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1. Introduction

The Atop GW21E Ethernet-Serial Server is a gateway between Ethernet (TCP/IP) and RS-232/RS-485 communications. The information transmitted by GW21E is transparent to both host computers (Ethernet) and devices (RS-232/RS-485). Data coming from the Ethernet (TCP/IP) is sent to the designated RS-232/RS-485 port and data being received from RS-232/RS-485 port is sent to the Ethernet (TCP/IP) transparently.

In the computer integration manufacturing or industrial automation area, the Atop GW21E Ethernet-Serial Server is used for field devices to direct connect to Ethernet network. Terminal Server (main control program run in GW21E) transforms whatever data received from RS-232/RS-485 to TCP/UDP port then connect devices to the Ethernet network via a single application program or multiple application programs.

Many control devices provide the ability to communicate with hosts through RS-232/RS-485 however RS-232/RS-485 serial communication has its limitations. For one, it is hard to transfer data through a long distance. With Atop GW21E, it is possible to communicate with a remote device in the Intranet environment or even in the Internet and thus, increases the communication distance dramatically.

GW21E from Atop Technologies Inc. offers one RS-232/ RS-485 port, one RJ45 Ethernet and Watch-Dog Timer etc.

1.1 Packaging

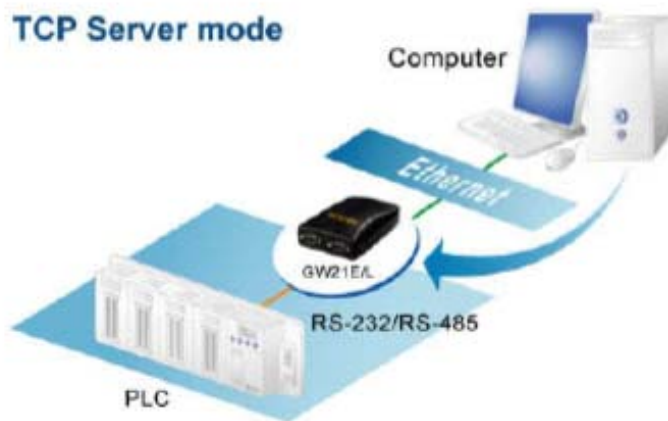
Atop Ethernet-Serial Server x 1

Atop Ethernet-Serial Server quick start guide x 1

Power adapter (AC 110V or 230V to DC 12V) x 1

Product CD containing configuration utility and sample programs x 1

1. 2 Application Connectivity



UDP mode



Tunneling mode



2. Installation

- Prepare necessary cables, hub, power cord and RS232/RS485 connector.
- Connect GW21E to Ethernet network via hub/switch or direct connect to host computer through cross over cable.
- Connect a serial device to a serial port of GW21E, make sure the right connection of either RS-232 or RS-485.
- Plug in DC12V, the RUN LED will blink if GW21E functions normally. Please refer to Appendix A.4 to see all of LED messages.
- Use **monitor.exe** configuration utility in the product CD or diskette to diagnose GW21E. If it starts up successfully, you are able to find the IP and MAC addresses of GW21E. You can change the network parameters of GW21E to join your LAN by changing its IP address, gateway IP address and subnet mask.

2.1 Configuration

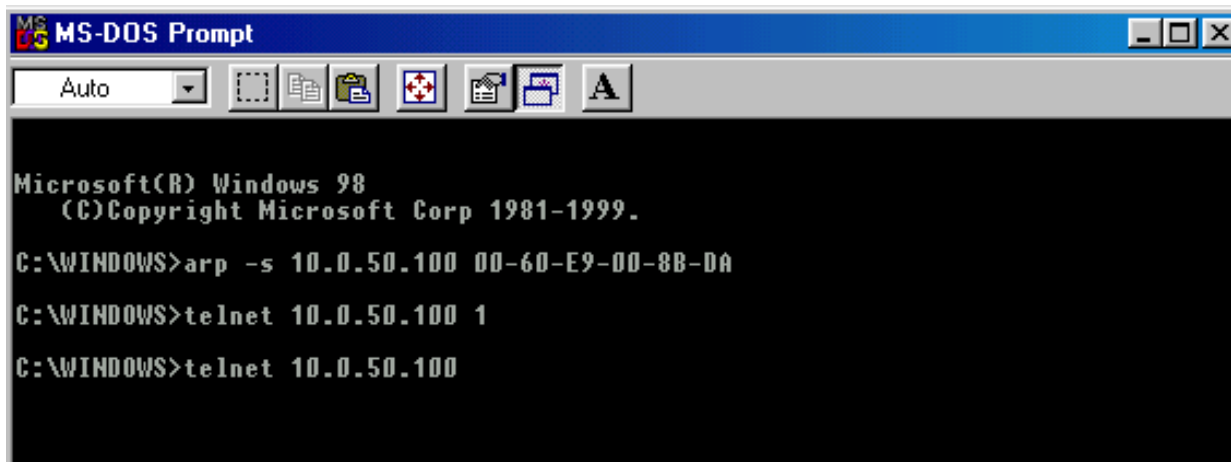
Atop GW21E Ethernet-Serial Server is shipped with default settings shown in the following table:

| Property | Default Value |
|---------------------|---|
| IP Address | 10.0.50.100 |
| Gateway | 10.0.0.254 |
| Subnet Mask | 255.255.0.0 |
| User Name | Admin |
| Password | Null |
| COM 1 | 9600,None,8,1,No flow control |
| Link 1 | Type: TCP Server, Listen port 4660 Filter=0.0.0.0 |
| SysName of SNMP | NAME |
| Syslocation of SNMP | LOCATE |
| SysContact of SNMP | SYSOP |

Note: Atop provides a default button to restore system settings including IP address, gateway IP address and subnet mask etc. to the defaults. Press and hold the default button for 5 seconds till the server reboots.

2.2 Assigning a new IP Address by ARP command

ARP -s is used to assign a static IP address of GW21E and add this static entries to the ARP cache of the computer, when TCP/IP packet with destination port number 1 is sent to GW21E, it causes the device to check its MAC address with IP address, once GW21E finds those two unmatched, it will reboot and change to the new IP address which was set by ARP -s command. The following example uses ARP to assign a static IP address of GW21E using its MAC address printed on the label of the rear panel, then use Telnet to send the TCP/IP packet with destination port number 1 to GW21E, after GW21E reboots it will change its IP address to the new one.

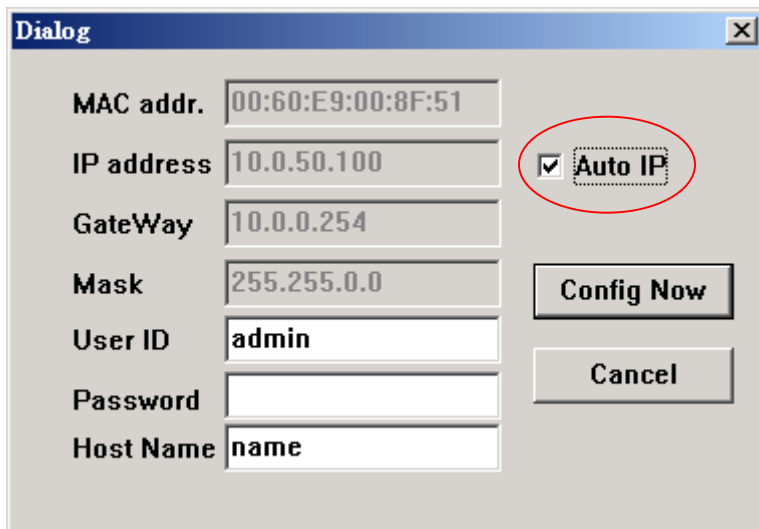


Notes:

1. Arp command can only be used to set a static IP address of GW21E using system default user name admin and default password null.
2. Only TCP/IP packet with destination port number 1 will lead GW21E to reboot and change the IP address.
3. About the illegal IP:
 - For IP class A, the IP is XXX.255.255.255
 - For IP class B, the IP is XXX.XXX.255.255
 - For IP class C, the IP is XX.XXX.XXX.255
 - For IP class D, any IP

2.3 Auto IP

A DHCP server automatically assigns the IP address and network settings. GW21E supports DHCP. It will supply for the unit with an IP address gateway address, and subnet mask. You may use **Monitor.exe** software to search network information automatically by putting a check on **Auto IP** on Dialog window.



| | |
|------------|-------------------|
| MAC addr. | 00:60:E9:00:8F:51 |
| IP address | 10.0.50.100 |
| GateWay | 10.0.0.254 |
| Mask | 255.255.0.0 |
| User ID | admin |
| Password | |
| Host Name | name |

Auto IP

Config Now

Cancel

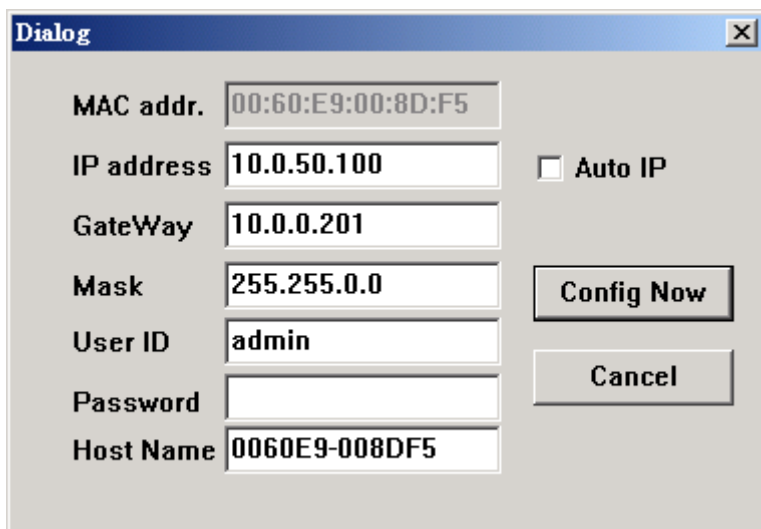
2.4 TCP/IP Port Number

Port number 4660 is default of GW21E and is associated with serial port COM1 respectively. After your application program connects to the TCP port 4660 of GW21E, data being sent to this TCP connection from your application program are transparent to the COM1 of GW21E. Vice versa is also true.

3. Software Configuration

3.1 Configuration set by monitor.exe utility

Use **monitor.exe** that comes with the product CD or diskette to configure the network parameters of GW21E. As you can see from the following picture, you can change IP address, gateway IP address, subnet mask, user ID and password of GW21E from the utility. For more details of the utility please refer to Appendix-D Configuration Utility.



3.2 Configuration set by Telnet utility

You can use Telnet utility to change configuration settings of GW21E. To do so, please do the following.

Log in to the system

Telnet to GW21E using command "**Telnet IP_address**".

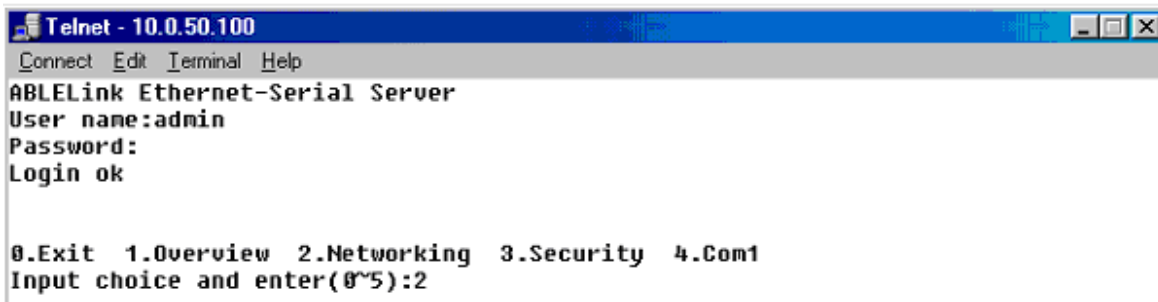
For example Telnet 10.0.50.100

1. After telnet to GW21E, system prompts for a password, the default password is null.



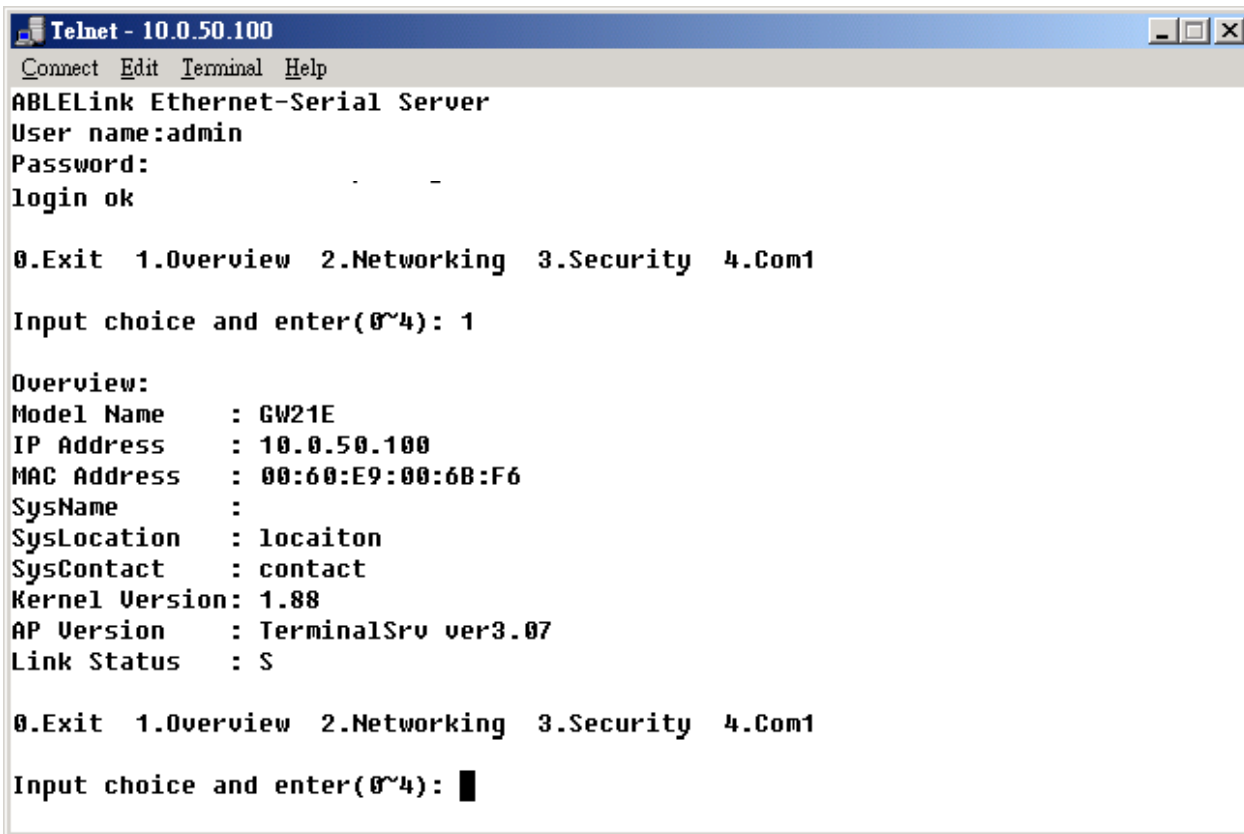
Note: You can press the default button of GW21E to reset the password to the default value.

2. After verifying the password, the following terminal screen appears.



NOTE:

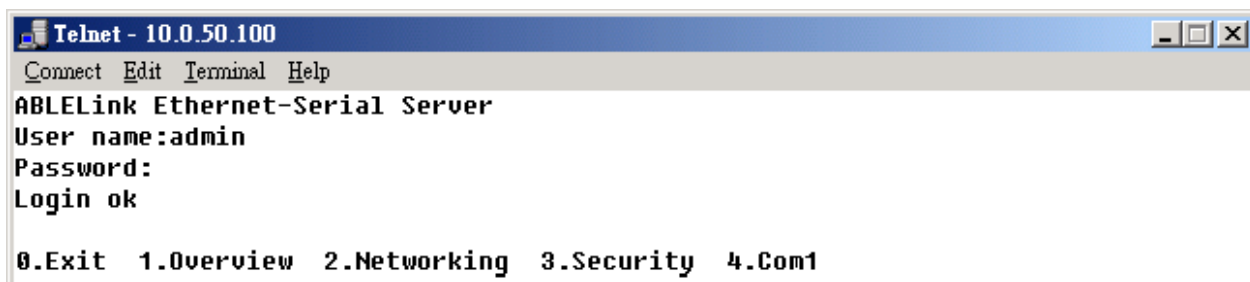
- 1. If GW21E does not receive any command within 1 minute, Telnet will be terminated automatically.
- 2. The changes of networking parameters will take effect only when you exit and restart GW21E.
- 3. Select “1” from “Input choice and enter (0~4):” to enter overview page as following:



This page gives you the general information of GW2E including IP and MAC address, SNMP information, kernel and AP version, and connection status of the device.

Networking

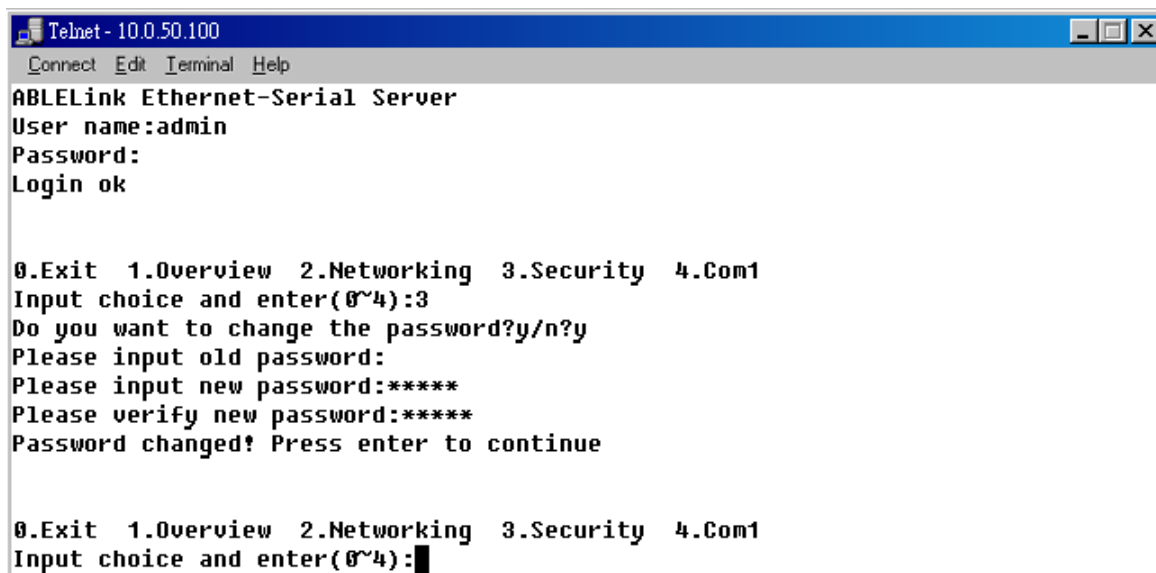
Select “2” from “Input choice and enter (0~4):” to enter Networking page as following:



This page allows you to change network settings of the device including IP address, subnet mask, gateway IP address and SNMP information of GW21E. Please notice that any setting change made on this page won't take effect until you restart the device.

Change the password

1. Select "3" from "Input choice and enter (0~4):" the following screen appears.



2. If you want to change the password, please type the old password in the "Please input old password" field, type the new password in the "Please input new password" and the "Please verify new password" fields.

Note: You can press the default button of product to reset password to the default value.

COM1 Setup

Select "4" from "Input choice and enter (0~4):" the following screen appears:

```
Telnet - 10.0.50.100
Connect Edit Terminal Help
ABLELink Ethernet-Serial Server
User name:admin
Password:
Login ok

0.Exit 1.Overview 2.Networking 3.Security 4.Com1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1. Link Mode (TCP Server/Virtual Com Disabled/Pair Connection Disabled/Filter d
isabled/4660 )
2. COM Port (/RS-232/115200,None,8,1/None)
3. Keep Serial Buffer's Data While Connecting(Disable)
4. Packet Delimiter (2 ms)

Input choice and enter(1~4): 2
```

The page gives you the opportunity to configure parameters of COM1 setting which include COM1 working mode, port parameters, enabling or disabling serial buffer's data and setting packet delimiter.

LINK1 Setup

Type 1 from "Input choice and enter (1~4):" of COM1, the following screen appears. Configure GW21E as TCP server and the local port is 4660. IP filter is disabled by default, if IP filter is enabled, only source IP 10.0.0.154 can connect to GW21E.

Note: IP filtering function is disabled if setting FILTER_IP to "0.0.0.0".

```
Telnet - 10.0.50.100
Connect Edit Terminal Help
0.Exit 1.Overview 2.Networking 3.Security 4.Com1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1. Link Mode (TCP Server/Virtual Com Disabled/Pair Connection Disabled/Filter d
disabled/4660 )
2. COM Port (/RS-232/115200,None,8,1/None)
3. Keep Serial Buffer's Data While Connecting(Disable)
4. Packet Delimiter (2 ms)

Input choice and enter(1~4): 1
Link mode
1.TCP server
2.TCP client
3.UDP
4.Virtual Com(Disabled)
5.Pair Connection(Disabled)

Input choice (1 ~ 5) and enter: 1
TCP server
Please input local port:4660
Do you want to enable IP filter?Y/N?y
Please input FILTER_IP:10.0.0.154
mode changed! Press enter to continue
```

Configure GW21E as TCP client, the destination IP is 10.0.29.123, destination port is 666.


```
Telnet - 10.0.50.100
Connect Edit Terminal Help
ABLELink Ethernet-Serial Server
User name:admin
Password:
Login ok

0.Exit 1.Overview 2.Networking 3.Security 4.Com1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1. Link Mode (TCP Server/Virtual Com Disabled/Pair Connection Disabled/Filter 1
0.0.0.154/4660 )
2. COM Port (/RS-232/115200,None,8,1/None)
3. Keep Serial Buffer's Data While Connecting(Disable)
4. Packet Delimiter (2 ms)

Input choice and enter(1~4): 1
Link mode
1.TCP server
2.TCP client
3.UDP
4.Virtual Com(Disabled)
5.Pair Connection(Disabled)

Input choice (1 ~ 5) and enter: 2
TCP client
Please input destination IP:10.0.29.123
Please input destination port:666
mode changed! Press enter to continue
```

Configure GW21E as UDP client, the local port is 4660, the destination IP is 10.0.29.254, destination port is 666.

```
Telnet - 10.0.50.100
Connect Edit Terminal Help
ABLELink Ethernet-Serial Server
User name:admin
Password:
Login ok

0.Exit 1.Overview 2.Networking 3.Security 4.Com1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1. Link Mode (TCP Client/Virtual Com Disabled/Pair Connection Disabled/Remote 1
0.0.29.123/666)
2. COM Port (/RS-232/115200,None,8,1/None)
3. Keep Serial Buffer's Data While Connecting(Disable)
4. Packet Delimiter (2 ms)

Input choice and enter(1~4): 1
Link mode
1.TCP server
2.TCP client
3.UDP
4.Virtual Com(Disabled)
5.Pair Connection(Disabled)

Input choice (1 ~ 5) and enter: 3
UDP
Please input local port:4660
Please input destination IP:10.0.29.254
Please input destination port:666
mode changed! Press enter to continue
```

COM port setting

Type 2 from "Input choice and enter (1~4):" of COM1, the following screen appears, you can then give the COM port alias name, set the baud rate and parity, determine number of data bit and stop bit, and decide if you want to use flow control and the type of flow control you want to use.

```
Telnet - 10.0.50.100
Connect Edit Terminal Help
Password:
Login ok

0.Exit 1.Overview 2.Networking 3.Security 4.Com1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1. Link Mode (TCP Server/Virtual Com Enabled/Pair Connection Disabled/Filter disabled/4660 )
2. COM Port (/RS-232/57600,None,8,1/None)
3. Keep Serial Buffer's Data While Connecting(Enable)
4. Packet Delimiter (2 ms)

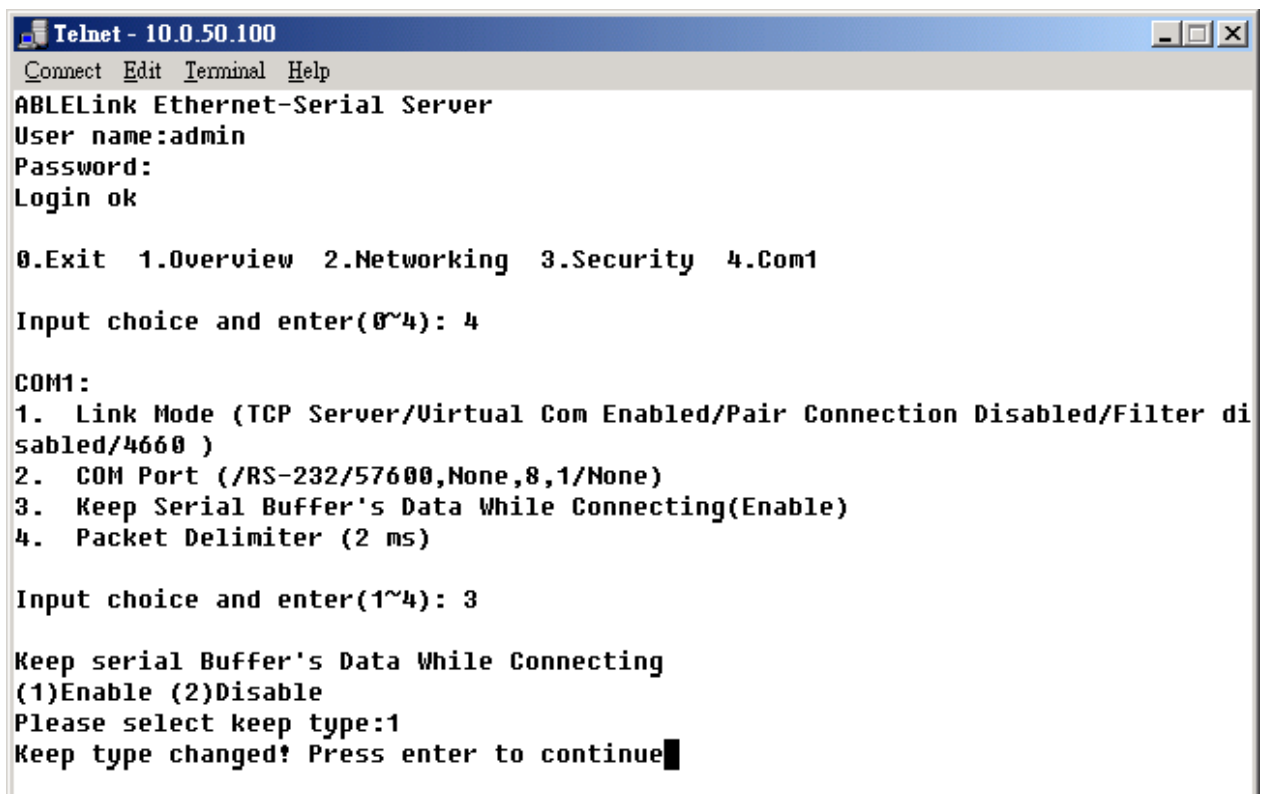
Input choice and enter(1~4): 2

COM Port: RS-232
1. Alias name():
2. Baud rate(57600):
3. Parity(None):
4. Data bit(8):
5. Stop bit(1):
6. Flow control(None):

Input choice and enter(1~6): █
```

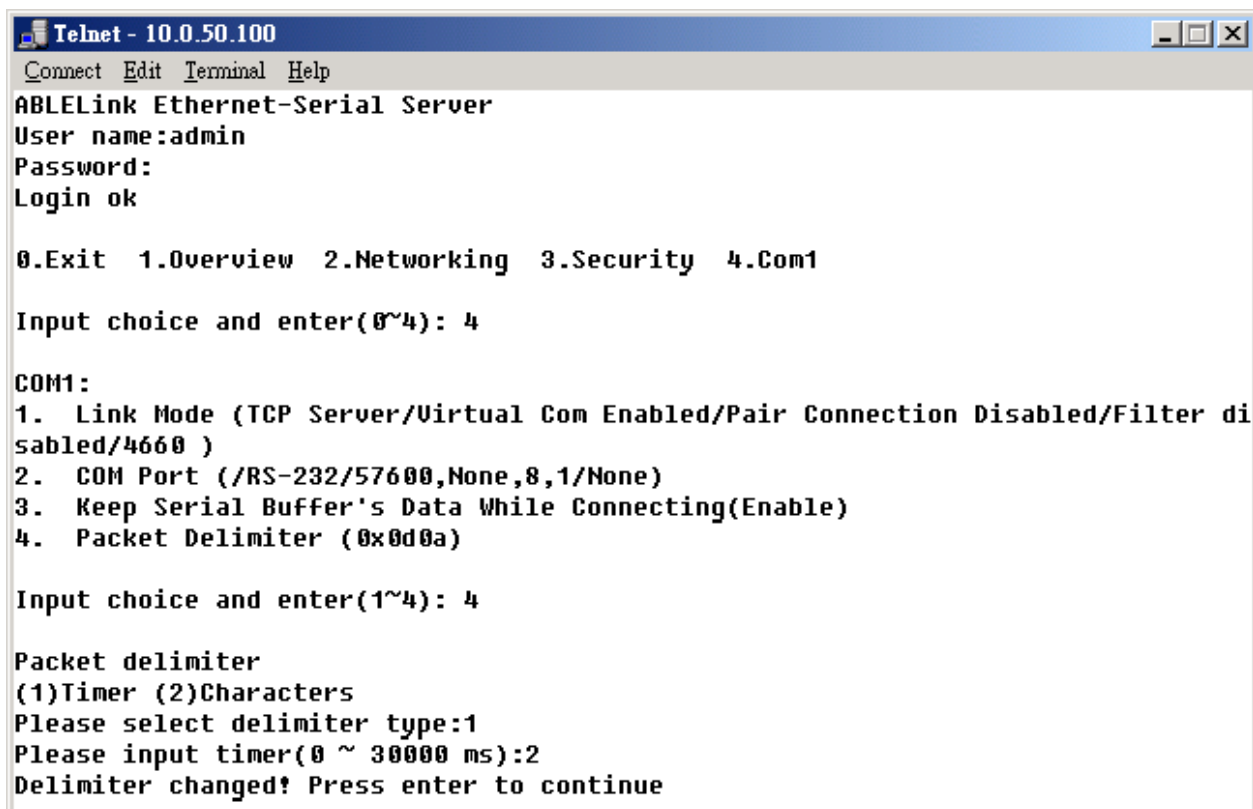
Enabling serial data buffer

Type 3 from “Input choice and enter (1~4):” of COM1, by default COM port serial data buffer is enabled meaning that when TCP/IP Ethernet connection is broken, serial data collected from serial device will be kept in GW21E, once TCP/IP connection is resumed, the serial data will be sent through Ethernet connection, you can disable it if you wish.

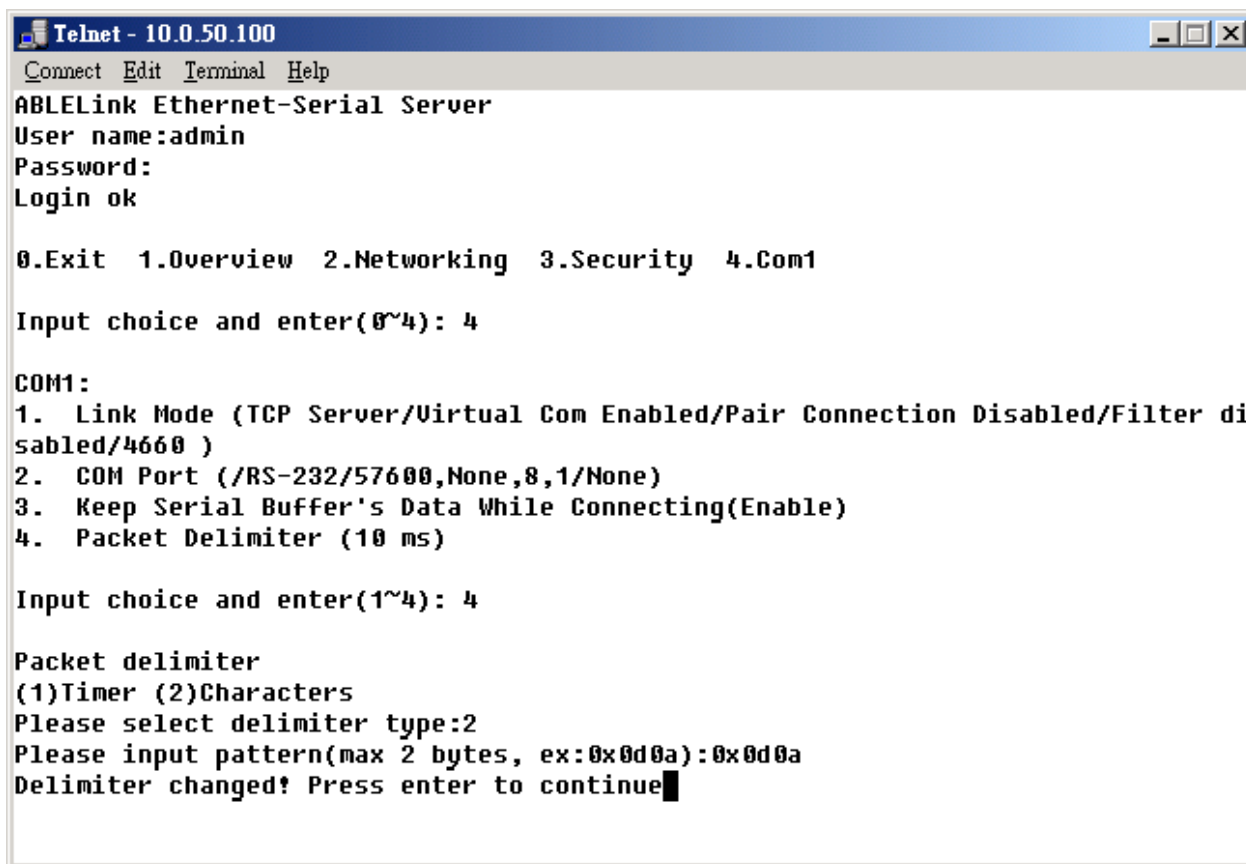


Setting packet delimiter

Packet delimiter is a way of controlling packets within serial communication. It can prevent packets from being cut thus keep the packets complete. GW21E provides two ways of parameter setting as inter character timer and terminator. By default packet delimiter timer is 1 ms, you can change timer shown in the following figure:

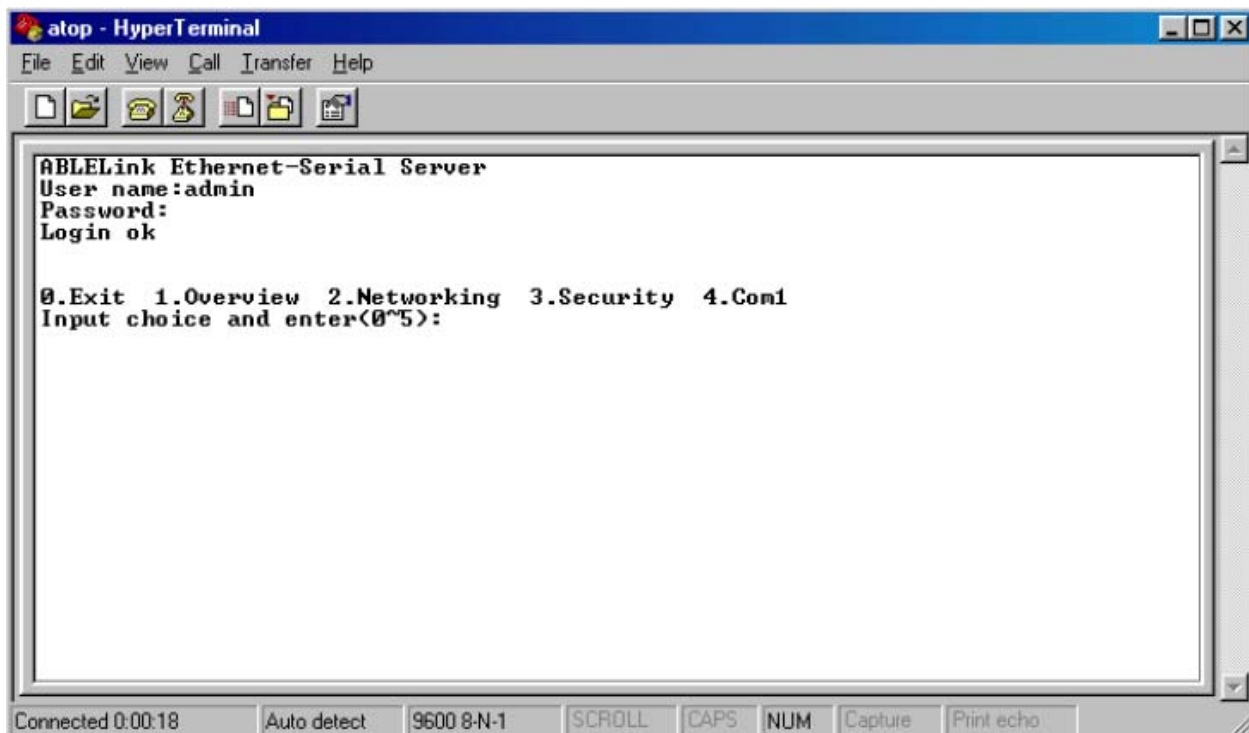


You can also choose character pattern as the packet delimiter indicated in the following figure:



3.3 Configuration set by Hyper Terminal console utility

1. Use a PC to connect to GW21E's COM1 with RS-232 cross over cable.
(Please make sure COM1 is RS-232 type)
2. Open a hyper terminal program from your computer Start menu -> Programs -> Accessories -> Communication -> hyper terminal, set COM1 parameters as follows.
 - Baud rate: 9600bps
 - Data bit: 8 bits
 - Parity: None
 - Stop bit: 1bit
 - Flow control: None
3. Power on GW21E
4. Wait the device finishing the initialize (Listen to the beeper sound).
Send the character 'Z' or 'z' three times within two seconds.
5. Once Hyper Terminal is connected, type in username and password then the following Hyper Terminal window appears,



1. The following configuration operations are totally the same as those by Telnet.
2. After finishing console settings, power off GW21E, put SW1 and SW2 back to the previous setting.

3.4 Configuration set by web browser

It is also possible to modify various settings through the web server interface. To do so, please follow the steps below.

Log in to the system

1. From web browser, type in the IP address of GW21E in the URL.

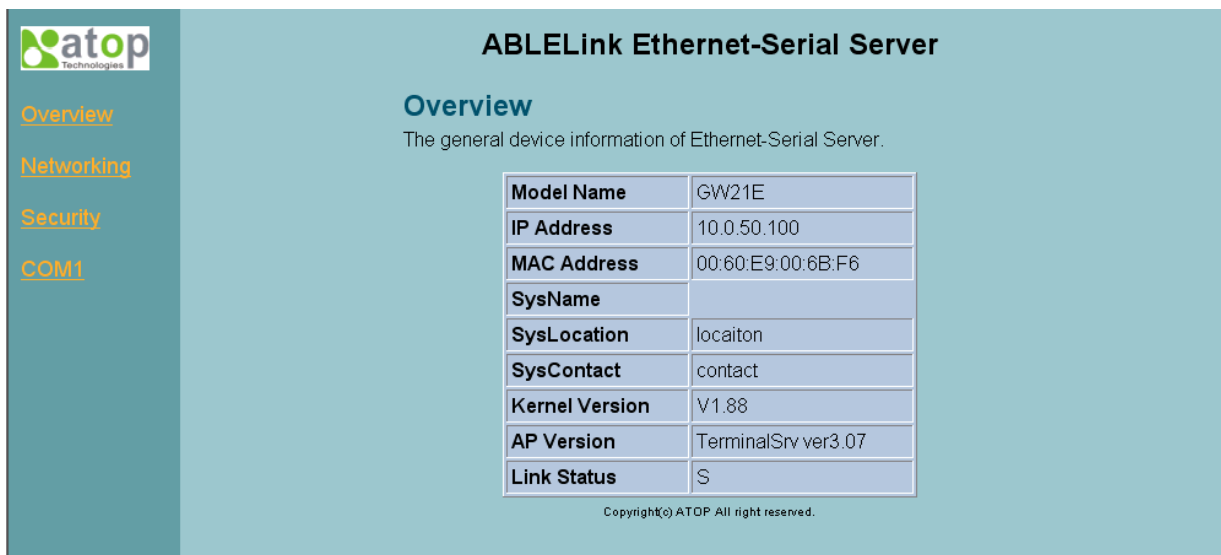
Example: <http://10.0.50.100>

2. The following authentication screen appears. Please type in user name and password then click on OK. The user name is admin and password is null by default.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Enter Network Password" with a blue header bar containing a help icon and a close button. The main area is light gray and contains a key icon on the left. The text "Please type your user name and password." is displayed. Below this, the "Site:" field is set to "10.0.50.100" and the "Realm:" field is set to "NeedPassword". The "User Name:" field contains the text "admin". The "Password:" field is empty. At the bottom left, there is a checkbox labeled "Save this password in your password list" which is currently unchecked. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

3. The following overview page appears.



The screenshot shows the "ABLELink Ethernet-Serial Server" overview page. On the left is a teal sidebar with the "atop Technologies" logo and a menu with items: "Overview" (highlighted in orange), "Networking", "Security", and "COM1". The main content area has a teal header with the title "ABLELink Ethernet-Serial Server" and a sub-header "Overview". Below the sub-header is the text "The general device information of Ethernet-Serial Server." and a table with the following data:

| | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Model Name | GW21E |
| IP Address | 10.0.50.100 |
| MAC Address | 00:60:E9:00:6B:F6 |
| SysName | |
| SysLocation | locaiton |
| SysContact | contact |
| Kernel Version | V1.88 |
| AP Version | TerminalSrv ver3.07 |
| Link Status | S |

At the bottom of the table area, there is a small copyright notice: "Copyright(c) ATOP All right reserved."

Change the password

1. Click on the “Security” link and the following screen appears.



ABLELink Ethernet-Serial Server

Security

The default password is null, you can change the password by filling in the new password to New Password and Verified Password fields, be aware that password is case sensitive.

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Old Password | ***** |
| New Password | ***** |
| Verified Password | ***** |

Save Configuration

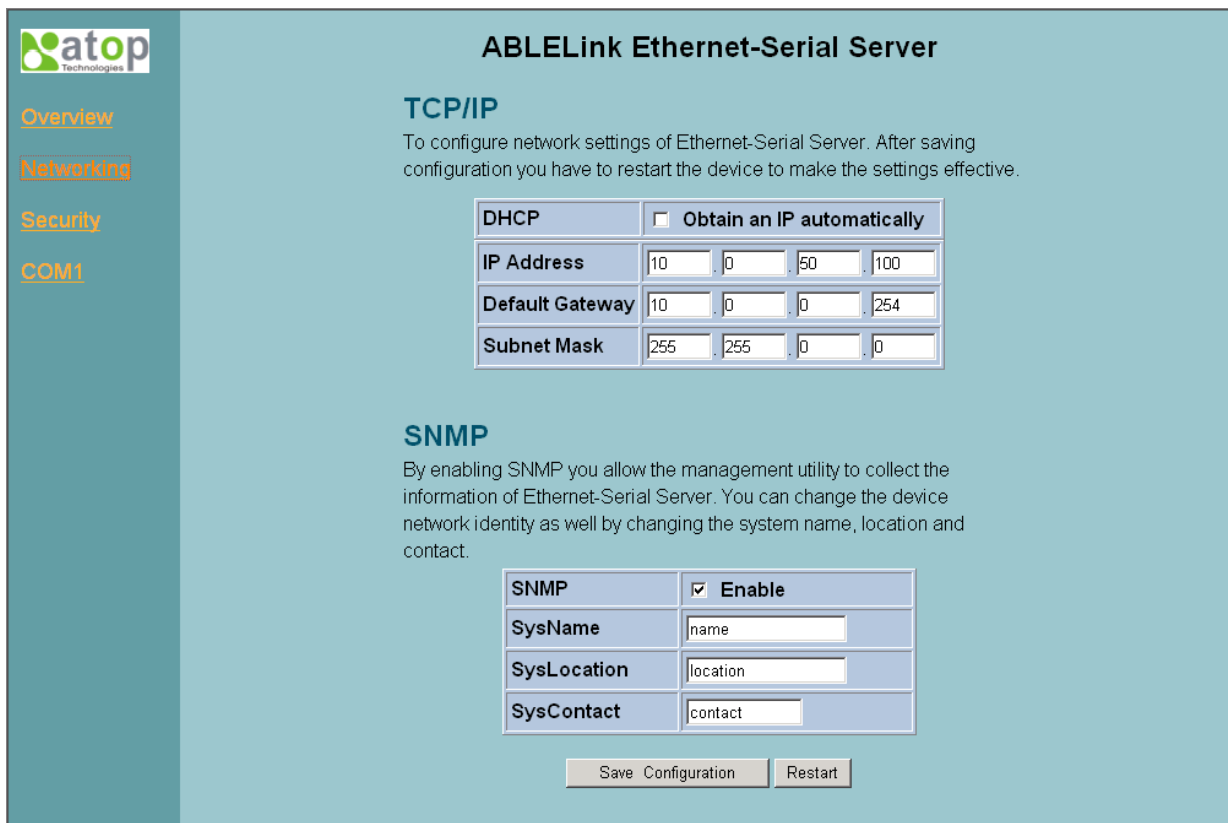
2. Please input the old password in the “Old Password” field, input the new password in the “New Password” and the “Verified Password” fields, and then click on “Save Configuration” to update the password.

Note: You can press the default button of product to reset password to the default value.

Network setup

Click on the “Networking” link and the following screen appears. Fill in IP information under TCP/IP field. Alternatively, you can do the configuration by clicking on DHCP to obtain auto IP address, gateway and subnet mask information.

Enable SNMP by checking “Enable”, fill in network identification information under SNMP field and click on the “Save Configuration” button to save the changes, please notice that the setting will not become effective until you restart GW21E.



The screenshot shows the configuration interface for the ABLELink Ethernet-Serial Server. On the left is a navigation menu with links for Overview, Networking, Security, and COM1. The main content area is titled 'ABLELink Ethernet-Serial Server' and is divided into two sections: 'TCP/IP' and 'SNMP'. The 'TCP/IP' section includes a DHCP checkbox (unchecked) and a table for IP Address, Default Gateway, and Subnet Mask. The 'SNMP' section includes an 'Enable' checkbox (checked) and input fields for SysName, SysLocation, and SysContact. At the bottom are 'Save Configuration' and 'Restart' buttons.

| DHCP | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Obtain an IP automatically |

| TCP/IP | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| IP Address | 10 . 0 . 50 . 100 |
| Default Gateway | 10 . 0 . 0 . 254 |
| Subnet Mask | 255 . 255 . 0 . 0 |

| SNMP | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Enable |
| SysName | name |
| SysLocation | location |
| SysContact | contact |

Save Configuration Restart

C

COM1 Setup

Click on the “COM1” link and the following screen appears. Fill in COM1 parameter information under COM1 field then click on “Save Configuration” button to save the changes.



ABLELink Ethernet-Serial Server

LINK1
To choose specific working mode for COM port.

TCP Server TCP Client UDP

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Virtual COM | <input type="checkbox"/> Enable |
| Pair Connection | <input type="checkbox"/> Enable |
| Mitsubishi A-Series PLC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable |

| | |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| Local Port | 4660 |
| IP Filter | <input type="checkbox"/> Enable |
| Source IP | 10.0.29.254 |

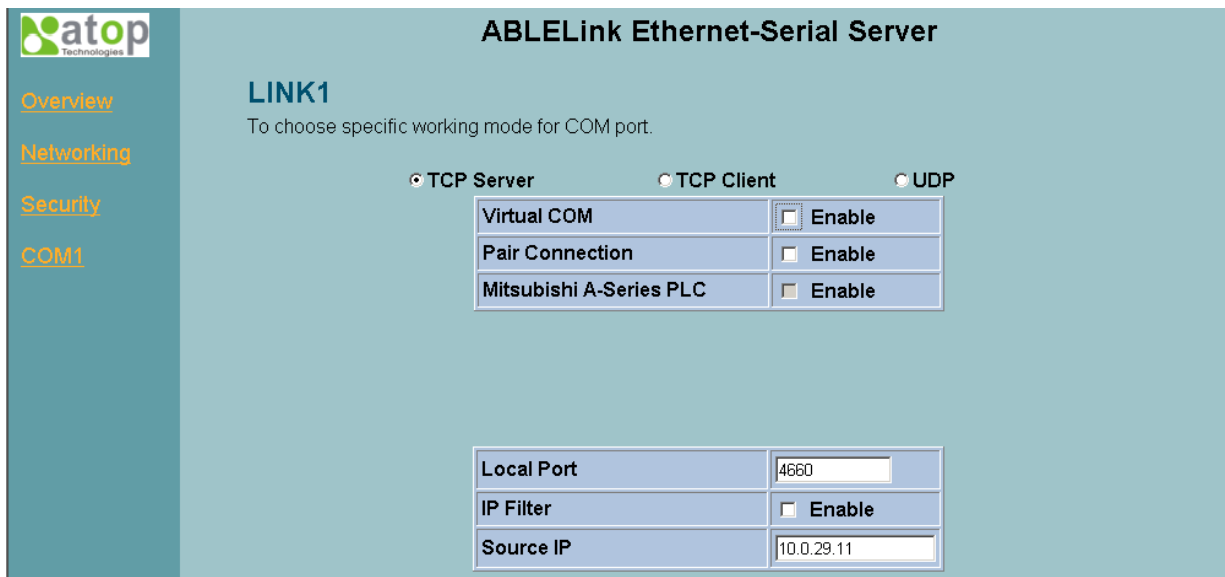
COM1
To configure COM port parameters.

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Serial Interface | RS-232 |
| Alias Name | |
| Baud Rate | 9600 |
| Parity | <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Odd <input type="radio"/> Even <input type="radio"/> Mark <input type="radio"/> Space |
| Data Bits | <input type="radio"/> 7 bits <input checked="" type="radio"/> 8 bits |
| Stop Bits | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 bit <input type="radio"/> 2 bits |
| Flow Control | <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> RTS/CTS <input type="radio"/> DTR/DSR <input type="radio"/> Xon/Xoff |
| Keep Buffer While Connecting | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Enable <input type="radio"/> Disable |
| Packet Delimiter | <input type="radio"/> Timer <input type="text"/> (0~30000 msec) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Characters 0x0d0a ("0x"+ASCII Code, Ex. 0x0d or 0x0d0a) |

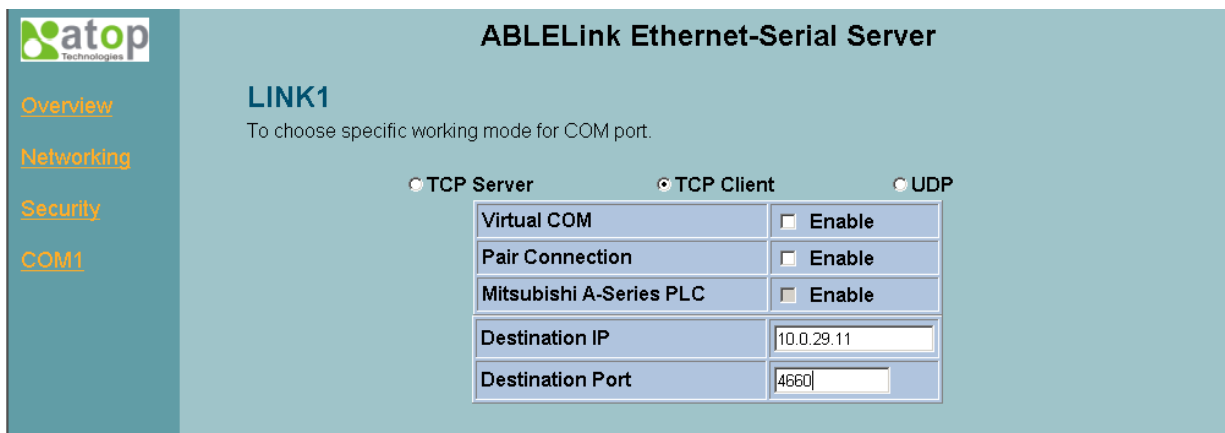
Save Configuration

LINK1 Setup

1. Click on the “COM1” link and the following screen appears, you can configure GW21E as transparent mode by default. Configure GW21E as TCP server and the local port is 4660, IP filter is disabled by default, if IP filter is enabled, only source IP 10.0.29.11 can connect to GW21E.

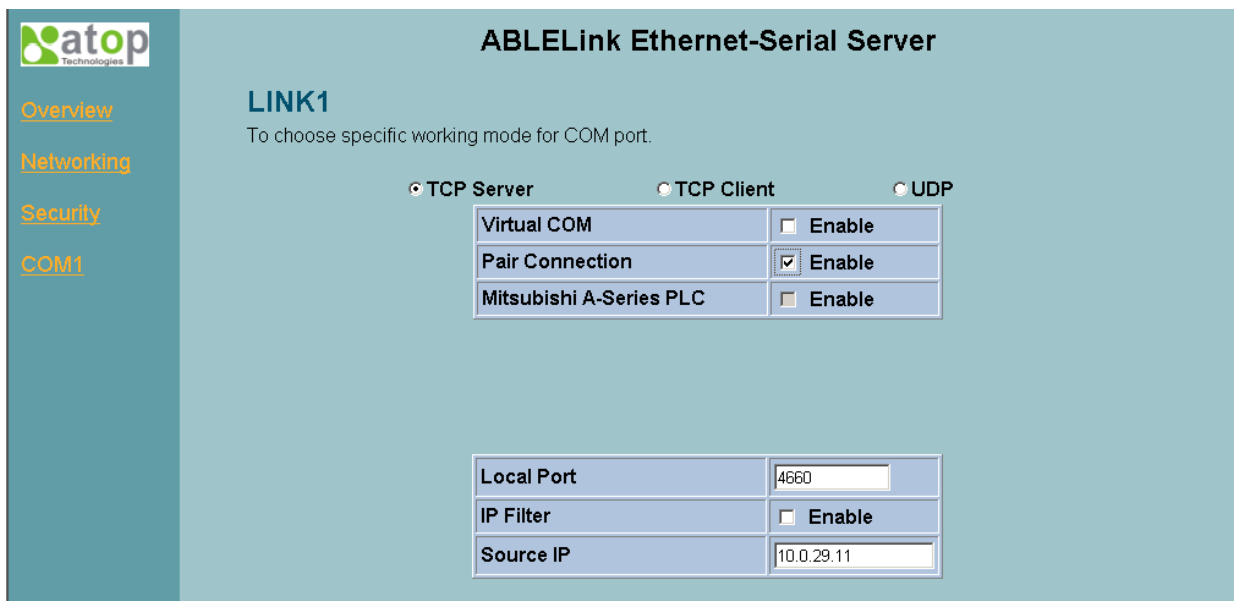


Configure GW21E as TCP client, the destination IP is 10.0.29.11, destination port is 4660.

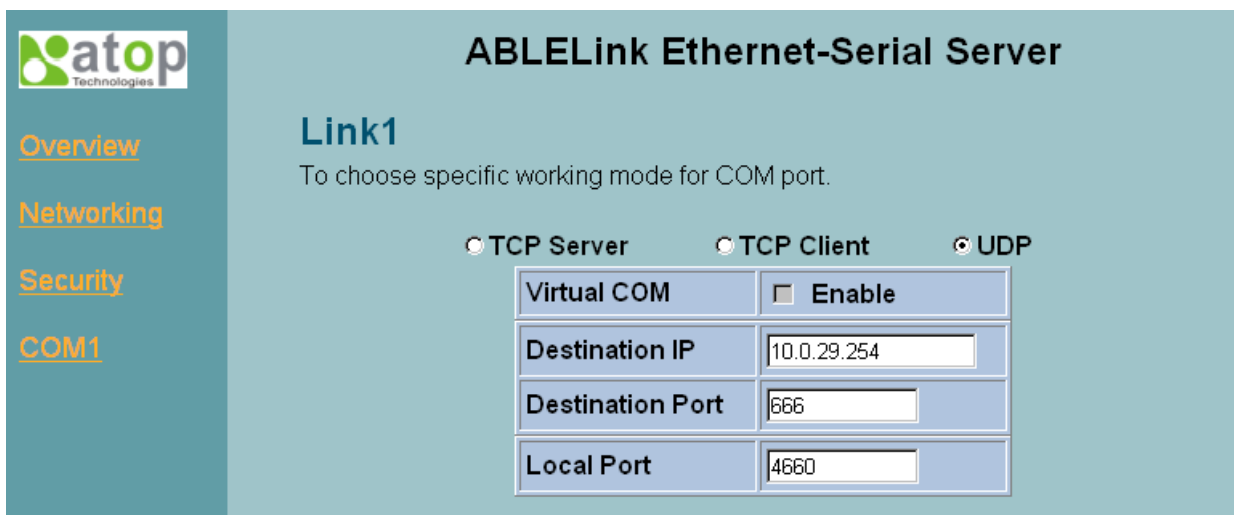


Pair Connection

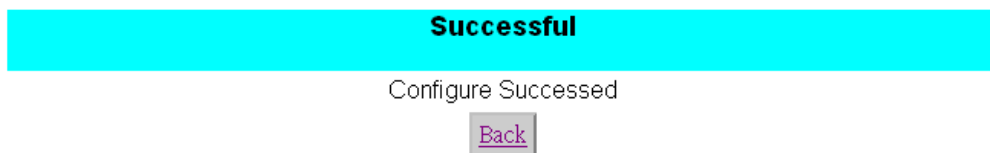
In the case of the serial connection is established with two or more GW21E to send data over Ethernet network, i.e. pair connection mode, you can choose “pair connection” which is indicated in the following figure to cope with any type of serial device.



Configure GW21E as UDP mode. Local port is 4660, destination IP is 10.0.29.254 and destination port is 4660.

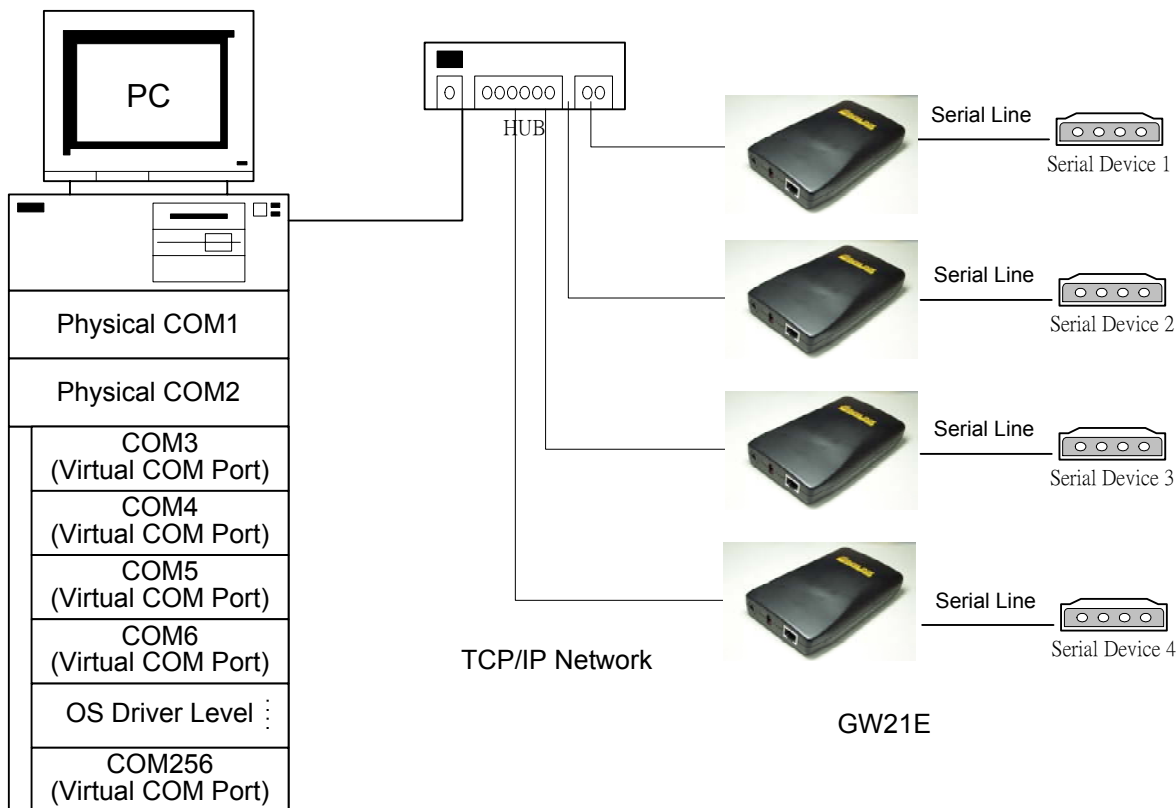


- 2. Click on “Save Configuration” to save the changes.
- 3. If the update is successful, the following screen appears.



3.5 Virtual COM Mode

Virtual COM driver mode for windows converts COM data to LAN data to control the RS-232C port on a GW21E via the LAN. By creating virtual COM ports on the PC, Atop Virtual COM redirects the communications from the virtual COM ports to an IP address and port number on a GW21E that connects the serial line device to the network. The following figure is Atop Virtual COM connection diagram.



3.5.1 Setup of a virtual COM driver

Pre-installation requirements

Please check the operation system on your PC complied with the following requirements:

- Processor: Intel-compatible, Pentium class
- Operation system: Windows Server 2003, Windows XP, Windows 2000, Windows NT 4.0 SP5 or later, Windows Me, Windows 98, Windows 95, Microsoft NT/2000 Terminal Server, Citrix MetaFrame
- Windows Installer 2.0
- Network: Microsoft TCP/IP networking software

Applying to the serial server

Cautions on Use

Atop Virtual COM supports firmware AP v3.4 and above of ABLELink Serial-Ethernet Servers.

Limitation

Atop Virtual COM driver provides user to select up to 256 **COM ports** as Virtual COM ports in a monitoring PC. User can select them from a list of COM ports, which is from COM1 up to COM256.

Installation

Make sure you have turned off all anti-virus software before beginning the installation. Run AtopVcom.exe program included in the CD to install Atop Virtual COM for your operating system.

In the end of the installation, please select one or two COM ports to become the Virtual COM ports.

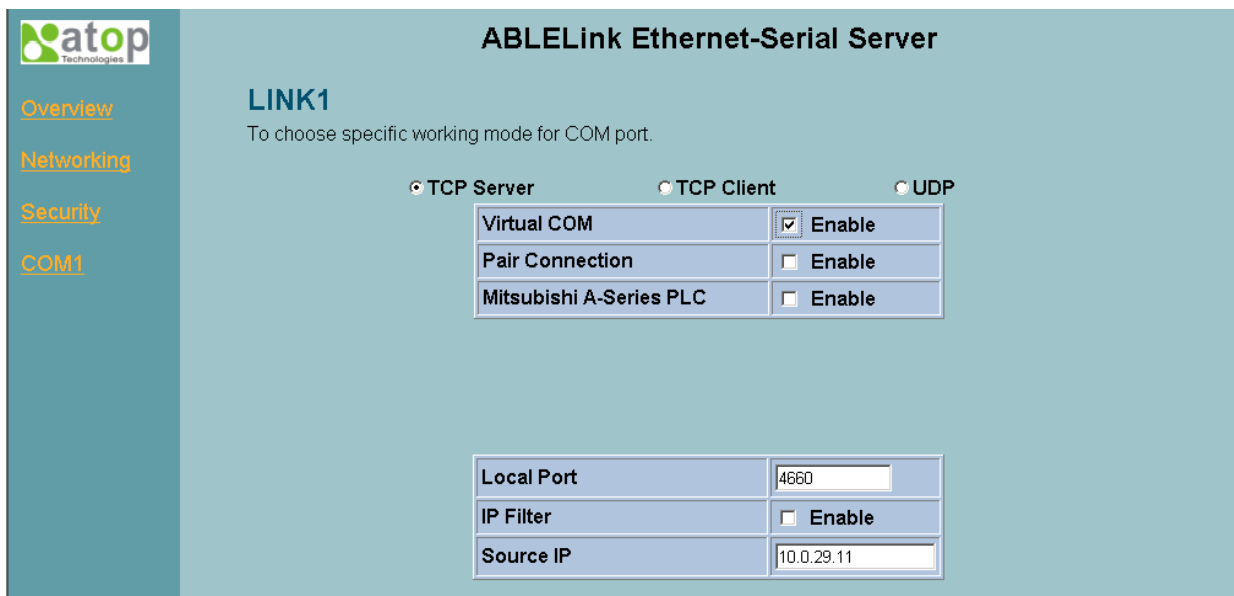
Uninstalling

1. From Windows Start menu select Setting, Control Panel, Add/Remove Programs.
2. Select **Serial IP for ATOP** in the list of installed software.
3. Click the **Add/Remove** button to remove the program, or From Windows Start menu select Programs, Serial IP for ATOP, **Uninstall Serial IP for ATOP** to remove the program.

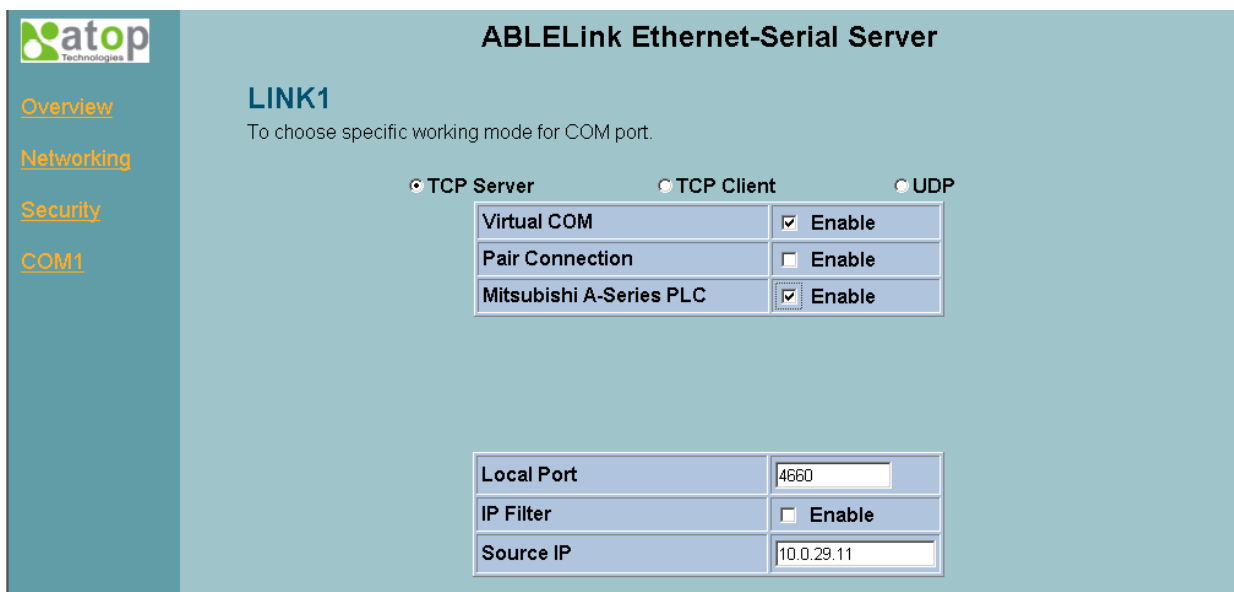
3.5.2 Virtual COM communication

4.5.2.1 Enable Virtual COM on GW21E

From web browser access to GW21E by typing its IP address, click on COM1 link to access COM1 page, on the top half of the page click on **"TCP Server"** and enable Virtual COM by putting a check in front of the **"Enable"** button, then type in the local port number in the **"Local Port"** field as indicated in the following figure:



For the users of Mitsubishi A-Series PLC, it may be recommended to enable “**Mitsubishi A-Series PLC**” in the case of some connection problems occurred.



Or you can enable Virtual COM through telnet configuration by setting COM1 as TCP server, and type in the local port number for COM1, then enable virtual COM as shown in the following figure:


```
Telnet - 10.0.50.100
Connect Edit Terminal Help

0.Exit 1.Overview 2.Networking 3.Security 4.Com1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

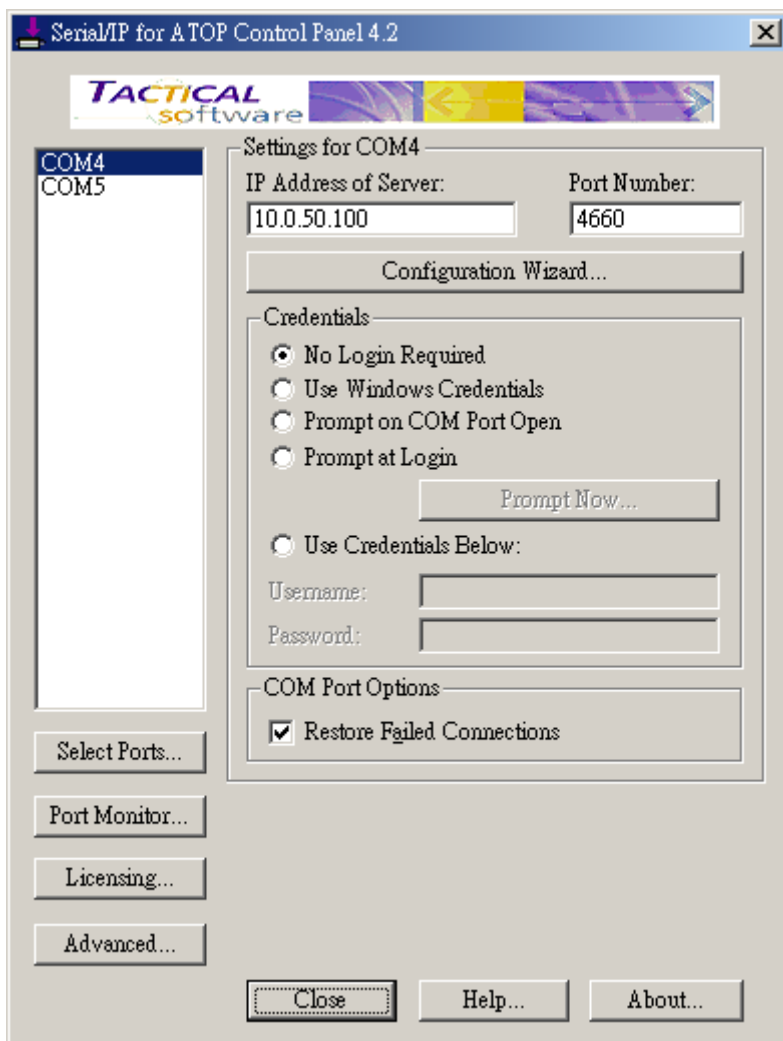
COM1:
1. Link Mode (TCP Server/Virtual Com Enabled/Pair Connection Disabled/Full
sabled/4660 )
2. COM Port (/RS-232/57600,None,8,1/None)
3. Keep Serial Buffer's Data While Connecting(Enable)
4. Packet Delimiter (10 ms)

Input choice and enter(1~4): 1
Link mode
1.TCP server
2.TCP client
3.UDP
4.Virtual Com(Enabled)
5.Pair Connection(Disabled)

Input choice (1 ~ 5) and enter: 4
Virtual Com
(1)Enable
(2)Disable
Please select one item:█
```

3.5.2.2 Run Serial/IP for ATOP program on monitoring PC

In the Window Start Menu, select the Serial/IP for ATOP program group and select **Serial/IP for ATOP Configuration**. The configuration window is shown as following:



At right is a sample Virtual COM Control Panel window. At the left is the list of the COM ports that you have selected (in the Select Ports window) for use by the Virtual COM Redirector. If you wish to change which ports appear in this list, use the **Select Ports** button.

Each COM port has its own settings. When you click on a COM port, the Control Panel display changes to reflect the settings for that COM port.

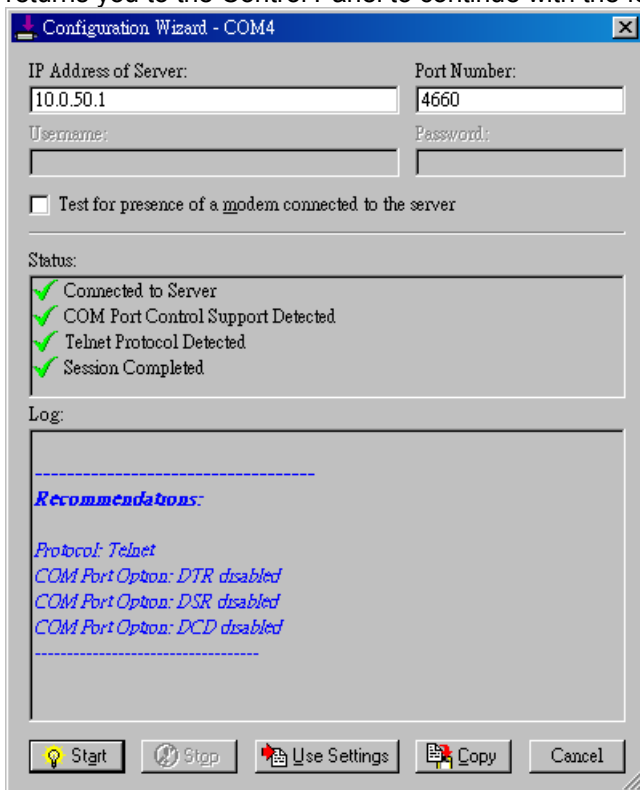
Note: When you change settings for a COM port, the changes are effective immediately. There is no separate confirmation dialog to confirm or cancel your changes.

Configuring Virtual COM Ports

You configure each Serial/IP COM port as follows:

1. Select a COM port in the list.
2. For **IP Address of Server**, enter a numeric IP address for the serial server.
3. For **Port Number**, enter the TCP port number that the serial server uses to provide its serial ports to the network.
4. For **Server Credentials**, the default is **No Login Required**. If your serial server does require a login by the Virtual COM Redirector, the Virtual COM Redirector needs to provide a username and/or password every time an application tries to use the serial server.

5. Click the **Configuration Wizard** button and then click the **Start** button that appears in the wizard window. This important step verifies that the Virtual COM Redirector can communicate with the serial server using the settings you have provided. If the **Log** display does not show errors, click the **Use Settings** button in the wizard, which makes the recommended settings effective and returns you to the Control Panel to continue with the following steps.



6. For Connection Protocol, the setting must match the TCP/IP protocol that the serial server supports. The Configuration Wizard is usually able to determine the correct setting.
7. For COM Port Options, the settings must match the COM port behavior expected by the PC application that will use this COM port. The Configuration Wizard will recommend a combination of settings.

4. SNMP Setup

4.1 SNMP Network Management Platform


Atop GW21E is an SNMP device that allows many popular SNMP Network management platforms such as HP OpenView and SunNet Manager to conduct monitoring on the device.

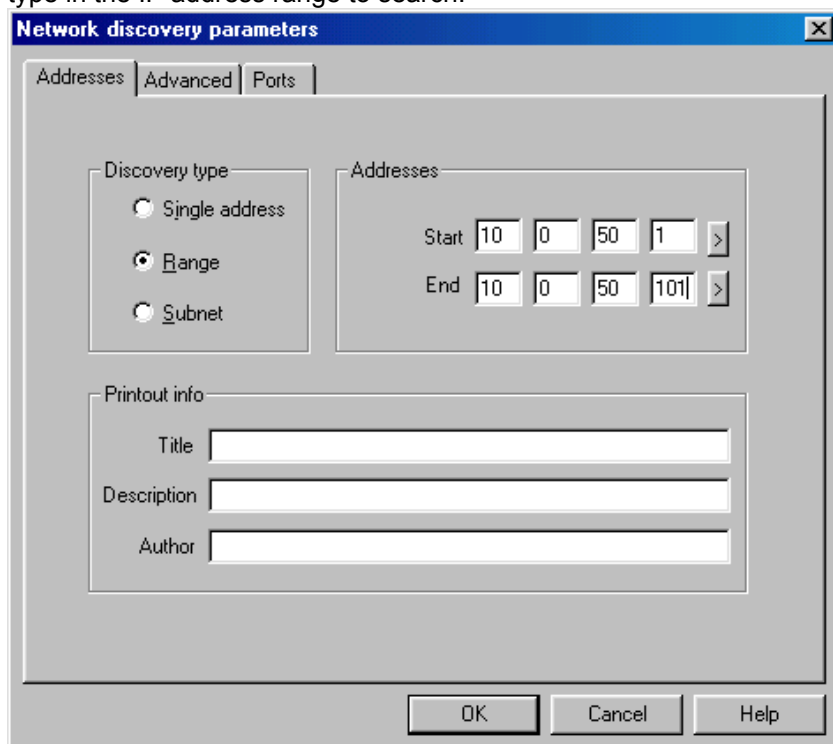
Depending on the network management tools you are using, device (GW21E) information can be collected from running the management tools including IP address, DNS name, system descriptions and NIC information etc.

4.2 Using NetworkView As An Example

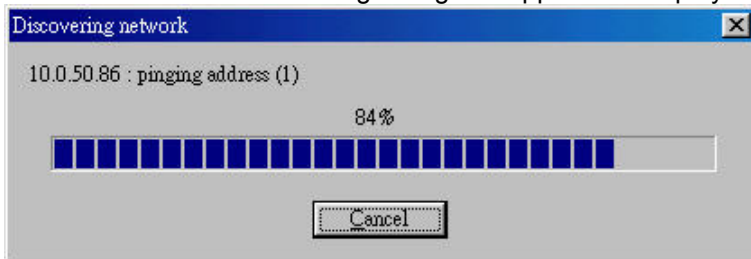
The NetworkView is a compact network management tool from NetworkView Software, Inc. (www.networkview.com). It discovers all TCP/IP nodes in a network using DNS, SNMP and ports information and documents with printed maps and reports for future use. You may visit their web sites and get a free download.

To use NetworkView, you will need to download and install the tool on your PC (**Windows NT and Windows 9x only**). Please refer to the installation instructions that come with the tool.

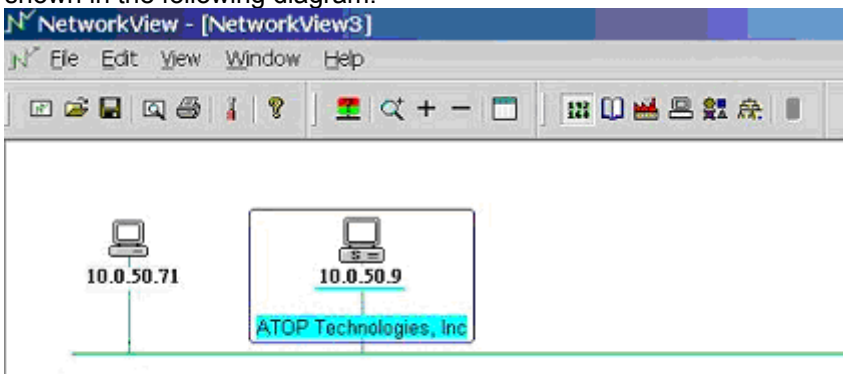
1. After you have done the NetworkView installation, start NetworkView.
2. Click on the  button to open a new file. The following screen appears, in the Addresses field, type in the IP address range to search.



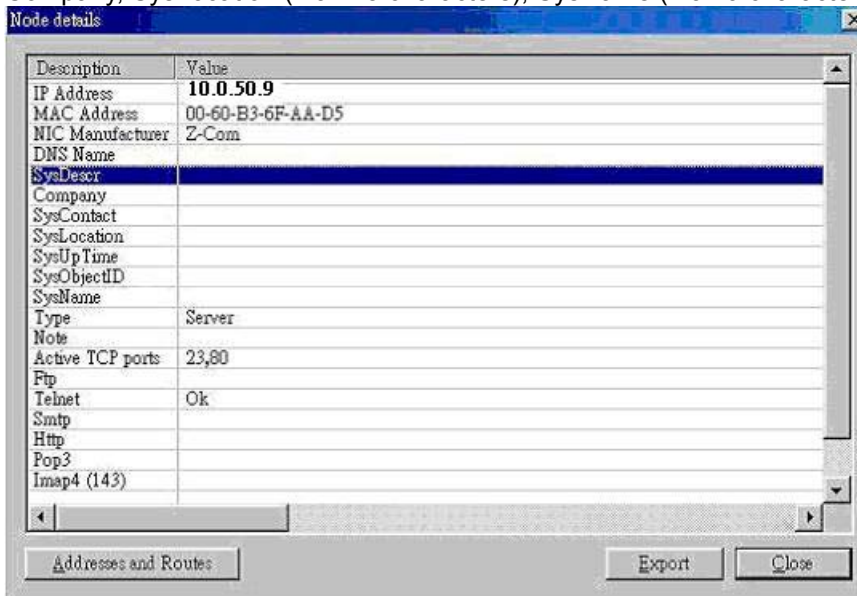
3. Click on “OK” and the following dialog box appears. It displays the searching progress.



4. When the search is completed, NetworkView will display the devices found in the main window, as shown in the following diagram.



5. Double-click on the device icon to display information about the device, including IP Address, Company, SysLocation (Max 15 characters), SysName (Max 9 characters) and types etc.



Note:

1. The NetworkView tool is limited to information extracting and viewing only.
2. To modify the configurations please use the web server, Telnet or monitor.exe configuration utilities.

5. Start Writing Your Own Applications

Before you start writing your host applications or programs to interact with GW21E, please make sure you have done the following.

5.1 Preparing The System

1. Properly connect GW21E hardware including power, Ethernet and RS-232/RS-485 cables.
2. Properly configure the parameters of GW21E including connection type, IP address, gateway IP address, and network mask accordingly (see chapter 3 **Hardware Installation** section).
3. Configure GW21E as TCP Server using default TCP port number 4660.
4. The host (PC) application program must be configured as a TCP client and connects to GW21E with designated TCP port number 4660 for COM1.
5. Make sure GW21E is running by checking the running status through **monitor.exe** configuration utility.

5.2 Running The Sample Program

Sample programs written in VB and VC++ included in package are provided for your reference, source codes are also included. Test program can be found in the product CD or diskette under the directory of `\\sample\\vb_ap\\` and `\\sample\\vc_ap` respectively.

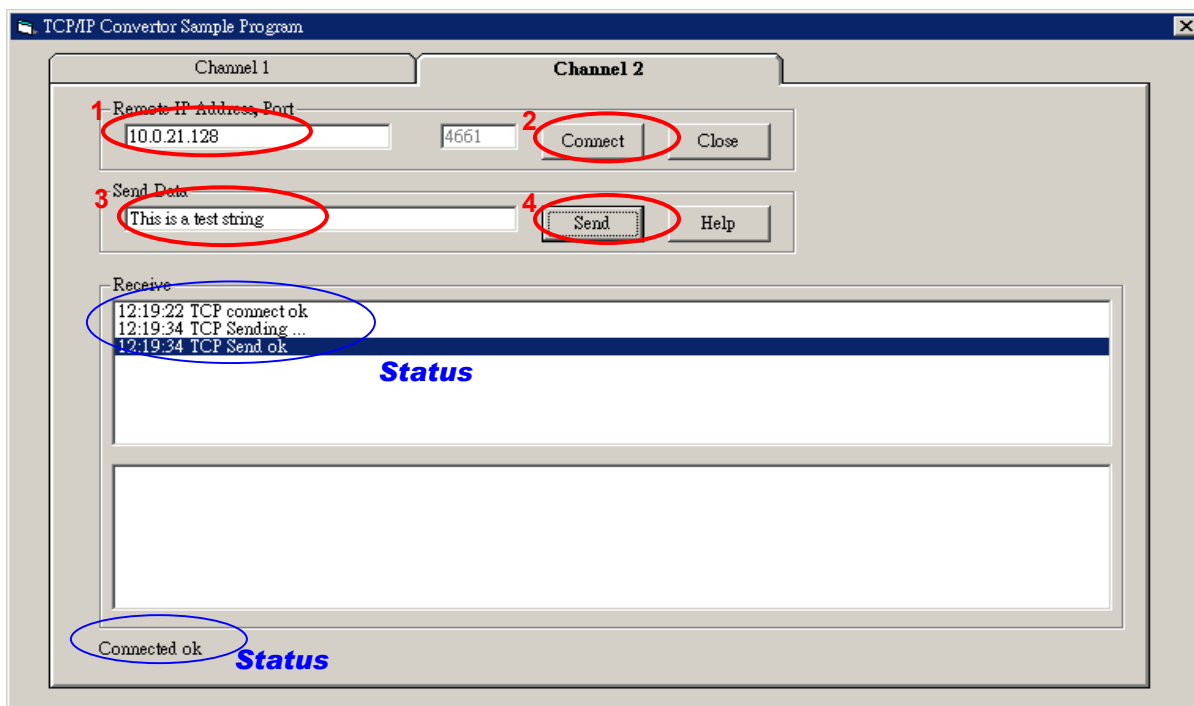
There are two test programs, TCPTTEST written in Visual Basic and TCPTTEST2 written in Visual C++.

5.2.1 TCPTTEST in Visual Basic

This sample program is written in Visual Basic 5.0 with Winsock Controls. It shows you how to send and receive data between host (PC) and GW21E via Ethernet in two socket ports.

Run Visual Basic and open sample program `tcptest.vbp`, after the program is started successfully, you can start testing functions. For more information, please press **Help** in the program to get detail explanation.

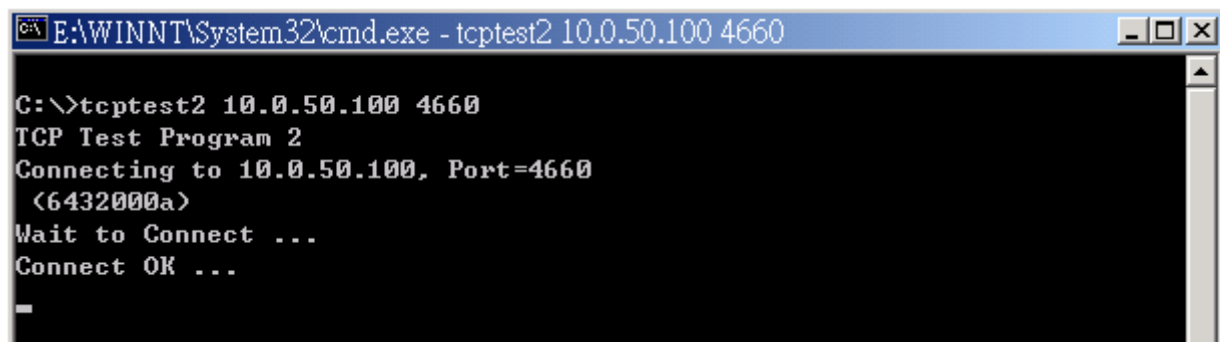
Note: Please be sure the Microsoft visual studio family software is installed on the computer. Otherwise the sample program will not run.



5.2.2 TCPTTEST2 in Visual C

To start the program, please type in the following command in the command line prompt:

TCPTTEST2 IP_Address Port_Number



The command **tcptest2 10.0.50.100 4660** brings you to connect to a TCP server of IP address **10.0.50.100** and port number **4660**, the received data is displayed on the screen and the data typed in is sent to the TCP server of the designated port number. You can also send binary data in hex format with a leading character "\". For example, "\00" and "\FF" represent ASCII code 0 and 255 respectively.

You can also use modem to connect to the serial server. Command **"AT10d"** sends standard AT command to the modem which in return responds with **"OK10D10A"** message to the host application.

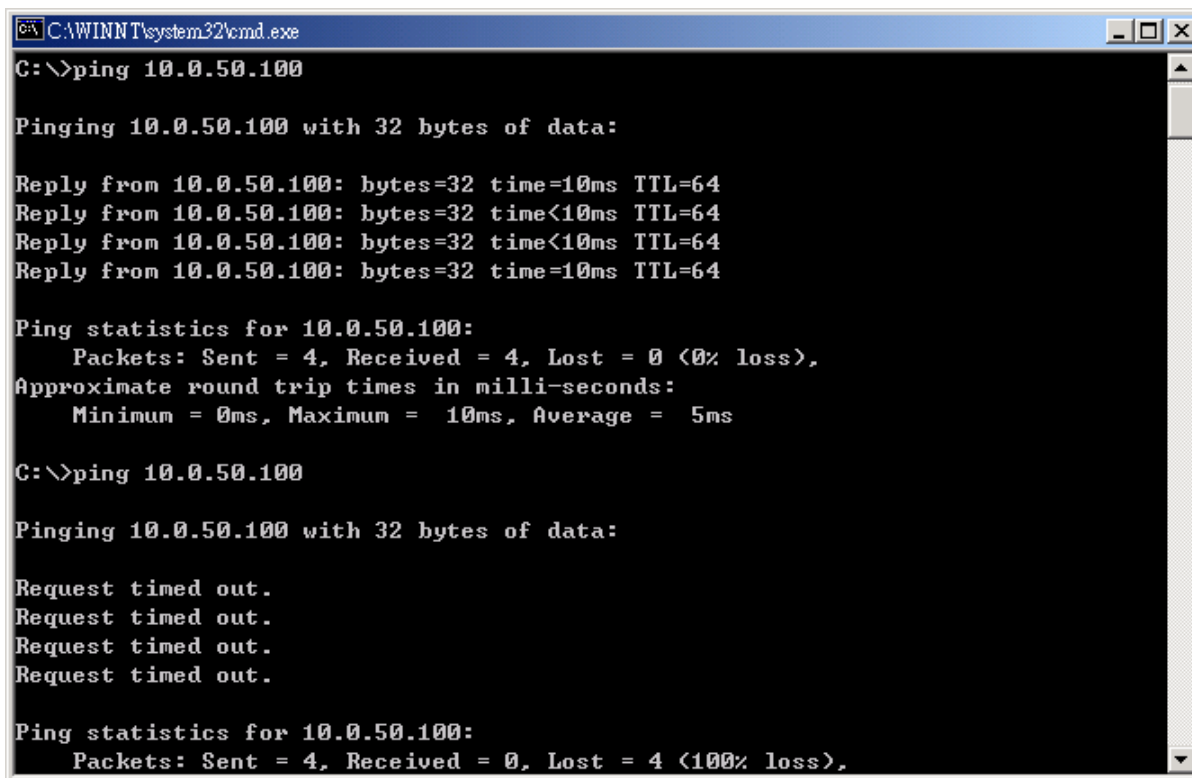
Always use '=' then Enter key to exit the program.6. Diagnostics

There are several ways you can check on the status and availability of GW21E.

6. Use Standard TCP/IP Utility *ping* Command

From Windows **Start** menu, select **Run** and type in “ping <TCP Server IP address>”.

If the connection is established, the Reply messages are displayed, otherwise it will indicate Request timed out.



```
C:\WINNT\system32\cmd.exe
C:\>ping 10.0.50.100

Pinging 10.0.50.100 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 10.0.50.100: bytes=32 time=10ms TTL=64
Reply from 10.0.50.100: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64
Reply from 10.0.50.100: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64
Reply from 10.0.50.100: bytes=32 time=10ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 10.0.50.100:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 10ms, Average = 5ms

C:\>ping 10.0.50.100

Pinging 10.0.50.100 with 32 bytes of data:

Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.

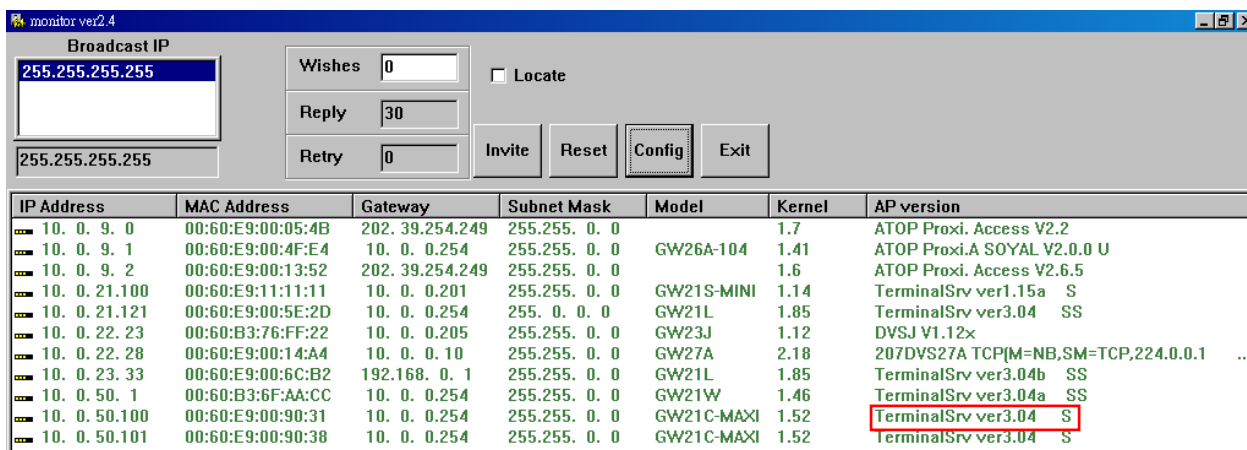
Ping statistics for 10.0.50.100:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),
```


6.1 Use monitor.exe Configuration Utility Program

Use monitor.exe configuration program that comes with the product CD or diskette to check on the status of GW21E. The status can be read from “**AP version**” column of the tool.

| Status | Descriptions |
|--------|---|
| S | The system is configured as a TCP Server and not yet connected. |
| C | The system is configured as a TCP Client and not yet connected. |
| U | The system is configured as an UDP. |
| A | The TCP Server and is connected. |
| B | The TCP Client and is connected. |

For example, ‘s’ means that COM1 is server mode and is not connected.



6.2 Use TCPTTEST.EXE or TCPTTEST2.EXE Sample Program

Use sample programs TCPTTEST.EXE and TCPTTEST2.EXE that comes with the product CD or diskette to check on the status of GW21E. Please refer to chapter 6.2 to run the sample programs.

Appendix A: GW21E Ethernet-Serial Server Specifications

A.1. Hardware Specifications

| | Specifications |
|----------------------------------|---|
| CPU | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16-bit Embedded CPU• 40MHz |
| Flash Memory | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 512K Bytes |
| SRAM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 256K Bytes |
| EEPROM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 512 Bytes |
| Host Communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IEEE802.3 base band• TCP or UDP network protocol |
| Reset | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Built-in default button for restoring default parameters |
| Watch Dog Timer | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 second hardware auto reset• Power failure threshold: 4.75V |
| Serial Port Communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One serial port RS-232 or RS-485 is selectable• RS-232: EIA-RS-232C standard, Full Duplex, 9 pin Male D-type• RS-485: 2/4 wires, Half/Full duplex, 9 pins Male D-type.• Parameters<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Baud-rate: 1200 bps ~115200 bps2) Parity: None, Even, Odd3) Data bits: 7,84) Stop bits: 1,25) Packet Delimiter: by inter-character timeout, by characters c6) Flow Control: None, Hardware handshake, Xon/Xoff |
| LED indication | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RUN x 1• LAN x 1• COM port1 |
| Power Requirement | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• +12Vdc @ 350mA |
| Temperature | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation: 0°C to 50°C• Storage: -20°C to 70°C |
| Humidity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20%~90% non-condensing |
| Housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 140(mm) x 82(mm) x 35(mm) |

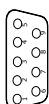
A.2. Software Specifications

| Item | Specifications |
|----------------------|--|
| Protocol | TCP, UDP, ARP, ICMP, SNMP, HTTP, Telnet, BOOTP,DHCP |
| Configuration | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Configuration information for both TCP/IP and serial ports is kept in the EEPROM.• Configuration utilities of Windows 95/98/2000/NT/XP/2003 are provided for configuring settings. |
| Internal Buffer Size | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TCP receiving buffer size = 8K bytes• TCP transmitting buffer size = 16K bytes• RS-232/RS-485 receiving buffer size = 4K bytes• RS-232/RS-485 transmitting buffer size = 4K bytes |

A.3 Connector Pin Assignments

A.3.1 COM Port

(1) 9 pin D-type connector

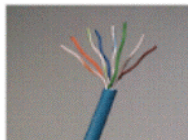


COM ports may be either the RS-232 full duplex or the RS-485 2/4 wires.

| Pin# | RS-232 Full Duplex | RS-485 2 wire, Half Duplex | RS-485 4 wire, Full Duplex |
|------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | DCD | N/A | N/A |
| 2 | RXD | N/A | N/A |
| 3 | TXD | DATA- | RXD- |
| 4 | DTR | N/A (reserved) | TXD- |
| 5 | SG (Signal Ground) | SG (Signal Ground) | SG (Signal Ground) |
| 6 | DSR | N/A | N/A |
| 7 | RTS | N/A | N/A |
| 8 | CTS | DATA+ | RXD+ |
| 9 | RI | N/A(reserved for Atop devices) | TXD+ |

A.3.2 Ethernet Port (RJ-45)

- Category 5 UTP cable, 8 core wire.



- RJ45 Connector.

- RJ45 Pin Assignment

| Pin Assignment | 568A Definition | 568B Definition |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Pin1 | Green-White | Orange-White |
| Pin2 | Green | Orange |
| Pin3 | Orange-White | Green-White |
| Pin4 | Blue | Blue |
| Pin5 | Blue-White | Blue-White |
| Pin6 | Orange | Green |
| Pin7 | Brown-White | Brown-White |
| Pin8 | Brown | Brown |

You can choose either 568A or 568B definition. If you want to make a crossover cable, you should use 568A and 568B definition respectively in each terminal of a UTP cable.

A.4 Buzzer/LED Message

A.4.1 Buzzer

“ ^ “: Beep twice

“ = “: Beep off

| Message | Description |
|--|--|
| ^====^====^====^====^====^====^... (1sec) | Watchdog problem, return service is required |
| ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^... ^==^=====^^ (5sec) | Memory problem, return service is required |
| ^==^=====^^^ (5sec) | Startup OK but AP firmware is disabled |
| ^==^=====^^^ (5sec) | Startup OK and AP firmware is enabled |

Table 1. Buzzer Message

A.4.2 LAN LED

| Message | Description |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| LED Off | No data is transmitting on Ethernet |
| LED blinking | Data is transmitting on Ethernet |

Table 2. LAN LED Message

A.4.3 COM Port LED

| Message | Description |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| LED off | No data is transmitting on COM port |
| LED on blinking state | Data is transmitting on COM port |

Table 3. COM Port LED Message

A.4.3 RUN LED

| Message | Description |
|-----------------------------|--|
| LED on | Jumper JP1 pin1 and pin2 are short to disable AP firmware in the flash memory. |
| LED blinking (rate: 0.5Sec) | AP firmware is running |

Table 4. RUN LED Message

Appendix B. Upgrade System Software

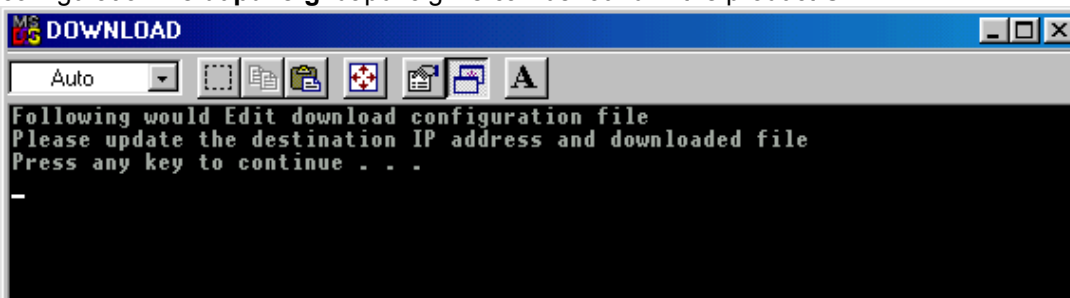
After the new version of firmware is released, customers can download it from Atop web site at www.atop.com.tw. You can contact Atop sales person to request the newest product CD as well.

You may decide to or not to upgrade the system's firmware. To do so, please follow these instructions listed below.

B.1 Upgrade Procedures

When you get a new software version, please follow the sequences below to upgrade your GW21E.

1. Connect a PC (Windows 95/98/NT/2000/XP/2003) and GW21E you wish to upgrade the firmware in the same TCP/IP network. Use command **ping** or **monitor.exe** utility program to verify their availability.
2. Prepare the download tool. Execute the utility program **download.bat** and press any key to edit its configuration file **dapdl.cfg**. **dapdl.cfg** file can be found in the product CD.



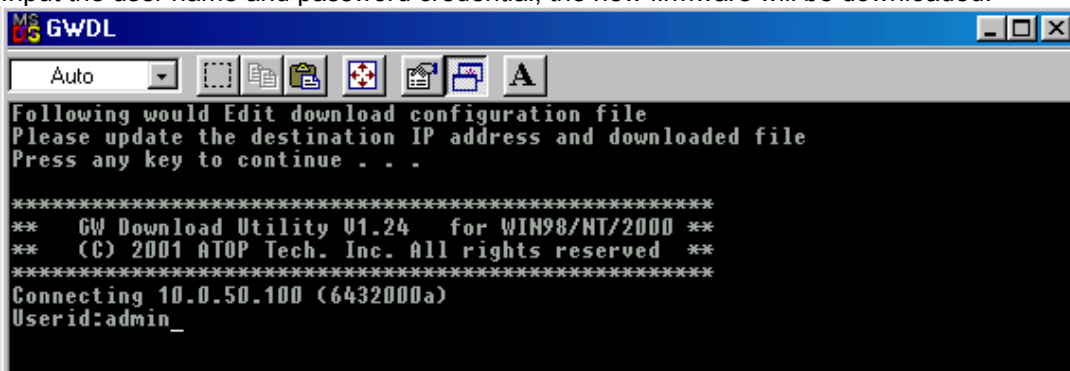
3. Edit the **"dapdl.cfg"** file to fit your system need, the content of the file looks like as the following. Be sure to save your modifications after the change is made.

Remote_IP 10.0.50.100

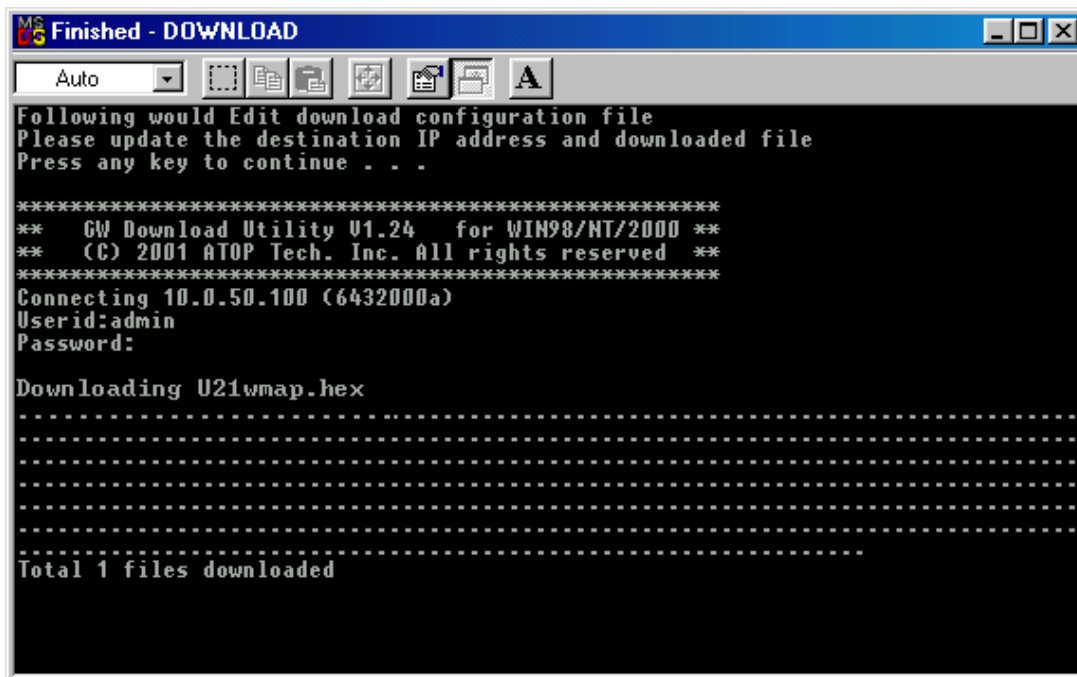
Load U21cmap.hex

The first line identifies the IP address of GW21E, the second line identifies the firmware (.Hex file) name to be downloaded.

4. Input the user name and password credential, the new firmware will be downloaded.



5. GW21E will automatically restart each time the firmware is successfully downloaded.



B.2 Critical Issues of Upgrading

1. You can always abort the upgrading process by pressing the **<Esc>** key from host PC during the upgrading process. GW21E will restart automatically and the system remains intact.
2. If GW21E does not receive any upgrading data within **30 seconds**, GW21E will restart automatically and the system remains intact.
3. After the upgrading process finishes, GW21E will program the flash memory and buzzer beeps 6 times then restarts. Normally, it takes around 10 seconds to complete the programming process. If an error occurs during the programming process, GW21E will clear the corresponding memory and the system remains intact of what it was.

B.3 Error Messages

Firmware upgrade may not be successful if errors occur during the process.

| Error Cause | Message |
|---------------------------|--|
| Illegal Hex file format | Hex File Text Error Hex File Check-Sum Error Hex File Format Error Hex File End of Record Error |
| GW21E handshaking problem | GW21E ACK Start Address Error GW21E ACK Length Error GW21E Response Command Error |
| Configuration file | Remote IP not found Open configuration file failure |

Appendix C. Hardware Configuration

C.1 Disable System Firmware

The AP (application program) firmware of GW21E can be disabled. This function is used in the situation that you downloaded a wrong version of firmware that caused the system crashed.

To disable the current version of firmware and prevent it from executing, please do the followings:

1. Turn the power off, open GW21E case.
2. Remove pin1 and pin2 of jumper JP2 on the right-top corner from the main board to disable AP firmware.
3. Power on GW21E.
4. Download the correct AP firmware to GW21E.
5. Open the pin 1 and pin2 of jumper JP2 to enable AP firmware.
6. Close the case and continue your operations.

C.2 Choose Type of COM Ports

GW21E (main board version 1.4) COM ports can be setup either RS-232 or RS-485 by hardware jumper.

1. Press two holes at lateral side to open the case of GW21E.

2. Set the Jumpers to RS-232 or RS-485.

Short all of the **left** two pins of JP7~12 to set COM1 as RS-485, short all **right** two pins of JP7~12 to set COM1 as RS-232.

3. Close the case and continue your operation.

Note: 1.To find the physical locations of these jumpers, please refer to Figure C.1 component side of GW21E main board v1.4

2. Monitor.exe utility can be used to demonstrate COM ports properties.

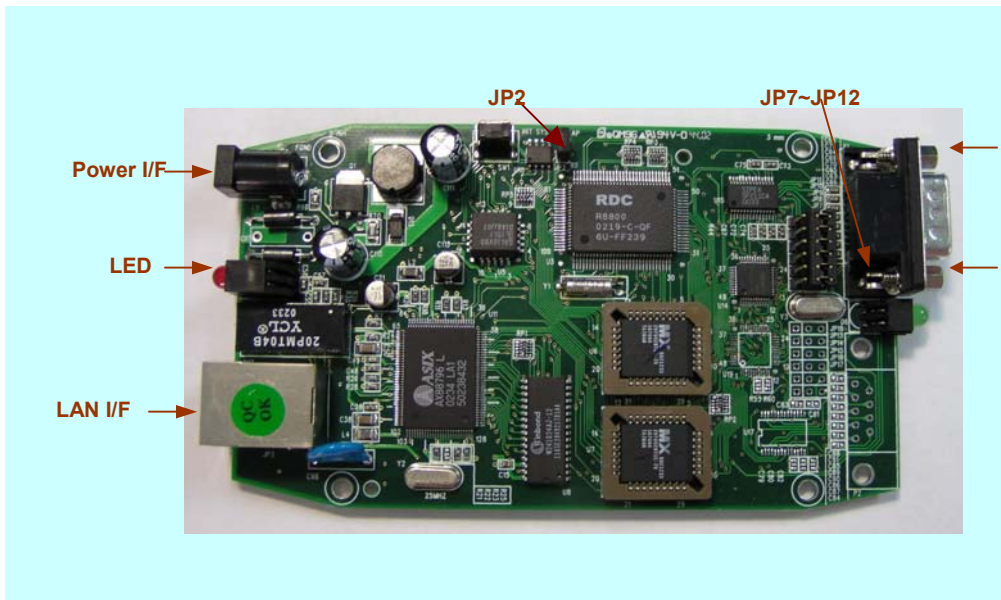


Figure C.1 Component side of GW21E main board v1.4

Appendix D Configuration Utility

The configuration utility **monitor.exe** comes with the product CD or diskette is the main utility program to demonstrate and configure GW21E's settings.

D.1 Run the utility

Start the program under Windows 95/98/NT/2000 environment and the following window appears.

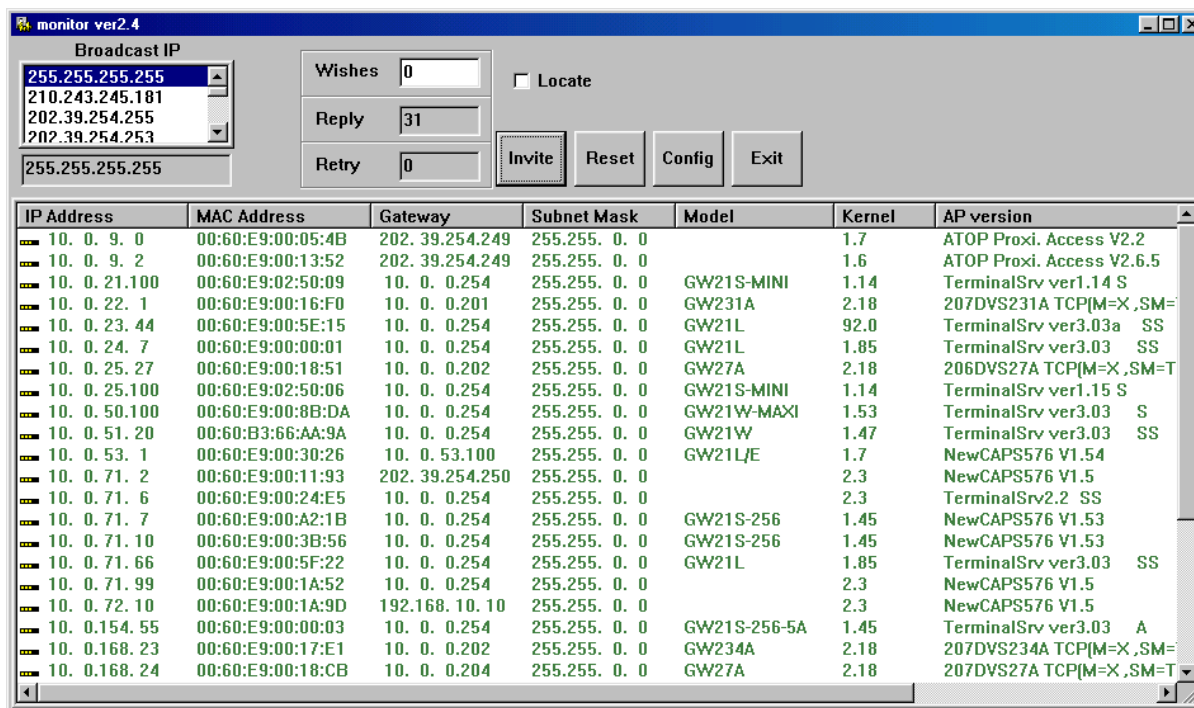


Figure D1. Main window of monitor.exe utility program

D.2 Detect Operational Devices

You may do the following steps to detect devices currently available on the network.

1. Start **monitor.exe** utility program.
2. Select an item from the **Broadcast IP** list.
3. Specify a number in the **Wishes** box.
4. Click on the **Invite** button. This will display all the devices information you have requested.

D.3 Configure Devices

You may use **monitor.exe** configuration utility to configure the settings of devices on the network. To do so, please follow the steps below.

1. Repeat the steps in the section of **D.2** to bring up the devices information.

- 2. Select the device you want to configure from the **IP Address** column, click on the **Config** button, a configuration window will popup as shown in Figure D2:

| IP Address | MAC Address | Gateway | Subnet Mask | Model | Ker... | AP version |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 10. 0. 9. 0 | 00:60:E9:00:05:4B | 202. 39.254.249 | 255.255. 0. 0 | | 1.7 | ATOP Proxi. Access V2.2 |
| 10. 0. 9. 1 | 00:60:E9:00:4F:E4 | 10. 0. 0.254 | 255.255. 0. 0 | GW26A-104 | 1.41 | ATOP Proxi.A SOYAL V2.0.0 U |
| 10. 0. 9. 2 | 00:60:E9:00:13:52 | 202. 39.254.249 | 255.255. 0. 0 | | 1.6 | ATOP Proxi. Access V2.6.5 |
| 10. 0. 22. 23 | 00:60:B3:76:FF:22 | 10. 0. 0.205 | 255.255. 0. 0 | GW23J | 1.12 | DVSJ V1.12x |
| 10. 0. 22. 28 | 00:60:E9:00:14:A4 | 10. 0. 0. 10 | 255.255. 0. 0 | GW27A | 2.18 | 207DVS27A TCP[M=NB,SM=TCP,224.0.0.1 |
| 10. 0. 50. 1 | 00:60:B3:6F:AA:CC | 10. 0. 0.254 | 255.255. 0. 0 | GW21W | 1.46 | TerminalSrv ver3.04a SS |
| 10. 0. 50.100 | 00:60:E9:00:90:31 | 10. 0. 0.254 | 255.255. 0. 0 | GW21C-MAXI | 1.52 | TerminalSrv ver3.04 S |
| 10. 0. 50.101 | 00:60:E9:00:90:38 | 10. 0. 0.254 | 255.255. 0. 0 | GW21C-MAXI | 1.52 | TerminalSrv ver3.04 S |

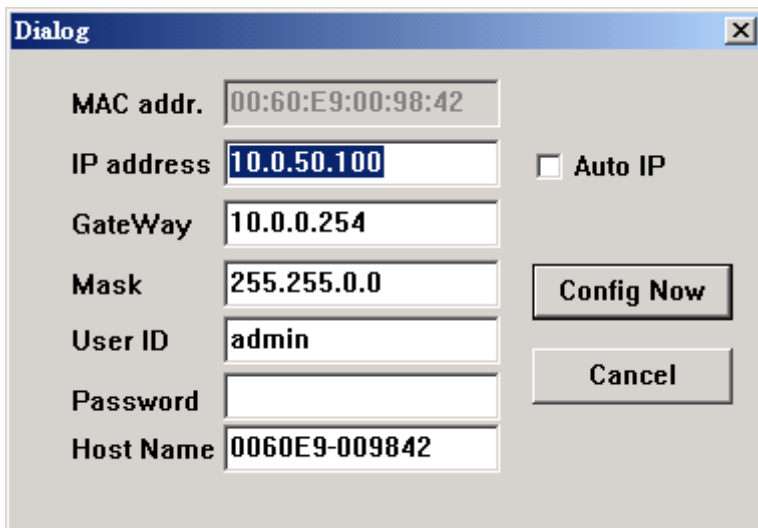
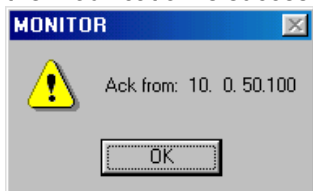


Figure D2. Configuration dialog box

- 3. After you click the "Configure Now" button, the target device will return an ACK message indicating the modification is successful as shown in the following:



Please note **monitor.exe** version 2.4 and above requires **gw21le.dll** library to function properly.

The following table lists the functional descriptions for all the fields.

| Field Name | Field Descriptions |
|---------------------|---|
| Broadcast IP | Except for the default IP 255.255.255.255, other items (IPs) are read from the file "seg.cfg". This field specifies a detecting IP range. It may be a designated IP or a broadcast IP. |
| Wishes | Specifies minimum number of the devices you wish to get reply from after sending an Invite request. If there is not as many as devices responding to your invitation, the system repeatedly sends invitation until your request is fulfilled. |
| Reply | Indicates the actual number of devices this utility program detected. |
| Retry | Specify the number of times that an Invite request is re-sent. |
| Locate | Locate the specified device. |
| Reset | Reset the selected device. |
| Config | Configure the selected device. |
| Exit | Exit this utility. |
| IP Address | Indicate the IP address of the device that replied to your request. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leading tag "!" stands for IP address collision, possibly caused by duplicated IP addresses on the network.• Leading tag "?" stands for Mac address collision, possibly caused by duplicated Mac addresses on the network. |
| MAC Address | Indicates the MAC address of responding device. |
| Gateway | Indicates the IP address of the gateway. |
| Subnet Mask | Indicates the TCP/IP network mask. |
| OS | Indicates the OS version of the responding device. |
| AP Version | Indicates the AP version of the responding device. |
| Model | Indicates the model number of the responding device. This field is only available for monitor.exe version 2.0 and above. |