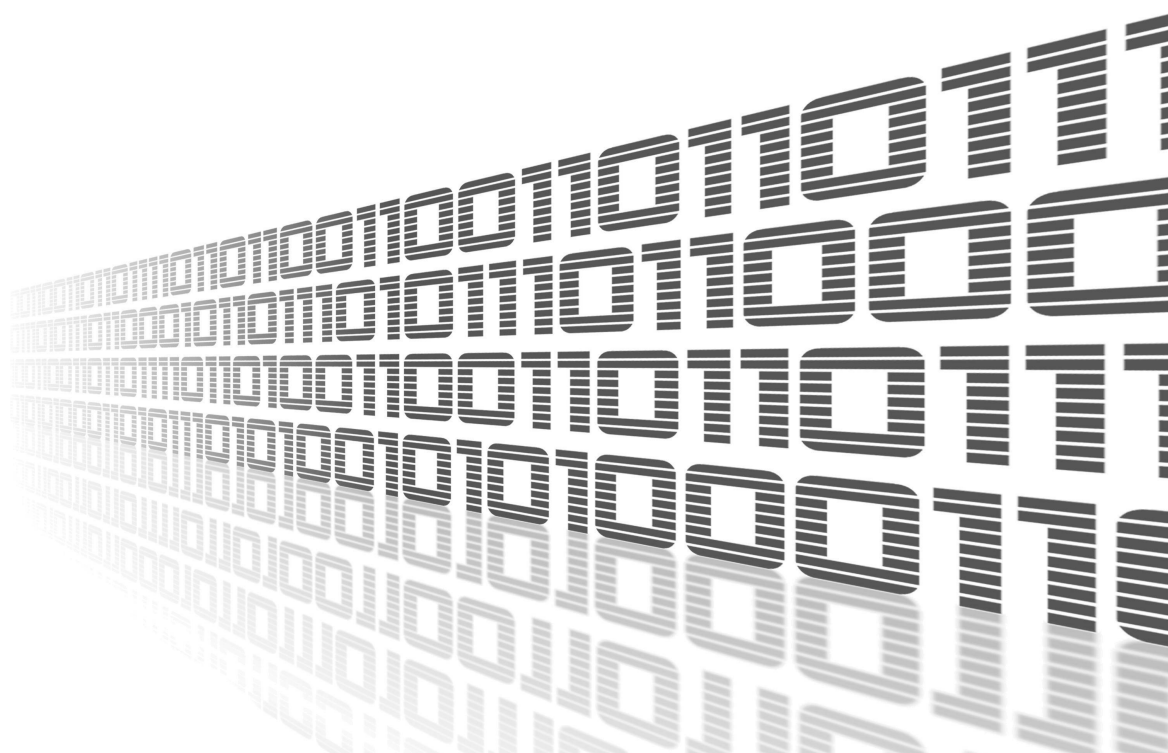




User Module

# DNP3 Outstation

APPLICATION NOTE



## Used symbols



*Danger* – Information regarding user safety or potential damage to the router.



*Attention* – Problems that may arise in specific situations.



*Information or notice* – Useful tips or information of special interest.



*Example* – example of function, command or script.



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# 1. Description of user module



User module *DNP3 Outstation* is not contained in the standard router firmware. Uploading of this user module is described in the Configuration manual (see [1, 2]). Please note that in case of using v2 routers, this module requires firmware version 3.0.8 or later. The user module is v2 and v3 router platforms compatible.

*DNP3 Outstation* module allows the router to use DNP3 protocol (Distributed Network Protocol v. 3), which is intended for reading data from the router. It follows that the primary purpose of this protocol is the mutual communication between devices in a network. DNP3 supports communication model based on the principle of ISO OSI system, which only specifies the physical parameters of the communication, data link and application layers of this protocol.

DNP3 frame consists of a header with a fixed size of 10 bytes and data part (data payload), which consists of data blocks with a size of 1 to 16 bytes. Each data block is terminated by a Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) with a size of 16 bits (2 bytes). The total size of DNP3 frame is maximum of 292 bytes.

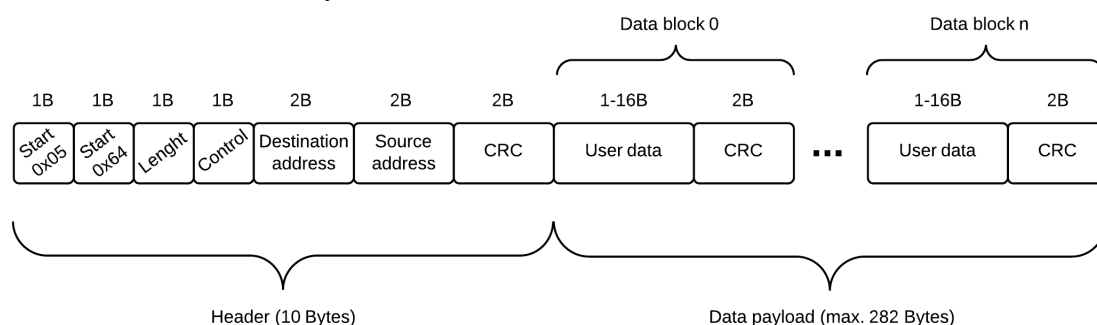


Figure 1: DNP3 frame

For configuration *DNP3 Outstation* user module is available web interface, which is invoked by pressing the module name on the *User modules* page of the router web interface. The left part of the web interface contains the menu with pages for *Configuration*, monitoring (*Status*) and *Customization* of the module. *Customization* block contains only the *Return* item, which switches this web interface to the interface of the router.

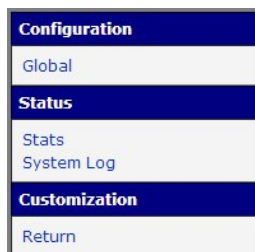


Figure 2: Menu of web interface

## 2. Configuration

Configuration of *DNP3 Outstation* user module is performed using pages *Global*, *Application Layer*, *Routing Targets* and *Routing Table* which are available in the *Configuration* part of the module web interface.

### 2.1 Global

Configuration form on the *Global* page allows user to configure the UDP/TCP connection and check of established TCP connection. The first item – *Enable DNP Outstation* – is used to activate this user module. Meaning of other items is described below.

| Item     | Description   |
|----------|---|
| Protocol | Protocol type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TCP</b> – communication using a linked protocol TCP</li> <li>• <b>UDP</b> – communication using a unlinked protocol UDP</li> </ul> |
| Port     | Specifies the port on which the router will communicate   |

Table 1: Connection configuration

If the *Check TCP connection* checkbox is ticked, check of established TCP connection is activated. It is possible to specify the following parameters:

| Item               | Description   |
|--------------------|---|
| Keepalive Time     | Time after which it will carry out verification of the connection |
| Keepalive Interval | Waiting time on answer  |
| Keepalive Probes   | Number of tests   |

Table 2: An established TCP connection check

Then it is necessary to specify master and outstation devices:

| Item               | Description                  |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Outstation Address | Address of outstation device |
| Master Address     | Address of master device     |

Table 3: Device specification

| DNP-Outstation Configuration                   |          |
|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enable DNP Outstation |          |
| Protocol                                       | TCP      |
| Port   | 20000    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check TCP connection  |          |
| Keepalive Time                                 | 3600 sec |
| Keepalive Interval                             | 10 sec   |
| Keepalive Probes                               | 5        |
| Outstation Address                             | 2        |
| Master Address                                 | 1        |
| <input type="button" value="Apply"/>           |          |

Figure 3: Configuration form *Global*

## 2.2 Application Layer

Configuration form *Application Layer* is intended to specify reading values. Selecting the value is done using check box in the *Enabled* column. The *Default Class* column allows user to set default class for selected value. This class is used for reading the selected value. The rule is that Class 1 has a higher priority than Class 2 and Class 2 has a higher priority than Class 3. The last column (*Status*) informs about the availability of a value (*OK* or *Not Installed*).

### 2.2.1 Binary inputs

| Index | Description  |
|-------|--|
| 0     | Binary input – build in (excludes Libratum series) |
| 1     | BIN1 XC-CNT board (position – PORT1)               |
| 2     | BIN2 XC-CNT board (position – PORT1)               |
| 3     | BIN3 XC-CNT board (position – PORT1)               |
| 4     | BIN4 XC-CNT board (position – PORT1)               |
| 5     | BIN1 XC-CNT board (position – PORT2)               |
| 6     | BIN2 XC-CNT board (position – PORT2)               |
| 7     | BIN3 XC-CNT board (position – PORT2)               |
| 8     | BIN4 XC-CNT board (position – PORT2)               |

Table 4: Binary inputs

## 2.2.2 Analog values

In section *Analog Inputs* are additionally available columns *Low limit*, *High Limit* and *Deadband*. *Low limit* and *High Limit* specify the lower and upper limit for the value. *Deadband* item is important for situations where the value fluctuates around the low or high limit. If the value exceeds the low limit, a return to normality is identified at the time when the value is equal to *Low limit* + *Deadband*. This means that if the *Low limit* is set to 10 and *Deadband* is 2, a return to normality (when this low limit is exceeded) is identified at the time when the value is equal to 12.

For *High Limit* is the situation analogous. If the value exceeds the high limit, a return to normality is identified at the time when the value is equal to *Low limit* – *Deadband*.

| Index | Description   |
|-------|---|
| 0     | AN1 XC-CNT board (position – PORT1)                         |
| 1     | AN2 XC-CNT board (position – PORT1)                         |
| 2     | AN1 XC-CNT board (position – PORT2)                         |
| 3     | AN2 XC-CNT board (position – PORT2)                         |
| 4     | (Input) supply voltage – value must be divided by 1000      |
| 5     | Router temperature in °C                                    |
| 6     | Signal strength of GSM module                               |
| 7     | GPS Latitude in degrees – value must be divided by 1000000  |
| 8     | GPS Longitude in degrees – value must be divided by 1000000 |

Table 5: Analog values



Note: GPS values are available only in routers with GPS hardware support. GPS user module is necessary to be uploaded and run in these devices.

## 2.2.3 Counter inputs

| Index | Description  |
|-------|--|
| 0     | Counter value CNT1 XC-CNT board (position – PORT1) |
| 1     | Counter value CNT2 XC-CNT board (position – PORT1) |
| 2     | Counter value CNT1 XC-CNT board (position – PORT2) |
| 3     | Counter value CNT2 XC-CNT board (position – PORT2) |
| 4     | Rx Data WLAN interface (in bytes)                  |
| 5     | Tx Data WLAN interface (in bytes)                  |
| 6     | Uptime in minutes                                  |
| 7     | Router serial number                               |

Table 6: Counter inputs



## 2.2.4 Number of Events

At the bottom of the *Application Layer* configuration form it is possible to set the number of events within a given class after which information about changing will be sent (items *Number of Class1 Events*, *Number of Class2 Events* and *Number of Class3 Events*).

| DNP-Outstation Configuration   |                                     |                  |               |               |               |          |               |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Bin Inputs   |                                     |                  |               |               |               |          |               |
| Index  | Enabled                             | Name             | Default Class | Status        |               |          |               |
| 0  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Int BIN          | Class 1       | Ok            |               |          |               |
| 1  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext BIN1(PORT 1) | None          | Not Installed |               |          |               |
| 2  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext BIN2(PORT 1) | None          | Not Installed |               |          |               |
| 3  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext BIN3(PORT 1) | None          | Not Installed |               |          |               |
| 4  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext BIN4(PORT 1) | None          | Not Installed |               |          |               |
| 5  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext BIN1(PORT 2) | None          | Not Installed |               |          |               |
| 6  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext BIN2(PORT 2) | None          | Not Installed |               |          |               |
| 7  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext BIN3(PORT 2) | None          | Not Installed |               |          |               |
| 8  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext BIN4(PORT 2) | None          | Not Installed |               |          |               |
| Analog Inputs  |                                     |                  |               |               |               |          |               |
| Index  | Enabled                             | Name             | Default Class | Low Limit     | High Limit    | Deadband | Status        |
| 0  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext AN1(PORT 1)  | None          | 0             | 100           | 2        | Not Installed |
| 1  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext AN2(PORT 1)  | None          | 0             | 100           | 2        | Not Installed |
| 2  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext AN1(PORT 2)  | None          | 0             | 100           | 2        | Not Installed |
| 3  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext AN2(PORT 2)  | None          | 0             | 100           | 2        | Not Installed |
| 4  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Voltage          | None          | 0             | 100           | 2        | Ok            |
| 5  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Temperature      | None          | 0             | 100           | 2        | Ok            |
| 6  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Signal Level     | None          | 0             | 100           | 2        | Ok            |
| 7  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Latitude         | None          | 0             | 100           | 2        | Ok            |
| 8  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Longitude        | None          | 0             | 100           | 2        | Ok            |
| Counters   |                                     |                  |               |               |               |          |               |
| Index  | Enabled                             | Name             | Default Class | Limit         | Status        |          |               |
| 0  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext CNT1(PORT 1) | None          | 1000          | Not Installed |          |               |
| 1  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext CNT2(PORT 1) | None          | 1000          | Not Installed |          |               |
| 2  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext CNT1(PORT 2) | None          | 1000          | Not Installed |          |               |
| 3  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ext CNT2(PORT 2) | None          | 1000          | Not Installed |          |               |
| 4  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Rx               | None          | 1000          | Ok            |          |               |
| 5  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Tx               | None          | 1000          | Ok            |          |               |
| 6  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Uptime           | None          | 1000          | Ok            |          |               |
| 7  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | SN               | None          | 1000          | Ok            |          |               |
| Number of Class1 Events <input type="text" value="1"/><br>Number of Class2 Events <input type="text" value="5"/><br>Number of Class3 Events <input type="text" value="5"/> |                                     |                  |               |               |               |          |               |
| <input type="button" value="Apply"/>   |                                     |                  |               |               |               |          |               |

Figure 4: Configuration form *Application Layer*

## 2.3 Routing Targets

The *Routing Targets* form is used to configure the gateway for sending DNP3 messages. If the router is equipped with an expansion port through which it is possible to send DNP3 messages, form offers the possibility to configure this port (If no expansion port is available, this part of the configuration form is not displayed). The user can specify the following parameters:

| Item          | Description   |
|---------------|---|
| Baudrate      | Communication rate  |
| Data Bits     | Number of data bits   |
| Parity        | Control parity bit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>none</b> – no parity will be sent</li> <li>• <b>even</b> – even parity will be sent</li> <li>• <b>odd</b> – odd parity will be sent</li> </ul> |
| Stop Bits     | Number of stop bits   |
| Split Timeout | Time to rupture report (message). If the gap (between two characters) longer than the value in milliseconds is recognized when receiving, then message from all received data is created and sent.            |

Table 7: Configuration of expansion ports

In the last section of this form (*Remote Connections*), it is possible to configure individual connections to remote routers. These connections will be used for creating "DNP routing table" on the *Routing Table* page. The user can specify the following parameters:

| Item        | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| Description | Name or description of the connection   |
| Type        | Protocol type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TCP</b> – communication using a linked protocol TCP</li> <li>• <b>UDP</b> – communication using a unlinked protocol UDP</li> </ul> |
| IP Address  | Router IP address   |
| Port        | TCP/UDP port on which the communication will be effected  |

Table 8: Configuration of remote connections

| DNP-Outstation Routing Targets       |             |      |            |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------|------------|-------|
| Port 1                               |             |      |            |       |
| Baudrate                             | 9600        |      |            |       |
| Databits                             | 8           |      |            |       |
| Parity                               | none        |      |            |       |
| Stop Bits                            | 1           |      |            |       |
| Split Timeout                        | 200         | msec |            |       |
| Port 2                               |             |      |            |       |
| Baudrate                             | 9600        |      |            |       |
| Databits                             | 8           |      |            |       |
| Parity                               | none        |      |            |       |
| Stop Bits                            | 1           |      |            |       |
| Split Timeout                        | 200         | msec |            |       |
| Remote Connections                   |             |      |            |       |
| Name                                 | Description | Type | IP Address | Port  |
| Remote Connection 1                  |             | UDP  |            | 20000 |
| Remote Connection 2                  |             | TCP  |            | 20000 |
| Remote Connection 3                  |             | UDP  |            | 20000 |
| Remote Connection 4                  |             | TCP  |            | 20000 |
| Remote Connection 5                  |             | UDP  |            | 20000 |
| <input type="button" value="Apply"/> |             |      |            |       |

Figure 5: Configuration form *Routing Targets*

## 2.4 Routing Table

The *Routing Table* form defines "DNP routing table". This simply means that every *DNP Address* has been assigned to a specific connection defined on the *Routing Targets* page. Messages intended for specified DNP address are sent and received within this connection. The individual columns have the following meaning:

| Item        | Description  |
|-------------|--|
| Name        | Designation of the route (Route 1 – Route 10 by default)   |
| Description | Name or description of the route (can be blank)  |
| DNP Address | DNP Address  |
| Target      | Connection which is used for the selected DNP address. There are connections defined on the <i>Routing Targets</i> page (i.e. <i>Port 1</i> , <i>Port 2</i> and connections from the <i>Remote Connections</i> table). |

Table 9: Configuration form *Routing Table*

At the bottom of this configuration form is *Send all remaining DNP3 messages to* \_\_\_\_\_ item using which it is possible to specify connection which is used for sending DNP3 messages in case that none of the above routes oblige.

| DNP-Outstation Routes |                      |                      |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Name                  | Description          | DNP Address          | Target               |
| Route 1               | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Route 2               | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Route 3               | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Route 4               | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Route 5               | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Route 6               | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Route 7               | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Route 8               | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Route 9               | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Route 10              | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

☐ Send all remaining DNP3 messages to

Figure 6: Configuration form *Routing Table*

## 3. Module activity monitoring

### 3.1 Statistical information

Page with statistical information can be invoked by clicking on the *Stats* item in the *Status* section of the module web interface. There is information such as number of sent and received frames, number of CRC errors and so on.

| DNP-Outstation Stats |                            |   |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Datalink:            | Rx Frames:                 | 0 |
| Datalink:            | CRC Errors:                | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Rx Acks:                   | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Rx Link Status:            | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Rx Reset Link:             | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Rx Test Link:              | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Rx User Data (Confirm):    | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Rx User Data (No Confirm): | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Rx Request Link Status:    | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Rx FCB Incorrect:          | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Rx FCV Incorrect:          | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Tx Frames:                 | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Tx Acks:                   | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Tx Nacks:                  | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Tx Link Status:            | 0 |
| Datalink:            | Tx User Data (No Confirm): | 0 |
| Transport:           | Rx Unauth Seg:             | 0 |
| Transport:           | Rx Rouge Seg:              | 0 |
| Transport:           | Rx Segment:                | 0 |
| Transport:           | Rx Bad Sequence number:    | 0 |
| Transport:           | Rx Bad CRC:                | 0 |
| Application:         | Tx Confirm:                | 0 |
| Application:         | Rx Unknown function code:  | 0 |
| Application:         | Tx Response:               | 0 |

Figure 7: Statistics

### 3.2 System log

In case of any problems it is possible to view the system log by pressing the *System Log* menu item. In the window are displayed detailed reports from individual applications running in the router including possible reports relating to the *DNP3 Outstation* module.

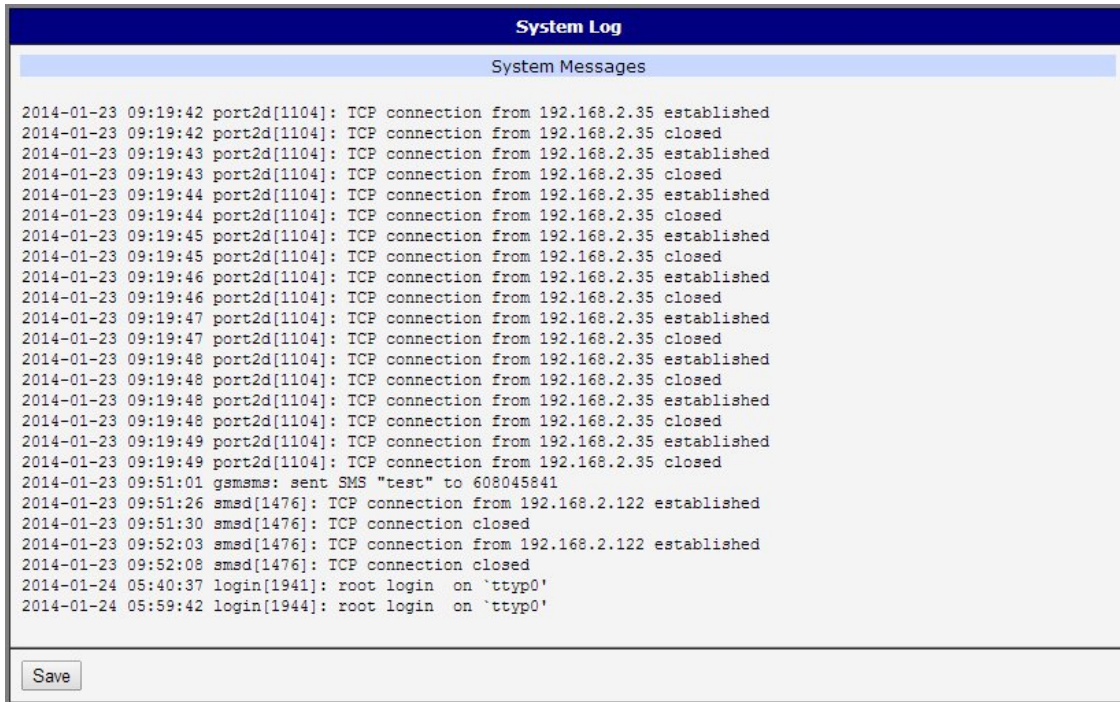


Figure 8: System log

## 4. Related Documents

- [1] Advantech Czech: **v2 Routers Configuration Manual** (MAN-0021-EN)
- [2] Advantech Czech: **SmartFlex Configuration Manual** (MAN-0023-EN)
- [3] Advantech Czech: **SmartMotion Configuration Manual** (MAN-0024-EN)
- [4] Advantech Czech: **SmartStart Configuration Manual** (MAN-0022-EN)
- [5] Advantech Czech: **ICR-3200 Configuration Manual** (MAN-0042-EN)



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