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1. Preface

1.1. About This Document

This document describes how to install and configure Anybus® Communicator™.

For additional documentation and software downloads, FAQs, troubleshooting guides and technical support, please visit www.anybus.com/support.

1.2. Document Conventions

Lists

Numbered lists indicate tasks that should be carried out in sequence:

1. First do this
2. Then do this

Bulleted lists are used for:

- Tasks that can be carried out in any order
- Itemized information

User Interaction Elements

User interaction elements (buttons etc.) are indicated with bold text.

Program Code and Scripts

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Program code and script examples
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Cross-References and Links

Cross-reference within this document: [Document Conventions \(page 1\)](#)

External link (URL): www.anybus.com

Safety Symbols



DANGER

Instructions that must be followed to avoid an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



WARNING

Instructions that must be followed to avoid a potential hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION

Instruction that must be followed to avoid a potential hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.



IMPORTANT

Instruction that must be followed to avoid a risk of reduced functionality and/or damage to the equipment, or to avoid a network security risk.

Information Symbols

**NOTE**

Additional information which may facilitate installation and/or operation.

**TIP**

Helpful advice and suggestions.

1.3. Trademarks

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2. Safety

2.1. Intended Use

The intended use of this equipment is as a communication interface and gateway.

The equipment receives and transmits data on various physical layers and connection types.

If this equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

2.2. General Safety

**CAUTION**

Ensure that the power supply is turned off before connecting it to the equipment.

**CAUTION**

This equipment contains parts that can be damaged by electrostatic discharge (ESD). Use ESD prevention measures to avoid damage.

**CAUTION**

To avoid system damage, the equipment should be connected to ground.

**IMPORTANT**

Using the wrong type of power supply can damage the equipment. Ensure that the power supply is connected properly and of the recommended type.

3. Preparation

3.1. Cabling

Have the following cables available:

- Ethernet cable for configuration
- Ethernet cable for connecting to the high level network
- Power cable

3.2. System Requirements

3.2.1. Supported Operating Systems

Operating System	Description
Windows 7 SP1, 32-bit	Windows 7 32-bit with Service Pack 1
Windows 7 SP1, 64-bit	Windows 7 64-bit with Service Pack 1
Windows 10 64-bit	Windows 10 64-bit
Windows 11 64-bit	Windows 11 64-bit

3.2.2. Supported Web Browsers

The Communicator built-in web interface can be accessed from the following standard web browsers.

- Google Chrome
- Microsoft Edge
- Mozilla Firefox

3.3. Mechanical Tools and Equipment

Have the following tools available:

- Flat-head screwdriver, size 5.5 mm
Needed when removing the Communicator from DIN-rail.
- Flat-head screwdriver, size 3 mm
Needed when connecting the cables to the 7-pin connector.

3.4. Support and Resources

For additional documentation and software downloads, FAQs, troubleshooting guides and technical support, please visit www.anybus.com/support.



TIP

Have the product article number available, to search for the product specific support web page. You find the product article number on the product cover.

3.5. HMS Software Applications

Download the software installation files and user documentation from www.anybus.com/support.

HMS IPconfig

Use the software application HMS IPconfig and scan your network to discover and change the Communicator IP address and to access the Communicator built-in web interface.



NOTE

As an alternative, you can set a static IP address within the same IP address range as the Communicator IP address on the computer accessing the Communicator built-in web interface.



NOTE

HMS IPconfig is only available for Windows.

3.6. Third-Party Software Applications

Microsoft Excel

Microsoft Excel, or equivalent software application that supports the Office Open XML Workbook (xlsx) file format. Needed to open and read the **I/O data map** file and the **Event log** file.

3.7. Software License Information

For license agreements regarding the third-party software used in the Communicator, refer to the *LICENSE.txt* file(s) included in the Communicator firmware update package zip file.

To download the Communicator firmware update package zip file, please visit www.anybus.com/support.



TIP

Have the product article number available, to search for the product specific support web page. You find the product article number on the product cover.

4. About Anybus Communicator

4.1. Serial Protocol Communication

4.1.1. Serial Protocol Types

The gateway features three distinct modes of operation for the subnetwork communication, called Modbus RTU, Custom Request/Response and Custom Produce/Consume.

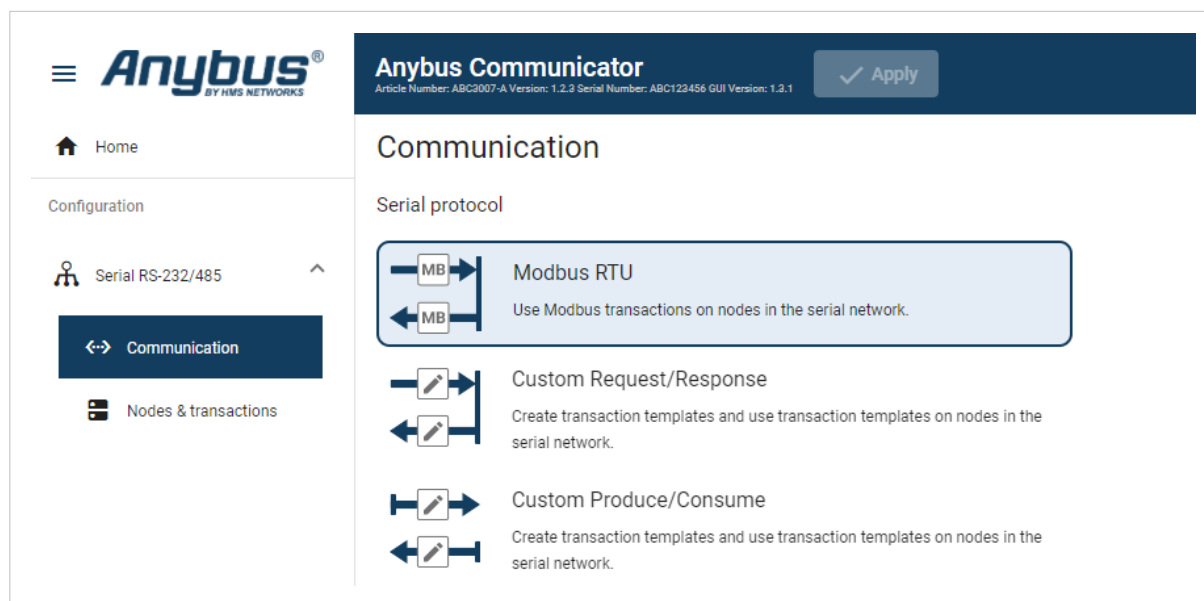


Figure 1. Communication, Serial protocol

Modbus RTU

By default the Communicator uses the Modbus RTU serial protocol.

The Communicator uses Modbus transactions defined by the Modbus standard.

The Communicator acts as a client on the subnetwork, and the serial communication takes place in a request/response fashion.

The nodes on the network are not permitted to issue messages unless they have been addressed by the Communicator first.

Custom Request/Response

In this mode, you can define your own serial transactions to handle a wide range of custom serial protocols.

The Communicator acts as a generic serial client on the subnetwork.

The serial communication takes place in a request/response fashion.

Custom Produce/Consume

In this mode, you can define your own serial transactions to handle a wide range of custom serial protocols.

The Communicator may consume and/or produce messages on the subnetwork.

There is no client-server relationship between the nodes on the network, messages are spontaneously produced or consumed when data is available.

4.1.2. Serial Protocol Building Blocks

The following building blocks are used to describe the subnetwork communication.

Node

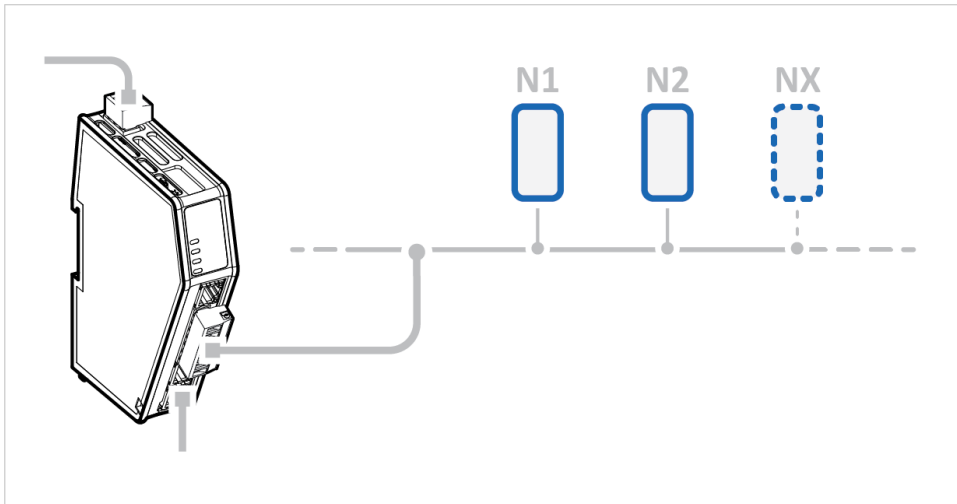


Figure 2. Nodes on a subnetwork

A node represents a single device on the subnetwork.

Each node can be associated with a number of transactions.

Nodes and Transactions

Anybus Communicator
Article Number: ABC2001-A, Version: 1.2.2, Serial Number: ABC123456 GUI Version: 1.2.1
✓ Apply

Nodes

Custom request/response

+ Add node

1
My Drive
⋮

Node settings

Node address:

Name:

Timeout time: ms

Reconnection ti...: ms

Retries:

Transactions

+ Add
▼
Duplicate
Delete

	Active	Transaction name	Transaction template name	Size to EtherNet/IP™ (bytes)	Size from EtherNet/IP™ (bytes)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Control Word	Write Parameter (0x02)	0	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Speed	Write Parameter (0x02)	0	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Status Word	Read Parameter (0x01)	2	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Actual Speed	Read Parameter (0x01)	2	0

Figure 3. Node with Transactions

Transactions are based on standard Modbus RTU transactions (Modbus RTU serial protocol) or transactions templates (Custom Request/Response or Produce/Consume serial protocol) and define the data to be sent or received.

Each transaction has a number of parameters that need to be configured to define how data is to be sent / received.

Frame Fields

The Frame editor is used to design custom transaction templates.

The Frame editor with Frame fields is available when either the Custom Request/Response or Custom Produce/Consume serial protocol is enabled.

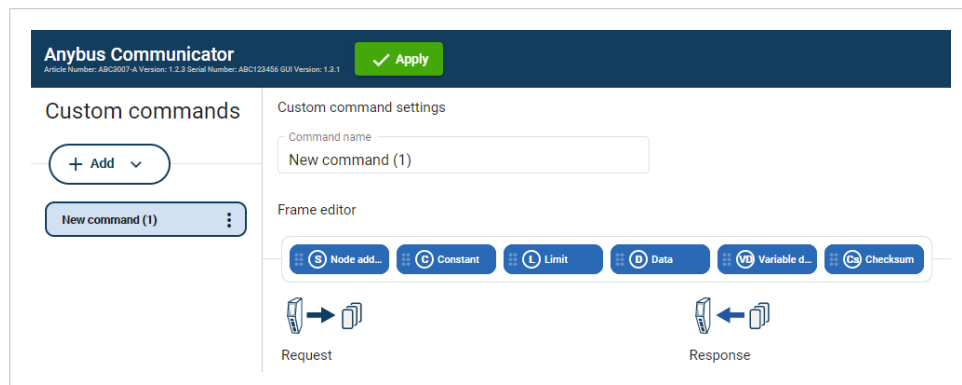


Figure 4. Frame editor

Frame fields are low level entities used to compose transactions.

A frame object can represent a:

- fixed value, a constant
- range of values, limit objects
- block of data or a calculated checksum

Transaction Templates

The Transaction templates are available when either the Custom Request/Response or Custom Produce/Consume serial protocol is enabled.

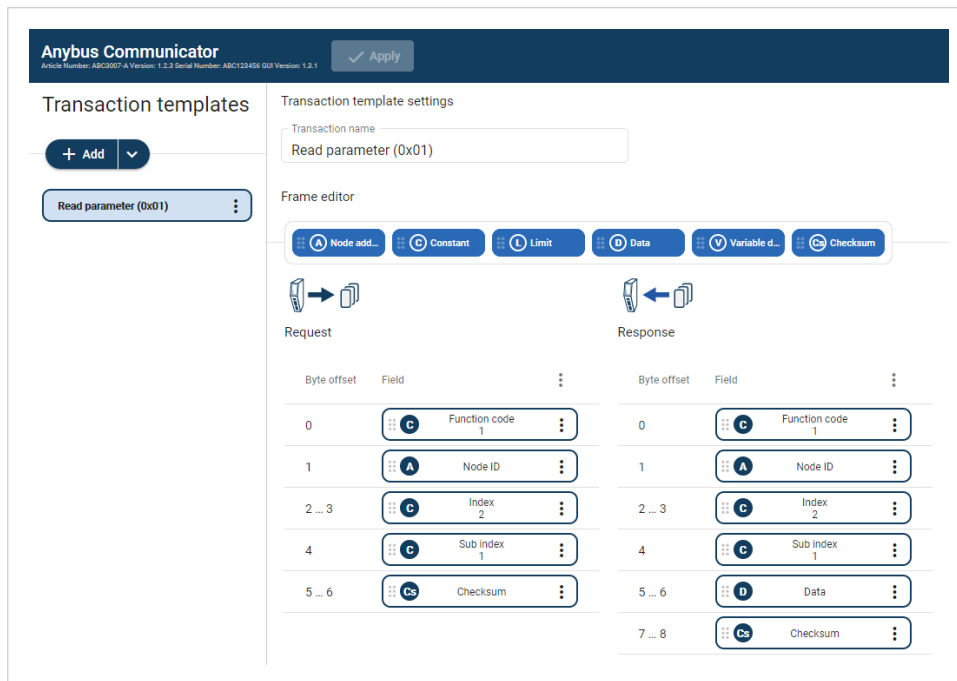


Figure 5. Frame editor, Request and Response

A transaction represents a complete serial telegram, and consists of a number of frame fields.

Each frame field is associated with a set of parameters controlling what is transmitted on the subnetwork.

The transaction templates are stored in the Communicator and can be reused multiple times.

Example 1. Common Read Transaction

If you have a common read transaction. Then you can create one single transaction template for the read transaction and reuse it multiple times on your node(s).

If you have a function code in your protocol similar to a standard Modbus RTU transaction. Then you can create a transaction template based on the Modbus RTU transaction for the read operation. When you reuse the template on your node(s), you only have to change the function code each time it is used.

4.2. How the Communication Works

The Communicator enables communication, data exchange, between one or more server devices connected to a serial subnetwork and a client device connected to a high level network.

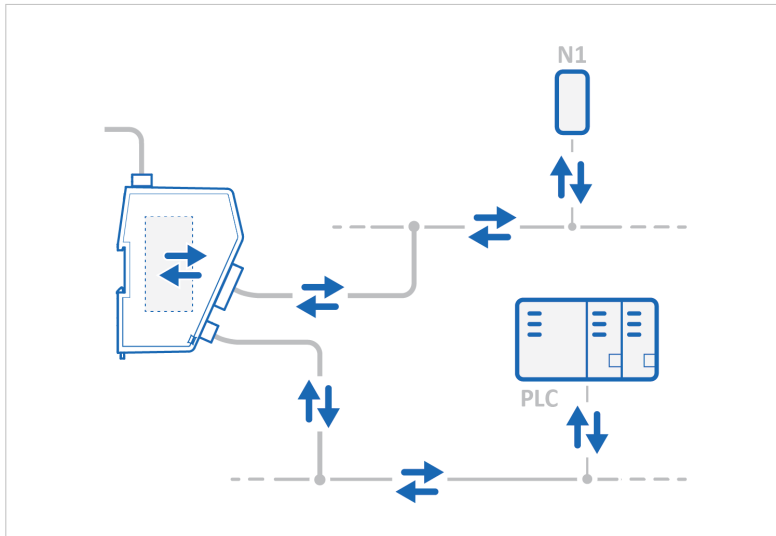


Figure 6. Process data traffic overview

For example:

- The client device can be a PLC controller or a PC.
- A server devices can be a sensor, scanner, industrial robot or sniffer.

The Communicator main task is to cyclically send the transactions that the server(s) are configured to execute, in order to request and transfer process data.

Request Process Data

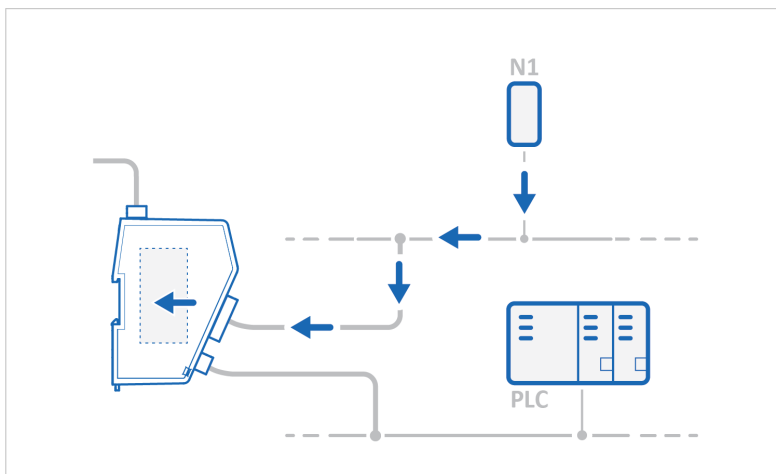


Figure 7. Process data traffic from nodes to client

Request process data from the serial subnetwork nodes, specified in the Communicator configuration, and make the process data available on the server interface and for the high level network client device.

Transfer Process Data

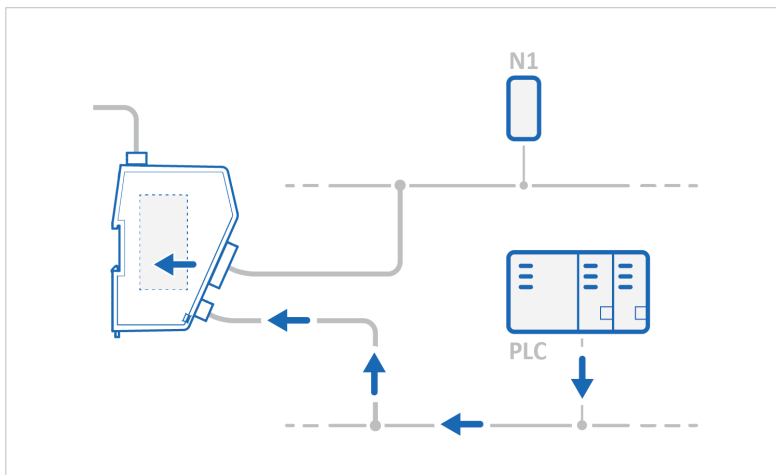


Figure 8. Process data traffic from client to nodes

Transfer process data from the high level network client device and make it available on the server interface and for the serial subnetwork nodes included in the configuration.

4.3. How the Data Exchange Works

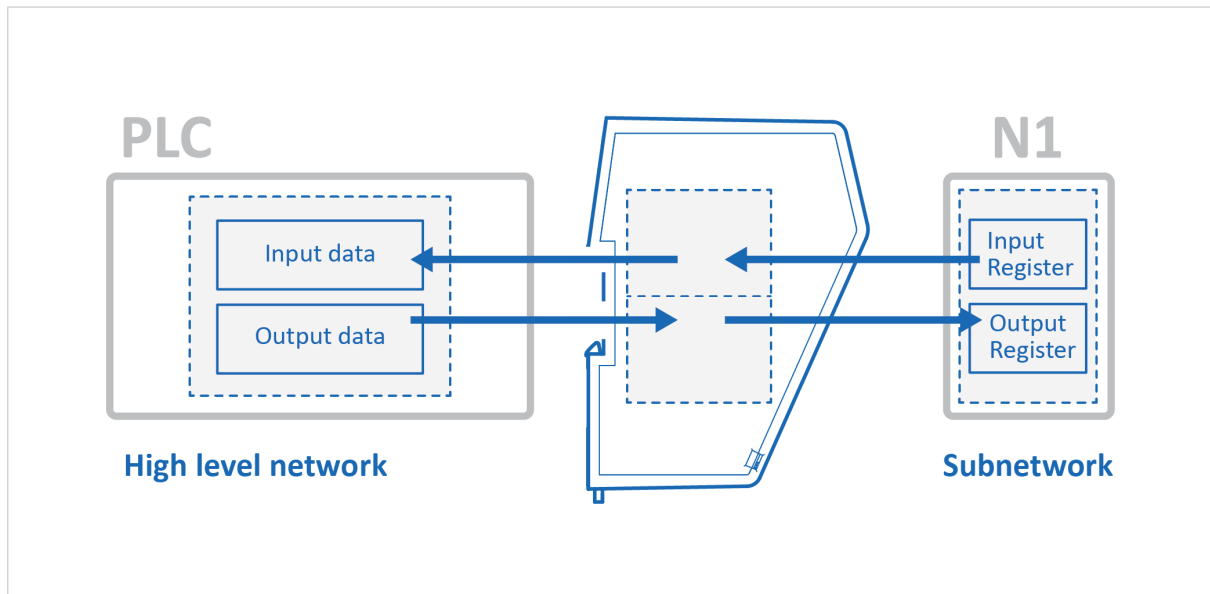


Figure 9. The Communicator internal memory areas

The data exchanged between the Communicator and the serial subnetwork and the high level network resides in the Communicator internal memory buffer.

To exchange data with the serial subnetwork, the high level network reads and writes data to the Communicator internal memory buffer.

The same memory locations are exchanged on the serial subnetwork.

The memory locations are specified when configuring the Communicator using the Communicator built-in web interface.

Input Data

The Input data area is read by the high level network.

Output Data

The Output data area is read/written by the high level network.

4.4. Data Integrity

A snapshot of the process data buffer between the Client and the server interface is used during the operation of executing all the transactions within one cycle.

When the cycle is completed, the process data available on the server interface is updated and a new snapshot is created for the next cycle.

5. Installation

5.1. External Parts

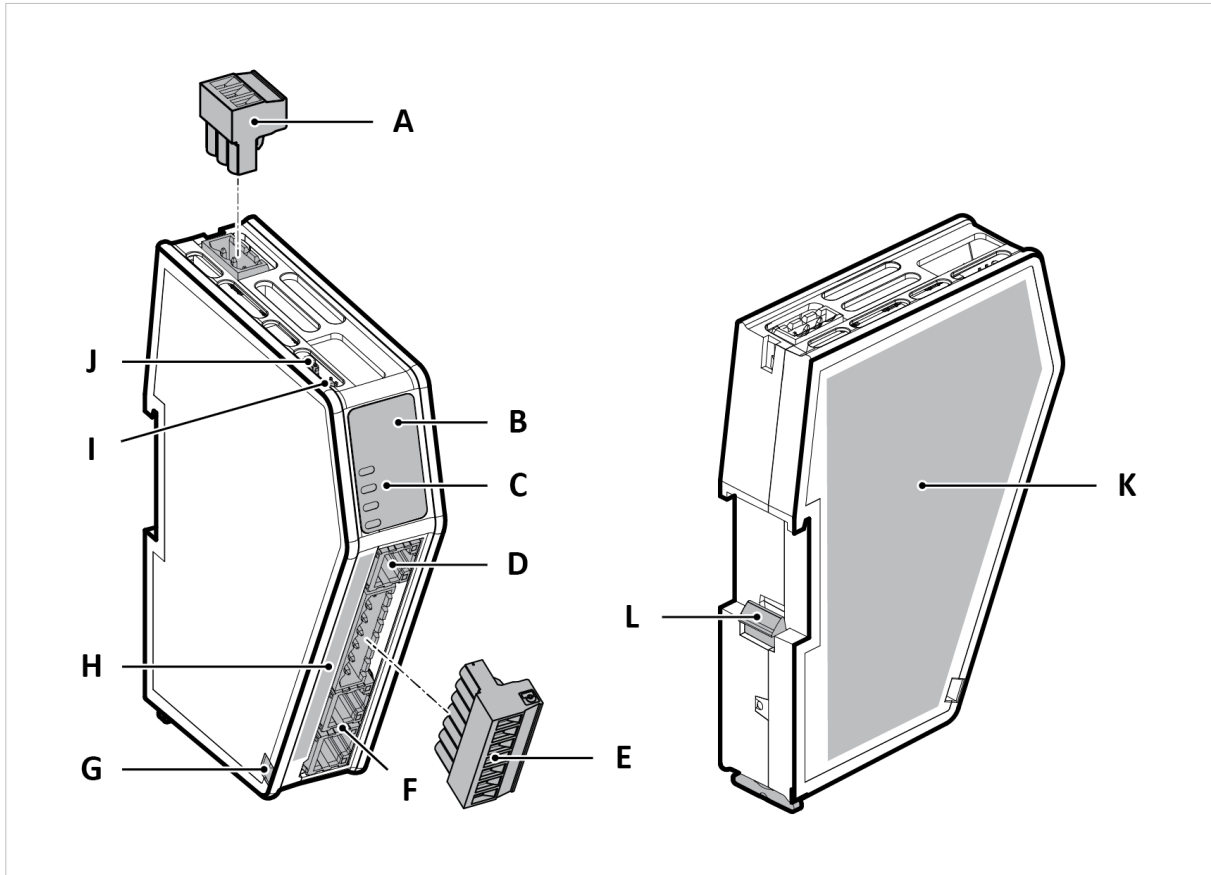


Figure 10. External parts

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|-------------------------------|--|--|
| A. Power connector | E. 7-pin connector | I. Security switch |
| B. Label with LED designation | F. Ethernet/IP port x 2 | J. Factory reset button |
| C. Status LEDs | G. Cable tie mount | K. Laser engraved label with product information |
| D. Configuration port | H. Laser engraved connectors designation | L. DIN rail locking mechanism |

5.2. DIN Rail Mounting



IMPORTANT

The equipment must be electrically grounded through the DIN rail for EMC compliance. Make sure that the equipment is correctly mounted on the rail and that the rail is properly grounded.

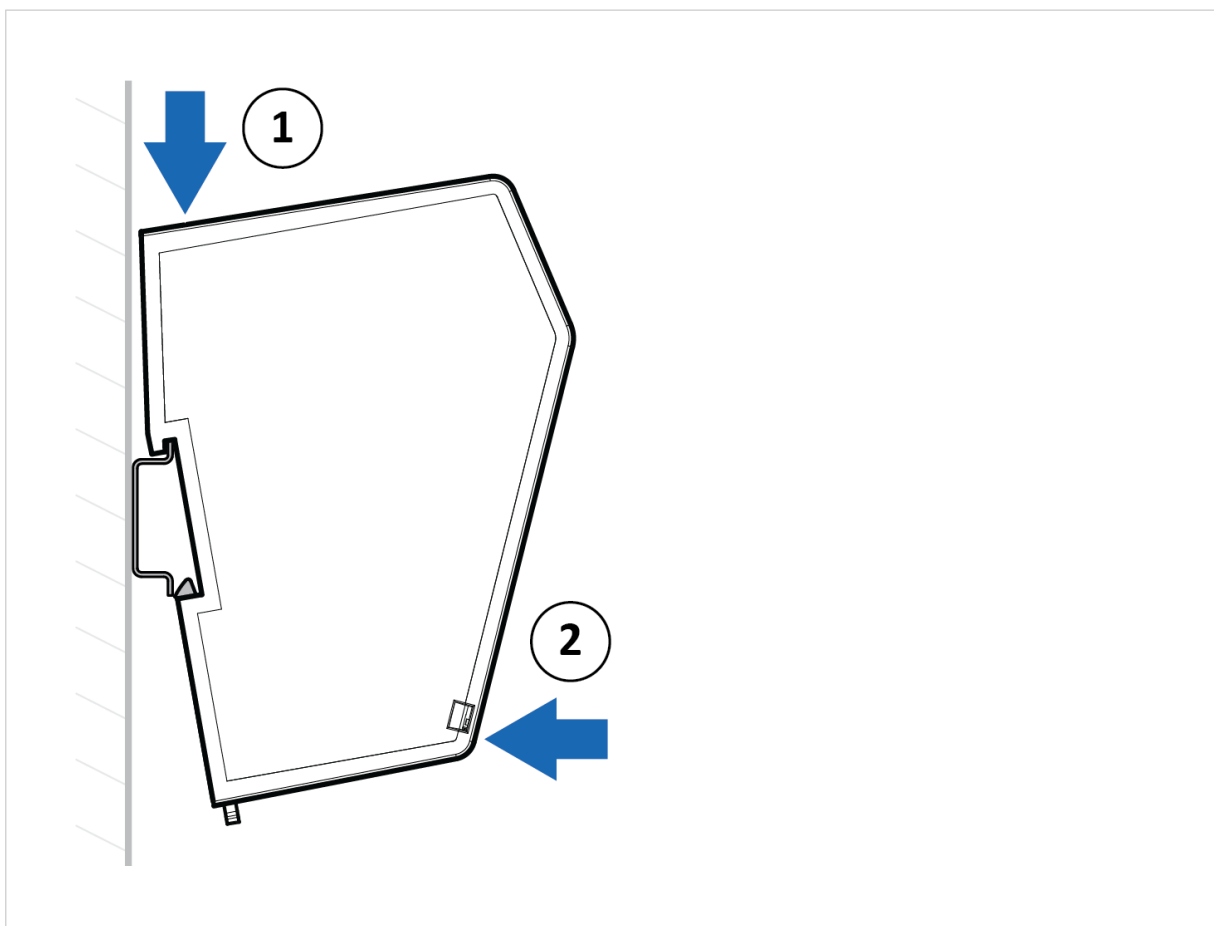


Figure 11. Attach the Communicator on the DIN rail

To attach the Communicator on the DIN rail:

1. Insert the upper end of the DIN rail clip into the DIN rail.
2. Push the bottom of the DIN rail clip into the DIN rail.

5.3. Connect to EtherNet/IP Network

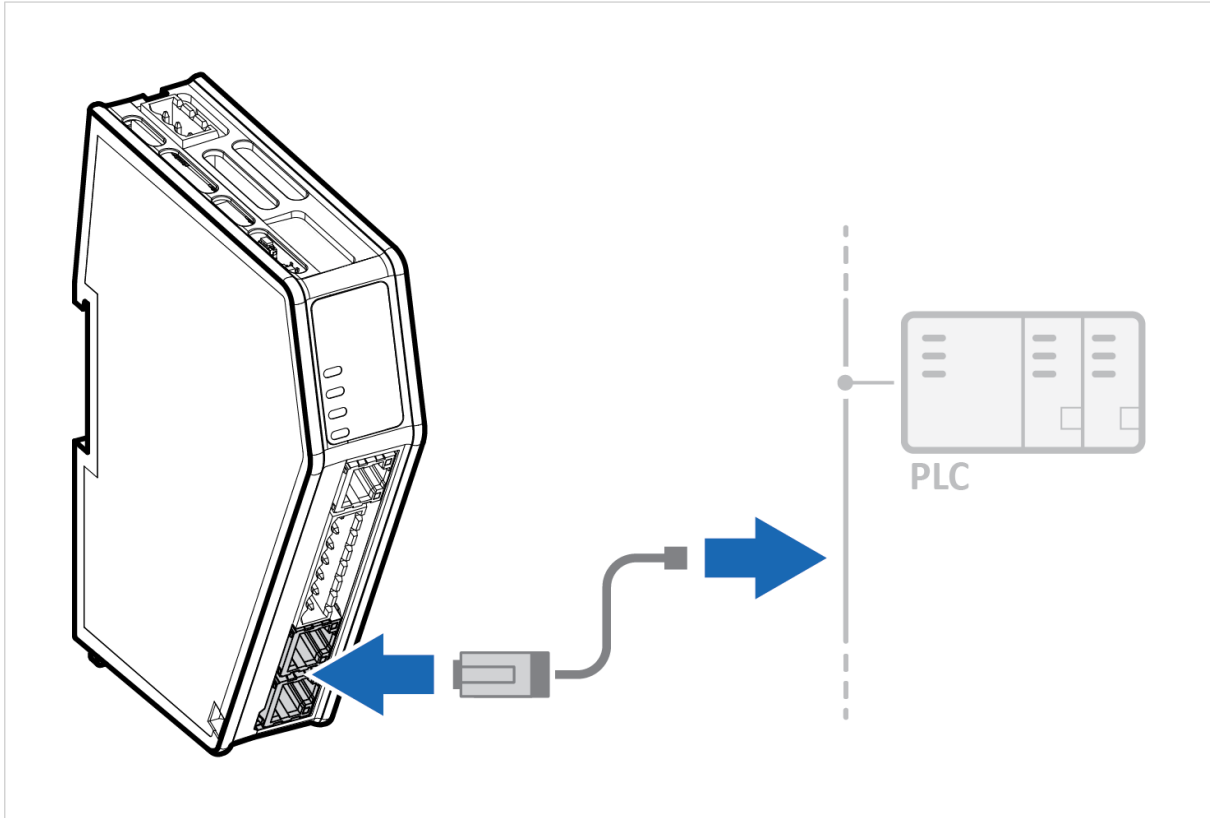


Figure 12. Connect to EtherNet/IP network

1. Connect the Communicator to your EtherNet/IP network.

RJ45 Connector	Pin	Description
	1	TD+
	2	TD-
	3	RD+
	4	Not used
	5	Not used
	6	RD-
	7	Not used
	8	Not used

To Do Next

Connect the Communicator to the serial subnetwork and to power.

Check LED status, refer to [Communicator LED Indicators \(page 94\)](#).

5.4. Connect to Serial RS232/RS485 Subnetwork



NOTE

Use minimum 90 oC copper (Cu) wire only.

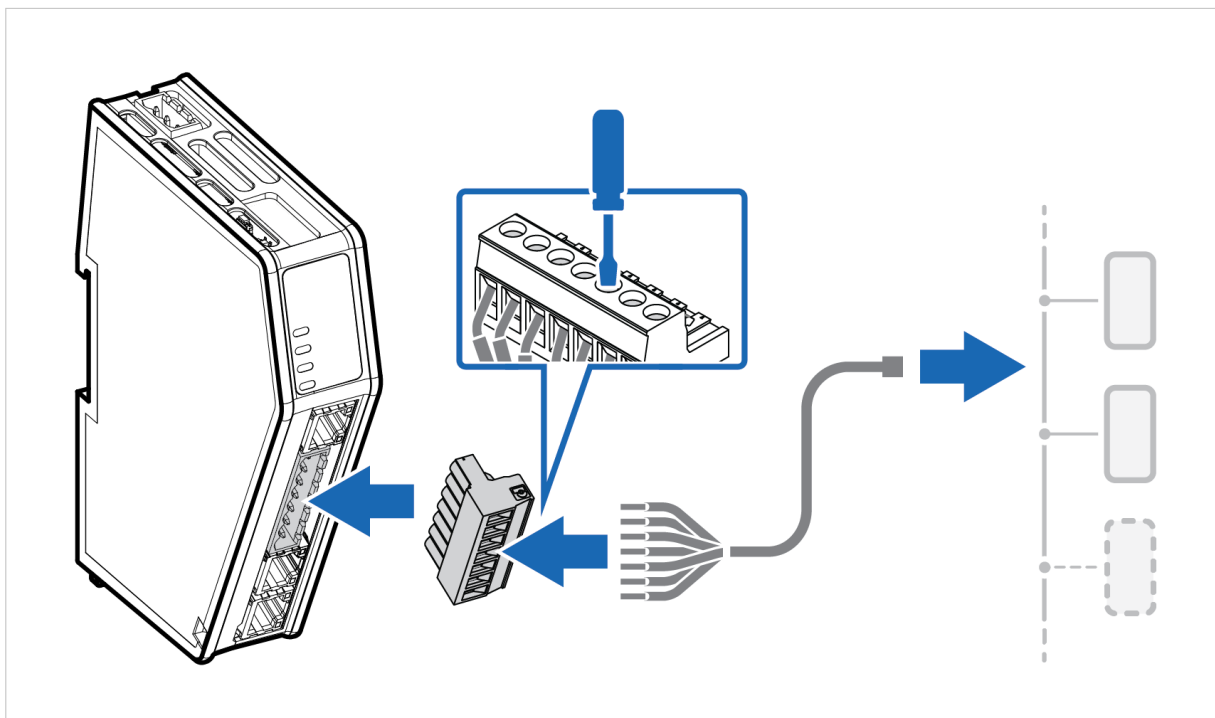
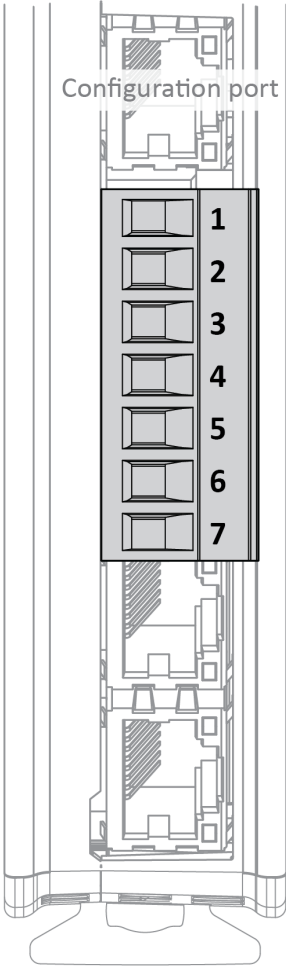


Figure 13. Connect to serial RS232/RS485 subnetwork

1. Insert the cable wires into the 7-pin connector and tighten the wire clamp screws.

7-pin connector	Pin	Signal
	1	+5 V OUT
	2	RS485+ A
	3	RS485- B
	4	Signal GND
	5	Functional Earth (FE)
	6	RS232 Tx Transmit Data
	7	RS232 Rx Receive Data

2. Connect the 7-pin connector to the Communicator.
3. Connect the Communicator to your serial subnetwork.

To Do Next

Connect the Communicator to the EtherNet/IP network and to power.

Check LED status, refer to [Communicator LED Indicators \(page 94\)](#).

5.5. Connect to Power



CAUTION

Ensure that the power supply is turned off before connecting it to the equipment.



IMPORTANT

Using the wrong type of power supply can damage the equipment. Ensure that the power supply is connected properly and of the recommended type.

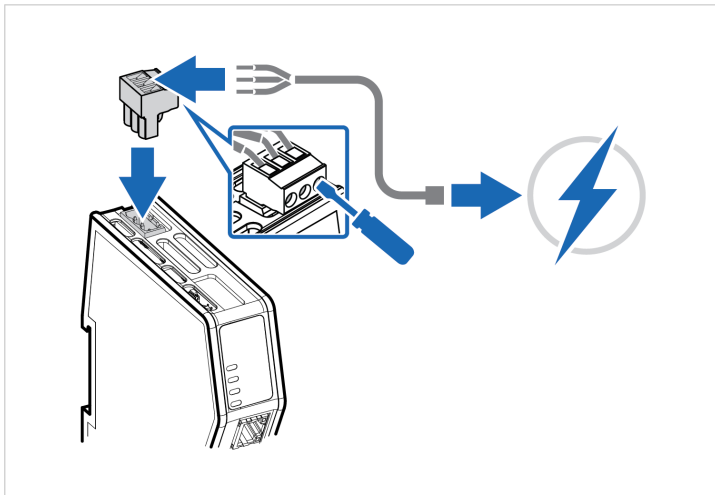


Figure 14. Connect to power

1. Insert the cable wires to the terminal block and tighten the wire clamp screws.

Power port	Pin	Description
	1	12-30 VDC Power Connector
	2	Ground (GND)
	3	Functional Earth (FE)

2. Connect the terminal block to the Communicator.
3. Connect the Communicator to a power supply.
4. Turn on the power supply.

To Do Next

Connect the Communicator to the EtherNet/IP and Serial RS-232/485 network.

Check LED status, refer to [Communicator LED Indicators \(page 94\)](#).

5.6. Security Switch



IMPORTANT

After completing the configuration of the Communicator, lock the security switch to prevent unauthorized access to the Communicator built-in web interface.

When the security switch is in its locked position, the Communicator built-in web interface can not be accessed and the Communicator can not be configured using the built-in web interface. Network specific parameters, configured via the PLC is still available.

To Lock and Unlock the Security Switch

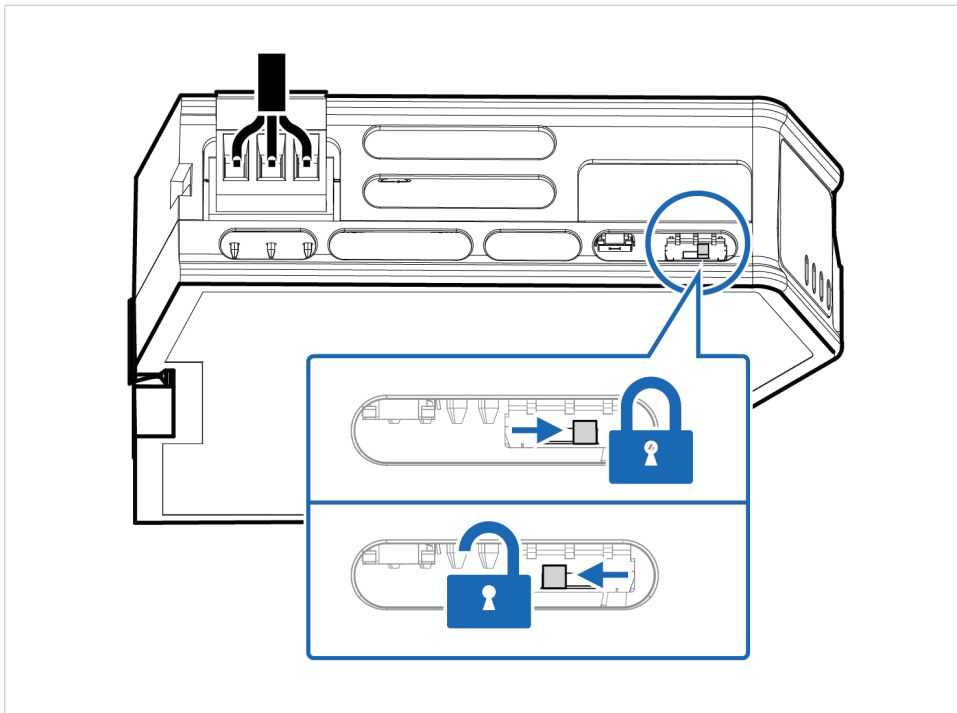


Figure 15. Security switch in locked and unlocked position

Use a pointed object, such as a ballpoint pen.

- To **lock** the security switch, push the toggle towards the **Communicator front**.
- To **unlock** the security switch, push the toggle towards the **Communicator back**.

Security Switch Status LED

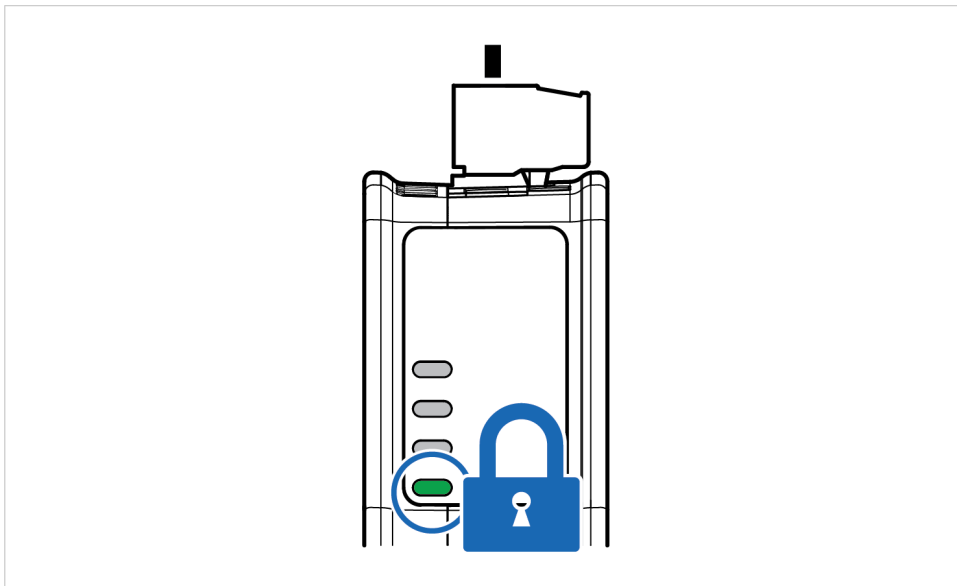


Figure 16. Security switch locked status LED

When the security switch is in its:

- locked position, the security switch status LED turn solid green.
- unlocked position, the security switch status LED is turned off.

5.7. Lock the Cables

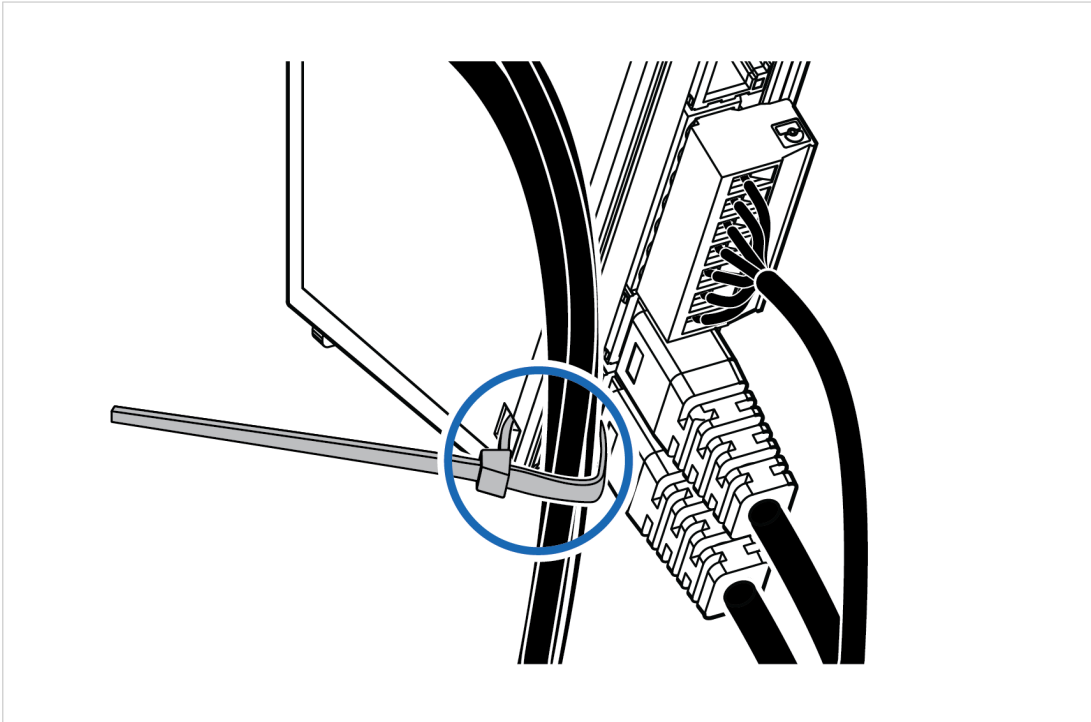


Figure 17. Lock the cables

To strain relieve the cables, place a cable tie in the holder and lock the cables.

5.8. DIN Rail Demount

Before You Begin



IMPORTANT

Be careful when removing the Communicator from the DIN-rail. If not removed properly, the DIN rail locking mechanism and the product cover can break.

Have a flat-blade screwdriver, size 5.5 mm, available.

Procedure

Remove the Communicator from the DIN Rail:

1. Insert the screwdriver into the Communicator DIN rail locking mechanism.
2. To unlock the Communicator DIN rail locking mechanism, turn the screwdriver clockwise.

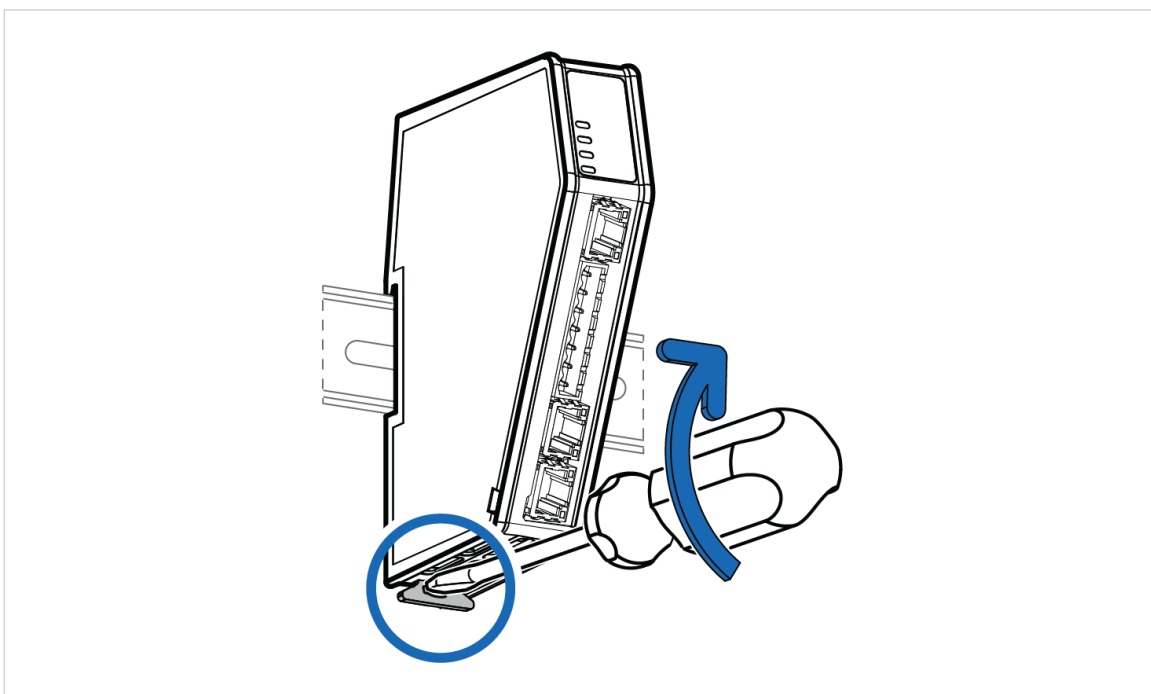


Figure 18. Unlock the Communicator

3. Hold the screwdriver in the DIN rail locking mechanism while you unhook the Communicator from the DIN rail.

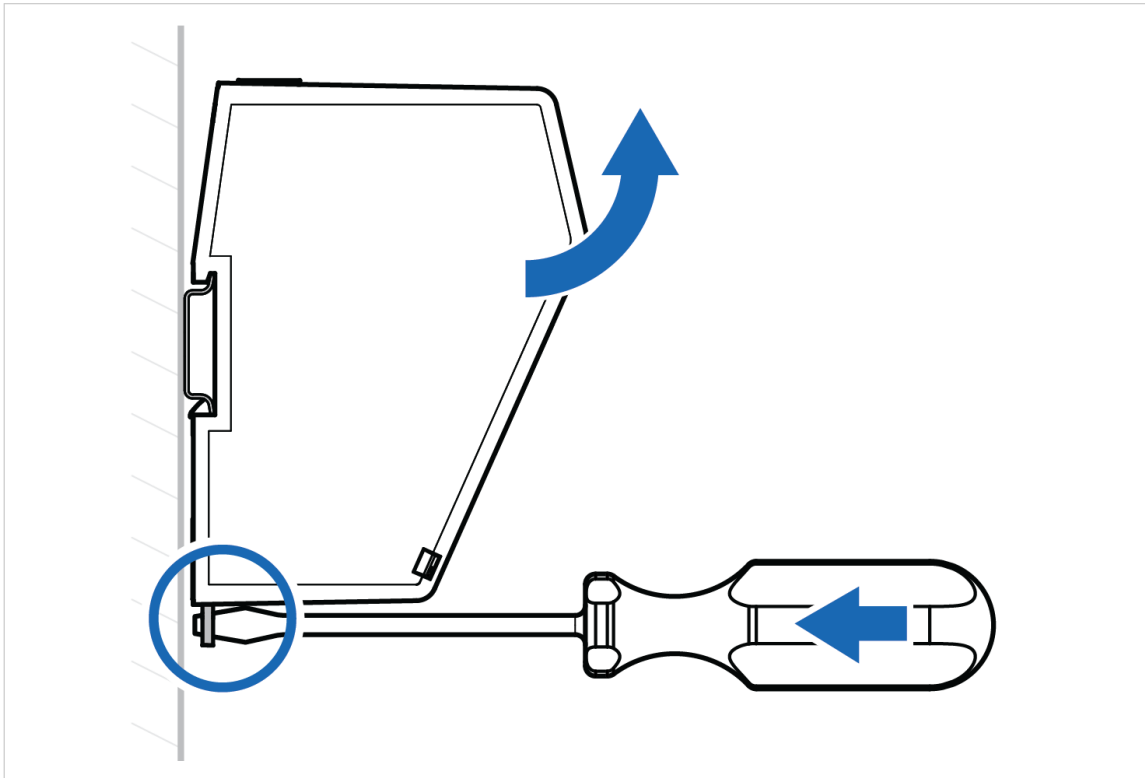


Figure 19. Unhook the Communicator

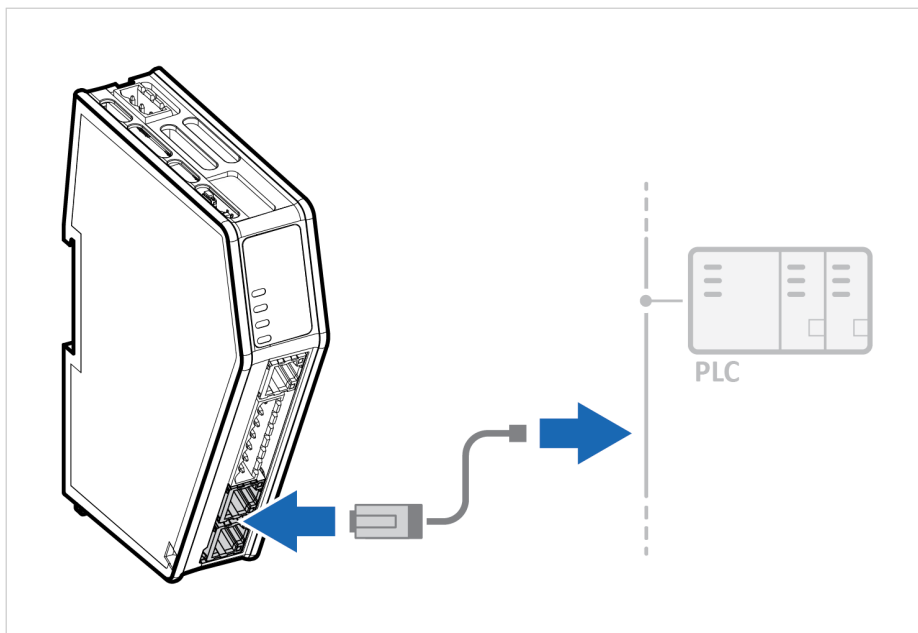
6. Configuration Quick Guide

This section is intended to give you a short overview of the tasks you need to perform to configure the Communicator.

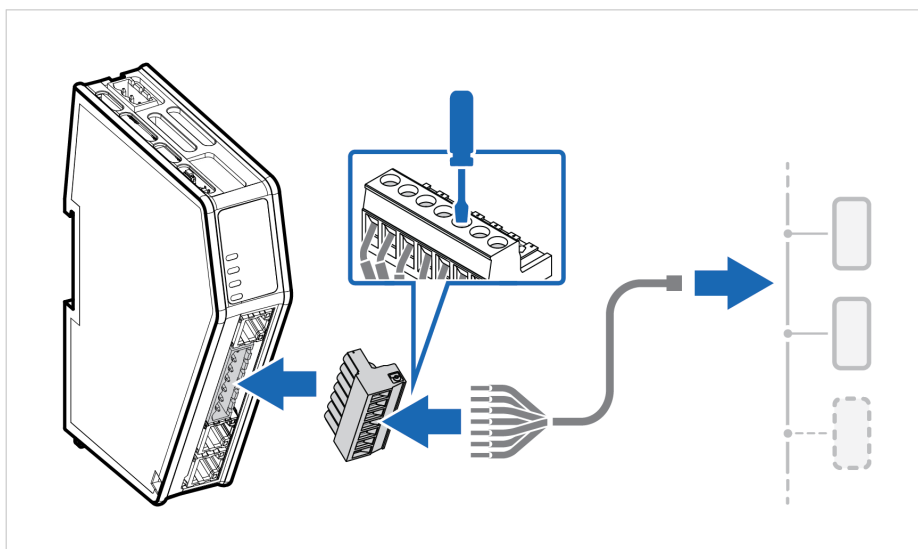
For detailed information, please refer to [Communicator Configuration \(page 34\)](#).

6.1. Prepare Configuration

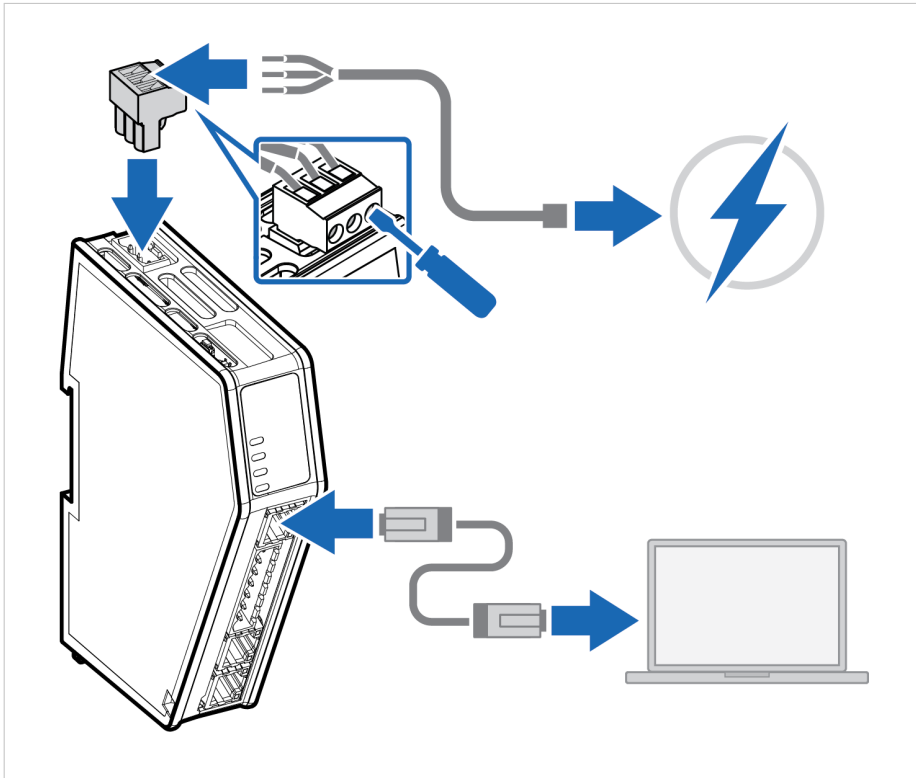
1. **Connect Communicator to the EtherNet/IP network.**



2. **Connect the Communicator to the serial RS232/RS485 subnetwork**



3. Connect to PC and power



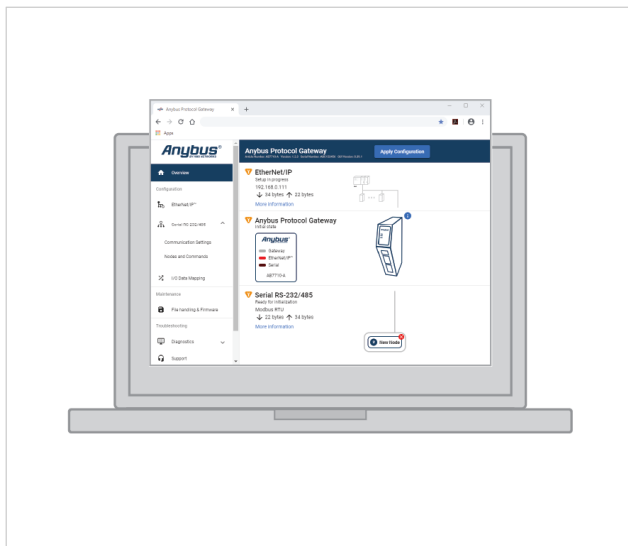
- a. Connect an Ethernet cable between the Communicator configuration port and your PC.
- b. Connect the Communicator to a power supply.

4. Find the Communicator on your PC

The Communicator default IP address is 192.168.0.10.

Option 1	Option 2
<div data-bbox="296 394 663 676" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="244 741 754 815">On the PC accessing the Communicator built-in web interface, set a static IP address within the same IP address range as the Communicator IP address.</p>	<div data-bbox="1018 421 1257 824" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="834 904 1377 954">Change the IP address on the Communicator configuration port to one within the same IP address range as your PC.</p> <p data-bbox="834 965 1276 1014">Use the software application HMS IPconfig to find the Communicator default IP address on your PC.</p> <p data-bbox="834 1025 1337 1072">Download the installation files and user documentation from www.anybus.com/support.</p>

5. Access the Communicator built-in web interface



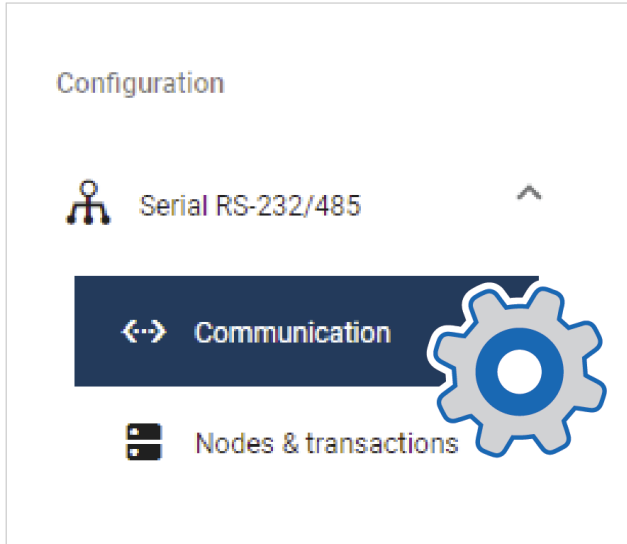
Open the Communicator built-in web interface in HMS IPconfig or enter the Communicator IP address in your web browser.

The Communicator built-in web interface overview page opens in your browser.

6.2. Setup New Configuration

Follow these steps to setup a new Communicator configuration.

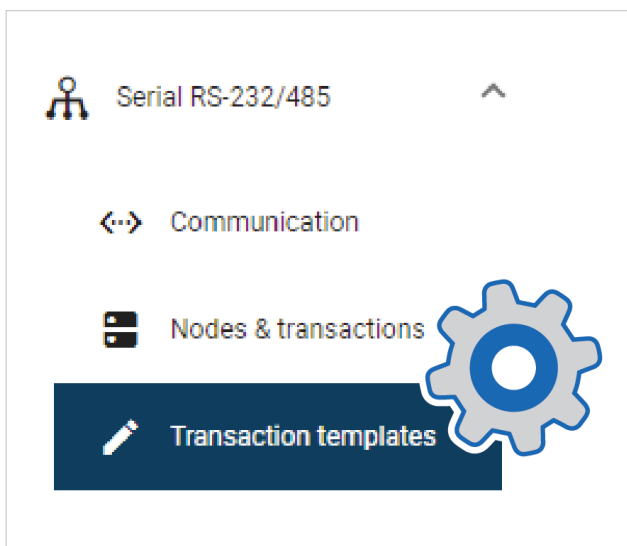
1. Subnetwork configuration



On the **Communication** page:

- a. Select a serial protocol: **Modbus RTU** (default), **Custom Request/Response** or **Custom Produce/Consume**.
For information about the serial protocol types, see [Serial Protocol Types \(page 6\)](#).
- b. Configure the basic settings Physical standard:, Baud rate, Data bits, Parity and Stop bits.

2. Create Transaction Templates

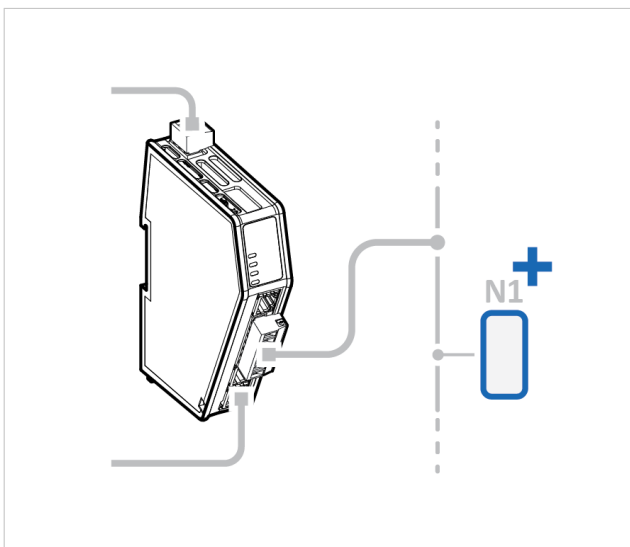


This step applies when the serial protocol **Custom request/response** is selected.

On the **Transaction templates** page: Add a transaction template and configure the template settings.

Repeat until you have added and configured all your transaction templates.

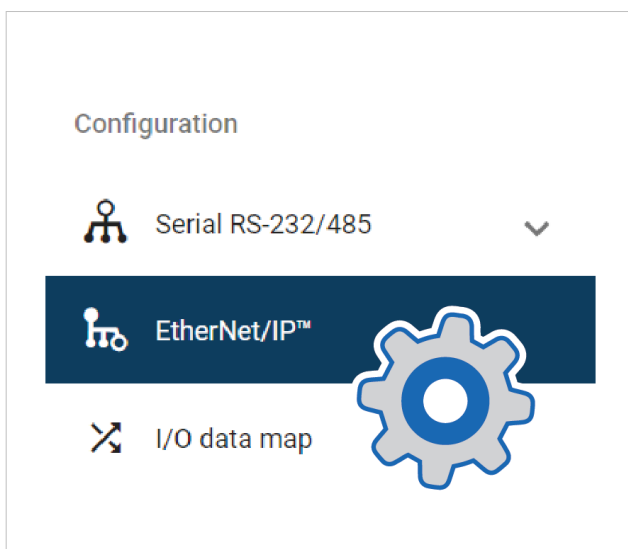
3. Add Nodes and Transactions



On the **Nodes & transactions** page:

- a. Add a node and configure the node settings.
- b. Add commands to the node and configure the command settings.
- c. Repeat until you have added and configured all your nodes.

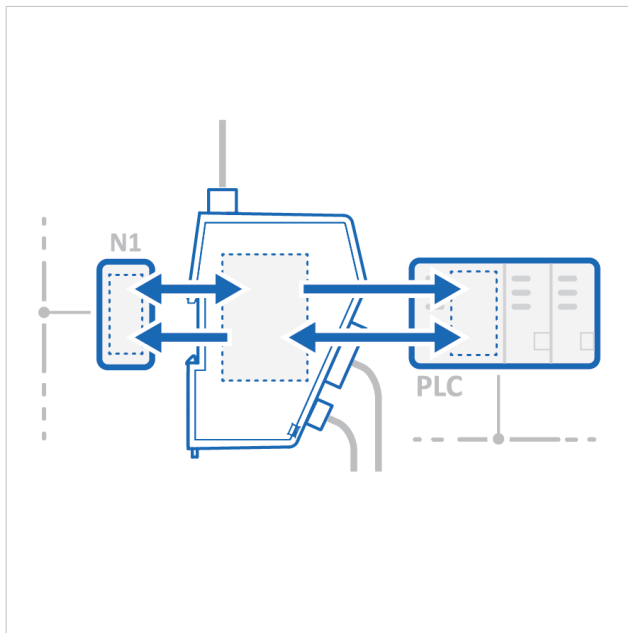
4. High level network configuration



On the **EtherNet/IP** page:

1. Use Automatic I/O sizes provided by the subnetwork or choose to set them manually.
2. Enable DHCP server or choose to set a specific IP address.

5. I/O Data Mapping



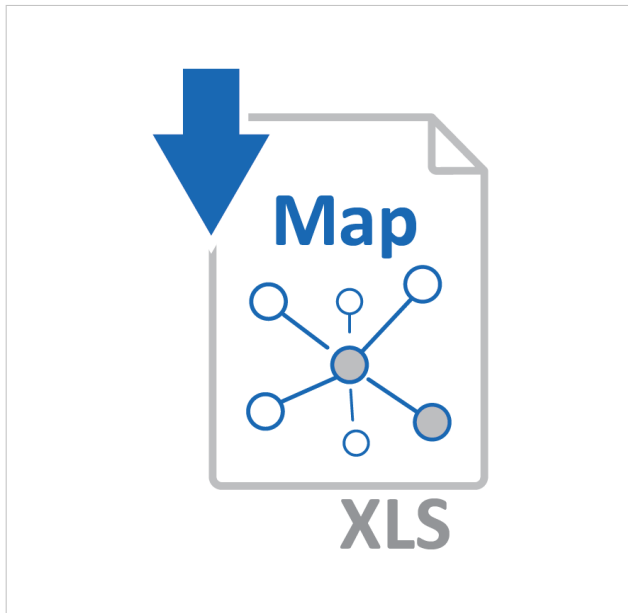
The commands you added to the nodes are automatically mapped to the Communicator internal memory area.

View the added nodes and commands on the **I/O data map** page.

6.3. PLC Configuration

In the Communicator built-in web interface:

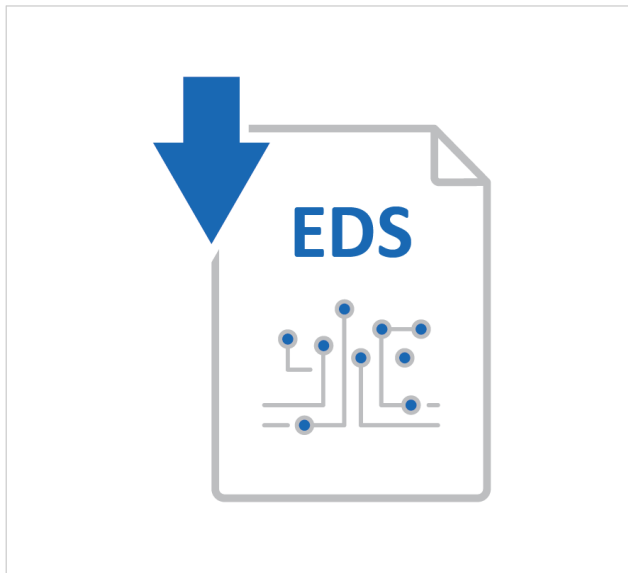
1. Export I/O data map



When you configure the communication between the Communicator and the PLC, you can use the I/O data map as a specification to ensure that the commands match.

On the **I/O data map** page: You can download the I/O data mapping in a spreadsheet to your PC.

2. Download EDS File



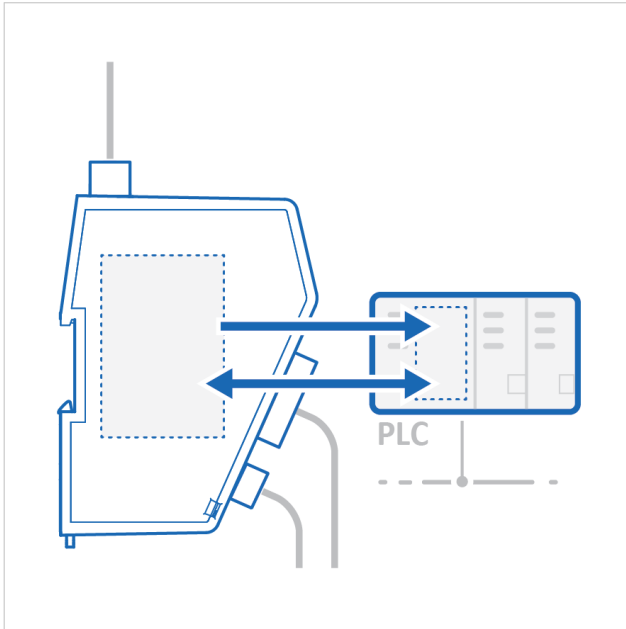
Option if the PLC program requires a EDS (Electronic Data Sheet) file.

On the **EtherNet/IP** page: Download the EDS file to your PC.

In the PLC program:**1. Import product file**

Option if the PLC program requires a EDS (Electronic Data Sheet) file.

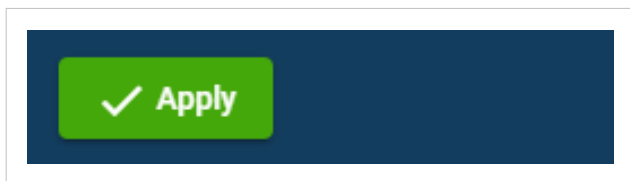
Import the EDS file into your PLC project.

2. Configure the communication

Configure the PLC to communicate with the Communicator according to the I/O data map created in the Communicator.

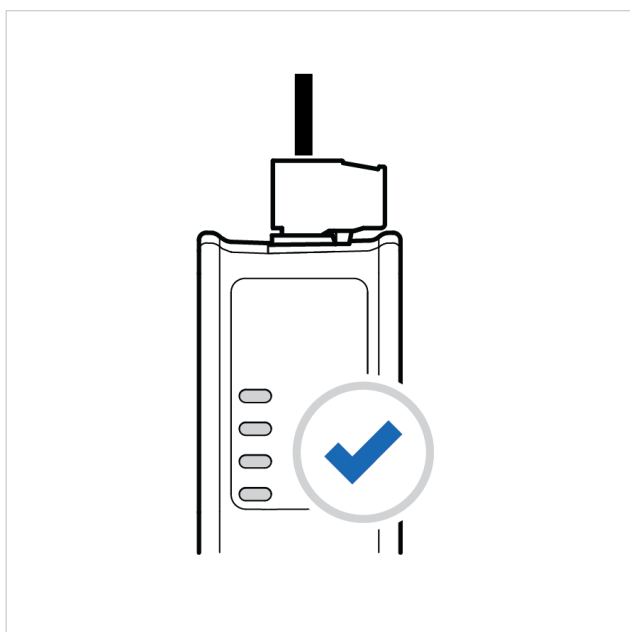
6.4. Verify Operation

1. **Apply the configuration**



When you have completed and verified the configuration, click **Apply** for the settings to take effect.

2. **Verify status and LED indications**



On the **Home** page:

Monitor the Communicator, network and node status.

You can also view the Communicator LED indications remotely.

3. Verify and monitor communication



In **Diagnostics**, use the:

- **Serial RS-232/485** page to verify that the serial commands are sent and received by the Communicator.
- **I/O data** page to monitor how the data flow between the **Serial RS-232/485** side and the **EtherNet/IP** side, including any configured endian conversions.
- **Event log** page to detect failures and unexpected behavior over time.

7. Communicator Configuration

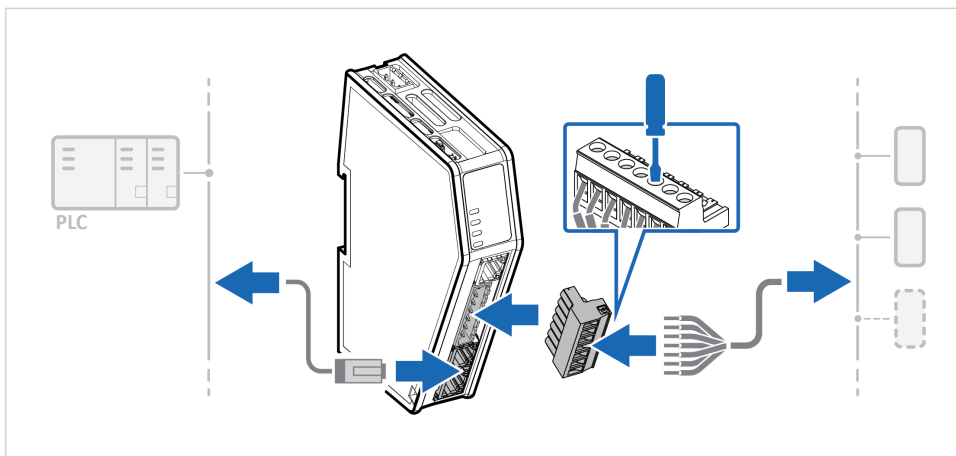
This section is intended to give you detailed information about the tasks you need to perform to setup a new Communicator configure.

For a more brief overview of the configuration steps, please refer to the [Configuration Quick Guide \(page 24\)](#).

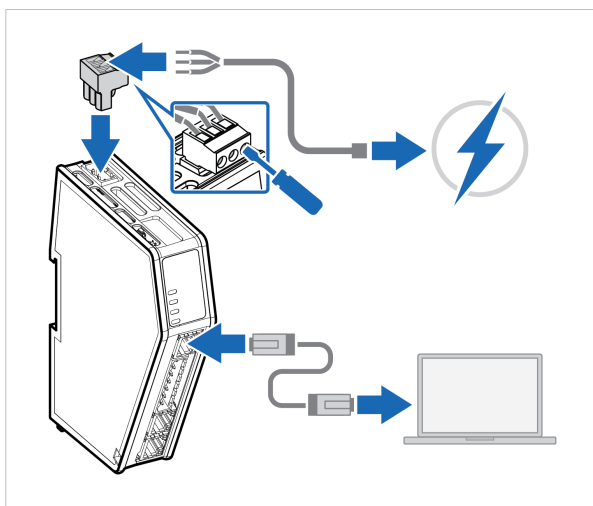
7.1. Connect the Communicator

Procedure

Connect to Serial RS-232/485 network and EtherNet/IP network



Connect to PC and Power



1. Connect an Ethernet cable between the Communicator and your PC.
2. Connect the Communicator to a power supply.

7.2. Access the Built-In Web Interface From HMS IPconfig

Before You Begin

Download the software application HMS IPconfig installation files and user documentation from www.anybus.com/support.



NOTE

The Communicator default IP address is 192.168.0.10.



NOTE

To access the Communicator built-in web interface, ensure that Port 80 TCP is open in your Firewall. This applies to any Firewall between the web browser and the gateway.



NOTE

To access the Communicator built-in web interface from HMS IPconfig, ensure that Port 3250 UDP is open in your PC Windows Firewall.

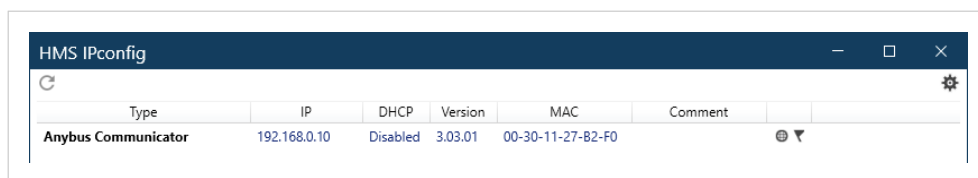


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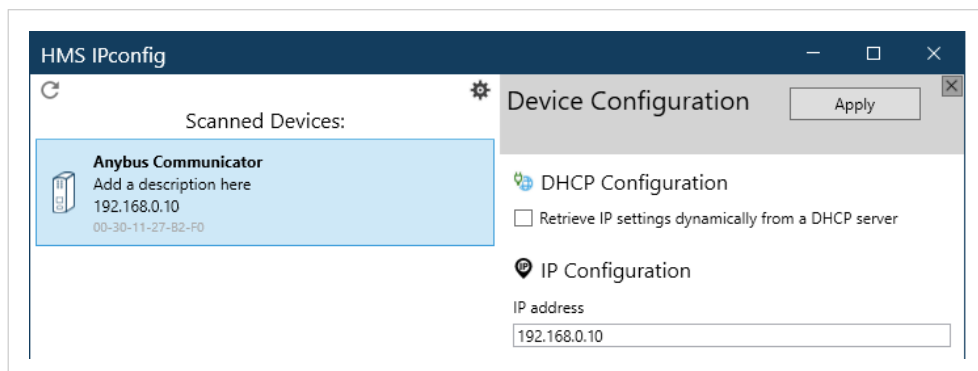
Ensure that the security switch is unlocked. HMS IPconfig cannot configure the Communicator if the security switch is locked.

Procedure

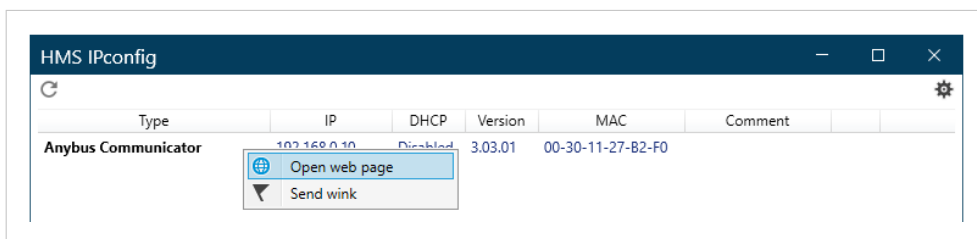
1. Install HMS IPconfig on your PC.
2. Open HMS IPconfig.



- HMS IPconfig automatically starts scanning for compatible and active HMS devices.
 - Found HMS devices are added to the device list.
3. To open the settings pane, click on the Communicator in the device list.
 4. Change the Communicator configuration port IP address to one within the same IP address range as your PC.

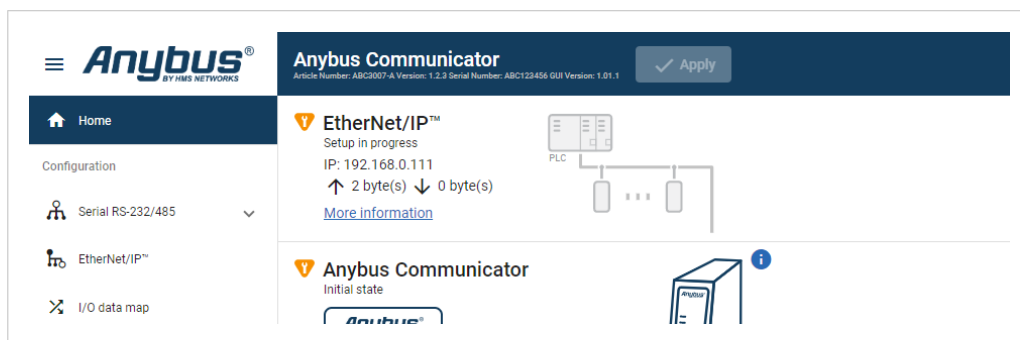


5. To open the **Open web page** built-in web interface, click Communicator.



Result

You are redirected to the Communicator built-in web interface Home page.



7.3. Access the Built-In Web Interface From a Web Browser

Before You Begin



NOTE

The Communicator configuration port default IP address is 192.168.0.10.



NOTE

To access the Communicator built-in web interface, ensure that Port 80 TCP is open in your Firewall. This applies to any Firewall between the web browser and the gateway.



NOTE

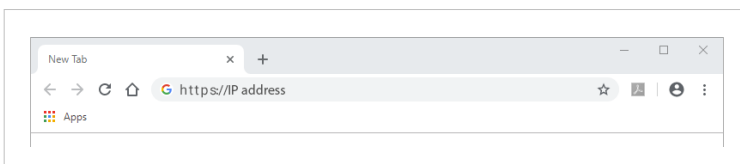
When you change to a static IP address on your computer, internet access may be lost.

Procedure

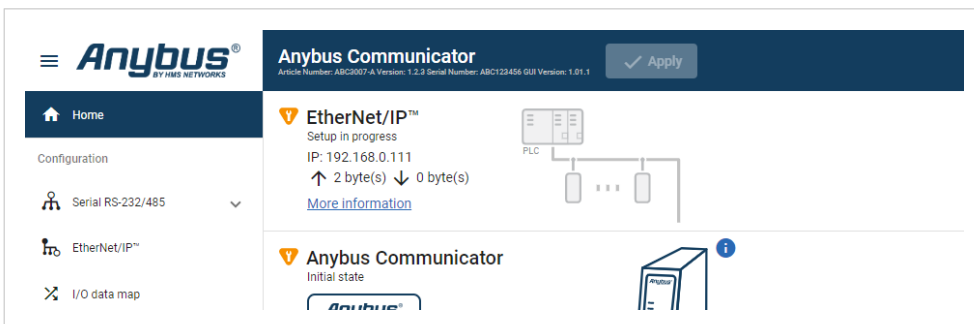
1. On the PC accessing the Communicator built-in web interface, set a static IP address within the same IP address range as the Communicator IP address.



2. Open a web browser.
3. Click to select the **Address bar** and enter the Communicator IP address.



4. To open the built-in web interface Home page, press **Enter**.



7.4. Communicator Built-In Web Interface Overview

Use the Communicator built-in web interface to configure, maintain and troubleshoot the Communicator.

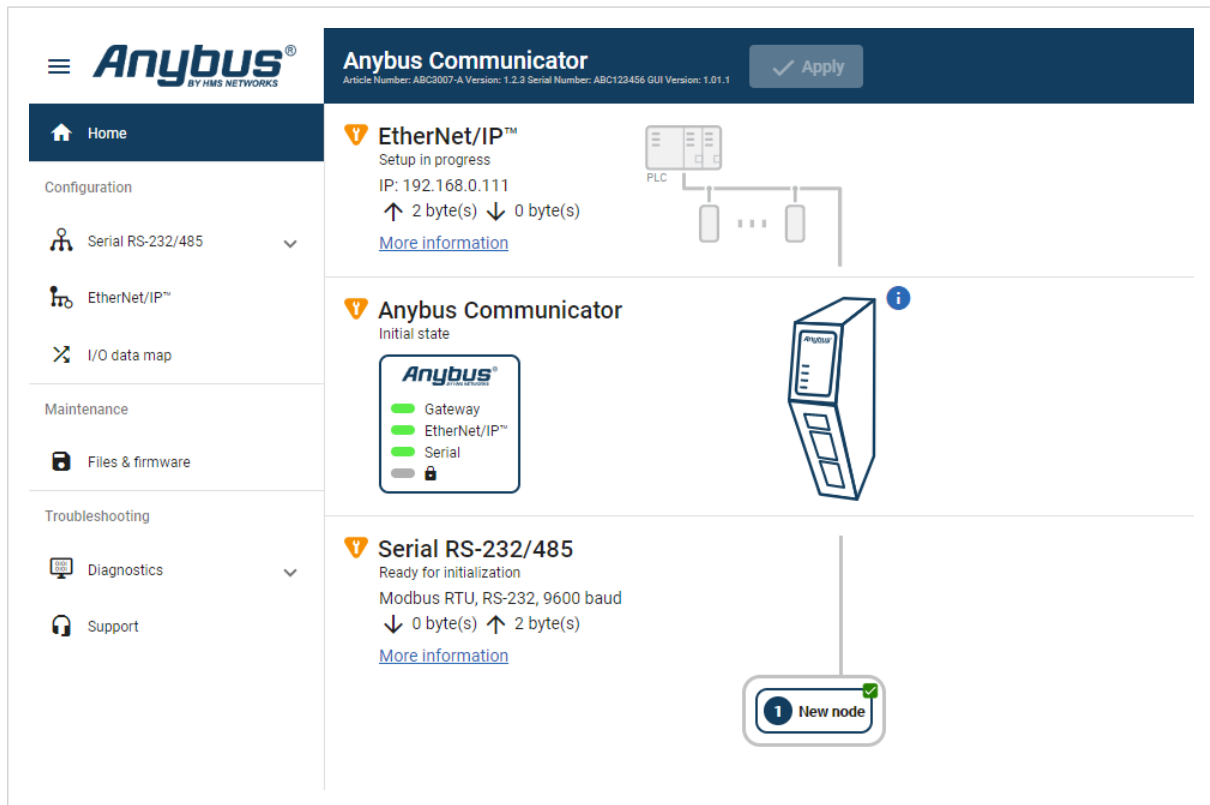


Figure 20. The Communicator built-in web interface Home page

Menu item	Description
Home	View the Communicator, network and node status.
Apply	After configuration changes are made and verified, press Apply to make the settings take effect.
Serial RS-232/485	Serial Subnetwork with Nodes. Select a Serial protocol, use Modbus RTU standard transactions or create your own transaction templates. Configure communication and add nodes and commands.
EtherNet/IP	High Level Network with Client. Configure I/O Size and IP settings.
I/O data map	View the added commands mapped to the Communicator internal memory area.
Files & firmware	Save settings in a configuration files, upload configuration files and upgrade firmware.
Diagnostics	Monitor and troubleshoot the Communicator.
Support	Contains Communicator product information, Anybus contact information, link to Anybus support website, and product file for download. Here you can generate a support package with product information, to send to your Anybus support technician.

7.5. General Subnetwork Settings

7.5.1. Communication Serial Protocol

Before You Begin

Before starting the configuration, select the Serial protocol you want to use:

- **Modbus RTU**, Default setting: Use for serial devices that conform to the Modbus communication specification.
- **Custom Request/Response**: Create your own custom request/response transactions. The transactions can be based on the Modbus communication specification or fully customized.
- **Custom Produce/Consume**: Create your own custom produce/consume transactions.



IMPORTANT

When changing the serial protocol, all settings are reset to default and all added nodes, transactions, and transaction templates are deleted.

Procedure

On the **Communication** page, General settings:

1. To choose a **Serial protocol**, select **Modbus RTU**, **Custom Request/Response** or **Custom Produce/Consume**.

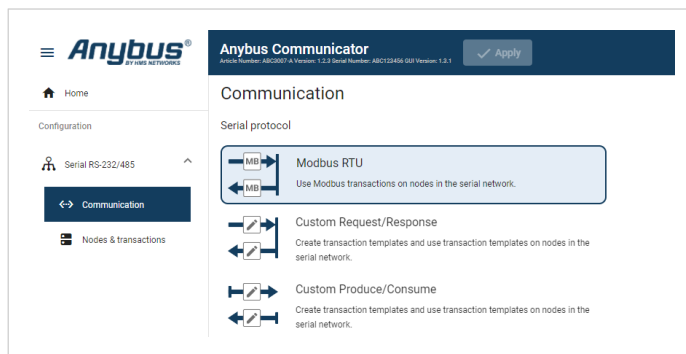


Figure 21. Communication, Serial protocol

2. To confirm the selected protocol, click **Change serial protocol**.

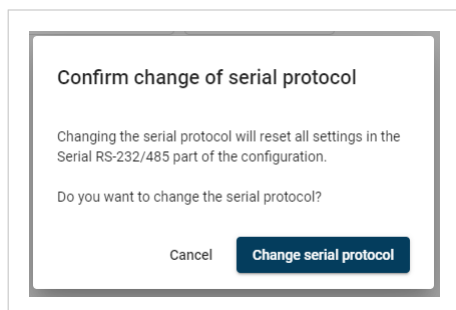


Figure 22. Confirm change of serial protocol

Apply Configuration

To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the built-in web interface header and follow the instructions.

7.5.2. Communication Basic Settings

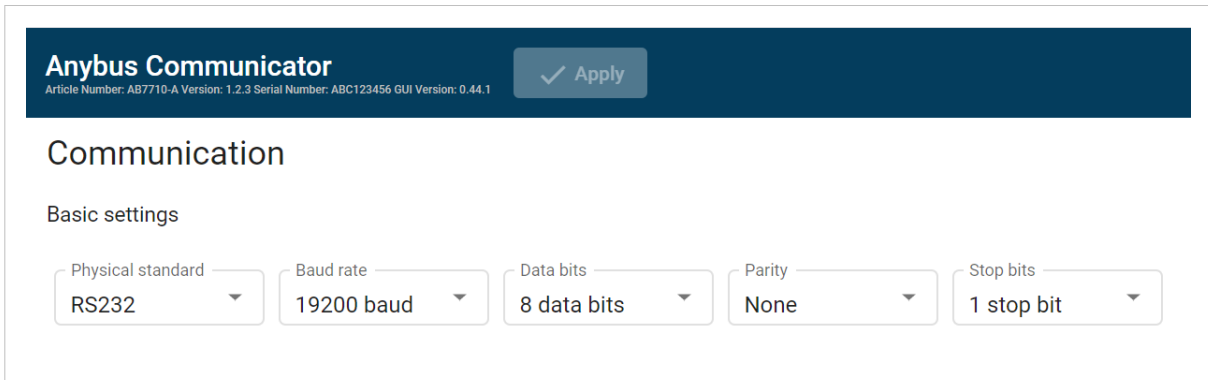
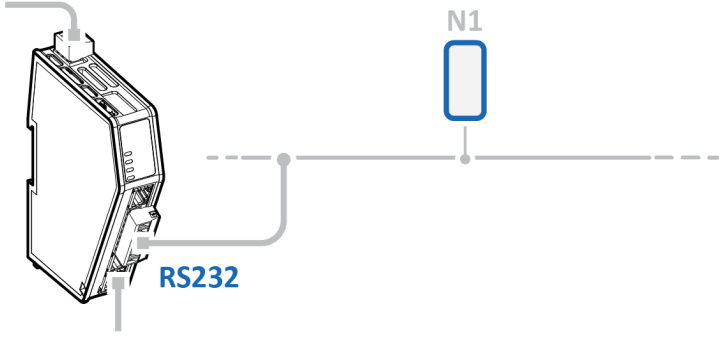
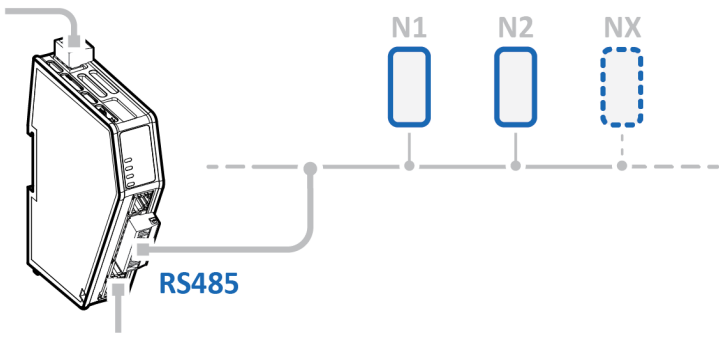


Figure 23. Communication, Basic settings

Physical standard

Specify the physical interface type for the device connected to the Communicator.

- Select a physical standard from the **Physical standard** drop-down menu.

Setting	Value	Description
Physical standard	RS-232, Default standard	Use RS-232 when one single node is connected to the subnetwork. 
	RS-485	Use RS-485 when multiple nodes are connected to the subnetwork. 

Baud rate

Specify the baud rate; the serial transfer speed, maximum bits per second.

Select a baud rate value from the **Baud rate** drop-down menu.

Data bits

Data bits is the number of bits used in the data representation of characters in the telegrams.

The rate for Modbus RTU is 7 data bits or 8 data bits. The default setting is 8 data bits.

Setting	Value
Baud rate	1200 baud
	1800 baud
	2400 baud
	4800 baud
	9600 baud, Default value
	19200 baud
	35700 baud
	38400 baud
	57600 baud
	115200 baud
	128000 baud

Parity

Specify if parity should be used to detect errors in the data.

Select parity value from the **Parity** drop-down menu.

Setting	Value	Description
Parity	None, Default value	No parity checking Parity bit is not transmitted
	Odd	Odd parity checking
	Even	Even parity checking

Stop bits

Specify the number of stop bits used to indicate the end of data transmission.

Select a stop bits value from the **Stop bits** drop-down menu.

Setting	Value
Stop bits	1 stop bit, Default value
	2 stop bit

Apply Configuration

To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the built-in web interface header and follow the instructions.

7.5.3. Communication Advanced Settings

Inter-Telegram Timeout Mode Settings

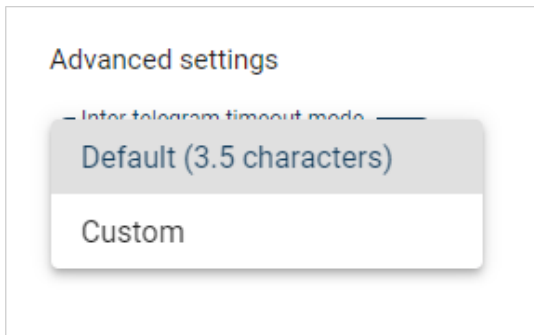


Figure 24. Advanced settings, Default (3.5 characters)

By default, Inter-telegram timeout mode Default (3.5 characters) is used.

This is according the Modbus RTU standard, which advocates the use of a silent period equivalent to 3.5 characters between each message. The silent period is used to find out where one message ends and the next begins.

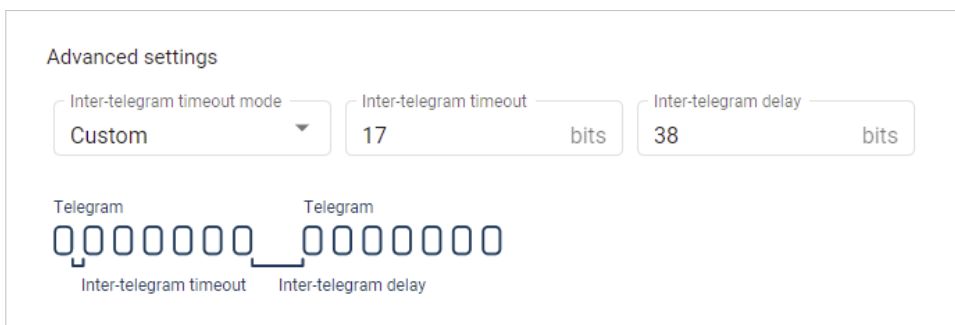


Figure 25. Custom settings, Inter-telegram timeout and Inter-telegram delay

You can use Custom settings to set the desired Inter-telegram timeout and Inter-telegram delay.

The following must be applied on all nodes:

- The time between two adjacent characters in the same telegram must be less than Intertelegram timeout.
- The time between two characters in two different telegrams the same or more than Intertelegram delay.

7.6. About Transaction Templates

This section applies when the Custom Request/Response or Custom Produce/Consume serial protocol is applied, refer to [Communication Serial Protocol \(page 39\)](#).

7.6.1. Transaction Template Example

Custom Request/Response

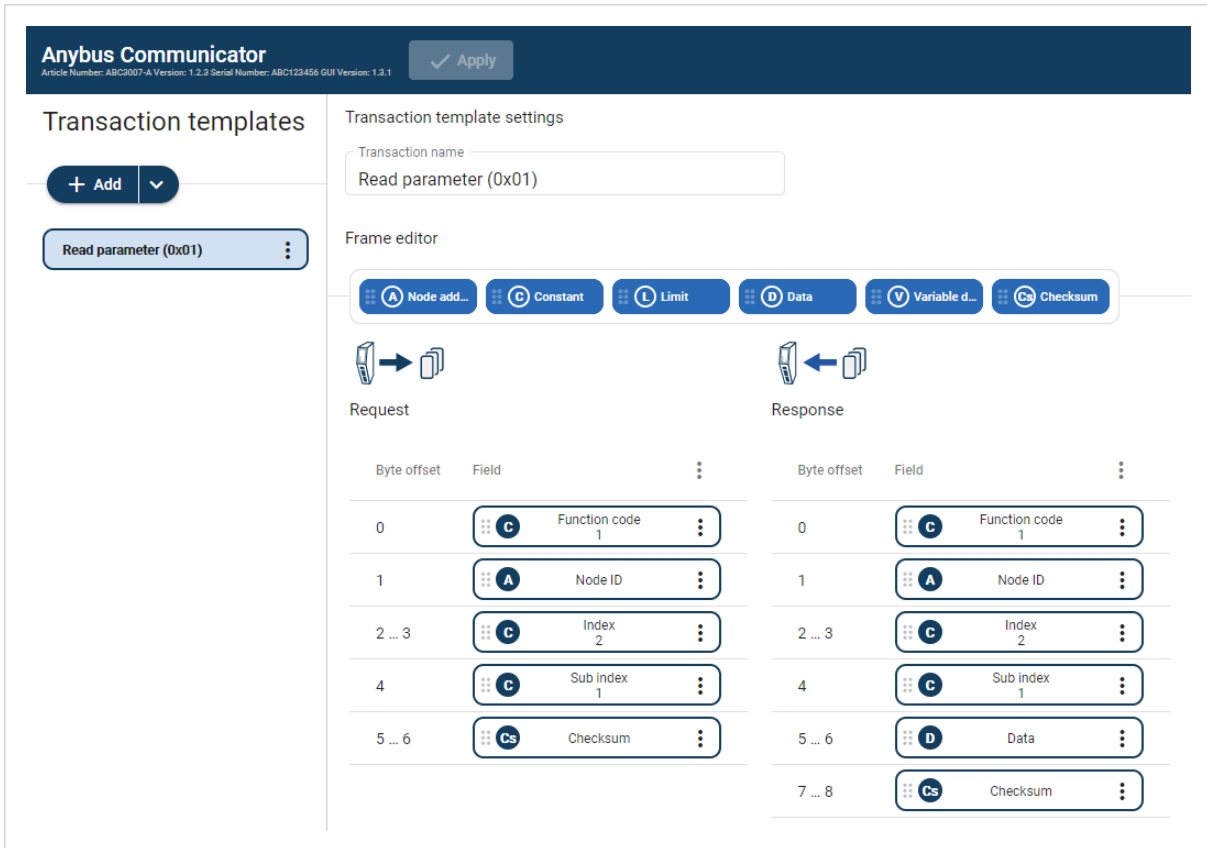


Figure 26. Request/Response transaction template example

The transaction named Read parameter (0x01) consists of a number of frame fields.

In the Request field there are three Constants, a Node address and a Checksum field.

In the Response field there are three Constants, a Node address, a Data field and a Checksum field.

Custom Produce/Consume

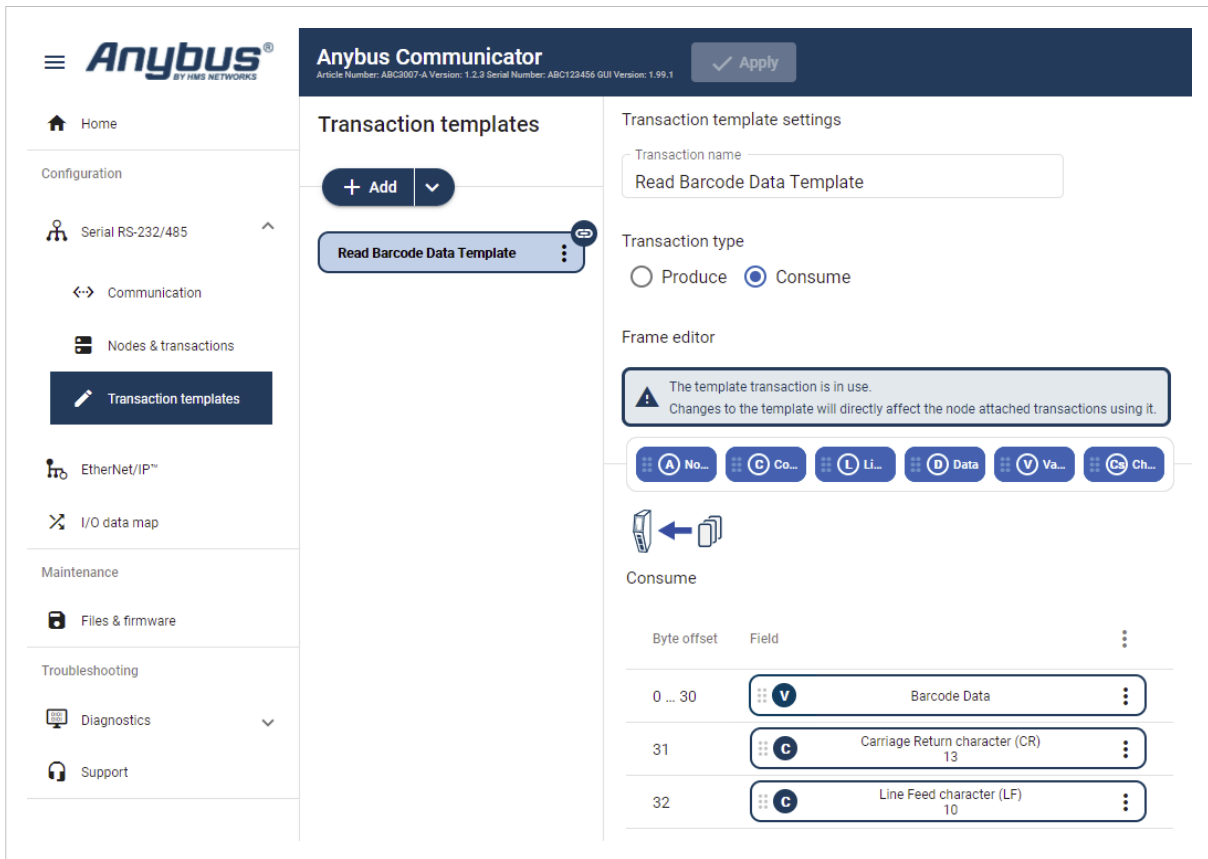


Figure 27. Produce transaction template example

The transaction named Read Barcode Data Template consists of a number of frame fields.

The Transaction type can be Produce or Consume. In this example the Transaction type Consume is selected.

In the frame field we have added one Variable data field and two Constant fields.

7.6.2. Transaction Template Types

There are two types of transaction templates, Empty template and Modbus template.

Empty Template

When using the **Empty template**, you start with an empty transaction and build a desired structure by adding and arranging frame fields.

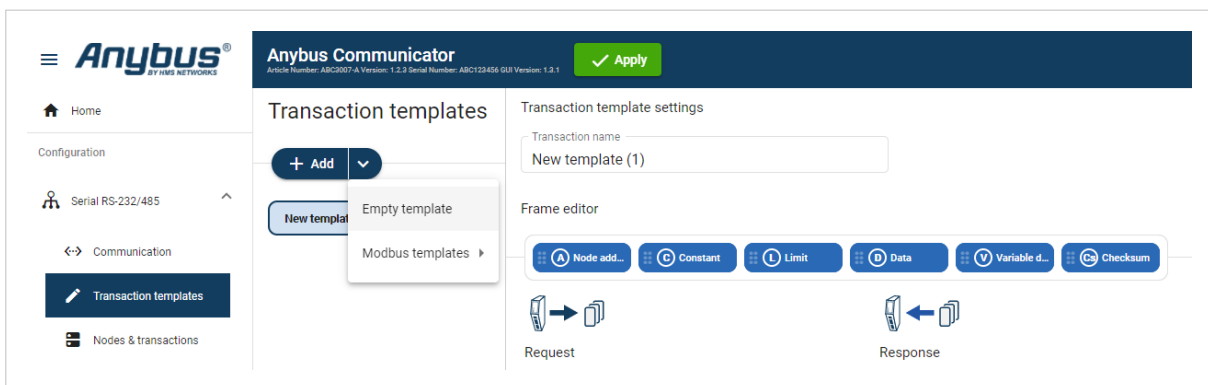


Figure 28. Transaction template, Empty template

For the produce/consume transactions you select; **Empty produce template** or **Empty consume template**.

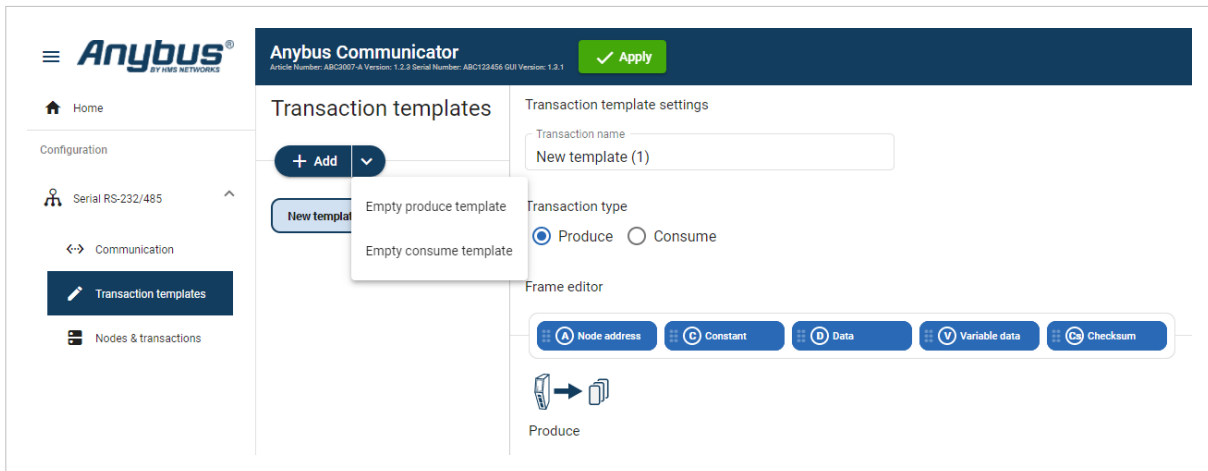


Figure 29. Transaction template, Empty Produce and Consume templates

Modbus Templates

Modbus templates are available for Custom Request/Response and Modbus RTU transactions.

When using the Modbus template, you first select the **Modbus template** from which you want to start.

You can then restructure the transaction by rearranging, adding or removing frame fields.

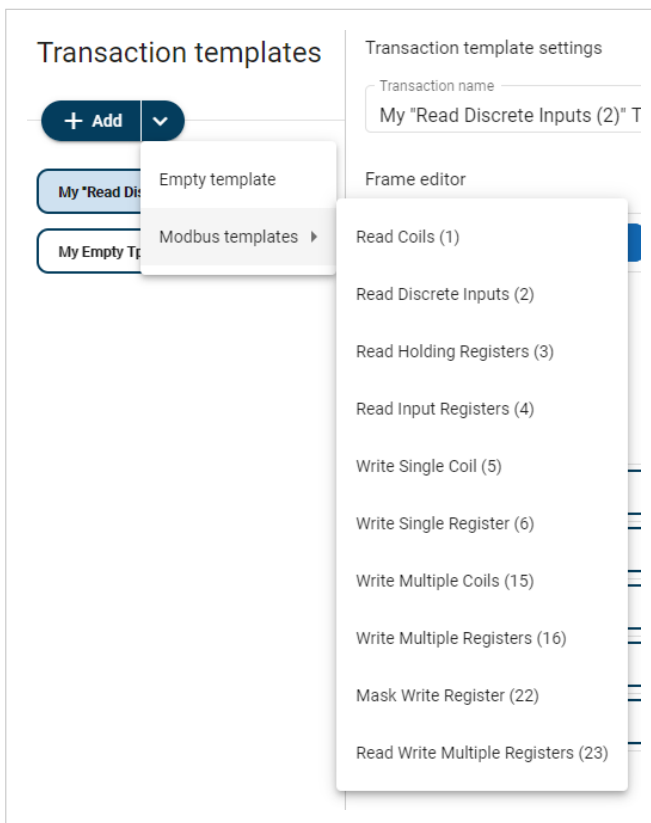
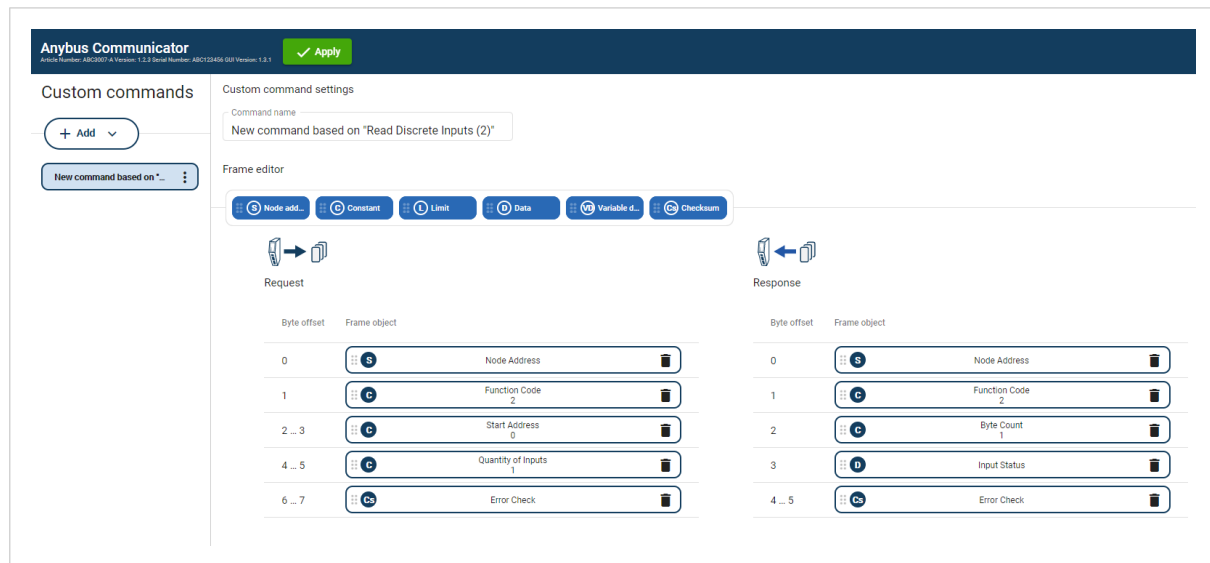


Figure 30. Transaction template, Modbus template

Example 2. New transaction template based on the Modbus template Read Discrete Inputs



7.6.3. Frame Field Types

Each transaction consists of frame fields which makes up the serial telegram frame.

Each frame field specifies how the Communicator shall interpret or generate a particular part of the telegram.

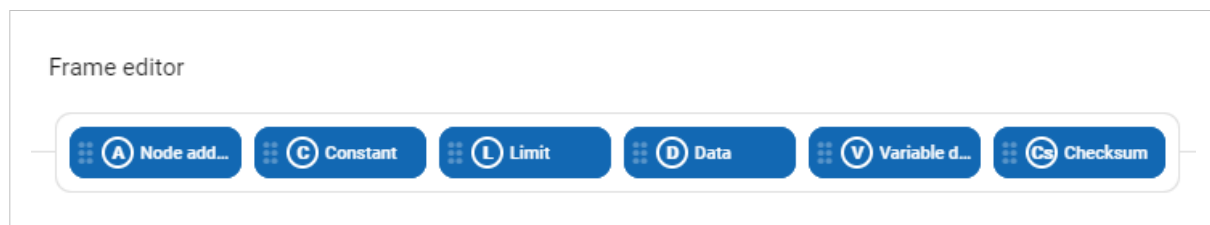


Figure 31. The following frame objects are available

Node address

Frame field representing the Node address of the Node.

A constant byte that holds a copy of the nodes address when the transaction is used by a node.

Constant

Constant frame fields are handled differently depending on the direction of the transaction.

- Produce/Request Transactions: The Communicator sends the value as it is without processing it.
- Consume/Response Transactions: The Communicator checks if the received byte/word/dword matches the specified value. If the message does not fit, it is discarded.

Limit



NOTE

Limit is not available for the Transaction Type Produce.

- Consume/Response Transactions: The Communicator checks if the received byte/word/dword fits inside the specified boundaries. If the message does not fit, it is discarded.

Data

Data frame fields are used to represent raw data as follows.

- Produce/Request Transactions: The specified data block is forwarded from the higher level network to the subnetwork.
- Consume/Response Transactions: The specified data block is forwarded from the sub-network to the high level network.

Variable data

Produce/Request Transactions:

- The specified data block will be forwarded from the higher level network to the sub-network.
- The control system must supply an End or Length character in order for the Communicator to know the size of the data block.
- The End- or Length-character itself may either be forwarded to the sub-network or discarded.

Consume/Response Transactions:

- The specified data block is forwarded from the sub-network to the higher level network.
- The End- or Length-character will be generated by the Communicator automatically (if applicable).
- The End- or Length-character itself may either be forwarded to the higher level network or discarded.

Checksum

Most serial protocols features some way of verifying that the data has not been corrupted during transfer.

The checksum frame field calculates and includes a checksum in a transaction.

7.7. Build Transaction Template

Before You Begin

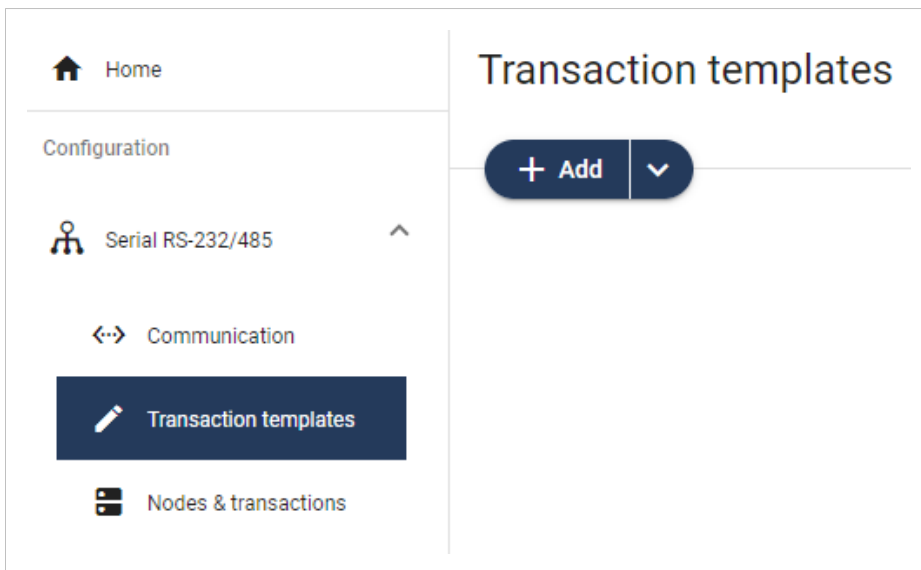
Ensure that you have applied the Custom Request/Response or Custom Produce/Consume serial protocol, refer to [Communication Serial Protocol \(page 39\)](#).

7.7.1. Add Transaction Template

Procedure

Add a transaction template:

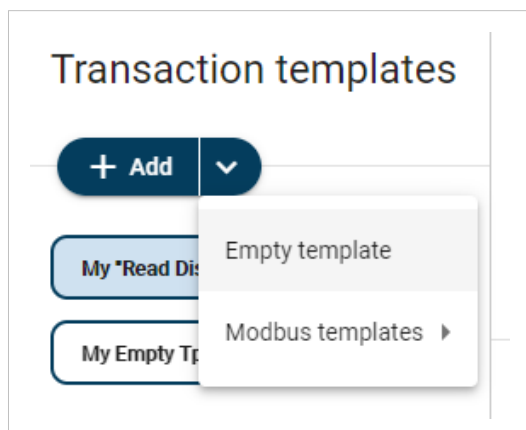
1. In the web-interface left sidebar menu, click **Transaction templates**.



2. To select the template you want to use, click the **Add** drop-down button.

Options for the Custom Request/Response Protocol

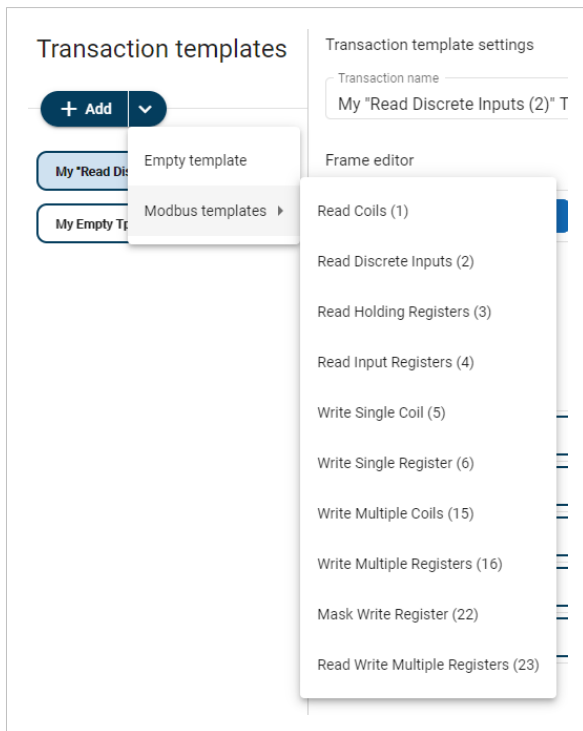
- To add a new empty template without any frame fields, select **Empty template**.



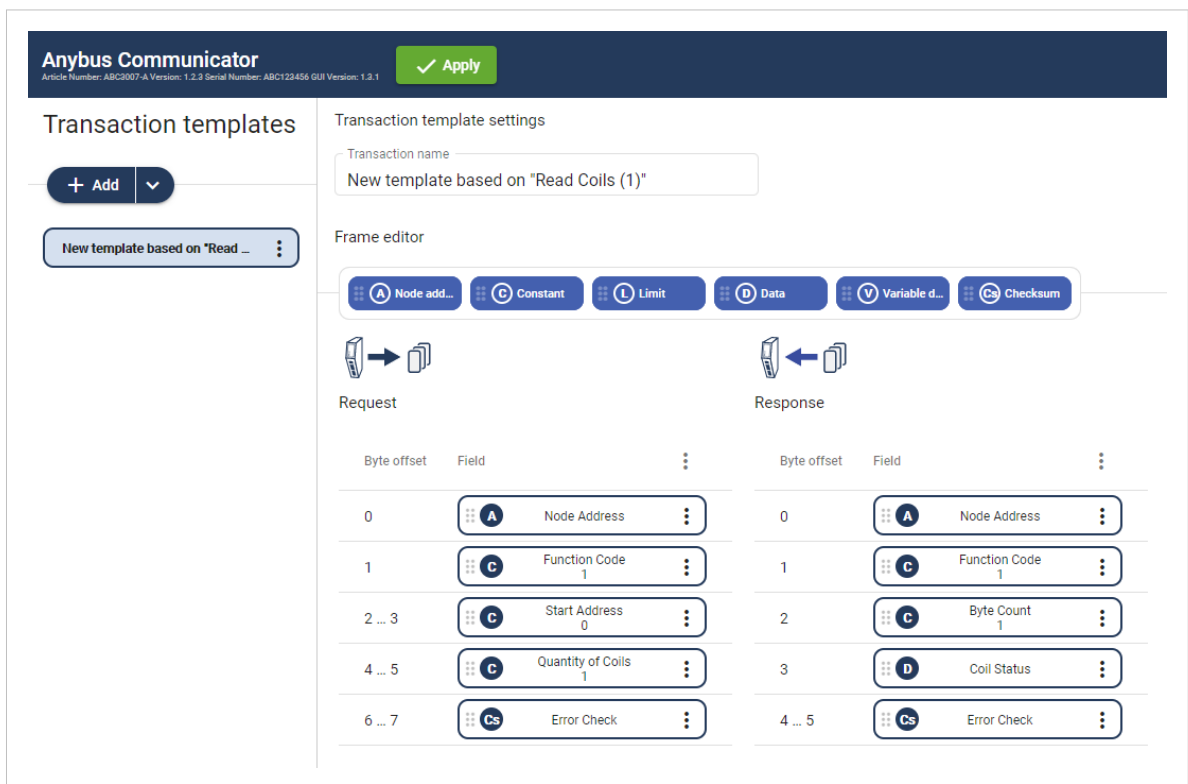
Example 3. A new empty request/response template is added to the transaction template list

The screenshot displays the 'Anybus Communicator' software interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the product name and version information, and a green 'Apply' button. Below the header, the interface is divided into two main sections. On the left, under 'Transaction templates', there is a '+ Add' button and a list containing one item, 'New template (1)'. On the right, under 'Transaction template settings', the 'Transaction name' field is set to 'New template (1)'. Below this is the 'Frame editor' section, which includes a toolbar with icons for 'Node add...', 'Constant', 'Limit', 'Data', 'Variable ...', and 'Checksum'. Underneath the toolbar are two columns: 'Request' and 'Response'. Each column has an icon representing a device and a document, and a large dashed box below it with the text 'Drop fields here' and 'Drag a field from the toolbar above.'

- To add a new template based on a standard Modbus transaction, select **Modbus templates** and then the desired Modbus transaction.

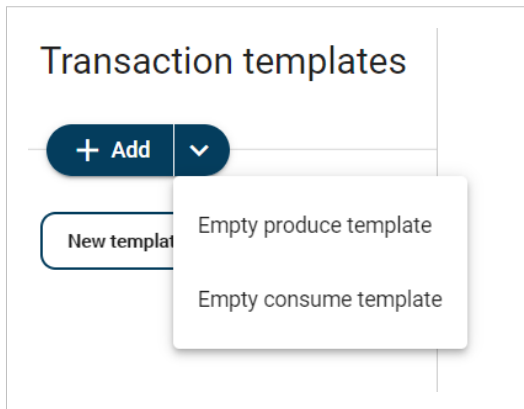


Example 4. A new request/response template based on “Read Coils (1)” is added to the transaction template list

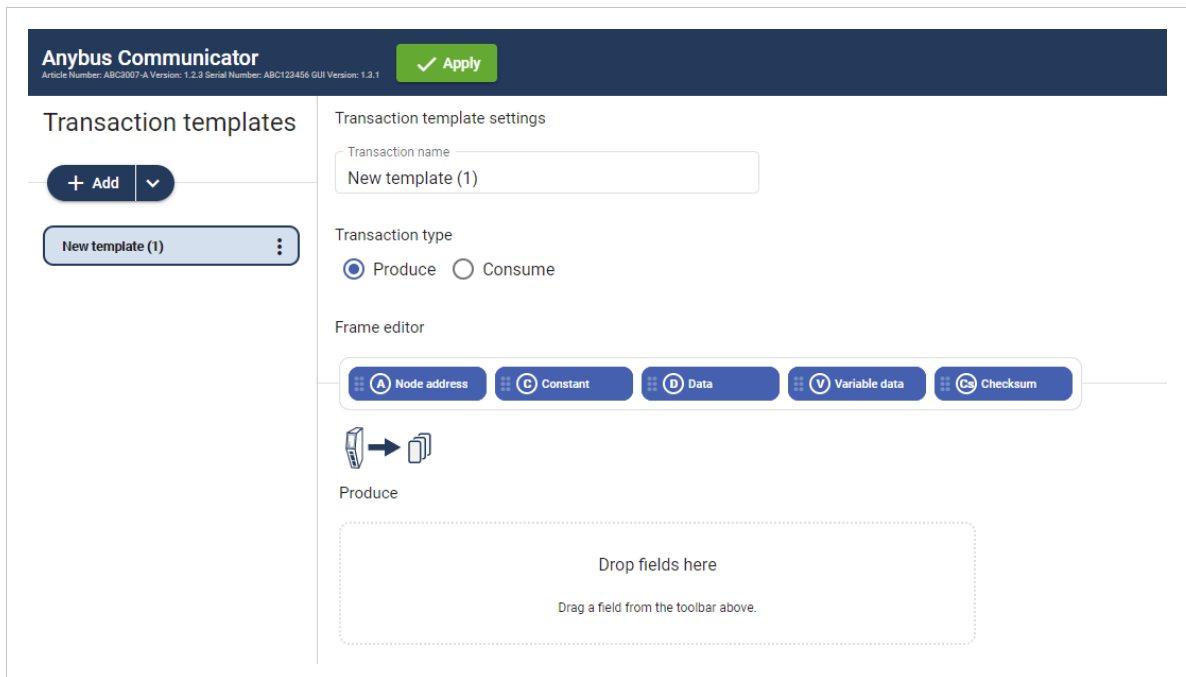


Option for the Custom Produce/Consume Protocol

- Select **Empty produce templates** or **Empty consume templates**.
You can change the Transaction type after the transaction template is added.



Example 5. A new produce template is added to the transaction template list



3. To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

To Do Next

- Add frame fields to the transaction template, refer to [Add Frame Fields \(page 52\)](#).

7.7.2. Add Frame Fields

Procedure

1. In the transaction template list, select a transaction template to add frame fields to.

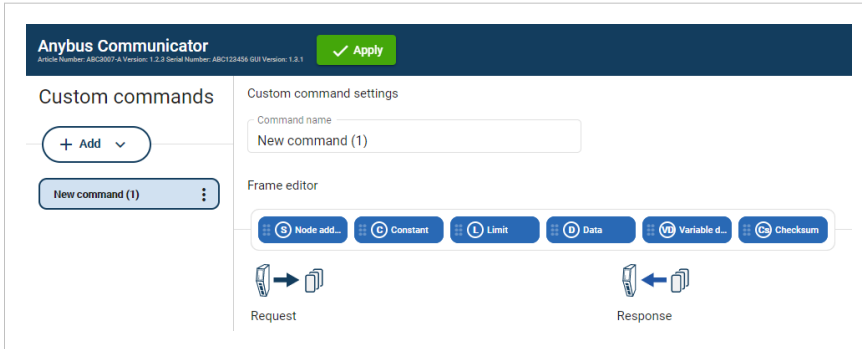


Figure 32. Select transaction template

2. Build the transactions.

- To add frame fields: In the Frame editor frame fields menu, drag and drop the desired frame fields into the drag and drop fields.

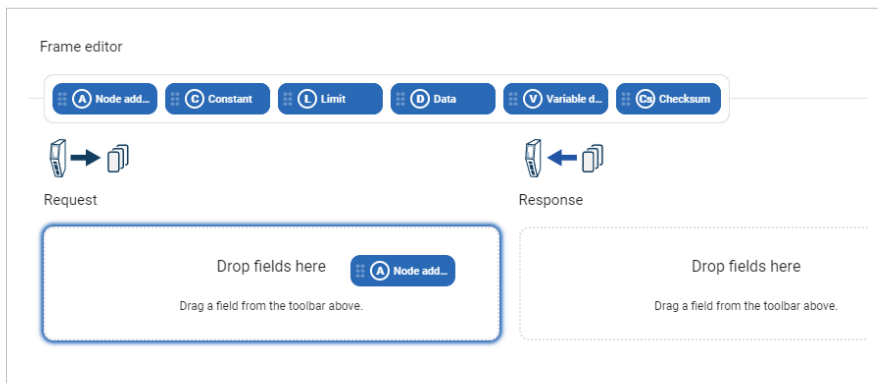


Figure 33. Add frame fields

- To duplicate a frame field: On the frame field that you want to duplicate, click the three dots icon and then click Duplicate.



Figure 34. Duplicate frame fields

- To change the order of the frame fields: Drag and drop the frame fields in the list to change the order.



Figure 35. Change frame fields order

- To delete a frame field: On the frame field that you want to delete, click the **three dots icon**. Click **Delete** and then **Yes** to confirm.

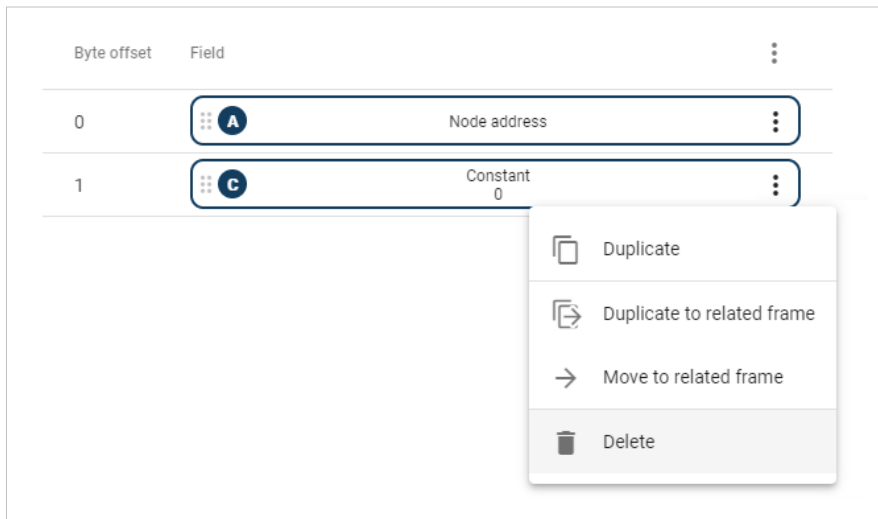


Figure 36. Delete frame field

3. To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

To Do Next

- Configure the frame field settings, see [Configure Frame Fields Settings \(page 54\)](#).

7.7.3. Configure Frame Fields Settings

Procedure

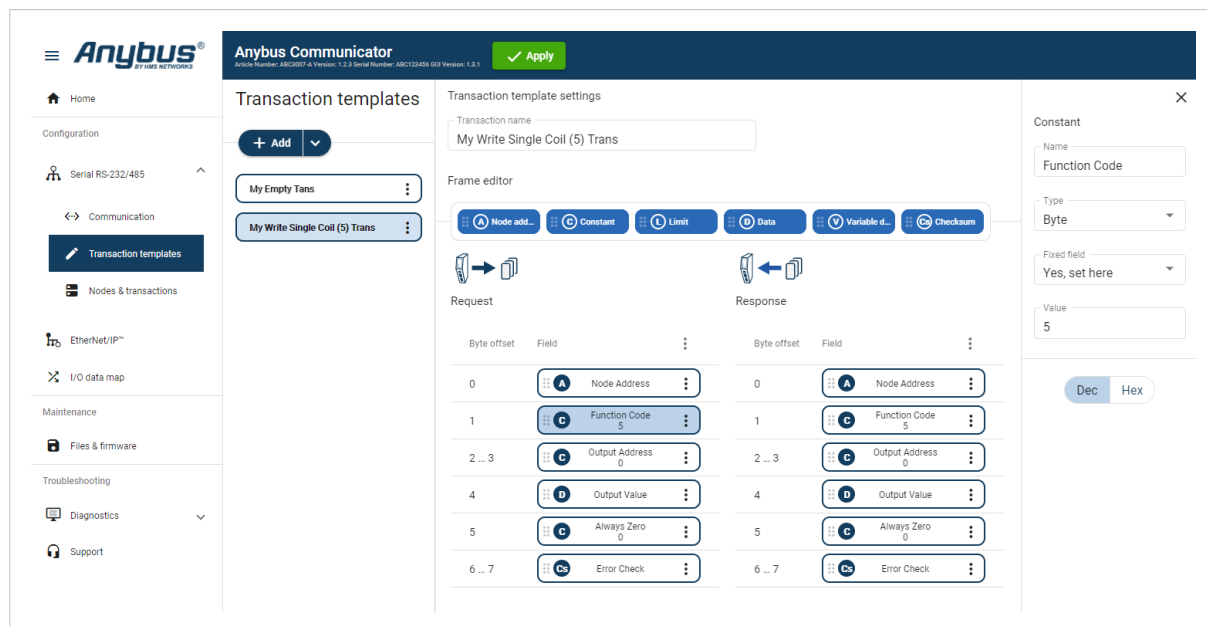


Figure 37. Frame Fields Settings

1. In the Transaction templates list, select a transaction template to configure.
2. In the Transaction template settings select a Field to configure.
The Field sidebar opens, on the right side of the screen.
3. Configure the **Field** settings.

Node address

- Frame field representing the Node address of the node. A constant byte that holds a copy of the nodes address when the transaction is used by a node.
- When the transaction template is used by a node, the Node address field will automatically be replaced with the actual node address of the node.

Constant

- **Name:** You can name the Frame Field to make it easier to identify.
- **Type:** Specify the number of bytes in the frame.
Select Byte (1 byte) (Default), Word (2 bytes), Double word (4 bytes), Array of bytes or String.
- **Endianness:** Select Big-endian (Default) or Little-endian.
- **Fixed field*:** Select Yes, set here (Default) or No, set when used.
- **Length:** Valid for Array of bytes. Enter a byte offset value between 0 and 32 byte.
Default value is 1 byte.
Enter a Value for each Byte (0–31).
- **Value:** The value of the Constant in the frame.
Enter a value between 0 (Default) and 255.
- **Min value:** Specify the minimum value that can be set when the template is used.
- **Max value:** Specify the maximum value that can be set when the template is used.
- **Default value:** Default value set when the template is used.

Limit



NOTE

Limit can only be added as a Response frame field.

- **Name:** You can name the Frame Field to make it easier to identify.
- **Type:** Specify the number of bytes in the frame. Select Byte (1 byte) (Default), Word (2 bytes), Double word (4 bytes).
- **Endianness:** Select Big-endian (Default) or Little-endian.
- **Min value:** The lowest value of the limit range.
- **Max value:** The highest value of the limit range.
- **Base number system:** Select Decimal Dec (Default) or Hexadecimal Hex.

Data

- **Name:** You can name the Frame Field to make it easier to identify.
- **Fixed field*:** Select Yes, set here (Default) or No, set when used.
- **Length:** Enter a value between 1 (Default) and 512 bytes.
- **Min length:** Specify the minimum length that can be set when the template is used.
- **Max length:** Specify the maximum length that can be set when the template is used.
- **Default length:** Specify the default length that can be set when the template is used.

Variable data

- **Name:** You can name the Frame Field to make it easier to identify.
- **Fixed field*:** Select Yes, set here (Default) or No, set when used.
- **Minimum payload length:** Specify the minimum payload length that can be set when the template is used.
- **Maximum payload length:** Specify the maximum payload length that can be set when the template is used.
- **Default max payload length:** Specify the default payload length that can be set when the template is used.
- **Data delimiter:** Specify how to detect/define the length of the variable data of the high level network. Select Byte counter, End pattern or None (Default).
For information about End- and Length character, see [Data Delimiter and Subnet Delimiter Options \(page 56\)](#).
- **Subnet delimiter:** Specify how to detect/define the length of the variable data of the serial subnetwork. Select Byte counter, End pattern or None (Default).
For information about End- and Length character, see [Data Delimiter and Subnet Delimiter Options \(page 56\)](#).
- **End pattern:** Specify the value defining the end of the payload, when a delimiter is set to end pattern.
- **Fill padding:** Fill up unused data mapped to the high level network or the general area with a field padding value.
To deactivate/activate Fill padding, click the slide toggle. When Fill padding is activated, enter a Fill padding value between 0 and 255.
- **Base number system:** Select Decimal Dec (Default) or Hexadecimal Hex.

Checksum

- **Name:** You can name the Frame Field to make it easier to identify.
- **Checksum type:** Specify the algorithm used to calculate the checksum. Select CRC (CRC-16-IBM) (Default), LRC (ISO 1155:1978), XOR or ADD.
- **Start offset:** Specify the offset from where to start the checksum calculation. Enter a value between 0 (Default) and 511.
- **Error check type:** Specify how the checksum is converted. Select None (Default), One's complement or Select None, Two's complement.

- **Representation:** Specify how the checksum is represented. Select Binary (Default) or ASCII.

About Fixed field*

- **Yes, set here:** The Value set here is fixed and cannot be changed when the transaction is used on a node. The value must be updated in the transaction template.
- **No, set when used:** The Default value set here can be edited when the transaction is used on a node. The allowed range is the min/max values.

Total size including delimiters:

- High Level Network: 1 byte(s)
- Subnetwork: 1 byte(s).

4. Repeat step 1 to 3 until you have configured all the desired frame objects.

Apply Configuration

To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the built-in web interface header and follow the instructions.

7.7.4. Data Delimiter and Subnet Delimiter Options

In a variable data object, the length of the data field may vary depending on the type of data being read in a specific case.

In order to present the variable data correctly on the corresponding network, the length of the data field must be identified.

In a Variable data object, there are three ways to identify the data length; by length character, end character or length of message.

Data delimiter - Data is forwarded From the Communicator to the PLC

The Communicator can be configured to forward data as process data.

Different Data delimiter options can be used for data sent from the subnetwork to the Communicator and for data forwarded from the Communicator to the high level network, to fit the requirements in the PLC.

In most cases, when a stream of data is sent from the Communicator to the PLC the Byte counter (length character) or End pattern (end character) format is used.

Subnet delimiter - Incoming Data From a Serial Node to the Communicator

The Communicator can be configured to expect data from one of the three Subnet delimiter options; Byte counter, End pattern or None.

If the incoming data match the Subnet delimiter format the data is captured and the data section is forwarded to the high level network.

If the incoming data do not match the Subnet delimiter format, the data is ignored and will be matched with the next consume transaction.

Transaction Template Variable Data Settings

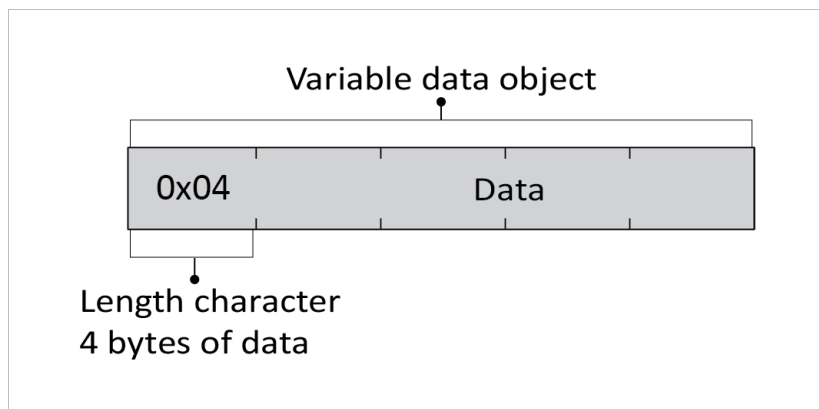
Figure 38. Transaction template variable data settings

1. Select a desired **Variable data** object.
2. In the **Data delimiter** and/or **Subnet delimiter** drop down menu, select one of the following options.

Data delimiter and/or Subnet delimiter options

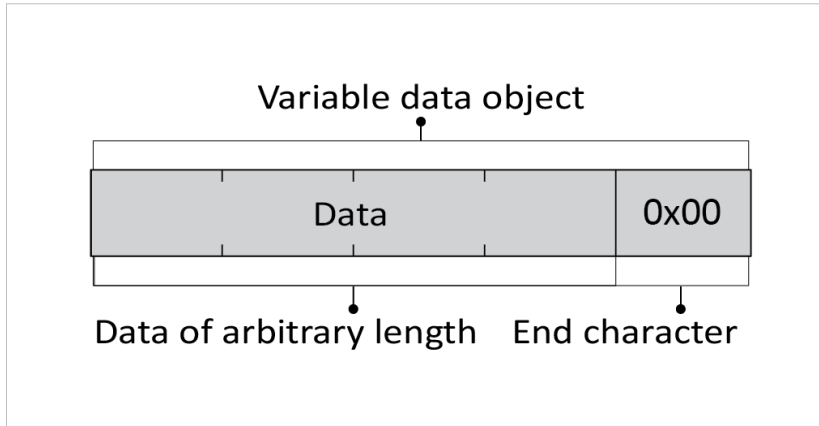
- Byte counter

The data packet consists of a length character, indicating the length of the data section, followed by the variable data object itself. In order to copy the exact data size from the transaction message, the length of the variable data object is first identified.



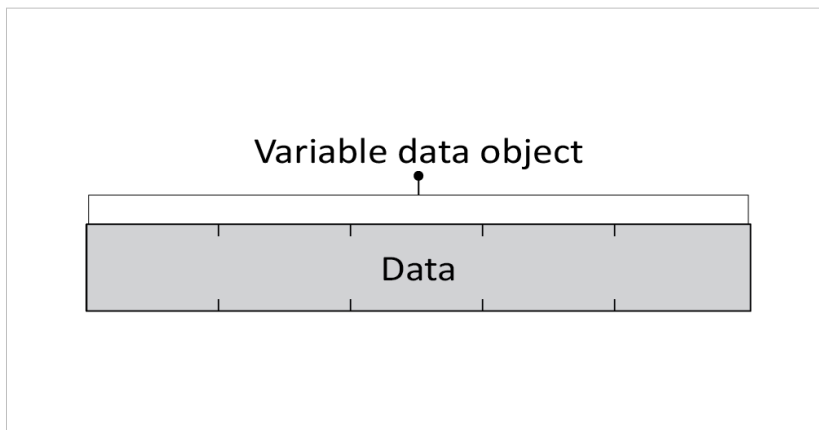
- End pattern

The package consists of a data section followed by an end character to indicate where the data section ends. End pattern is used to define whether the delimiter is an end character or an end pattern, which depends on whether the message is forwarded from the subnetwork or sent as process data.



- None

The package contains only the data section. By measuring the total length of the message, the length of the data section can be calculated.



3. When a delimiter is set to End pattern: In the **End pattern** field, enter the value that will define the end of the payload.

End pattern is used to define whether the delimiter is an end character or an end pattern, which depends on whether the message is forwarded from the subnetwork or sent as process data.

7.7.5. Store Transaction Templates

The transaction templates are stored on the **Transaction templates** page.

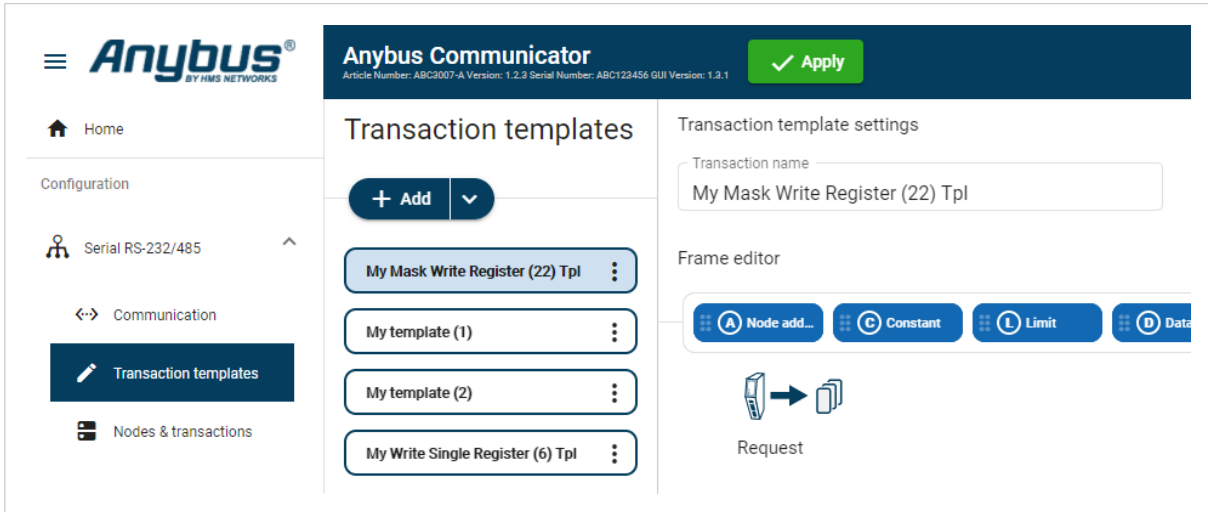


Figure 39. **Transaction templates** page

The transaction templates are available for use on the **Nodes & transaction** page, when you add transactions to a node.

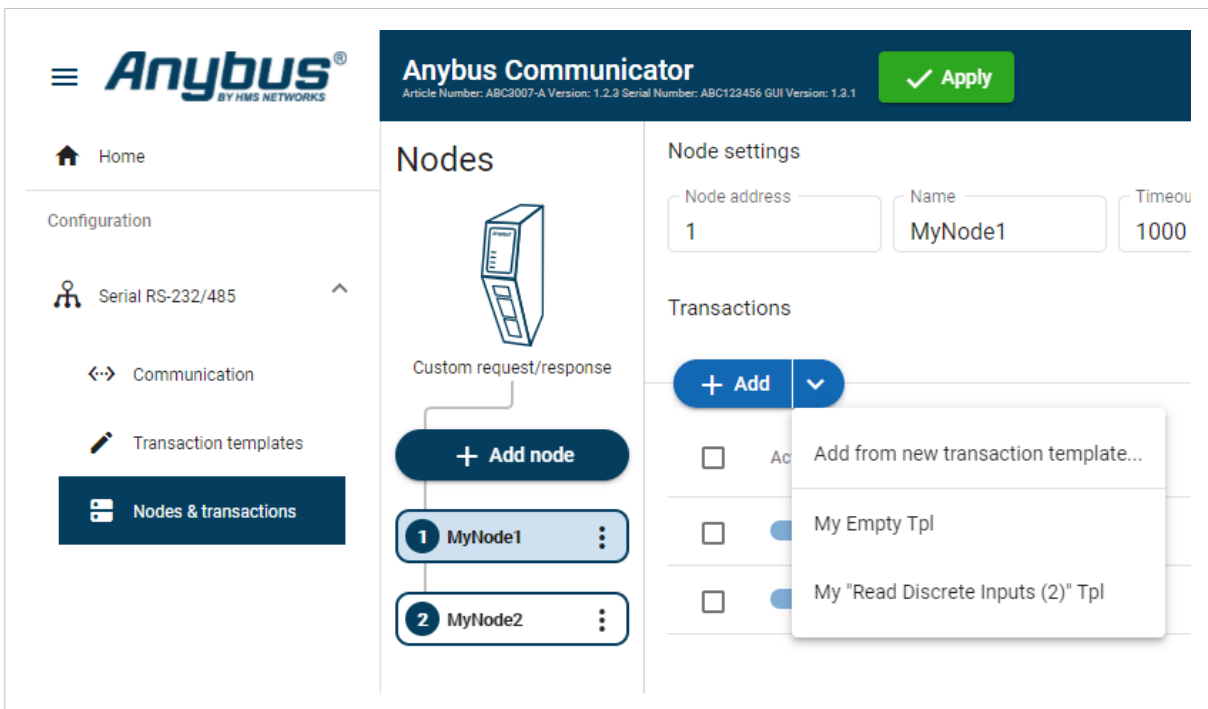


Figure 40. **Nodes & transaction** page

For information on how to add the transaction templates to the nodes, refer to [Transaction Settings \(page 66\)](#).

7.8. Nodes and Transactions

A node represents a single device on the serial subnetwork.

Add nodes and set up the communication between the nodes and the client.

Before You Begin

Obtain user documentation, from the manufacturers of the devices to communicate with, describing available registers and how to address them.

7.8.1. Node and Broadcast Node

You can add two types of nodes, Node and Broadcast Node.

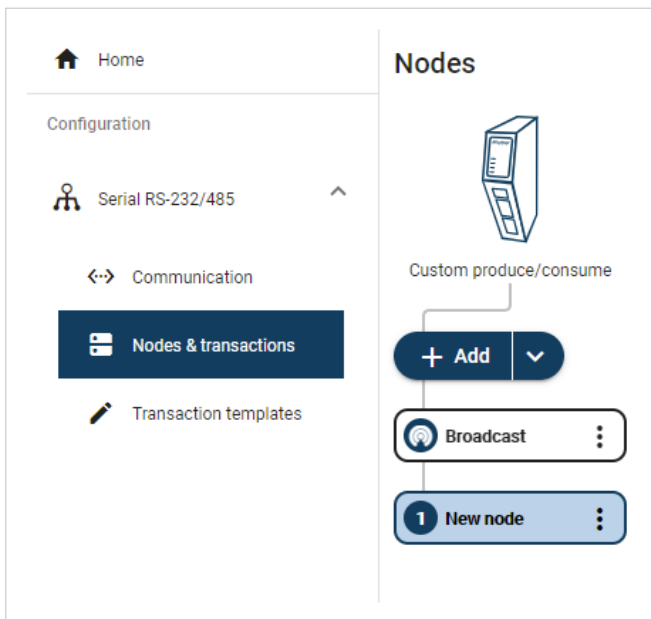


Figure 41. Add Node or Broadcast Node

Broadcast node

- You can add one single Broadcast node.
- The Broadcast node can only hold produce transactions.

Node

- You can add up to 31 Nodes.
- The type of transactions a node can hold depends on the serial protocol used, refer to [About Transaction Templates \(page 43\)](#).

7.8.2. Add Node



NOTE

You can add one single Broadcast node.

The maximum number of Nodes that can be added is 31.

1. In the web-interface left sidebar menu, click **Nodes & transactions**.
2. Click **Add node**.
3. Select **Add broadcast node** or **Add node**.

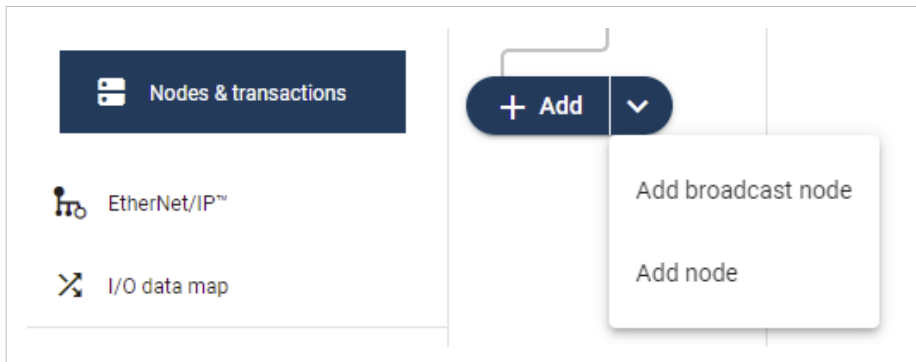


Figure 42. Add node

A new node/broadcast node is added to the nodes list.

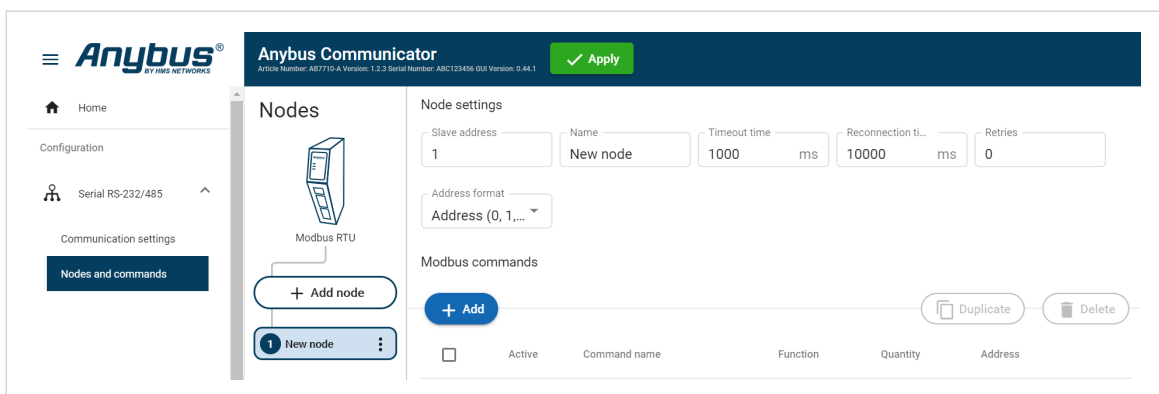


Figure 43. A new node is added to the node list

To Do Next

Configure the Node Settings, [Node Settings \(page 62\)](#).

7.8.3. Node Settings

Before You Begin

Ensure that the Communicator Basic settings, on the **Communication** page, match the Node settings.

There are no Node settings for the Broadcast node, except Name.

Procedure

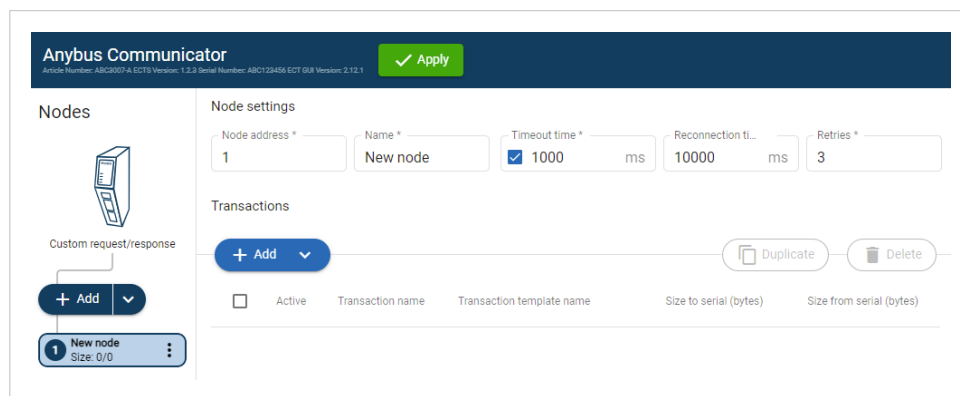


Figure 44. Nodes page, Node settings

1. In the node list, select a node to configure.
2. Configure the **Node settings**.

Setting	Value	Description
Node address	1 to 247	Node ID, also called node address, is the node’s identity on the subnetwork. The node id is a number between 1 and 247. By default, the node is assigned the next available number. The same node id cannot be used on multiple nodes.
Name	N/A	By default, the node is assigned the name New node and the corresponding Server address. The node name can be changed.
Timeout time	10 ms to 10 000 ms Enabled by default Default 1000 ms	If a transaction in a transaction fulfills the specified timeout time value for all specified retries, the remaining transactions defined for the node will be skipped in the current cycle. The maximum addition to the cycle length is only one instance of the timeout setting. If enabled, specify how long the Communicator should wait before sending the message again, when no response is received from the node. If the timeout time is exceeded, the Communicator continues to send the message until the maximum number of retries has been reached. If disabled, the Communicator immediately sends the message again, when no response is received from the node
Reconnection time	Min 10 ms Max 60 0000 ms Default 1000 ms	Specify for how long the Communicator should wait before attempting to reconnect, if the node is disconnected. The default value is 10 000 ms. Reconnect time (10 ms) is not applicable for the broadcast node, that hold transactions destined to all nodes.
Retries	0 to 10 Default 0	Specify the number of attempts the Communicator should make, when no response is received from the node.
Address format	Default format: Address Register Modicon Modicon extended	Available for the Modbus TCP serial protocol. Specify the address format for the node. Address: 0, 1, 2, ... Register: 1, 2, 3, ... Modicon: 00001/10001/30001/40001 Modicon extended: 000001/100001/...

- To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

To Do Next

Add Transactions, [Add Transactions \(page 63\)](#).

7.8.4. Add Transactions



NOTE

The maximum number of transactions that can be added to a node is 150.

- In the node list, select a node to configure.
- In the transaction list, click **Add**.
- Choose one of the following alternative:

When using the Modbus RTU Serial Protocol

- Click **Add** and select a transaction from the list of standard Modbus RTU transactions.

The screenshot displays the 'Nodes' configuration page. On the left is a navigation sidebar with categories: Home, Configuration (Serial RS-232/485, Communication, Nodes & transactions, EtherNet/IP™, I/O data map), Maintenance (Files & firmware), and Troubleshooting (Diagnostics, Support). The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Nodes' showing a 'Modbus RTU' node with an '+ Add' button and a 'New node' button; 'Node settings' with fields for 'Node address' (value: 1) and 'Name' (value: New node); and 'Transactions' with a '+ Add' button and a dropdown menu listing 13 transaction types: Read Coils (1), Read Discrete Inputs (2), Read Holding Registers (3), Read Input Registers (4), Write Single Coil (5), Write Single Register (6), Write Multiple Coils (15), Write Multiple Registers (16), Mask Write Register (22), and Read Write Multiple Registers (23).

Figure 45. Add Modbus RTU transactions

When using the Request/Response or Produce/Consume Serial Protocol

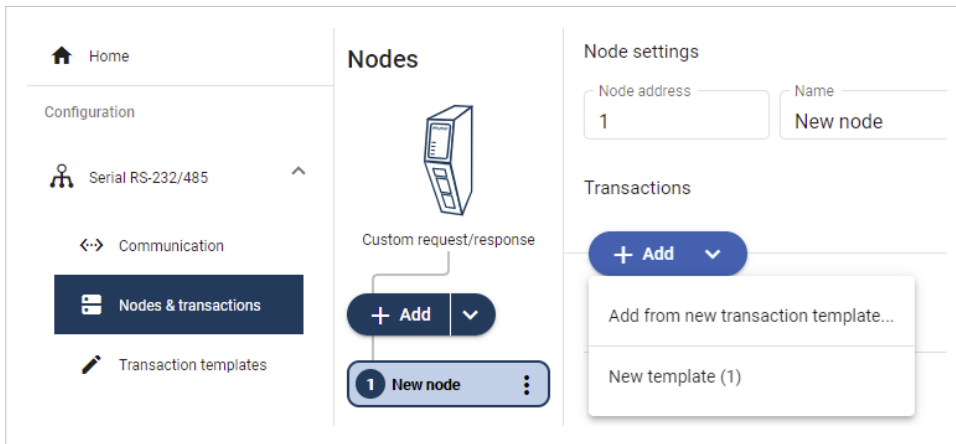


Figure 46. Add new empty template

- Click **Add** and select **Add from new transaction template**.
 You are redirected to the **Transaction template** page.
 A new empty template is added to the Transaction templates list.

NOTE You must build the transactions before you can use the template, refer to [Build Transaction Template \(page 48\)](#).

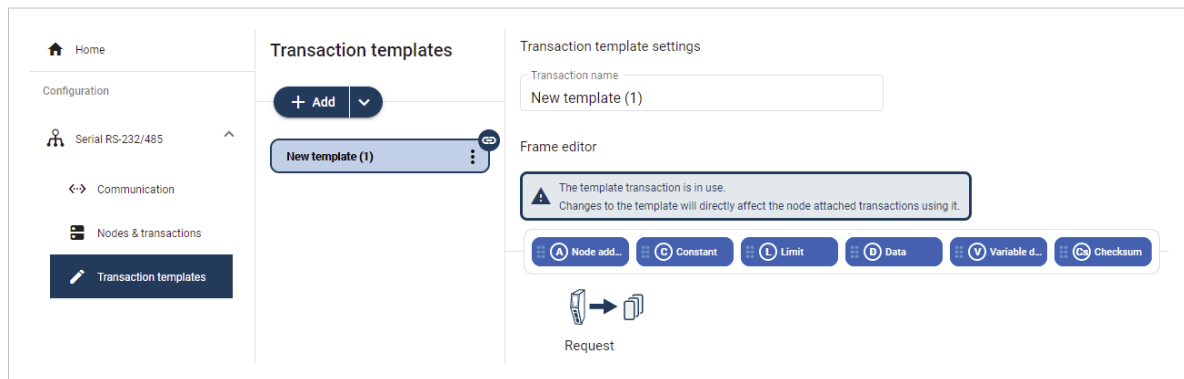


Figure 47. Add new empty template

- If you already have created Transaction templates, click **Add** and select the desired template from the list. A new transaction is added to the transactions list.

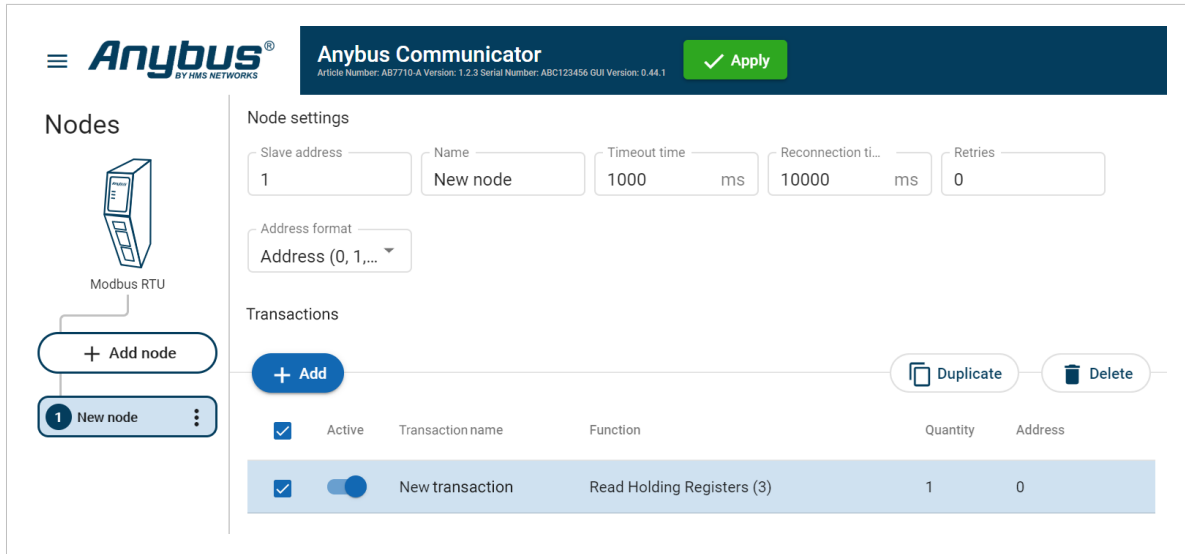


Figure 48. Add new transaction

To Do Next

Configure the Transactions settings, [Transaction Settings \(page 66\)](#).

7.8.5. Transaction Settings

Before You Begin



NOTE

When a custom transaction is selected, the custom transaction template is locked for editing.

For Modbus transaction reference guide, refer to [Modbus Transactions \(page 131\)](#).

Procedure

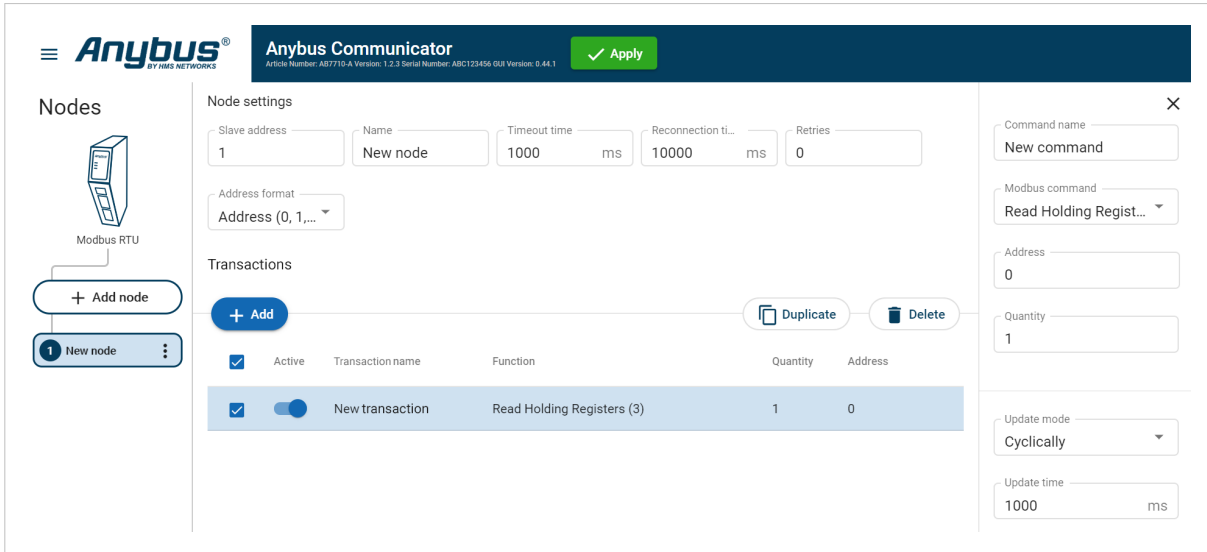


Figure 49. Modbus TCP Protocol

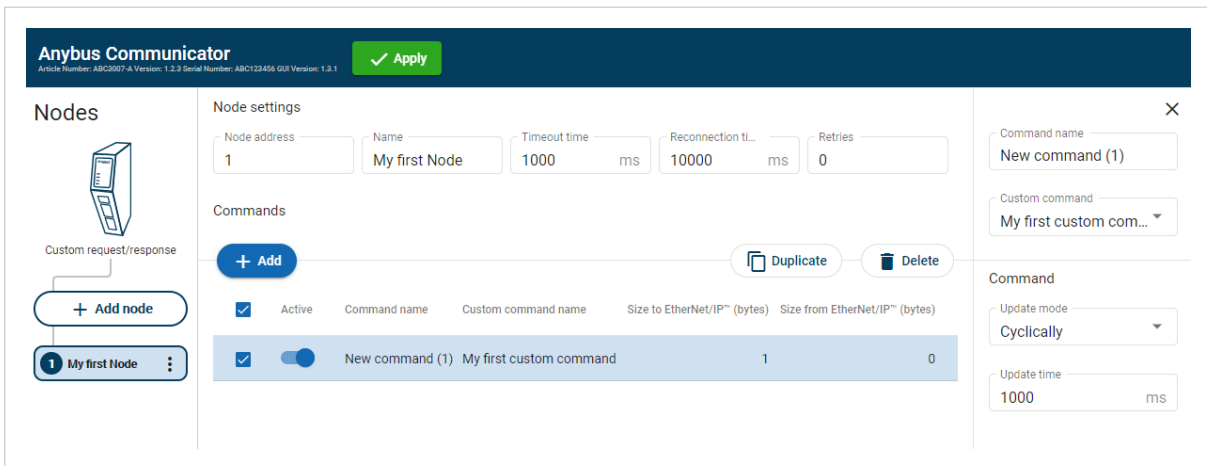


Figure 50. Custom request/response Protocol

1. In the node list, select a node to configure.
2. In the transactions list, select a transaction to configure.
The transactions sidebar opens, on the right side of the screen.
3. Enter a transaction name.
By default, the node is assigned the name New transaction.
4. Select a transaction type from the **Modbus transaction/Custom transaction** drop-down menu.
The transaction type defines what the node should perform when the transaction is executed.

5. Configure the Command settings.

Setting	Value	Description
Transaction name	N/A	You can name the transaction to make it easier to identify.
Read quantity	1 to 125	Specifies the number of registers to read to follow in the read data field. Appear when Modbus transaction Read Write Multiple Registers (23) is selected.
Address	0 to 65 535	Specify the start address for the read/write transaction. The address acts as an address to the data position, where the data is read from or written to. Modbus holding register addresses starts at 0. Modbus address 0 = Register 1
Write quantity	Read Write Multiple Registers (23), 1 to 123	Specifies the quantity of registers to follow in the write data field. Appear when Modbus transaction Read Write Multiple Registers (23) is selected.
Quantity	Read Holding Registers (3) Read Input Registers (4), 1 to 125 Write Multiple Coils (15), 1 to 1968 Write Multiple Registers (16), 1 to 123 Read Coils (1) Read Discrete Inputs (2), 1 to 2000	The Quantity parameter appear when you select a Modbus transaction that can address more than one data object. Example when Quantity is set: For the Modbus Transaction Read Input Registers (4) you need to set the Quantity in order to define the array of data. Example when no Quantity is set: For the Modbus Transaction Write Single Coil (5) you do not need to set the Quantity parameter because there can not be an array of data. The transaction is used to write a single output to either ON or OFF in a remote device. For Write Single Coil (5), Write Single Register (6) and Mask Write Register (22) Quantity cannot be set.
Constant	0 to 255	The value of the Constant in the frame.
Data	0 to 512	The length of the data field.
Variable data	0 to 255	The maximum payload length of the variable data field.
Update mode	Cyclically On data change Single shot Change of state on trigger	Specify when a transaction shall be sent to the server. The transaction is issued cyclically, at the interval specified in the Update time parameter. Cyclically: The transaction is sent cyclically, at the interval specified in the Update time parameter. On data change: The transaction is sent when the data is changed. Single shot: The transaction is issued once at start up. Change of state on trigger: The transaction is triggered when the content of a specified byte changes. In the I/O data map, the node will be marked with a flash icon. In the I/O data map you can also configure the area map and the trigger byte address. See Trigger Byte (page 77) .
Update time	3 ms to 60 000 ms	Update mode parameter must be set to Cyclically. The Update time parameter appear when Cyclically is select. Specify how often, in steps of 10 ms, the transaction are going to be issued.
Positive ack	N/A	When Positive Acknowledgement is enabled, the positive ack data byte in the I/O data map is incremented each time this transaction succeeds.
Negative ack	N/A	When Negative Acknowledgement is enabled, the negative ack data byte in the I/O data map is incremented each time this transaction fails.

6. To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

7.8.6. Activate/Deactivate Transaction

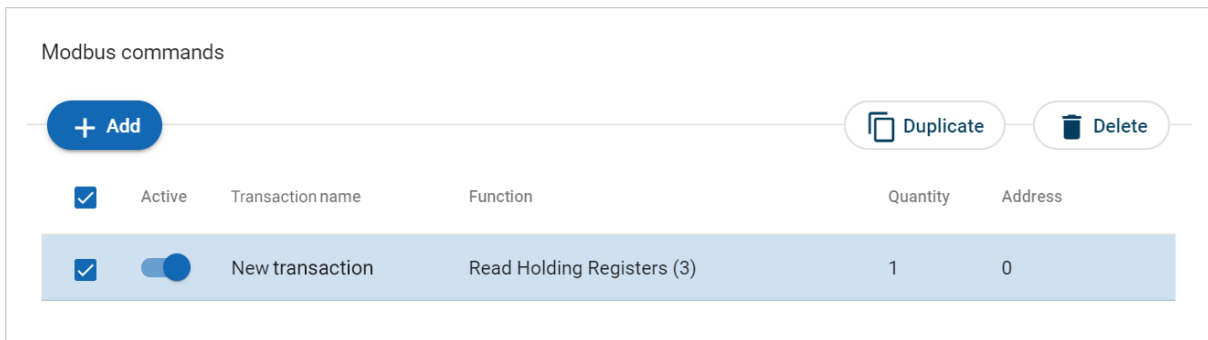


Figure 51. Activate/Deactivate Transaction

The transaction default status is **Active**.

To deactivate/activate a transaction, select the transaction and click the **slide toggle**.

7.8.7. Duplicate Transaction

When you duplicate a transaction, all settings are preserved.

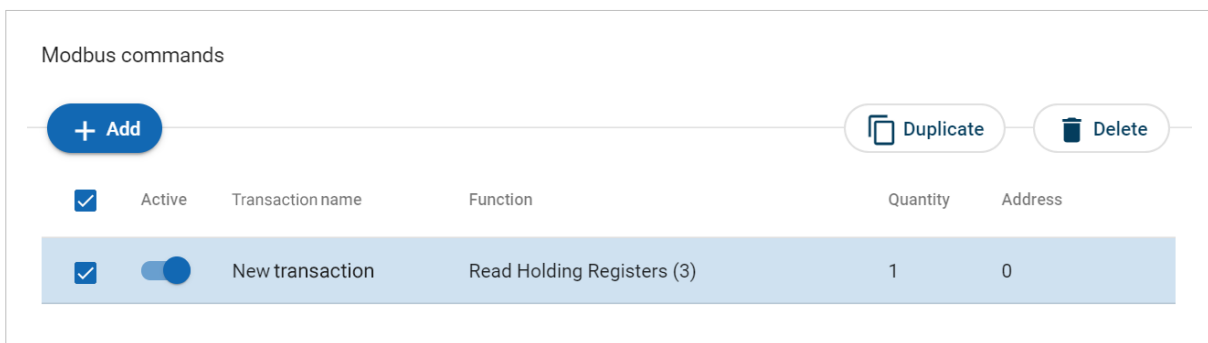


Figure 52. Duplicate transaction

To duplicate:

- One transaction, select the command and click **Duplicate**.
- Multiple transactions, select the checkbox in front of each transaction you want to duplicate and click **Duplicate**.

The duplicated transaction is added at the bottom of the transactions list.

7.8.8. Delete Transaction

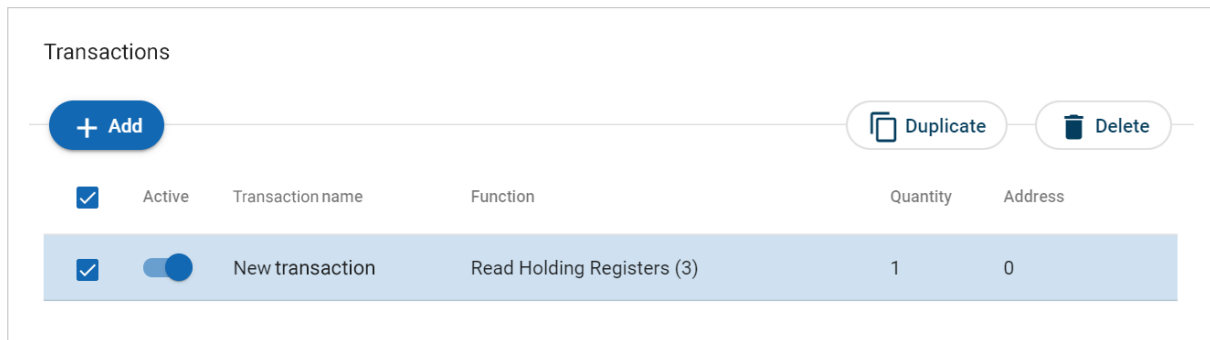


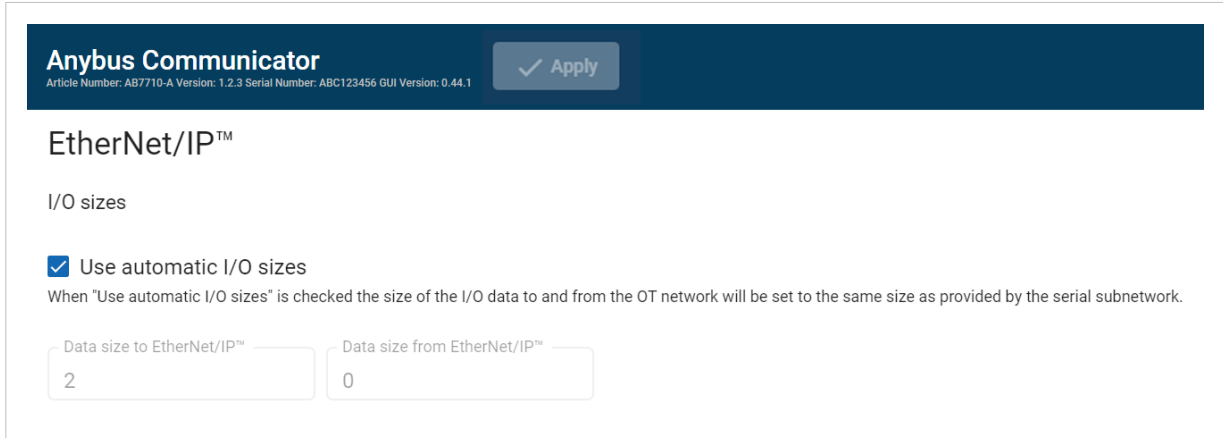
Figure 53. Delete transaction

1. To delete:
 - One transaction, select the transaction and click **Delete**.
 - Multiple transactions, select the checkbox in front of each transaction and click **Delete**.
2. To confirm, click **Yes**.

7.9. High Level Network Settings

Configure the EtherNet/IP network settings.

7.9.1. To Use Automatic I/O Sizes



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Article Number: AB7710-A Version: 1.2.3 Serial Number: ABC123456 GUI Version: 0.44.1

EtherNet/IP™

I/O sizes

Use automatic I/O sizes
When "Use automatic I/O sizes" is checked the size of the I/O data to and from the OT network will be set to the same size as provided by the serial subnetwork.

Data size to EtherNet/IP™: 2

Data size from EtherNet/IP™: 0

Figure 54. EtherNet/IP, I/O sizes

By default, the Communicator is set to use automatic I/O sizes.

The size of the input data, Data Size to EtherNet/IP, and the output data, Data Size from EtherNet/IP, is determined by the subnetwork configuration.

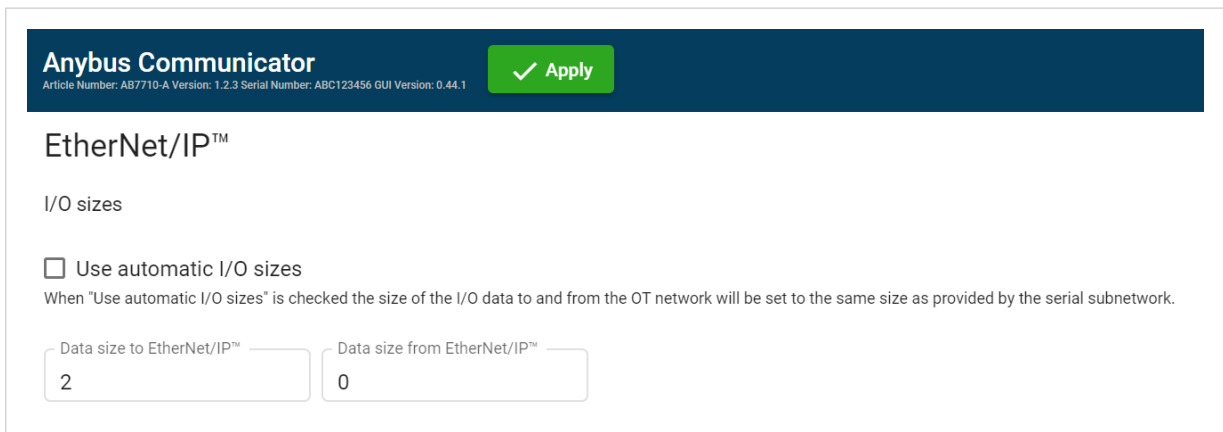
In the Communicator built-in web interface, the **Use Automatic I/O Sizes** checkbox is selected.

7.9.2. To Configure I/O Sizes Manually



NOTE

The maximum data size in each direction is 1448 bytes bytes.



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I/O sizes

Use automatic I/O sizes
When "Use automatic I/O sizes" is checked the size of the I/O data to and from the OT network will be set to the same size as provided by the serial subnetwork.

Data size to EtherNet/IP™: 2

Data size from EtherNet/IP™: 0

Figure 55. EtherNet/IP, I/O sizes

1. Deselect the **Use Automatic I/O Sizes** checkbox.
2. Enter a value for Data Size to EtherNet/IP and a value for Data Size from EtherNet/IP.

7.9.3. To Use DHCP Server

The screenshot shows the 'Anybus Communicator' settings page. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the title 'Anybus Communicator' and a version string: 'Article Number: AB7710-A Version: 1.2.3 Serial Number: ABC123456 GUI Version: 0.44.1'. To the right of the header is an 'Apply' button with a checkmark icon. Below the header, the 'IP Settings' section is visible. A checkbox labeled 'DHCP enabled' is checked. Below this, there are five input fields: 'IP address' (192.168.0.111), 'Subnet mask' (255.255.255.0), 'Gateway address' (192.168.0.1), 'Primary DNS' (0.0.0.0), and 'Secondary DNS' (0.0.0.0).

Figure 56. IP Settings, DHCP enabled

By default, the IP settings are provided by the high level network DHCP server. The **DHCP enabled** checkbox is selected.

Default Communicator IP Settings

The Communicator comes with the following factory default IP settings:

Setting	Default value
DHCP	Enabled
IP address	192.168.0.10
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0
Gateway address	There is no default Gateway address.
Primary DNS server	There is no default Primary DNS server.
Secondary DNS server	There is no default Secondary DNS server.
Hostname	You can label the Communicator. Maximum length is 64 characters. No symbol characters, punctuation characters, or whitespace are permitted. Write the Hostname as one single word.

7.9.4. To Configure IP Settings Manually

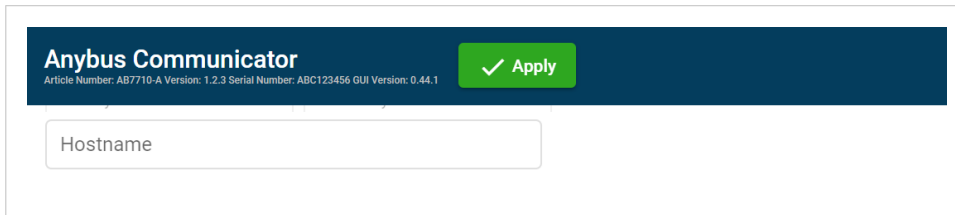
The screenshot shows the 'Anybus Communicator' settings window. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the product name and version information, and a green 'Apply' button with a checkmark. Below the header, the 'IP Settings' section is displayed. A checkbox labeled 'DHCP enabled' is present and is currently unchecked. Below this, there are five input fields for manual configuration: 'IP address' (192.168.1.15), 'Subnet mask' (255.255.255.0), 'Gateway address' (0.0.0.0), 'Primary DNS' (0.0.0.0), and 'Secondary DNS' (0.0.0.0).

Figure 57. IP Settings, DHCP disabled

1. Deselect the **DHCP enabled** checkbox.
2. Configure the IP settings.

Setting	Description
IP address	The EtherNet/IP network IP address in IPv4 dot-decimal notation
Subnet mask	The EtherNet/IP network Subnet mask in IPv4 dot-decimal notation.
Gateway address	The EtherNet/IP network Gateway address in IPv4 dot-decimal notation. If there is no gateway available, set the Gateway address to: 0.0.0.0
Primary DNS	The EtherNet/IP network Primary DNS in IPv4 dot-decimal notation.
Secondary DNS	The EtherNet/IP network Secondary DNS in IPv4 dot-decimal notation.

7.9.5. Naming the Host



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Apply

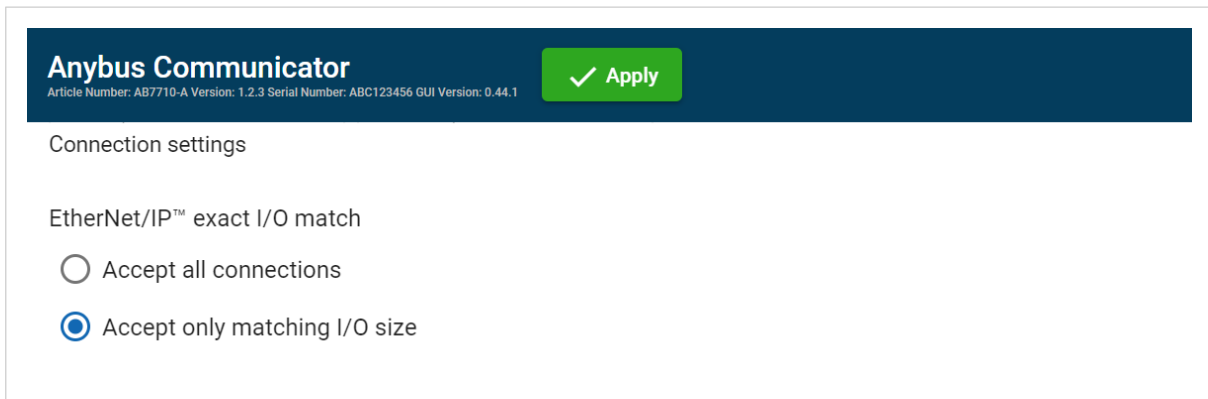
Hostname

Figure 58. EtherNet/IP page, IP Settings Hostname

You can label the Communicator.

- The maximum allowed length of the Hostname is 64 characters.
- No symbol characters, punctuation characters, or whitespace are permitted.
- Write the Hostname as one single word.

7.9.6. Connection Settings



Anybus Communicator
Article Number: AB7710-A Version: 1.2.3 Serial Number: ABC123456 GUI Version: 0.44.1

Apply

Connection settings

EtherNet/IP™ exact I/O match

Accept all connections

Accept only matching I/O size

Figure 59. EtherNet/IP page, Connection settings

When the EtherNet/IP Client (PLC) opens a connection to the Communicator, it specifies an I/O data size.

By default the Communicator is set to **Accept Only Matching I/O Sizes**.

The connections must match the I/O size configured on the **EtherNet/IP** page, refer to [To Use Automatic I/O Sizes \(page 70\)](#) and [To Configure I/O Sizes Manually \(page 70\)](#).

You can change to **Accept All Connections**.

The Communicator will accept all connections with an I/O size that is equal to or smaller than the configured I/O size in the Communicator.

7.10. I/O Data Map

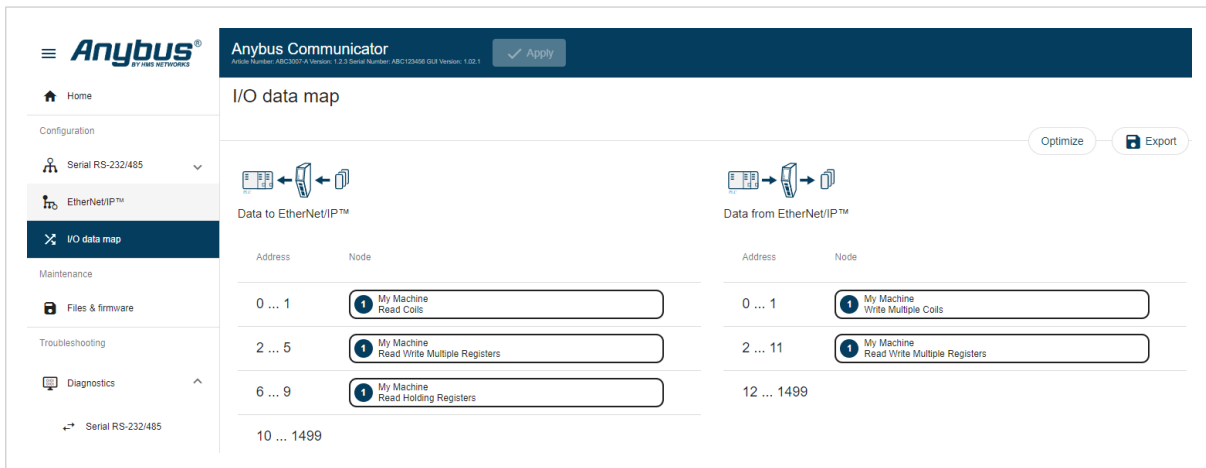


Figure 60. I/O data map page

On the **I/O data map** page the data communication between the subnetwork (Node) and the high level network (PLC) is mapped.

The allocated I/O area is auto-generated based on how the settings on the **Serial communication** page and the **Nodes and transactions** page are configured.

It is possible to set the I/O area manually, if you want to pro-actively allocate more I/O for future expansions without re-configuring the PLC. See [To Configure I/O Sizes Manually \(page 70\)](#).

There are three areas: **Data from EtherNet/IP**, **Data to EtherNet/IP** and **General area**. See [Map Area \(page 77\)](#).

7.10.1. Optimize the I/O Data Map

The optimize function is used to automatically remove gaps between the mapping.



IMPORTANT

Optimize remove gaps between the data objects in the map and should be used with care on already commissioned systems. Expected mapping in the PLC may change.



NOTE

If you optimize the I/O data map, the current I/O data map will be overwritten.

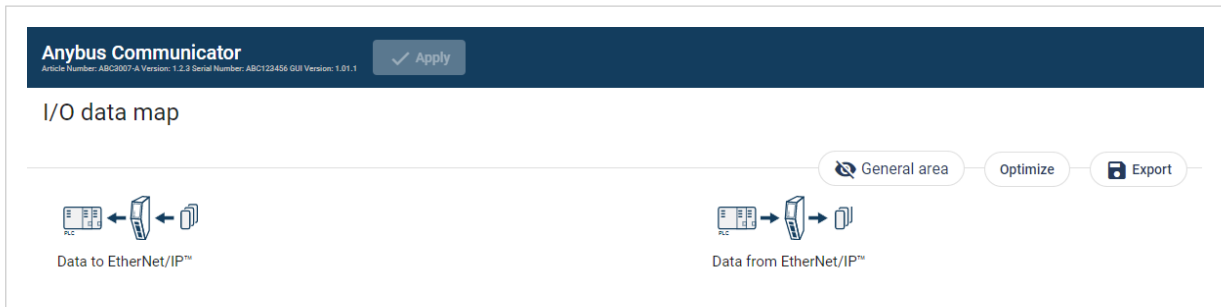


Figure 61. I/O data map page, Optimize

To optimize the map:

1. Click **Optimize**.
2. To confirm, click **OK**.

7.10.2. Map Area Transactions Order

To change the order of the transactions in a map area, drag and drop the desired transaction to a new location.

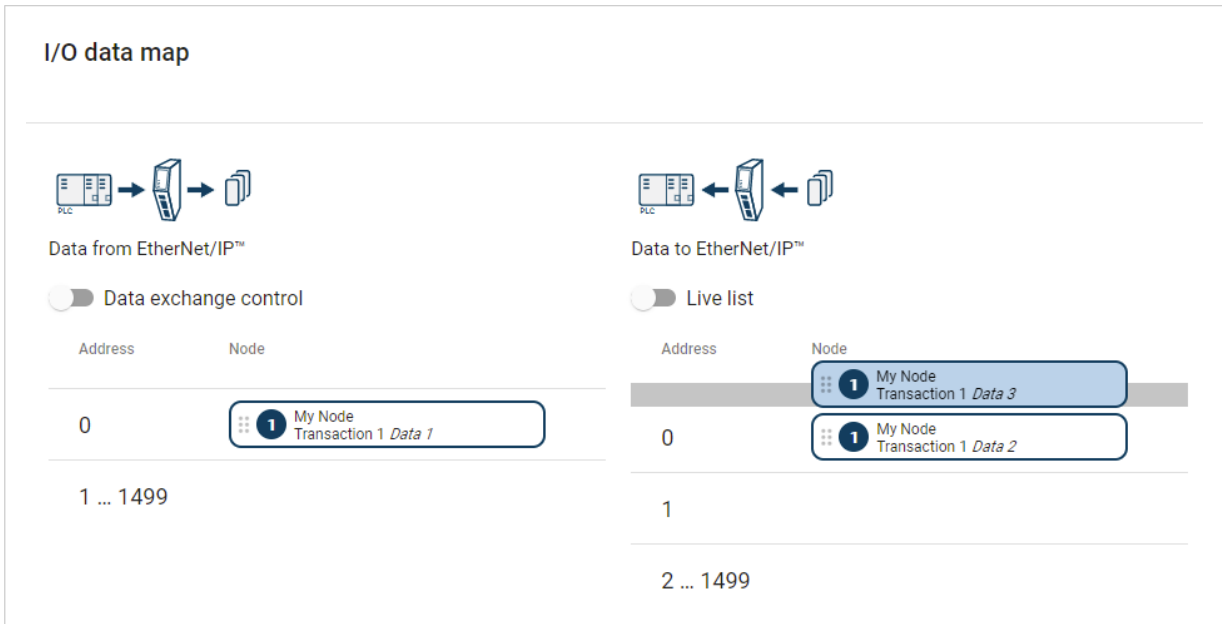


Figure 62. I/O data map, change the order of transactions

Transactions can not share the same I/O area.

If multiple transactions are placed in the same I/O area, the area is highlighted.

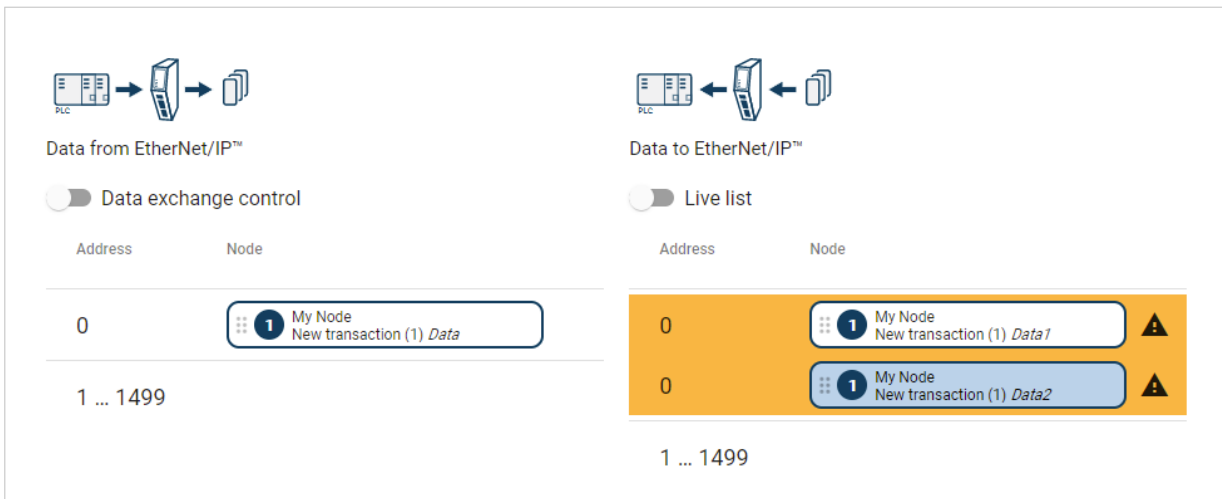


Figure 63. Highlighted I/O area

7.10.3. Map Area

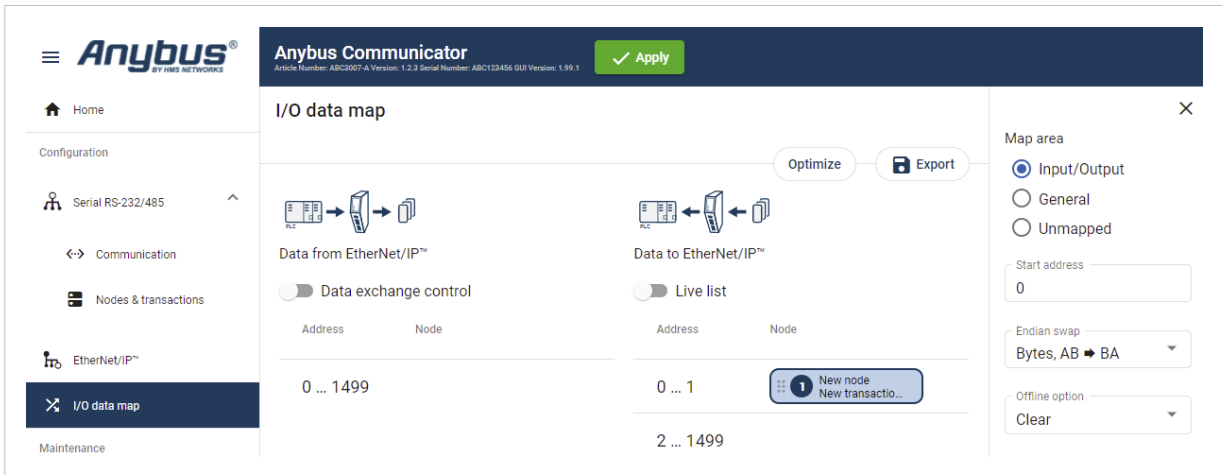


Figure 64. I/O data map page, Map area options

Map area options

You must specify the map area to use for each transaction in the I/O data map.

Select one of the following **Map area** options:

- **Input/Output:** The transaction data is sent/recieved to/from the high level network.
- **General:** This area is used for transferring transaction data between individual nodes on the subnetwork. When General is selected, the transaction data cannot be accessed from the high level network.
- **Unmapped:** The transaction data is not used.

Start address

For Input/Output and General, you can enter a start address for the transaction data.

7.10.4. Trigger Byte

Trigger byte is used to enable/disable the trigger functionality for the response.

When Trigger byte is enabled, the Communicator increases the trigger byte by one when the Communicator receives new data from the subnetwork.

The Trigger byte is stored in the **Data from EtherNet/IP** area or the **General** area.

The location of the trigger byte is specified by the address.

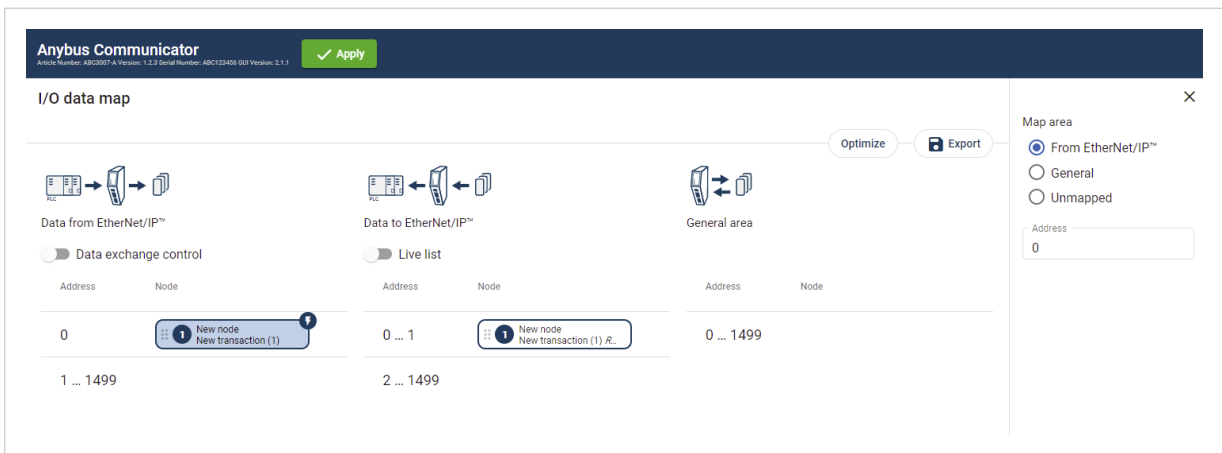


Figure 65. I/O data map

How to Enable Trigger Byte on a Node

Procedure

1. Navigate to the **Nodes & transactions** page.
2. Select the decried node and transaction.
3. In the transaction sidebar **Update mode** menu, select **Change of state on trigger**.
4. Navigate to the **I/O data map** page.
5. The transaction with the trigger byte enabled is marked with a flash icon.
To open the **Map Area** sidebar, click on the flash icon.
6. In the **Map Area** sidebar, specify the map area to use and the trigger byte address:

Map area options

- **From EtherNet/IP:** The trigger byte is stored in the I/O data map Data from EtherNet/IP area.
- **General:** The trigger byte is stored in the I/O data map General area.
- **Unmapped:** The transaction data is not used.

Address

- Enter an Address, the location in the specified Map area (From EtherNet/IP or General) where the trigger byte will be saved.

Value: 0 (default) to 1499

7.10.5. Endian Swap

By default EtherNet/IP uses the little-endian format.

Big-endian

The big-endian format places the most significant byte of the data at the byte with the lowest memory address.

Little-endian

The little-endian format places the least significant byte of the data at the byte with the lowest memory address.

Convert Between Big-Endian and Little-Endian

To convert between big-endian and little-endian you must reverse the byte order.

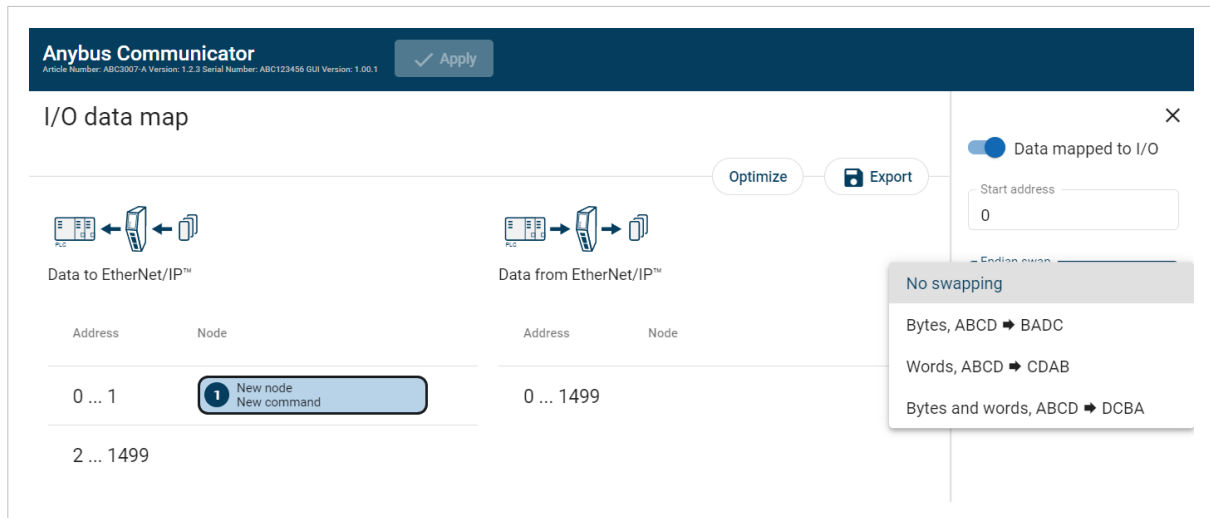


Figure 66. I/O data map, Endian swap

To reverse the byte order:

1. In the web-interface left sidebar menu, click **I/O data map**.
2. In the data map, select the transaction for which you want to do swap the byte order.
3. Select the endian swap type from the **Endian swap** drop-down menu.

Setting	Description
No swapping	Default setting No swapping is performed on the data.
Bytes	Swap 2 bytes A B C D becomes B A D C
Words	Swap 4 bytes A B C D becomes C D A B
Bytes and words	A B C D becomes D C B A

4. To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

7.10.6. Offline Option

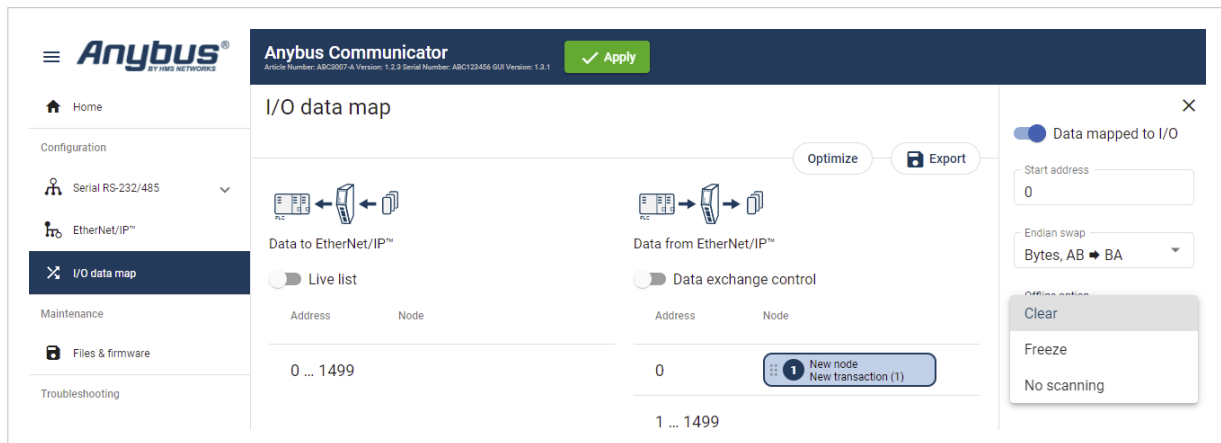


Figure 67. I/O data map page, Offline options

Offline mode is used to define what data to send if the network connection or connection with a specific node is lost.

You must specify the offline mode to use for each transaction on the I/O data map.

Select one of the following **Offline options**:

- **Clear (Default)**: The data is cleared and the value 0 is sent.
- **Freeze**: The Communicator holds the value until the connection is restored.
- **No scanning**: Stop sending this transaction on the sub-network. This option is only valid for produce and request transactions.

7.10.7. Live List

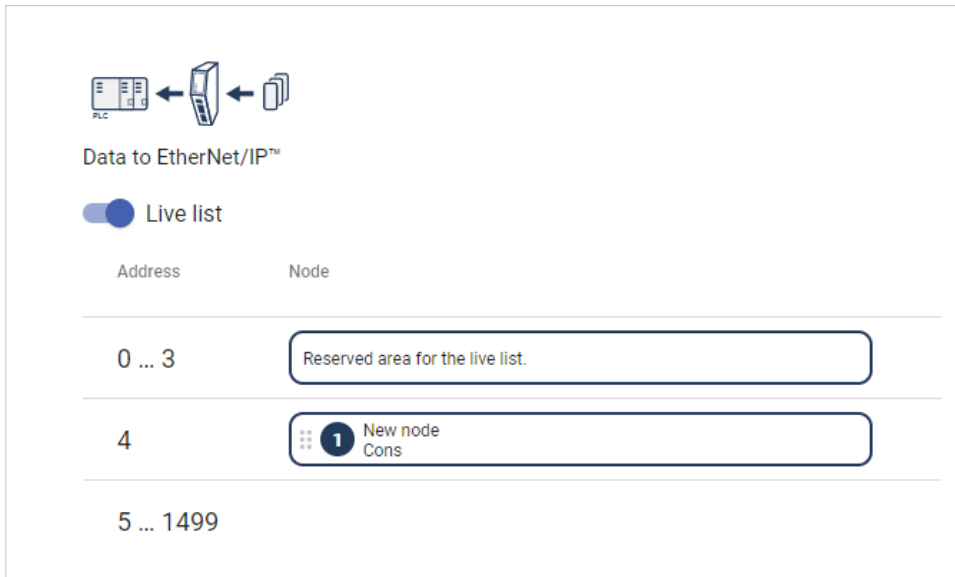


Figure 68. I/O data map page, Live list enabled

By default **Live list** is disabled.

When **Live list** is enabled, the first four bytes of process data on the EtherNet/IP network contain the live list.

Each bit in the **Live list** can hold the status for one node.

The **Live list** holds 32 bits, a total of 32 nodes connected to the Communicator.

The bit is 0 when the bit does not correspond to the configured node. For example, this occurs when the number of configured nodes is less than 32.

Each bit is 1 when the corresponding node is online.

7.10.8. Data Exchange Control

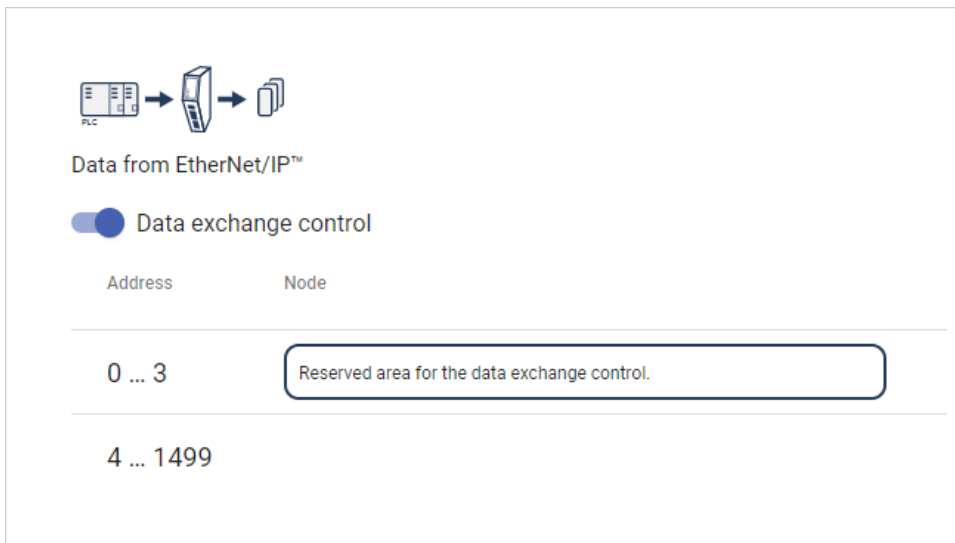


Figure 69. I/O data map, **Data exchange control** enabled

By default **Data exchange control** is disabled.

When **Data exchange control** is enabled, the first four bytes of process data on the EtherNet/IP network contain the data exchange control.

The **Data exchange control** holds 32 bits.

Each bit in the **Data exchange control** can be used to enable/disable data exchange for individual nodes on the subnetwork.

If control bit does not correspond to a configured node, the control bit is ignored. For example, this occurs when the number of configured nodes is less than 32.

The node order in the **Data exchange control** 32 bit array always matches the Live List.

When the data exchange is enabled for the corresponding node, the control bit is 1.

7.11. Configuration Notes

You can add notes to describe the Communicator configuration.

7.11.1. Add Configuration Note

Procedure


1. To open the **Configuration Notes** window, click on the **comments** icon .



Figure 70. Configuration note, comment icon

2. To add a new configuration note, click **Add**.

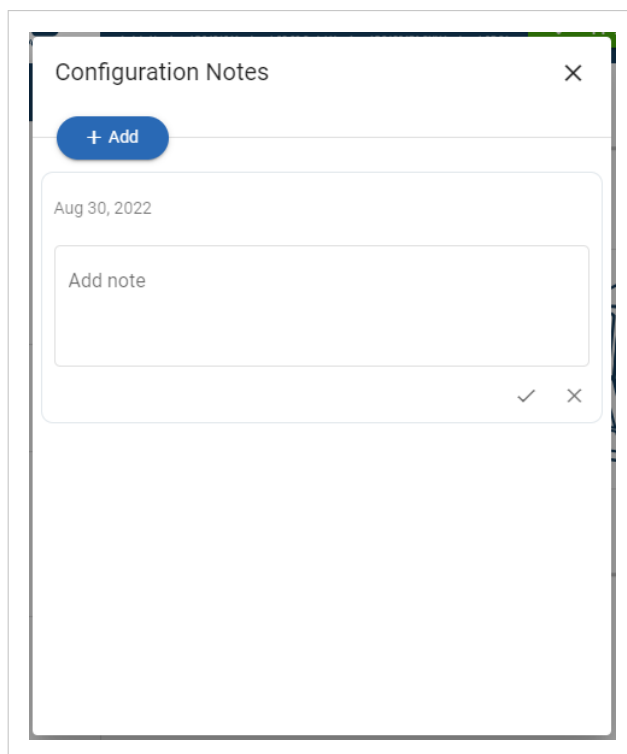


Figure 71. Add new configuration note

3. Write your configuration note and click **accept** ✓ .

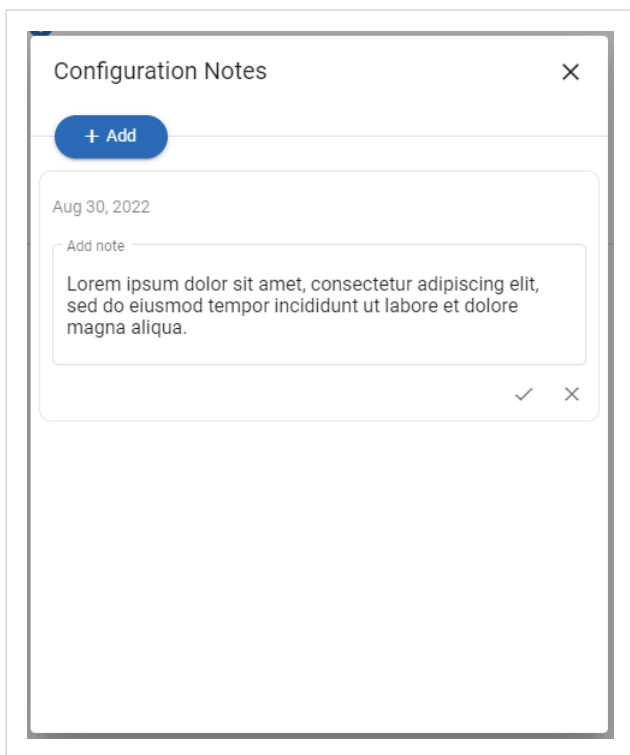


Figure 72. Write a configuration note

The configuration note is added to the list.

4. To close the window, click **close** ✕ .
5. To save the configuration note, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

7.11.2. View and Edit Configuration Notes


To view and/or edit a note, click on the **comments** icon .



Figure 73. Example: The comment icon indicates that there are three added notes

The configuration notes are listed in the **Configuration Note** window.

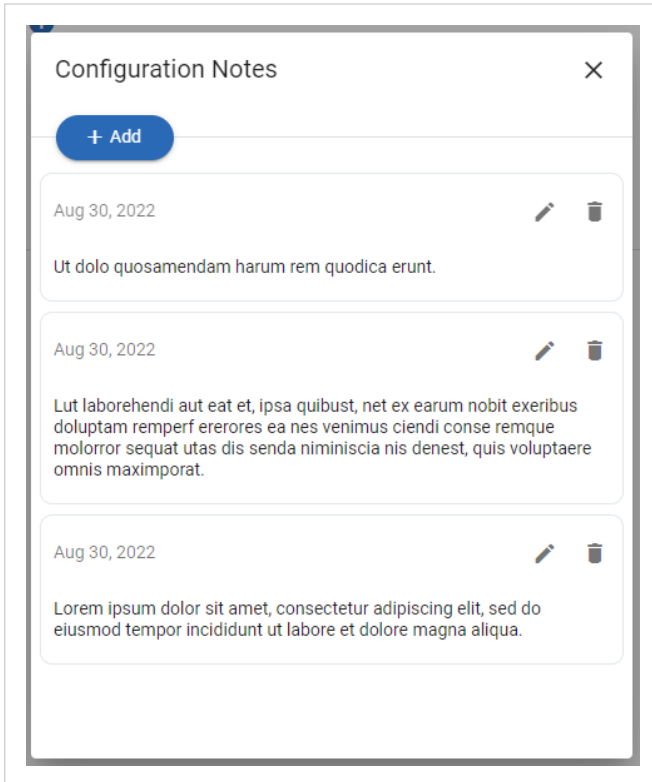


Figure 74. Example: The Configuration Notes window with added notes

7.12. Apply Configuration

Before You Begin

**NOTE**

When you apply the configuration, any existing configuration is overwritten.

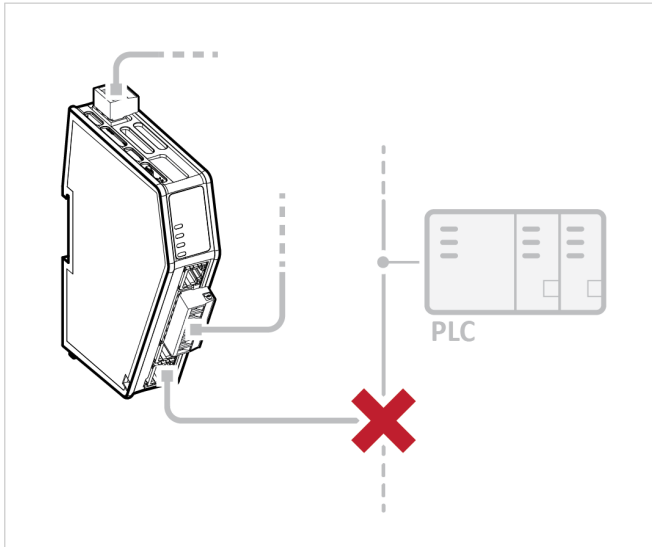


Figure 75. Disconnect the Communicator from the EtherNet/IP network

Before you can apply the configuration, ensure that there is no active communication on the EtherNet/IP network where the Communicator is connected.

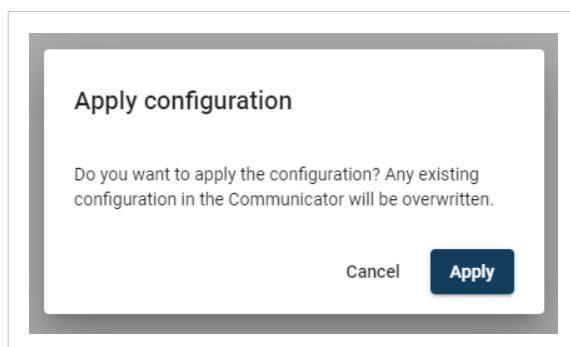
Procedure

To make the settings take effect, download the configuration to the Communicator:

1. In the web-interface header, click **Apply**



2. To confirm download, click **Apply**.
The configured settings are downloaded and applied to the system.



7.13. To Use an Existing Configuration

When you have configured a Communicator and want to use the same settings to configure additional Communicator, do the following.

Procedure

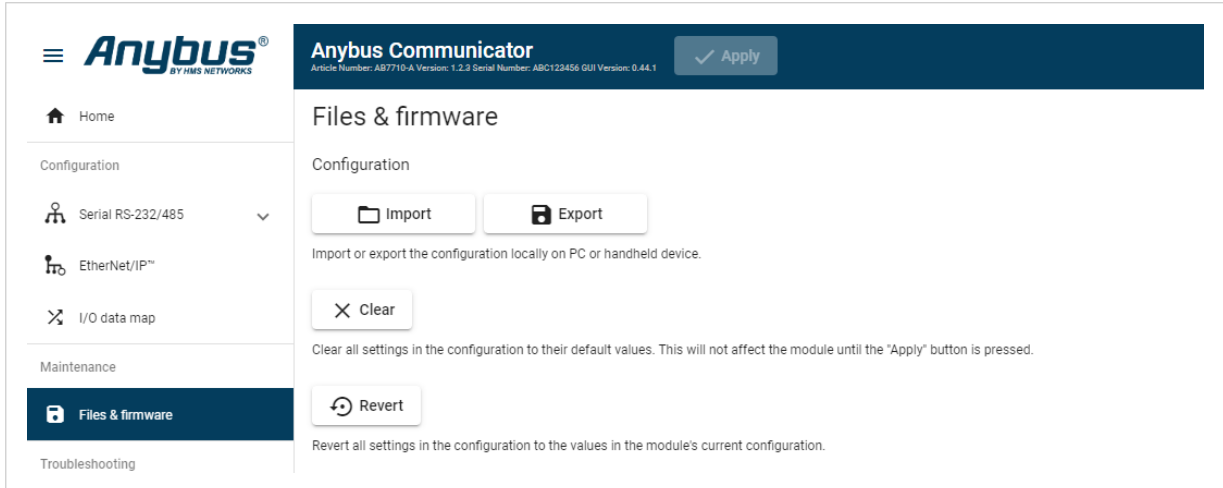


Figure 76. Files & firmware page

In the built-in web-interface of the Communicator with the configuration you want to use:

1. On the **Files & firmware** page, click **Export**
The configuration is saved in an conf file and downloaded to your PC.

In the built-in web-interface of the new Communicator to be configured:

2. On the **Files & firmware** page, click **Import**
3. In the Import configuration window, click **Select file (.conf)**.
4. In the Open dialog box, browse to and select the configuration file and click **Open**.
5. To import the configuration file, click **Import**.

Result

All the configuration settings are imported.

To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

7.14. To Use an Communicator Classic Configuration

Before You Begin



NOTE

Only the Communicator Classic serial configuration settings can be imported.

The I/O data map and high-level network settings are not supported and must be set manually in the Communicator built-in web interface.

Communicator Classic Classic configuration intended use

The intended use of the Communicator Classic configuration import is to:

- convert custom protocols.
- get a new Communicator unit up and running quickly and then complete the configuration in the Communicator built-in web interface.

Configuration files containing standard Modbus RTU commands

- It is not recommended to import Communicator Classic configuration files containing standard Modbus RTU commands if you need to be able to easily make change to the imported configuration.
- When standard Modbus RTU commands are imported, they are converted to Custom Request/Response transactions. See [Communication Serial Protocol \(page 39\)](#).
- The behavior of the imported standard Modbus RTU commands is preserved, but adding or changing Modbus RTU commands in Custom Request/Response mode is more difficult than in Modbus RTU mode.

Procedure

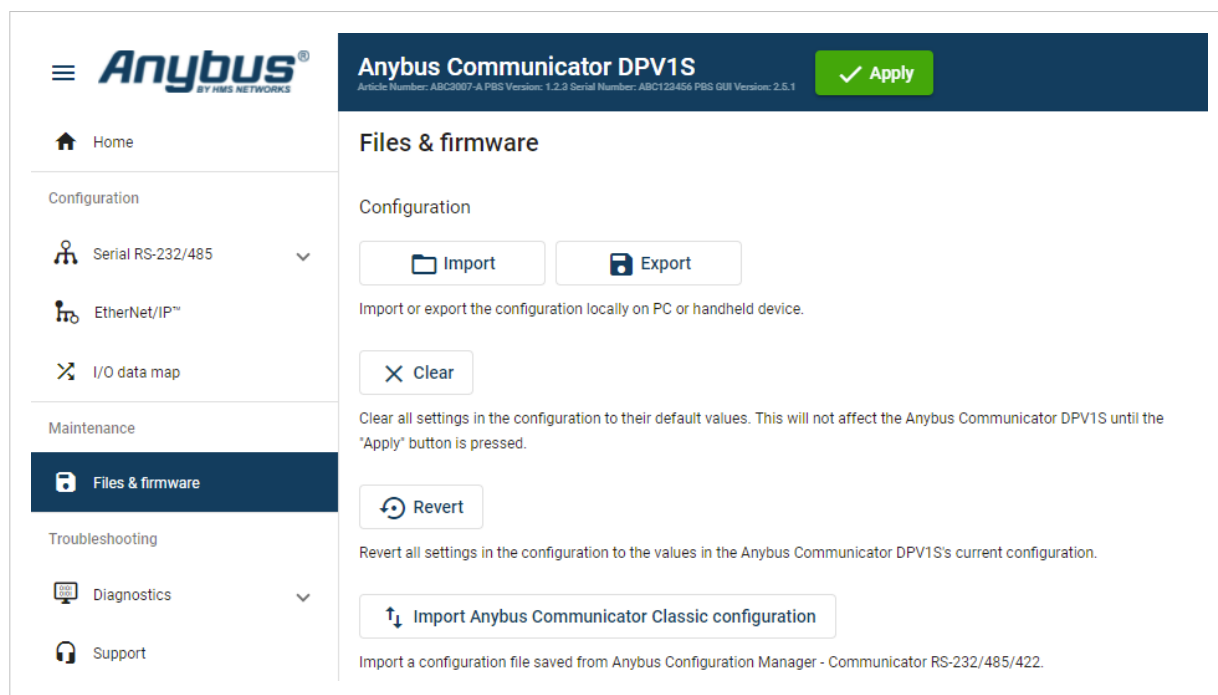


Figure 77. Files & firmware page

1. On the **Files & firmware** page, click **Import Anybus Communicator Classic configuration**
2. In the **Import Anybus Communicator Classic configuration** window, click **Select file (.cfg)**.

3. In the Open dialog box, browse to and select the configuration .cfg file and click **Open**.
4. If you want to import a name file, click **Select name file (.cfx)**.
5. In the Open dialog box, browse to and select the configuration .cfx file and click **Open**.
6. To import the configuration, click **Import**.

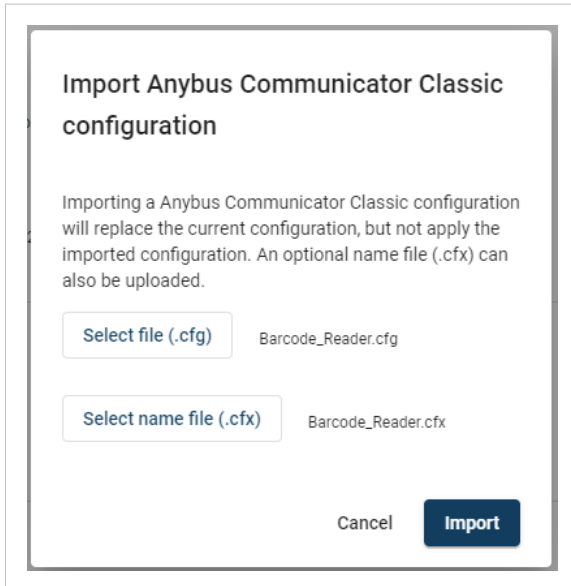
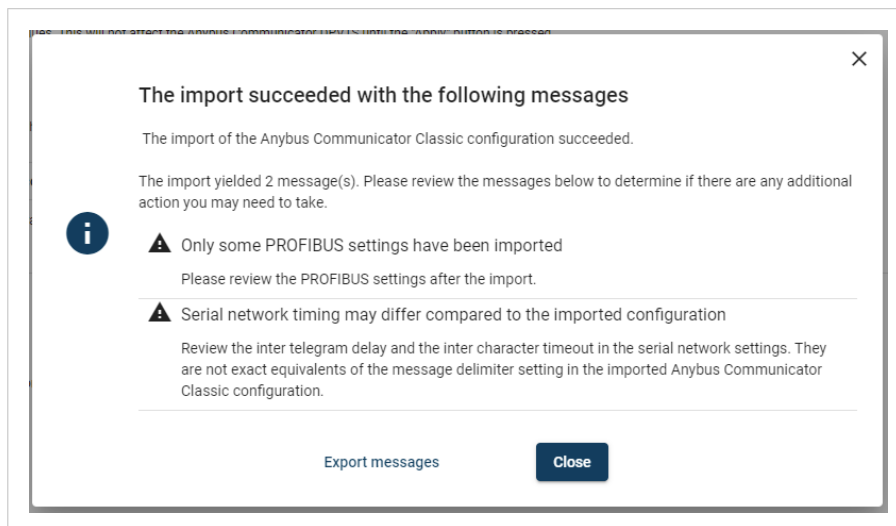


Figure 78. Example, selected .cfg and .cfx files

Result

The Communicator Classic serial configuration settings are imported.



A window with messages about the imported configuration appear.

In the list you can view the settings that are fully supported or adjusted to work with Communicator and which settings that are not supported and must be set manually in the built-in Communicator interface.

To export the messages in an Excel XLS file, click **Export Messages**.

To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

Figure 79. Example, list with messages about the import

8. PLC Configuration

8.1. Export I/O Data Map

When configuring the communication between the PLC and the nodes on the subnetwork, use the I/O data map as a specification to ensure that the transactions match.

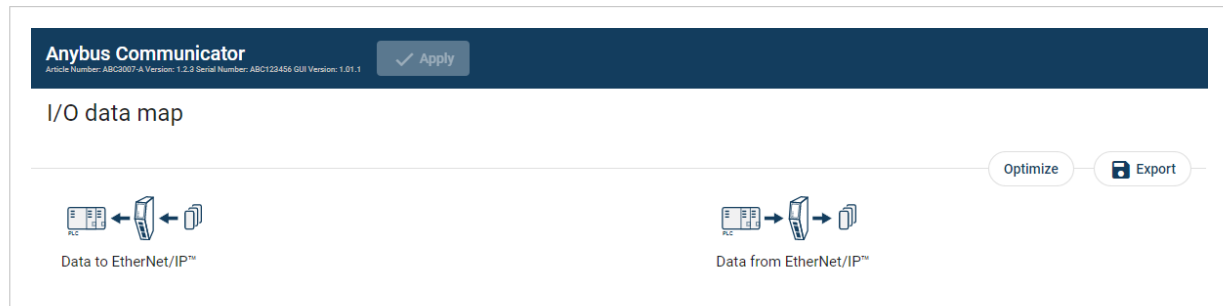


Figure 80. I/O data map page

On the I/O data map page you can export the I/O data map in an Excel XLS file, where all the nodes and transactions are listed.

To export the I/O data map:

1. Click **Export**.
An Excel XLS file with the mapping is downloaded to your PC.

8.2. Export Product EDS File

Option if the PLC program requires a product file, EDS (Electronic Data Sheet) file, describing how the Communicator can be used on the high level network.

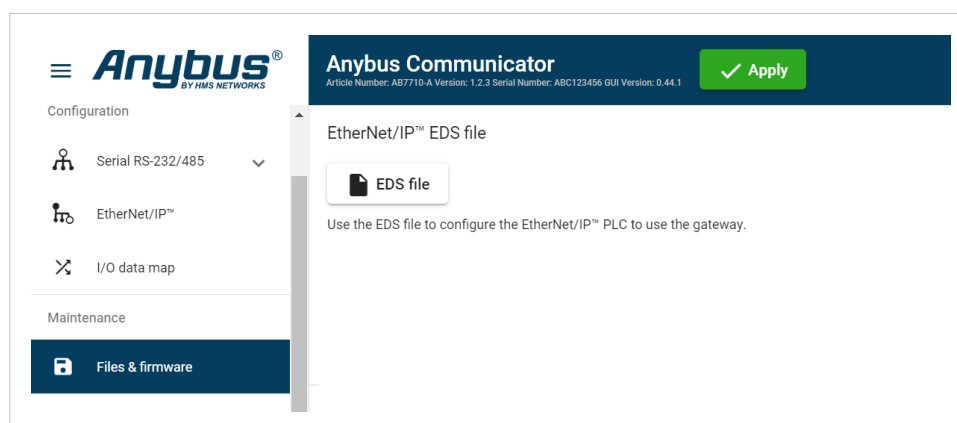


Figure 81. Export Product EDS File

You find the *EtherNet/IP™ EDS* file on the Communicator built-in web interface **EtherNet/IP™** page, **Files & firmware** page and on the **Support** page.

To export the EDS file:

1. Click **EDS file**.
The EDS file is downloaded to your PC.

8.3. CIP Objects

Supported Common Industrial Protocol (CIP) objects.

Object name	Class	Description
Identity object	0x01	The identification object
Message router object	0x02	Message router
Assembly object	0x04	Assembly object
Connection manager object	0x06	Connection manager object
DLR object	0x47	Device level ring object
QoS object	0x48	Quality service object
TCP/IP Interface object	0xF5	Handles TCP/IP configuration
EtherNet/IP Link object	0xF6	Handles EtherNet/IP configuration

9. Verify Operation

Before You Begin

Ensure that the Communicator is connected to your PC, to a power supply and to the OT network.

See [Installation \(page 13\)](#).

9.1. Communicator Status Monitor

On the Home page, you can get a quick overview of the network and the Communicator operating status.

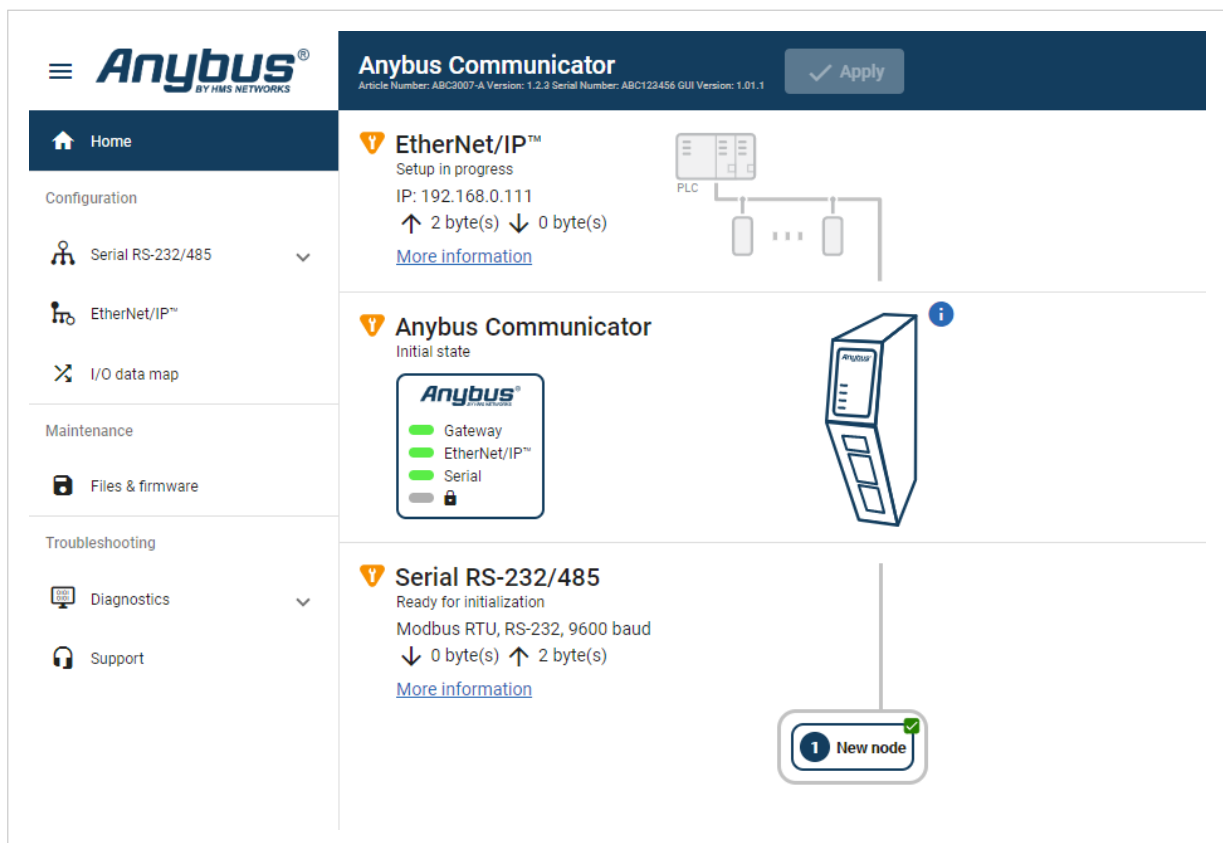


Figure 82. Home page

Gateway Status

Overview the Communicator LED indications remotely.

Refer to [Communicator LED Indicators \(page 94\)](#).





Node Status

Overview the status for each node added to the subnetwork.

Network Status and Settings

Overview communication status and the current networks settings.

Status Symbols

Symbol	Description
	Internal error has occurred and operation cannot be guaranteed.
	Out of Specification.
	Check Function: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial state where non network components are started and configured.• Network startup in progress.• Invalid configuration detected.
	Normal operation.

9.2. Communicator LED Indicators



NOTE

Before you can verify operation you must configure the Communicator.

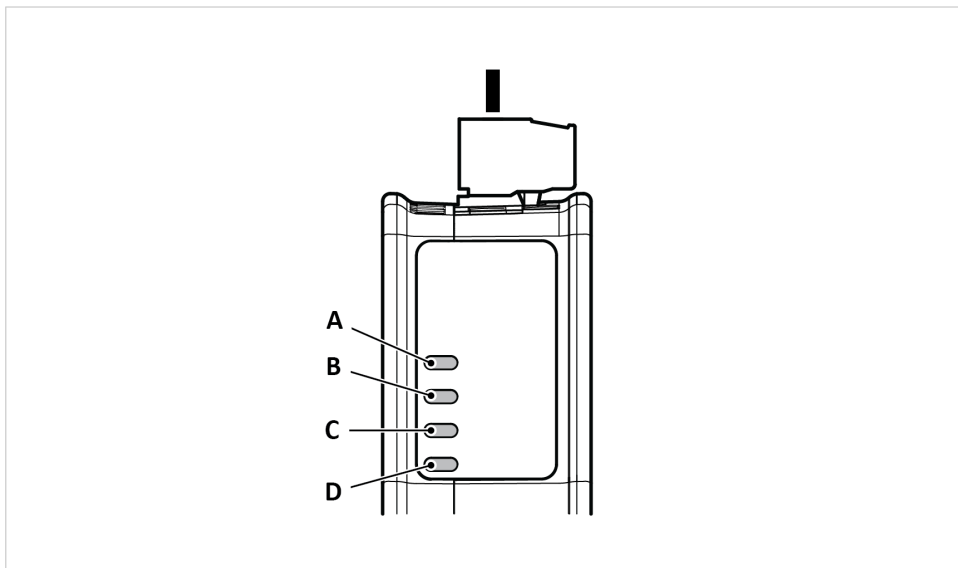


Figure 83. Communicator status (A), High level Network/Client (B), Subnetwork 2 (C) and (D) Security Switch

	LED A	LED B	LED C	LED D
Operation status	Gateway status	EtherNet/IP - Adapter	Subnetwork	Security switch
Off	No power	No power/No IP address	No power/Subnetwork not running/Node is switched off via a control word	No power/Security switch is unlocked
Green, flashing	Startup phase	EtherNet/IP online, no connections established	Running, one or more nodes are offline	N/A
Green, solid	Operational	EtherNet/IP online, one or more connections established	Running	Security switch is locked
Red, solid	N/A	Duplicated EtherNet IP address/Fatal error	N/A	N/A
Red, flashing	Invalid configuration	One or more connections timed out	All nodes are offline	N/A
Green/Red, flashing	Power up self-test/ Firmware update/Firmware recovery	N/A	N/A	N/A

9.2.1. Fatal Error and Exception Error

Fatal error: A fatal error causes the Communicator firmware application to crash in an uncontrolled manner.

Exception error: An exception error causes the Communicator to enter a controlled error state. The Communicator firmware application is still running.

LED	Fatal error	Exception error
A	Red, solid	Red, solid
B	Red, solid	Off
C	Red, solid	Off
D	Off	Off

9.3. Ethernet LED Indicators

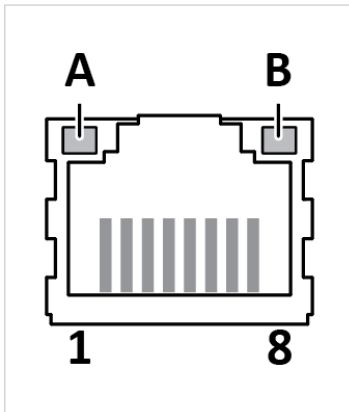


Figure 84. LED A. Activity LED B. Not used

LED A	Function
Off	No link (or no power)
Green	Link (100 Mbit/s) established
Green, flashing	Activity (100 Mbit/s)
Yellow	Link (10 Mbit/s) established
Yellow, flashing	Activity (10 Mbit/s)

LED B	Function
Off	Not used

10. Use Cases

10.1. Temperature Regulator - Modbus RTU Use Case

10.1.1. About the Use Case

The purpose of this use case is to explain how to use the **Modbus RTU** serial protocol.

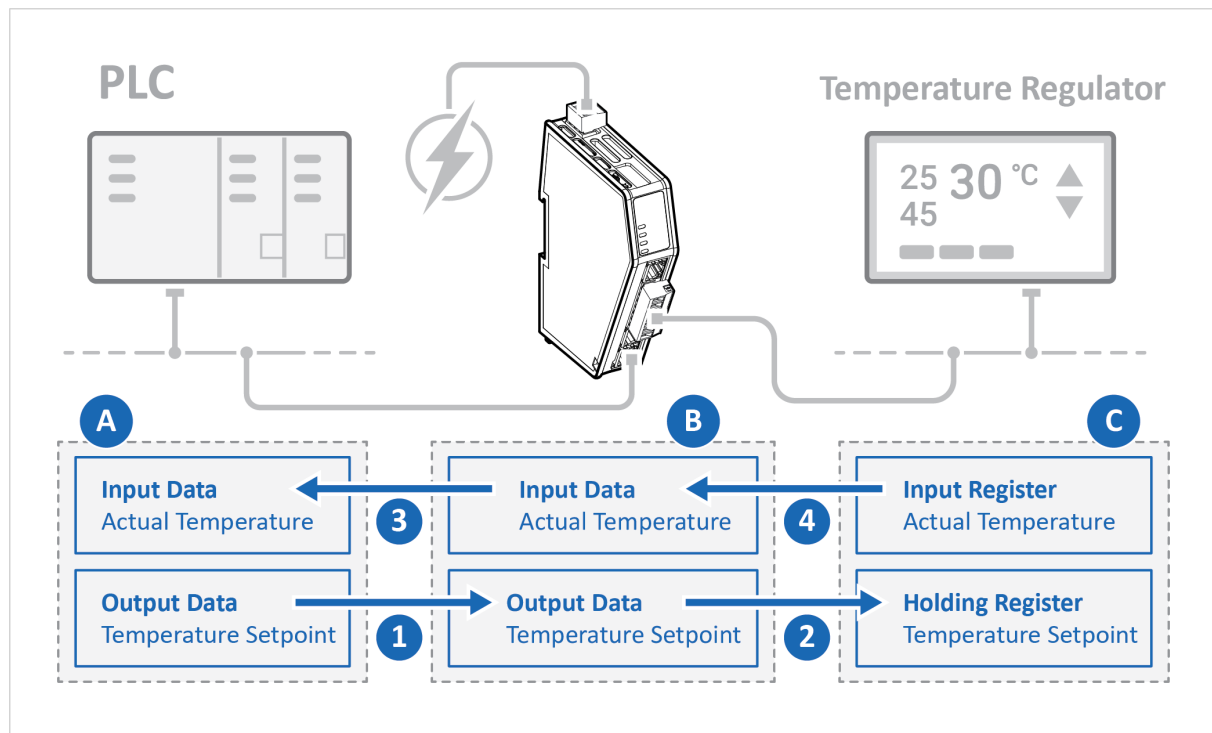


Figure 85. Temperature Regulator - Modbus RTU Use Case

In this use case we use the Communicator to enable data exchange between an Temperature Regulator and a PLC.

The use case describes how to map the communication in the Communicator.

The Temperature Regulator is connected to the serial subnetwork via a custom RS-232 protocol.

The PLC is connected to an EtherNet/IP network (high level network).

10.1.2. Before You Begin

- Connect the Communicator configuration port to your computer.
- Power on the Communicator.
- Ensure that your computer can find the Communicator IP address.
- Enter the Communicator built-in web interface of the.

For more information refer to [Communicator Configuration \(page 34\)](#).

10.1.3. Choose Serial Protocol Type

The Temperature Regulator is using a request/response protocol to access parameters addressed with index and sub index.

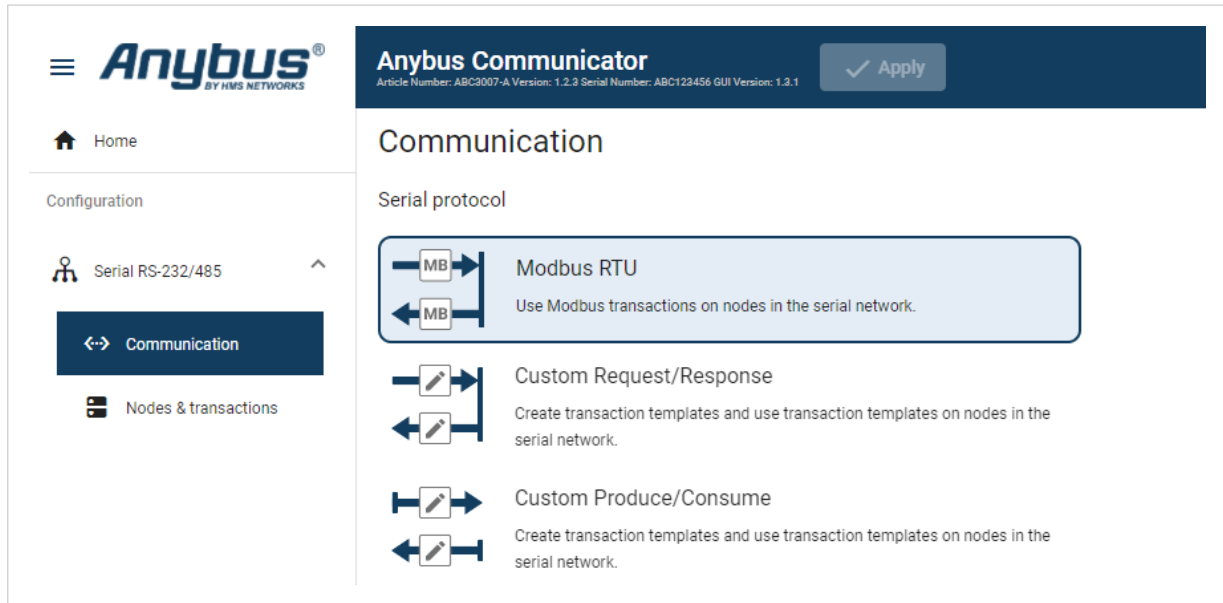


Figure 86. Communication page, **Modbus RTU**

On the **Serial RS232/485** page, select **Modbus RTU**.

10.1.4. Setup Serial Communication

Set up the communication between the Communicator and the Temperature Regulator.

In the **Serial RS232/485** page, configure the **Communication** settings.

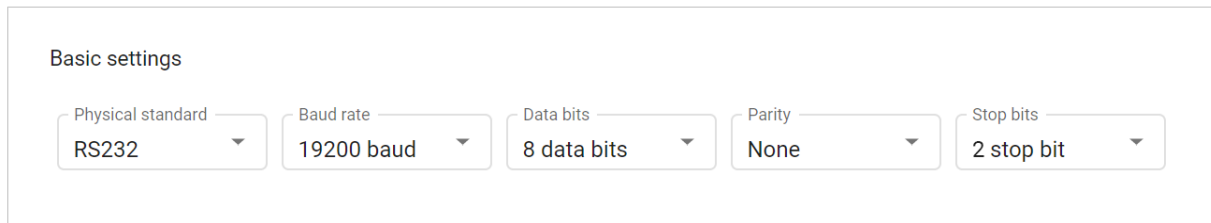


Figure 87. Serial RS232/485, Basic settings

Table 1. Used the following settings:

Frame objects	Value
Physical standard	RS-232
Baud rate	19200 baud
Data bits	8 bits
Parity	None
Stop bits	2 stop bit

10.1.5. Setup the Node

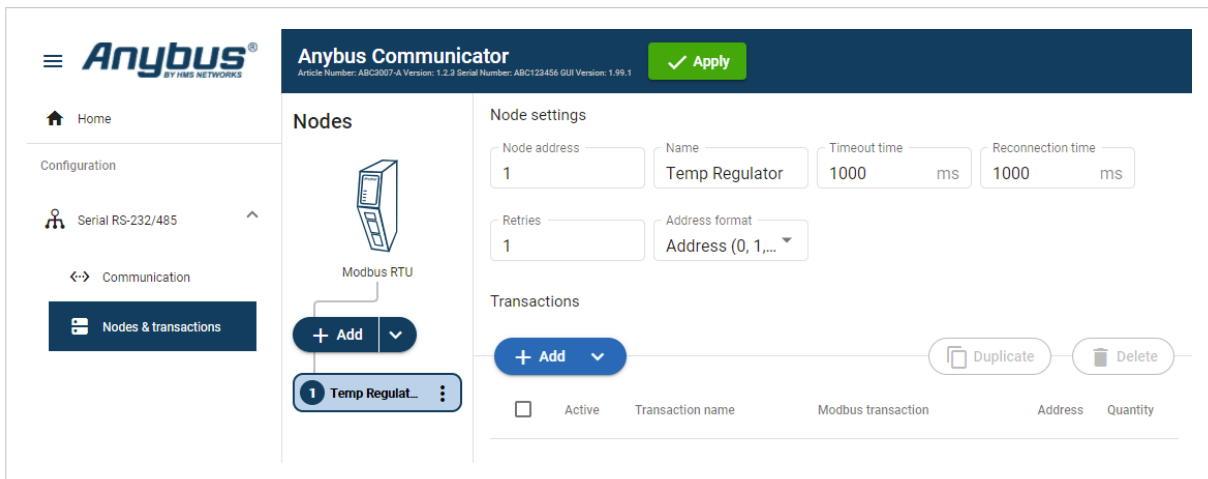


Figure 88. Add the Temperature Regulator node

1. Add a node and select it.
2. In Node settings, configure the node with the following settings:

Node settings	Value
SubDevice address	240
Name	Temp Regulator
Timeout time	1000 ms
Reconnection time	1000 ms
Retries	1
Address format	Register

10.1.6. Setup the Transactions

Set up the communication between the node and the master.

In this example, the communication between the Temperature Regulator and the PLC.

The Temperature Regulator has two Modbus transactions:

- One registers holding the setpoint temperature.
- One registers holding the actual temperature.

Configure the temperature setpoint transaction

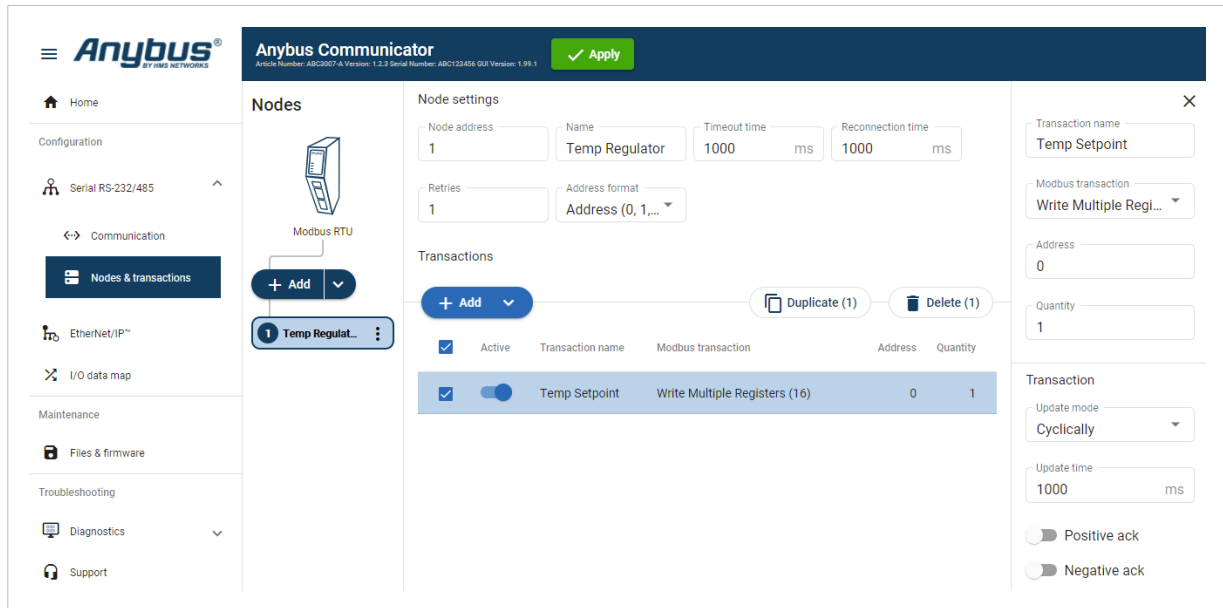


Figure 89. Temperature setpoint transaction

1. Select the **Temp Regulator** node.
2. To add a transaction, click **Add**.
3. Select the transaction to configure.
4. In the transaction sidebar, on the right side of the screen. Enter values for the transaction settings.

Table 2. Setpoint temperature transaction settings

Setting	Value	Description
Transaction name	Temp Setpoint	Give the transaction a name.
Modbus transaction	Write Multiple Registers (16)	The PLC writes a block of contiguous registers to the temperature regulator.
Address/ Register	Address: 0 Register: 1	Address 0 is Register 1.
Quantity	1	The transaction will address one data object.
Update mode	Cyclically	The temperature regulator sends a new message cyclically, every 1000 ms.
Update time	1000 ms	The update cycle is 1000 ms.

Configure the actual temperature transaction

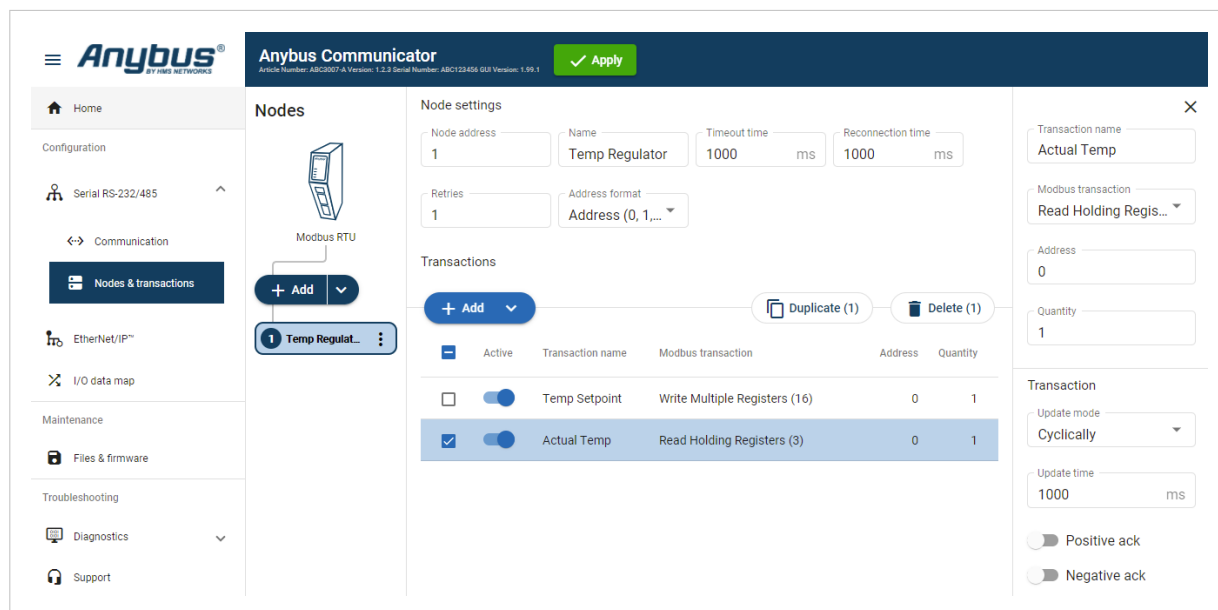


Figure 90. Actual temperature transaction

1. To add a second transaction, click **Add**.
2. Select the transaction to configure.
3. In the transaction sidebar, on the right side of the screen. Enter values for the transaction settings.

Table 3. Actual temperature transaction settings:

Setting	Value	Description
Transaction name	Actual Temp	Give the transaction a name.
Modbus transaction	Read Holding Registers (3)	This register read the actual temperature from the temperature regulator to the PLC.
Address	Address: 0 Register: 1	Address 0 is Register 1.
Quantity	1	The transaction will address one data object.
Update mode	Cyclically	Default value, can not be changed.
Update time	1000 ms	The update cycle is 1000 ms.

10.1.7. Check the I/O Data Map

The transactions to and from the Temperature Regulator are mapped as follows in the **I/O data map** page.

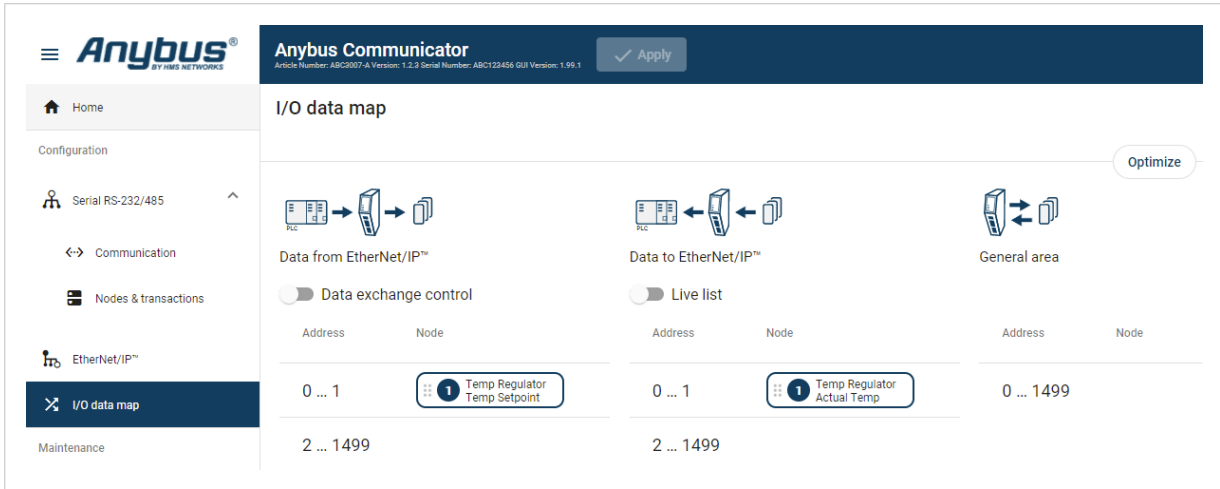


Figure 91. I/O data map

Address	Data to EtherNet/IP
0-1	Setpoint temperature from EtherNet/IP to the Temperature Regulator.

Address	Data from EtherNet/IP
0-1	Actual temperature from the Temperature Regulator to EtherNet/IP.

10.2. AC Motor Drive - Custom Request/Response Use Case

10.2.1. About the Use Case

The purpose of this use case is to explain how to use the **Custom Request/Response** serial protocol.

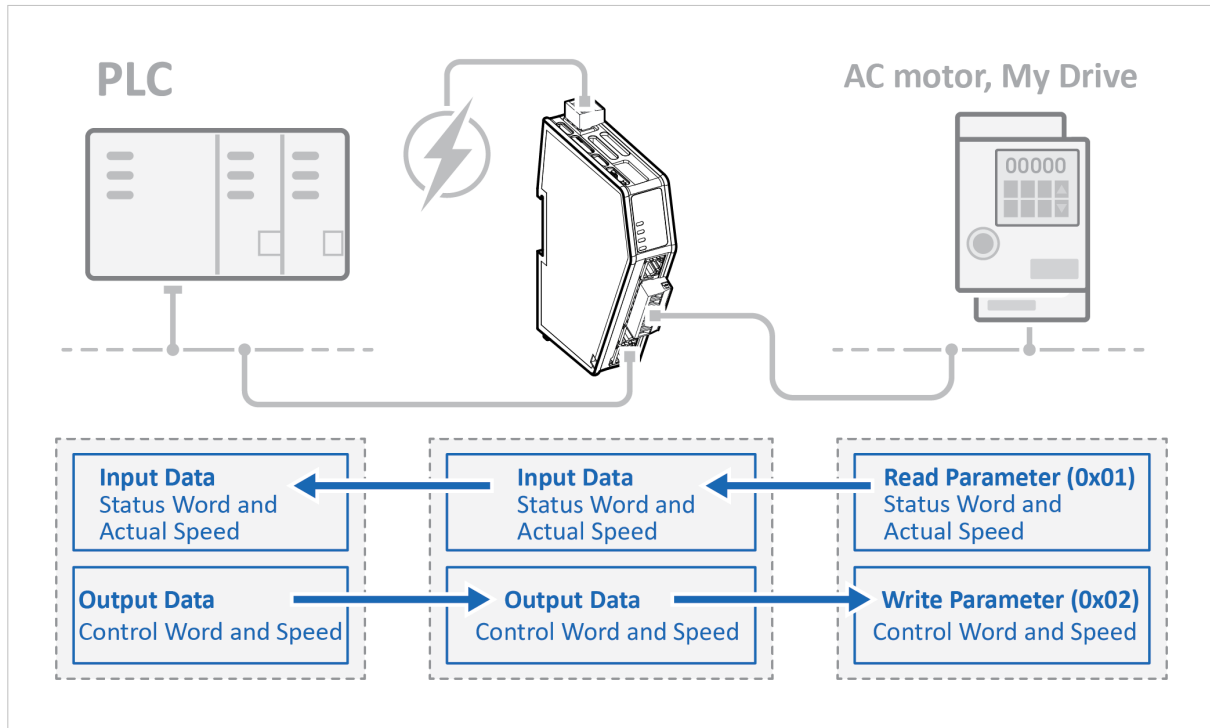


Figure 92. AC Motor Drive - Custom Request/Response Use Case

In this use case we use the Communicator to enable data exchange between an AC motor, of the type My Drive, and a PLC.

The use case describes how to map the communication in the Communicator.

My Drive is connected to the serial subnetwork via a custom RS-485 protocol.

The PLC is connected to an EtherNet/IP network (high level network).

We use the Custom Request/Response serial protocol and create customized transaction template to map up:

- Status word and actual speed from My Drive to the EtherNet/IP network.
- Control word and speed from the EtherNet/IP network to My Drive.

10.2.2. Before You Begin

- Connect the Communicator configuration port to your computer.
- Power on the Communicator.
- Ensure that your computer can find the Communicator IP address.
- Enter the Communicator built-in web interface of the.

For more information refer to [Communicator Configuration \(page 34\)](#).

10.2.3. Choose Serial Protocol Type

My Drive is using a request/response protocol to access parameters addressed with index and sub index.

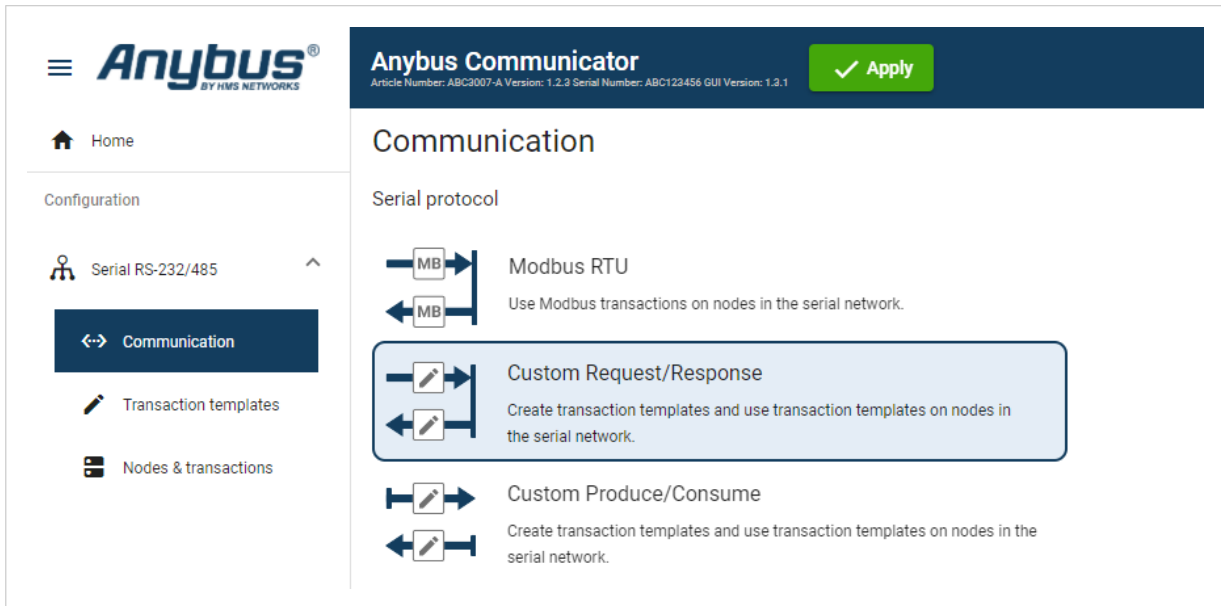


Figure 93. Communication page, **Custom Request/Response**

On the **Serial RS232/485** page, select **Custom Request/Response**.

10.2.4. Setup Serial Communication

Set up the communication between the Communicator and My Drive.

In the **Serial RS232/485** page, configure the **Communication** settings.

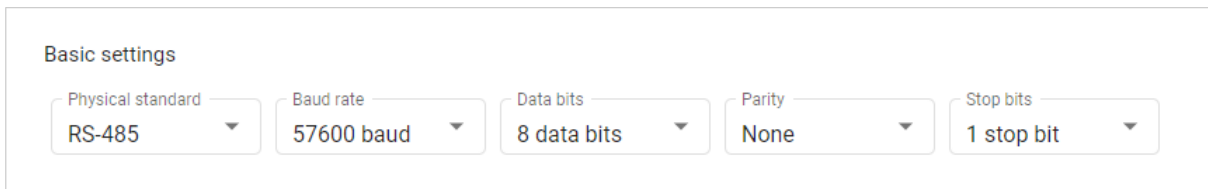


Figure 94. Serial RS232/485, Basic settings

Table 4. Used the following settings:

Frame objects	Value
Physical standard	RS-485
Baud rate	57600 baud
Data bits	8 bits
Parity	None
Stop bits	1 stop bit

10.2.5. Create Transaction Templates

All frames are verified using a CRC-16-IBM checksum.

My Drive is using a request/response protocol to access parameters addressed with index and sub index.

Map up control word, speed from EtherNet/IP to My Drive and status word and actual speed from the drive to EtherNet/IP.

Create Read Parameter (0x01)

The Communicator reads values delivered from to the My Drive node on to the PLC.

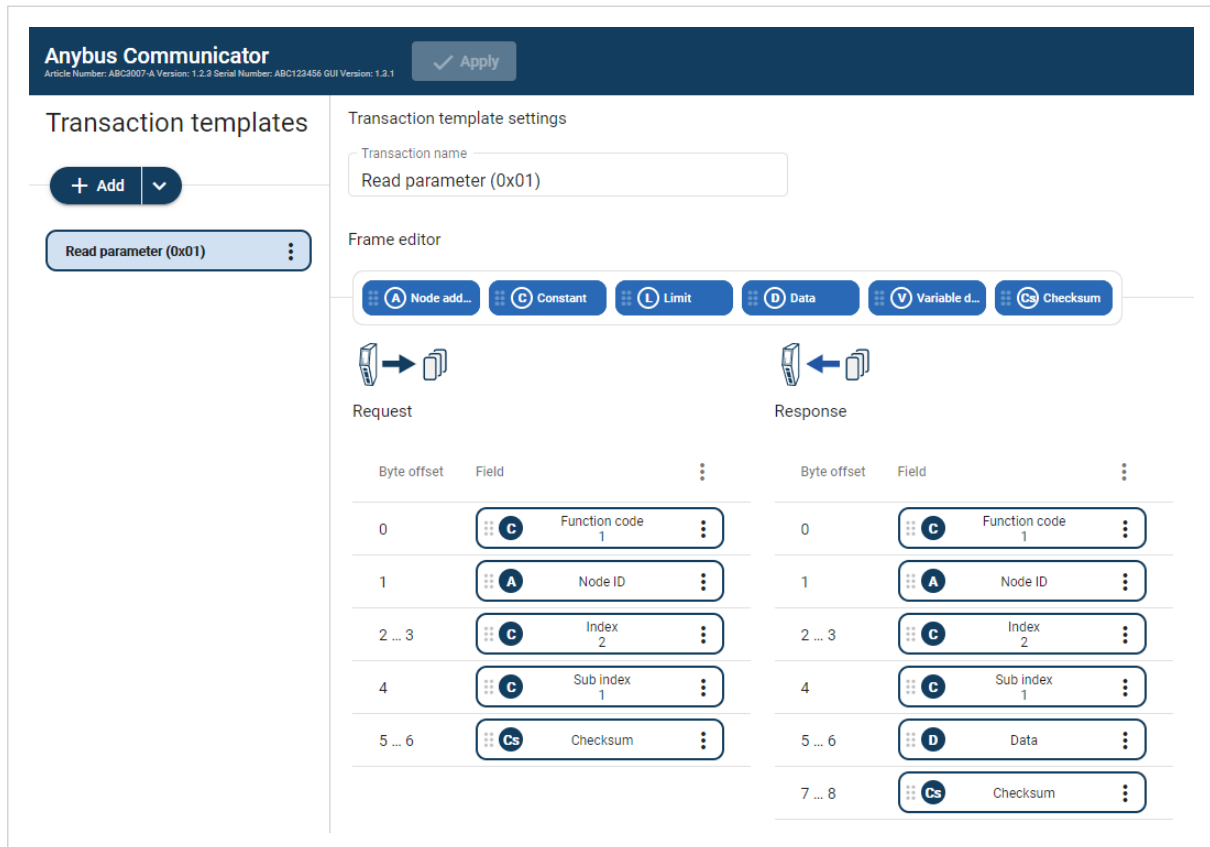


Figure 95. Read Parameter (0x01)

1. Add an **Empty template** and select it.
2. Name the template **Read parameter (0x01)**.
3. In the Frame editor **Request** area, add five **frame objects** with the following settings:

Table 5. Request frame objects

Frame objects	Name	Bytes/Length	Type/Checksum type	Endianness	Fixed field	Value
Constant	Function code	1	Byte	N/A	Yes	N/A
Node address	Node ID	1	Byte	N/A	N/A	N/A
Constant	Index	2	Word (two bytes)	Big-endian	No	Min 0 Max 1000
Constant	Sub index	1	Byte	N/A	No	Min 0 Max 255
Checksum	Checksum	2	CRC	N/A	N/A	N/A

4. In the Frame editor **Response** area, add six **frame objects** with the following settings:

Table 6. Response frame objects

Frame object	Name	Bytes/Length	Type/Checksum type	Endianness	Fixed field	Value
Constant	Function code	1	Byte	N/A	Yes	N/A
Node address	Node ID	1	Byte	N/A	N/A	N/A
Constant	Index	2	Word (two bytes)	Big-endian	No	Min 0 Max 1000
Constant	Sub index	1	Byte	N/A	No	Min 0 Max 255
Data	Data	2	Byte	N/A	Yes	N/A
Checksum	Checksum	2	CRC	N/A	N/A	N/A

Create Write Parameter (0x02)

The Communicator writes values delivered from the PLC to the My Drive node.

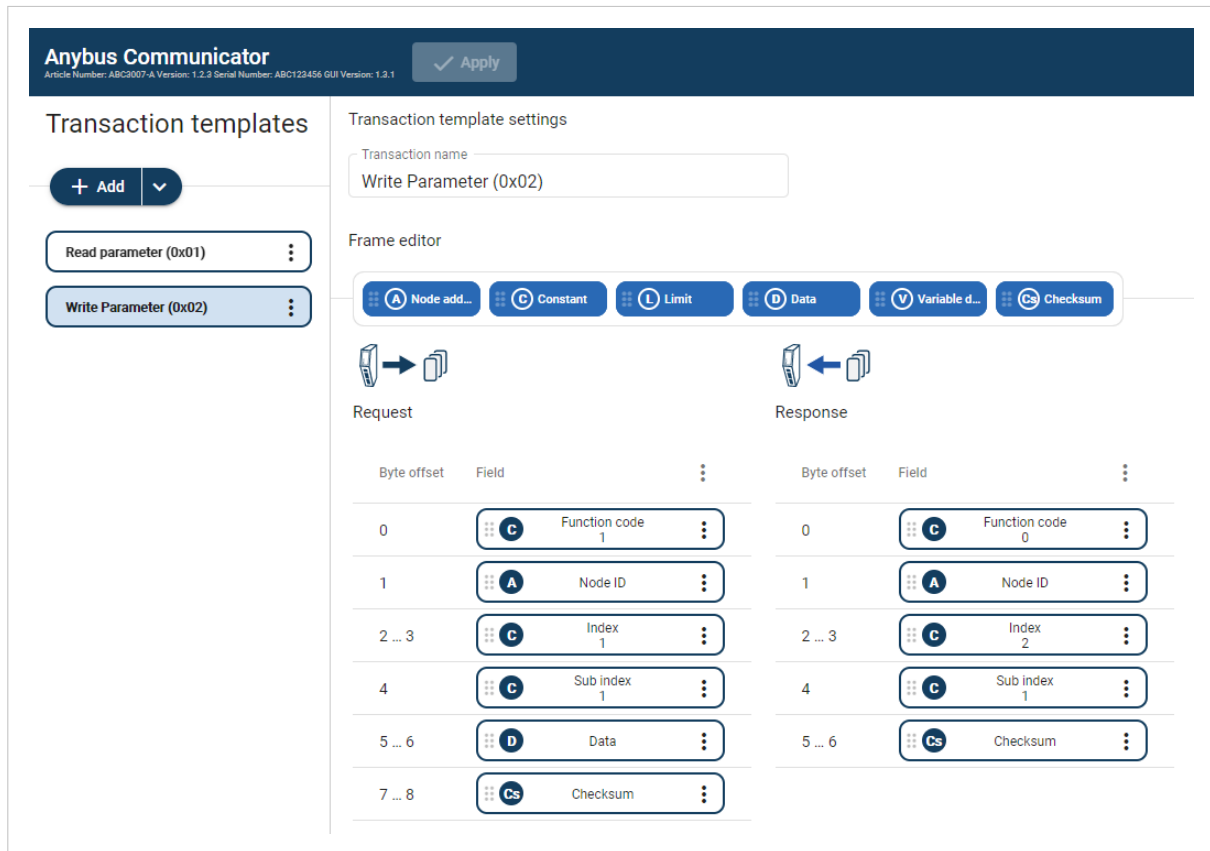


Figure 96. Write Parameter (0x02)

1. Add an **Empty template** and select it.
2. Name the template **Write parameter (0x02)**.
3. In the Frame editor **Request** area, add six **frame objects** with the following settings:

Table 7. Request frame objects

Frame object	Name	Bytes/Length	Type/Checksum type	Endianness	Fixed field	Value (Hex)
Constant	Function code	1	Byte	N/A	Yes	N/A
Node address	Node ID	1	Byte	N/A	N/A	N/A
Constant	Index	2	Word (two bytes)	Big-endian	No	Min 0 Max 1000
Constant	Sub index	1	Byte	N/A	No	Min 0 Max 255
Data	Data	2	Byte	N/A	Yes	N/A
Checksum	Checksum	2	CRC	N/A	N/A	N/A

4. In the Frame editor **Response** area, add five **frame objects** with the following settings:

Table 8. Response frame objects

Frame objects	Name	Bytes	Type/Checksum type	Endianness	Fixed field	Value (Hex)
Constant	Function code	1	Byte	N/A	Yes	N/A
Node address	Node ID	1	Byte	N/A	N/A	N/A
Constant	Index	2	Word (two bytes)	N/A	No	Min 0 Max 1000
Constant	Sub index	1	Byte	N/A	No	Min 0 Max 255
Checksum	Checksum	2	CRC	N/A	N/A	N/A

10.2.6. Setup Node and Transactions

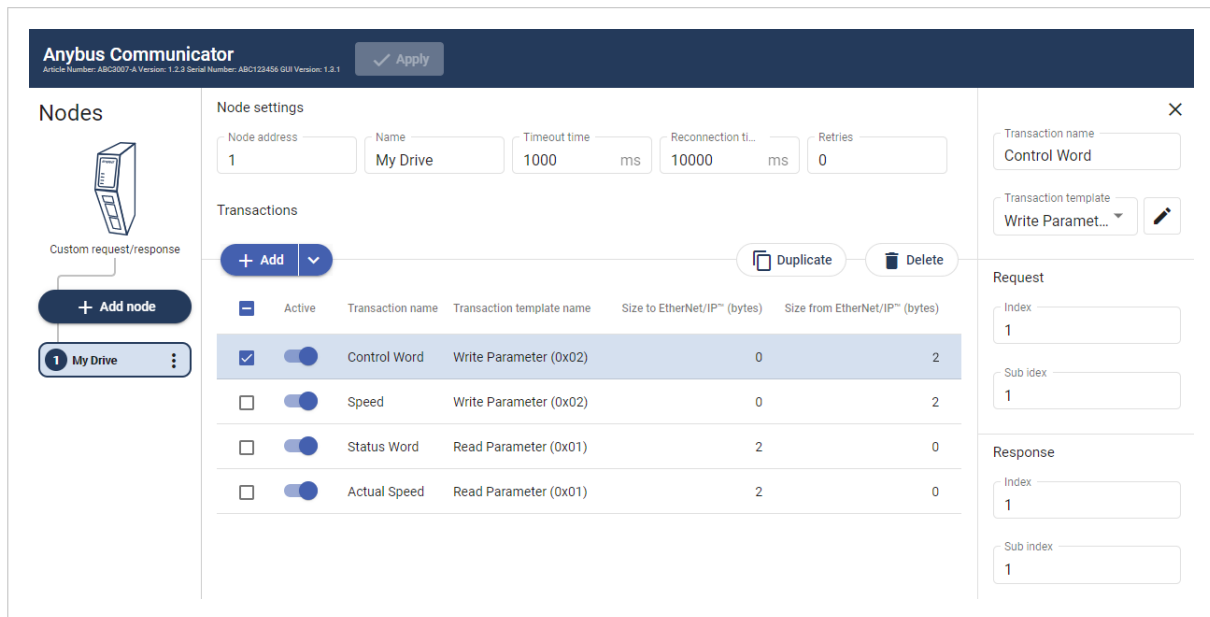


Figure 97. My Drive node with transactions

1. Add a node and select it.
2. In Node settings configure the node with the following settings:

Node settings	Value
Node address	1 My Drive is set up as a node with Node address 1.
Name	My Drive
Timeout time	1000 ms (default)
Reconnecting time	1000 ms (default)
Retries	0 (default)

3. Add four transactions to the My Drive node and configure them with the following settings:

Table 9. My Drive contains the following parameters

Transaction name	Transaction template	Index	Sub index
Control Word	Write Parameter (0x02)	1	1
Speed	Write Parameter (0x02)	1	2
Status Word	Read Parameter (0x01)	2	1
Actual Speed	Read Parameter (0x01)	2	2

10.2.7. Check the I/O Data Map

The control word, speed from EtherNet/IP to My Drive and status word and actual speed from My Drive to EtherNet/IP are mapped as follows in the **I/O data map** page.

Figure 98. I/O data map

Table 10. Control word and speed from EtherNet/IP to My Drive

Address	Drive Parameter
0-1	Control Word
2-3	Speed

Table 11. Status word and actual speed from My Drive to EtherNet/IP

Address	Drive Parameter
0-1	Control Word
2-3	Speed

10.3. Barcode Scanner - Custom Produce/Consume Use Case

10.3.1. About the Use Case

The purpose of this use case is to explain how to use the **Custom Produce/Consume** serial protocol.

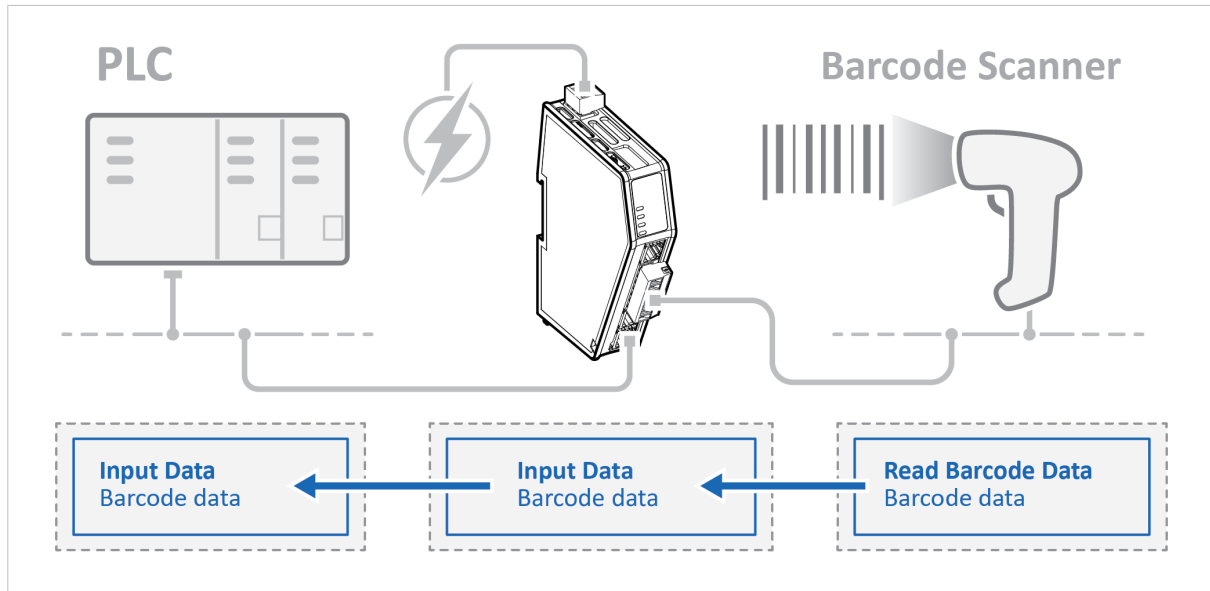


Figure 99. Barcode Scanner - Custom Produce/Consume Use Case

In this use case we use the Communicator to enable data exchange between an Barcode Scanner and a PLC.

The use case describes how to map the communication in the Communicator.

The Barcode Scanner is connected to the serial subnetwork via a custom RS-232 protocol.

The PLC is connected to an EtherNet/IP network (high level network).

We use the Custom Produce/Consume serial protocol and create a customized transaction template.

10.3.2. Before You Begin

- Connect the Communicator configuration port to your computer.
- Power on the Communicator.
- Ensure that your computer can find the Communicator IP address.
- Enter the Communicator built-in web interface of the.

For more information refer to [Communicator Configuration \(page 34\)](#).

10.3.3. Choose Serial Protocol Type

The purpose of this use case is to explain how to use the **Custom Produce/Consume** serial protocol.

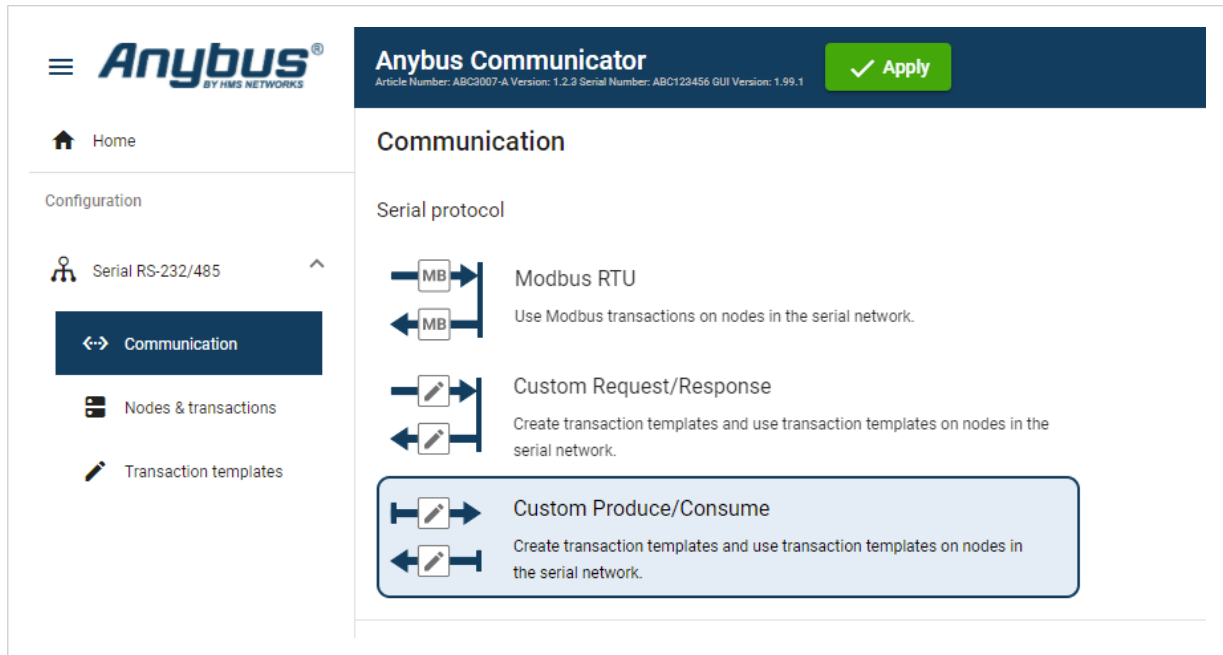


Figure 100. Communication page, **Custom Produce/Consume**

On the **Serial RS232/485** page, select **Custom Produce/Consume**.

10.3.4. Setup Serial Communication

Set up the communication between the Communicator and Barcode Scanner.

In the **Serial RS232/485** page, configure the **Communication** settings.

The screenshot shows the 'Basic settings' section of the Serial RS232/485 configuration page. It contains five dropdown menus: 'Physical standard' set to 'RS-232', 'Baud rate' set to '9600 baud', 'Data bits' set to '8 data bits', 'Parity' set to 'None', and 'Stop bits' set to '1 stop bit'.

Figure 101. Serial RS232/485, Basic settings

Table 12. Used the following settings:

Frame objects	Value
Physical standard	RS-232
Baud rate	9600 baud
Data bits	8 bits
Parity	None
Stop bits	1 stop bit

10.3.5. Create Transaction Templates

Create Read Barcode Data Parameter

Before You Begin

The Communicator reads values delivered from the Barcode Scanner node on to the PLC.

The Barcode Scanner sends data whenever it is available, without any request or handshake from the Communicator.

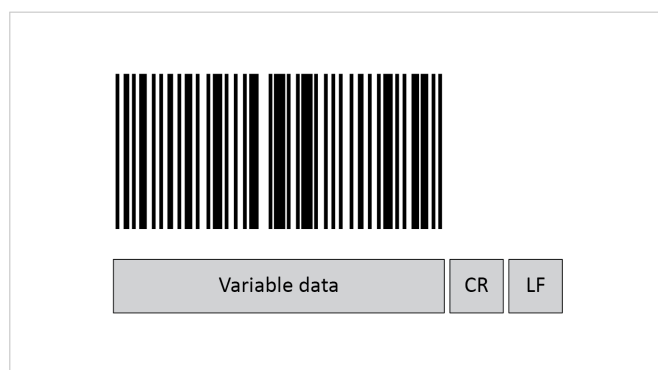


Figure 102. Barcode Variable data, CR and LF

In this example we have added three frame fields for the barcode data transaction:

- One Variable data frame for the length of the barcode.
We use a fixed value.
The maximum payload length is 31 (ASCII).
- The Barcode Scanner is configured to append:
 - One Carriage Return character (CR) to the barcode.
So we create one Constant frame with the Value 13 (ASCII).
 - One Line Feed character (LF) to the barcode.
So we create one Constant frame with the Value 10 (ASCII).

Procedure

The screenshot shows the Anybus Communicator web interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, Configuration (Serial RS-232/485, Communication, Nodes & transactions, Transaction templates), EtherNet/IP™, I/O data map, Maintenance (Files & firmware), and Troubleshooting (Diagnostics, Support). The main content area is titled 'Anybus Communicator' and includes an 'Apply' button. Below the title, there are two sections: 'Transaction templates' and 'Transaction template settings'.

Transaction templates: Shows a list with one template, 'Read Barcode Data Template', which is selected. There is an '+ Add' button and a dropdown arrow.

Transaction template settings:

- Transaction name:** Read Barcode Data Template
- Transaction type:** Produce (radio button), Consume (radio button, selected)
- Frame editor:** A warning message states: 'The template transaction is in use. Changes to the template will directly affect the node attached transactions using it.' Below this are buttons for field types: A No..., C Co..., L Li..., D Data, V Va..., and Cs Ch... There are also copy and paste icons.
- Consume:** A table defining frame fields:

Byte offset	Field
0 ... 30	Barcode Data
31	Carriage Return character (CR) 13
32	Line Feed character (LF) 10

Figure 103. Read Barcode Data Parameter

1. Add an **Empty consume template** and select it.
2. Name the template **Read Barcode Data**.
3. In the **Frame editor**, add four frame field with the following settings:

Table 13. Consume frame fields

Frame fields	Name	Type	Value	Fixed field	Maximum payload length	Process data delimiter	Subnet delimiter	End pattern
Variable data	Barcode Data	N/A	N/A	Yes, set here	31 bytes	None	None	0
Constant	Carriage Return character (CR)	Byte (1 byte)	13	Yes, set here	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Constant	Line Feed character (LF)	Byte (1 byte)	10	Yes, set here	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

10.3.6. Setup Node and Transactions

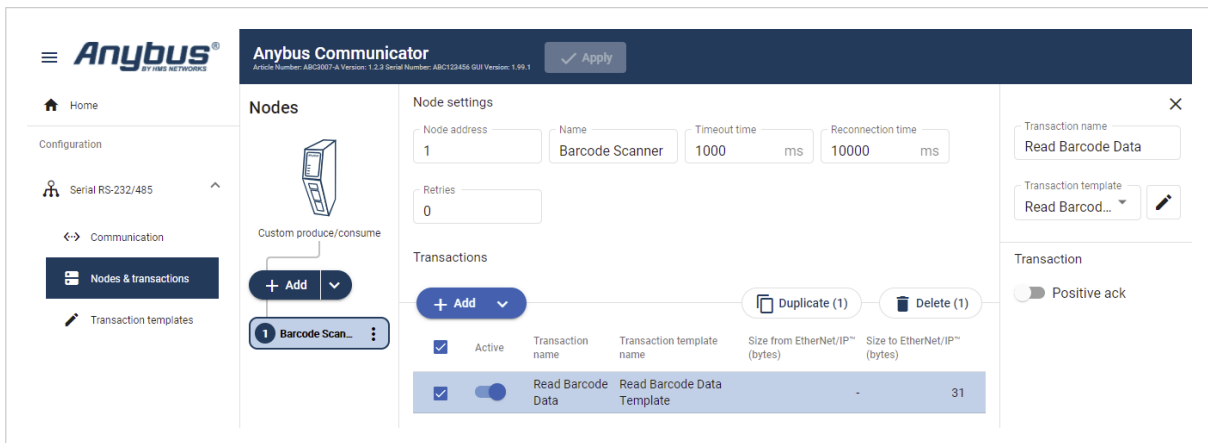


Figure 104. Node settings

1. Add a node and select it.
2. In **Node settings** configure the node with the following settings:

Node settings	Value
Node address	The Barcode Scanner is set up as a node with Node address 1.
Name	Barcode Scanner
Timeout time	1000 ms (default)
Reconnecting time	1000 ms (default)
Retries	0 (default)

3. Add one transactions to the Barcode Scanner node and configure it with the following settings:

Table 14. The Barcode Scanner contains the following parameters

Transaction name	Transaction template
Read Barcode Data	Read Barcode Data Template

10.3.7. Check the I/O Data Map

The transactions from the Barcode Scanner is mapped as follows in the **I/O data map** page.

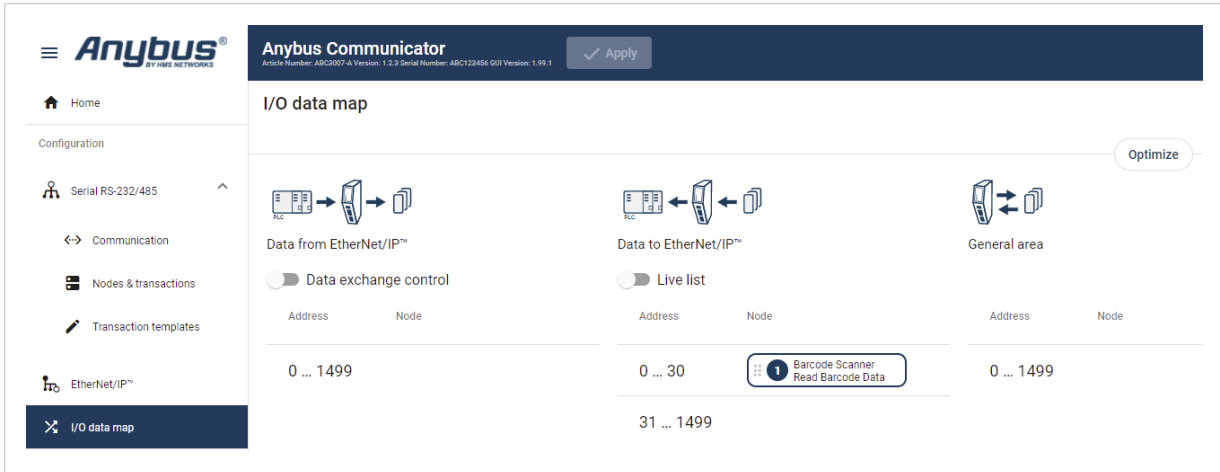


Figure 105. I/O data map

Table 15. Status word and actual speed from My Drive to EtherNet/IP

Address	Barcode Scanner Parameter
0-31	The variable data, 31 bytes, are forwarded from the Barcode Scanner to the PLC.

11. Maintenance

11.1. Configuration File Handling

11.1.1. Export Configuration

You can export the current configuration, in order to import and use the same settings to configure additional Communicator.

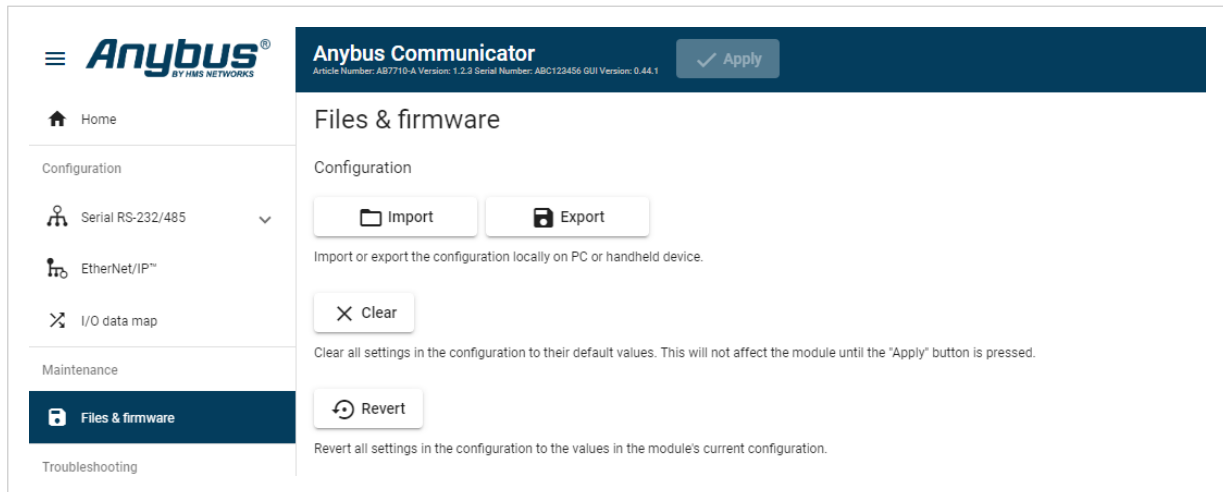


Figure 106. Files & firmware page

To export a configuration file:

- In **Files & firmware**, click **Export**.
The configuration settings are stored in a .conf file and downloaded to your PC.

11.1.2. Import Configuration

To easily configure multiple Communicator with the same settings, you can import a configuration file.

Before You Begin



NOTE

Importing a configuration replaces the current applied configuration.

The supported file format is .conf.

Procedure

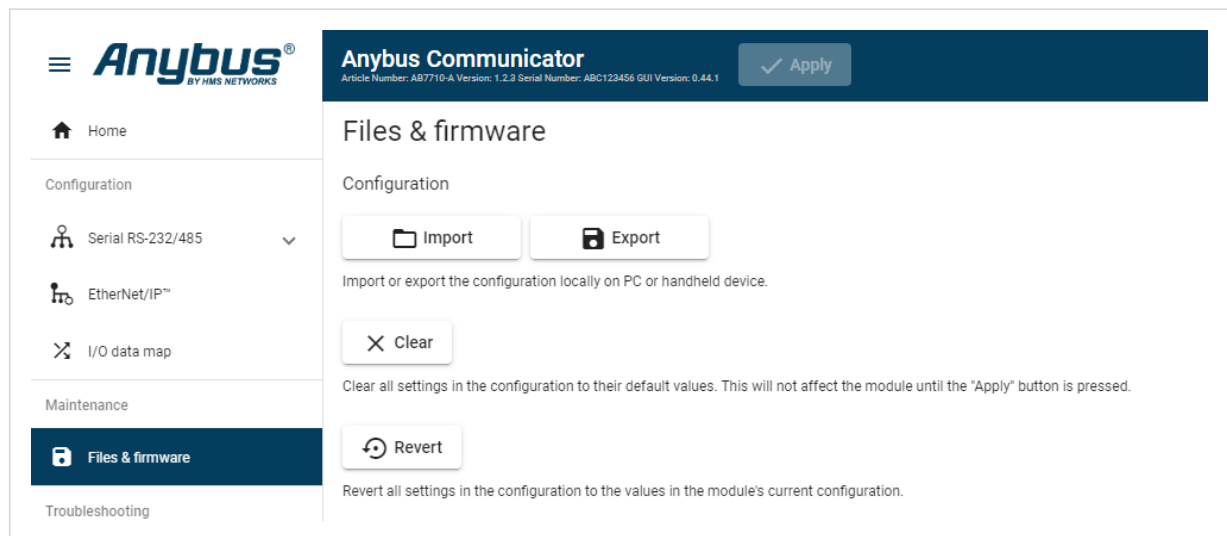


Figure 107. Files & firmware page

Import configuration file:

1. On the **Files & firmware** page, click **Import**.
2. In the Import configuration window, click **Select file (.conf)**.
3. In the Open dialog box, browse to and select the configuration file and click **Open**.
4. In the Import configuration window, click **Import**.
5. In the Communicator address settings window:
 - To import IP settings from the selected configuration file, click **Imported settings**. All configuration settings are imported.
 - To continue using the current IP settings, click **Configured settings**. All configuration settings except the IP settings are imported.
6. The configuration file is parsed.
 - If the configuration is compatible, the settings are imported.
 - If any compatibility mismatches occurs, a message about the mismatch appears.
7. To apply the settings, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

11.2. Clear and Revert Configuration

You can restore all settings in a configuration to the default settings.

Procedure

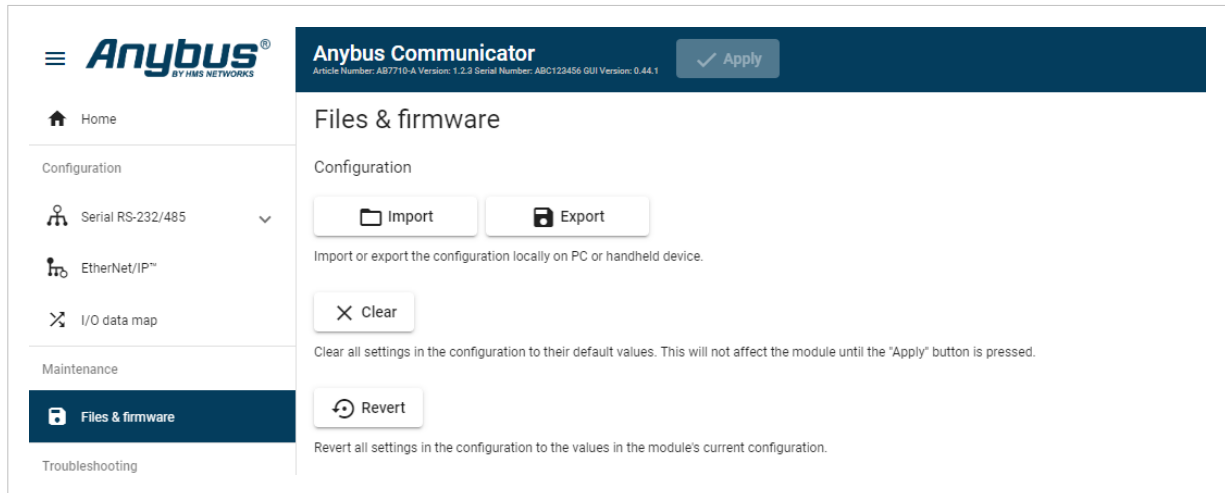


Figure 108. Files & firmware page

To Clear the Configuration

When you want to clear a configuration and return to the default settings.

1. On the **Files & firmware** page, click **Clear**.
2. In the Confirm clear window, click **Clear**.
3. To apply the change, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

To Revert the Configuration

When you want to remove any configuration made in a current session and re-load the configuration from the gateway.

1. On the Files & firmware page, click **Revert**.
2. In the Confirm revert window, click **Revert**.
3. To apply the change, click **Apply** in the web-interface header, and follow the instructions.

11.3. Firmware Management

11.3.1. View the Firmware Version

On the **Support** page, you can view the current applied firmware version.



The screenshot shows the 'Support' page for Anybus Communicator. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text 'Anybus Communicator' and 'Article Number: ABC3007-A Version: 1.2.3 Serial Number: ABC123456 GUI Version: 1.2.3'. To the right of the header is a button with a checkmark and the text 'Apply'. Below the header, the word 'Support' is displayed in a large font. Underneath, there is a section titled 'Product information' which contains a table with the following data:

Product name	Article Number	Serial Number	Version	GUI Version
Anybus Communicator	ABC3007-A	ABC123456	1.2.3	1.2.3

Figure 109. Support page, Product information example

11.3.2. Firmware and Configuration Compatibility

Compatibility after firmware upgrade

Current configuration is still compatible after upgrading the firmware.

Compatibility after firmware downgrade



IMPORTANT

Compatibility after a firmware downgrade can not be guaranteed.

The current configuration may use features not available in the older firmware version.

11.3.3. Firmware File Validation

Before the firmware file is imported into the system, the firmware upgrade function perform a validation of the file, to ensure that:

- the firmware is compatible with the Communicator hardware
- the firmware is suited for the product
- the officially HMS software signatures are valid
- that the firmware file is not corrupt or damaged

If the firmware file does not pass the validation, the firmware file is rejected and an error message appear.

11.3.4. Update Firmware

Before You Begin



IMPORTANT

To eliminate the risk of interference with plant operation, firmware update is only available when the Communicator is disconnected from the OT networks.

Ensure that the Communicator is disconnected from the OT networks.

Procedure

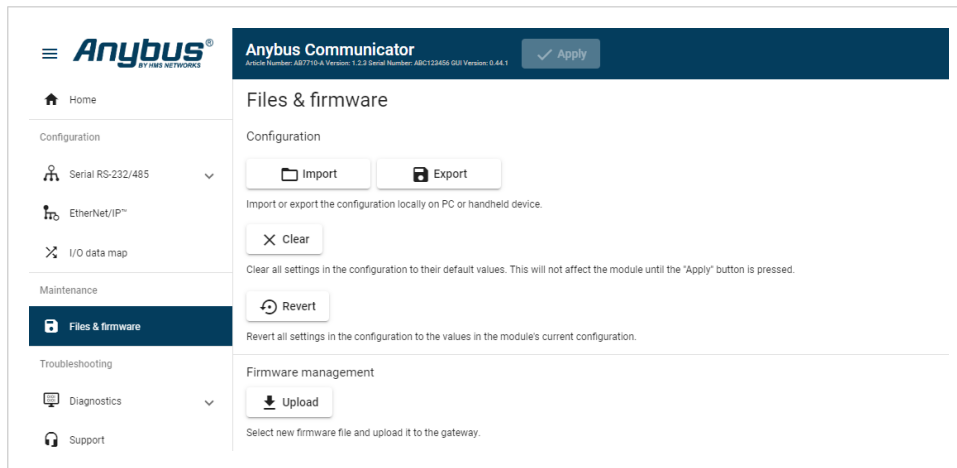


Figure 110. Files & firmware page

To update the firmware:

1. On the **Files & firmware** page, click **Upload**.
2. In the Upload Firmware window, click **Select firmware (.hiff)**.
3. In the Open dialog box, browse to and select the firmware file and click **Open**.
4. To start the firmware upgrade, click **Update firmware**.
The firmware file is validated and transferred.

Result

- If the firmware file pass the validation: The firmware is upgraded and then the Communicator automatically reboots, for the upgrade to take effect.
- If the firmware file is rejected: An error message appear.

12. Troubleshooting

12.1. Diagnostics

12.1.1. Serial RS-232/485 Data Monitor

On the Serial RS-232/485 page you can monitor how the data flow between the nodes and the gateway changes over time.

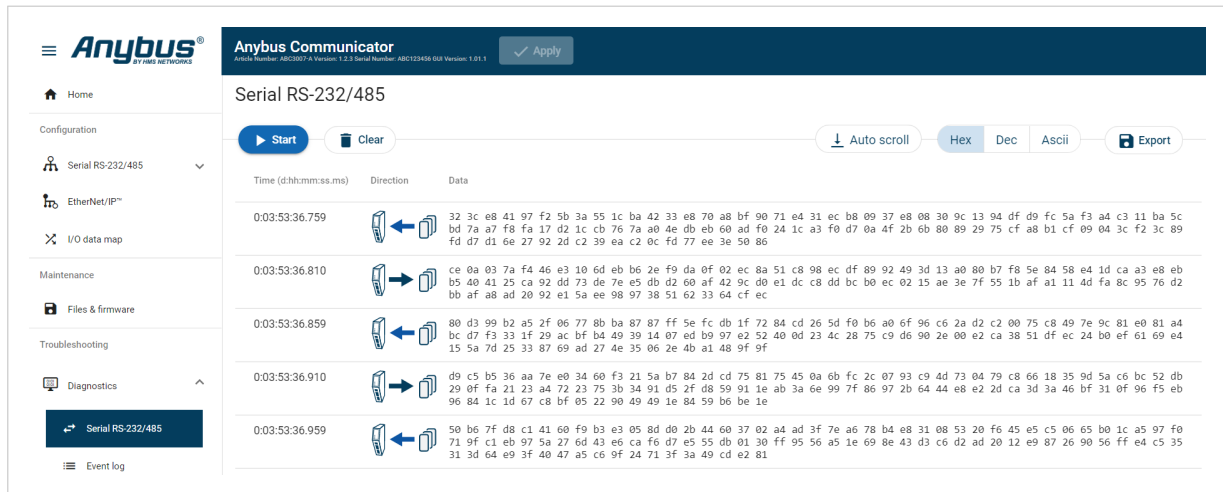


Figure 111. Serial RS-232/485 page

The table can contain at most 10000 messages. When the limit is reached, the oldest messages are discarded when new messages are added.

Choose How Data is Displayed

To choose if the data should be displayed in Hexadecimal, Decimal or ASCII, click **Hex**, **Dec** or **Ascii**.

Start and Stop Data Flow

To start the data flow, click **Start**.

To end the data flow, click **Stop**.

Export Data Flow

To export the data flow, click **Export**.

An Excel file with the data flow is downloaded to your PC.

12.1.2. I/O Data

On the **Diagnostics, I/O data** page you can monitor how the data flow between the **Serial RS-232/485** side and the **EtherNet/IP** side, including any configured endian conversions.

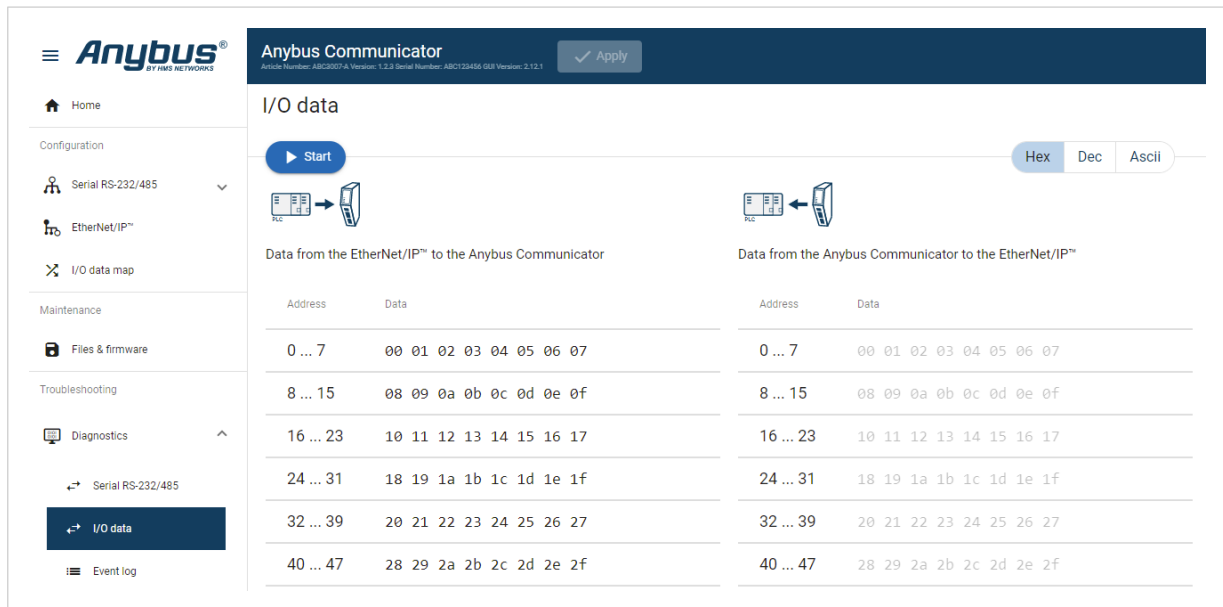


Figure 112. I/O data

The table can contain at most 10000 messages. When the limit is reached, the oldest messages are discarded when new messages are added.

Switch between the OT networks

To switch between the networks, select **Serial RS-232/485** or **EtherNet/IP**.

Select how data is displayed

To choose if the data should be displayed in Hexadecimal, Decimal or ASCII, click **Hex**, **Dec** or **Ascii**.

Start and Stop Data flow

- To start the data flow, click **Start**.
- To end the data flow, click **Stop**.

12.1.3. Event Log

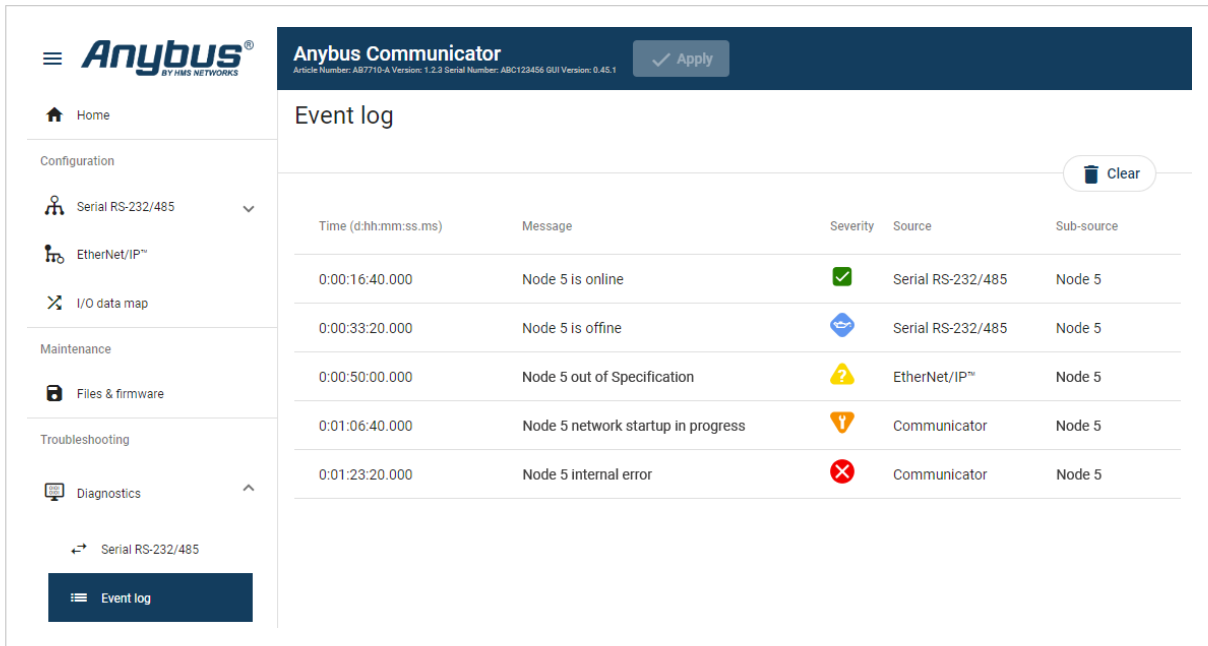


Figure 113. Event log page example

How To Analyze the Information

The log follows the FIFO principle, first in and first out. The oldest (first) value is processed first.

Time (d:hh:mm:ss.ms)	The date and time when the event occurred.	
Message	A brief description of the event.	
Severity	The severity of the event occurred. For description of the symbols, see Communicator Status Monitor (page 92) .	
Source	0	Communicator
	1	High level network, EtherNet/IP
	2	Subnetwork, Serial RS-232/485
Sub-source	The nodes connected to the subnetwork and the PLC connected to the high level network. If there is a problem with a node the node name is displayed in the Sub-source column.	
	<p>Example 6. Sub-source number</p> <p>If the node name is 5, number 5 is displayed in the Sub-source column.</p>	

To clear the current log, click **Clear log**.

12.1.4. LED Status

On the Home page, you can remotely monitor the Communicator LED status.

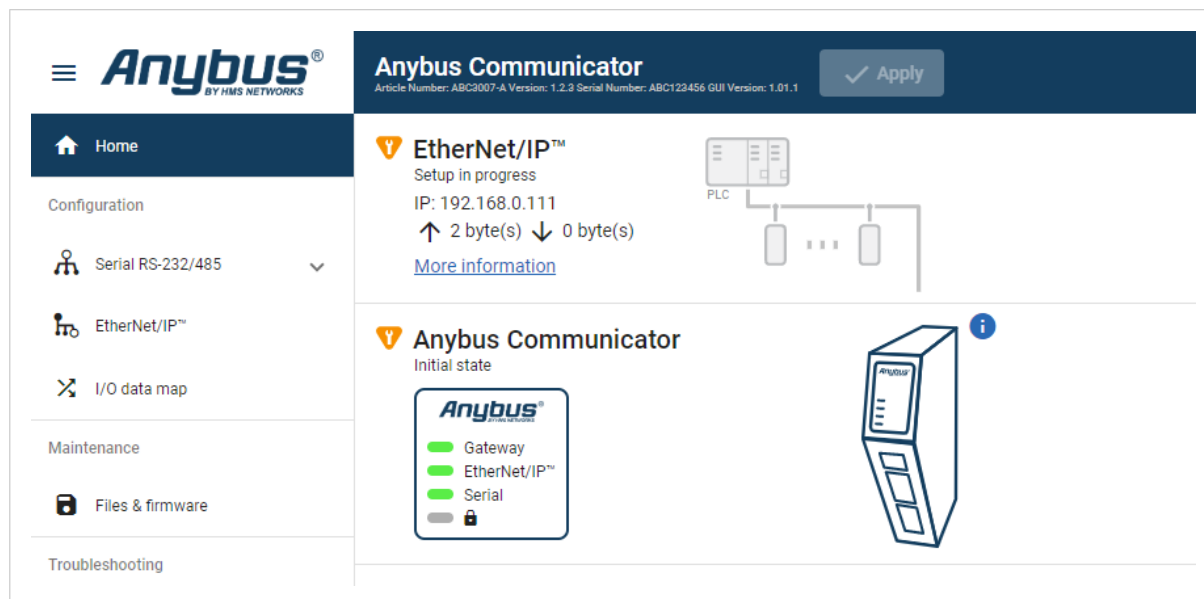


Figure 114. Home page

For information about the LED indication, see [Communicator LED Indicators \(page 94\)](#).

12.2. Reset to Factory Settings

Before You Begin

Factory reset will reset any on site made configuration changes and set the Communicator to the same state as leaving HMS production.

If the Firmware has been updated, factory reset will revert the Communicator configuration to initial state after the update.

Procedure

To reset the Communicator:

1. Disconnect the Communicator from power.

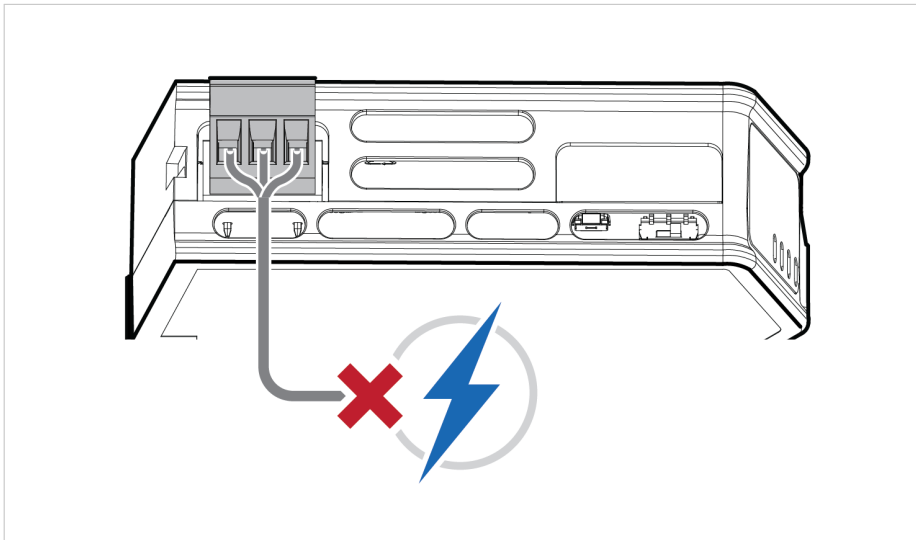


Figure 115. Disconnect power

2. Use a pointed object, such as a ballpoint pen to press and hold the **Reset** button.

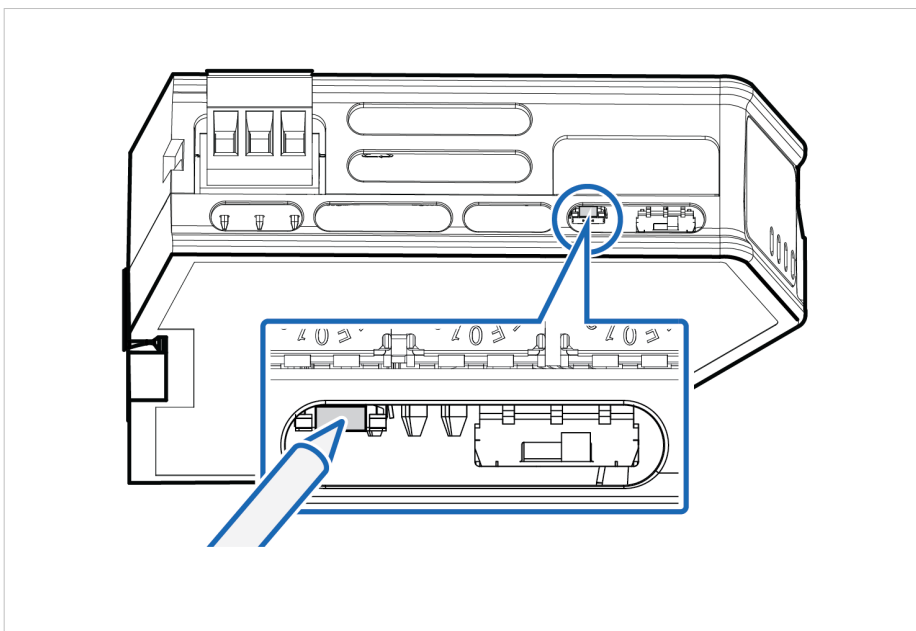


Figure 116. Press and hold **Reset** button

3. While holding the **reset** button, reconnect the Communicator to power.

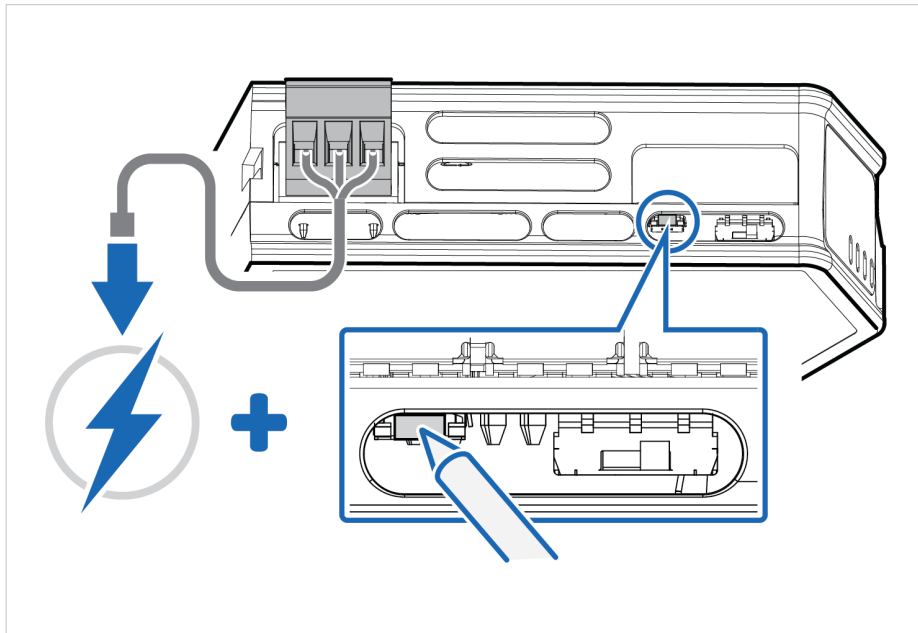


Figure 117. Hold **Reset** button and reconnect power

4. Release the **reset** button.
The Communicator enters exception state.
5. Reboot the Communicator.

Result

When the Communicator has successfully rebooted, the Communicator configuration is reset to the factory default configuration or the current configuration after firmware upgrade.

To Do Next

To ensure that the Communicator built-in web-interface is synchronized.

1. Open the the Communicator built-in web interface.
2. Navigate to the **Files & firmware** page and click **Revert**.

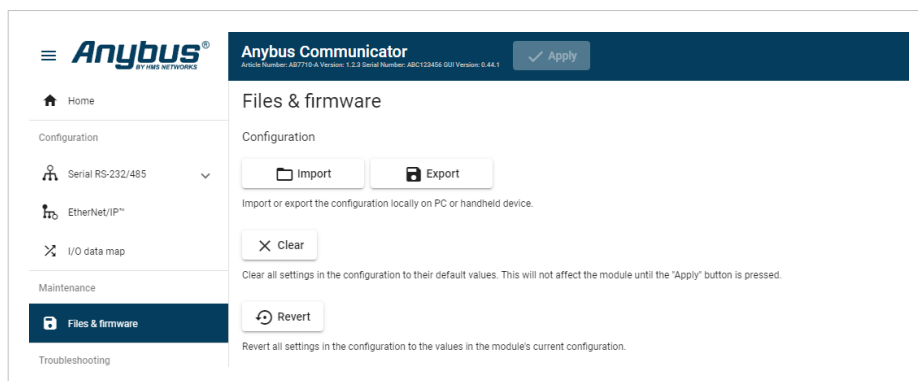


Figure 118. Files & firmware, Revert

12.3. Firmware Upgrade Error Management

If the firmware update process is interrupted or if the power is lost during the update process, the Communicator goes into fallback mode.

The last working firmware is still available on the flash, but it is not active.

Procedure

To complete the interrupted firmware update:

1. Disconnect the Communicator from power.

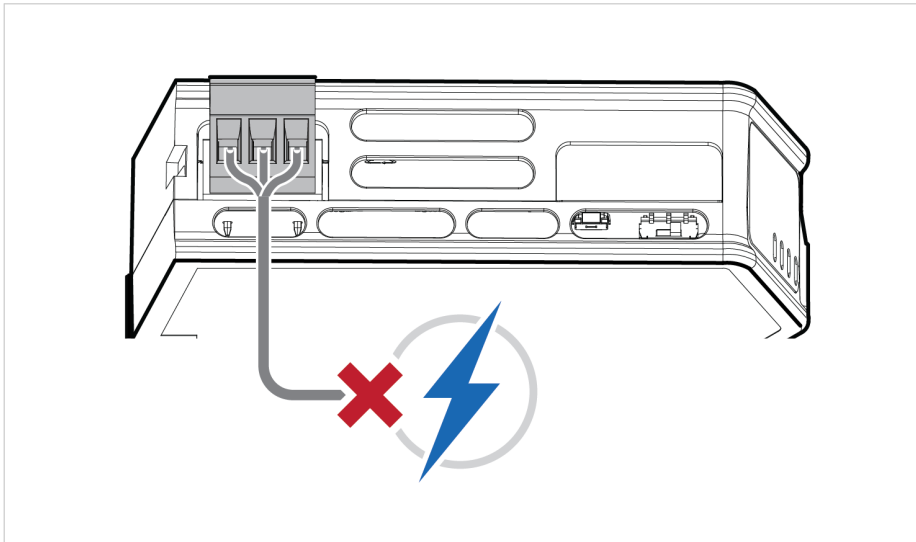


Figure 119. Disconnect power

2. Reconnect the Communicator to power.

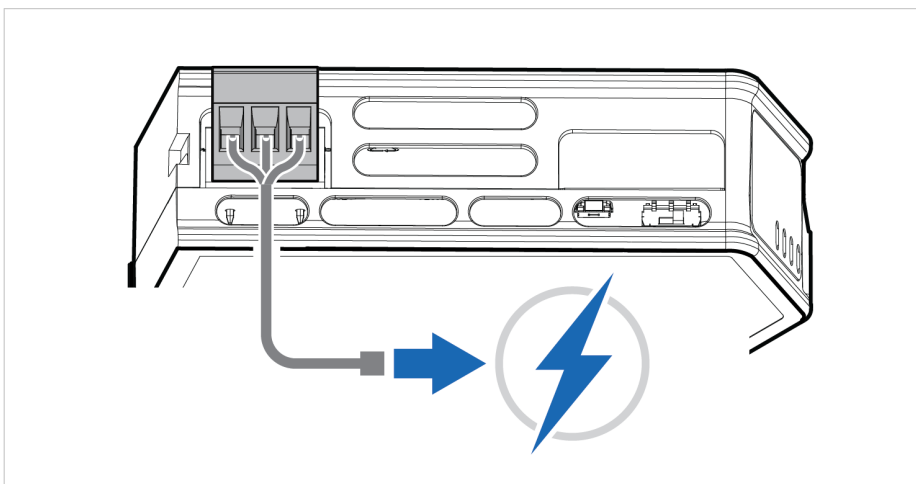


Figure 120. Reconnect power

3. Leave the Communicator for 10 minutes.
The Gateway status led indicator flashes red and green until the firmware upgrade is completed.

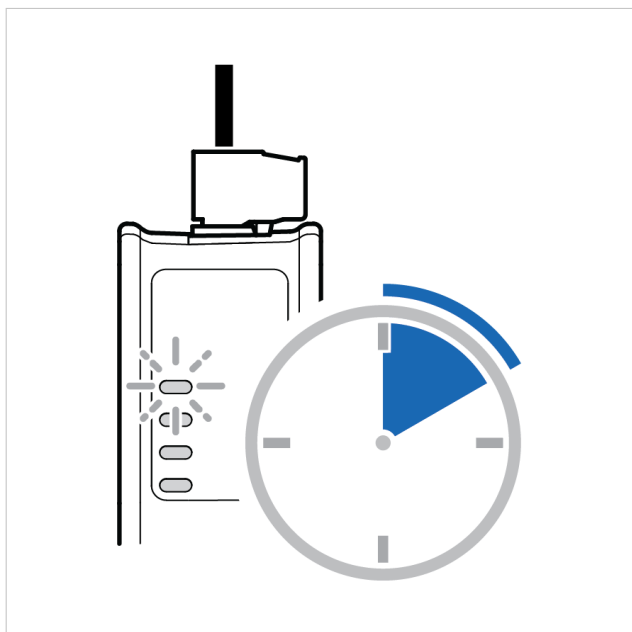


Figure 121. Firmware upgrade LED indication

Result

The Communicator recover and return to normal operation.

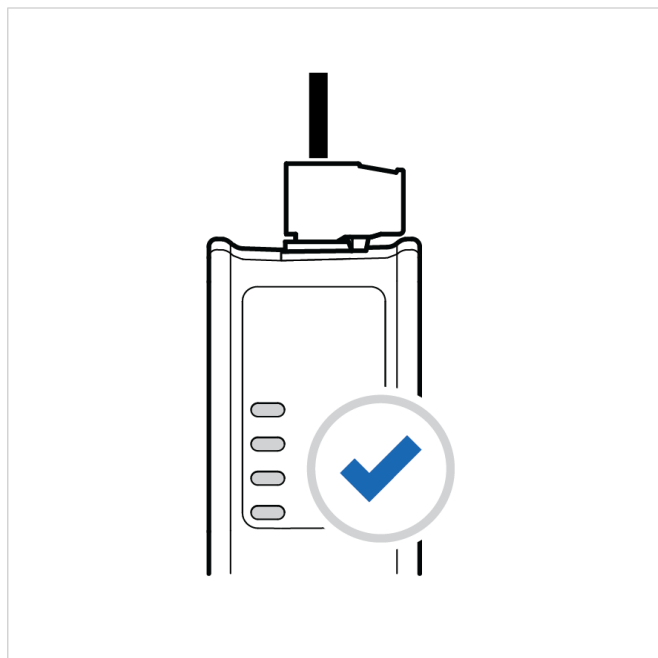


Figure 122. Recover and return to normal operation

To Do Next

To check LED status, refer to [Communicator LED Indicators \(page 94\)](#).

12.4. Support

12.4.1. Support Package

The screenshot displays the 'Support' page for the Anybus Communicator. The page is divided into several sections:

- Product information:** A table with columns for Product name, Article Number, Serial Number, Version, and GUI Version. The data row shows: Anybus Communicator, ABC3007-A, ABC123456, 1.2.3, 0.45.1.
- Product support website:** A link to the 'Anybus support website' and a QR code with the instruction 'Scan to get to product support website.'
- Product documentation and files:** A button labeled 'EDS file'.
- Support package:** A button labeled 'Generate' and a note: 'A support package contains product information that will help us to resolve your case.'
- Contact information:** A link to the 'Distributor information portal' and text: 'Contact details for your Anybus distributor.'
- On-line support:** A link to the 'HMS support portal' and text: 'Please generate a support package before you go to the support website so you can attach it to your case.'
- Anybus technical support:** A link to 'Anybus technical support' and text: 'Text is coming very soon! Stand back and observe.'

Figure 123. Support page example

Before you create a ticket for technical support, generate a support package.

The support package contains information about what has occurred and will help the Anybus technical support team resolve the support case as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Support Package Content

The information in the support package is available to open and read, the files are not locked or encrypted.

Generate Support Package

On the **Support** page, click **Generate**.

A zip file with the support files is downloaded to your PC.

Create a Support Ticket

1. On the **Anybus Technical Support** page, navigate to the **Support Center** page and click **HMS Support Portal**.
2. In the **HMS Support Portal**, create a support ticket and upload the support package.

13. Technical Data

For complete technical specifications and regulatory compliance information, please visit www.anybus.com.

13.1. Technical Specifications

Article identification	ABC3007
Configuration connector	RJ45
Communication connector	RJ45 x 2
Serial connector	7-pin screw connector
Power connector	3-pin screw connector
Power supply	12-30 VDC, Reverse voltage protection and short circuit protection
Power consumption	Typical: 160 mA @ 24 V Max: 400 mA @ 12 V
Storage temperature	-40 to +85 °C
Operating temperature	-25 to +70 °C
Humidity	EN 60068-2-78: Damp heat, +40°C, 93% humidity for 4 days EN 60068-2-30: Damp heat, +25°C – +55°C, 95% RH, 2 cycles
Vibration	See datasheet
Housing material	Plastic, See datasheet for details
Protection class	IP20
Product weight	150 g
Dimensions	27 x 144 x 98 mm (W x H x D) with connectors included
Mounting	DIN-rail

14. Reference Guides

14.1. About Input Registers and Holding Registers

Modbus data is most often read and written as registers which are 16-bit pieces of data.

Holding registers and Input registers are both 16-bit registers.

Input Registers

Input registers can only be read.

Holding Registers

Holding registers can be read or written.

These registers can be used for a variety of things such as inputs, outputs, configuration data, or other requirement for holding data.

14.2. Modbus Data Model

Discretes Input	Single bit	Read-Only	Data can be provided by the I/O system.
Coils	Single bit	Read-Write	Data can be alterable by the application program.
Input Registers	16-bit word	Read-Only	Data can be provided by the I/O system
Holding Registers	16-bit word	Read-Write	Data can be alterable by the application program.

Reference: MODBUS Application Protocol Specification V1.1b3, April 26 2012

For more information refer to the Modbus organisation website.

14.3. Modbus Transactions

Nr	Transaction	Function Code	Description
1	Read Coils	0x01	Read from 1 to 2000 contiguous status of coils in a remote device.
2	Read Discrete Inputs	0x02	Read from 1 to 2000 contiguous status of discrete inputs in a remote device.
3	Read Holding Registers	0x03	Read the contents of a contiguous block of holding registers in a remote device.
4	Read Input Registers	0x04	Read from 1 to 125 contiguous input registers in a remote device.
5	Write Single Coil	0x05	Write a single output to ON or OFF in a remote device.
6	Write Single Register	0x06	Write a single holding register in a remote device.
15	Write Multiple Coils	0x0F	In a sequence of coils, force each coil to either ON or OFF in a remote device.
16	Write Multiple Registers	0x10	Write a block of contiguous registers in a remote device.
22	Mask Write Register	0x16	In a single transaction, modify the contents of a specified holding register using a combination of an AND mask, an OR mask, and the register's current contents. Can be used to set or clear individual bits in the register.
23	Read/Write Multiple Registers	0x17	Performs a combination of one read operation and one write operation. The write operation is performed before the read.

Reference: MODBUS Application Protocol Specification V1.1b3, April 26 2012

For more information refer to the Modbus organisation website.

14.4. Modbus Exception Codes

Exception Code	Name	Description
01	Illegal Function	The server does not recognize or permit the function code.
02	Illegal Data Address	The data address (register, discrete input or coil number) is not an permitted address for the server. If multiple registers were requested, at least one was not permitted.

Reference: MODBUS Application Protocol Specification V1.1b3, April 26 2012

For more information refer to the Modbus organisation website.

14.5. ASCII Table

	x0	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5	x6	x7	x8	x9	xA	xB	xC	xD	xE	xF
0x	NUL 0	SOH 1	STX 2	ETX 3	EOT 4	ENQ 5	ACK 6	BEL 7	BS 8	HT 9	LF 10	VT 11	FF 12	CR 13	SO 14	SI 15
1x	DLE 16	DC1 17	DC2 18	DC3 19	DC4 20	NAK 21	SYN 22	ETB 23	CAN 24	EM 25	SUB 26	ESC 27	FS 28	GS 29	RS 30	US 31
2x	(sp) 32	! 33	" 34	# 35	\$ 36	% 37	& 38	' 39	(40) 41	* 42	+ 43	, 44	- 45	. 46	/ 47
3x	0 48	1 49	2 50	3 51	4 52	5 53	6 54	7 55	8 56	9 57	: 58	; 59	< 60	= 61	> 62	? 63
4x	@ 64	A 65	B 66	C 67	D 68	E 69	F 70	G 71	H 72	I 73	J 74	K 75	L 76	M 77	N 78	O 79
5x	P 80	Q 81	R 82	S 83	T 84	U 85	V 86	W 87	X 88	Y 89	Z 90	[91	\ 92] 93	^ 94	_ 95
6x	` 96	a 97	b 98	c 99	d 100	e 101	f 102	g 103	h 104	i 105	j 106	k 107	l 108	m 109	n 110	o 111
7x	p 112	q 113	r 114	s 115	t 116	u 117	v 118	w 119	x 120	y 121	z 122	{ 123	 124	} 125	~ 126	DEL 127

14.6. RS232/RS485 Electrical Connection

14.6.1. RS485 Typical Connection

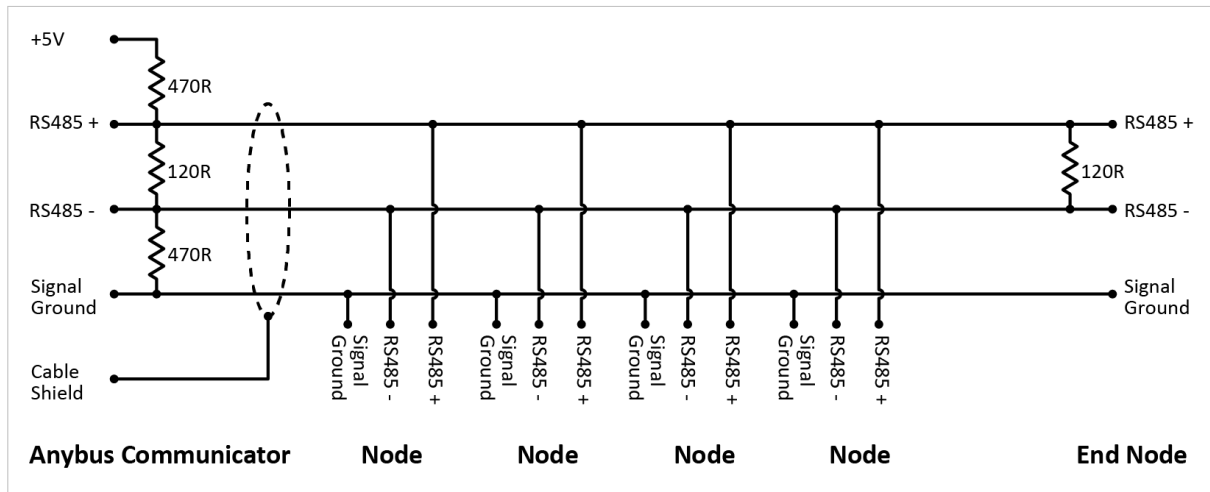


Figure 124. RS485

14.6.2. RS232 Typical Connection

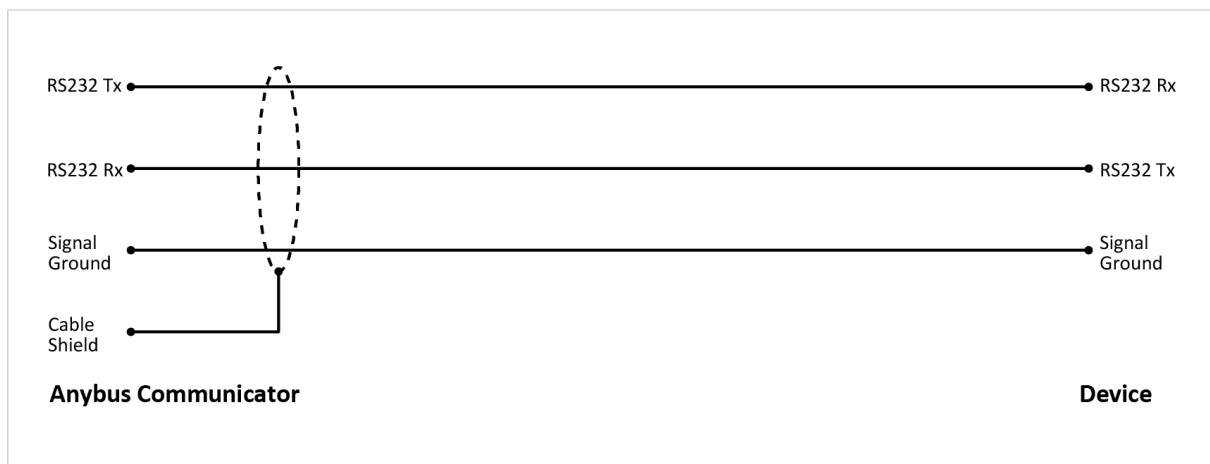


Figure 125. RS232