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# $\mathsf{SLATE}^{\mathsf{TM}}$

Peer to Peer BACnet Configuration

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# Introduction

This article explains how to configure SLATE BACnet communication in order to pass data between SLATE systems. When using BACnet, it is important to remember that safety functions cannot be performed over BACnet (or any other communication protocol) in SLATE; however, information about safety parameters such as Limit thresholds can be.

For those applications where there are multiple SLATE systems at work and information needs to be shared between them, such as lead/lag boiler configurations or those requiring similar sensors (i.e. outdoor temperature sensors), BACnet is an easy way to get data moving between systems.

To begin, we need to consider the wire sheet and whether the data point is an input to the wire sheet from another SLATE device or is an output to be read by another SLATE device:

- Wire sheet inputs require BACnet binding registers be used (instead of a Network Setpoint block or Network Input block). These are special registers in the SLATE Base Module which facilitate peer to peer communication with other SLATE devices. Each SLATE device can receive up to 20 BACnet messages when communicating to other SLATE devices.
- Wire sheet outputs require no special handling. The same Network Output block can be used on the wire sheet to send information out to a display as well as over BACnet to another SLATE device if needed. Additionally any module register value (not only the Network registers) can be shared with other SLATE devices on a network. To do this, registers to be shared over com must be visible to the network.

To make modules visible to the network:

**NOTE:** NetworkInput, NetworkSetpoint, and NetworkOutput registers are set to "visible" by default while all other registers are set to "hidden".

- Open the station.
- Connect to the station with username/password.
- Select the SLATE device to work on.
- Click the "Network Visibility" button.



• Click the "Configure Network Visibility" button.



• Locate the register(s) whose data needs to be shared over the network.

LAT	ESamples:LAB			SLATE	Network V	isibility		
	Resource	Description	Hidden	Re	adOnly	Password	Range Minimum	Range Maximum
7	m1r2	Operation state	Hidden	-	-	-	1	16
8	m1r3	Fault reason code	Hidden	•	-	-	0	6553
9	m1r4	Fault source	Hidden	*	*	*	1	5
10	m1r5	Reset fault command	Hidden	-	-	+	1	1
11	m1r6	Alert display level	Hidden	-	-	+	0	25
12	m1r7	Install date	Hidden	-	-	-	0	20
13	m1r8	Service disable	Hidden	-	-	-	1	i
14	m1r9	OS number	Hidden	•	-	-	0	20
15	m1r10	Serial number	Hidden	-	-	-	0	20
16	m1r11	Build code	Hidden	-	-	-	0	4294967295
17	m1r12	Module identifier	Hidden	-	-	-	0	20
18	m1r13	Module type	Hidden	*	*	•	0	10
19	m1r14	Module version	Hidden	*	•	•	0	65535
20	m1r15	Module revision	Hidden	-	-	-	0	85535
21	m1r16	Module short name	Hidden	•	-	•	0	10
22	m1r17	Module name	Hidden	•	-	-	0	60
23	m1r18	LED control	Hidden	-	-	*	0	65535
24	m1r19	Keypress event	Hidden	-	-	*	1	1
25	m1r20	Verification needed	Hidden	-	-	*	0	6553
26	m1r21	Comm diagnostics data 1	Hidden	-	-	-	0	4294967295
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• To make the register(s) visible over the network, first uncheck the Protect Mode box then select the register(s) to be made visible then select the blank view in the "Hidden" column. Click the "Save" button when finished.

LA	TESamples:LAB	1		S	LATE Network Vi	sibility		
	Resource	Description	Hidder	n	ReadOnly	Password	Range Minimum	Range Maximum
7	m1r2	Operation state	Hidden	-	-	-	1	1
8	m1r3	Fault reason code	Hidden	-	+	-	0	6553
9	m1r4	Fault source	Hidden	-	*	*	1	
10	m1r5	Reset fault command	Hidden	-	-	-	1	
11	m1r6	Alert display level	Hidden	-	*	*	0	2!
12	m1r7	Install date	Hidden	-	-	-	0	1
13	m1r8	Service disable	Hidden	-	+	-	1	
14	m1r9	OS number	Hidden	-	*	*	0	1
15	m1r10	Serial number	Hidden	-	-	-	0	1
16	m1r11	Build code	Hidden	-	+	-	0	429496725
17	m1r12	Module identifier	Hidden	-	-	-	0	1
18	m1r13	Module type	Hidden	-	+	-	0	1
19	m1r14	Module version	Hidden		*	*	0	6553
20	m1r15	Module revision	Hidden	-	*	-	0	6553
21	m1r16	Module short name	Hidden	-	-	-	0	1
22	m1r17	Module name		-	+	-	0	6
23	m1r18	LED control	Hidden	*	*	*	0	6553
24	m1r19	Keypress event	Hidden	-	-	-	1	
25	m1r20	Verification needed	Hidden	-	*	*	0	6553
26	m1r21	Comm diagnostics data 1	Hidden	-	<b>*</b>	-	0	42949672
T F	hotect Mode	Multiple Select Mode		_			Hide Al	Hidden by Default

Once all of the key registers are visible to the network, the next step is to enable the BACnet network on the SLATE Base modules. If connected to a display or a computer on the same subnet as the SLATE devices, follow the procedure below to enable the BACnet network:

• Open the Generic pages on the SLATE device to be configured. Click on "Module Pages" then the "BASE" module.

< SLATE			Module Pages
Module Pages	MODULE INFORMATION View/Edit information about any Module.	DIGITAL View/Control Digital I/O Modules	
Register Tools	BASE	ANNUNCIATOR	
System Tools	ViewEdit Dase Module	ViewEdit Annunciator Modules	
Logger Tools	BURNER View/Edit Burner Modules		
Language	FUEL AIR View/Edit/Commission Fuel Air Modules		
Help			
	View/Edit Limit Modules		
	ANALOG View/Edit Analog I/O Modules		

• Click on the "Communication Setup" button.

< Generic S	LATE Base - Status	None
Base State Running Base Fault No event FBE Fault No event Kit ID: Test_Lead_Lag_4	Application Status (FEL/Minister) L1 Voltage 163.2 pak System Current Draw 0.4 0 = 24V 1 = 120/240 1 Battery status High (	UP Communication Setup Aux Voltage 3.3 Aux Current 0.0 mA Kore, Reversed, I.ov; Medum, High)
Date/Time: 2016-12-08 6:35 pm Day Seconds: 63350 Thursday System Up Time: Up 1 day 21:27:40	Boost convertor voltage 0.6 Boost output voltage 166.1 CPU temperature 30.7 Snubber termperature 36.3	

• Click the "BACnet" tab.

< Base S	< Base Status SLATE Base - Communications None						
Ethernet Source	Static IP address 🔹	Communication Setup					
Address	192.168.92.10	Modbus BACnet Router and Foreign Device					
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0						
Address	192.168.92.1	RS485 Slave					
MAC Address	0.0.0.0.0.0	Address Modbus/TCP					
RS-485	Nee	Configuration Modbus/TCP					
Protocol Paud Pato	None *	Port Doc					
Parity	None •						

The required fields to fill out are Device Object Instance, Ethernet Configuration, and MAC Address, depending on the protocol needed/used. If using BACnet over Ethernet, fill out the Device Object Instance field (NOTE: each SLATE device must have a unique instance number) and the Ethernet Configuration which in this application of SLATE devices communicating to other SLATE devices on the same network, will be either "Plain BACnet/IP" or "BACnet/Ethernet". All configured SLATE devices on the network must use the same Ethernet configuration.

< Base S	itatus S	LA	TE Base - Com	ations	None	
Ethernet Source	Static IP address	•	Communicatio	n Setup	BACnet Configuration S Configuration OK	Status
Address	192.168.92.10		Modbus <u>BAC</u>	net Ri	outer and Foreign Dev	/ice
Subnet Mask Router	255.255.255.0	-	Device Name		E	3ACnet Binding
Address DNS Address	192.168.92.1	1	Device Object <sub>1</sub> Instance			
MAC Address	0.0.0.0.0		DCC/RD Password		MS/TP	(RS-485)
RS-485 Protocol	None	•	Etherne	<u>t</u>	MAC 1 Address	_
Baud Rate	38400	•	Ethernet Configuration	inet/II ▼	Max Info Frames	_
Parity	None	•	IP Port 47808		Max Master 127	

If networking over RS-485, select "BACnet MS/TP" in the lower left hand section of the page. Assign a distinct MAC address to each SLATE device in the network. All configured SLATE devices on the network must use the same Ethernet configuration.

< Base Status SLATE Base - Communications None							
Ethernet Source Static IP address	•	Communication Setu	BACnet Configuration Status Configuration OK				
Address 192.168.92.10		Modbus <u>BACnet</u>	Router and Foreign Device				
Subnet Mask 255.255.255.0	-	Device	BACnet Binding				
Address 192.168.92.1	-	Device Object					
MAC Address 0.0.0.0.0.0		DCC/RD Password	MS/TP (RS-485)				
RS-485 Protocol BACnet MS/TP	•	<u>Ethernet</u>	MAC 1 Address				
Baud Rate 38400	•	Ethernet Configuration	Max Info Frames				
Parity None	•	IP Port 47808	Max Master 127				

Setting up BACnet communication over Plain BACnet/IP or BACnet/Ethernet from the SLATE Base menu:

- On the SLATE Base module, click the "Menu" button.
- Using the up/down arrows, move to "Base setup" and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the up/down arrows, move to "Network" and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the up/down arrows, move to "Ethernet" and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the up/down arrows, move to "BACnet" and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the up/down arrows, move to "Configuration" and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the up/down, left/right arrows, select the connectivity protocol and move to OK on the screen and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.

Setting up BACnet communication over RS-485 from the SLATE Base menu:

- On the SLATE Base module, click the "Menu" button.
- Using the up/down arrows, move to "Base setup" and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the up/down arrows, move to "Network" and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the up/down arrows, move to "RS-485" and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the up/down arrows, move to "Configuration" and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the left/right arrows, move to "MS/TP" then using the up/down arrows move to "YES" to confirm selection and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the up/down arrows, move to "MS/TP address" and click the "OK" button on the SLATE Base module.
- Using the up/down, left/right arrows select a unique MS/TP address number for the SLATE device then move to "YES" to confirm selection and click the "OK" button.

The SLATE Base is now configured to communicate over BACnet using the selected protocol.

NOTE: Make sure the other SLATE Base modules are set up using the same protocol.

NOTE: Make sure all SLATE modules required to communicate with each other over Ethernet are set up on the same subnet. The IP address is configured using the SLATE Base menu:

Menu: Base Setup/Network/Ethernet:

Scroll to "IP addr" and set up the subnet making sure no two SLATE devices have the same IP address, i.e terminate in the same 3 digits. (i.e. SLATE device 1 IP address: 192.168.92.10; SLATE device 2 IP address: 192.168.92.20).

#### Wire Sheet

Data coming into a wire sheet from another SLATE module must come into a BACnet binding register. Twenty such registers exist for each SLATE device. These registers are intended to facilitate SLATE systems communicating to each other in a peer to peer fashion. They can also be considered as "hooks" for planned data from other yet un-configured SLATE devices, needed by the wire sheet. These "hooks" will then be configured to point to the source of the data that is required for that input on the wire sheet.

The following example shows how a BACnet binding register is used to collect data from a sensor that is physically wired to another SLATE device. This sensor value is used to create a temperature controller which will close a relay when the sensor value drops below that of the setpoint.

- Select a Modulating Input block from the Physical Points category in the palette. (registers are accessed from the Physical Points input/output folder)
- Name the block ("Sensor\_Value" is used in this example)
- Select the Feature Type from the drop down menu. The BACnet binding registers are found in the "Module status register input" group starting with register 302. Information about the BACnet message quality as well as the actual register value is found in this register grouping.
- BACnet binding registers are located in the Base module. Select "Base" for the Module category.
- In this example, the first BACnet binding register will be used. Select "r302: BACnet bind 1 data". Click the "OK" when finished.

Sensor_Va	lue 👌 🗗	Configure Properties	5				×
)ut lin1	- {null} @ def m1r302						
		Point Name		Sensor Value	]		
		Point Type		Modulating Input	]		
		Feature Type		Module status register input	▼ Cle	ear Feature	
		Module		m1: Base	 		
		Easture Colort		r202: RACoat bird 1 data			
		reature select		m1r302			
		Units Category	Unit - less	•			
		Units	VAL-float				
		Feature	e Help	OK Cancel	Adva	nced	

- Next, select the Network Set Point block from the Software Points category in the palette. This block will be used to enter the control setpoint. Name and configure as needed for degrees F or degrees C and enter a default value as desired. In this example, this block is named "Setpoint" and the default value is left at OF.
- Next, select a Compare block from the Analog category in the palette, configure as needed and link to the "Sensor\_Value" and "Setpoint" blocks.
- Next, select a Binary Output block from the Physical Points category in the palette. This will be the relay which reacts when the sensor value drops below that of the setpoint. Name the block. In this example the relay is named "Demand".



This brief wire sheet example shows primarily how to set up the BACnet register which is key when multiple SLATE devices are communicating with each other. The place holder for the sensor information is now embedded in the wire sheet.

It is assumed that another wire sheet belonging to the other SLATE device is set up to read the physical signal from the temperature sensor.

It is also assumed the desired networking is complete (either network cables through a switch or RS-485 connected between SLATE devices).

## Plain BACnet/IP or BACnet/Ethernet



Continuing with the example, let's assume that SLATE device 2 has the sensor value and SLATE device 1 needs the value to control the demand (see wire sheet above).

We also assume the wire sheets of each SLATE device has been completed and a kit has been created and loaded into each SLATE device.

The last step in completing the communication connection between SLATE devices 1 and 2 is to configure the BACnet binding using the Generic page via an HMI. This step configures the BACnet binding registers to retrieve their data from the correct SLATE device, specify proper data type and retrieve the proper Object ID (which maps to the register within the SLATE device which has the required data).

Continuing on from the Module/Base Generic pages, click the "BACnet Binding" button.

< Base St	< Base Status SLATE Base - Communications None						
Ethernet Source	Static IP address		Commu	unication Setu	BACnet Config Configuration	uration Status OK	
Address 1	92.168.92.10		Modbus	<u>BACnet</u>	Router and Fore	eign Device	
Subnet Mask 2 Router	92.168.92.1		Device Name			BACnet Binding	
DNS Address	92.168.92.1		Device Object Instance	1			
MAC Address 0	.0.0.0.0.0		DCC/RD Password			<u>MS/TP (RS-485)</u>	
RS-485 Protocol	None '	,	1	<u>Ethernet</u>	MAC Address	1	
Baud Rate 3	38400 ,	,	Ethernet Configuration	Plain BACnet∕II ▼	Max Info Frames	1	
Parity	None	'	IP Port a	47808	Max Master	127	

The BACnet Binding page is where BACnet binding registers used in the wire sheet are directed in order to receive the information required.

< Comm	unications SLA	TE Base - Bi	ACnet Binding	None						
Register Select:	Bind Register 1	•	The binding registers can be used to pull (read) data from any BACnet device, such as another							
Live status:	BACnet bind 1 data = 114.000	Data read from device	SLATE CONTROL Each register has an associated setup register and a status register with a code that identifies a status message. Status messages include repeting of any optimizer or pro-							
	BACnet bind 1 status = 1		in the setup register.							
	Access - Homman	Status message	The setup register contains keyword=value pai that are separated by the vertical bar							
Setup:	Device=2 AV-115		character. Spaces are allowed, b	ut optional.						
Example setu Device = 12 Device = 12	Example setup strings to identify the device, object instance, and property that is read: Device = 12   AO-123 Device = 12   AO-123   propid = present-value (Same as above)									
Device = 12 Device = 48 Device omitt and an instar	! objtype = 1   instance = 123   p !   BO-456   propid=persent-value ted means this device, objtype omi ince number, or the keyword objtyp	ropid = 85 (Same as abov [3] (Indexed item itted means the device obje pe= and a BACnet numeric	e using numeric objtype: 1 is AU, 85 is prese : use square brackets.) :ct. objtype may be AO,AI,AV,BO,BI,BV,MI,/ code. If the numeric code is used then the ins	nt value) VIO ,MV with a dash tance keyword is						

In the example in this document, SLATE device 1 is looking for temperature data from SLATE device 2. The BACnet binding register used on the wire sheet for SLATE device 1 was the first of the 20 (r302: BACnet bind 1 data). This is the location (wire sheet block) the temperature information will enter the wire sheet.



Next, the SLATE device 1 is directed to the other SLATE device on the network that has the information needed. In this case, SLATE device 2 has the temperature data needed by SLATE device 1. Additionally, the data type is needed as well as the Object ID in SLATE device 2 which contains the temperature value. This information is written in a specific format in the Setup field.

< Comm	unications SLA	TE Base - B/	ACnet Binding	None		
Register Select:	Bind Register 1	•	The binding registers can be used to pull (read) data from any BACnet device, such as another			
Live status:	BACnet bind 1 data = 114.000	Data read from device	SLATE control. Each register has an associated setup register and a status register with a code that identifies a status message. Status			
	BACnet bind 1 status = 1		in the setup register.			
	Access - Normal	Status message	The setup register contains keyword=value pairs			
Setup:	Device=2 AV-115		character. Spaces are allowed, bi	ut optional.		
Example setu Device = 12	up strings to identify the device, of	oject instance, and proper	ty that is read:			
Device = 12	2   AO-123   propid = present-valu	e (Same as abov	e)			
Device = 12 Device = 49	2   objtype = 1   instance = 123   p	ropid = 85 (Same as abov	e using numeric objtype: 1 is AO, 85 is preser	nt value)		
Device omiti and an instal	ted means this device. objtype omi nce number, or the keyword objtyp	tted means the device obje and a BACnet numeric o	: use square brackets.) ct. objtype may be AO,AI,AV,BO,BI,BV,MI,A code. If the numeric code is used the the inst	40,MV with a dash tance keyword is		

Setup field command format:

- Device=X (X represents the SLATE device with the needed data)
- "I" (this is the key above the Enter key on a N. A. keyboard:

shift + keys).

- Data type (Analog Value (AV), Analog Output (AO), etc.) followed by a dash.
- BACnet Object ID (the Object ID maps to the register in the target SLATE device which contains the desired data).

Both the Data type and Bacnet Object ID can be found on the same report in Niagara AX. Since the needed data is found in SLATE device 2, we need to open that device to see the BACnet report.



• Click the "BACnet Interface Report" button to access the Object ID and BACnet Type data



• From the report, we can see the Temperature data for SLATE device 2 is mapped to Object ID 115 and the BACnet data type is Analog Value (AV).

S B	ACnet Interface	Report					_	
	Object ID	Object Name	Resource	BACnet Type	Units	Min Value	Max Value	
1	114	m1ControlProgram_Tempsetpoint	m1r1000	Analog Value (AV)	deg F	-3.402823E+038	3.402823E+038	
2	115	m ControlProgram_Temp	m1r1001	Analog Value (AV)	deg F	-3.402823E+038	3.402823E+038	
3	116	m ControlProgram_Proportional	m1r1002	Analog value (Av)	deg F	-3.402823E+038	3.402823E+038	
4	117	m1ControlProgram_Selectorswitch	m1r1003	Analog Value (AV)		-3.402823E+038	3.402823E+038	
5	118	m1ControlProgram_Setpoint	m1r1004	Analog Value (AV)	deg F	-3.402823E+038	3.402823E+038	
14			10					
			Close		Save to Excel 9	Spreadsheet .xls File		1

Returning to the BACnet Binding page, the BACnet bind 1 data and the status of the message can be seen in the Live Status field.



In this example, SLATE Device 1 will receive a temperature value of 114F from SLATE device 2 which enters the wire sheet through the "Sensor\_Value" block.

Data transfer between SLATE devices will continue as long as the network is enabled and the SLATE devices are in working condition. Each SLATE device will process its new data at one second intervals.

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