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RF-Configurator 2 Quick start guide



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Installation

- 1. All previous versions have to be removed
- 2. No older versions of the file "PLGonf.ocx" cannot co-exist, removed manually if needed.
- 3. Run "RF-Configurator 2.msi". All settings are automatic.
- 4. The shortcut for the program is found in "Start" -> "Programs" -> "Nordic ID" -> "RF-Family" -> "RF-Configurator 2"

Requirements

For the base stations to be operating correctly, the system must be setup on such network that has a DHCP server.

Basic view

R	RF6x1Config	g - Untitled					_ 🗆 🗙
Eile	COM port	Base station					
	Device inform <u>R</u> ead De	nation]				<u>•</u>
	Parameters –]]	Base stations		
	File:				Base sta	ation discovery	-
	Set	Get	Edit with Note	pad	Reset	View	
F	LConf control	v 3.3.2.0]			
1	Name	Value		More			
							•



Basic operations

When serial cable is used

Serial port selection

Prior to any operations on a hand terminal or a base station, the serial port has to be selected:

9	COM port	Base sta
_	COM1	
- L	✓ COM2	pn—
	COM3	ce Info
-	COM4	
-F	COM5	
c	COM6	
г	COM7	
	COM8	6
		T C

After this, all appropriate operations are performed on this serial port.



Setting configuration



An open dialog will appear. The file names in the picture are examples.



Select the file you have created or downloaded and select Open.

After opening the file press the "Set" button.

Parameters-				
File:	File: BST00002_Ver13_eth_EU.pcg			
Set	Get	Edit with Notepad		

Upon execution, information about the process is shown:





Reading device information

Press the "Read Device Info" button.



Following information is shown. First picture from a base station, the latter one from a hand terminal.

Name V	/alue	More
Device type	RF601 Base Station BST00002 / Ethernet / power supply SWM00011 BS RF601 - ver:1.1.7) } 2, cal=66	
Name	Value	Mo

Read information is:

Name	Value	
Device type	Tells whether this device is a hend terminal or base station. This	
	field also contains information about the power supply, radio and	
	colour ohe te device.	
Firmware version	Trivial	
System param version	Trivial	
Customer settings name	Name that the user wants to be used with this parameter set.	
Customer settings version	Trivial	
commID	Communication ID for the RF6xx protocol.	
Channel	Communication channel for the device. 07 for the 433MHz base	
	station and hand terminal, 031 for a Bluetooth device.	
Radio type	Radio calibration value. Can be useful to know upon	
	communication difficulties. This value can appear invalid on older	
	version of the hand terminal (RF600) and base stations.	

The configuration file (<name>.pcg) can be opened for editing:





Firmware update

Requires:

- 1. a latest version of the firmware named <name>.a20
- 2. correct COM port to be selected

Select File \rightarrow Firmware update



Follow the instructions in the update dialog:



The file (<name>.a20) is selected by pressing "Open FW file...". As shown, file extension is "a20". Name in the following picture is an example:

Radio	×1_v127.a20
File <u>n</u> ame:	hsbt_TEST_RF6x1_v127.a20

Configurator will inform the user about the success/failure of the operation.



Getting the device information

The "Get" operation is useful when user wishes to copy the device settings from one device to another. First, press the "Get" button:

Parameters —		
File:		
Set	Get	Edit with Notepad

A save dialog will appear. Either select the file from the list or type a new filename in which the settings will be stored. Again, the appearing in the picture are examples:

File <u>n</u> ame:	settings_copy.pcg

After execution, the operation status is shown:

Name	Value	More
✓ 37 parameters read	C:\EEPROM\settings_copy.pcg	

The file is then automatically opened in Windows' notepad for editing. If the user does not want to edit the settings, notepad is just closed. Then the copying is done so that the destination device is attached to the serial cable and steps are as in "Setting configuration" with the file that was stored in the "Get" operation.

Hand terminal channel

After "Read Device Info", by **right-clicking** the information text, the channel can be set separately (hand terminal info):



Following dialog appears to set the channel:

Set channel		×
Channel setting	6	
Cancel	ОК	



When Ethernet is used

The "Base station" menu

NOTE: *To view the base stations correctly, the system must be setup on a network that has a DHCP server on it.*

Viewing the base stations found in the local area network can be done in with either selections shown in the picture:

Base station	
View base stations	
Cleanist	
Vevice Info	<
	□ Base stations
tradeka1.pcg	Basectations: 2
Get Edit with Notepad	Reset

Base stations are listed as follows

Name	Value	More	
₱ Base station ₱ Base station	172.16.32.24 172.16.32.11	Ch: 3, radio: 2, cal: 66 Ch: 3, radio: 2, cal: 66	



Base station operations

By **<u>right-clicking a single base</u>** station, popup menu appears:

Channel
Web
View ethernet settings
Device info
Set configuration file
Set default ethernet settings
IP address settings
Set description
Reset base station
Reboot ethernet module
Select all base stations

Popup menu contents:

Selection	Does
Channel	Sets the channel for the base station. See "Base station cannel".
Web	Open browser for advanced configuration of the Ethernet module. NOTE:
	if username and password are changed the configurator will not be able to
	configure Ethernet settings anymore.
View ethernet settings	Shows ethernet settings, see "View ethernet settings".
Device info	Same as "Read Device Info"-button
Set configuration file	Same as selecting configuration file via File \rightarrow Open Configuration file \rightarrow
	<select base="" from="" list="" one="" station=""> \rightarrow <press "set"-button.<="" td=""></press></select>
Set default ethernet	Uploads the factory defaults for the ethernet module and then reboots it.
settings	
IP address settings	See "IP address configuration"
Set description	User can set location and description texts with this selection. If the
	information is available it will be shown when "View ethernet settings" is
	selected, see "Description and location".
Reset base station	Resets the base station side of the device.
Reboot ethernet	Reboots the ethernet side of the device.
module	
Select all base stations	Marks all the base stations in the list selected. Enables multiple base
	station configuration at the same time, see "Multiple base station
	configuration".



Base station channel

When channel setting is selected, channel set dialog is shown:

Set channel	×
Channel setting	3
Cancel	OK

Set the correct channel and select "OK".

View Ethernet settings

Settings @ 172.16.32.11	
GUse DHCP:	on
🕄 Serial baud rate:	19200
🕤 Data bits:	8
🚯 Stop bits:	1
1 Parity:	none
G Flow control:	none
🔁 Location:	Location 11
G Description:	Station 11
🖌 Log out	OK (200)

where the essential settings of the ethernet converter are shown. Note the presence of the "Location" and "Description" information.



IP address configuration

It possible to make the ethernet module to use fixed IP address or make it obtain an IP address from a DHCP server. When IP address settings is selected, following dialog appears:

IP settings	×
_IP settings	
Use DHCP	
O Use these IP s	ettings
IP address	172 . 16 . 32 . 11
Subnet mask	255 . 255 . 240 . 0
Default gateway	172 . 16 . 32 . 1
Cancel	ОК

DHCP use is recommended.

<u>NOTE</u>: If the IP address is set to some fixed address, make sure that you know what you are doing. It may be very difficult to find the device afterwards in case wrong settings were made.

Description and location

When "Set description" is selected, following dialog appears. Description and location values are examples. This property may come in handy in situation where the exact location of a base station is required.

Description and location		
These settings appear when "Ethernet and serial settings" is performed.		
Description		
Base station number 10		
_ Location		
Storage room 3		
Cancel OK		

Hit OK to store the settings.



Configuring multiple base stations at once

When more than one base station is selected from the base station list, the popup menu (appearing with right-clock) appears a bit differently:



The selections are:

Selection	Does
Set to same channel	Enables the all selected base stations to be set to same channel. Dialogs
	are as in channel selection.
Upload default ethernet	Uploads factory default ethernet settings to all the selected base stations.
settings	
Set configuration file	Set one configuration file to all the selected base stations.
Reset base stations	Resets all the base stations. This property can be useful in findinga a
	base stations that is not answering: upon reset the LED on a base station
	flashes red and then goes green (requires the base stations to be in line of
	sight).
Reboot ethernet	Reboots all the ethernet modules.
modules	



Other properties

Property	Does
"Clear list"-button	Clears the information list (does not remove e.g. any base station information)
"Reset"-button	Clears base station discovery information. Same as Base station \rightarrow Clear list.

Other information

Default Ethernet settings

Setting	Default value
Use DHCP	yes (**)
Serial baud rate	19200 (*)
Data bits	8 (*)
Parity	none (*)
Flow control	none (*)

Values marked (*) cannot be changed. When changing values marked (**) care must be taken that the changes are correct