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# Genesis Controller DCS Communication Guide



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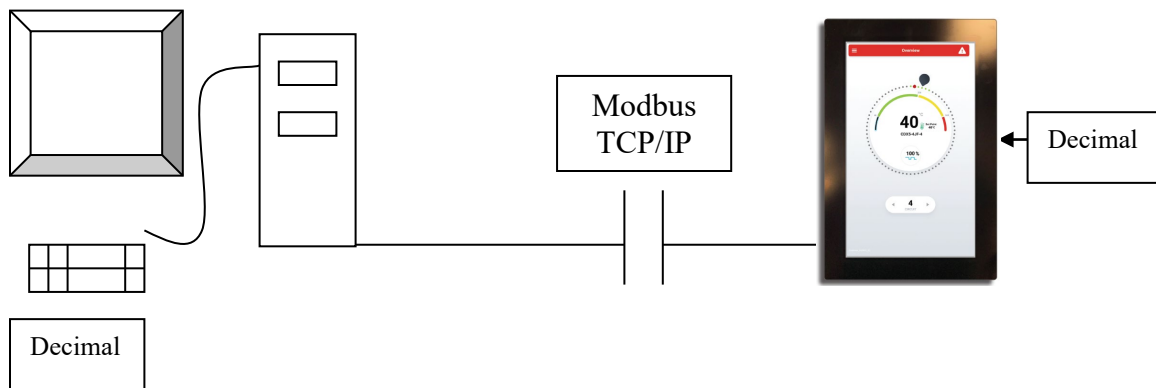
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## 1. Genesis Controller Modbus Communication Protocols

The Genesis Controller heat trace controller is equipped with Ethernet ports, and can be readily connected to a distributed control system (DCS). The controller may be networked to a host PC, running windows-based Genesis Network client-server software, for remotely programming or monitoring and alarm status. The Genesis Controller supports the most widely used industrial Modbus protocol with standard Ethernet communication interface. When setting up the panel to communicate to a master device (likely a desktop computer), the unit is considered a slave device for Modbus. It is important that both the master device and the slave device are using the Modbus TCP/IP protocol (Figure 1). If the master device does not use the Modbus protocol, then a protocol conversion device must be used.

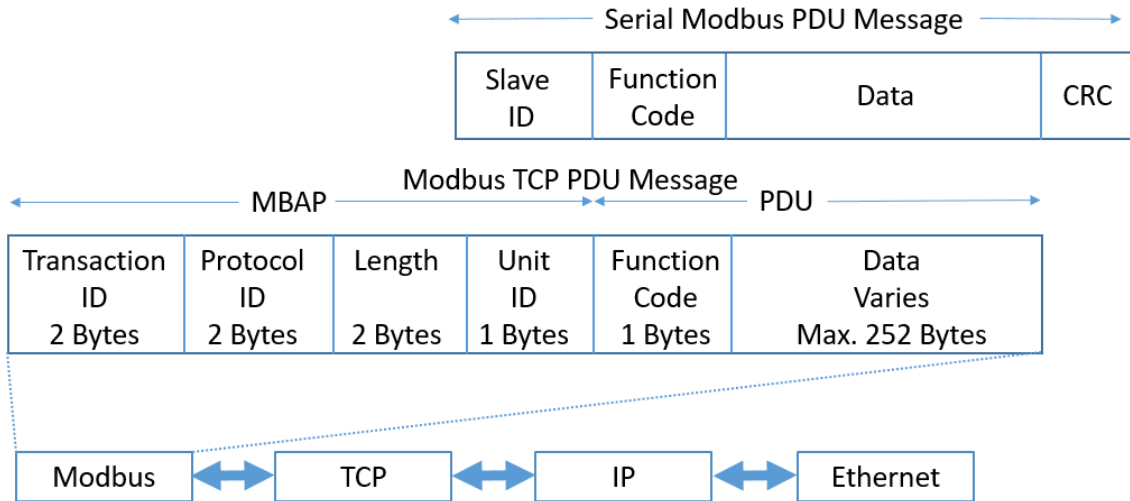


**Figure 1.** Conceptual block diagram of Modbus communication from master device to slave device with data displayed to user interface.

### 1.1 MODBUS TCP/IP Frame Format

The Modbus TCP/IP (or simple Modbus-TCP) is the Modbus RTU protocol with a TCP interface that runs on Ethernet. The Modbus-TCP message is simply a standard Modbus RTU data embedded into a TCP message (Figure 2). The message content of TCP/IP is equipped with checksum methods; hence, the Modbus checksum CRC is removed from the original the Modbus application PDU used in serial Modbus. The Modbus TCP transactions are functionally equivalent to serial counterparts with master and slaves exchange PDUs. Consequently, a Modbus TCP PDU includes the Modbus Application Protocol (MBAP) in addition to the traditional serial Modbus PDU. The MBAP header adds four fields, transaction identifier, protocol identifier, length and unit identifier.

- The transaction identifier allows devices to pair transaction requests and replies.
- The protocol identifier indicates the application protocol encapsulated by the MBAP header (zero for Modbus).
- The length field indicates the length in bytes of the remaining fields (unit identifier and PDU).



**Figure 2. Modbus TCP Message**

| Name                | Length (bytes) | Function  |
|---------------------|----------------|---|
| Transaction ID      | 2              | For synchronization between messages of server and client |
| Protocol Identifier | 2              | 0 for Modbus/TCP  |
| Length Field        | 2              | Number of remaining bytes in this frame                   |
| Unit Identifier     | 1              | Slave Address (default value 0)                           |
| Function Code       | 1              | Function codes as in other variants                       |
| Data Bytes          | n              | Data as response or commands                              |

**Table 1.** Modbus TCP frame format

The Modbus RTU serial protocol's message data is in hexadecimal format (i.e. raw unconverted binary). The frame for the Modbus-TCP message is 12 bytes long for read requests, write requests, and write replies. Messages can be longer than 12 bytes, but not exceeding 260 bytes for read replies if more than one register is requested. Table 2 is an example of a read request, and Table 3 is an example of a write request.

| Field                | Transaction ID |          | Protocol Identifier |          | Length Field  |          | Unit Identifier | Function Code | Data Bytes    |          |               |          |
|----------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|---------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|
|                      | Mem. Location  | No. Read | Mem. Location       | No. Read | Mem. Location | No. Read | Mem. Location   | No. Read      | Mem. Location | No. Read | Mem. Location | No. Read |
| Byte#                | 1              | 2        | 3                   | 4        | 5             | 6        | 7               | 8             | 9             | 10       | 11            | 12       |
| Byte Value (hex)     | 0x00           | 0x0D     | 0x00                | 0x00     | 0x00          | 0x06     | 0x00            | 0x04          | 0x00          | 0x66     | 0x00          | 0x01     |
| Byte Value (Decimal) | 13             |          | 0                   |          | 6             |          | 0               | 4             | 102           |          | 01            |          |
| Byte Value (Binary)  | 0000           | 0000     | 0000                | 0000     | 0000          | 0000     | 0000            | 0000          | 0000          | 0110     | 0000          | 0000     |
|                      | 0000           | 1101     | 0000                | 0000     | 0000          | 0110     | 0000            | 0100          | 0000          | 0110     | 0000          | 0001     |

**Table 2.** Example Modbus TCP read request for Genesis Controller circuit #2 heater current

| Field                | Transaction ID |                  | Protocol Identifier |              | Length Field |                  | Unit Identifier | Function Code | Data Bytes    |              |              |              |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                      | 1              | 2                | 3                   | 4            | 5            | 6                |                 |               | Mem. Location | Value        |              | 11           |
| Byte#                | 1              | 2                | 3                   | 4            | 5            | 6                | 7               | 8             | 9             | 10           | 11           | 12           |
| Byte Value (hex)     | 0x00           | 0x01             | 0x00                | 0x00         | 0x00         | 0x06             | 0x00            | 0x06          | 0x00          | 0xC9         | 0x01         | 0xC4         |
| Byte Value (Decimal) | 1              |                  | 0                   |              | 6            |                  | 0               | 6             | 201           |              | 452          |              |
| Byte Value (Binary)  | 0000<br>0000   | 000<br>0<br>0001 | 0000<br>0000        | 0000<br>0000 | 0000<br>0000 | 000<br>0<br>0110 | 0000<br>0000    | 0000<br>0110  | 0000<br>0000  | 1100<br>1001 | 0000<br>0001 | 1100<br>0100 |

**Table 3.** Example Modbus TCP write request for Genesis Controller circuit #2 with maintain temperature set point value 452 which is equivalent of 45.2F.

## 1.2 Modbus Exception Codes

In a normal response, the slave repeats the function code. If an error occurs in the query received, the slave will return an exception message. In an exception response, the slave returns with the requested function code plus one byte of data, known as the exception code. Table 4 contains a list of exception code response used by the client/master application.

| Code | Text                     | Details  |
|------|--------------------------|--|
| 1    | Illegal Function         | The function code received in the query is not allowed or invalid.   |
| 2    | Illegal Data Address     | The data address received in the query is not an allowable address for the slave or is invalid.  |
| 3    | Illegal Data Value       | Value is not accepted by slave   |
| 4    | Slave Device Failure     | Unrecoverable error occurred while slave was attempting to perform requested action  |
| 5    | Acknowledge              | Slave has accepted request and is processing it, but a long duration of time is required. This response is returned to prevent a timeout error from occurring in the master. Master can next issue a <i>Poll Program Complete</i> message to determine whether processing is completed |
| 6    | Slave Device Busy        | Slave is engaged in processing a long-duration command. Master should retry later  |
| 7    | Negative Acknowledge     | Slave cannot perform the programming functions. Master should request diagnostic or error information from slave   |
| 8    | Memory Parity Error      | Slave detected a parity error in memory. Master can retry the request, but service may be required on the slave device   |
| 10   | Gateway Path Unavailable | Specialized for Modbus gateways. Indicates a misconfigured gateway   |

|    |   |   |
|----|---|---|
| 11 | Gateway Target Device Failed to Respond | Specialized for Modbus gateways. Sent when slave fails to respond |
|----|---|---|

**Table 4** Modbus Exceptions Code

## 2. Modbus Memory Map for the Genesis Controller

The Genesis Controller actively listens for incoming TCP connections on port 502 from master device connected on the same network. Information stored in Modbus memory map table can be accessed once a TCP communication channel has been established. The memory map is described in this section and referenced in the Global Settings and Circuit Settings tables.

Modbus read and write requests require a 16-bit data address to be referenced. The limits of the data address referenced in a Modbus message are from 0 to 9998 or 0x0000 to 0x270E. The data address range corresponds to either a read-only Function 04 Analog Input Registers 30001 to 39999, or the read/write Function 03/06 Analog Output Holding Registers 40001 to 49999.

The Genesis Controller only allows Modbus 04 reads and 03/06 read/writes. The Global Settings and Circuit Settings tables below describe the Genesis Controller memory map in more detail.

The Global Settings Modbus Data Addresses are referenced as listed in the “Base Memory Location” column of the Global Settings table. The Modbus Data Address for the non-global read-only Function 04 and read/write Function 03/06 table entries can be computed by adding the circuit number to the Base Memory Location.

Every Memory Location address as well as data length is two bytes or 16 bits.

Some DCS systems automatically put in an offset of plus or minus one for the memory location. As such, the memory locations should be checked against a known value to establish the automatic offset value.

| Global Settings  |                   |       |   |                |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|---|----------------|
| Function Code(s) | Base Mem Location |       | Description                                 | Allowed Values |
|                  | Decimal           | Hex   |   |                |
| 4                | 10                | 0x00A | Logical Or of all alarm flags, All Circuits | Read Only      |

### Circuit Settings

| Function Code(s)   | Base Mem Location |       | Description  | Allowed Values  |
|--|-------------------|-------|--|---|
|  | Decimal           | Hex   |  |   |
| Add Circuit # x 100 to Base Memory Location to get the MODBUS Data Address<br>Circuit 1's Heater Current = 2 + 1 *100 = 102 (0x0066)<br>Circuit 72's Heater Current = 2 + 72*100 = 7202(0x1C22)<br>(Values below represent Circuit 1's location) |                   |       |  |   |
| 4  | 100               | 0x064 | Control Temperature for the DCM<br><br>RTD Reading for the DTM | Value x10 <sup>(1)</sup><br><br>Temperature Ranges  |
| 4  | 101               | 0x065 | Which DTM and RTD that the circuit is controlling from         | low Byte = DTM address 1-199<br><br>High Byte = RTD from DTM 1-6  |
| 4  | 102               | 0x066 | Heater Current   | Value x 10 (A) <sup>(2)</sup>   |
| 4  | 103               | 0x067 | Ground Current   | Value in (ma)   |
| 4  | 104               | 0x068 | Heater Percent On  | Range = 0-100%  |
| 4  | 105               | 0x069 | Alarms   | Bit definitions <sup>(3)</sup><br>0x8000(bit) High Current Trip<br>0x4000(bit) Programing error<br>0x2000(bit) Current over .5A when circuit off<br>0x1000(bit) High Ground Trip bit<br>0x0800(bit) RTD Fault No Communication for all assigned RTD's<br>0x0400(bit) High Temperature trip<br>0x0200(bit) RTD Fault ( all assigned RTD's in fault)<br>0x0100(bit) Not Used<br>0x0080(bit) High Current<br>0x0040(bit) Low Current<br>0x0020(bit) Circuit Fault<br>0x0010(bit) High ground current<br>0x0008(bit) RTD Fault No Communication<br>0x0004(bit) High temperature Alarm<br>0x0002(bit) RTD Fault (one or more assigned RTD's in fault)<br>0x0001(bit) Low temperature Alarm |



| Circuit Settings   |                   |        |                              |   |
|--|-------------------|--------|------------------------------|---|
| Function Code(s)   | Base Mem Location |        | Description                  | Allowed Values  |
|  | Decimal           | Hex    |                              |   |
| Add Circuit# x 100 to Base Memory Location to get the MODBUS Data Address<br>Circuit 1's Maintain Temp = 1 + 1*100 = 101 (0x0065)<br>Circuit 72's Maintain Temp = 1 + 72*100 = 7201(0x1C21)<br>(Values below represent Circuit 1's location) |                   |        |                              |   |
| 03/06  | 100               | 0x0064 | Alarm Acknowledge            | Bit Value <sup>(3)</sup><br>0x8000(bit) High Current Trip<br>0x4000(bit) Programing error<br>0x2000(bit) Current over .5A when circuit off<br>0x1000(bit) High Ground Trip bit<br>0x0800(bit) RTD Fault No Communication for all assigned RTD's<br>0x0400(bit) High Temperature trip<br>0x0200(bit) RTD Fault ( all assigned RTD's in fault)<br>0x0100(bit) Not Used<br>0x0080(bit) High Current<br>0x0040(bit) Low Current<br>0x0020(bit) Circuit Fault<br>0x0010(bit) High ground current<br>0x0008(bit) RTD Fault No Communication<br>0x0004(bit) High temperature Alarm<br>0x0002(bit) RTD Fault (one or more assigned RTD's in fault)<br>0x0001(bit) Low temperature Alarm |
| 03/06  | 101               | 0x0065 | Maintain temp                | 10x True Value  |
| 03/06  | 102               | 0x0066 | Control Band                 | 10x True Value  |
| 03/06  | 103               | 0x0067 | High Temperature Trip Alarm  |   |
| 03/06  | 104               | 0x0068 | High Temp Alarm              |   |
| 03/06  | 105               | 0x0069 | Low Temp Alarm               | 10x True Value  |
| 03/06  | 106               | 0x006A | High Ground Fault Trip Alarm | Value in (ma)   |
| 03/06  | 107               | 0x006B | High Ground Fault Alarm      | Value in (ma)   |
| 03/06  | 108               | 0x006C | High Current Alarm Trip      | 10x True Value (A)  |
| 03/06  | 109               | 0x006D | High Current Alarm           | 10x True Value (A)  |
| 03/06  | 110               | 0x006E | Low Current Alarm            | 10x True Value (A)  |

## Circuit Settings

| Function Code(s)   | Base Mem Location |        | Description                | Allowed Values  |
|--|-------------------|--------|----------------------------|---|
|  | Decimal           | Hex    |                            |   |
| Add Circuit# x 100 to Base Memory Location to get the MODBUS Data Address<br>Circuit 1's Maintain Temp = 1 + 1*100 = 101 (0x0065)<br>Circuit 72's Maintain Temp = 1 + 72*100 = 7201(0x1C21)<br>(Values below represent Circuit 1's location) |                   |        |                            |   |
| 03/06  | 111               | 0x006F | Circuit Enable/Status      | Bit definitions<br>0x0008(bit) Heater Forced Off = 1 normal = 0<br>0x0004(bit) Heater Forced On = 1 normal = 0<br>0x0002(bit) Heater Tripped = 1 normal = 0<br>0x0001(bit) Heater Enabled = 1, Disabled = 0 |
| 03/06  | 112               | 0x0070 | Control Type               | 0 = On/Off<br>1 = On/Off with a Soft Start<br>2 = Proportional<br>3 = Ambient Proportional Mechanical<br>4 = PID  |
| 03/06  | 113               | 0x0071 | Number of RTDs per Circuit | 1 to 20   |
| 03/06  | 114               | 0x0072 | RTD Fault power            | Range = 0 to 100%   |
| 03/06  | 115               | 0x0073 | Power Clamp                | Range = 0 to 100%   |

### <sup>(1)</sup> Temperature Ranges:

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Read:        | For °C, integer value read as -1289 to 6000 divided by 10 results in a temperature in the range of -128.9 to 600.0°C.<br>For °F, integer value read as -2000 to 11120 divided by 10 results in a temperature in the range of -200.0 to 1112.0°F.                         |
| Write:       | For °C, temperature in the range of -128.9 to 600.0°C multiplied by 10 results in integer value from -1289 to 6000 to be written.<br>For °F, temperature in the range of -200.0 to 1112.0°F multiplied by 10 results in integer value from -2000 to 11120 to be written. |
| RTD Open:    | If greater than 600.0°C or 1112.0°F  |
| RTD Fault:   | If less than -128.9° C or -200.0°F   |
| RTD Mapping: | In circuits with multiple RTD mapping, the Control Temperature is selected for the RTD with the lowest temperature reading, or the highest temperature reading when any RTD reading exceeds the High alarm set point.  |

### <sup>(2)</sup> Current Ranges

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| Read:  | Integer value read as 0 to 12500 divided by 100 results in a current in the range of 0.00 to 125.00 Amps.                |
| Write: | Current in the range of 0.00 to 125.00 Amps multiplied by 100 results in an Integer value from 0 to 12500 to be written. |

### <sup>(3)</sup> Alarm/Trip/Fault Bit Settings

Note: Circuit alarm may consist of multiple alarms.

For example: Circuit with low current and low temperature alarm will report alarm code of 41 (Hex) / 65 (decimal)

|                | Trip/Alarm/Fault Type                           | Binary / Hex Bit / Decimal        |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Upper<br>Byte: | High Current Trip                               | 1000 0000 / 0x8000 (bit) / 32,768 |
|                | Programing error                                | 0100 0000 / 0x4000 (bit) / 16,384 |
|                | Current over .5A when circuit off               | 0010 0000 / 0x2000 (bit) / 8,192  |
|                | High Ground Trip bit                            | 0001 0000 / 0x1000 (bit) / 4,096  |
|                | RTD Fault No Communication for RTD's            | 0000 1000 / 0x0800 (bit) / 2,048  |
|                | High Temperature trip                           | 0000 0100 / 0x0400 (bit) / 1,024  |
|                | RTD Fault (all assigned RTD's in fault)         | 0000 0010 / 0x0200 (bit) / 512    |
|                | Not used  | 0000 0001 / 0x0100 (bit) / 256    |
| Lower<br>Byte: | High Current                                    | 1000 0000 / 0x0080 (bit) / 128    |
|                | Low Current                                     | 0100 0000 / 0x0040 (bit) / 64     |
|                | Circuit Fault                                   | 0010 0000 / 0x0020 (bit) / 32     |
|                | High ground current                             | 0001 0000 / 0x0010 (bit) / 16     |
|                | RTD Fault No Communication                      | 0000 1000 / 0x0008 (bit) / 8      |
|                | High temperature Alarm                          | 0000 0100 / 0x0004 (bit) / 4      |
|                | RTD Fault (one or more assigned RTD's in fault) | 0000 0010 / 0x0002 (bit) / 2      |
|                | Low temperature Alarm                           | 0000 0001 / 0x0001 (bit) / 1      |

## 3. Help

### Help Information

The DCS communications interface is intended to be used with the support of this instruction guide, the specific control module operating guide, and the specific DCS system operating manuals applicable. If special support needs do arise, Thermon provides local support through its area representatives and affiliate companies as well as through a toll-free user support line.

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