

**MULTIPROTOCOL “KEY” GATEWAYS SERIES**

**MODBUS SERIAL / ETHERNET GATEWAYS  
AND SERIAL DEVICE SERVER**



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## 1. PRELIMINARY WARNINGS

 **ATTENTION!**

This user manual extends the information from the installation manual to the configuration of the device. Use the installation manual for more information.

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### 1.1. DESCRIPTION

The Z-KEY-0, R-KEY-LT-0, Z-KEY-2ETH-0 products allow the conversion of data coming from the Modbus serial bus to the Modbus ethernet bus and vice versa.

The devices can also be configured as serial device servers (i.e. they perform an ethernet / serial conversion transparent to the protocol).

In particular, the following operating modes are possible:

- *Modbus Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1)*
- *Modbus Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#2) (2 serial ports models only)*
- *Modbus Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 AND PORT#2) (2 serial ports models only)*
- *Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 AND PORT#2 MASTER)*
- *Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 MASTER PORT#2 SLAVE) (2 serial ports models only)*
- *Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 SLAVE PORT#2 MASTER) (2 serial ports models only)*
- *Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 AND PORT#2 SLAVE)*
- *Serial device server (PORT #1)*
- *Serial device server (PORT #2) (2 serial ports models only)*
- *Modbus Gateway Serial to Ethernet (PORT#1 AND PORT#2)*
- *TCP Server Serial Device (PORT #1)*
- *TCP Server Serial Device (PORT #2)*
- *Modbus Gateway Serial to Ethernet Virtual ID (PORT#1 AND PORT#2)*
- *Modbus IO Device Master (beta)*
- *Modbus IO Device Slave (beta)*

### 1.2. MODBUS PROTOCOL



The supported Modbus protocols are:

Modbus RTU Master

Modbus RTU Slave

Modbus ASCII Master

Modbus ASCII Slave

Modbus TCP-IP Server

Modbus TCP-IP Client

For further information on these protocols, see the Modbus specification website:

<http://www.modbus.org/specs.php>

### 1.3. FEATURES OF THE "KEY" SERIES COMMUNICATION PORTS

<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>ETHERNET PORTS</b>	<b>SERIAL PORT # 1 RS232/RS485 CONFIGURABLE</b>	<b>RS485 SERIAL PORT # 2</b>	<b>ISOLATED SERIAL PORTS</b>
Z-KEY-0	1	1	1	Yes, both ports
R-KEY-LT-0	1	1	NO	NO
Z-KEY-2ETH-0	2	1	1	Yes, both ports

## 2. DEVICE HARDWARE REVISION

With a view to continuous improvement, Seneca updates and makes the hardware of its devices increasingly more sophisticated. It is possible to know the hardware revision of a product via the label on the side of the device.

An example of an R-KEY-LT product label is the following:



The label also shows the firmware revision present in the device (in this case 2.0.1.0) at the time of sale, the hardware revision (in this case) is E00.

To improve performance or extend functionality, Seneca recommends updating the firmware to the latest available version (see the section dedicated to the product on [www.seneca.it](http://www.seneca.it)).

An internal Webserver is also available for configuration and display of values in real time.



### 3. FLEX TECHNOLOGY FOR PROTOCOL CHANGE



Starting from the hardware revision indicated in the following table, the KEY series devices include Flex technology.

<b>GATEWAY</b>	<b>FLEX TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTED BY HARDWARE REVISION</b>
Z-KEY	"G00"
R-KEY-LT	"E00"
Z-KEY-2ETH	"C00"

Flex allows you to change the combination of industrial communication protocols supported by the gateways at will from a list of available ones, the development is continuously updated, for a complete list refer to the page: <https://www.seneca.it/flex/>

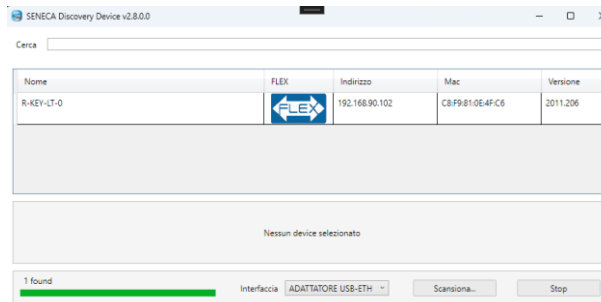
Some examples of supported protocols are:



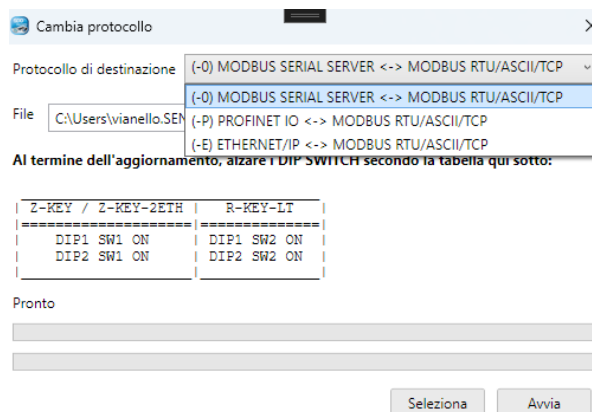
The gateway then becomes "universal" and compatible with Siemens or Rockwell or Schneider systems etc... without the need to purchase different hardware.

### 3.1. CHANGING PROTOCOLS WITH THE SENECA DISCOVERY DEVICE SOFTWARE

From revision 2.8 the Seneca Discovery Device software identifies the devices that support the “Flex” technology:



For example, in the case in the figure it is possible to press the “Change Protocol” button and select the destination protocol from those in the list:



At the end of the operation, bring (only at the first power-on) the dip switches 1 and 2 to “ON” to force the device to default (see also the chapter “RESETTING THE DEVICE TO ITS FACTORY CONFIGURATION”).

Always refer to the user manual of the communication protocol installed in the device by downloading it from the Seneca website.

## 4. LED MEANING

The devices are equipped with LEDs whose meaning is as follows:

### 4.1. LED MODEL Z-KEY-0 (MODBUS)

<b>LED</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
PWR	<b>Steady on:</b> device powered and IP address set
	<b>Flashing:</b> IP address not yet set
	<b>Off:</b> device not powered
COM	Not used
TX1	<b>Flashing:</b> data transmission on serial port #1
	<b>Off:</b> no transmission on serial port #1
RX1	<b>Flashing:</b> data reception on serial port #1
	<b>Steady on:</b> check wiring on serial port #1
	<b>Off:</b> no reception on serial port #1
TX2	<b>Flashing:</b> data transmission on serial port #2
	<b>Off:</b> no transmission on serial port #2
RX2	<b>Flashing:</b> data reception on serial port #2
	<b>Steady on:</b> check wiring on serial port #2
	<b>Off:</b> no reception on serial port #2
ETH ACT (GREEN)	<b>Flashing:</b> presence of data on ethernet port
	<b>Steady on:</b> ethernet port connected but no data present
	<b>Off:</b> check wiring of the ethernet port
ETH LNK (YELLOW)	<b>Steady on:</b> ethernet cable connected
	<b>Off:</b> check the wiring of the ethernet port

4.2. LED MODEL R-KEY-LT-0 (MODBUS)

LED	STATUS
PWR	<p><b>Steady on:</b> device powered and IP address set</p> <p><b>Flashing:</b> IP address not yet set</p> <p><b>Off:</b> device not powered</p>
COM	Not used
TX	<p><b>Flashing:</b> data transmission on serial port</p> <p><b>Off:</b> no transmission on serial port</p>
RX	<p><b>Flashing:</b> data reception on serial port</p> <p><b>Steady on:</b> check wiring on serial port</p> <p><b>Off:</b> no reception on serial port</p>
ETH ACT (GREEN)	<p><b>Flashing:</b> presence of data on ethernet port</p> <p><b>Steady on:</b> ethernet port connected but no data present</p> <p><b>Off:</b> check wiring of the ethernet port</p>
ETH LNK (YELLOW)	<p><b>Steady on:</b> ethernet cable connected</p> <p><b>Off:</b> check the wiring of the ethernet port</p>

**4.3. LED MODEL Z-KEY-2ETH-0 (MODBUS)**

<b>LED</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
PWR	<b>Steady on:</b> device powered and IP address set
	<b>Flashing:</b> IP address not yet set
	<b>Off:</b> device not powered
COM	Not used
TX1	<b>Flashing:</b> data transmission on serial port #1
	<b>Off:</b> no transmission on serial port #1
RX1	<b>Flashing:</b> data reception on serial port #1
	<b>Steady on:</b> check wiring on serial port #1
	<b>Off:</b> no reception on serial port #1
TX2	<b>Flashing:</b> data transmission on serial port #2
	<b>Off:</b> no transmission on serial port #2
RX2	<b>Flashing:</b> data reception on serial port #2
	<b>Steady on:</b> check wiring on serial port #2
	<b>Off:</b> no reception on serial port #2
ET1	<b>Flashing:</b> presence of data on ethernet port #1
	<b>Steady on:</b> ethernet port #1 connected but no data present
	<b>Off:</b> check wiring of ethernet port #1
ET2	<b>Flashing:</b> presence of data on ethernet port #2
	<b>Steady on:</b> ethernet port #2 connected but no data present
	<b>Off:</b> check wiring of ethernet port #2

## 5. ETHERNET PORT

The factory configuration of the Ethernet port is:

STATIC IP: 192.168.90.101

SUBNET MASK: 255.255.255.0

GATEWAY: 192.168.90.1

Multiple devices must not be inserted on the same network with the same static IP.



### **ATTENTION!**

***DO NOT CONNECT 2 OR MORE FACTORY-CONFIGURED DEVICES ON THE SAME NETWORK, OR THE  
DEVICE WILL NOT WORK  
(CONFLICT OF IP ADDRESSES 192.168.90.101)***

## **6. FIRMWARE UPDATE**

In order to improve, add or optimize the functions of the product, Seneca releases firmware updates on the device section on the [www.seneca.it](http://www.seneca.it) website

The firmware update is performed using Seneca tools or the webserver.



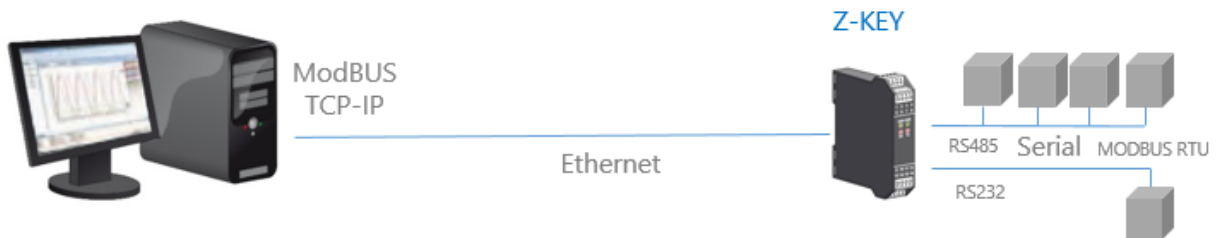
**ATTENTION!**

**NOT TO DAMAGE THE DEVICE DO NOT REMOVE THE POWER SUPPLY DURING THE FIRMWARE UPDATE OPERATION.**

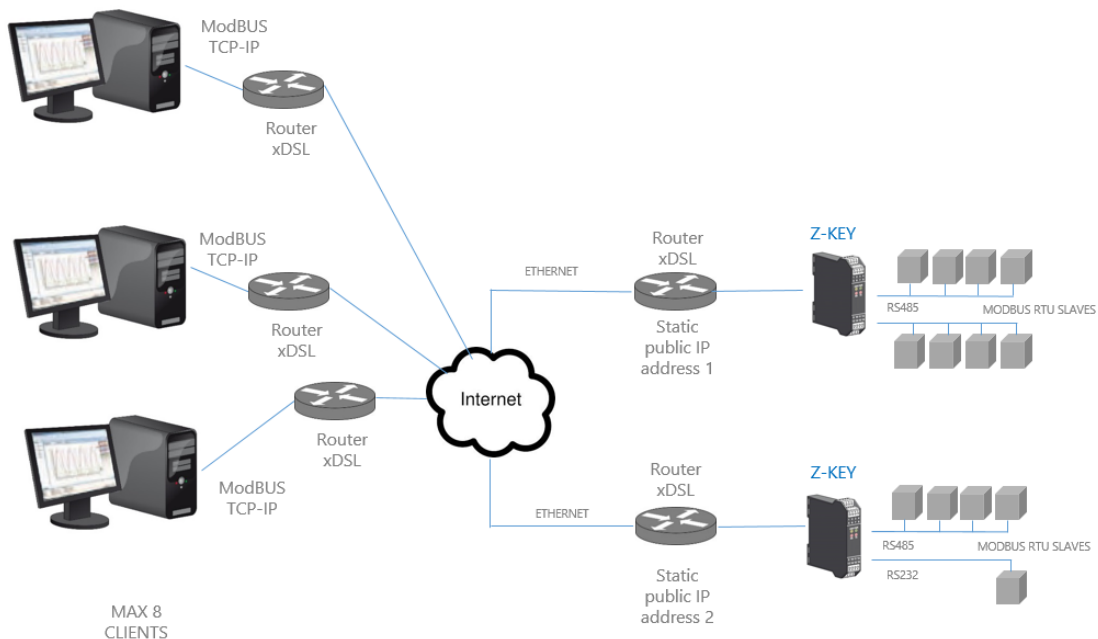
## 7. MODBUS GATEWAY ETHERNET TO SERIAL MODE

In this scenario a Modbus TCP-IP Client is connected via Ethernet to the Seneca Gateway which has one or more Modbus RTU Slaves (for example the Seneca Z-PC series) connected to its RS232/RS485 serial ports.

This figure shows an example of a LAN connection:



Remote communication via the Internet with several Modbus TCP-IP Clients is also possible:



A maximum of 8 simultaneous Modbus TCP-IP Clients are supported.

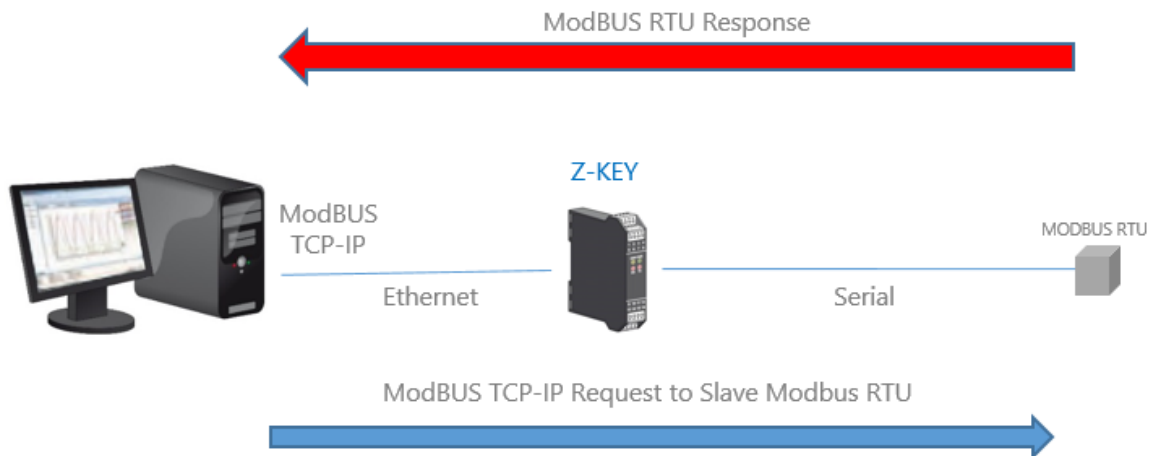


### 7.1. HOW IT WORKS

The Modbus from Ethernet to Serial Gateway is the simplest way to communicate with Modbus RTU Slaves via an Ethernet connection.

It is not necessary to indicate which registers should be requested, because the conversion from Ethernet to serial is performed in real time and transparently.

The Gateway only requires the Network and Serial Configuration (baud rate, parity, etc.).



The Modbus TCP Client requests the reading/writing of a Modbus register via Ethernet, the gateway converts the request towards the serial slaves in Modbus RTU/ASCII and the Modbus RTU/ASCII response of the interrogated slave is subsequently converted towards the Modbus TCP Client.

The Z-KEY and Z-KEY-2ETH gateways have No. 2 serial ports, it is possible to set the function on a single port or on both, in this case the requests of the Client are replicated on both ports (so as to be able to use slaves with different baud rates).

 **ATTENTION!**

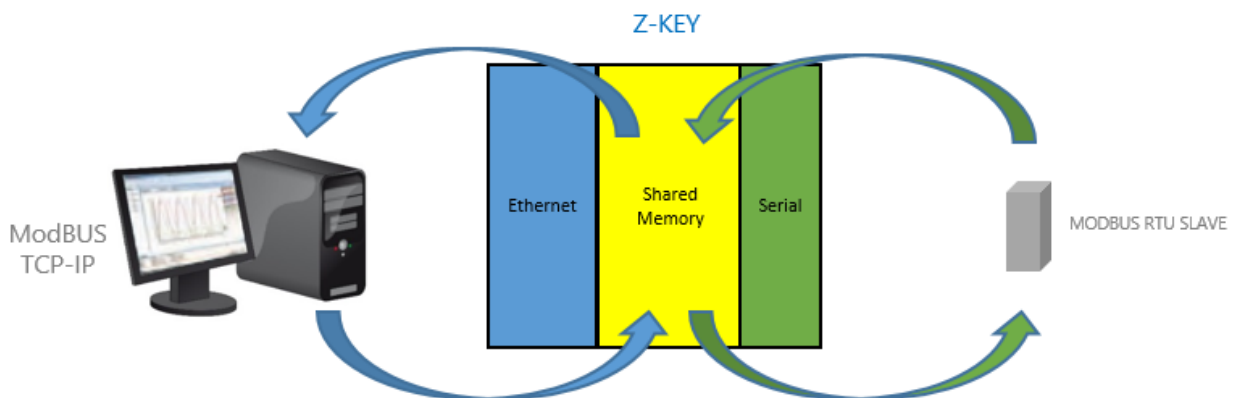
***In this operating mode it is not possible to connect two serial Modbus slaves with the same Modbus address.***

## 8. ETHERNET TO SERIAL MODBUS TAGS GATEWAY MODE

In a Modbus network it is essential to read/write the registers of the various Modbus Slave devices as quickly as possible.

In the Gateways it is possible to configure a maximum of 500 tags (1 tag = 1 variable which can consist of one or more Modbus registers depending on the data format), these values are stored in a shared memory accessible from the Ethernet and/or from the Serials.

The shared memory is updated as quickly as possible by serial communication, so when a register is requested from the Ethernet port, the values are read directly from the Shared Memory without the need to wait for the Slave response time



Another advantage is that the shared memory is also accessible from the webserver.

In this mode, the data acquired by several Modbus Slaves are grouped under a single Modbus address, this makes software development on the Ethernet side much easier and drastically reduces the polling time of the serial bus. The number of slaves to be managed can grow by using more than one Gateway.

Serial side readings/ writings are automatically optimized using multiple register readings/writings. With this optimization, the bus speed increases dramatically.

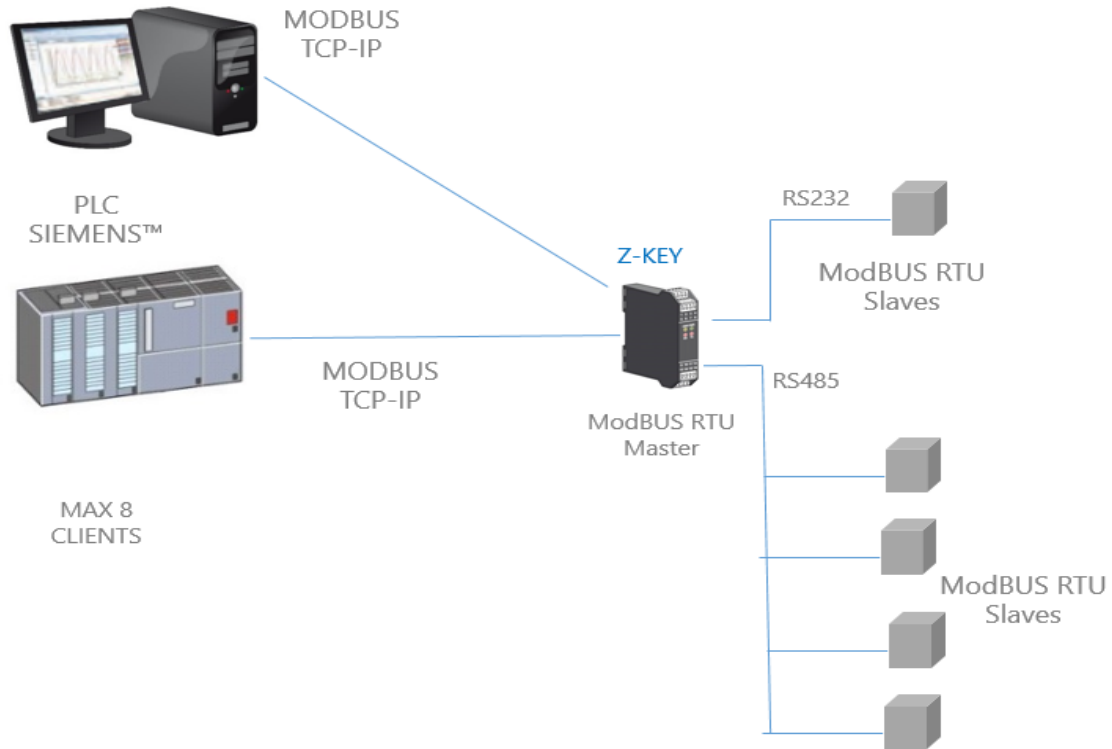
TAGs from Modbus TCP-IP Server devices are also supported (up to a maximum of 10 devices).

When a serial Modbus device generates a time-out error (for example due to a fault), in order to speed up the acquisition cycle, it is quarantined for a configurable time.

From firmware revision 210 is also possible to send tags value to the clouds through MQTT or HTTP Post protocol.

8.1. MASTER PORTS

In this scenario a Modbus TCP-IP Client is connected via Ethernet to the Seneca Gateway and one or more serial Modbus Slaves (for example the Seneca Z-PC series) are connected to its RS232/RS485 serial ports. The Modbus gateway is used to optimize network performance and Modbus TCP-IP PLC software. This figure shows an example of use of the mode with Master Port 1 and Port 2:



 **ATTENTION!**  
The R-KEY model has just one serial port.

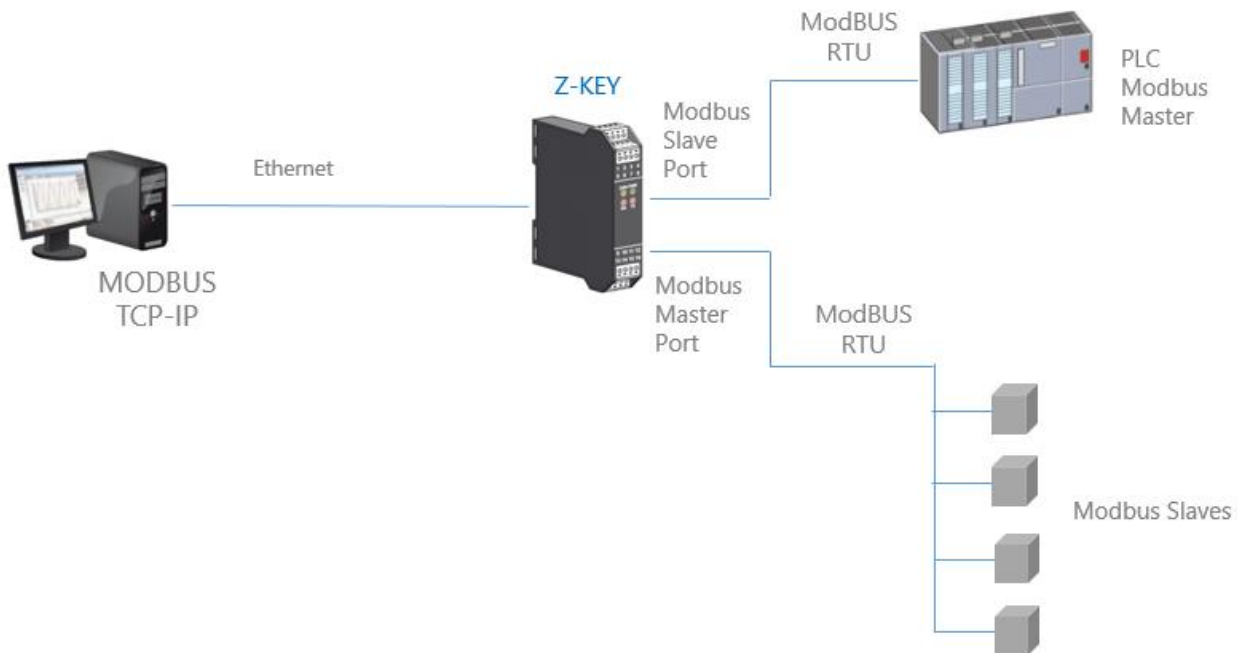
*8.2. 1 MASTER PORT AND 1 SLAVE PORT (Z-KEY / Z-KEY-2ETH MODELS ONLY)*

In this scenario a Modbus TCP-IP Client is connected via Ethernet to the Seneca Gateway, a PLC with only the Modbus Master serial protocol is connected to one of the serial ports of the Gateway configured as Slave. From this port, the data acquired by the Modbus Slaves connected to the serial port configured as Master are available for the PLC.

The PLC can read and write the data relating to the Modbus Slave registers.

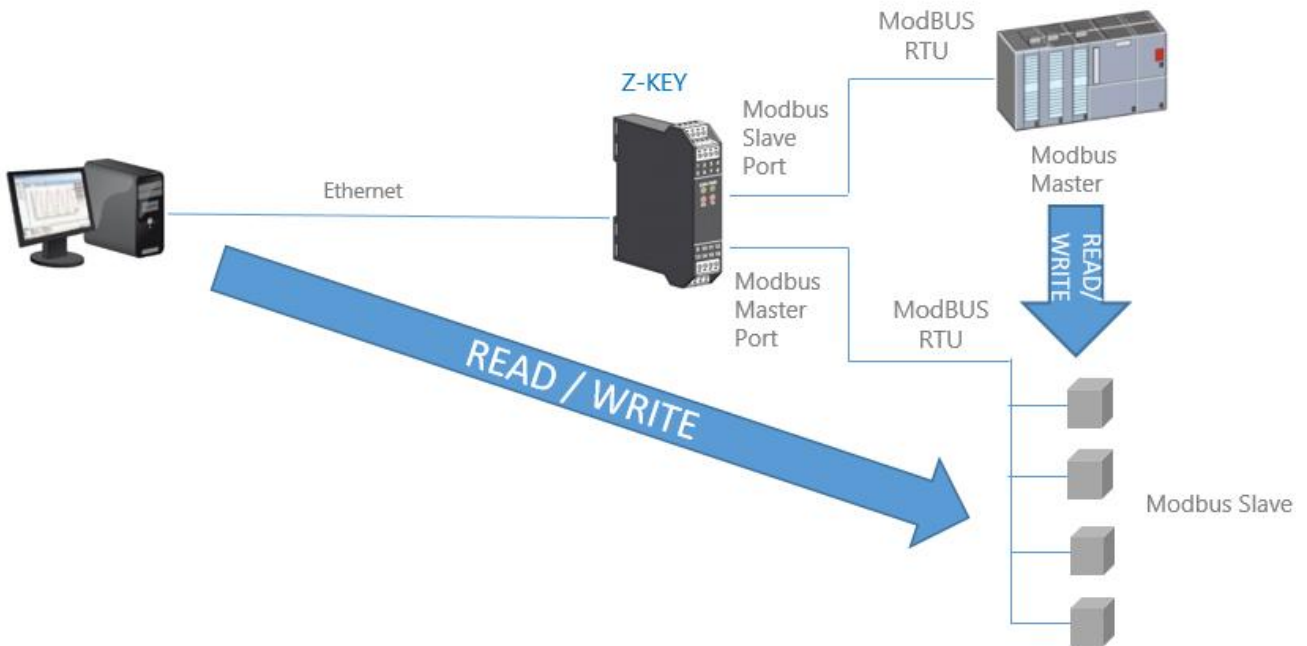
The same operations can also be performed via Ethernet from the Modbus TCP Client (for example a PC).

This figure shows an example of this scenario:



8.2.1. HOW IT WORKS

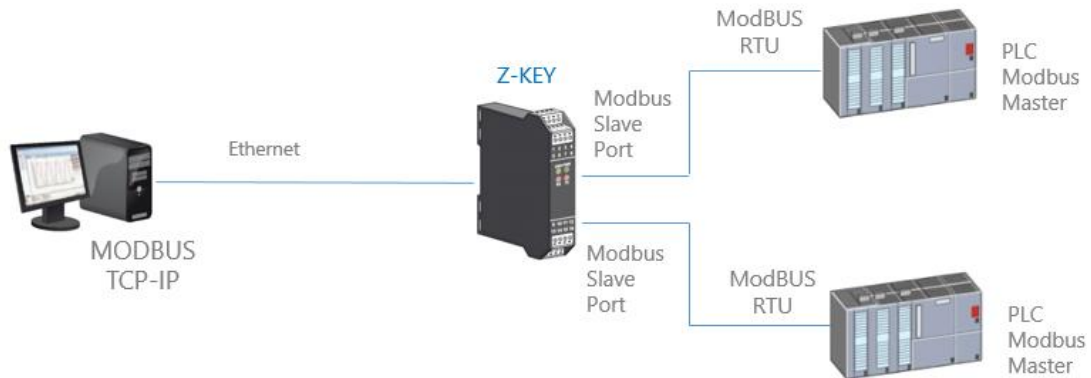
Many PLCs only implement the serial Modbus Master protocol (because they do not have an Ethernet port). In this scenario, the values of the Modbus serial Slaves must be read/written by both the PLC via the Slave serial port and by a PC via the Ethernet port.



This function is possible because the Seneca Gateway uses an internal memory shared between the serial ports and the Ethernet port, where the data acquired from the serial Modbus Slave network are saved. The Modbus Master PLC and the PC write/read the registers of the shared memory of the gateway which in real time keeps it updated by communicating with the Modbus Slaves.

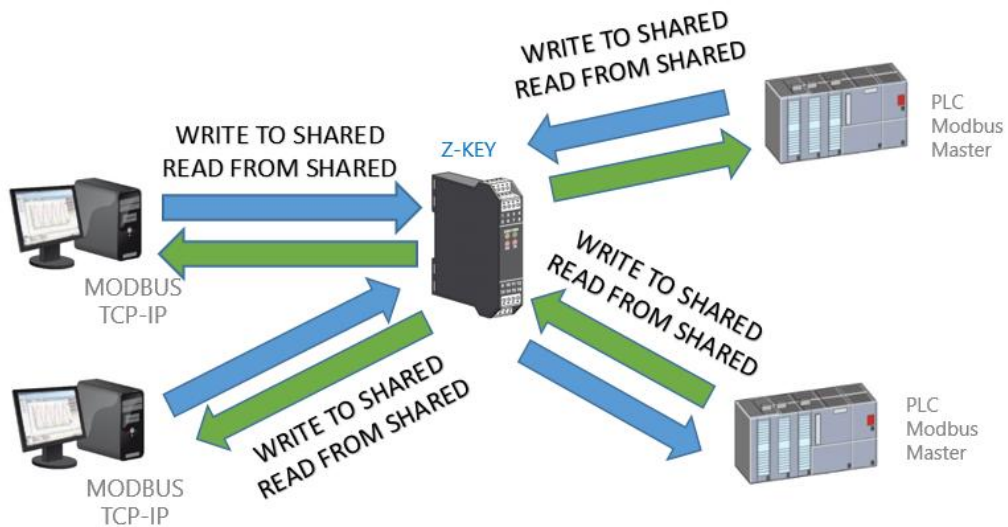
**8.3. SLAVE PORT 1 AND PORT 2**

In this scenario a Modbus TCP-IP Client is connected via Ethernet to the gateway, two PLCs that support only the Modbus Master serial protocol are connected to the two serial ports of the gateway, configured as Slave. Through these ports the PLCs can communicate with each other. This figure shows an example of this scenario:



**8.3.1. HOW IT WORKS**

Many PLCs only implement the serial Modbus Master protocol (because they do not have an Ethernet port). If it is necessary to exchange Modbus registers between PLCs and PCs, the shared memory can be used.

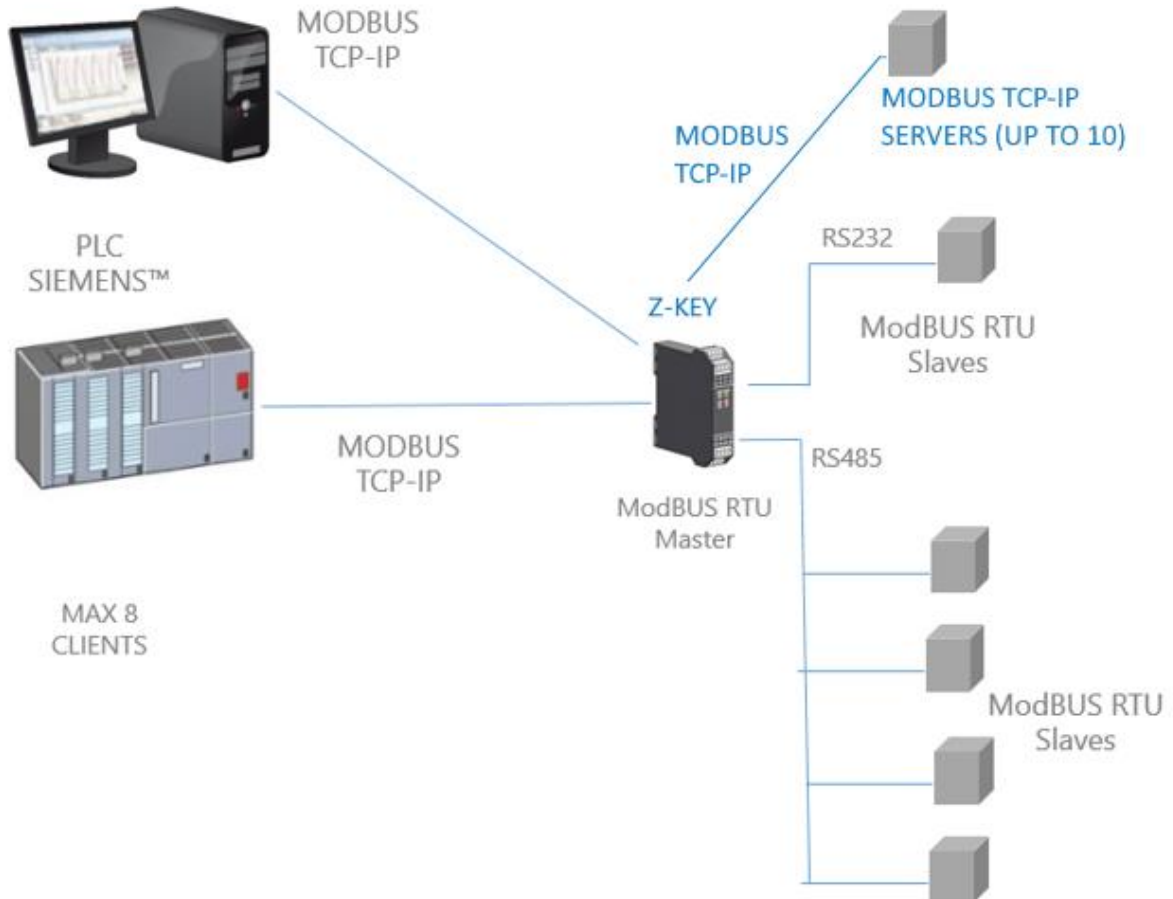


**The shared memory of the gateway can be freely read and written by the Ethernet and/or by the serial ports.  
The shared memory registers must be defined first with the TAG section of the setup.**

*8.4. MODBUS CLIENT*

In the functions with Master or Slave ports it is always possible to activate this function. In fact, the shared memory can also be populated by data from Modbus TCP-IP Server.

Please refer to the following figure:



### *8.5. SIMPLIFIED TAG DIAGNOSTICS*

Tag diagnostics is only available in Modbus TAGs Gateway mode.

Tag diagnostics can also be viewed via the Modbus serial and Ethernet ports: via special Modbus registers.

The first Modbus address, from which the simplified diagnostics starts, is by default 49001 (Holding Register 9000).

Each bit represents a tag with the following meaning:

1 = TAG OK

0 = TAG FAIL

The least significant bit is the status of tag no. 1

The next is the status of tag no. 2 and so on ...

For example the reading of the following registers:

49001            0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1

49002            0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1

Means: TAG 1, TAG 4, TAG17, TAG 18 , TAG 19, TAG 20 OK, all the others in FAIL.

At the start, all tags are in a fail state (all 0).



### 8.6. EXTENDED TAG DIAGNOSTICS

Tag diagnostics is only available in Modbus TAGs Gateway mode.

When a tag is in an error state it is possible to get more information using extended diagnostics.

Extended diagnostics reserves 1 byte for each tag (since the limit is 500 tags, there are 500 bytes = 250 Modbus registers for extended diagnostics).

This diagnostics is found at the end of the simplified diagnostics (default starting Modbus address is 49033, Holding register 32).

Each Modbus register contains 2 tags, so for example:

49033 TAG02\_TAG01

49034 TAG04\_TAG03

...

49282 TAG500\_TAG499

49283 LAST\_LOOP\_TIME\_COM1 [x1 ms]

49284 LAST\_LOOP\_TIME\_COM2 [x1 ms]

The meaning of the advanced diagnostics byte is:

<b>BYTE VALUE</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>NOTE</b>
0	OK	The tag is read/written correctly
1	TIMEOUT	The response of the tag timed out, but will be queried again
2	DELAYED	Too many fails, tag polling is delayed (tag will be interrogated again after the configured quarantine time)
3	EXCEPTION	Modbus exception response but the tag will be queried again
4	CRC ERROR	CRC Modbus exception response but the tag will be queried again

For example:

49033 0x0000  
49034 0x0002

It means that:

TAGs 1 and 2 are OK (0x00 and 0x00)  
TAG 03 is in a delayed state (0x02)  
TAG 4 is OK (0x00)

LAST\_LOOP\_TIME\_COMx is a register that contains the last interrogation time of all serial tags (in how many of 10 ms) so, for example:

49283 25  
49284 42

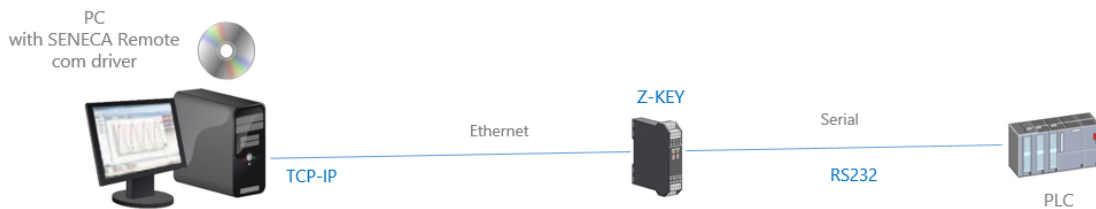
It means that the serial 1 loop was 250ms, the serial 2 loop was 420ms.

## 9. SERIAL DEVICE SERVER MODE AND TCP SERVER SERIAL DEVICE

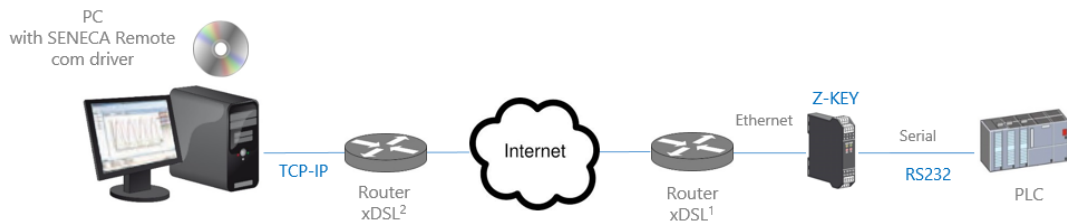
These two modes have a similar operation, in particular the "Serial Device Server" mode refers to the management of the COM port according to RCF2217 and based on the Telnet protocol, while the "TCP Server Serial Device" mode is a transparent connection of all traffic .

In these modes a Serial device must be connected to a PC, but a direct connection is not possible (for example the device is too far from the PC)

The Seneca Gateway can be used to extend a serial connection using an Ethernet connection:



It is also possible to make an internet connection (typically for remote maintenance of machines, PLCs, etc.):



For internet communication, the router connected to the gateway must have a static IP address.

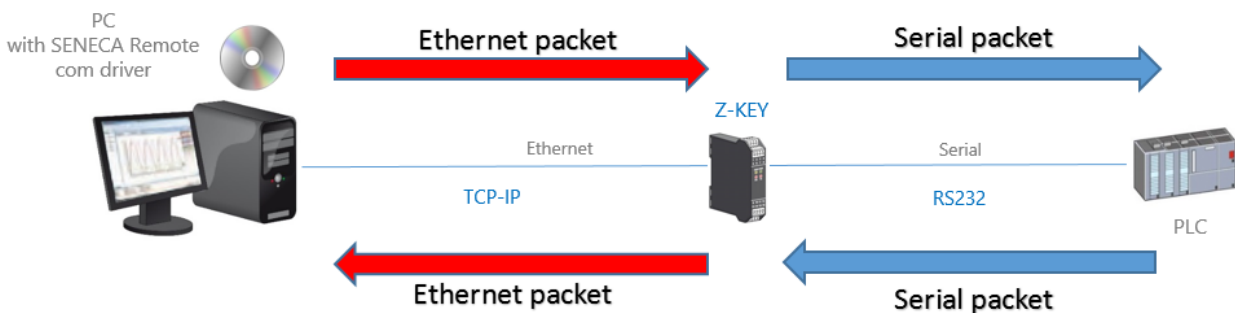
**NOTE:**

**To use the ZModem serial protocol through the internet, remember to activate the crash recovery option of the protocol.**

*9.1. HOW IT WORKS*

If a PC program only has serial port support but you need to exit via an Ethernet connection, you can install the Serial to Ethernet driver supplied by Seneca free of charge.

With this driver a pair of virtual serial ports is created, by selecting these serial ports as you normally do, you get that the packets will no longer be sent via serial but via Ethernet. At this point the Seneca Gateway will convert the Ethernet traffic into serial through the real serial port, then the serial response will be reconverted to the Ethernet.



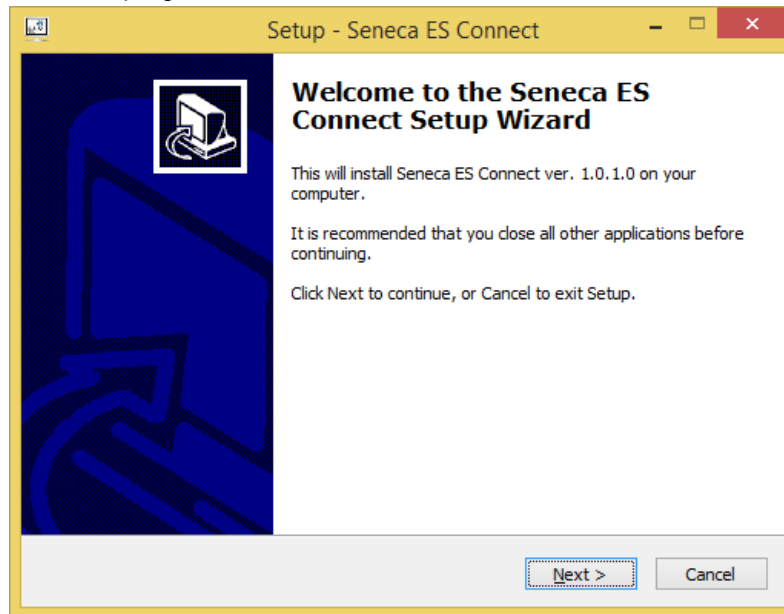
*9.2. SENECA ETHERNET TO SERIAL CONNECT*

As we have seen, to use the Gateway in serial device server mode or TCP server serial mode, the Seneca Ethernet to Serial Connect software must be installed on the PC.

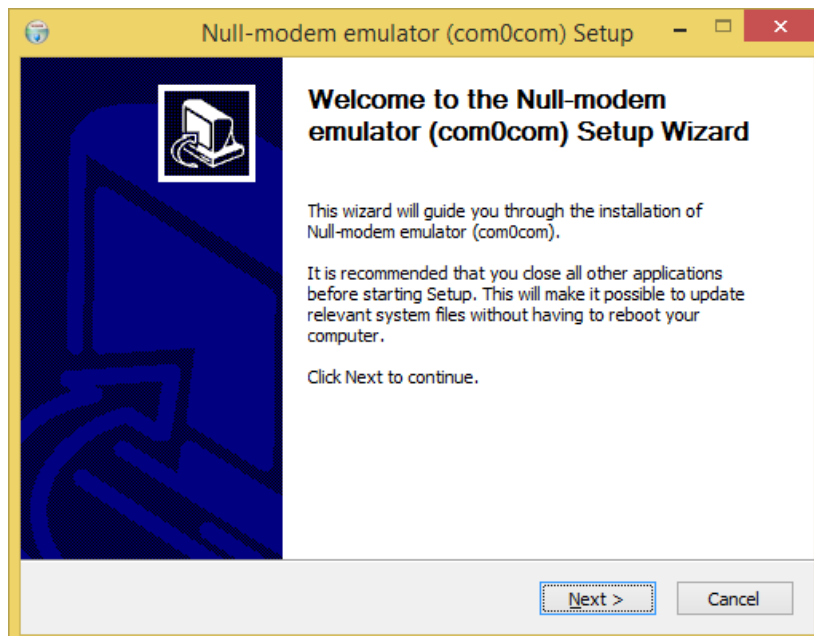
### 9.2.1. INSTALLING THE SENECA SERIAL TO ETHERNET CONNECT DRIVER

Seneca Ethernet to Serial Connect works on windows vista™, windows 7™, windows 8™, windows 10™ and windows 11™.

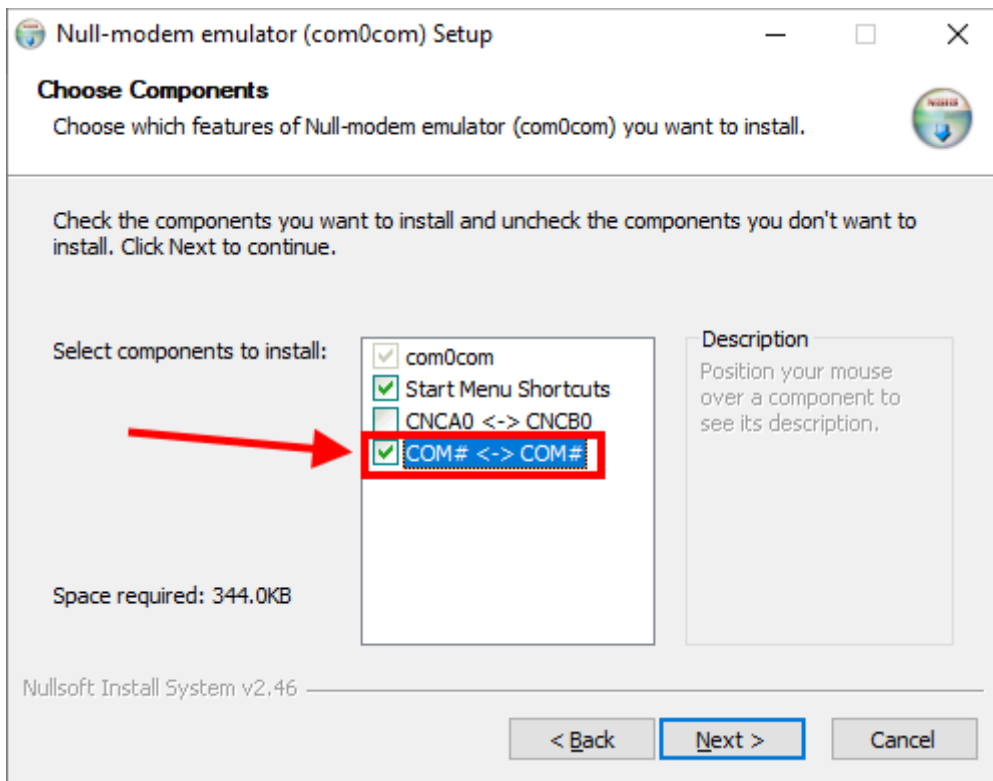
Double-click on the installation program:



Then the com0com driver will be installed:



Select the names of the virtual ports COM#<->COM#:



Wait for the installation to finish.

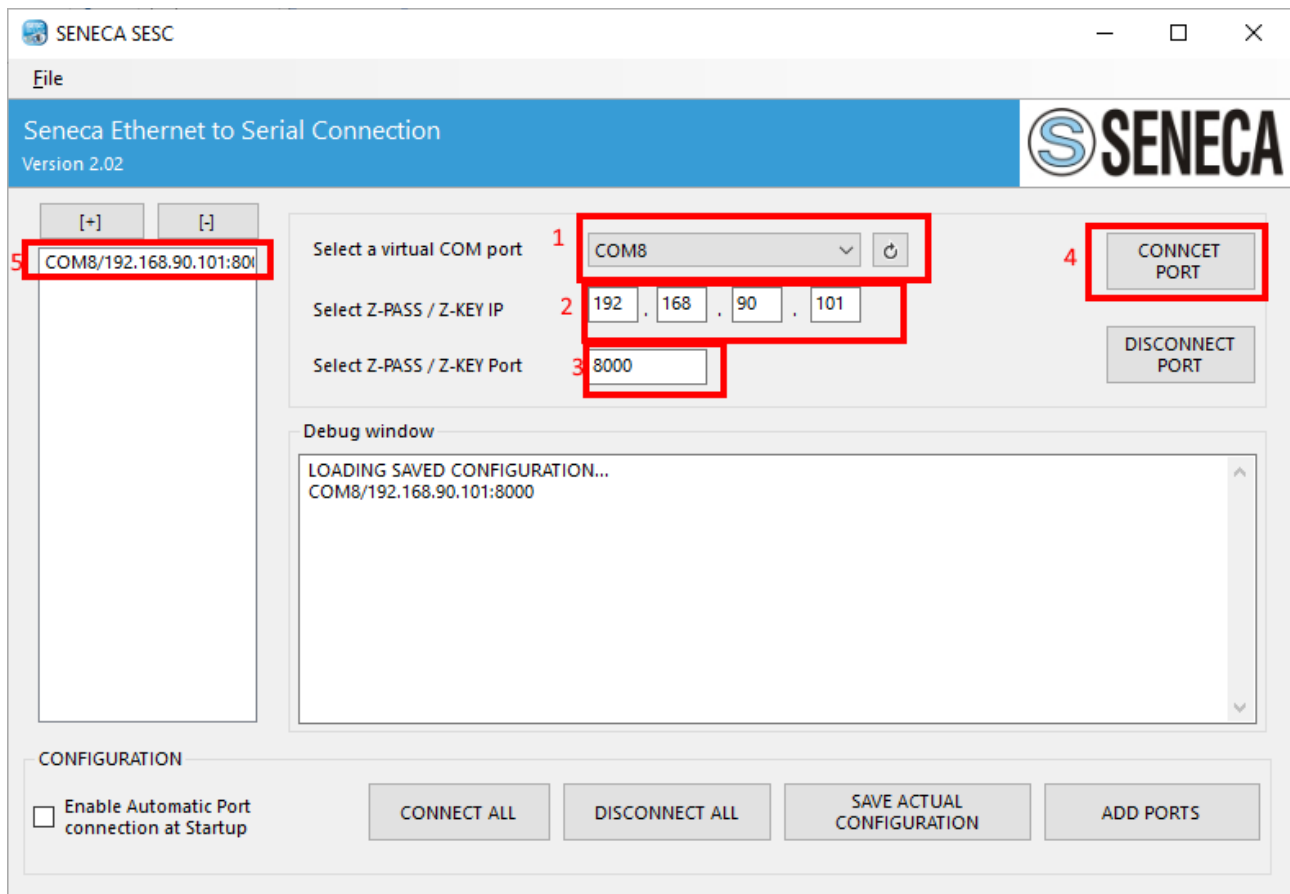
9.2.2. SELECT THE COM PORT FOR SENECA SERIAL TO ETHERNET CONNECT

Once the software has been installed, it can be launched (from the start menu -> Seneca -> Seneca Serial to Ethernet Connect”).

The available virtual ports appear at point (1) (in our case the COM8 port is available).

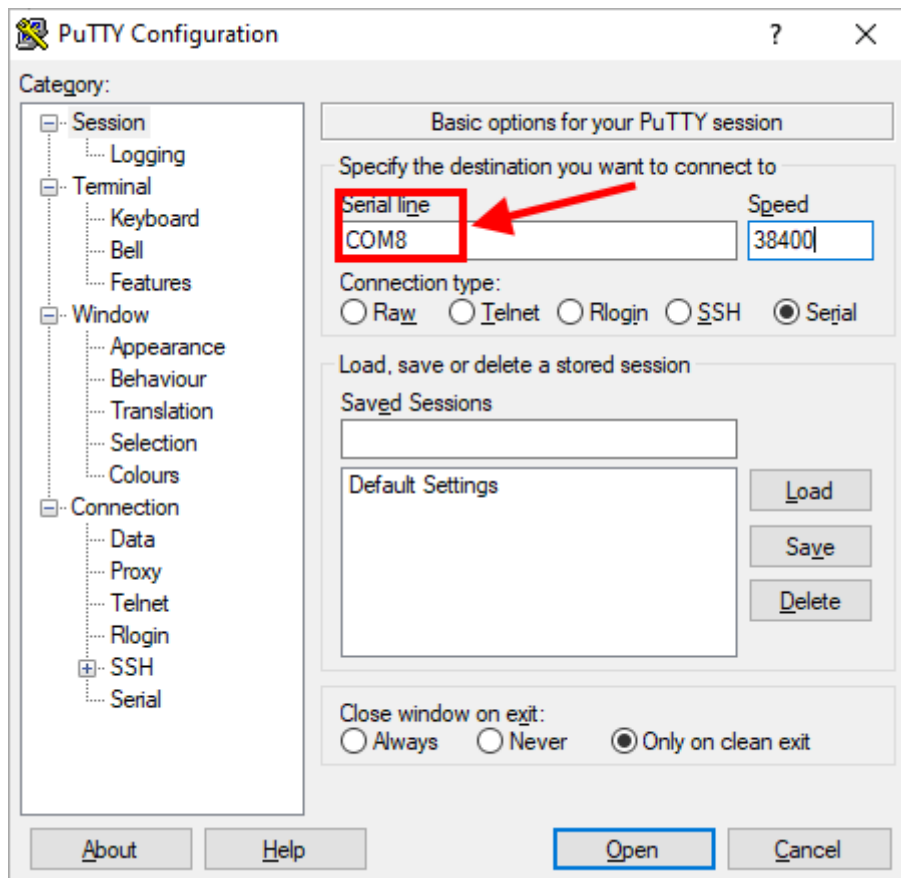
On the SESC interface set the Gateway IP (2) and TCP port (3) configured on the Z-KEY via the web Server.

To start the connection, press the "Connect Port" button (4) COM8 is now connected to the Gateway via the TCP 8000 port:



Please note that Seneca SESC can connect more than one serial device at the same time by adding another port with the "ADD PORTS" button. Each new port needs another gateway, so 2 different gateways are required to connect two serial devices to the same PC.

Now use the same port (COM8 in our example) for the serial software:



The other buttons allow you to:

Activate the connection (with the saved configuration) when starting the PC

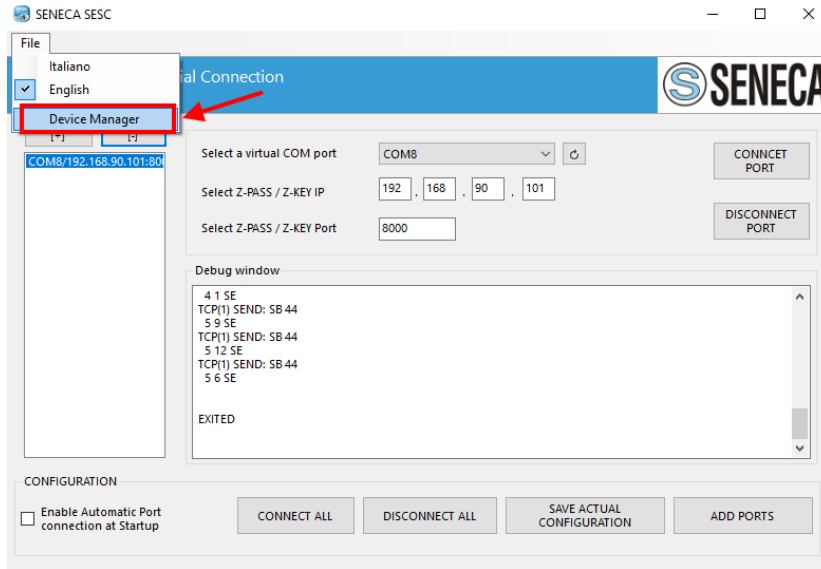
Connect/Disconnect all configured ports

Save the current configuration.

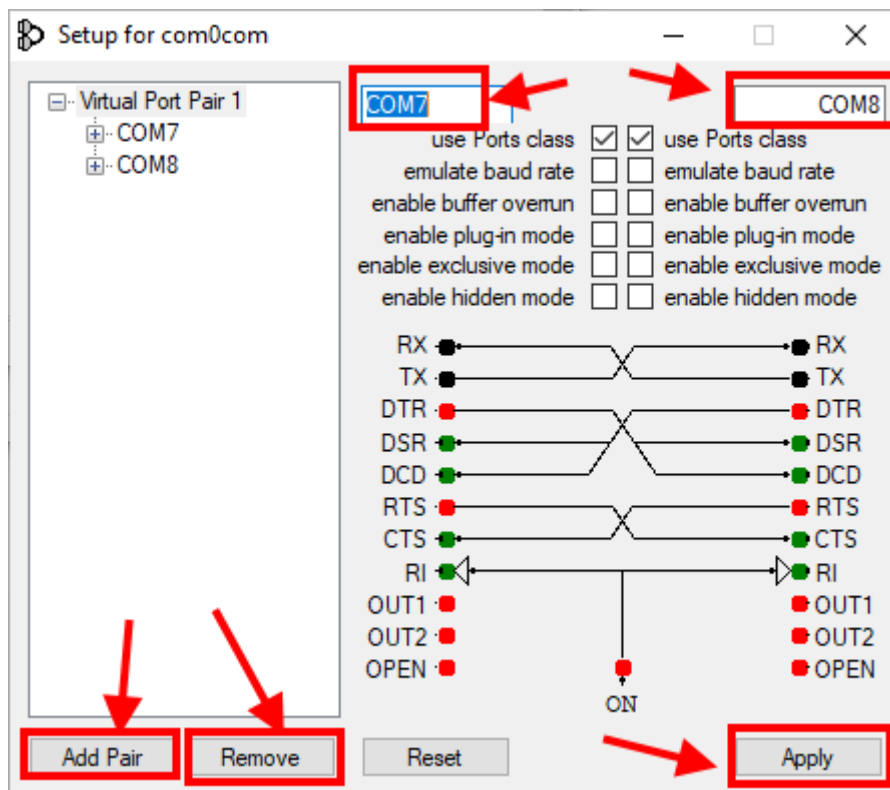


9.2.3. MAINTENANCE OF VIRTUAL SERIAL PORTS

To carry out maintenance of the virtual serial ports, access File->Device Manager:



At this point the com0com driver setup appears:



Here you can:

- Rename virtual serials
- Add a pair of ports
- Remove a pair of ports

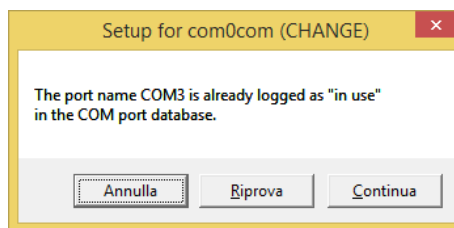
**⚠ ATTENTION!**

***Com0Com always creates a pair of ports, the Seneca Ethernet to Serial Connect software only displays the one to be used for the connection (it is always the second).***

9.2.4. CHANGING THE NAME OF THE COM PORTS

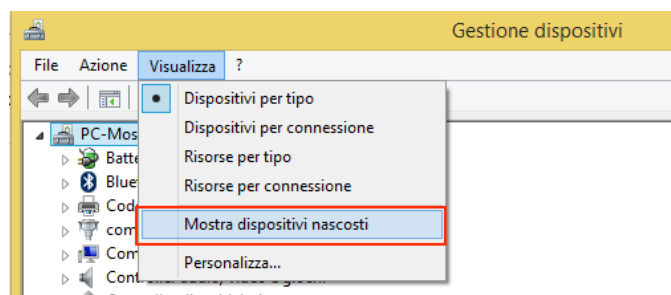
Older software can only use a small range of COM ports (typically 1 to 9), so you may need to change the virtual COM number.

COM may sometimes be marked as "in use":

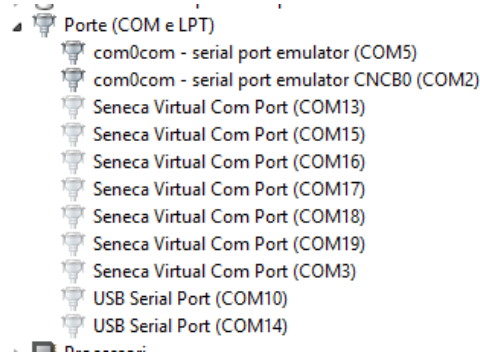


If you need to use this COM number, click on "Continue", then go to "Device Manager".

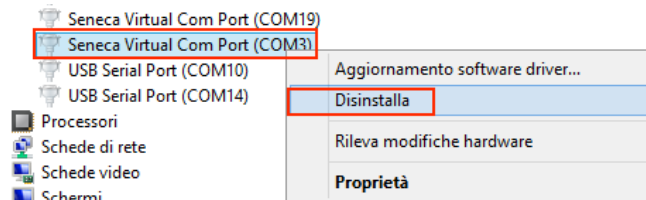
We must deselect the "in use" flag by uninstalling the port. Since the port is now disconnected, click on "Show hidden devices":



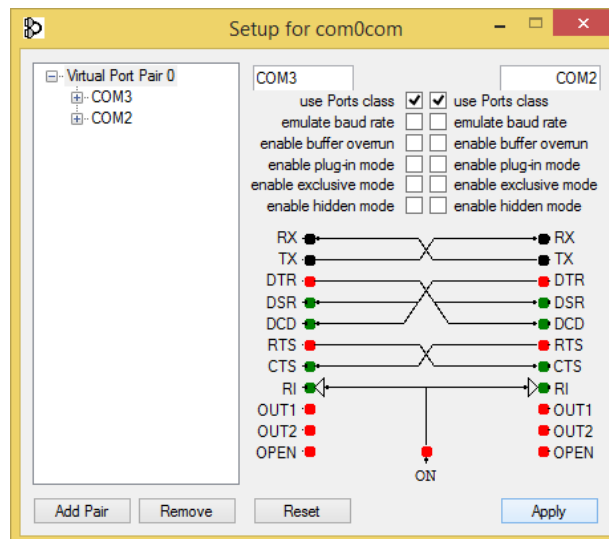
Now all the ports that are not in use are shown in transparency (also our COM3):



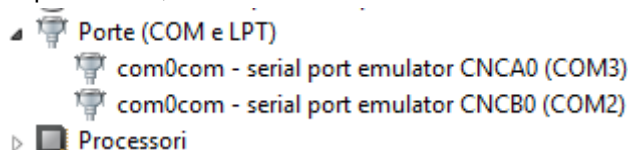
Now select the COM3 port and click on "Uninstall":



Now COM3 is free, and we can use it on the com0com setup:



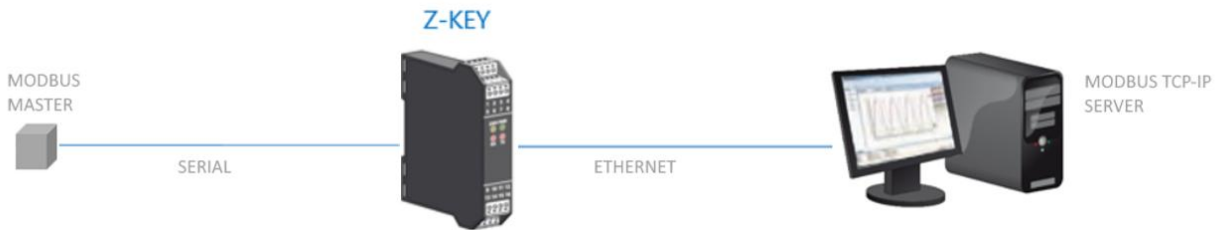
Then click on "Apply", now the pair COM3, COM2 is created:



In the Seneca Ethernet to Serial Device software, the port on the right will appear, then COM2

## 10. GATEWAY SERIAL TO ETHERNET MODE

In this scenario a Modbus serial Master must be connected to one or more Modbus TCP-IP servers. Typically, these are PLCs without an Ethernet port that must be connected to Modbus TCP servers.

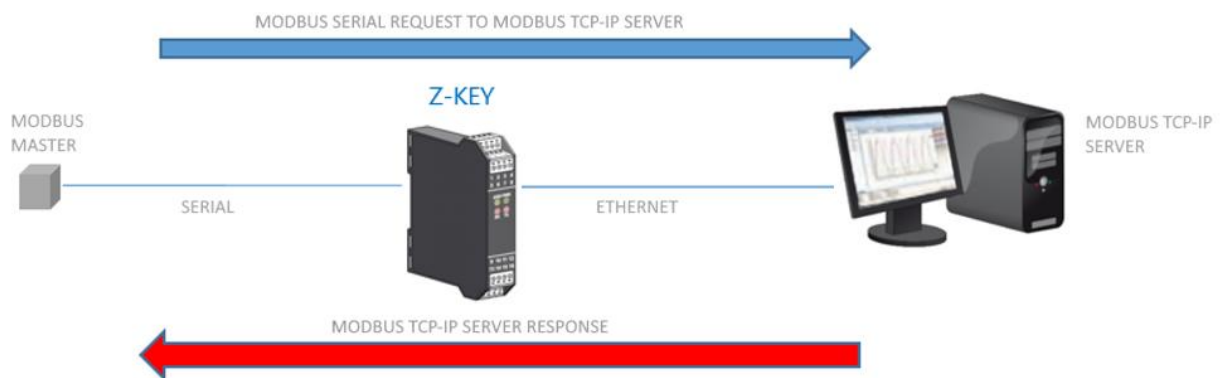


### 10.1. HOW IT WORKS

This mode is the simplest way to create a communication between a serial Modbus Master device with one or more Modbus TCP-IP Servers.

It is not necessary to indicate which registers should be requested because the conversion from Serial to Ethernet is performed in real time and transparently.

The Gateway only requires the Network Configuration, the serial communication parameters (baud rate, parity) and the range of Modbus addresses managed by the single Server (because a server can manage multiple station addresses).



## ATTENTION!

**It is not possible to connect more than one TCP-IP Modbus server with the same ID Station address. If you need to connect multiple Modbus TCP-IP servers that respond to the same station ID, use the “Modbus Gateway Serial To Ethernet Virtual ID” mode**

## 11. MODBUS GATEWAY SERIAL TO ETHERNET VIRTUAL ID MODE

This scenario is similar to the Modbus Gateway Serial to Ethernet mode but allows you to solve the problem (for example) where the Modbus TCP-IP servers all respond to the same station ID (for example 1 and it is not possible to change it).

### 11.1. HOW IT WORKS

In this mode it is possible to define an association between the station ID requests of the serial master in order to replace the station ID requests on the fly and divert them to another server.

Please refer to the following table:

VIRTUAL MODBUS ADDRESS	MODBUS TCP/IP SERVER	MODBUS ADDRESS
0	DISABLED ▼	0
1	SERVER#1 ▼	1
2	SERVER#2 ▼	1
3	SERVER#3 ▼	1
4	DISABLED ▼	0
5	DISABLED ▼	0
6	DISABLED ▼	0
7	DISABLED ▼	0
8	DISABLED ▼	0
9	DISABLED ▼	0
10	DISABLED ▼	0
11	DISABLED ▼	0
12	DISABLED ▼	0
13	DISABLED ▼	0
14	DISABLED ▼	0
15	DISABLED ▼	0
16	DISABLED ▼	0
17	DISABLED ▼	0

Serial requests with serial station ID 1 are sent with station ID 1 on the modbus tcp-IP server #1

Serial requests with serial station ID 2 are sent with station ID 1 on the modbus tcp-IP server #2

Serial requests with serial station ID 3 are sent with station ID 1 on the modbus tcp-IP server #3

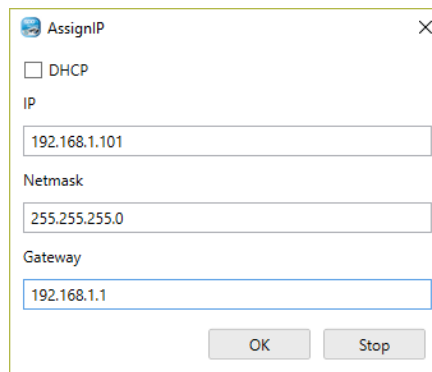
## 12. “-0” GATEWAY WEBSERVER

### 12.1. STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR THE FIRST ACCESS TO THE WEBSERVER

#### **STEP 1: POWER THE DEVICE AND CONNECT THE ETHERNET PORT, PUT THE DEVICE IN WEBSERVER MODE**

#### **SENECA DISCOVERY DEVICE SOFTWARE STEP 2**

If you need to change the IP address of the device (default 192.168.90.101), launch the Seneca Discovery Device software and perform the SCAN, select the device and press the “Assign IP” button, set a configuration compatible with your PC, for example:



Confirm with OK. Now the device can be reached via Ethernet from your PC.

#### **STEP 3 ACCESS TO THE CONFIGURATION WEBSERVER**

ENTER your access credentials:

user: admin

password: admin

### **ATTENTION!**

**THE WEB BROWSERS WHICH HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR COMPATIBILITY WITH THE DEVICE WEBSERVER ARE:**

**MOZILLA FIREFOX AND GOOGLE CHROME.**

**THEREFORE, THE OPERATION WITH OTHER BROWSERS IS NOT GUARANTEED**

### 13. WEBSERVER DEVICE CONFIGURATION

**⚠ ATTENTION!**

THE WEB BROWSERS WHICH HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR COMPATIBILITY WITH THE DEVICE WEBSERVER ARE:  
**MOZILLA FIREFOX AND GOOGLE CHROME.**  
 THEREFORE, THE OPERATION WITH OTHER BROWSERS IS NOT GUARANTEED

**⚠ ATTENTION!**

AFTER THE FIRST ACCESS CHANGE USER NAME AND PASSWORD IN ORDER TO PREVENT ACCESS TO THE DEVICE TO UNAUTHORIZED PEOPLE.

**⚠ ATTENTION!**

IF THE PARAMETERS TO ACCESS THE WEBSERVER HAVE BEEN LOST, TO ACCESS IT, IT IS NECESSARY TO GO THROUGH THE PROCEDURE TO RESET THE FACTORY-SET CONFIGURATION

#### 13.1. SETUP PAGE

Scegli file Nessun file selezionato Load conf file

Save conf file

	CURRENT	UPDATED
ETHERNET DHCP	Disabled	Disabled ▾
ETHERNET STATIC IP	192.168.90.101	<input type="text" value="192.168.90.101"/>
ETHERNET STATIC IP MASK	255.255.255.0	<input type="text" value="255.255.255.0"/>
ETHERNET STATIC GATEWAY	192.168.90.1	<input type="text" value="192.168.90.1"/>
WORKING MODE	MODBUS GATEWAY ON PORT#1	MODBUS GATEWAY ON PORT#1 ▾
TIMEOUT RESPONSE MODE	NONE	NONE ▾
TCPIP PORT	502	<input type="text" value="502"/>

The first column represents the name of the parameter, the second column "current" is the current value of the parameter. The last column "updated" is used to modify the current configuration.

When a configuration has been entered it is necessary to confirm it with the "APPLY" button, at this point the new configuration is operational.

If you want to restore the default parameters, click on the "FACTORY DEFAULT" button.

### 13.1.1.GENERAL CONFIGURATION PARAMETERS



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Scegli file Nessun file selezionato Load conf file

Save conf file

	CURRENT	UPDATED
DHCP	Disabled	Disabled ▾
STATIC IP	192.168.90.101	192.168.90.101
STATIC IP MASK	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
STATIC GATEWAY	192.168.90.1	192.168.90.1
WORKING MODE	Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 MASTER)	Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 MASTER) ▾
RESPONSE MODE WHEN RESOURCE IN FAIL	LAST VALUE READ	LAST VALUE READ ▾
Modbus TCP-IP PORT	502	502
PORT#1 MODBUS PROTOCOL	RTU	RTU ▾
PORT#1 BAUDRATE	9600	9600 ▾
PORT#1 DATA BITS	8	8 ▾
PORT#1 PARITY	None	None ▾
PORT#1 STOP BITS	1	1 ▾
PORT#1 TIMEOUT [ms]	500	500
PORT#1 DELAY BETWEEN POLLS [ms]	100	100
PORT#1 WRITING RETRIES	3	3
PORT#1 MAX READ NUM	16	16
PORT#1 MAX WRITE NUM	16	16
WEB SERVER PORT	80	80
WEB SERVER AUTHENTICATION USER NAME	admin	admin
WEB SERVER AUTHENTICATION USER PASSWORD	admin	admin
IP CHANGE FROM DISCOVERY	Enabled	Enabled ▾
DIAGNOSTIC REGISTERS MAPPING	MAPPED TO HOLDING REGISTERS	MAPPED TO HOLDING REGISTERS ▾
DIAGNOSTIC REGISTERS START ADDRESS	9000	9000
PORT#1 TAGS QUARANTINE [s]	0	0
MODBUS TCP-IP CLIENT	ENABLED	ENABLED ▾
MODBUS TCP-IP	ENABLED	ENABLED ▾



The general configuration parameters are explained below:

**DHCP**

*Disabled: A static Network Configuration is set up*

*Enabled: The IP address, IP mask and gateway address are obtained from the DHCP server.*

*The gateway address can be found by the Seneca Discovery Device software.*

**ETHERNET STATIC IP**

*Static IP address when the DHCP is disabled*

**ETHERNET STATIC IP MASK**

*Mask when the DHCP is disabled*

**ETHERNET STATIC GATEWAY**

*Gateway address when the DHCP is disabled*

**WORKING MODE**

It selects the operating mode of the Modbus Gateway:

- *Modbus Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1)*
- *Modbus Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#2) (2 serial ports models only)*
- *Modbus Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 AND PORT#2) (2 serial ports models only)*
- *Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 AND PORT#2 MASTER)*
- *Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 MASTER PORT#2 SLAVE) (2 serial ports models only)*
- *Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 SLAVE PORT#2 MASTER) (2 serial ports models only)*
- *Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 AND PORT#2 SLAVE)*
- *Serial device server (PORT #1)*
- *Serial device server (PORT #2) (2 serial ports models only)*
- *Modbus Gateway Serial to Ethernet (PORT#1 AND PORT#2)*
- *TCP Server Serial Device (PORT #1)*
- *TCP Server Serial Device (PORT #2)*
- *Modbus Gateway Serial to Ethernet Virtual ID (PORT#1 AND PORT#2)*
- *Modbus IO Device Master (Beta)*
- *Modbus IO Device Slave (Beta)*

**TCP/IP PORT**

*TCP-IP port for Modbus TCP-IP Server protocol (Up to a maximum of 8 clients can be connected to the gateway)*

**PORT#n MODBUS PROTOCOL**

Select the Modbus RTU or Modbus ASCII serial protocol

**PORT#n BAUDRATE**

Select the baudrate of the serial port

**PORT#n BIT**

Select the number of bits for the serial communication.

**PORT#n PARITY**

Select the type of parity of the serial port (None, Even or Odd)

**PORT#n STOP BITS**

Set the number of stop bits of the port (1 or 2), note that if parity is set, only 1 stop bit can be used.

**PORT#n TIMEOUT [ms]**

Set the waiting time for a response from the Modbus slave serial device, after this time without any response there will be a TIMEOUT.

**PORT#n DELAY (Only for Serial Device Server mode)**

Set the silence time after which the Ethernet packet is sent to the serial. This value must be adjusted according to the specific application.

**PORT#n DELAY BETWEEN POLLS [ms] (Only for Gateway Tags Modbus mode)**

Set the pause between two successive serial Modbus master requests.

**PORT#n WRITING RETRIES (Only for Gateway Tags Modbus mode)**

Set the number of attempts to write to the TAG(s) before setting the FAIL status.

**PORT#n MAX READ NUM (Only for Gateway Tags Modbus mode)**

Set the maximum number of registers that can be read with the multiple reading functions (the gateway will optimize readings with this maximum number of registers). It must be adjusted according to the maximum number of registers that can be read at the same time by the slave device.

**PORT#1 MAX WRITE NUM (Only for Gateway Tags Modbus mode)**

Set the maximum number of registers that can be written with the multiple writing functions (the gateway will optimize writings with this maximum number of registers).

**WEB SERVER PORT**

Set the TCP-IP port for the Webserver.

**WEB SERVER AUTHENTICATION USERNAME**

Set the username for accessing the Webserver (if the user name and password are left blank, no authentication is required to access the Webserver)

**WEB SERVER AUTHENTICATION PASSWORD**

Set the password for accessing the Webserver (if the username and password are left blank, no authentication is required to access the Webserver)

 **ATTENTION!**

**CHANGE THE DEFAULT USERNAME AND PASSWORD IN THE WEBSERVER TO RESTRICT ACCESS.**

 **ATTENTION!**

**IF THE TWO PARAMETER TEXT BOXES ARE LEFT EMPTY, THE AUTHENTICATION FOR ACCESS IS REMOVED.**

**WEBSERVER HTTPS**

It forces the webserver to use the https secure protocol instead of http one

**ETHERNET IP CHANGE FROM DISCOVERY**

Set whether a user is authorized to change the IP configuration from the "Seneca Discovery Device" software.

**DIAGNOSTIC REGISTERS MAPPING (Only for Gateway Tags Modbus mode)**

Set the type of register that will contain simplified and advanced diagnostics. It is possible to select between holding registers or input registers.

**DIAGNOSTIC REGISTER START ADDRESS (Only for Gateway Tags Modbus mode)** Set the starting address for the diagnostic registers (default offset 9000 -> 49001 in case of holding registers or 39001 in case of input registers)

**PORT #n TAGS QUARANTINE [s] PORT (Only for Gateway Tags Modbus mode)**

When a TAG is in FAIL it is placed in quarantine and is no longer interrogated for the set time.

**MODBUS TCP-IP CLIENT (Only for Gateway Tags Modbus mode)**

Enable or not the Modbus TCP-IP clients, the gateway can connect to a maximum of 10 Modbus TCP-IP servers.

**TCP-IP PORT SERVER #n (Only if Modbus TCP-IP client or Gateway from Serial to Ethernet are active)**

Used to set the TCP-IP server port #n

**TCP-IP ADDRESS SERVER #n** (Only if Modbus TCP-IP client or Gateway from Serial to Ethernet are active)

Used to set the IP address of the #n server

**MODBUS TCP-IP CLIENT TIMEOUT [ms]** (Only if Modbus TCP-IP client or Gateway from Serial to Ethernet are active)

Used to set the connection time out for Modbus TCP-IP clients.

**MODBUS TCP-IP CLIENT DELAY BETWEEN POLLS [ms]** (Only if Modbus TCP-IP client is active)

Set the pause between two successive Modbus TCP-IP client requests.

**MODBUS TCP-IP CLIENT WRITING RETRIES** (Only if Modbus TCP-IP client is active)

Set the number of attempts to write to the TAG(s) before setting the FAIL status.

**MODBUS TCP-IP CLIENT MAX READ NUM** (Only if Modbus TCP-IP client is active)

Set the maximum number of registers that can be read with the multiple reading functions (the gateway will optimize readings with this maximum number of registers).

**MODBUS TCP-IP CLIENT MAX WRITE NUM** (Only if Modbus TCP-IP client is active)

Set the maximum number of registers that can be written with the multiple writing functions (the gateway will optimize writings with this maximum number of registers).

**SERVER#n START/LAST SLAVE ADDRESS** (Only if the Gateway from Serial to Ethernet mode is active)

Used to connect more than one Modbus TCP-IP server to the Modbus serial Master, if the request is in range (server start address/last slave address), the packet is sent to the appropriate server:

For example:

In this configuration:

server#1 has a slave field start = 1 and last = 10

server#2 has a slave field start = 11 and last = 20

if the serial master requests the slave address from 1 to 10 then the packet is sent to server#1

if the serial master requires the slave address from 11 to 20 then the packet is sent to server#2

**WATCHDOG ENABLE**

Enable or disable the time restart of gateway.

**WATCHDOG TIMEOUT [hours]**

Sets the time in hours after which the gateway will reboot (only if the WATCHDOG ENABLE parameter is enabled).

### 13.2. VIRTUAL ADDRESSES SETUP PAGE

Allows you to set the conversion table for virtual addresses (only if the Modbus Gateway Serial to Ethernet Virtual ID mode is selected).

VIRTUAL MODBUS ADDRESS	MODBUS TCP/IP SERVER	MODBUS ADDRESS
0	DISABLED ▾	0
1	DISABLED ▾	0
2	DISABLED ▾	0
3	DISABLED ▾	0
4	DISABLED ▾	0
5	DISABLED ▾	0
6	DISABLED ▾	0
7	DISABLED ▾	0
8	DISABLED ▾	0
9	DISABLED ▾	0
10	DISABLED ▾	0
11	DISABLED ▾	0
12	DISABLED ▾	0
13	DISABLED ▾	0
14	DISABLED ▾	0
15	DISABLED ▾	0
16	DISABLED ▾	0
17	DISABLED ▾	0

The first Column “Virtual Modbus Address” contains the virtual station address of master request. In the second Column “Modbus TCP/IP Server” the Modbus TCP-IP server to which the request should be sent is selectable. The third column “Modbus Address” shows the station address to which that Modbus TCP-IP server responds (usually 1).

### 13.3. SETUP TAG PAGE (MODBUS TAGS GATEWAY MODE ONLY)

In Modbus Tags Gateway mode it is necessary to define the Modbus tags (i.e. variables), to do this it is possible to use:

- *The webserver*
- *An excel template*

In the case of complex configurations it is easier to use the last two.

In this chapter we will explain the configuration of the tag from the webserver.

To edit the TAGs via webserver, access the "Setup tag" section of the navigation menu:

	CURRENT	UPDATED	
<b>GATEWAY TAG NAME</b>	TAG	<input type="text" value="TEST1"/>	
<b>GATEWAY MODBUS START REGISTER ADDRESS</b>	1	<input type="text" value="27"/>	Equivalent to the address in the Seneca documentation : 40027
<b>TARGET MODBUS DEVICE</b>	CUSTOM	<input type="text" value="Z-4-AI-1"/>	
<b>TARGET RESOURCE</b>		<input type="text" value="IN1"/>	
<b>TARGET CONNECTED TO</b>	PORT#1	<input type="text" value="PORT#1"/>	
<b>TARGET MODBUS STATION ADDRESS</b>	1	<input type="text" value="1"/>	
<b>TARGET MODBUS START REGISTER ADDRESS</b>	1	<input type="text" value="17"/>	Equivalent to the address in the Seneca documentation : 40017
<b>TARGET MODBUS REQUEST TYPE</b>	HOLDING REGISTER	<input type="text" value="HOLDING REGISTER"/>	
<b>TARGET REGISTER DATA TYPE</b>	32BIT SIGNED MSW	<input type="text" value="16BIT UNSIGNED"/>	
<input type="button" value="APPLY"/>			

#### **GATEWAY TAG NAME**

Set the mnemonic name of the tag (it will be displayed in the live view)

#### **GATEWAY MODBUS START REGISTER ADDRESS**

Set the address of the Gateway memory location where the TAG is saved, these registers are accessible both from Modbus serial and Modbus TCP-IP.

#### **TARGET MODBUS DEVICE**

Select the Modbus RTU slave model from the Seneca device database or select "custom" if you are not using a Seneca Modbus RTU slave.

#### **TARGET RESOURCE**

If you are using a Seneca Modbus RTU Slave select the resource name from the Seneca database.

#### **TARGET CONNECTED TO PORT#**

Select which serial port of the gateway the Modbus RTU slave device is connected to. (in the case of R-KEY-LT only the COM 1 port is available).

#### **TARGET MODBUS STATION ADDRESS**

Defines the Modbus Station Address (also called the Modbus node address) of the slave device.

#### **TARGET MODBUS START REGISTER ADDRESS**

Defines the starting register of the TAG to be acquired by the Modbus RTU slave.

#### **TARGET MODBUS REQUEST TYPE**

Select the type of Modbus register:

*Coil*

*Discrete Input*

*Holding Register*

*Input Register*

#### **TARGET REGISTER DATA**

Select the type of TAG variable:

16 BIT UNSIGNED: 1 Modbus register, from 0 to 65535

16 BIT SIGNED: 1 Modbus register, from -32768 to +32767

32 BIT UNSIGNED MSW: 2 Modbus registers, whose Modbus register with the lower address contains the most significant word, can assume values from 0 to 4294967295

32 BIT UNSIGNED LSW: 2 Modbus registers, whose Modbus register with the lower address contains the least significant word, can assume values from 0 to 4294967295

32 BIT SIGNED MSW: 2 Modbus registers, whose Modbus register with the lower address contains the most significant word, can assume values from -2147483648 to +2147483647

32 BIT SIGNED LSW: 2 Modbus registers whose Modbus, register with the lower address contains the least significant word, can assume values from -2147483648 to +2147483647

FLOAT MSW: 2 Modbus registers, whose Modbus register with the lower address contains the most significant word, single precision floating point value (IEEE 758-2008)

FLOAT LSW: 2 Modbus registers, whose Modbus register with the lower address contains the least significant word, single precision floating point value (IEEE 758-2008)

BIT: 1 Boolean Coil or Discrete Input, value true or false.

*N.B. This field is automatically filled in if a Seneca slave device has been selected in the "TARGET MODBUS DEVICE" field.*

### **ATTENTION!**

***All 32-bit values are stored in 2 consecutive registers, for example:***

***The 32-bit unsigned MSW TAG 1 Totalizer is stored in the addresses 40016 and 40017:***

***The most significant word is 40016, the least significant is 40017.***

***So the 32bit value is obtained from the following relationship:***

$$1 = (40017) + ((40016) \times 65536)$$

Tag setup can be imported/exported from/to a ".cgi" file:

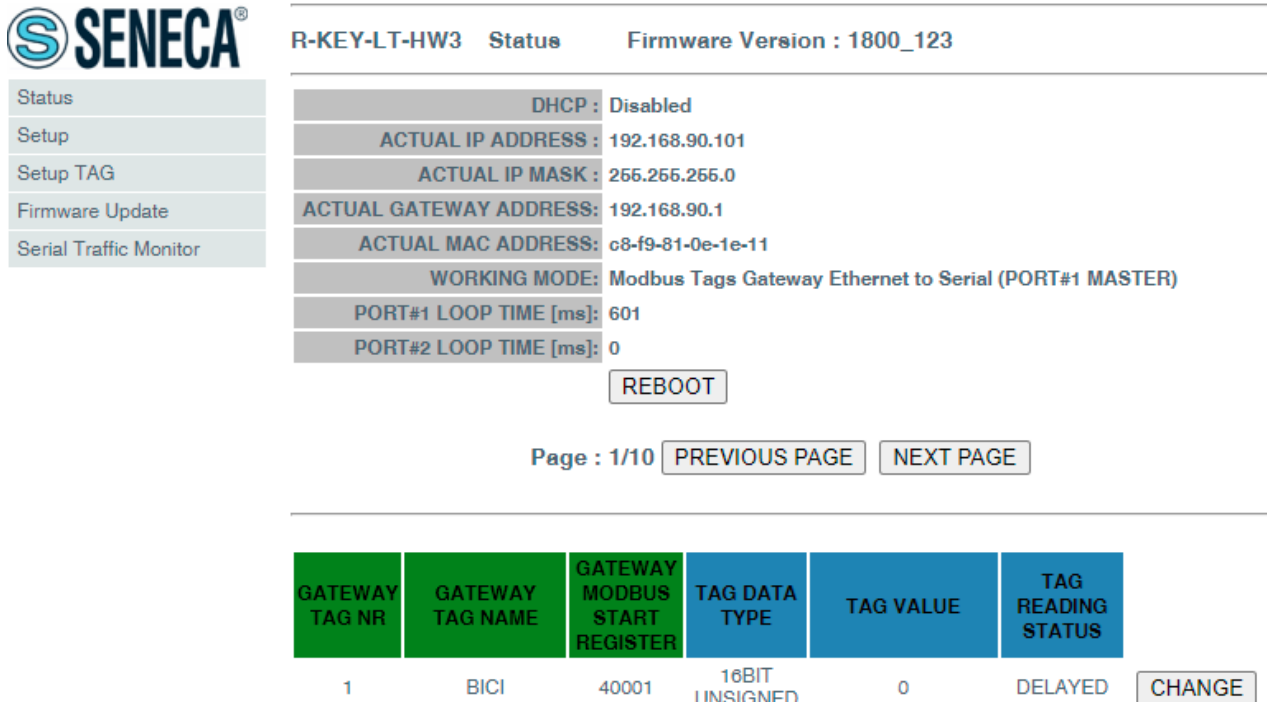
Note that a .cgi file can also be imported/exported from/to the Excel template.

It is also possible to add, modify, delete or move a tag.

### 13.3.1.REAL-TIME VIEW OF THE MODBUS GATEWAY

Once the TAGs are configured, it is possible to view the status of the Modbus communication in real time, from the Status section of the navigation menu.

The live view will show the current network configuration, operation mode and TAG information.



The screenshot shows the SENECA interface for the R-KEY-LT-HW3 device. It includes a navigation menu on the left with options like Status, Setup, Setup TAG, Firmware Update, and Serial Traffic Monitor. The main content area displays the device's status, including network settings (DHCP: Disabled, ACTUAL IP ADDRESS: 192.168.90.101, ACTUAL IP MASK: 255.255.255.0, ACTUAL GATEWAY ADDRESS: 192.168.90.1, ACTUAL MAC ADDRESS: c8-f9-81-0e-1e-11), working mode (Modbus Tags Gateway Ethernet to Serial (PORT#1 MASTER)), and loop times (PORT#1 LOOP TIME [ms]: 601, PORT#2 LOOP TIME [ms]: 0). There is a REBOOT button and navigation controls (Page: 1/10, PREVIOUS PAGE, NEXT PAGE).

GATEWAY TAG NR	GATEWAY TAG NAME	GATEWAY MODBUS START REGISTER	TAG DATA TYPE	TAG VALUE	TAG READING STATUS	
1	BICI	40001	16BIT UNSIGNED	0	DELAYED	CHANGE

Tag information includes: The name of the TAG, the Modbus address of the TAG Gateway, the value of the Tag and the status of the TAG:

OK = TAG free of errors

FAIL\_TO = TAG reading time out

DELAYED = Once the set retry number has been reached, the polling of the tag is delayed (the tag will be interrogated again after the configured quarantine time)

EXC = Modbus protocol exception response



## **14. RESETTING THE DEVICE TO ITS FACTORY CONFIGURATION**

The factory configuration resets all parameters to default.

To reset the device to the factory configuration it is necessary to follow the procedure below:

Z-KEY-0 / Z-KEY-2ETH-0:

- 1) Remove power from the device
- 2) Turn dip switches 1 and 2 to ON
- 3) Power up the device and wait at least 10 seconds
- 4) Remove power from the device
- 5) Turn dip switches 1 and 2 to OFF
- 6) At the next restart the device will have loaded the factory configuration

R-KEY-LT-0:

- 1) Remove power from the device
- 2) Set dip switches 1 and 2 of SW2 to ON
- 3) Power up the device and wait at least 10 seconds
- 4) Remove power from the device
- 5) Turn 2 SW2 dip switches to OFF.
- 6) At the next restart the device will have loaded the factory configuration

## 15. TEMPLATE EXCEL

The preparation of the Tag configuration can be a frustrating operation if done with the webserver, so a software and a Microsoft Excel™ Template are available to create a .bin file to import into the gateway or vice versa. The model can be freely downloaded from the Seneca website.

MODBUS TCP/IP			SERIAL MODBUS RTU									
TAG NR	GATEWAY TAG NAME	GATEWAY MODBUS TCP/IP REGISTER ADDRESS	TARGET MODBUS RTU REGISTER TYPE	TARGET MODBUS RTU DATA TYPE	TARGET CONNECTED TO SERIAL PORT NR	TARGET MODBUS RTU START REGISTER	TARGET MODBUS RTU SLAVE ADDRESS					
1	TAG1	1	HOLDING REGISTER	UINT16	#1	3	2					
2	TAG2	2	HOLDING REGISTER	UINT16	#1	4	2					
3	TAG3	3	HOLDING REGISTER	UINT16	#1	5	2					
4	TAG4	5	HOLDING REGISTER	UINT16	#1	6	2					
5	TAG5	7	HOLDING REGISTER	UINT16	#1	7	2					
6	TAG6	8	HOLDING REGISTER	UINT16	#1	8	2					
7	TAG7	9	HOLDING REGISTER	UINT16	#1	9	2					
8	TAG8	10	HOLDING REGISTER	UINT16	#1	10	2					
9	TAG9	1	COIL	BIT	#1	1	3					
10	TAG10	2	COIL	BIT	#1	2	3					
11	TAG11	3	COIL	BIT	#1	3	3					
12	TAG12	4	COIL	BIT	#1	4	3					
13	TAG13	5	COIL	BIT	#1	5	3					
14	TAG14	6	COIL	BIT	#1	6	3					
15	TAG15	7	COIL	BIT	#1	7	3					
16	TAG16	8	COIL	BIT	#1	8	3					
17	TAG17	14	HOLDING REGISTER	INT16	#1	13	4					
18	TAG18	15	HOLDING REGISTER	INT16	#1	14	4					
19	TAG19	16	HOLDING REGISTER	INT16	#1	15	4					
20	TAG20	17	HOLDING REGISTER	INT16	#1	16	4					
21	TAG21	1	DISCRETE INPUT	BIT	#1	1	5					
22	TAG22	2	DISCRETE INPUT	BIT	#1	2	5					
23	TAG23	3	DISCRETE INPUT	BIT	#1	3	5					



SENECA Z-KEY TAGS TEMPLATE FOR GATEWAY MODE. E

## 16. SERIAL TRAFFIC MONITOR

The Serial Traffic Monitor page of the webserver shows the serial packets that the gateway is receiving and transmitting for line debugging:

START/STOP TRAFFIC MONITOR ENABLED

116	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
14	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
114	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
16	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
112	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
18	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
109	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
11	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
117	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
13	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
115	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
15	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
113	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
17	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
110	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
20	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
108	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
12	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
116	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
14	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
114	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
16	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
111	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
19	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
109	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a

The first column is the delay in milliseconds from the last packet, the second column is the direction of the packet (received from or transmitted to), the last column is the contents of the packet in hexadecimal format. Only the serial ModBUS stream is displayed.

The Traffic Monitor shows all packets received from the serial line, for example if it is a serial slave with an incorrect Modbus response:

3870	SEND	01 03 00 00 00 0a c5 cd
130	RECEIVE	fe fe ff df bc cf bc 9e cf f0 3e 7c bc bc ce 3e cf ce 3c df 8e 8f cf ee ce ce bc ce c7 c7 87 be 9e bc bc 9f 3e 3c bc bc 3e bc 8e c7 3c cf 9f be ef bc 01 03 14 42 00 08 7c 00 0b 00 01 00 01 00 00 04 00 c3 48 00 00 44 22 b8 5d
...	...	...

The Traffic Monitor will also display defective packets in yellow (for example a serial master with wrong baud rate):

16	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
988	RECEIVE	01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0a
12	SEND	01 03 02 12 34 b5 33
20990	INVALID RECEIVE	20 e0 20 e0 20 e0 20 e0
14994	INVALID RECEIVE	20 e0 20 e0 20 e0 20 e0
14100	INVALID RECEIVE	20 e0 20 e0 20 e0 20 e0
14897	INVALID RECEIVE	20 e0 20 e0 20 e0 20 e0

## 17. INSTALLING MULTIPLE DEVICES IN A NETWORK USING THE "DHCP FAIL ADDRESS".

When the Gateway is configured with DHCP enabled but does not receive the DHCP server configuration within 2 minutes then it assumes a fail address.

This fail address is 169.254.x.y where x.y are the last two values from the MAC address.

In this way, if you force all devices to DHCP, you can install on the network even if there is no active DHCP server.

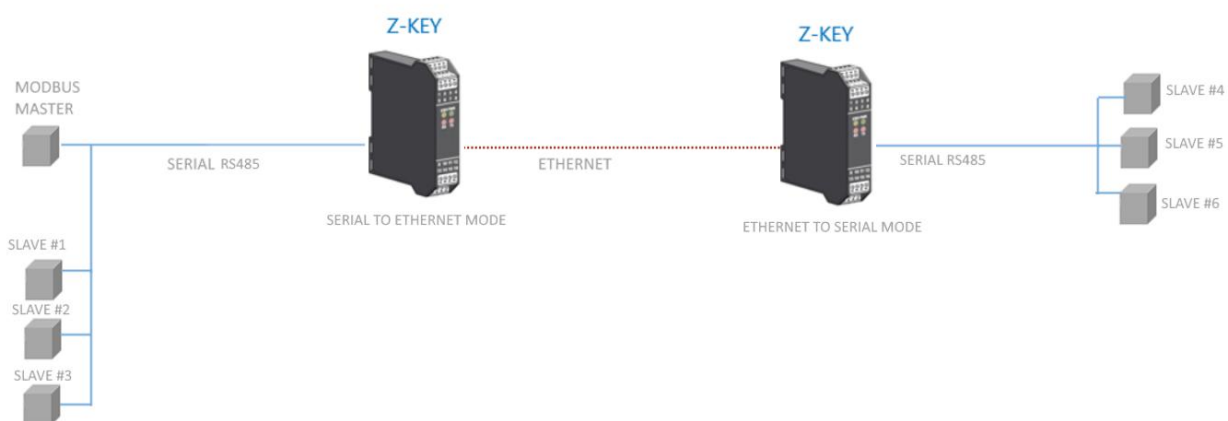
When the fail address has been activated (the relative LED stops flashing), you can launch the "Seneca Discovery Device" software and force the preferred IP address to all devices.

## 18. THE DB9 RS232 CABLE

The DB9 CABLE RS232 CABLE can be obtained from Seneca (it can also be purchased from the e-commerce website [www.seneca.it](http://www.seneca.it)) for connection with a DB9 RS232 device.

## 19. EXTEND THE RS485 BUS ON ETHERNET: SERIAL MODBUS ON ETHERNET AND THEN ETHERNET ON SERIAL

It is possible to extend the RS485 bus using the Ethernet or Wi-Fi infrastructure, to obtain this feature at least two gateway devices are required: one configured in Gateway from Serial to Ethernet mode and the other configured in Gateway from Ethernet to Serial mode



## 20. SUPPORTED MODBUS COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

The Modbus communication protocols supported are:

- Modbus RTU/ASCII master/slave (from #1 and #2 serial ports)
- Modbus TCP-IP Client (from the Ethernet port), up to 10 remote TCP-IP Modbus Servers

For more information on these protocols, see the website:

<http://www.modbus.org/specs.php>.

### 20.1. SUPPORTED MODBUS FUNCTION CODES

The following Modbus functions are supported:

- Read Coils (function 1)
- Read Discrete Inputs (function 2)
- Read Holding Registers (function 3)
- Read Input Registers (function 4)
- Write Single Coil (function 5)
- Write Single Register (function 6)
- Write multiple Coils (function 15)
- Write Multiple Registers (function 16)

 **ATTENTION!**

**All 32-bit variables are contained in 2 consecutive Modbus registers**

**All 64-bit variables are contained in 4 consecutive Modbus registers**

## 21. INFORMATION ABOUT MODBUS REGISTERS


The following abbreviations are used in the following chapter:

MS	Most Significant
LS	Least Significant
MSBIT	Most Significant Bit
LSBIT	Least Significant Bit
MMSW	“Most” Most Significant Word (16bit)
MSW	Most Significant Word (16bit)
LSW	Least Significant Word (16bit)
LLSW	“Least” Least Significant Word (16bit)
RO	Read Only
RW*	Read-Write: REGISTERS CONTAINED IN FLASH MEMORY: WRITABLE ABOUT 10,000 TIMES MAXIMUM
RW**	Read-Write: REGISTERS THAT CAN BE WRITTEN ONLY AFTER WRITING THE COMMAND "ENABLE WRITE CUSTOM ENERGIES = 49616"
UNSIGNED 16 BIT	Unsigned integer register that can assume values from 0 to 65535
SIGNED 16 BIT	Signed integer register that can take values from -32768 to +32767
UNSIGNED 32 BIT	Unsigned integer register that can assume values from 0 to 4294967296
SIGNED 32 BIT	Signed integer register that can take values from -2147483648 to 2147483647
UNSIGNED 64 BIT	Unsigned integer register that can assume values from 0 to 18446744073709551615
SIGNED 64 BIT	Signed integer register that can assume values from $-2^{63}$ to $2^{63}-1$
FLOAT 32 BIT	32-bit, single-precision floating-point register (IEEE 754) <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IEEE_754">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IEEE_754</a>
BIT	Boolean register, which can take the values 0 (false) or 1 (true)

21.1. *NUMBERING OF "0-BASED" OR "1-BASED" MODBUS ADDRESSES*

According to the Modbus standard the Holding Registers are addressable from 0 to 65535, there are 2 different conventions for numbering the addresses: "0-BASED" and "1-BASED".

For greater clarity, Seneca shows its register tables in both conventions.



## ATTENTION!

**CAREFULLY READ THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE MODBUS MASTER DEVICE IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND WHICH OF THE TWO CONVENTIONS THE MANUFACTURER HAS DECIDED TO USE**

**SENECA USES THE "1 BASED" CONVENTION FOR ITS PRODUCTS**

21.2. *NUMBERING OF MODBUS ADDRESSES WITH "0-BASED" CONVENTION*

The numbering is:

<b>HOLDING REGISTER MODBUS ADDRESS (OFFSET)</b>	<b>MEANING</b>
0	FIRST REGISTER
1	SECOND REGISTER
2	THIRD REGISTER
3	FOURTH REGISTER
4	FIFTH REGISTER

Therefore, the first register is at address 0.

In the following tables, this convention is indicated with **"ADDRESS OFFSET"**.

### 21.3. NUMBERING OF MODBUS ADDRESSES WITH "1 BASED" CONVENTION (STANDARD)

The numbering is that established by the Modbus consortium and is of the type:

<b>HOLDING REGISTER MODBUS ADDRESS 4x</b>	<b>MEANING</b>
40001	FIRST REGISTER
40002	SECOND REGISTER
40003	THIRD REGISTER
40004	FOURTH REGISTER
40005	FIFTH REGISTER

This convention is indicated with "**ADDRESS 4x**" since a 40000 is added to the address so that the first Modbus register is 40001.

A further convention is also possible where the number 4 is omitted in front of the register address:

<b>HOLDING MODBUS ADDRESS WITHOUT 4x</b>	<b>MEANING</b>
1	FIRST REGISTER
2	SECOND REGISTER
3	THIRD REGISTER
4	FOURTH REGISTER
5	FIFTH REGISTER

### 21.4. BIT CONVENTION WITHIN A MODBUS HOLDING REGISTER

A Modbus Holding Register consists of 16 bits with the following convention:

BIT 15	BIT 14	BIT 13	BIT 12	BIT 11	BIT 10	BIT 9	BIT 8	BIT 7	BIT 6	BIT 5	BIT 4	BIT 3	BIT 2	BIT 1	BIT 0
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For instance, if the value of the register in decimal is  
12300

the value 12300 in hexadecimal is:  
0x300C

the hexadecimal 0x300C in binary value is:  
11 0000 0000 1100



So, using the above convention, we get:

BIT 15	BIT 14	BIT 13	BIT 12	BIT 11	BIT 10	BIT 9	BIT 8	BIT 7	BIT 6	BIT 5	BIT 4	BIT 3	BIT 2	BIT 1	BIT 0
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0

### 21.5. MSB AND LSB BYTE CONVENTION WITHIN A MODBUS HOLDING REGISTER

A Modbus Holding Register consists of 16 bits with the following convention:

BIT 15	BIT 14	BIT 13	BIT 12	BIT 11	BIT 10	BIT 9	BIT 8	BIT 7	BIT 6	BIT 5	BIT 4	BIT 3	BIT 2	BIT 1	BIT 0
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LSB Byte (Least Significant Byte) defines the 8 bits ranging from Bit 0 to Bit 7 included, we define MSB Byte (Most Significant Byte) the 8 bits ranging from Bit 8 to Bit 15 inclusive:

BIT 15	BIT 14	BIT 13	BIT 12	BIT 11	BIT 10	BIT 9	BIT 8	BIT 7	BIT 6	BIT 5	BIT 4	BIT 3	BIT 2	BIT 1	BIT 0
BYTE MSB								BYTE LSB							

### 21.6. REPRESENTATION OF A 32-BIT VALUE IN TWO CONSECUTIVE MODBUS HOLDING REGISTERS

The representation of a 32-bit value in the Modbus Holding Registers is made using 2 consecutive Holding Registers (a Holding Register is a 16-bit register). To obtain the 32-bit value it is therefore necessary to read two consecutive registers:

For example, if register 40064 contains the 16 most significant bits (MSW) while register 40065 contains the least significant 16 bits (LSW), the 32-bit value is obtained by composing the 2 registers:

BIT 15	BIT 14	BIT 13	BIT 12	BIT 11	BIT 10	BIT 9	BIT 8	BIT 7	BIT 6	BIT 5	BIT 4	BIT 3	BIT 2	BIT 1	BIT 0
40064 MOST SIGNIFICANT WORD															

BIT 15	BIT 14	BIT 13	BIT 12	BIT 11	BIT 10	BIT 9	BIT 8	BIT 7	BIT 6	BIT 5	BIT 4	BIT 3	BIT 2	BIT 1	BIT 0
40065 LEAST SIGNIFICANT WORD															

$$Value_{32bit} = Register_{LSW} + (Register_{MSW} * 65536)$$

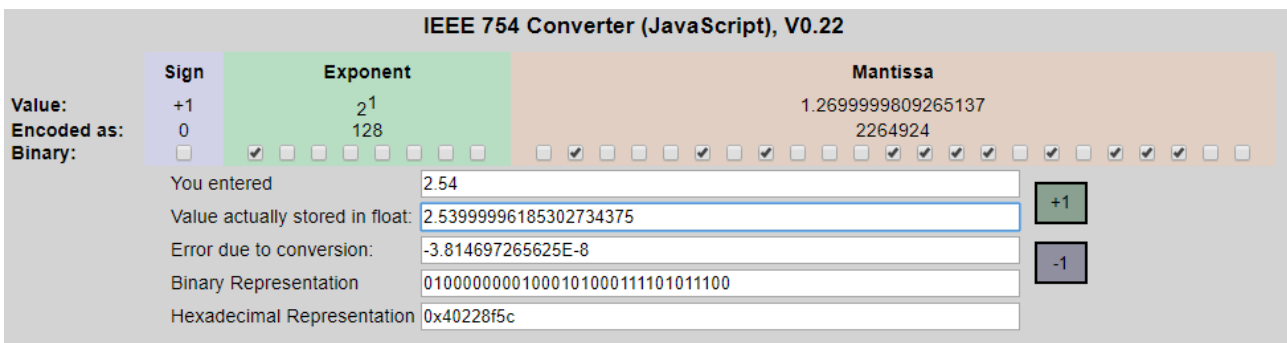
In the reading registers it is possible to swap the most significant word with the least significant word, therefore it is possible to obtain 40064 as LSW and 40065 as MSW.

### 21.7. TYPE OF 32-BIT FLOATING POINT DATA (IEEE 754)

The IEEE 754 standard ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IEEE\\_754](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IEEE_754)) defines the format for representing floating point numbers.

As already mentioned, since it is a 32-bit data type, its representation occupies two 16-bit holding registers. To obtain a binary/hexadecimal conversion of a floating point value it is possible to refer to an online converter at this address:

<http://www.h-schmidt.net/FloatConverter/IEEE754.html>



The screenshot shows the IEEE 754 Converter interface. The input value is 2.54. The interface displays the IEEE 754 representation with the following fields:

Field	Value
Value:	+1
Encoded as:	0
Binary:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sign	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exponent	2 <sup>1</sup> 128
Mantissa	1.2699999809265137 2264924
You entered	2.54
Value actually stored in float:	2.53999996185302734375
Error due to conversion:	-3.814697265625E-8
Binary Representation	01000000001000101000111101011100
Hexadecimal Representation	0x40228f5c

Using the last representation the value 2.54 is represented at 32 bits as:

0x4022 8F5C

Since we have 16-bit registers available, the value must be divided into MSW and LSW:

0x4022 (16418 decimal) are the 16 most significant bits (MSW) while 0x8F5C (36700 decimal) are the 16 least significant bits (LSW).