MDC-211-WF

User Manual

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1. Introduction

This section describes the functions, features, software, and hardware specifications of the MDC-211-WF Modbus data concentrator.

1.1. Introduction to MDC-211-WF

◆ Functions

MDC-211-WF Modbus data concentrator developed by ICP DAS, with Ethernet, Wi-Fi Wireless, RS-232 and RS-485 communication interfaces, can link the Modbus RTU devices to the Ethernet network. MDC-211-WF can read the data of Modbus RTU device according to the user-defined command table, and integrate the data of different Modbus RTU devices into the format of the continuous address so that the remote monitor host can connect to MDC-211-WF from Ethernet to access the data of multiple Modbus RTU devices at once.

Through MDC-211-WF's Modbus data centralized management function, as well as the Ethernet network convenient link and the communication ability, can quickly establish the stable remote monitoring system, let the user be able to easily simplify the data acquisition difficulty, and reduces the Ethernet network traffic load, enhances the system efficiency.

◆ Advantages

The advantages of MDC-211-WF Modbus data concentrator, not only to help users manage the Modbus RTU devices near the RS-232 and RS-485, even in the distance tough cabling environment, can through the Wi-Fi wireless communication advantages, easy to link the Modbus RTU devices.

In particular, in the widely used Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), with simple settings, MDC-211-WF Modbus data concentrator can link the distributed Modbus RTU devices to the Ethernet network, which is the best solution for the user to establish the remote monitoring control system quickly.

1.2. Product Features

◆ Support Modbus RTU Master

The Wi-Fi, RS-485, or RS-232 on the MDC-211-WF can be set as Modbus Master. MDC-211-WF can read the data of the Modbus RTU device according to the user-defined command table, and integrate the data of different Modbus RTU devices into the format of the continuous address for centralized management.

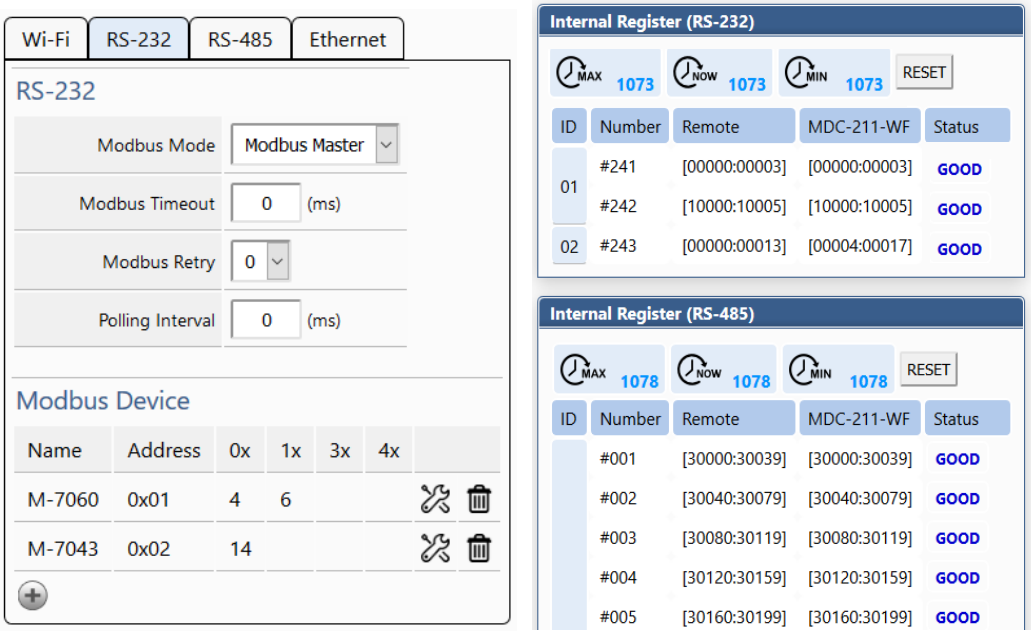
◆ Support Modbus TCP/RTU Slave

The Wi-Fi, RS-485, RS-232 or Ethernet on the MDC-211-WF can be set as Modbus Slave, so the control host can access multiple Modbus RTU devices via MDC-211-WF at once.

By establishing the function of Modbus Master and Modbus Slave, the Modbus data monitoring control system will be more efficient, stable and flexible to meet the diverse application sites.

◆ Support Web-based UI Operations

MDC-211-WF provides a simple, friendly Web interface (UI), users can login the MDC-211-WF Web page via a Web Browser to set up and real-time detect the MDC-211-WF for the communication status and update frequency of each Modbus RTU command.



◆ Support Parameter Setting via CSV File

CSV (Comma-Separated Values) is a text file format that can be edited in spreadsheet software or plain text files and has the advantage of being easy to use, read and maintain. MDC-211-WF parameter setting includes the Modbus TCP communication ID and port number, the Serial port communication parameters and the Modbus RTU commands that settings can also be edited in a *.csv file and import into the MDC-211-WF from the Web UI, and then start to monitor the data of the remote Modbus RTU devices.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	#	Wi-Fi							
2	#	Mode	SSID	Encryption	Password	Band	RFChannel		
3	*	0	MDC-211-	1	1qaz2wsx	5 GHz	48		
4	#								
5	#	Wi-Fi IP							
6	#	DHCP	IP	MASK	Gateway				
7	*	0	192.168.25	255.255.25	192.168.255.254				
8	#								
9	#	Ethernet							
10	#	DHCP	IP	Mask	Gateway				
11	*	0	192.168.25	255.255.25	172.18.0.254				
12	#								
13	#	SerialPort							
14	#	PortName	BaudRate	DataBit	Parity	StopBit	Inter-char		
15	*	RS-232	115200	8	0	1	3.5		
16	*	RS-485	115200	8	0	1	3.5		
17	#								
18	#	Modbus							
19	#	PortName	PortNo.	ModbusMc	ModbusID	Port	Retry	Timeout	Interval
20	*	Wi-Fi	0	2	168	888	3	200	0
21	*	RS-232	1	1	1	N/A	3	200	511
22	*	RS-485	2	1	1	N/A	3	200	300

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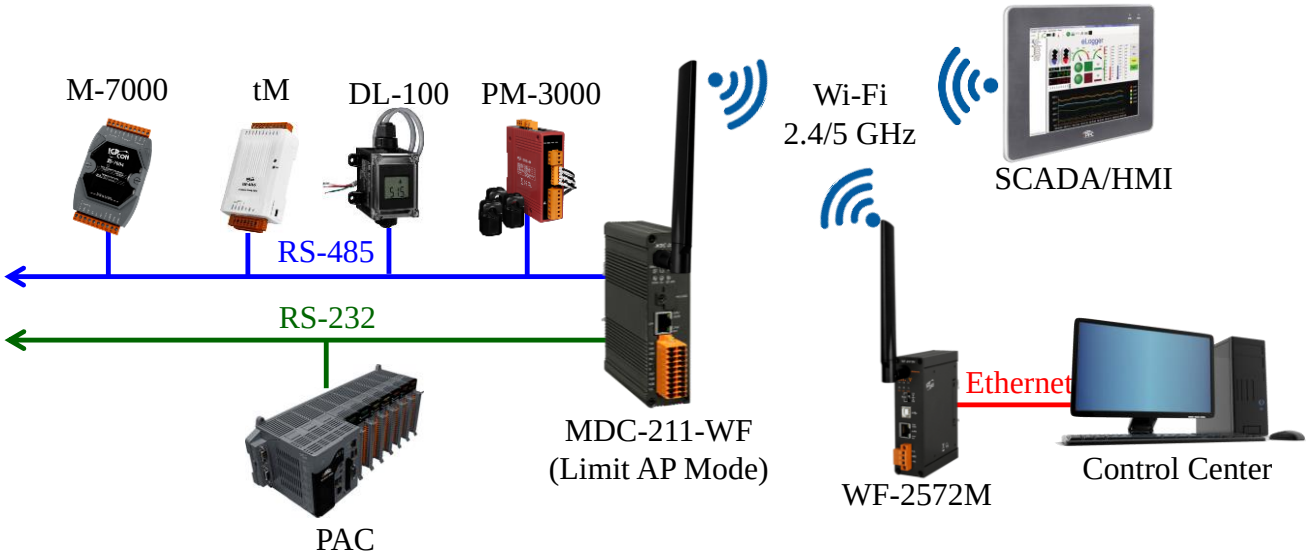
◆ Support Wi-Fi Communication Protocol

The MDC-211-WF support Wi-Fi standard (IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n). User can access the data of Modbus/RTU by Wi-Fi. User can reduce the wire because of wireless communication. Otherwise, the MDC-211-WF also support 5 GHz. The 5 GHz can avoid the other interferences from 2.4 GHz.

MDC-211-WF supports two Wi-Fi modes. One is Wi-Fi AP(Limit-AP). The other is AP Client (Infrastructure) mode. The following figure has shown the application of each mode.

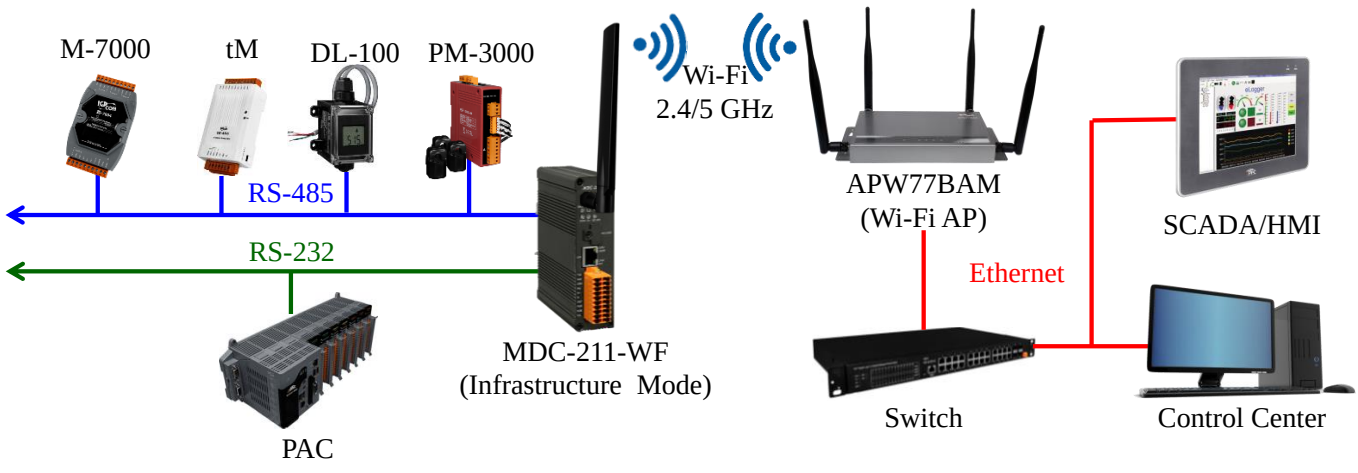
1. Limit-AP Mode

The MDC-211-WF is a Modbus/RTU to Modbus/TCP gateway in Limit-AP mode. The device can connect to MDC-211-WF by Wi-Fi. The device can connect to the WF-2572M when it didn't have Wi-Fi function. The device can send Modbus/TCP command to acquire data from Modbus/RTU device.



2. Infrastructure mode

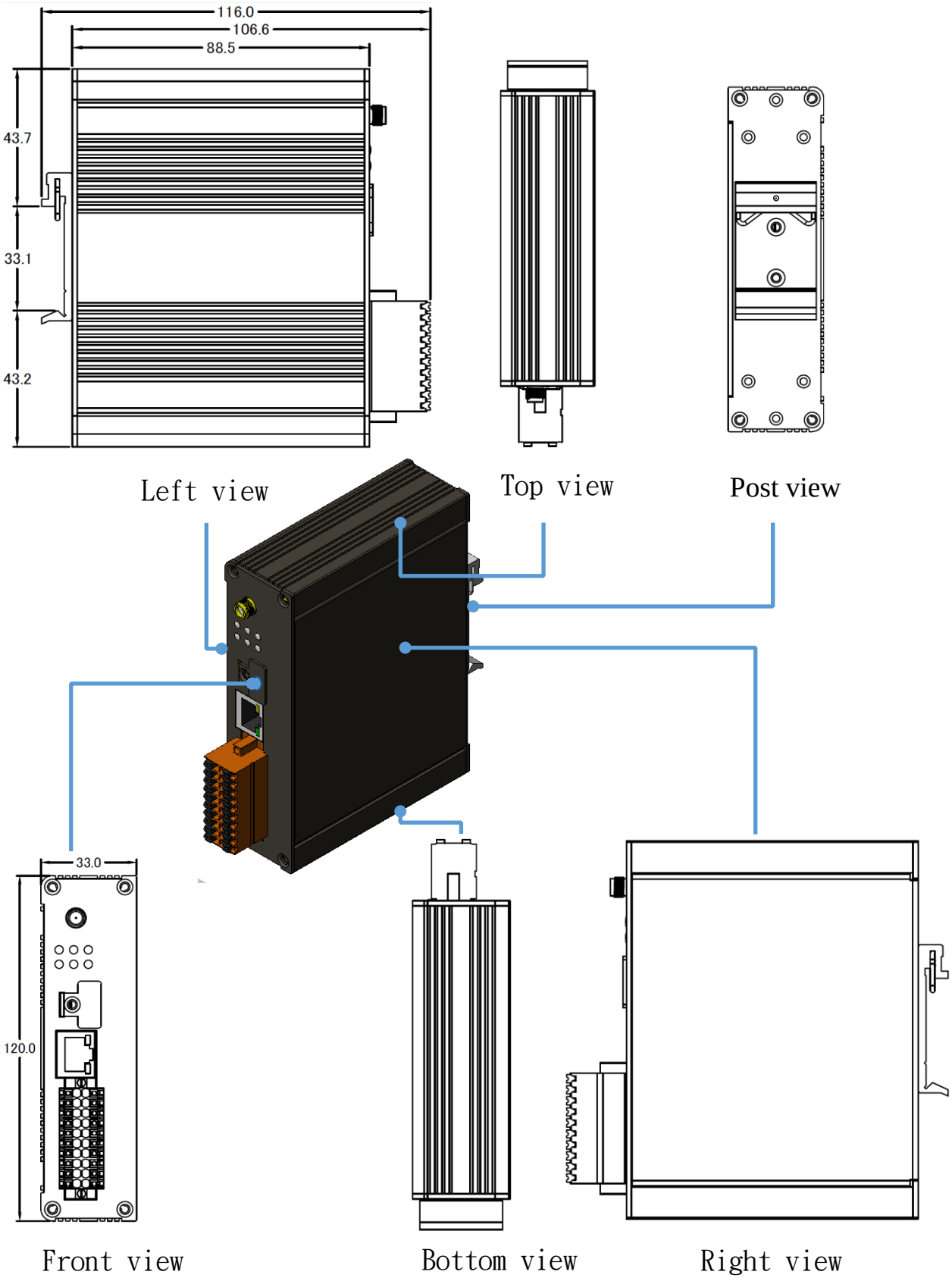
The MDC-211-WF is a Wi-Fi AP client in the Wi-Fi infrastructure mode. The MDC-211-WF can connect to other Wi-Fi AP. The SCADA/HMI and control center can connect together by Ethernet switch. The device can send Modbus/TCP command to acquire data from Modbus/RTU device.



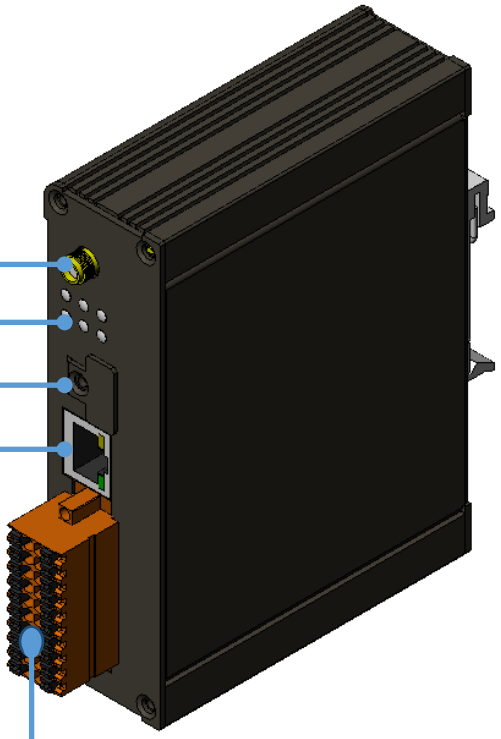
1.3. Specifications

MDC-211-WF	
Radio Standard	
Standard	IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n
Band	2.4 GHz: CH1~11; 5 GHz: CH36、40、44、48
Mode	Limit-AP/Infrasturcture
Encryption	Open/WEP/WPA/WPA2
Antenna	Omni-Directional; 3 dBi @ 2.4 GHz; 5.5 dBi @ 5 GHz
Transmit Range (LOS)	50 m (LOS)
Protocol	Modbus TCP slave
Ethernet Network	
Port	x1, 10/100 Base-TX
Protocol	Modbus TCP Slave
Serial port (COM)	
RS-232	x1, (TxD, RxD and GND)
RS-485	x1, (D+, D-)
Baud Rate	1200 ~ 115200 (bps)
Data Format	N81, N82, O71, O81, E71, E81, S71, S81, M71, M81
Protocol	Modbus RTU Master/Slave
Polling Definition	Up to 240 Modbus command definitions for all Wi-Fi/RS-232/ RS-485 ports
Shared Memory	9600 registers for each of AI, AO, DI and DO data
Institutions	
Casing	Metal
Dimensions (L x W x H)	120 mm x 33 mm x 116 mm
Installation	DIN-Rail
Power	
Required Supply Voltage	+10 V_{DC} ~ +30 V_{DC}
Power Consumption	5 W @ 24 V_{DC}
Environment	
Operating Temperature	-25°C ~ +75°C
Storage Temperature	-30°C ~ +80°C
Humidity	10~90% RH, Non-condensing

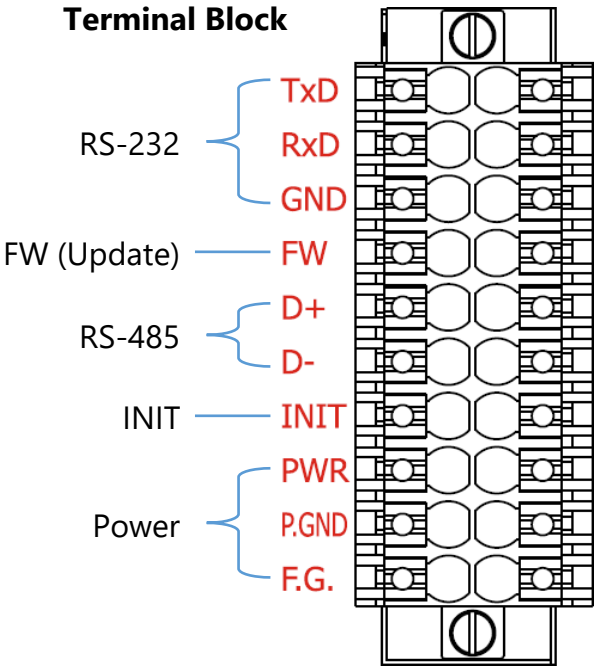
1.4. Size (Unit : mm)



1.5. Configuration Instructions



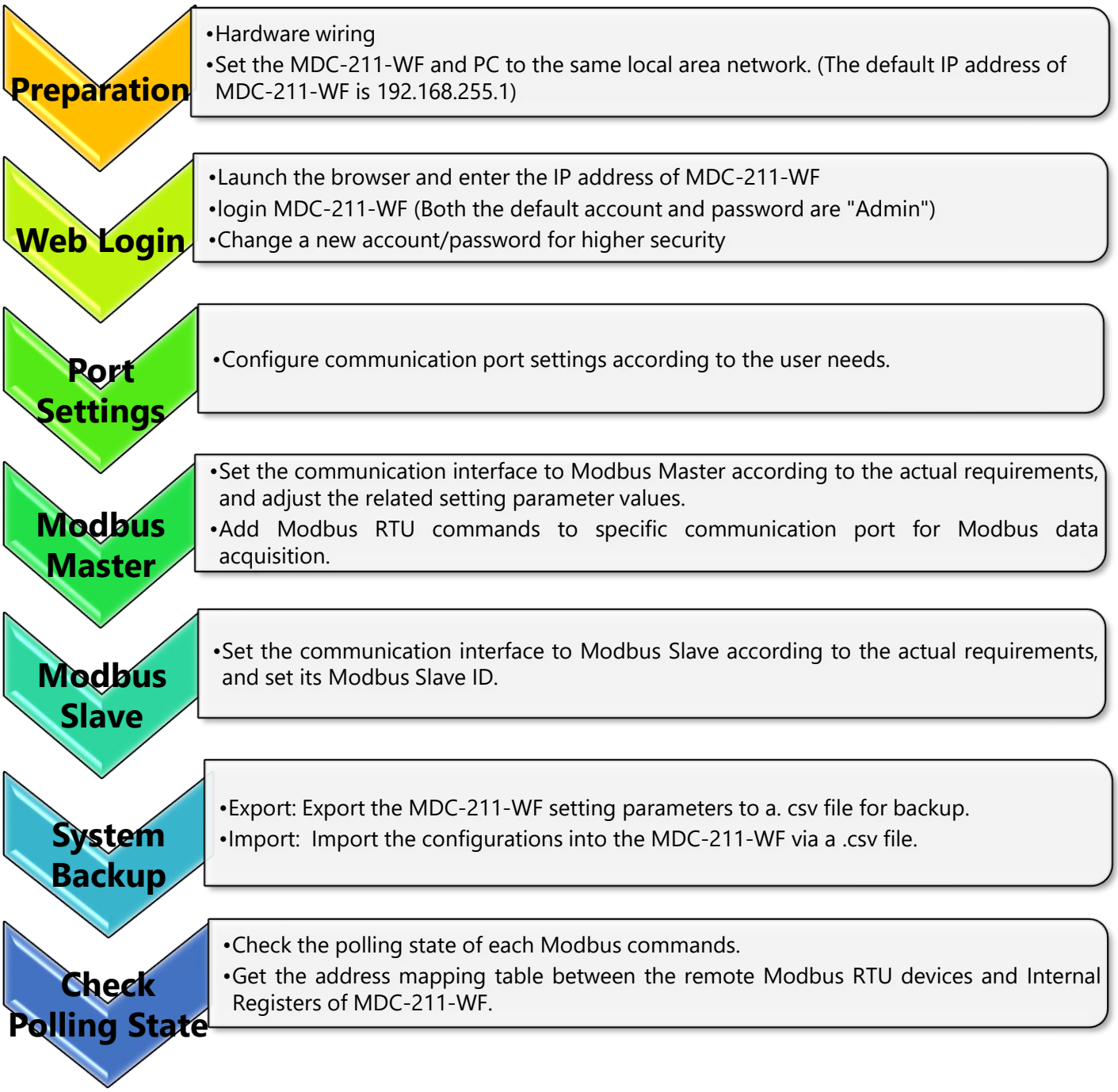
The MDC-211-WF is equipped with a RJ45 port for Ethernet LAN connection. When 100BASE-TX is operating, the 10/100M LED is lit orange. When 10BASE-T is operating or the machine is not connected to the network, it is turned off. When an Ethernet link is detected and an Ethernet packet is received, the Link/Act LED is lit green.



2. Getting Started With MDC-211-WF

This chapter mainly describes the operation process of the MDC-211-WF, such as, how to use the MDC-211-WF Web interface via browser, and set up the Modbus Master and Modbus Slave function for the Modbus data concentrator.

◆ MDC-211-WF Setting Flowchart



2.1. Preparation

Before setting up the MDC-211-WF, please complete the necessary preparation, including hardware wiring, IP address settings, and so on, this section describes each.

◆ Hardware Wiring

Please follow Figure 2.1 wiring diagram, to wire the following items:

1. Power Supply : +10 VDC ~ +30 VDC
2. RS-485：D+ & D-
3. RS-232：TxD / RxD / GND
4. Ethernet：Connect the MDC-211-WF and computer into the same LAN through cable or Ethernet Switch/Hub.

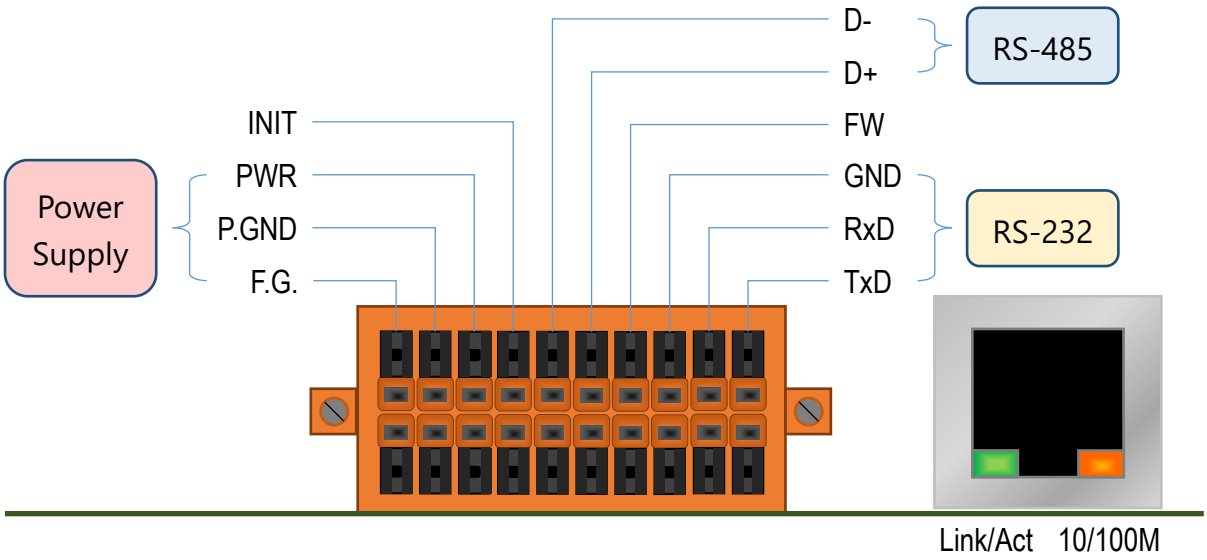


Figure 2.1 MDC-211-WF Wiring Diagram

◆ Modifying IP address

Before connecting the MDC-211-WF, please set the MDC-211-WF to be the same LAN as the PC. Tables 2.1 shows the default network setting of MDC-211-WF. If it is in the different network area, please adjust network settings by the following software.

(1) eSearch Utility

http://ftp.icpdas.com/pub/cd/tinymodules/napdos/software/esearch/windows/

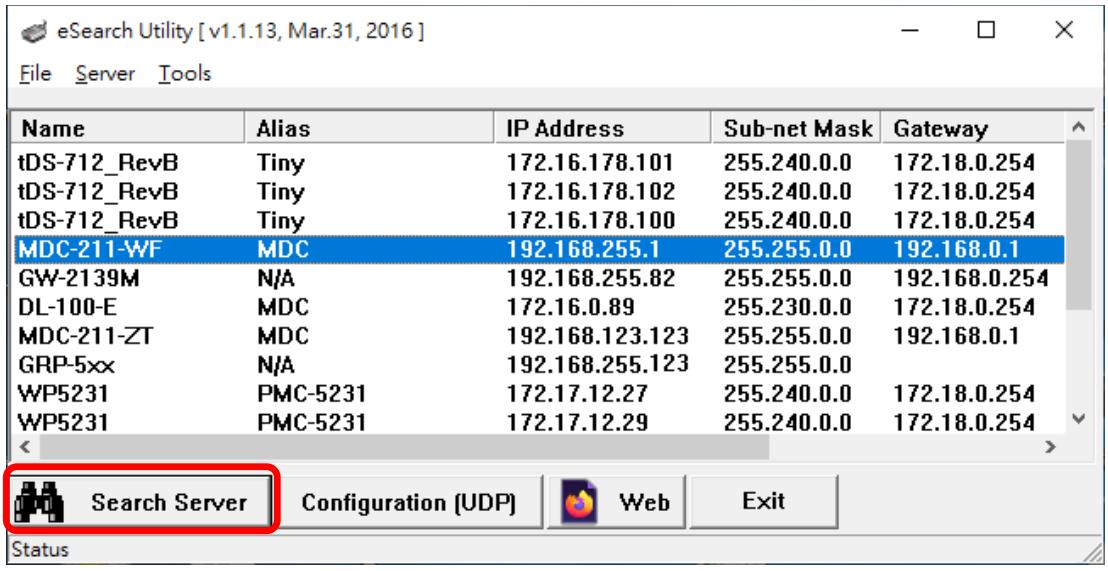
Table 2.1 Factory default network settings of MDC-211-WF

IP	192.168.255.1
Mask	255.255.0.0
Gateway	192.168.0.1

The following steps show how to modify the MDC-211-WF network settings through eSearch Utility:

Steps 1 Click “Search Server” button to search for MDC-211-WF module

Steps 2 Select “MDC-211-WF”, and click “Configuration (UDP)” button, as shown in Figure 2.2



Fiagram 2.2 eSearch Utility operator interfaces

Step 3 Configure the network parameters in the pop-up settings window, and click "OK" button to modify the network settings, as shown in Figure 2.3.

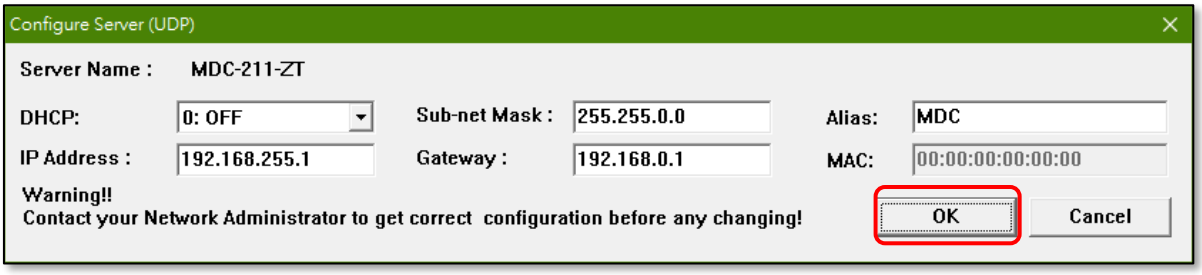


Figure. 2.3 Network parameter setting interface

Step 4 Finally, click "Search Server" button again to find the MDC-211-WF module, to confirm that the network settings has been modified successfully.

2.2. Login MDC-211-WF Web Interface

This section describes how to login the MDC-211-WF Web interface.

Step1 Once the PC and MDC-211-WF are in the same LAN, user can login the MDC-211-WF by entering the IP address on Web browser (IE11/Chrome/Firefox, resolution 800 x 600 or more is recommended), the login screen is shown as Figure 2.4:

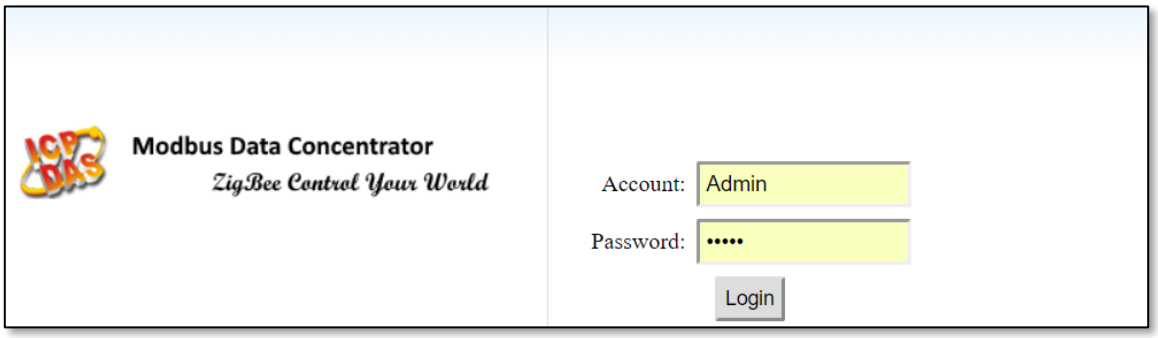


Figure 2.4 Product Login Page

Step2 Enter the account and password for the MDC-211-WF Web page (case-insensitive) and click the "Login" button.

- Default Account : Admin
- Default Password : Admin

Step3 Click "System Information" → "Account Management" to modify account and password for higher security, as shown in Figure 2.5

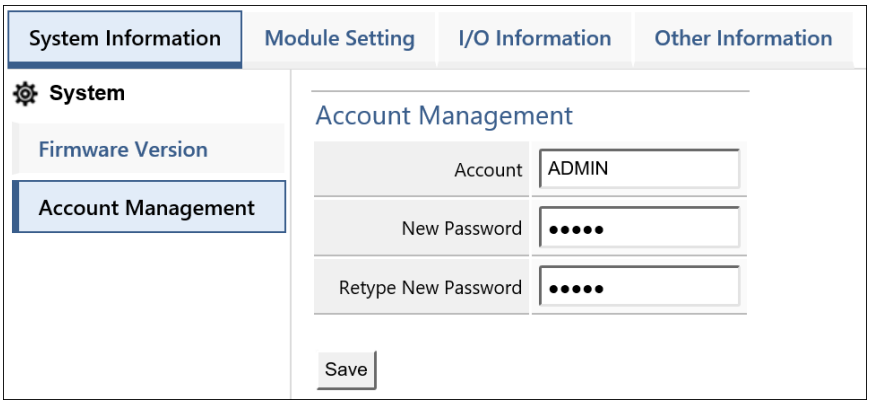


Figure 2.5 Account Management

2.3. Set Port Information

MDC-211-WF provides one port Wi-Fi, one port Ethernet, one port RS-232 and one port RS-485 communication interface, this section introduces the configuration procedure for these communication interface.

◆ Wi-Fi Port Setting

Click "Module Setting" → "Wi-Fi", to read the current Wi-Fi setting parameters, if user want to adjust the Wi-Fi settings, click the "Modify" button to switch to the configuration page, as shown in Figure 2.6.

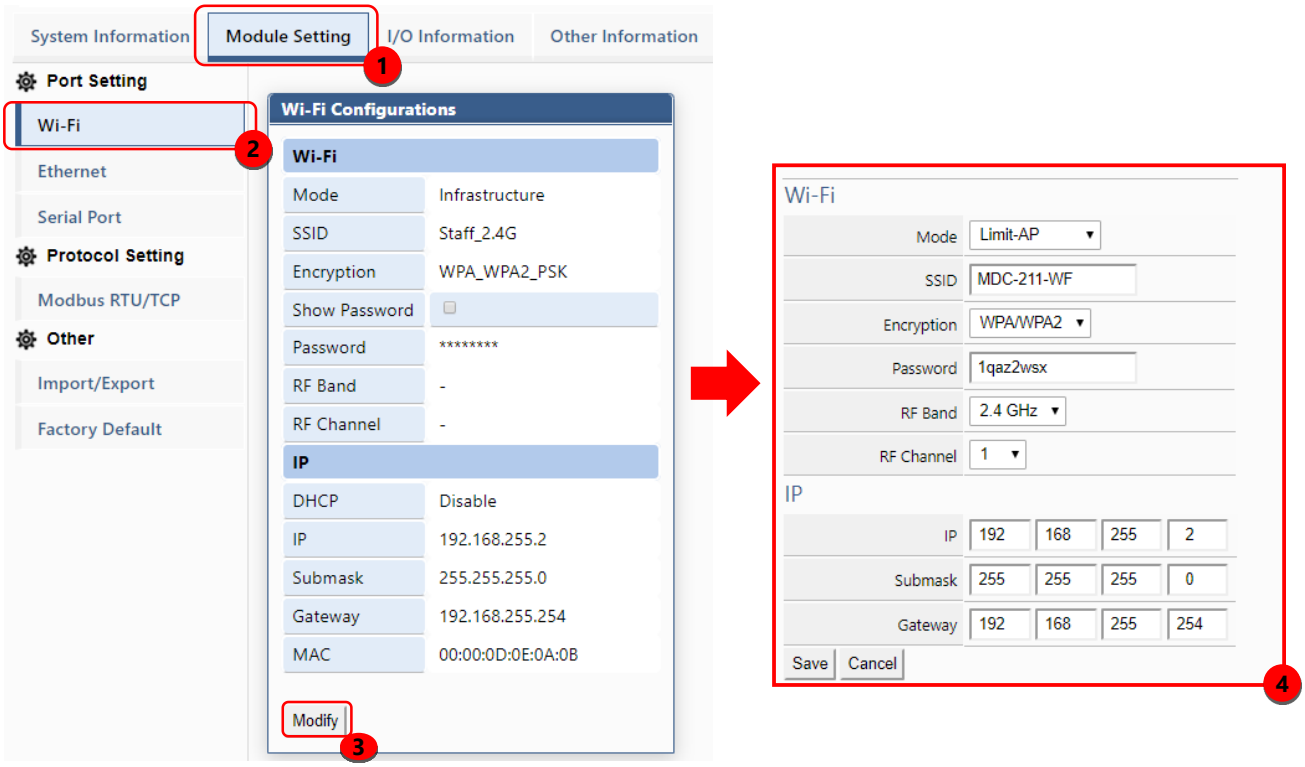


Figure 2.6 Steps to switch to the Wi-Fi configuration page

For the description of the Wi-Fi settings, please refer to section "4.1.1 Wi-Fi Communication Interface". After modifying the setting parameters, please remember to click "Save" button to save the changes, or click the "Cancel" button to discard the configuration and return to the previous page.

NOTE - The new Wi-Fi settings will take effect immediately after configuration without

restarting the power of the MDC-211-WF.

◆ Ethernet Port Setting

Click "Module Setting" → "Ethernet", to read the current Ethernet setting parameters, if user want to adjust the Ethernet settings, click the "Modify" button to switch to the configuration page, as shown in Figure 2.7.

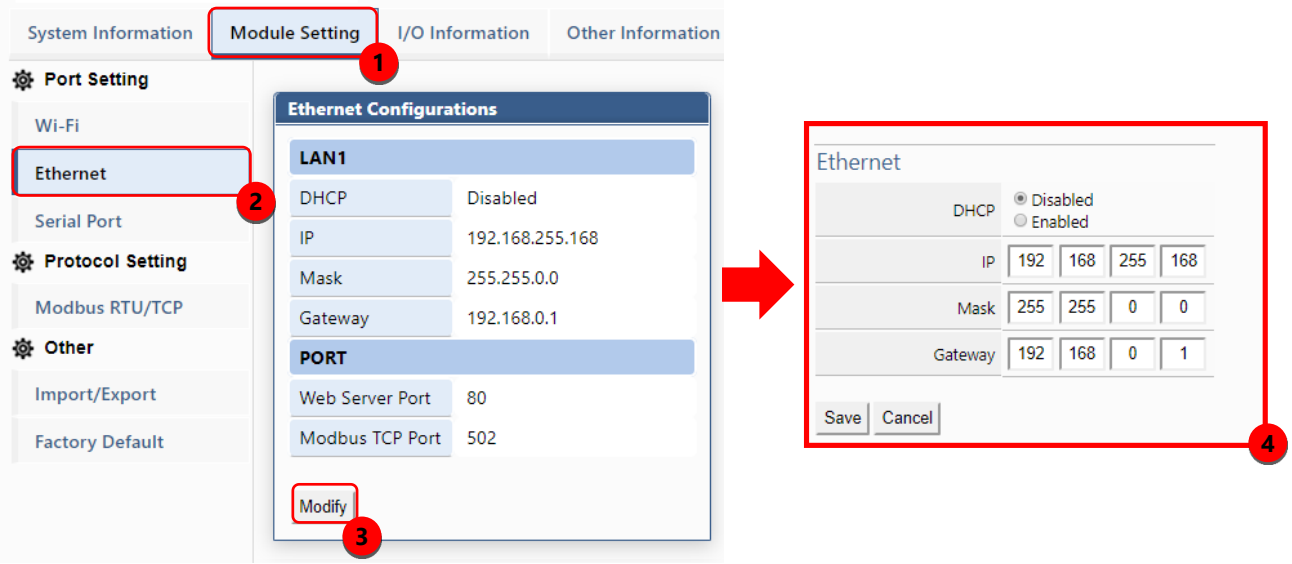


Figure 2.7 Steps to switch to the Ethernet configuration page

After modifying the setting parameters, please remember to click "Save" button to save the changes, or click the "Cancel" button to discard the configuration and return to the previous page.

NOTE - The new Ethernet settings only take effect after restarting the power of the MDC-211-WF.

◆ Serial Port Setting

Click "Module Setting" → "Serial Port", to read the current RS-232 and RS-485 setting parameters, if user want to adjust the configurations of Serial Port, click the "Modify" button to switch to the configuration page, as shown in Figure 2.8.

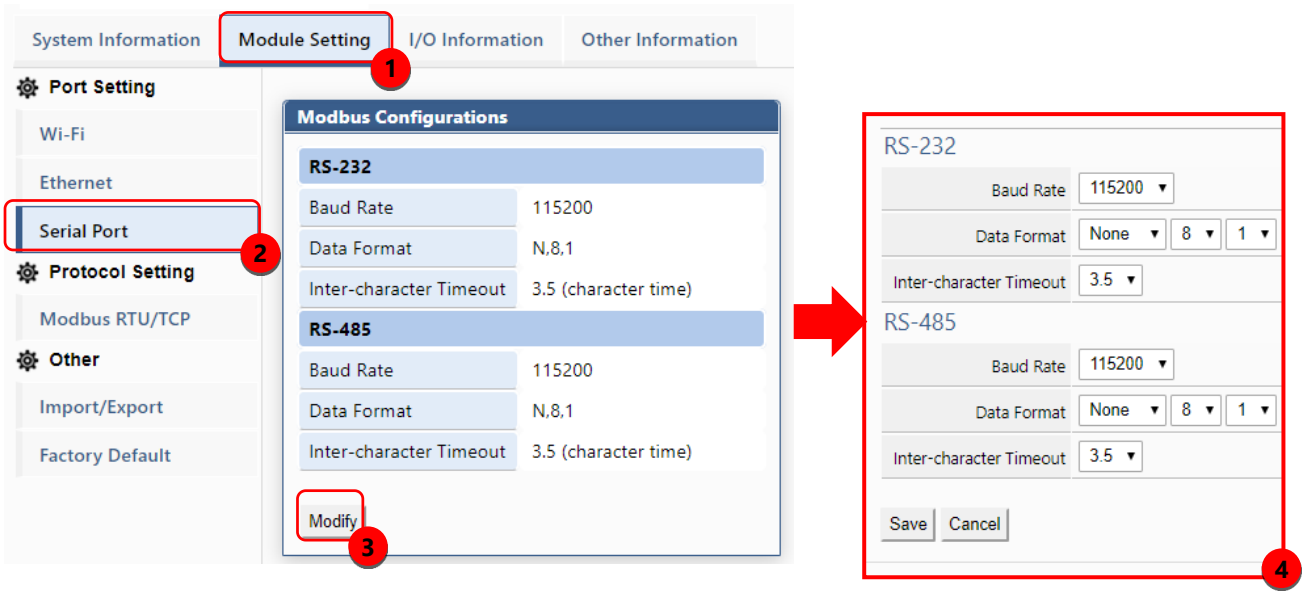


Figure 2.8 Steps to switch to the Serial Port configuration page

For the description of the Serial Port settings, please refer to section "4.1.2 Serial Port Communication Interface". After modifying the setting parameters, please remember to click "Save" button to save the changes, or click the "Cancel" button to discard the configuration and return to the previous page.

NOTE - The new Serial Port settings will take effect immediately after configuration without restarting the power of the MDC-211-WF.

2.4. Set MDC-211-WF as Modbus Master

Each Wi-Fi/RS-232/RS-485 communication interface on MDC-211-WF can be either set as Modbus Master or Modbus Slave. This section describes how to set the communication interface as the Modbus Master, and add the Modbus RTU devices to be monitored.

◆ Read current Modbus protocol setting values

Click "Module Setting" → "Modbus RTU/TCP", to read the current setting parameters of the Modbus RTU/TCP protocol for each communication interface, if user want to modify these configurations, click the "Modify" button to switch to the configuration page, as shown in Figure 2.9.

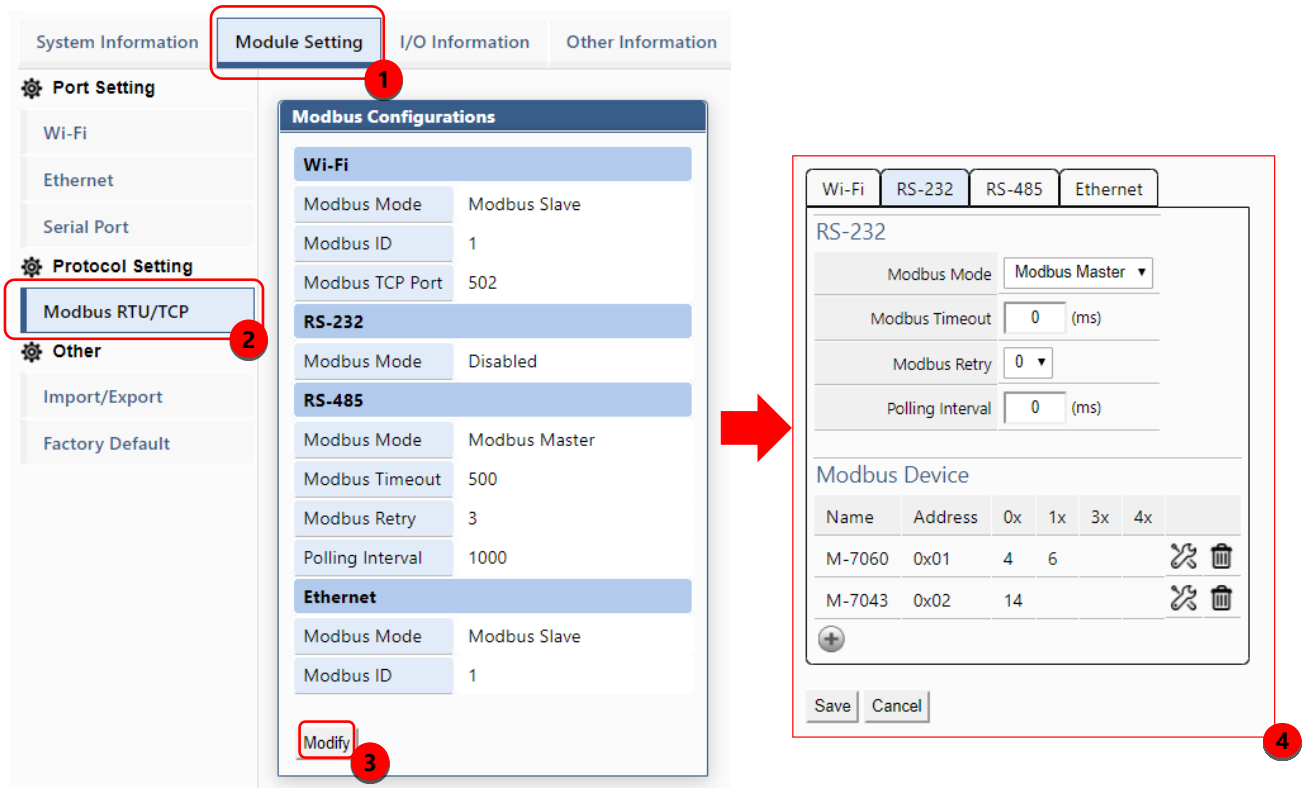


Figure 2.9 Steps to switch to the Modbus protocol configuration page

◆ **Set the specified communication interface as Modbus Master**

Click the "Module Setting" → "Modbus RTU/TCP" → "Wi-Fi/RS-232/RS-485", to select the to “Modbus Master” in the "Modbus Mode" configuration field. For the description of the Modbus Communication Interface settings, please refer to section “4.2 Modbus Protocol Parameter Descriptions".

◆ **Add the Modbus RTU devices that want to control**

Step1 After setting the protocol to Modbus Master (refer to Figure 2.9), click the icon " ⊕ " at the bottom of "Modbus Device" to add a Modbus RTU Slave device and give the module name (up to 12 ASCII characters) and Modbus address (the Slave station number (1~255) of the Modbus RTU).

Step2 Following the Figure 2.10, click the icon " ⊕ " at the bottom of Modbus RTU Slave module to add a Modbus RTU Register, and set the Modbus Function Code, Start address, Length and Range of the Register.

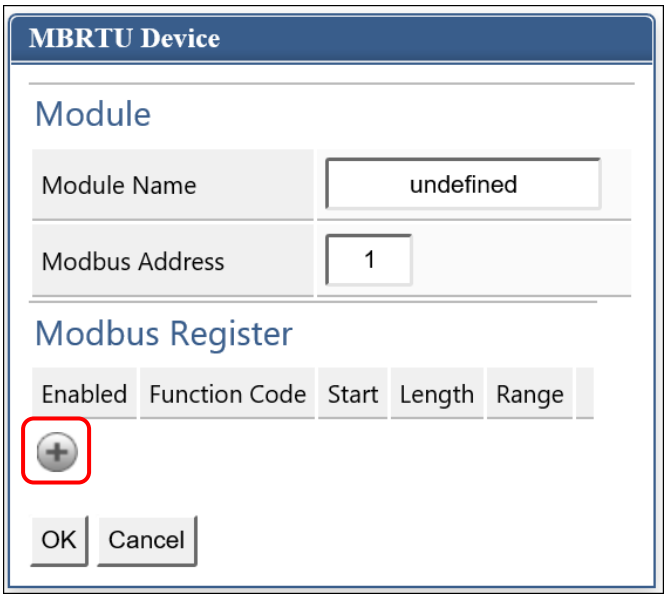


Figure 2.10 Add Modbus RTU Slave Module/Register window

Step3 After settings, click "OK" for saving the changes. If you want to discard the changes please click "Cancel" go back to the previous page. If you want to remove the Modbus register, click the icon "🗑".

2.5. Set MDC-211-WF as Modbus Slave

One of the MDC-211-WF Wi-Fi/RS-232/RS-485 ports can be set as Modbus Master or Modbus Slave (Ethernet port can only be used as Modbus Slave). This section describes how to set the communication interface as Modbus Slave.

◆ Set communication interface to Modbus Slave

Click "Module Setting" → "Modbus RTU/TCP" → click "Modify" → Select the one of the " Wi-Fi / RS-232 / RS-485" and set "Modbus Status" as Modbus Slave. Finally, set the station number (1~255) of MDC-211-WF as the Modbus Slave.

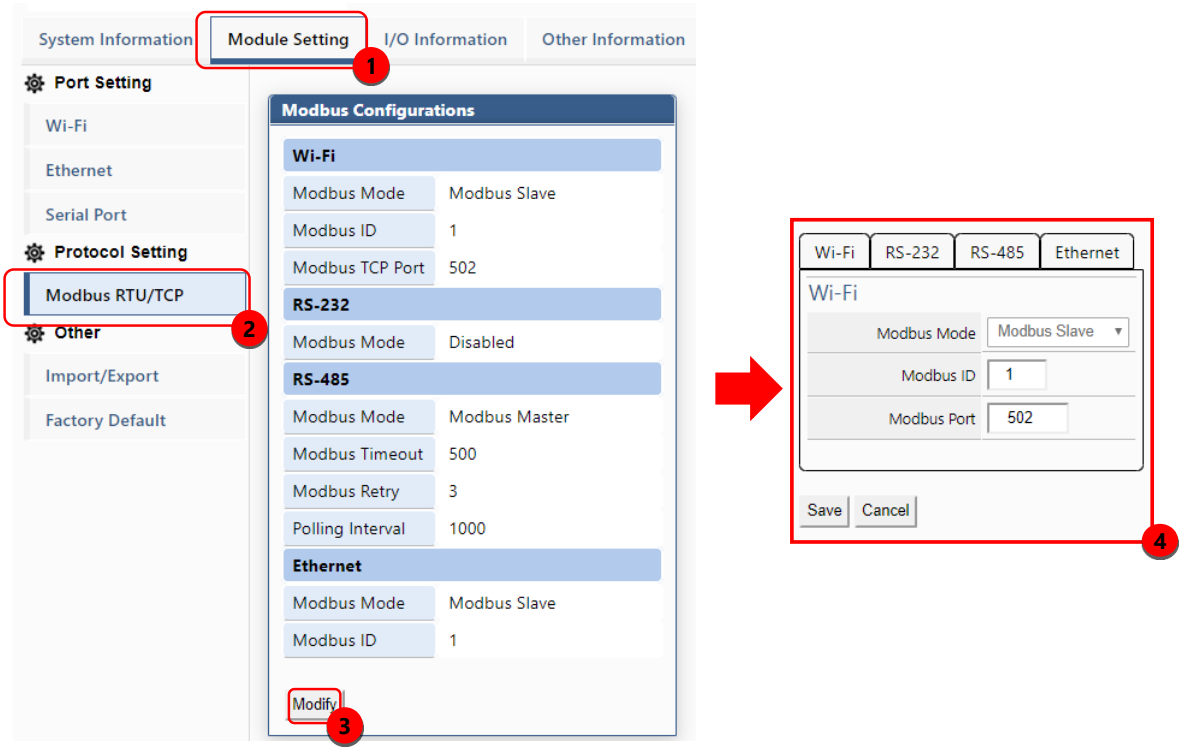


Figure 2.11 Modbus RTU/TCP Protocol parameter setting page

◆ Modbus Internal Register Address of MDC-211-WF

When MDC-211-WF as Modbus Slave, the external controller can indirectly read the data of the Modbus RTU devices, for its corresponding Modbus Register information, refer to "2.6.2 Inquire Modbus Inner- register address of the corresponding relationship".

2.6. Check Modbus RTU Device Communication Status

The user can view and monitor the status of each Modbus command directly on the MDC-211-WF Web interface. This section describes how to check the Modbus command status, real-time monitor the I/O channel status of Modbus RTU device, and inquire the relationship for the Modbus RTU device I/O and the MDC-211-WF Internal Register address.

2.6.1. Check polling status of Modbus command

Click "I/O Information" → "Internal Register", the browser will load the Modbus command real-time information as Figure 2.12, the descriptions please see Table 2.2.

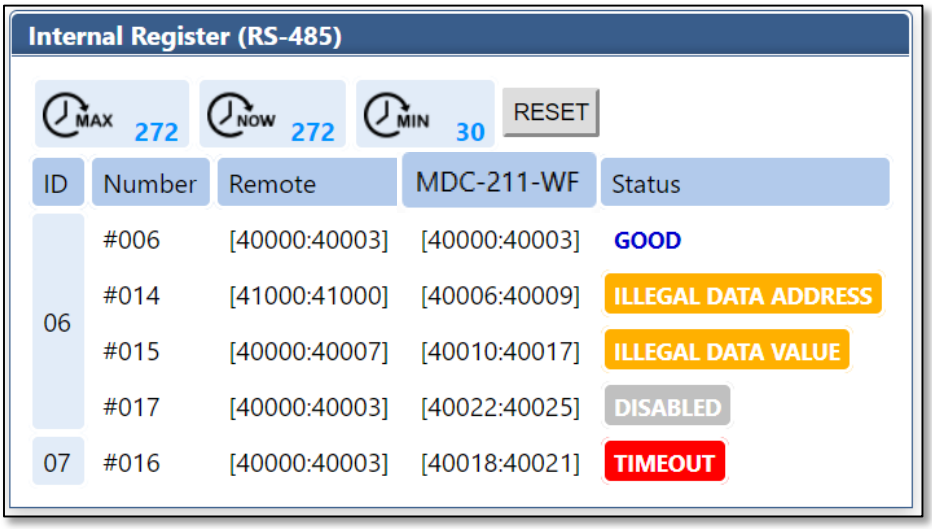


Figure 2.12 Modbus Command Communication real-time Status page

Table 2.2 I/O information real-time display description

Item	Description
ID	Modbus RTU Slave Module Station number
Number	MDC-211-WF Modbus Command Polling order and corresponding Internal Register order
Remote	Modbus RTU Slave Module Register address
MDC-211-WF	MDC-211-WF Internal Register address
Status	Modbus Command Polling status

If want to inquire the Modbus command communication status between MDC-211-WF

and Modbus RTU devices, please refer to the “Status" item:

(1) If the "Status" item displays **GOOD**, means the command is connected and reading data currently.

(2) If the "Status" item displays **DISABLED**, means the command was disabled by the user.

(3) If the "Status" item displays **TIMEOUT**, means the command was timeout and the device did not respond, please check the module wiring, and the following Modbus RTU device settings those need to be consistent with the settings in MDC-211-WF.

- Baud Rate
- Data Format (Data Bit / Parity / Stop Bit)
- Station number (ID) of the Modbus RTU Slave device

(4) If the "Status" item displays **ILLEGAL DATA FUNCTION**, represents Modbus Exception code 01, which means the command connection was established, but the Modbus RTU device of the communication target does not support the function code, please recheck the Modbus command parameters.

(5) If the "Status" item displays **ILLEGAL DATA ADDRESS**, represents Modbus Exception Code 02, which means the command connection was established, but the Modbus RTU device of the communication target does not support the Starting Register address, or exceeds the legal Register range (Starting + Length) , please recheck the Modbus command parameters.

(6) If the "Status" item displays **ILLEGAL DATA VALUE**, represents Modbus Exception Code 03, means the command connection was established, but the Quantity of the command access Register is not valid, please recheck the Modbus command parameters.

(7) If the "Status" item displays **CRC ERROR**, means the Modbus CRC code error and the communication may be disturbed abnormally.

2.6.2. Inquire Corresponding Modbus Register Address

When the users define a Modbus command, MDC-211-WF automatically generates the corresponding Internal Register address according to the order of the Modbus command. The users only need to select "I/O Information" → "Internal Register", the browser will automatically load the Modbus Register mapping table.

Table 2.3 Modbus Command Definition Example

#	ModbusDevice					
#	PortNo.	ModbusSlaveID	ModuleName	FunctionCode	RegStartAddr	RegCount
*	*0*	*1*	*M-7060*	*1*	*0*	*4*
*	*0*	*1*	*M-7060*	*2*	*0*	*6*
*	*0*	*2*	*M-7060*	*1*	*0*	*4*
*	*0*	*2*	*M-7060*	*2*	*0*	*6*
#						

For example of the table 2.3 above, the browser will load the Modbus Register mapping table as Figure 2.13. The "Remote" item in the mapping table represents the Register address of the Modbus RTU device; the "MDC-211-WF" item represents the corresponding Internal Register address. The users can access Internal Register address in the “MDC-211-WF" item via the Modbus protocol to control the entity Modbus RTU device.

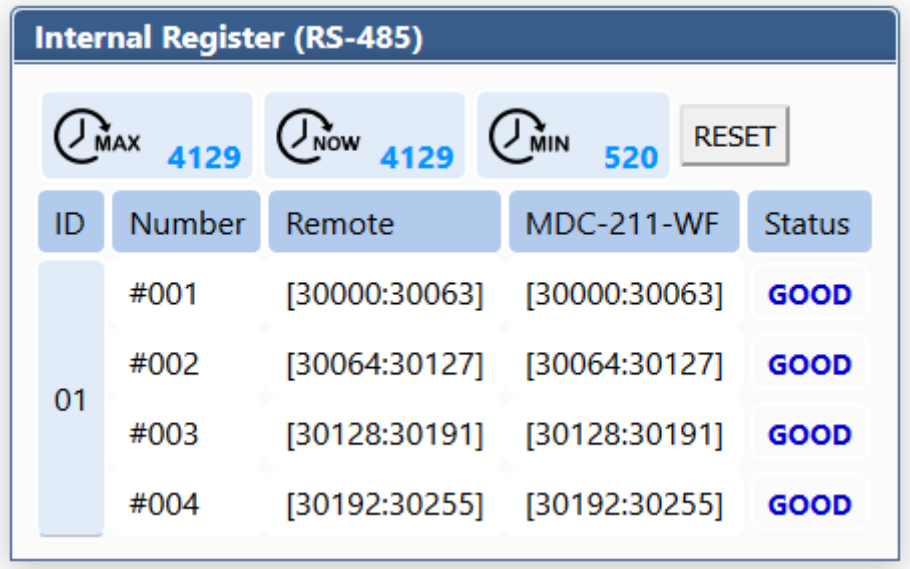


Figure 2.13 Modbus Register Mapping Table in Web Interface

2.6.3. Testing I/O Channel Status of Modbus RTU Device

MDC-211-WF can real-time control the I/O channel of Modbus RTU devices via the standard Modbus protocol, and also provide Web UI to real-time control the Modbus I/O channel status. As Figure 2.14, users only need to click "I/O Information" and select the Modbus RTU device want to control, the Web UI will display the pre-set Modbus command and real-time display that Modbus device I/O channel status. The user can directly click I/O channel to change the I/O channel status.

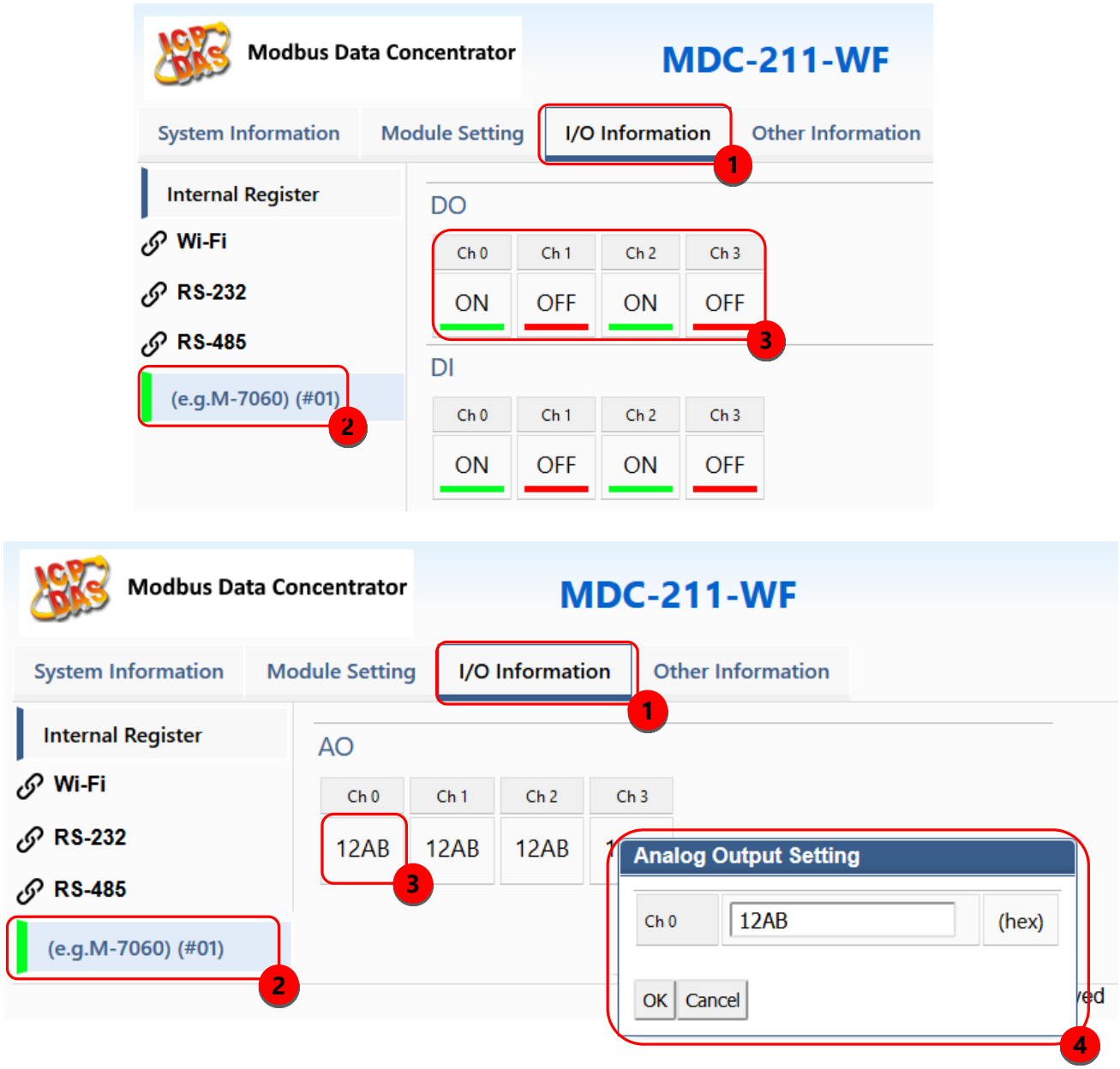


Figure 2.14 Modbus I/O information real-time displa page

3. Export and Import the System Settings

The user can set up MDC-211-WF via the Web UI, and also can export the configuration to a *.csv file in the local computer for backup. More, the user can directly edit the setting parameters in a *.csv file and import the *.csv file into the MDC-211-WF module to complete the module setting.

This chapter introduces how to export and import the *.csv file, and describes the format and setting code for the *.csv file, and some setting recommendations.

NOTE - *.csv file is a text file format that can be edited in spreadsheet software or plain text files and has the advantage of being easy to use, read and maintain. It uses commas "," to separate each column in a plain-text editor.

3.1. Export and Import the Configurations

This section describes the process to import and export the module configuration.

◆ Export

As Figure 3.1, select "Module Setting" → "Import/Export" → "Export" to export the configurations of MDC-211-WF to a *.csv file.

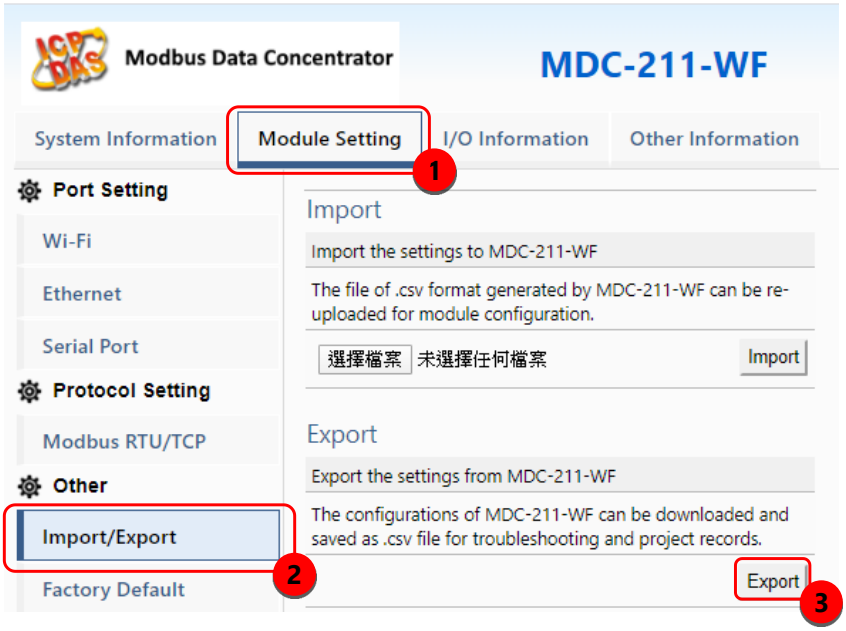


Figure 3.1 Module Setting Export page

◆ Import

As Figure 3.2, click "Module Setting" → "Import/Export" → "Choose file" → "Import", then the *.csv file can be uploaded into MDC-211-WF and set up immediately.

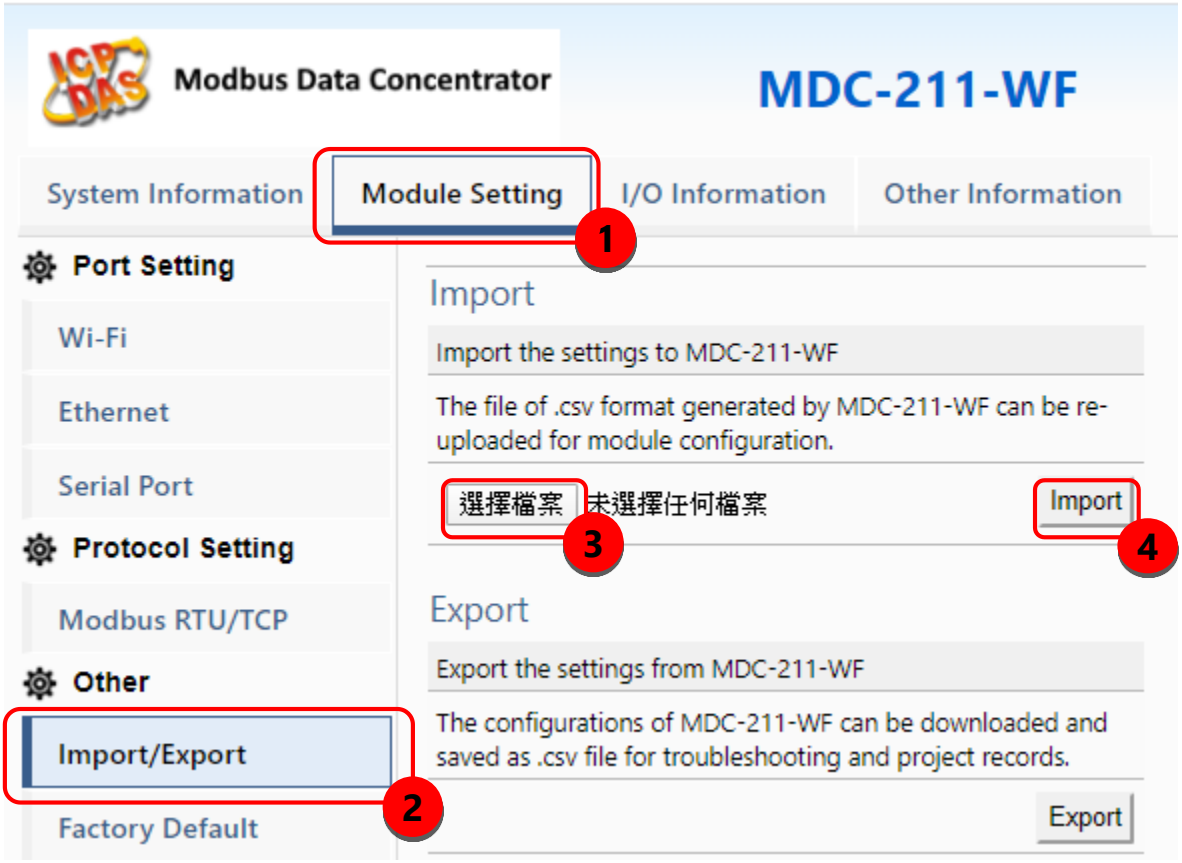


Figure 3.2 Module Setting Import page

3.2. Format Descriptions for the Configuration File (*.csv)

If the user wants to set up MDC-211-WF through the *.csv configuration file, the user can export a *.csv file from the Web Interface as the configuration template. For the detail steps, please refer to "3.1 Export and Import the Configurations ".

The MDC-211-WF configuration file includes all setting parameters. The label name and order must be the same as the example in Figure 3.3. Below will introduce the settings of Wi-Fi, Serial port and Ethernet, and the settings for Modbus Master and Modbus Slave.

NOTE - *.csv template can be got via the MDC-211-WF Web Interface (refer to Section 3.1).

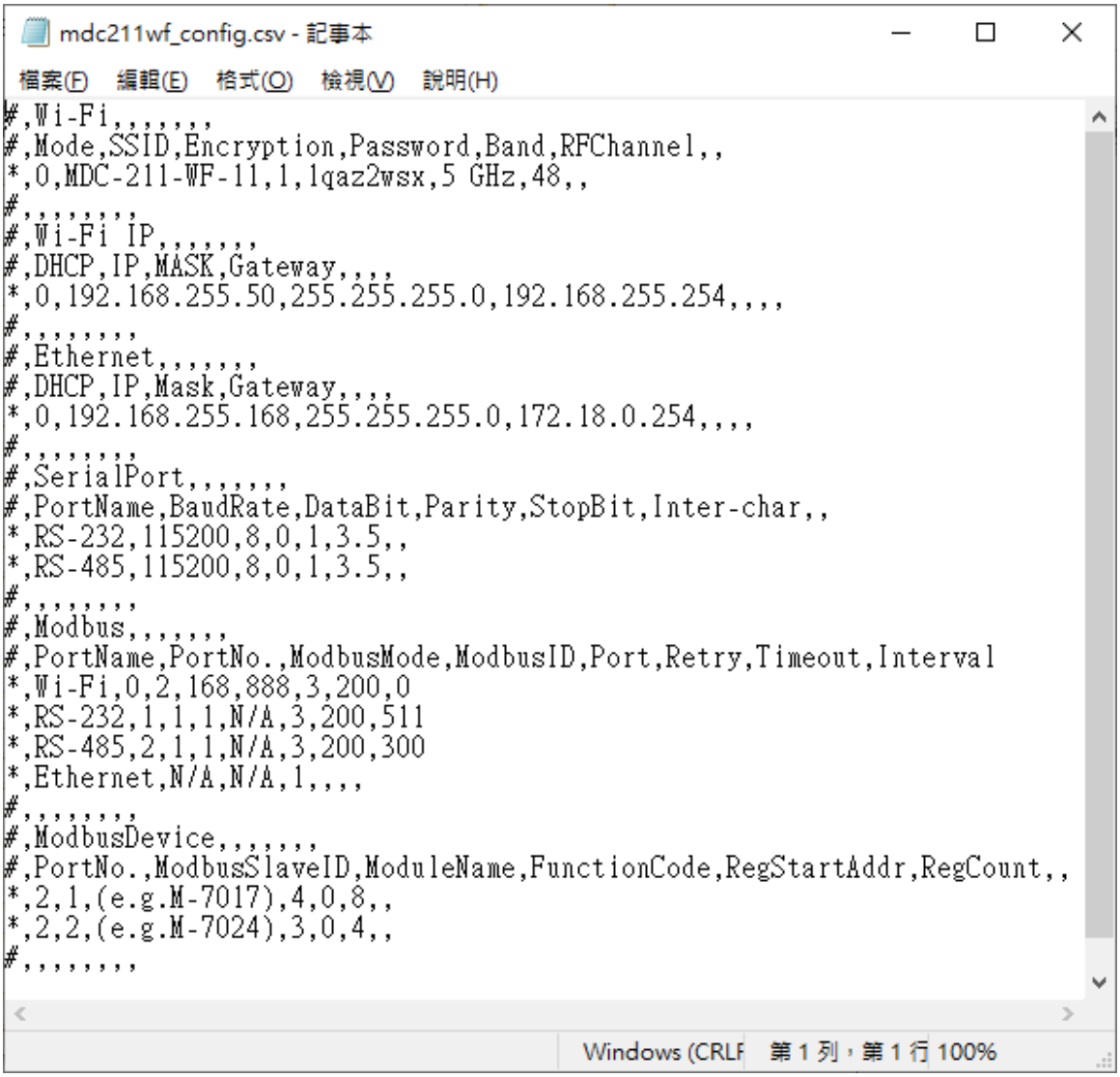


Figure 3.3 MDC-211-WF configuration file (*.csv)

◆ Wi-Fi Communication Settings

The first part is for Wi-Fi and IP settings. Wi-Fi parameter descriptions may refer to "4.1.1 Wi-Fi Communication Interface", the label name and setting descriptions see Table 3.1 and Table 3.2 below.

#	*Wi-Fi*					
#	*Mode*	*SSID*	*Encryption*	*Password*	*Band*	*RF Channel*
*	*0*	*MDC-211-WF*	*1*	*1qaz2wsx*	*1*	*48*
#						

Table 3.1 Wi-Fi settings and descriptions

Item	Label Name	Valid Code & Range
Mode	*Mode*	0: Limit-AP 1: Infrastructure Default value: Limit-AP
SSID	*SSID*	The maximum length of SSID is **32** words Default value: MDC-211-WF
Encryption	*Encryption*	Limit-AP mode 1: OPEN 2: WPA2 3: WPA/WPA2 4: WPA 5: WEP Infrastructure mode 1: OPEN 2: WPA/WPA2 5: WEP
Password	*Password*	The maximum length of password is **63** words

		Default value: 1qaz2wsx
RF Band	*RF Band*	0: 2.4 GHz 1: 5 GHz
RF Channel	*RF Channel*	2.4 GHz: CH1~11 5 GHz: 36、40、44、48

#	*Wi-Fi IP*			
#	*DHCP*	*IP*	*Mask*	*Gateway*
*	*0*	*192.168.255.2*	*255.255.255.0*	*192.168.255.254*
#				

Table 3.2 Wi-Fi IP settings and descriptions

Item	Label Name	Valid Code & Range
DHCP	*DHCP*	DHCP of Wi-Fi 0: disable 1: Enable Default value: ”0”
IP	*IP*	IP of Wi-Fi Default value: 192.168.255.2
Mask	*Mask*	Mask of Wi-Fi Default value: 255.255.255.0
Gateway	*Gateway*	Gateway of Wi-Fi Default value: 192.168.255.254

◆ Ethernet Communication Settings

The second part is for Ethernet settings. Ethernet label name and setting descriptions please see table 3.3 below.

#	Ethernet			
#	DHCP	IP	Mask	Gateway
*	*0*	*192.168.255.1*	*255.255.0.0*	*192.168.0.1*
#				

Table 3.3 Ethernet settings and descriptions

Item	Label Name	Valid Code & Range
DHCP	*DHCP*	0 (Disable) / 1 (Enable)

NOTE – The IP, Mask and Gateway should be set up according to the local network.

◆ Serial Port Communication Settings

The third part is for Serial port settings. Serial port parameter descriptions may refer to "4.1.2 Serial Port Communication Interface", the label name and setting descriptions please see table 3.4 below.

#	SerialPort					
#	PortName	BaudRate	DataBit	Parity	StopBit	CharTime
*	*RS-232*	*115200*	*8*	*0*	*1*	*3.5*
*	*RS-485*	*115200*	*8*	*0*	*1*	*3.5*
#						

Table 3.4 Serial port settings and descriptions

Item	Label Name	Note
Port Name	*PortName*	The name of the Serial port; the location and content are unmodifiable.
Baud Rate	*BaudRate*	115200 / 57600 / 38400 / 19200 / 9600 / 4800 / 2400 / 1200 (Unit: bps)
Data Format	*DataBit*	7 / 8
	Parity	0 (None) / 1 (Odd) / 2 (Even) / 3 (Mark) / 4 (Space)
	StopBit	0 / 1 / 2
Inter-character Timeout	*CharTime*	1.5 ~ 10 (Unit: Character Time)

◆ Modbus Mode Settings

The fourth part is for Modbus mode settings. Modbus parameter descriptions may refer to Section 4.2, the label name and setting descriptions please see Table 3.5 below.

#	Modbus						
#	PortName	PortNo.	ModbusMode	ModbusID	Retry	Timeout	Interval
*	*Wi-Fi*	*0*	*1*	*1*	*3*	*200*	*30*
*	*RS-232*	*1*	*0*	*1*	*3*	*150*	*0*
*	*RS-485*	*2*	*1*	*1*	*3*	*150*	*20*
*	*Ethernet*	*N/A*	*N/A*	*1*			
#							

Table 3.5 Modbus protocol settings and descriptions

Item	Label Name	Note
Port Name	*PortName*	The name of the Modbus communication port; the location and content are unmodifiable.
Port Number	*PortNo.*	The number of the Modbus communication port; the location and content are unmodifiable.
Modbus Mode	*ModbusMode*	0 (Disable) / 1 (Modbus Master) / 2 (Modbus Slave)
		Ethernet fixed to Modbus Slave, no need to set
Modbus Retry	*Retry*	0 ~ 9
Modbus Timeout	*Timeout*	0 ~ 65535
Polling Interval	*Interval*	0 ~ 65535

◆ Modbus Command Settings

The fifth part is for Modbus command settings. The label name and setting descriptions please see Table 3.6 below.

#	ModbusCommand					
#	PortNo.	ModbusSlaveID	ModuleName	FunctionCode	RegStartAddr	RegCount
*	2	1	M-7017	4	0	8
*	2	2	M-7024	3	0	4
#						

Table 3.6 Modbus RTU device settings and descriptions

Item	Label Name	Note
Port Number	*PortNo.*	1 (RS-232) / 2 (RS-485)
Modbus Slave ID	*ModbusSlaveID*	1 ~ 255
Module Name	*ModuleName*	Up to 12 ASCII characters
Function Code	*FunctionCode*	1 (Read/Write DO) / 2 (Read DI) / 3 (Read/Write AO) / 4 (Read AI)
Starting Address	*RegStartAddr*	0 ~ 65535
Quantity of Register	*RegCount*	1 ~ 64

[Note] The first column of the *.csv file has different meanings. It marks as:

"#": means the system-defined label; do not change the name and location (order).

"*": means the data that the user enabled.

"-": means the data that the user does not enable.

4. Parameter Descriptions

This chapter introduces a variety of setting parameters and examples for the users to follow and set up the modules.

4.1. Communication Interface Parameter Descriptions

4.1.1. Wi-Fi Communication Interface

◆ Parameter descriptions

Table 4.1 shows the descriptions for the Wi-Fi parameters, setting range and notes.

Table 4.1 Wi-Fi related parameter descriptions

Item	Description	Mode	Note
Mode	Wi-Fi Operation mode	Limit-AP	Wi-Fi AP mode: It can connect by AP client.
		Infrastructure	Wi-Fi AP Client mode: It can connect to Wi-Fi AP.
SSID	Wi-Fi SSID	Limit-AP	SSID of Wi-Fi AP
		Infrastructure	The AP client will connect to AP with same SSID.
Encryption	Encryption	Limit-AP	Encryption of Wi-Fi AP
		Infrastructure	The AP client will connect to AP with same encryption.
Password	Password	Limit-AP	Password of Wi-Fi AP
		Infrastructure	The AP client will connect to AP with same password.
Band	Wireless Band	Limit-AP	The band of Wi-Fi AP (2.4 or 5 GHz)
RFChannel	Wireless Channel	Limit-AP	The channel of Wi-Fi AP

The application of Wi-Fi AP and Infrastructure mode can refer to page 6.

4.1.2. Serial Port Communication Interface

◆ Parameter description

Table 4.3 below is the descriptions for the Serial port parameters and setting notes.

Table 4.3 Serial port related parameter descriptions

Project	Description	Note
Baud Rate	Communication Baud rate	Support eight kinds of communication baud rate - 115200 / 57600 / 38400 / 19200 / 9600 / 4800 / 2400 / 1200 bps
		Please set the same as the Modbus RTU device
Data Format	Communication Data format	Support five kinds of parity check codes - None / Odd / Even / Mark / Space Supports 7/8 data bit Support 0/1/2 stop bit
		Set the same with the connected Modbus RTU device
Inter-character Timeout	Timeout for ending command reception	Valid range is 1.5 to 10 character-time
		The default is the standard Modbus communication protocol 3.5 character time, the user can adjust according to the requirement

◆ Set Example

Table 4.4 shows a setting example to set the RS-485 of MDC-211-WF as a Modbus Master, and the recommend parameter values for the Serial port.

Table 4.4 MDC-211-WF and M-7000/PLC setting example

Project	MDC-211-WF	M-7017	M-7060	PLC
Baud Rate	115200			
Data Format	N,8,1			
Inter-character Timeout	3.5	N/A	N/A	N/A

4.2. Modbus Protocol Parameter Descriptions

MDC-211-WF is a Modbus data concentrator with Wi-Fi / RS-232 / RS-485 / Ethernet interfaces. The users need to set a communication interface to Modbus Master / Modbus Slave (The interface not used can be set to “Disabled”). The following sections describe the parameters for setting to Modbus Master and Modbus Slave.

4.2.1. Modbus Master Setting Parameters

◆ Parameter Description

Table 4.5 shows the descriptions for the Modbus Master setting parameters and the setting notes.

Table 4.5 Modbus Master related parameter descriptions

Item	Description	Note
Modbus Timeout	Polling Timeout	It is the maximum time for waiting the response from Modbus RTU device. If there is no response after the time expires, it is considered as timeout and execute the next command.
		Users can change the value as needed.
Modbus Retry	Number of polling Retries	When the number of command timeouts exceeds the number of retries, the MDC-211-WF regards the Modbus RTU device as offline and performs the following two operations: a. Suspend this polling command for 10 seconds until the device is back online again b. The status of the Modbus command can be read via the Internal Register of MDC-211-WF, where the Register value of 0xFFFF is represented the timeout. (For more information can see Chapter 5. FAQ-Q5)
		The default of Modbus Retry is 3 times, users can change the value as needed
Polling Interval	Polling Interval	The interval time for command polling to avoid communication signal collisions.
		Users can change the value as needed

◆ Example

Table 4.6 below is a setting example to set MDC-211-WF to Modbus Master, and the recommend parameters.

Table 4.6 MDC-211-WF and M-7000 or PLC communication setting example

Project	Wi-Fi	RS-485	RS-232
Modbus Timeout	200	150	150
Modbus Retry	3	3	3
Polling Interval	30	20	0

4.2.2. Modbus Slave Setting Parameters

◆ Parameter description

Table 4.7 below is the descriptions for Modbus Slave setting parameters and the setting notes.

Table 4.7 Modbus Master related parameter descriptions

Item	Description	Note
Modbus ID	Modbus Station Number	The station number for setting MDC-211-WF to Modbus Slave
		Users can change the value as needed (1~255)

5. FAQ

Q1 - What are the maximum numbers of polling definition and Internal Register in a MDC-211-WF?

The maximum number of polling definition in a MDC-211-WF is 240 commands, each definition can access up to 64 Internal Registers. Each of the four tables (DI/DO/AI/DO) can store up to 9600 Internal Registers for polled data.

Q2 - What is the maximum number of data can be accessed in one command from a Modbus Master device?

By the Modbus TCP protocol, the maximum amount of Internal Registers that one Modbus command can access is 255 of function code 01 and 02, and 126 of function code 03 and 04.

Q3 - How are the Internal Registers corresponding to the polled data in a MDC-211-WF?

Please refer to the "2.6.2 Inquire Corresponding Modbus Register Address" for the detail information.

Q4 - How to read each MDC-211-WF command status via the Modbus communication?

MDC-211-WF can view the real-time status of each Modbus command directly in a Web UI, and also store the status in the Internal Register starting with the address 39600 (0x2580), that meaning the Modbus Master can use function code 04 to read the command status. One command can read up to 126 Internal Register data.

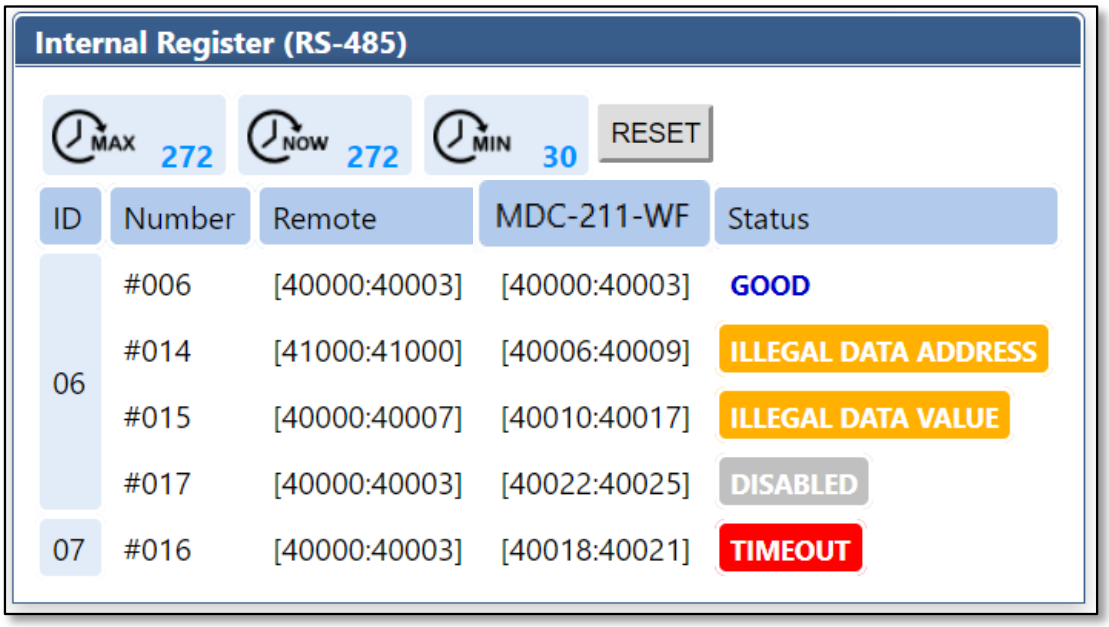


Figure 5.2 Modbus command real-time status example

For example of Figure 5.2 above, Modbus Master uses the function code 04 to read the connection status from 39600 as Table 5.1.

Table 5.1 The corresponding Internal Register address of the command status

Command No.	Addresses	State Code	Web Page Display
#001	39600	00 00	**GOOD**
#002	39601	83 02	**ILLEGAL DATA ADDRESS**
#003	39602	83 03	**ILLEGAL DATA VALUE**
#004	39603	FF 00	**DISABLED**
#005	39604	FF FF	**TIMEOUT**

The descriptions for the Read status:

- 0: Indicates that the connection is in normal status.
- 0xFFFF: Connection Timeout
- 0xFF00: Command not enabled (Disabled)
- 0x8XYY: Communication error. X-function code, YY– Error code, as Table 5.3 below

Table 5.3 Error code of the command status

Error Code	Name	Description
01	Illegal Function	This function code is not supported
02	Illegal Data Address	Illegal data address
03	Illegal Data Value	Illegal data value
04	Illegal Response Length	The requested data length exceeds the allowable length of the Modbus protocol.
0F	CRC Error	CRC error for the command response

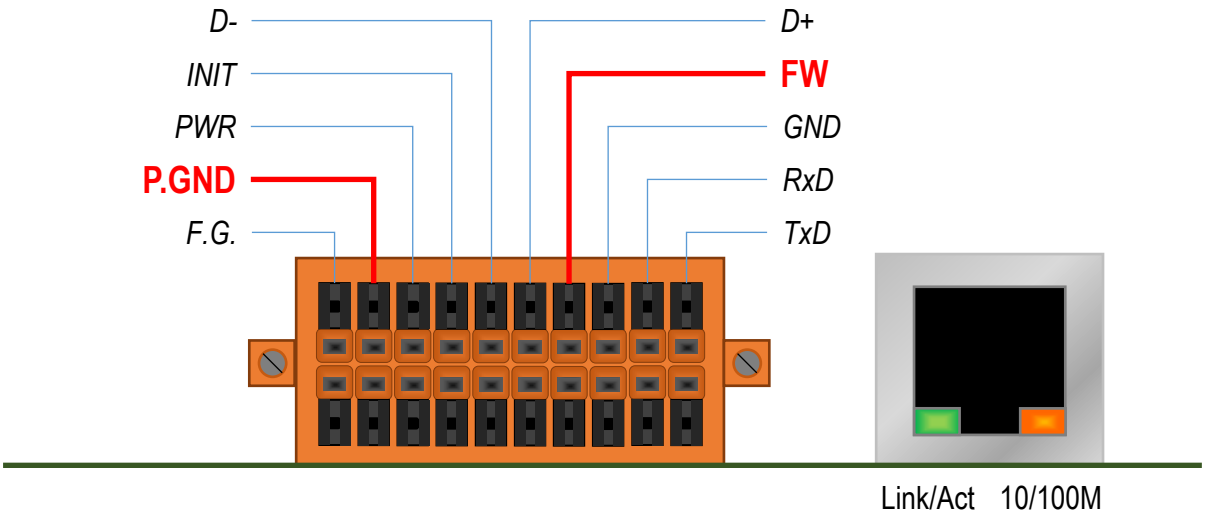
Q5 - How to update the firmware?

MDC-211-WF can update the firmware via a software tool (Windows) by the following steps:

(1) Download the latest version of the firmware program and update Tool (FW_Update_Tool) on the MDC-211-WF product page and store it in a computer that you want to connect to MDC-211-WF.

- Firmware: http://ftp.icpdas.com/pub/cd/usbcd/napdos/wifi/mdc-211-wf/firmware/
- Update Tool: http://ftp.icpdas.com/pub/cd/usbcd/napdos/wifi/mdc-211-wf/tools/

(2) Short the FW with P.GND of MDC-211-WF and turn on the power. When the six LEDs of MDC-211-WF turn blinking alternately, the MDC-211-WF is successfully entered the firmware updating mode.



(3) Execute “FW_Update_Tool.exe” with the administrator privileges ( ) and follow the steps as Figure 5.3:

In "Download Interface", select a network port for connecting to MDC-211-WF.

In "Firmware Path", select the latest firmware update file (MDC211WF_xxxx.fw).

In "Firmware Update", click “Update” to start the firmware updating.

(4) When the update is completed, “Update OK” will be displayed in the “FW_Update_Tool” window to indicate that the firmware updating is successful. Next, remove the short connection between FW and P.GND, and reboot the power supply, then check the current firmware version on the Web interface.

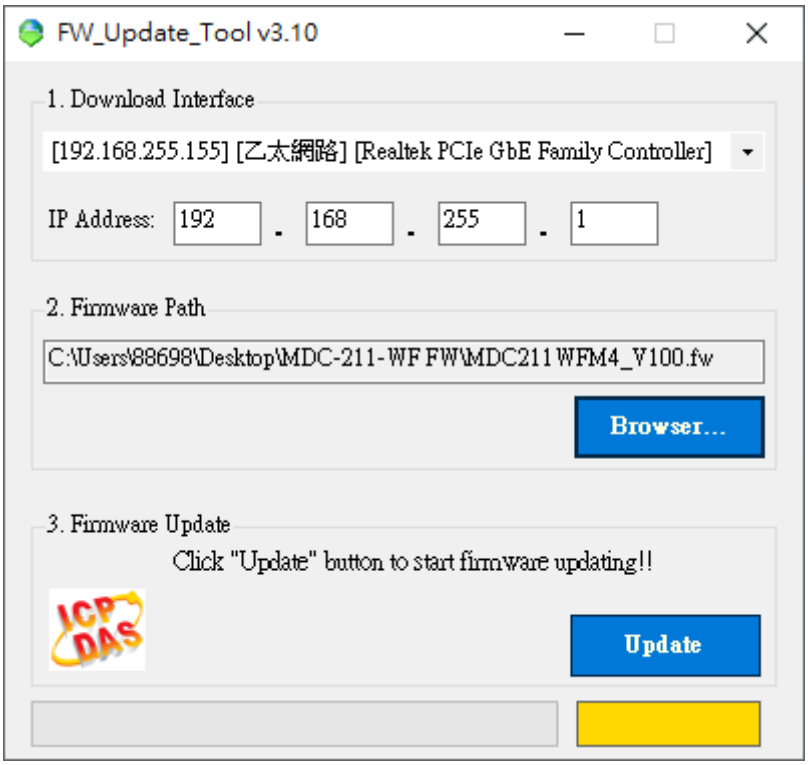


Figure 5.3 FW_Update_Tool firmware update steps

6. Appendix

6.1. LED Indicator State Descriptions

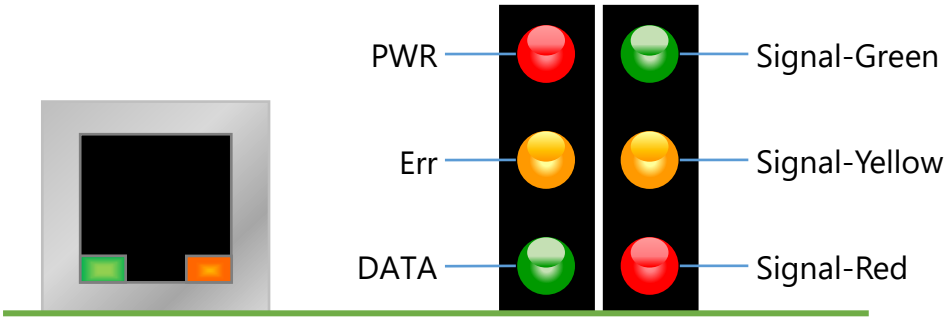


Figure6.1 LED Position Diagram

Table 6.1 LED Description

LED Indicator	State	Description
Signal LED	Wi-Fi Limit-AP Mode	
		AP at 2.4 GHz
		AP at 5 GHz
	Wi-Fi Infrastructure Mode	
		Wi-Fi Signal strength High
		Wi-Fi Signal strength Medium
		Wi-Fi Signal strength Low
PWR	Steady Lit	Firmware loaded correctly
	Steady Unlit	Firmware loaded failed
Err	Steady Unlit	No errors
	Blinking (500 ms)	There are Modbus command polling errors
DATA	Steady Unlit	No errors
	Blinking (500 ms)	Receive data from Wi-Fi

【Other】If the above six LEDs are blinking alternately, the module is into the firmware update mode (bootloader), which can update the firmware with the "FW_Update_Tool". For more information please refer to the FAQ - Q6.