choices: **Disable** and **Enable**. Disable is the normal, or default, setting. When enabled, the IPS will send a DHCP request to the DHCP server, which will assign a dynamic IP address, net mask, and gateway to the IPS. If a DHCP server is not available on the network the IPS will time out after 10 seconds and the default values will remain. When DHCP is enabled, the IP Address, Netmask and Gateway fields become inaccessible and cannot be changed by the user.

Note:

A dynamic address assigned by the DHCP server may change if the server loses the Ethernet connection or power is removed. The host (client) communication software requests a connection to the specific IP address of the IPS. If the DHCP reassigns a different IP address the software will not be able to communicate with the hardware. Therefore, obtaining a fixed IP from DHCP server or using a static IP address is recommended.

5.1.8 IP Address

Software or hardware attempting to access the IPS via the network must know the IP Address of the server. A static IP address is retained and remains the same each time the server is powered up or starts/restarts. The default IP address of the IPS is printed on a label on its bottom cover. Entering an appropriate address in the IP Address field and updating the server will change the server's IP address. The network administrator can assign/establish the static address or group of addresses to be used.

The IP Address of the IPS can be confirmed using the DOS Ping command.

Notes:

To use Ping to check for communications:

- Access a DOS window (in Win-XP click Start, then Run)

- At run prompt enter: CMD
- In the DOS window enter: Ping xxx.xxx.xxx (IP address for the server to be confirmed)
- The command will return the Ping results indicating 4 replies



Figure 26 Pinging using the DOS command window

5.1.9 Netmask

The default LAN netmask is configured for a Class C address. The user may change this. Default is 255.255.255.0

5.1.10 Gateway

The Gateway IP address allows users to access the IPS from outside the LAN.

5.1.11 Link Status

Link status automatically displays the type of Ethernet connection. It will either display 10BaseT or 100BaseTX in full duplex or half duplex. This will depend on the LAN, switches, hubs used in the LAN topology.

5.2 Description of Configuration - Port

Each serial port has one configuration page for easy configuration settings. Click to port number interested to open the configuration page.

Note: any changes to Configurations must be Applied (Saved) or the IPS will not retain them.

System Serial Port 1	Serial Port 2			
Baud rate: Data/Stop bits: Parity: Flow control: TCP/UDP: TCP/UDP port:	9600 8-1 None TCP 7000	Delimiter 1: Delimiter 2: Force transmit: Inter-byte gap: Connection status: Serial type:	00 00 0 0 Not Connected R\$485H	Hex (00-FF, 00=disable) Hex (00-FF, 00=disable) x100ms (0-65535, 00=disable) x100ms (0-65535, 00=disable)
Serial timeout: TCP alive timeout: TCP mode:	0 (0-65) 0 (0-25) Server 💌	535 sec) Max T 5 min) Conne Remot	CP connection: ction at: te IP address:	1 Power up 255.255.255.255
	Apply		Cancel	

5.2.1 Baud Rate

The serial port baud rate on the IPS must match the serial baud rate of the connected device unless using Virtual COM Mode. In Virtual COM Mode the software program will establish serial settings.

5.2.2 Data/Stop bits

Set this to match the data format used by the serial device connected.

5.2.3 Parity

Set this to match the data format used by the serial device connected.

5.2.4 Flow Control

The Flow Control setting must match the requirements of the serial device connected. **Note:** Select **None** when setting the port as RS-485 or 4-wire RS-422.

5.2.5 TCP/UDP Protocol

Select TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) or UDP (User Datagram Protocol) protocol.

TCP Mode

If the application does not require a UDP connection, select TCP. TCP guarantees reliable

communication with error checking whereas UDP provides faster transmission.

UDP Mode

When UDP mode is chosen the **Serial timeout**, **TCP alive timeout**, **TCP mode**, **Max connection**, **Connection at** and **Remote IP address** fields are replaced with the following fields: **Destination UDP/IP addresses**, **UDP Port**, and **Source UDP/IP addresses**. In this mode the server can be configured to broadcast data to and receive data from multiple IP addresses. Four IP address range fields are provided.

Baud rate:	9600	Delimiter 1:	00	Hex (00-FE, 00⇒tisable)
Data/Ston hits:	8-1	Delimiter 2:		Hey (DD-FF DD=disable)
Parity:	None 💌	Force transmit:		x100ms (0-65535, 00⇒disable)
Flow control:	None	Inter-byte gap:		x100ms (0-65535, 00=disable)
TCP/UDP:		Connection status:	Not Connected	
TCP/UDP port:	7000	Serial type:	R\$485H	
Destination UDP/IP = 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0	addresses : to 0.0.0.0 to 0.0.0.0 to 0.0.0.0	UDP Port : Sou 7000 0.0.1 7000 0.0.1 7000 0.0.1	ce UDP/IP addresse D.O to D.O to D.O to	es : 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0
0.0.0.0	to 0.0.0.0	7000 0.0.0	0.0 to	0.0.0

Figure 27 The Server UDP Configuration Screen

Notes:

- 1. **Destination UDP/IP addresses:** In order not to over-flood the UDP traffic, we should keep the **Destination UDP/IP addresses** (broadcast range) as small as possible.
- 2. **Source UDP/IP addresses:** to filter the incoming IP/Port, i.e., only accept UDP packets that come from the assigned source addresses.

5.2.6 TCP/UDP Port

This sets the port number for connection. The default port number for the IPS is **7000** for serial **port 1**. In all modes of operation, **Straight IP** or **Virtual COM**, the port number set in the **Server Configurations** menu must match the **Virtual COM** or socket software port settings.

Note:

Example: The Virtual COM default setting is TCP/UDP Port 7000. If the port # property is changed to 7001, the virtual COM port will have to be changed to 7001. The hardware settings can be changed from the IPS Administrator or Console Configuration Menu. The Virtual COM port setting also can be changed within the Device Manager of the computer on which it is installed.

5.2.7 Delimiter Hex 1 and Delimiter Hex 2

These fields allow the user to enter two ASCII characters (in hex format) that delimit the beginning and end of a message. When a message with both these delimiters is received at the serial port, the data contained in the serial buffer is placed in an Ethernet packet and sent out the Ethernet port. If only Delimiter 1 is set (Delimiter 2 is zero or blank), upon receiving Delimiter 1 the IPS will put all the data in the serial buffer in an Ethernet packet and send it out the Ethernet port. If serial data greater than 1 kilobyte is received it will automatically be placed in an Ethernet packet and sent out the Ethernet port.

5.2.8 Force Transmit

This field allows the user to set a maximum time limit between transmissions of data. The value set in this field multiplied by 100 ms determines the Force Transmit time. When the elapsed time reaches the time configured in this field, the TCP/IP protocol will pack the data currently in the serial buffer into a packet and send it out the Ethernet port.

5.2.9 Inter-Byte Gap

The Inter-byte timer defines the time elapse since last data byte received, e.g., set to 10sec, if expire, means that it has passed 10sec and no data received since last byte received). When inter-byte timer expired, the TCP/IP protocol will pack the data currently in the serial buffer into a packet and send it out the Ethernet port.

5.2.10 Connection Status

This field indicates whether a serial port is connected via the IPS to a virtual COM port of a device on the network.

5.2.11 Serial Type

Each Serial Port allows configuration to one of the following operation modes:

5.2.11.1 Console (Serial Port 1 only)

The Serial Port 1 is default set to Console mode.

In Console Mode the Configuration Menu can be accessed from a PC by connecting its RS-232 serial port to the IPS **Serial Port 1 (at Console mode)**. Since the computer is a DTE device, and the serial ports are configured as DTE (with DB-9M connectors), a null modem crossover cable must be used.

In Console Mode the default serial port settings are: **115200** baud, **8** data bits, **1** stop bit, and **No** parity, From Windows, HyperTerminal with VT100 terminal emulation can be used for Console Mode configuration.

5.2.11.2 RS-232

Every Serial Port, except port 1, is default set to RS-232 mode.

In RS-232 Mode the currently selected serial port is configured as an RS-232 interface supporting eight RS-232 signal lines plus Signal Ground and is configured as a DTE, like a computer. Signals are single ended and referenced to Ground. To use handshaking, Flow Control must be set to RTS/CTS during Configuration.

5.2.11.3 RS-422

In RS-422 Mode the currently selected serial port is configured as an RS-422 interface supporting four RS-422 signal channels with full duplex operation for Receive, Transmit, RTS (Request To Send) and CTS (Clear To Send). The data lines are differential pairs (A & B) in which the B line is positive relative to the A line in the idle (mark) state. Ground provides a common mode reference. To use handshaking, Flow Control must be set to RTS/CTS during configuration.

5.2.11.4 RS-485H

In RS-485H Mode the currently selected port is configured as an RS-485H interface supporting transmit (TX) and receive (RX) signal channels using 2-wire, half-duplex operation. The data lines are differential with the Data B line positive relative to Data A in the idle (mark) state. Ground provides a common mode reference.

5.2.11.5 RS-485F

In RS-485F Mode the currently selected port is configured as a four-wire RS-485 interface supporting transmit lines TXDB(+) and TXDA(-) and receive lines RXDB(+) and RXDA(-) for full duplex operation. The lines are differential with the B line positive relative to A in the idle (mark) state. Ground provides a common mode reference.

5.2.11.6 Default Mode

When Default Mode is selected and the Server Configurations are **Applied** (**Saved**), all the configuration settings (except the password) return to their default values.

5.2.11.7 Upgrade Mode

In Upgrade Mode firmware can be uploaded from a PC via its serial port to the IPS **serial port 1**. Upgrading also can be accomplished via the network connection, using the IPS Administrator software and a virtual COM port.

In Upgrade Mode the default serial port settings are: 9600 baud, 8 data bits, No parity, and 1 stop bit. However, usually the baud rate typically is reconfigured to **115200** kbps to facilitate a faster

upload speed.

5.2.12 Serial Timeout

Default for the Timeout property is 0, or no timeout. Setting Timeout to any value between 1 and 65535 seconds activates it. If Timeout is set to 5 seconds and the IPS is configured as a **Server**, the **Client** makes a connection and communications starts. If communications are idle for 5 seconds the IPS will close the TCP session and make itself available for another client connection request.

5.2.13 TCP Alive Timeout

This is "TCP keep-alive" function replacing "TCP alive timeout" function. This feature is effective in server mode only. This field can be set to any value between 0 and 255 minutes. Value 0 disables the function.

If enable, the unit will query the client regularly, if the client fail to respond in the period set in the "TCP alive timeout" the IPS will close the TCP session. So it can prevent TCP connection lockup. This function is especially useful for WINSOCK application, so the IPS won't be deadlocked when user's application closed improperly or the network link interrupt.

Note: The TCP Probe function is for VCOM application, not for WINSOCK application.

5.2.14 TCP Mode

The Connection Mode field has three options: **Server**, **Client** and **Client** (**no Probe**). When **Client** or **Client** (**no Probe**) is selected **the Connection at** field automatically becomes active (allowing the user to select **Power up** or **Data Arrival**).

- When using the **Virtual COM Port** feature, select **Server**.
- When using a **TCP** or **UDP Socket** program, select **Server**.
- When using **Paired Mode** communication between two IPSs, set up one as a **Client** and the other as a **Server**.
- When connecting to a server that does not support **Probe**, select **Client** (**no Probe**).

5.2.15 Max Connection

This field allows the user to configure the IPS to have up to **eight** TCP connections.

5.2.16 Connection At

When the **Connection Mode** field is set to **Client** or **Client** (**no Probe**), this field becomes active, allowing the IPS (acting as a client) to connect to the server either on **Power up** or on **Data Arrival** (first character arriving).

5.2.17 Remote IP Address

This is a security feature activated by entering the IP address of the desired client. The IPS will only communicate with the listed IP address and reject all others.

The default setting is **255.255.255.255.255**., which will disable the filter function and will pass all TCP packets.

5.2.18 Apply

Server Configurations must be applied (saved) separately for each serial port.

5.2.18.1 Saving Configuration Data in IPS Administrator

From the **Configurations** screen, click the **Apply** button to store the configuration settings for the currently selected port. The vcomui dialogue box will appear indicating you must restart the device before the new settings will take effect. Click **Yes**.



Figure 28 The Restart Dialogue Box

After that port has been applied you may want to re-enter **Configurations** to verify the changes have taken effect, or to view/change the configuration of other ports. Each port must be configured separately.

5.2.18.2 Saving Configuration Data in Console Mode or Telnet

Saving Server Configurations is done from the **Properties** screen. Access the **Properties** screen by tabbing through the **Page list** of screens on the left side of the window and highlighting **Apply**. There are four options shown on the right side of the **Properties** screen: **Apply**, **Default**, **Reload** and **Restart**. Use **Tab**, **Backspace**, or **arrow** keys to move the cursor to the option position, and then press **Enter**.



Figure 29 The Console Configuration

- Apply -- stores the configuration data to the IPS flash memory and resets it.
- **Default** -- restores the configuration data to factory default settings.
- **Reload** -- restores the configuration data to the last values stored in the flash memory.
- **Resart --** re-boots the IPS, making it available for a client connection.

5.2.18.3 Saving Configuration Data in Web Server Interface

The Web Server interface provides the same updating options as Console Mode and Telnet. These are located at the bottom of Web Server page. If a field is changed, you must click **Apply** before leaving that page or the changes will be ignored.

🚈 Server Page - Microsoft II	nternet Explorer			_ 🗆 🗙
File Edit View Favorites Tool	s Help			-
↔ Back ▼ ⇒ → ③ 🖸 🖧 🔍 S	earch 💽 Favorites 🎯 Histor	y 🗳 🕘		
Address 🛃 http://192.168.0.207/			▼ @Go	Links »
	IPS-102			
System	Server name:	IPS-102		
Serial port	User password:	Disable		
Operation mode	IP address:	Disable 192.168.0.207	×	
	Network mask:	255.255.255.0		
	Gateway:	192.168.0.254		
	MAC address:	00:22:E4:EE:EE:E4		
	Link status:	10/Full Duplex		
	Serial number:	01020807000001		
	Firmware version :	3.0 & 08/09/30		
	Server hardware ID:	AP-IPS102-A01		
	Apply Default Rele	oad Reboot		~
Done		li 😵 Ir	nternet	-

Figure 30 The Web Server Configuration

6. Installing Virtual COM Ports

The **Virtual COM Port** feature allows Windows platform software, using standard API calls, to be used in an Ethernet application.

The **Install Virtual COM Port** software adds an IPS (COM#) port to the computer. This shows up in the **Device Manager**. The COM number can be selected from a list of available numbers. For example, in a computer already having a COM1 and COM2, COM3 to COM 254 are available for the IPS. It is recommended that COM Port 5 or higher be selected. The virtual COM port looks like a standard COM port to most Windows based applications which allows the software to open a connection with the serial port located anywhere on the LAN/WAN. When using the virtual COM port the IPS is configured as a TCP or UDP Server.

6.1 Installing Virtual COM Port

Step 1: From the Windows Desktop, click:

Start > All Programs > IPS > Install Virtual COM

The **Search Setup** window will appear.

Step 2: Select the Search all reachable servers check box, and then click OK.

Search setup
Search Specified Server:
IP Address:
Search all reachable servers
OK Cancel

Figure 31 The Search Setup Window

The program searches the LAN for all available IPS. When complete, the **Found Server** window appears and displays a list of the servers that were found.

Found	d Server List					X
	Server name	IP address	Port	Protocol	СОМ	
	IPS-301	192.168.0.206	7000	TCP	Not mapped	
	IPS-102	192.168.0.207	7000	TCP	Not mapped	
	IPS-102	192.168.0.207	7001	TCP	Not mapped	
	<				>	
		Install		ancel		

Figure 32 The Found Server Window

Step 3: Select the IPS at the IP Address to be mapped to a virtual COM port, and then click Install.

General	Configuration D	river		
	Map To:	Сомз	2	•
	Flow Contro	e CRTS/C	TS C Xon/Xo	ff
	Protocol	TCP		
	IP Address:	192.168.0.207		
	Port Number:	4000		

Figure 33 The COMInst Window

The Protocol TCP/UDP, IP Address, and Port Number will mirror the settings of the selected IPS. The default **Flow Control** setting is **None**. RTS/CTS can be selected if used by the application program and serial hardware. The IPS must be set to match.

6.2 Matching the IPS and Virtual COM Port Settings

The settings of the virtual COM ports in the **Device Manager** and the IPS **Configuration Menu** must match. If the settings do not match, the virtual COM ports will not work. If these settings are changed in the **Device Manager**, it will only affect the operation of the virtual COM port. It will not change the settings stored in the IPS. Use the **IPS Administrator** to change the IPS settings.

Step 1: Use Device Manager to view new ports. Confirm the virtual COM ports in the Device Manager.

eneral N	Network Identification Hardw	vare User Profiles Advanced
Hardwa	re Wizard	
*	The Hardware wizard helps unplug, eject, and configure	: you install, uninstall, repair, e your hardware.
		Hardware Wizard
Device	Manager	
	The Device Manager lists a on your computer. Use the properties of any device.	all the hardware devices installed Device Manager to change the
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Figure 34 The System Properties Window

Step 2: Double-click **Ports** to view the list of COM port numbers.

The installed Virtual COM port will be displayed as IPS (COM #).



Figure 35 The Device Manager Window

Step 3: In the Device Manager select the IPS (COM #). Double-click it to bring up the Properties window.

IP Serial (COM3) Properties	? ×
General Configuration Driver	
Map To: COM3 💌	
Flow Control	
None C RTS/CTS C Xon/Xoff	
Protocol: TCP	
IP Address: 192,168,0.1	
Port Number: 4000	
ОК	Cancel

Figure 36 Virtual COM Port Configuration Window

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- **Step 4:** Click the **Configuration** or **Port Settings** tab. This screen allows the settings to be changed if necessary. Click **Cancel** to keep the existing settings.
- Step 5: Click OK to change the settings. Use **Refresh** in the Device Manager if Windows does not auto refresh.

7. Removing Virtual COM Ports

The **IPS Administrator** software **Uninstall Virtual COM Port** feature will remove a mapped COM port in the Device Manager of Windows 2000/2300/ XP/Vista operating systems.

7.1 Removing the Virtual COM port using IPS Administrator

Step 1: From the Windows Desktop, click:

Start > All Programs > IPS > IPS Administrator

Step 2: In the IPS Administrator window, click the Virtual COM Mapping icon.

Highlight the mapped COM port number to be removed.



Figure 37 The IPS Administrator Window

Step 3: Click the Uninstall Virtual COM icon. The Administrator will ask for conformation. Click OK to complete the uninstall procedure.

7.2 Removing the Virtual COM Port using Device Manager

Step 1: From the Windows **Desktop** click:

Start > Settings > Control Panel

- Step 2: Click the System icon.
- Step 3: Click Device Manager in the Systems Properties window. In the Device Manager dialogue click the + next to Ports (COM & LPT) to expand.
- Step 4: Highlight IPS (COM #) to be removed and click the Action tab at the top of window, then click Uninstall. A confirm Device Removal window will appear.



Figure 38 Confirm Device Removal

Step 5: click OK to proceed.

The IPS (**COM** #) will be removed and the Device Manager window will refresh and display the remaining COM ports

8. Upgrading the IPS Firmware

New IPS firmware updates may become available through the website for installation into the server. The firmware can be uploaded using either a virtual COM port connection or hardware COM port connection.

The **IPS Administrator** software can upload new firmware to the server using a direct PC connection via the IPS serial port or using a virtual COM port.

Notes:

- 1. Have a folder to hold the firmware file that will be uploaded to the IPS.
- 2. If connecting directly to a computer serial port, use a null modem cable between the Computer RS-232 port and the IPS serial **port 1**.

8.1.1 Change to Upgrade Mode

- **Step 1:** In the **IPS Administrator, IP Serial Server List** window, double click the server to be upgraded. The **Configurations** window will appear.
- Step 2: If using a direct connection to upload the firmware to the IPS, set the baud rate to 115200 for the fastest possible upload.

Step 3: Set the Serial type field to Upgrade and click the Apply button.

Step 4: Click Yes on the vcomui dialogue to restart the IPS.

8.1.2 Upgrading the Firmware

- **Step 5:** Double-click the **Upgrade Firmware** icon.
- Step 6: In the Upgrade window, click Browse. The Open dialogue box will appear.Locate the folder on your PC that contains the firmware .hex file. Select the file and click Open. The Open dialogue box will disappear.
- **Step 7:** In the **Upgrade** window select the serial port to be used in transferring the firmware.
 - 1. If connected directly from the PC to an IPS port 1 it will typically be COM1 or COM2
 - 2. If using a virtual COM port to upgrade via the network, identify the virtual COM number and address mapped to Port 1 on the IPS.

Step 8: Click Upgrade

Step 9: In the Port Settings window set the Bits per second, Data bits, Parity and Stop bits to the same values as set up in the Configurations window. Click OK.

Port Settings	×
Bits per second:	115200
Data bits:	8
Parity:	None
Stop bits:	1
OK)]Cancel

Figure 39 Te Port Settings Window

Step 10: Upgrade progress will be shown until the message Upgrade finished! is shown. Click OK.

9. Using the Console Mode

Before the IPS is installed on a LAN the **Console** mode can be used to change the settings from the defaults. The IPS is shipped with **Serial type** in **Console** mode. Connect a crossover (null modem) cable between the COM port on the computer and the **serial port 1** on the IPS.

9.1 Entering Console Mode

Enter Console mode via IPS Administrator:

- Enter the IPS Administrator, open the Server Configurations, and set the serial port 1 to 9600 baud and 8-N-1. Set the Serial type to Console.
- 2. Click **Apply** to take effect the settings.

Enter Console mode via Web Page:

- 1. Use Internet Browser to log in Web server.
- 2. Enter the **Serial port** page, set the **Serial type** to **Console**.
- 3. Click **Apply**, and then **Reboot**

9.2 Console Mode Setup

- Step 1: Apply power to the IPS. The power and ready LED will light.
- Step 2: Using a VT100 Terminal emulation program (such HyperTerminal or PuTTY) open the computer COM port connected to the IPS (via an RS-232 crossover / null modem cable).
- **Step 3:** Configure a terminal emulation program with the following settings:
 - Baudrate = 9600
 - Data/stop bits = 8-1
 - Parity = none
 - $\blacksquare \quad Flow control = none$

Click OK

- Step 4: Enter the Console mode via IPS Administrator or Web page.
- **Step 5:** To view the **Configuration Menu**, press the **space bar**. The menu will appear in a second.



Figure 40 The Console Mode Screen in the HyperTerminal Window

Note !!!

Please set the Emulation type to VT100 mode in your Terminal Emulation Program (e.g., HyperTerminal) or simply use PuTTY (select serial mode), so the left-arrow & right-arrow keys can be functioning.

9.2.1 Navigating the Configuration Menus

There are six **Console Mode** pages: **System**, **Network**, **Serial**, **Operation mode**, **Port status**, and **Apply**, and **Help**. **Tab**, **Back Space** and **arrow** keys can be used to highlight the desired item on the screen list. Pressing **Enter** moves the cursor to the first field of the current screen. The configuration fields can be changed by pressing **Enter** and selecting from the list that appears. The **Esc** key moves the cursor back to the screen list. Pressing the **Space Bar** refreshes the page.

Step 6: Once all the changes have been made move to the **Apply** page and **Enter**, select **Apply** and press **Enter**.

🏘 9600 - HyperTerminal		
<u>File Edit View Call Transfer Help</u>		
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<< Page list >>	<pre></pre>	·> •
System Network Social	<pre><hpply> </hpply></pre> <pre></pre> <pr< td=""><td></td></pr<>	
Operation mode Port status Apply	<restart></restart>	
netb	< Apply now? >	
	[Yes] [Cancel]	
Apply settings		
Connected 00:06:51 Auto detect	9600 8-N-1 SCROLL CAPS NUM Capture Print echo	



The restart message will appear.

Step 7: Select Yes to save changes.

10. Using the Web Server

The Web Server can be used to configure the IPS from any web browser software (such as Internet Explorer). Server Configurations can be set up using three browser pages.

10.1 Setting Server Configurations

In Internet Explorer type the IP Address of the IPS into the address field near the top of the window and press the **Enter key**. The **General Setting** window will appear:

Server Page - Microsoft	Internet Explorer		_ 🗆 X
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	Search Meavorites Mension	y 43• 3	
Address 2 http://192.168.0.207/			
	IPS-102		<u></u>
System	Server name:	IPS-102	ļ
Serial port	User password:		
Operation mode	DHCP:	Disable	
operation mode	IP address:	192.168.0.207	
	Network mask:	255.255.255.0	黒
	Gateway:	192.168.0.254]
	MAC address:	00:22:E4:EE:EE:E4	
	Link status:	10/Full Duplex	1
	Serial number:	01020807000001	1
	Firmware version :	3.0 & 08/09/30]
	Server hardware ID:	AP-IPS102-A01]
<	Apply Default Relation	oad Reboot	×
🛃 Done		int	ternet //

Figure 42 The Web Server Page

Navigate and change Configurations as required using the mouse and keyboard.

To change serial port Configurations, click **Serial Port** on the left side of the browser window. The following page will appear:

Address http://192.168.0.207/port.htm	י ∂Go ∫Links »
IPS-102	
System Serial port: 1 Serial port Serial type: RS-485 Operation mode Data/Stop bits: 8-1 Parity: None Parity: Flow control: None Parito Delimiter 1: 00 Hex Force transmit: 0 x100 Inter-byte gap: 0 x100 Connection status: Not connected	(00-ff, 00=disable) (00-ff, 00=disable) ms (0-65535, 0=disable) ms (0-65535, 0=disable)

Figure 43 The Web Server Serial Port Configurations Page

To change other operational Configurations, click **Operation Mode** on the left side of the browser window. The following page will appear:

Address At http://192.168.0.207/operation.htm Serial port Operation mode Serial port: TCP/UDP port: TCP/UDP port: Operation mode Serial timeout: Operation mode Connection at: Power up Max TCP connection: Nemote IP addresses: OUDP Destination UDP IP addresses: Addresses: DUDP Destination UDP IP addresses: Oudp Addresses: DUDP Destination UDP IP addresses: DUDP Destination UDP IP addresses: Addresses: DUDP Destination UDP IP addresses: Addresses: DUDP Destination UDP IP addresses: Addresses: Dudo Dudo Dudo	File Edit View Favor	ites Tools Help	Allinton	R. 2		10
System Serial port: 1 Serial port 7CP/UDP port: 7000 Operation mode © TCP Serial timeout: 0 (0.455335 sec) TCP alive timeout: 0 (0.255 min) TCP mode: Server 0 Max TCP connection: 1 0 Max TCP connection: 1 0 Double 255 255 255 255 255 0 UDP Destination UDP IP addresses: Port: Source UDP IP addresses: 1 0.000 10.000 10.000 10.000 2 0.000 10.000 7000 0.000 10.000 3 0.000 10.000 7000 0.000 10.000 4 0.000 10.000 7000 0.000 10.000 4 0.000 10.000 7000 0.000 10.000	Address Attp://192.16	8.0.207/operation.htm	02		• @Go]Links '
	<u>System</u> <u>Serial port</u> Operation mode	Serial port: TCP/UDP port: TCP Serial timeout: TCP alive timeout: TCP mode: Connection at: Max TCP connection: Remote IP address: UDP Destination UDP IP add 1.00.0.0 to 0.0.1 2.00.0.0 to 0.0.1 3.00.0.0 to 0.0.1 4.00.0.0 to 0.0.1 0.0.1 0.0.0 to 0.0.1 0.0.0 to 0.0.1 0.0 to 0.0.1 0.0 to 0.0.1 0.0.0 to 0.0.1 0.0 to 0	1 ▼ 7000 0 0 0 0 ▼ Power up ▼ 1 ▼ 255.255.255.255 255 0.0 1 0.0 1 0.0 1 0.0 1 0.0 1 0.0 1	(0.65535 sec) (0.255 min) 0.255 min) 0.000 0.0.00 0.0.00 0.0.00 0.0.00 0.0.00 0.0.00 0.0.00 0.0.00 0.0.00	IP addresses: to 0.0.0.0 to 0.0.0.0 to 0.0.0.0 to 0.0.0.0	

Figure 44 The Web Server Operation Page

Click **Apply** to store changes to the IPS. Settings for each Port must be saved separately.

Note:

If you leave any Web Server page without **Apply** (saving), any changes you have made in this page will be ignored.

11. Using the Telnet

A Telnet client can be used to configure the IPS from the LAN. The Telnet window displays the same configuration information shown in Console Mode and allows Server Configurations to be configured. Basically, the configuration interface of Console mode and Telnet are the same. Except that Telnet is remote login to operate.

11.1 Telnet Login

- **Step 1:** Ensure the PC and the IPS are connected to the LAN.
- Step 2: Apply power to the IPS. The power and ready LED will light.
- **Step 3:** From the **Desktop**, click **Start**, and then **Run**. The Run dialogue box will open.
- Step 4: Type in Telnet and the IP address of the IPS to be configured, and then click OK.
- Step 5: The Telnet window will open and the Server screen will appear. (Note: the server must not in Console mode)

Note:

The IPS must be in RS-232, RS-422 or RS-485 mode, **shall not in Console mode**, before you can Telnet to it and access the configuration screens.

11.2 Navigating the Configuration Menu

There are six **Console Mode** pages: **System**, **Network**, **Serial**, **Operation mode**, **Port status**, and **Apply**, and **Help**. **Tab**, **Back Space** and **arrow** keys can be used to highlight the desired item on the screen list. Pressing **Enter** moves the cursor to the first field of the current screen. The configuration fields can be changed by pressing **Enter** and selecting from the list that appears. The **Esc** key moves the cursor back to the screen list. Pressing the **Space Bar** refreshes the page.

Step 6: Once all the changes have been made move to the Apply page and Enter, select Apply and press Enter.

🕶 Telnet 192.168.0.207				- 🗆 X
<< Page list >	> <<	Properties	>>	
******	* * <u>*******</u> **	***********************	*******	
System	<apply></apply>			
Network	<default></default>			
Serial	<reload></reload>			
Operation mode	<restart></restart>			
Port status				
Apply				
Help				
	< Apply	now? >		
	[Vee]	[(2000]]		
	LIESJ	LGancell		
Apply settings				

Figure 45 Saving and Restarting the Configuration

The restart message will appear.

Step 7: Select **Yes** to save changes.

12. Technical Data

12.1 Feature List

Feature	Specification	IPS-101 IPS-102	IPS-201 IPS-202
		IPS-106	IPS-204
	DB-9M connector		
	RS-232 mode		
	RS-422 mode		
	RS-485H mode		
	RS-485F mode		
Serial Interface	Current Loop	IPS-106	-
oenar internace	Baudrate (110 to 230.4Kbps, 5787bps, 165250bps)		
	Biasing Resistors on receiving lies		
	Termination resistors & dipswitches	-	IPS-204
	Flow Control (None, RTS/CTS, Xon/Xoff)		
	Data Packing Delimiters		
	Forced Transmit , Inter-byte Gap		
LAN Interface	Dual LAN port (built-in Ethernet switch), IEEE802.3,	_	_
LAN Internace	10/100BaseT, Auto-detect	-	•
	TCP Server, TCP Client, or UDP	-	
	Straight IP mode		
Communication	Paired Mode		
Types	Virtual COM mode (Virtual COM drivers for Windows	_	_
Types	2000/2003/XP/Vista)	-	-
	Linux/Unix Virtual TTY driver **		
	WinSock Lib. API		
Protocols	TCP, UDP, IP, ARP, ICMP, HTTP, Telnet, DHCP		
110100013	UDP Multicast		
	Client requests connection at Power up or Data arrival		
Protocols Pelative	TCP Inactivity Timeout		
Function	Serial Inactivity Timeout		
T direction	Multiple TCP Client Connections (8 per port)		
	TCP Probe function		
	Console, Telnet, Web pages		
Management	Remote Administrator		
Management	Firmware upgrade		
	Import/Export Configurations file		
Security	Password Access		
Security	IP Address Filtering		
Power & Environment	DC Input (Power Jack)	12 VDC	12-48VDC for IPS-204, wire-lead power adapter for other models
	DC Input (Terminal Block)	-	12 ~ 48 VDC
	Operating Temperature (0 to 55 °C)	-	
	Wide Operating Temperature (-45 to 75 °C)	("-T" version)	("-T" version)
Certifications	CE, FCC		
	Rugged IP30 Metal Case	-	•
	DIN rail mount, Panel mount, or Desktop	-	-
Mechanical		107 x 115 x 23	107 x 115 x 23
	Dimensions(mm)	107 x 115 x 23	107 x 115 x 23
		107 x 185 x 29	121 x 185 x 23

12.2 Default Settings

The l	PS	Default	Settings	are	as	follows:
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Model Name:	xxxxxxx (the model detected)			
Server Name:	IPS			
Serial Number:	xxxxxxxxx(printed on bottom of the unit)			
Password:	(No Password)			
DHCP:	Disable			
IP Address:	192.168.0.1			
Net Mask:	255.255.255.0			
Gateway:	192.168.0.254			
MAC Address:	xx:xx:xx (printed on bottom of the unit)			
FW Version:	current firmware version number & date			
Baud Rate:	9600			
Data/Stop bits:	8-1			
Parity:	None			
Flow Control:	None			
TCP/UDP Protocol:	TCP			
Serial timeout:	0 second			
TCP alive timeout:	0 minute			
TCP Mode:	Server			
Delimiter Hex 1:	00			
Delimiter Hex 2:	00			
Force Transmit:	0 ms			
Inter-Byte Gap:	0 ms			
TCP/UDP port:	Port 1: 7000			
	Port 2: 7001			
	Port 3: 7002			
	Port 4: 7003			
Serial Type:	Console for Port 1, RS-232 for other ports			
Max connection:	1			
Remote IP Address:	255.255.255.255			

Appendix A: Well-Known TCP/UDP Port Numbers

Port numbers are divided into three ranges: Well Known Ports, Registered Ports, and Dynamic and/or Private Ports. Well Known Ports are those from 0 through 1023. Registered Ports are those from 1024 through 49151. Dynamic and/or Private Ports are those from 49152 through 65535.

Well Known Ports are assigned by IANA, and on most systems, can only be used by system processes or by programs executed by privileged users. Table below shows some of the well-known port numbers. For more details, please visit the IANA website:

Port Number	Protocol	TCP/UDP
21	FTP (File Transfer Protocol)	ТСР
22	SSH (Secure Shell)	ТСР
23	Telnet	ТСР
25	SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol)	ТСР
37	Time	TCP, UCP
39	RLP (Resource Location Protocol)	UDP
49	TACACS, TACACS+	UDP
53	DNS	UDP
67	BOOTP server	UDP
68	BOOTP client	UDP
69	TFTP	UDP
70	Gopher	ТСР
79	Finger	ТСР
80	HTTP	ТСР
110	POP3	ТСР
119	NNTP (Network News Transfer Protocol)	ТСР
161/162	SNMP	UDP
443	HTTPS	ТСР

http://www.iana.org/assignments/port-numbers

Notice !!!

Please reserve the following port numbers for the IPS operation – **6400**, **6660**, **6666**, **and 6669**. Your attached firewall device shall not block the reserved port numbers mentioned above and <the port numbers specified in **TCP/UDP port** in **Configurations** window>.

Appendix B: Serial Port Pin-outs

	Pin	RS-232	RS-422	RS-485 full-duplex	RS-485 half-duplex
DB-9 Male	1	DCD	RXDA (-)	RXDA (-)	DATA A (-)
outside	2	RXD	RXDB (+)	RXDB (+)	DATA B (+)
	3	TXD	TXDB (+)	TXDB (+)	
\circ	4	DTR	TXDA (-)	TXDA (-)	
6789	5	GND	GND	GND	GND
	6	DSR	CTSA (-)		
	7	RTS	CTSB (+)		
	8	CTS	RTSB (+)		
	9	RI	RTSA (-)		

DB-9M Pinouts

Terminal Block Pinouts

#1→	Pin	RS-232	RS-422/485 full-duplex	RS-485 half-duplex
	1	CTS	RXDA (-)	DATA A (-)
	2	RXD	RXDB (+)	DATA B (+)
	3	TXD	TXDB (+)	
	4	RTS	TXDA (-)	
	5	GND		

Note:

Some RS-485 devices are marked opposite the RS-485 standard, which defines the Data B line as positive relative to Data A during a Mark state before enabling the transmitter, and after transmitting before tri-stating. If an RS-485 device does not respond, try swapping the Data B and Data A lines



Figure 46 2-wire RS-485 Connection

Appendix C: Ethernet Cable Pin-outs





Appendix D: Regulation Information

Regulation Information

FCC

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a commercial installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential environment may cause harmful interference.

CE

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the CE regulations of Class A.

RoHS

All contents of this package, including products, packing materials and documentation comply with RoHS.

