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Operating instructions

Remote I/O module 16 DI ModbusTCP IP65 / IP66 / IP67

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1 Preliminary note

You will find instructions, technical data, approvals and further information using the QR code on the unit / packaging or at documentation.ifm.com.

1.1 Legal and copyright information

1.2 Symbols used

✓	Requirement
▶	Instructions
▷	Reaction, result
[...]	Designation of keys, buttons or indications
→	Cross-reference
	Important note Non-compliance may result in malfunction or interference.
	Information Supplementary note

1.3 Warnings used

ATTENTION

Warning of damage to property

CAUTION

Warning of personal injury

▷ Slight reversible injuries may result.

WARNING

Warning of serious personal injury

▷ Death or serious irreversible injuries may result.

1.4 Safety symbol on the device

Safety symbol on the device:

▶ Adhere to the operating instructions for the safe operation of the unit.

1.5 Change history

Issue	Subject	Date
00	New creation of the document	11 / 2022
01	• Corrected: Chapter DI Channel Mapping (550) (→ 56)	04 / 2023

2 Safety instructions

- The unit described is a subcomponent for integration into a system.
  - The system architect is responsible for the safety of the system.
  - The system architect undertakes to perform a risk assessment and to create documentation in accordance with legal and normative requirements to be provided to the operator and user of the system. This documentation must contain all necessary information and safety instructions for the operator, the user and, if applicable, for any service personnel authorised by the architect of the system.
- Read this document before setting up the product and keep it during the entire service life.
- The product must be suitable for the corresponding applications and environmental conditions without any restrictions.
- Only use the product for its intended purpose (→ Intended use).
- If the operating instructions or the technical data are not adhered to, personal injury and/or damage to property may occur.
- The manufacturer assumes no liability or warranty for any consequences caused by tampering with the product or incorrect use by the operator.
- Installation, electrical connection, set-up, operation and maintenance of the product must be carried out by qualified personnel authorised by the machine operator.
- Protect units and cables against damage.
- Replace damaged units, otherwise the technical data and safety will be impaired.
- Observe applicable documents.

2.1 Cyber security

ATTENTION

Operating the machine in an unprotected network environment

▷ Unauthorised read or write access to data is possible.

▷ Unauthorised manipulation of the device function is possible.

▶ Check and restrict access options to the device.

3 Intended use

The device may only be used for the following purposes:

- Gateway between digital sensors and a higher-level control system

The device is designed for use outside of a control cabinet.

4 Function

4.1 Visual indication

The device displays the following indications:

- Status and error indication of the gateway and the system
- Status and activity indication of the Ethernet connection
- Status display of the voltage supply
- Status, error and short circuit/overload indication of the sensor ports

4.2 Parameter setting

The device can be configured using the following options:

- Parameter setting software
  - ifm moneo
  - ifm moneo|configure SA
- ifm IoT Core
  - IoT-Core Visualizer
- ModbusTCP
  - Projection software

4.3 Inputs

The device has 8 ports. Each port has 2 digital inputs.

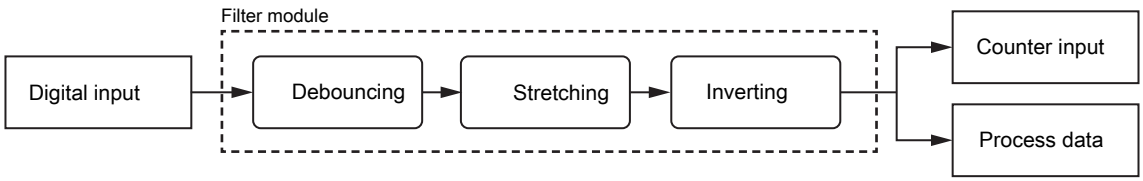
4.3.1 Sensor supply

The device has a total of 8 sensor supplies (1 sensor supply per port).

4.4 Digital input filters

The device pre-processes the digital input signals. The filter result is forwarded as a process value. The following filters can be applied to the input signals in the sequence specified.

1. Debouncing
2. Stretching
3. Inverting



Each filter can be configured separately.

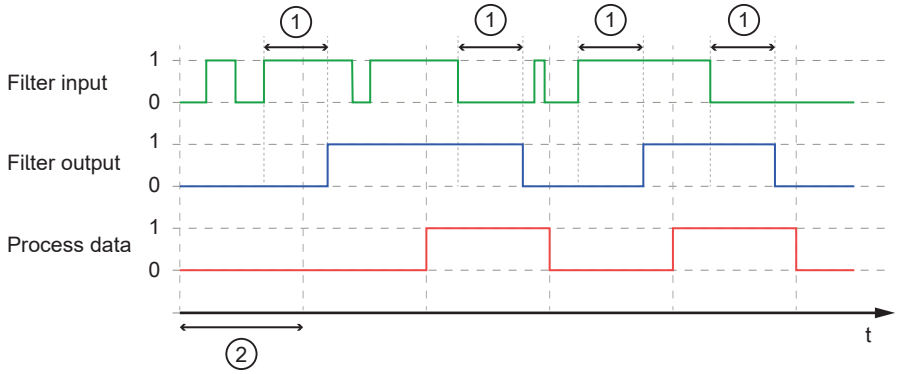
The device detects signals of a length of min. 0.23 ms. Shorter signals are not detected.

Periodic signals are only detected reliably if the signal period is at least twice as long as the cycle time.

4.4.1 Debouncing

The filter suppresses noise signals. The filter provides the input signals at the filter output with a delay (debounce time). All signals shorter than the set debounce time are ignored by the filter.

Time diagram debounce filter:



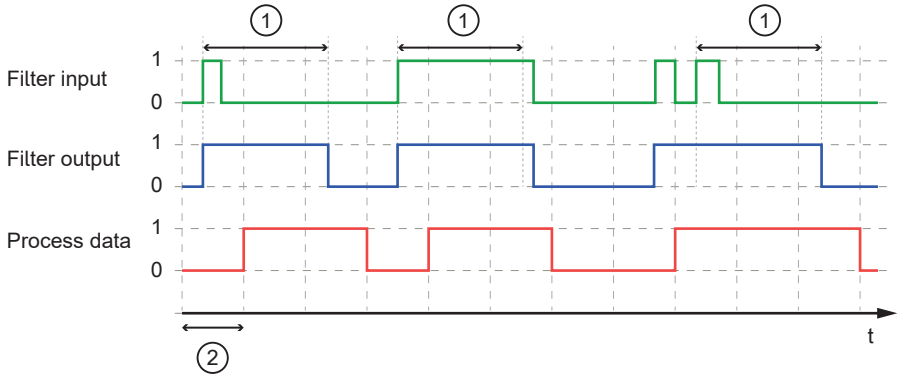
1: Debounce time
2: Cycle time

4.4.2 Stretching

The filter stretches short input pulses. Level changes that occur during a stretching period are ignored. The filter is configured via the following parameters:

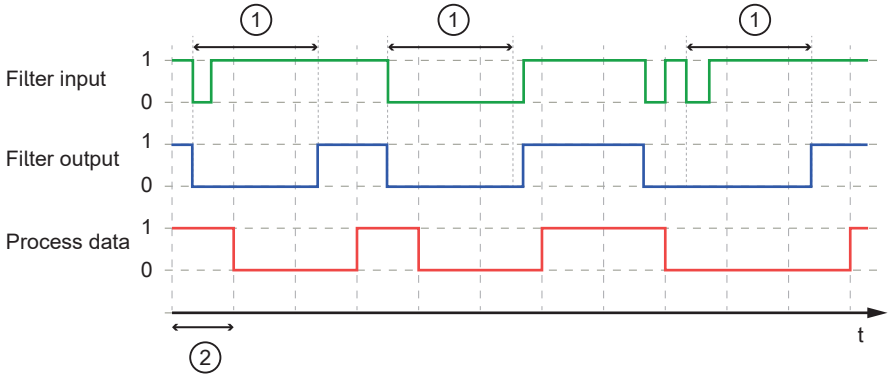
- Hold time: pulse duration to which short pulses are to be stretched. Pulses that are present for a longer time than the hold time are not stretched.
- Hold level: signal level to be stretched (HIGH or LOW)

Time diagram stretch filter (status HIGH):



1: Hold time
2: Cycle time

Time diagram stretch filter (status LOW):



1: Hold time
2: Cycle time

4.4.3 Inverting

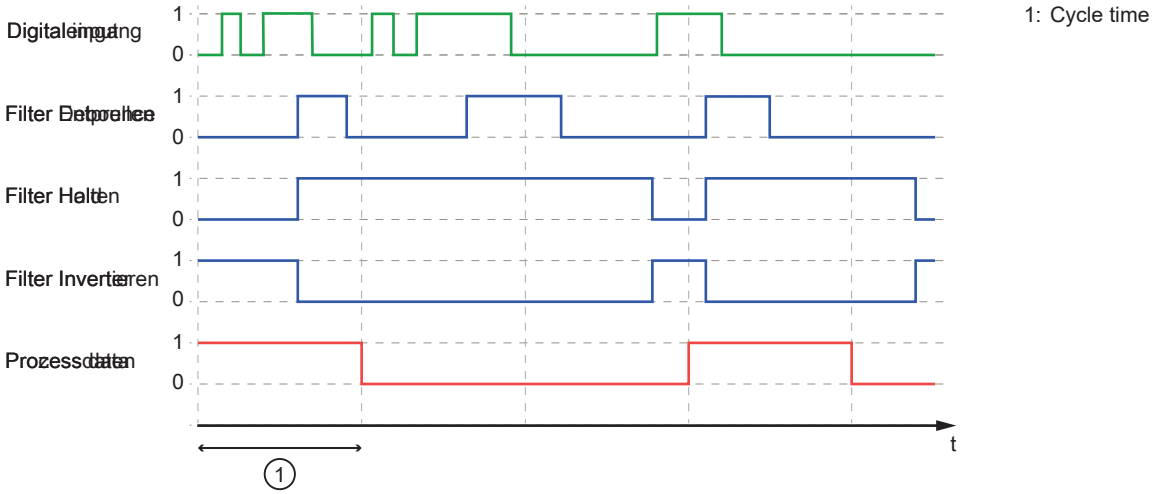
The filter inverts signals.

4.4.4 Filter combination

The filters can be combined.

Example: All 3 filters are activated

Time diagram:

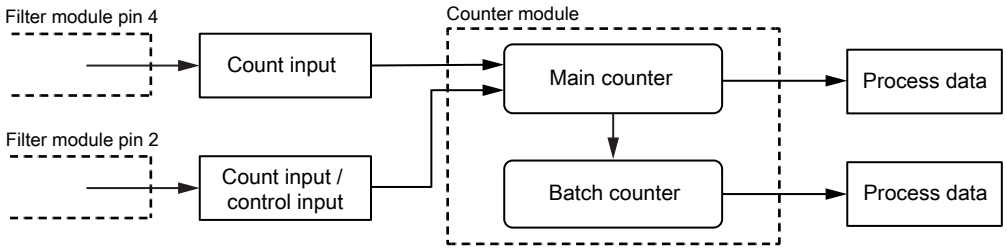


4.5 Counter

The device features one counter module per port.

A counter module consists of 2 separate counters:

- Main counter: The main counter counts the rising edges of the filtered digital input signals. The main counter has a value range that is defined by a threshold value. If the value range of the main counter is exceeded or not reached, an overflow or underflow signal is sent to the batch counter.
- Batch counter: The batch counter counts the overflow or underflow signals of the main counter.



A counter module can be operated in different operating modes. The following operating modes are available.

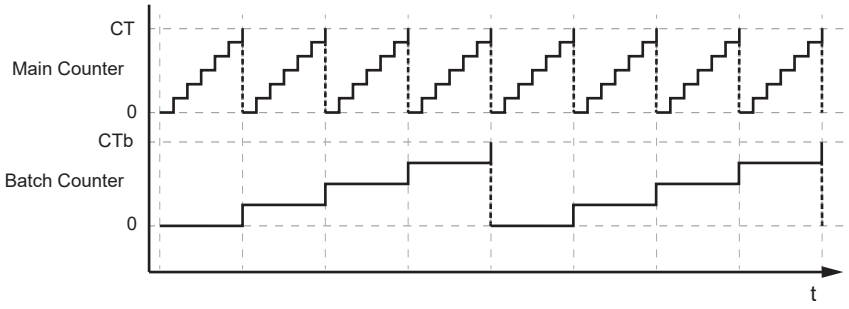
4.5.1 Counter mode CTU

In CTU (Count Up) mode, the counter module operates as an up counter with overflow detection and overflow counter.

Behaviour:

- The initial value of the main counter is m = 0. The initial value of the batch counter is b = 0. The main counter has a threshold value CT. The batch counter has a threshold value CTb.

- If the counter module detects a positive edge at pin 4 of the port, the value of the main counter is incremented (m = m+1).
- If the main counter reaches the threshold value CT (m = CT), the counter value is reset (m = 0). Due to the overflow detection, the value of the batch counter is incremented (b = b+1).
- If the batch counter reaches the threshold value CTb (b = CTb), the counter value is reset (b = 0).

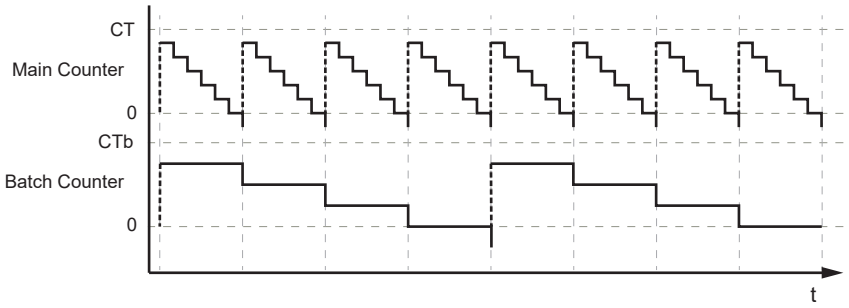


4.5.2 Counter mode CTD

In CTD (Count Down) mode, the counter module operates as a down counter with underflow detection and underflow counting.

Behaviour:

- The initial value of the main counter is m = 0. The initial value of the batch counter is b = 0. The main counter has a threshold value CT. The batch counter has a threshold value CTb.
- The first time a positive edge is detected at pin 4, the value of the main counter is set to the threshold value CT-1 (m = CT-1). At the same time, the value of the batch counter is set to the threshold value CTb-1 (b = CTb-1).
- If the counter module detects a positive edge at pin 4 of the port, the value of the main counter is decremented (m = m-1).
- If the main counter falls below 0, the counter value is reset to the threshold value (m = CT-1). Due to the underflow detection, the value of the batch counter is decremented (b = b-1).
- If the batch counter falls below 0, the counter value is reset to the threshold value (b = CTb-1).



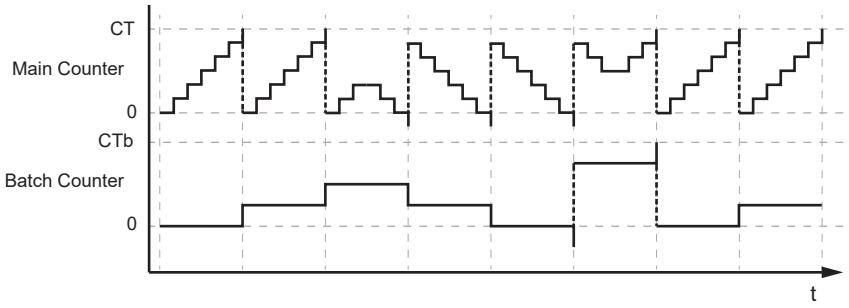
4.5.3 Counter mode CTUD

In CTUD (Count Up Down) mode, the counter operates as a simultaneous up and down counter with overflow and underflow detection.

Behaviour:

- The initial value of the main counter is m = 0. The initial value of the batch counter is b = 0. The main counter has a threshold value CT. The batch counter has a threshold value CTb.
- If the counter module detects a positive edge at pin 4 of the port, the value of the main counter is incremented (m = m+1).
- If the counter module detects a positive edge at pin 2 of the port, the value of the main counter is decremented (m = m-1).

- If the counter module simultaneously detects a positive edge at pin 4 and pin 2 of the port, the counter value of the main counter does not change.
- If the main counter reaches the threshold value CT (m = CT), the counter value is reset (m = 0). Due to the overflow detection, the value of the batch counter is incremented (b = b+1).
- If the main counter falls below 0, the counter value is reset to the threshold value (m = CT-1). Due to the underflow detection, the value of the batch counter is decremented (b = b-1).
- If the batch counter reaches the threshold value CTb (b = CTb), the counter value is reset (b = 0).
- If the batch counter falls below 0, the counter value is reset to the threshold value (b = CTb-1).

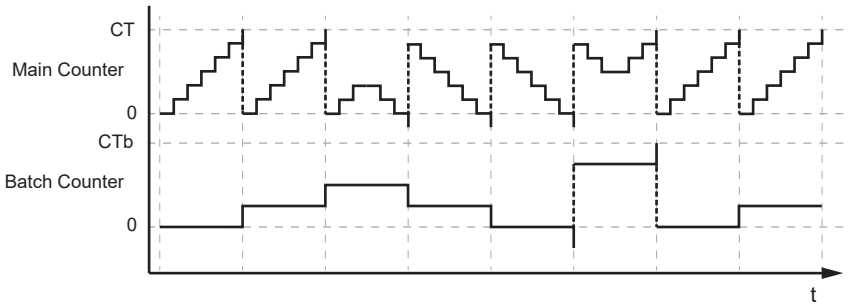


4.5.4 Counter mode CTDIR

In CTDIR (Count Direction) mode, the counter module operates either as an up counter with overflow detection or as a down counter with underflow detection. The counting direction can be set.

Behaviour:

- The initial value of the main counter is m = 0. The initial value of the batch counter is b = 0. The main counter has a threshold value CT. The batch counter has a threshold value CTb.
- The user can determine the counting direction. The counter module initially operates as an up counter with overflow detection.
- If the counter module detects a positive edge at pin 4 of the port and the counting direction of the port is set to “up”, the value of the main counter is incremented (m = m+1).
- If the main counter reaches the threshold value CT (m = CT), the counter value is reset (m = 0). Due to the overflow detection, the value of the batch counter is incremented (b = b+1).
- If the batch counter reaches the threshold value CTb (b = CTb), the counter value is reset (b = 0).
- If the counter module detects a positive edge at pin 4 of the port and the counting direction at pin 2 of the port is set to “down”, the value of the main counter is decremented (m = m-1).
- If the main counter falls below 0, the counter value is reset to the threshold value (m = CT-1). Due to the underflow detection, the value of the batch counter is decremented (b = b-1).
- If the batch counter falls below 0, the counter value is reset to the threshold value (b = CTb-1).



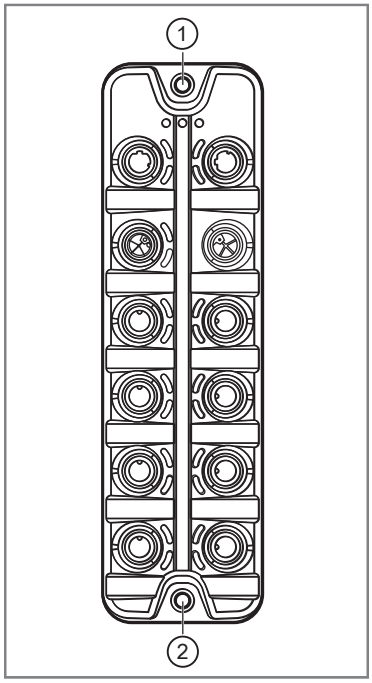
4.6 Modbus TCP

The device offers the following Modbus TCP functions:

- Device profile: Modbus TCP Server (message mode)
- 2-port switch for access to Modbus TCP interface (X21 / X22)

5 Installation

5.1 Overview



1: Upper mounting lug
2: Lower mounting lugs lug

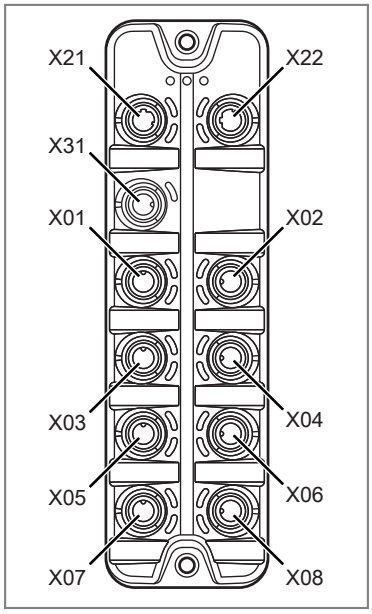
5.2 Install device

- ▶ Disconnect the power of the machine before installation.
- ▶ Use a flat mounting surface for installation.
- ▶ Please observe the maximum tightening torque.

Fasten the device onto the mounting surface using 2 M5 mounting screws and washers (tightening torque: 1.8 Nm).

6 Electrical connection

6.1 Overview



X21: Ethernet 1 (ModbusTCP)
X22: Ethernet 2 (ModbusTCP)
X31: Power IN
X01: process connection 1 (sensor)
X02: process connection 2 (sensor)
X03: process connection 3 (sensor)
X04: process connection 4 (sensor)
X05: process connection 5 (sensor)
X06: process connection 6 (sensor)
X07: process connection 7 (sensor)
X08: process connection 8 (sensor)

6.2 General wiring information

The device must be connected by a qualified electrician.

▶ Observe the national and international regulations for the installation of electrical equipment.

The device is only suitable for operation using SELV/PELV voltages.

This device contains components that may be damaged or destroyed by electrostatic discharge (ESD).

▶ Please observe the required precautions against electrostatic discharge!

The circuits are insulated from each other and from touchable surfaces of the device with basic insulation according to EN 61010-1.

The communication interfaces are insulated from each other and from touchable surfaces of the device with basic insulation according to EN 61010-1.

6.2.1 Connection technology

The threaded connections in the device correspond to the M12 standard. To ensure compliance with the specified protection rating, only cables that comply with this standard may be used. In the case of self-assembled cables, the system manufacturer is responsible for the protection rating.

▶ Use connectors with gold-plated contacts.

▶ During installation, place the connectors vertically so that the coupling nut will not damage the thread.

▶ Observe the coding of the connectors during installation.

▶ Cover unused connections with protective covers. Tightening torque: 1.3 ± 0.1 Nm

6.3 Ethernet

The device is connected to the ModbusTCP network via the Ethernet ports X21 / X22 (e. g. ModbusTCP control, additional ModbusTCP device). In addition, the device can be connected to an IT network via the Ethernet ports. The user can access functions of the ifm IoT Core via the IT network (parameter setting software, IoT Core Visualizer).

- ▶ Connect the device to the ModbusTCP network via a free Ethernet port.
- ▶ Optional: Connect the device to the IT network via a free Ethernet port.
- ▶ For connection, use an M12 connector (with at least protection rating: IP65 / IP66 / IP67).
- ▶ Tighten the cable plug using 1.3 ± 0.1 Nm.

Wiring:

1: TX +
2: RX +
3: TX -
4: RX -
5: not used

6.4 Process connections

The sensors are connected to the device via the process connections.

The total current supply of the ports X01...X08 is limited to 3.6 A.

The ports feature short-circuit / overload detection.

- ▶ Connect the sensors to ports X01...X08.
- ▶ For connection, use M12 connectors (with at least protection rating: IP65 / IP66 / IP67; max. cable length: 30 m).
- ▶ Tighten the cable plug using 1.3 ± 0.1 Nm.

Wiring:

1: sensor supply L+ (US)
2: digital output 2 (DI2)
3: sensor supply L- (US)
4: digital output 1 (DI1)
5: functional earth (FE)

6.5 Voltage supply

The device is connected to the supply voltage US via the power IN port.

The US supply voltage supplies the device and the sensors connected to the ports X01...X08 with voltage.

Port X31 has overvoltage protection (US).

Port X31 has reverse polarity protection (US).

Port X31 has an inrush current limitation.

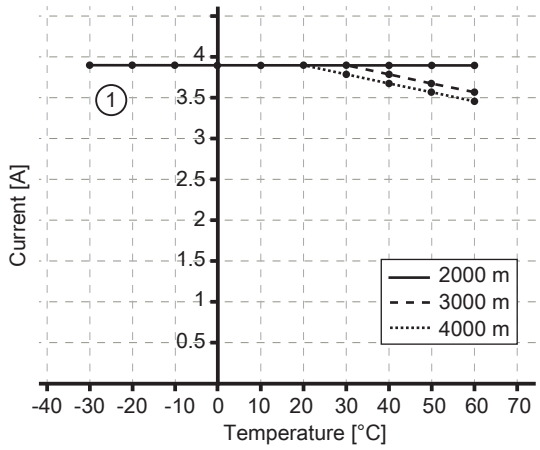
- ▶ Disconnect power.
- ▶ Connect the device via port X31 to 24 V DC (20…30 V SELV/PELV).
- ▶ For connection, use an L-coded M12 connector (with at least protection rating: IP65 / IP66 / IP67).
- ▶ Tighten the cable sockets according to the torque specifications indicated by the cable manufacturer. Maximum permissible tightening torque: 0.8 Nm
- ▶ Observe the derating behaviour of the device (→ Derating behaviour 🗋 17).

Wiring:

1: + 24 V DC (US)
2: not used
3: GND (US)
4: not used

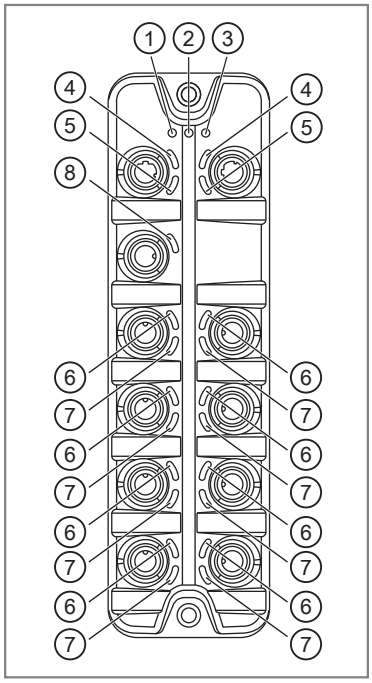
6.5.1 Derating behaviour

The current IUS available at ports X01...X08 depends on the ambient temperature of the device.



7 Operating and display elements

7.1 LEDs



1: status: RDY
2: status: ERR
3: status: RUN
4: Modbus TCP: LNK
5: Modbus TCP: ACT
6: Process connection: DI1
7: Process connection: DI2
8: Voltage supply: US

7.1.1 Status

LED	Description	Colour	State	Description
RDY	Gateway status	-	Off	Not active or reboots
		Green	Flashes 3 s (1 Hz)	DCP signalling service initiated via fieldbus
			Flashes (5 Hz)	Error
			Flashes (200 ms on, 800 ms off)	Firmware update running
			On	OK
		red	On	Error during firmware update (e.g. firmware not compatible)
ERR	Error indication	red	Off	No error
			Flashes (10 Hz)	Boot error
			flashes (200 ms on, 200 ms off, 200 ms on, 1000 ms off)	Watchdog error (Modbus TCP or process data)
			flashes (200 ms on, 1000 ms off)	local error
			Flashes (2.5 Hz)	invalid configuration
			On	Communication error
RUN	Modbus TCP state (state machine)	Green	Off	not ready
			Flashes (1 Hz)	ready, but not yet configured
			Flashes (5 Hz)	waiting for connection
			On	connection established

7.1.2 Ethernet

LED	Description	Colour	State	Description
LNK	Status of the connection	Green	Off	No Ethernet connection
			On	Ethernet connection established
ACT	Status of the data transmission	Yellow	Off	No data transmission
			flashes	Data transmission

7.1.3 Voltage supply

LED	Description	Colour	State	Description
US	Voltage supply status	-	Off	No supply voltage is applied or the applied supply voltage is too low
		Green	On	Supply voltage applied
		red	On	Overvoltage, undervoltage, short circuit at sensor supply

7.1.4 Process connections

LED	Description	Colour	State	Description
DI1	Digital input signal level (pin 4)	Yellow	Off	Digital input - pin 4: LOW
			On	Digital input - pin 4: HIGH
DI2	Digital input signal level (pin 2)	Yellow	Off	Digital input - pin 2: LOW
			On	Digital input - pin 2: HIGH

8 Set-up

▶ Install the unit correctly.

▶ Establish a correct electrical connection with the device.

▷ Once connected to the supply voltage, the unit will start.

▷ The LEDs show status and error conditions.

▷ The unit is ready for operation.

▷ The device can be configured.

9 Settings

9.1 Parameter setting software

9.1.1 Supported parameter setting software

The device can be configured with the following parameter setting software:

- ifm moneo
- ifm moneo|configure SA

▶ Install the desired parameter setting software.

▶ Activate the licences required for operation.

▷ Parameter setting software can be used for parameter setting of the device.

9.1.2 Getting started

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software is correctly installed on the laptop / PC.

✓ The laptop / PC is connected to a free Ethernet port of the device.

▶ Start the parameter setting software.

▶ Scan the network for devices.

▷ The parameter setting software recognises the device.

▶ Optional:

▶ Establish a connection to the device.

▷ The parameter setting software can access the device parameters.

9.1.3 Fieldbus: Configuring a ModbusTCP interface

Changes to the [byteswap] parameters will only take effect after the device has been restarted.

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[dhcp]	Status of the DHCP client of the device	• Static IP: IP parameters are set by the user • DHCP: IP parameters are set by a DHCP server in the network (default) • BOOTP: IP parameters are set via the Bootstrap Protocol	rw [1]
[ipaddress]	IP address of the ModbusTCP interface	e.g. 192.100.0.10 • 192.168.1.250 (default)	rw [1]
[subnetmask]	Subnet mask of the network segment	e.g. 255.255.255.0 • 255.255.255.0 (default)	rw [1]
[ipdefaultgateway]	IP address of the network gateway	e.g. 192.100.0.1 • 0.0.0.0 (default)	rw [1]
[macaddress]	MAC address of the Ethernet interface	e.g. 00:02:01:0E:10:7F	ro [2]
[hostname]	Name of the device in the ModbusTCP network	e.g. al4x4x	ro [2]
[connectiontimeout]	Set timeout for interruption of the fieldbus connection (value in milliseconds)	• 20: 20 ms … • 31000: 31000 ms (default) … • 60000: 60000 ms	rw [1]
[byteswap]	Arrangement of the bytes in data WORD	• 0: Big Endian (default) • 65535: Little Endian	rw [1]

[1] read and write

[2] read only

To configure the ModbusTCP interface:

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The connection to the device has been established.

▶ Select the [fieldbussetup] > [network] menu.

▷ The menu page shows the current settings.

▶ Set IP parameters of the interface.

▶ Select [fieldbussetup] > [configuration] in the menu.

▶ Set fieldbus-specific parameters.

▶ Write the changed values to the device.

▶ Restart the device.

▷ The ModbusTCP interface is configured

9.1.4 Fieldbus: Reading the connection status

Available information:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[connectionstatus]	Status of the ModbusTCP connection	• Disconnected: Not connected • Connected: Connected	ro [1]
[disconnectioncounter]	Connection interruption counter	• 0: no interruption … • 65535: 65535 interruptions	ro [1]
[fieldbusfirmware]	Firmware version of the ModbusTCP stack	e.g. 5.4.0.3 (ModbusTCP Server)	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select the [fieldbussetup] menu.

▷ The menu page displays the status of the ModbusTCP connection.

9.1.5 Ports: Setting the arrangement of the digital inputs

The arrangement of the digital input channels in Modbus registers 0, 400 and 401 is adjustable.

Available options:

- Pin-based:

Word	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
n	X08 pin 2	X07 pin 2	X06 pin 2	X05 pin 2	X04 pin 2	X03 pin 2	X02 pin 2	X01 pin 2	X08 pin 4	X07 pin 4	X06 pin 4	X05 pin 4	X04 pin 4	X03 pin 4	X02 pin 4	X01 pin 4

- Port-based:

Word	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
n	X08 pin 2	X08 pin 4	X07 pin 2	X07 pin 4	X06 pin 2	X06 pin 4	X05 pin 2	X05 pin 4	X04 pin 2	X04 pin 4	X03 pin 2	X03 pin 4	X02 pin 2	X02 pin 4	X01 pin 2	X01 pin 4

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[di_channel_mapping]	Setting the arrangement of the digital inputs in the process data	• 0: Pin-based • 1: Port-based	rw [1]

[1] read and write

To set the arrangement of the digital inputs in the process data:

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The connection to the device has been established.

▶ Select [io] menu.

▷ The menu page shows the current settings.

▶ Set the parameters.

▶ Write the changed values to the device.

▷ Arrangement of the digital inputs in the process data is set.

9.1.6 Ports: Configuring input filters

▶ Observe the notes on input filters: Digital input filters (→ 🗋 8)

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[pin2]/[debounce_time]	Pin 2: debounce time (= value * 0.1 ms)	• 0: 0 ms (default) … • 500: 50 ms	rw [1]
[pin2]/[hold_time]	Pin 2: Hold time (= value * 0.1 ms)	• 0: 0 ms (default) … • 60000: 6000 ms	rw [1]
[pin2]/[hold_level]	Pin 2: Hold level	• 0: hold LOW • 1: hold HIGH (default)	rw [1]
[pin2]/[invert]	Pin 2: Inversion	• 0: do not invert (default) • 1: invert	rw [1]
[pin4]/[debounce_time]	Pin 4: debounce time (= value * 0.1 ms)	• 0: 0 ms … • 500: 50 ms	rw [1]
[pin4]/[hold_time]	Pin 4: Hold time (= value * 0.1 ms)	• 0: 0 ms (default) … • 60000: 6000 ms	rw [1]
[pin4]/[hold_level]	Pin 4: Hold level	• 0: hold LOW • 1: hold HIGH (default)	rw [1]
[pin4]/[invert]	Pin 4: Inversion	• 0: do not invert (default) • 1: invert	rw [1]

[1] The parameter can only be changed if no connection to the fieldbus controller is active

▶ Select the menu option [io] > [port[n]] (n: 1…8).

▷ The menu page displays the available parameters.

▶ Set the parameters.

▶ Write the changed parameter values to the device.

▷ The digital input filters have been configured.

9.1.7 Ports: Reading digital input data

Available information:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[pin2]/[digital]	Process value digital input - pin 2 (after filtering)	• LOW: Off • HIGH: On	ro [1]
[pin4]/[digital]	Process value digital input - pin 4 (after filtering)	• LOW: Off • HIGH: On	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select the menu option [io] > [port[n]] (n: 1…8).

▷ The menu page displays the current process values of the port’s digital inputs.

The displayed process values are the filtered input data.

9.1.8 Counter: Configuring counter modules

▶ Observe the notes on counter modules: Counter (→ 10)

If the operating mode of a counter module is changed, the current counter values will be reset and any active events will be deleted.

For the parameters [pin2_function] and [count_direction_selection] all shown parameter values can be selected. It is not checked whether these make sense. For each counter operating mode (parameter [mode]), the table below indicates the valid value ranges (✓: valid setting; ✕: invalid setting):

[mode]	[pin2_function]					[count_direction_selection]	
	N/C	Counter Edge Input Pin2	Count Direction	Reset (Main & Batch Counter)	Disable (Main & Batch Counter)	Pin 2 Count Direction	IoT / PLC Count Direction
CTU	✓	✕	✕	✓	✓	✕	✕
CTD	✓	✕	✕	✓	✓	✕	✕
CTUD	✕	✓	✕	✕	✕	✕	✕
CTDIR	✕	✕	✓	✕	✕	✓	✕
CTDIR	✓	✕	✕	✓	✓	✕	✓

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[mode]	Operating mode of the counter module	• CTU (up counter): up counter (default) • CTD (down counter): Down counter • CTUD (up counter / down counter): up and down counter • CTDIR (direction counter): up or down counter	rw [1]
[pin2_function]	Pin 2 function of the port (→ Observe note!)	• N/C: no function (default) • Counter Edge Input 2: counting pulse (rising edge) • Count Direction: counting direction • Reset (Main & Batch Counter): reset main counter and batch counter • Disable (Main & Batch Counter): disable main counter and batch counter	rw [1]
[count_direction_selection]	Control instance for selecting the counting direction (→ Observe note!)	• Pin 2 Count Direction: pin 2 of the port (default) • IoT / PLC Count Direction: Fieldbus PLC	rw [1]
[main_threshold]	Main counter threshold (CT)	• 1 … • 4294967295 (default)	rw [1]
[batch_threshold]	Batch counter threshold (CTb)	• 1 … • 65535 (default)	rw [1]

[1] The parameter can only be changed if no connection to the fieldbus controller is active

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select menu [io] > [counter[n]] (n: 1…8).

▷ The menu page displays the configuration options of the counter.

▶ Configure the counter module.

▶ Optional: Configure additional counter modules.

▶ Write the changed values to the device.

▷ The counter modules are configured.

9.1.9 Counter: Reading counter values

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[maincounter_value]	Main counter reading	0…4294967294	ro [1]
[batchcounter_value]	Batch counter value	0…65534	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select the menu option [io] > [port[n]] (n: 1…8).

▷ The menu page displays the current counter values of the main and batch counter.

9.1.10 Counter: Controlling counter modules

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[disable]	Disable main counter and batch counter	• 0: counter module is active (default) • 1: counter module is not active	rw [1]
[reset]	Reset main counter, batch counter and CT and CTb thresholds to initial values	• 0: no action (default) • 1: reset	rw [1]
[direction] [2]	Set the counting direction for the main counter and the batch counter	• 0: up (default) • 1: down	rw [1]

[1] The parameter can only be changed if no connection to the fieldbus controller is active

[2] only effective if operating mode of counter module = `CTDIR`

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select menu [io] > [counter[n]] (n: 1…8).

▷ The menu page displays the available parameters.

▶ Optional: disable counter module.

▶ Optional: reset counter module.

▶ Optional: set counting direction of counter module.

▶ Write the changed parameter values to the device.

▷ Selected actions are executed.

9.1.11 Gateway: Reading identification information

Available information:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[productcode]	Article number	AL4042	ro [1]
[devicefamily]	Device family	Ethernet modules	ro [1]
[vendor]	Manufacturer	ifm electronic gmbh	ro [1]
[swrevision]	Firmware revision	e.g. AL4x4x_fw_md_1.4.0.142	ro [1]
[hwrevision]	Hardware revision (status)	e.g. AA	ro [1]
[bootloaderrevision]	Bootloader version	e.g. AL4xxx_bl_1.4.0.39	ro [1]
[serialnumber]	Serial number	e.g. 0002043100003	ro [1]
[fieldbustype]	Fieldbus	ModbusTCP	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select the menu option [deviceinfo].

▷ The menu page displays the identification information of the device.

9.1.12 Gateway: Reading status and diagnostic information

Available information:

Parameter	Description	Value range	Access
[temperature]	Temperature of the device (value in °C)	-30…80	ro [1]
[voltage_us]	Present voltage value of the device supply US (value in mV)	0…40000	ro [1]
[supervisionstatus_us]	Status of the device supply US	• 0: No error • 1: Error	ro [1]
[current_us]	Present current value of the device supply US (value in mA)	0…40000	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select [Processdatamaster] menu.

▷ The menu page displays the diagnostic and status information.

9.1.13 Gateway: Setting the application tag

Available parameters:

Parameter	Description	Value range	Access
[applicationtag]	Application-specific identifier of the device in moneo	e.g. plant 1 machine 3	rw [1]

[1] read and write

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select [devicetag] menu.

▶ Enter the application identifier.

▶ Write the changed values to the device.

▷ The device can be identified by the selected application tag.

9.1.14 Firmware: Reading the firmware version

Available information:

Parameter	Description	Value range	Access
[version]	Firmware version	e.g. AL4x4x_fw_md_1.4.0.142	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select the [Firmware] menu.

▷ The menu page displays the firmware version of the device.

9.1.15 Firmware: Resetting the device

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select the [Firmware] menu.

▶ Click on [factoryreset].

▷ The device is reset to factory settings.

▷ All parameters are set to their default values.

9.1.16 Firmware: Restarting the device

Requirements:

✓ The parameter setting software has been started.

✓ The detailed view of the device is active.

▶ Select the [Firmware] menu.

▶ Click on [Reboot].

▷ The device will be restarted.

▷ All set parameter values will be retained.

9.2 IoT-Core Visualizer

The IoT Core Visualizer provides a graphical user interface to access the functions of the ifm IoT Core.

9.2.1 Starting the ifm IoT Core Visualizer

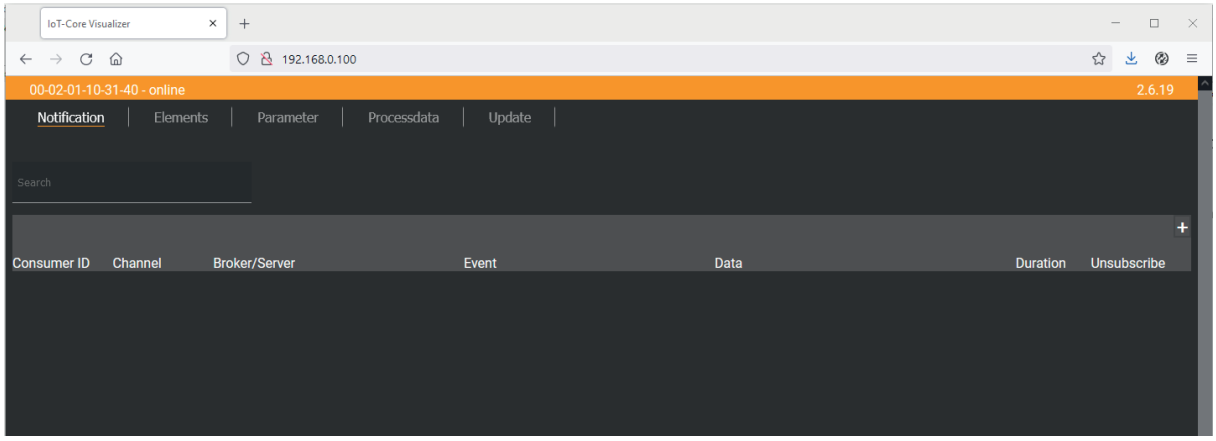
Requirements:

✓ The PC is connected to the Ethernet interface of the device.

✓ Ethernet interface has been configured correctly.

▶ Go to the following URL: http://<ip-address> (e.g. `http://192.168.0.10`)

▷ The web browser displays the start page of the IoT Core Visualiser.



The navigation menu gives the user access to the following functions:

- [Notification]: No function
- [Elements]: Searching elements of the IoT Core (→ 🗋 30)
- [Parameter]: Configuring the device (→ 🗋 31)
- [Processdata]: Accessing process data (→ 🗋 36)
- [Update]: Update firmware (→ 🗋 38)

9.2.2 Searching elements of the IoT Core

The [Elements] menu page allows you to search the IoT core tree for elements with specific properties and output the results.

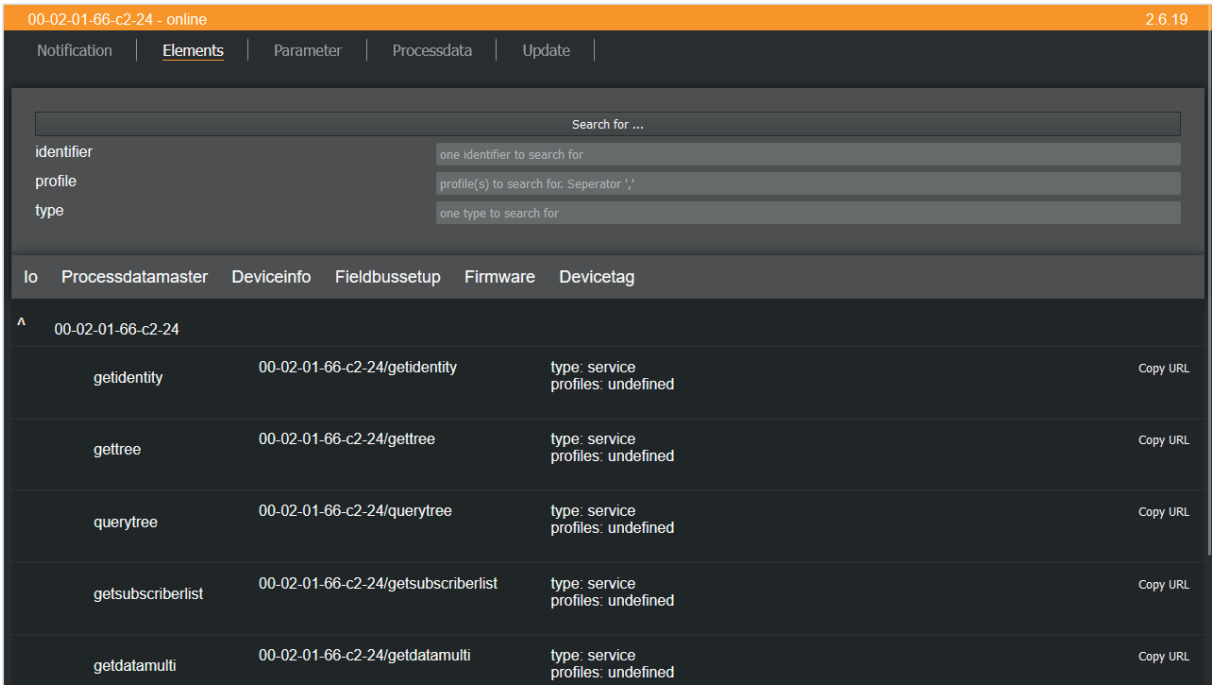
The following properties can be searched for:

- [identifier]: Name of the element
- [profile]: Element profile
- [type]: Type of the element

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ Menu [Elements] is active.



▶ Select the search criteria for the required element in the selection lists [identifier], [profile] and [type].

▶ Click on [Search for…].

▷ IoT-Core Visualizer searches device description for elements with selected search criteria.

▷ The result list shows all elements found.

9.2.3 Configuring the device

The [Parameters] menu page provides access to the configuration options of the device.

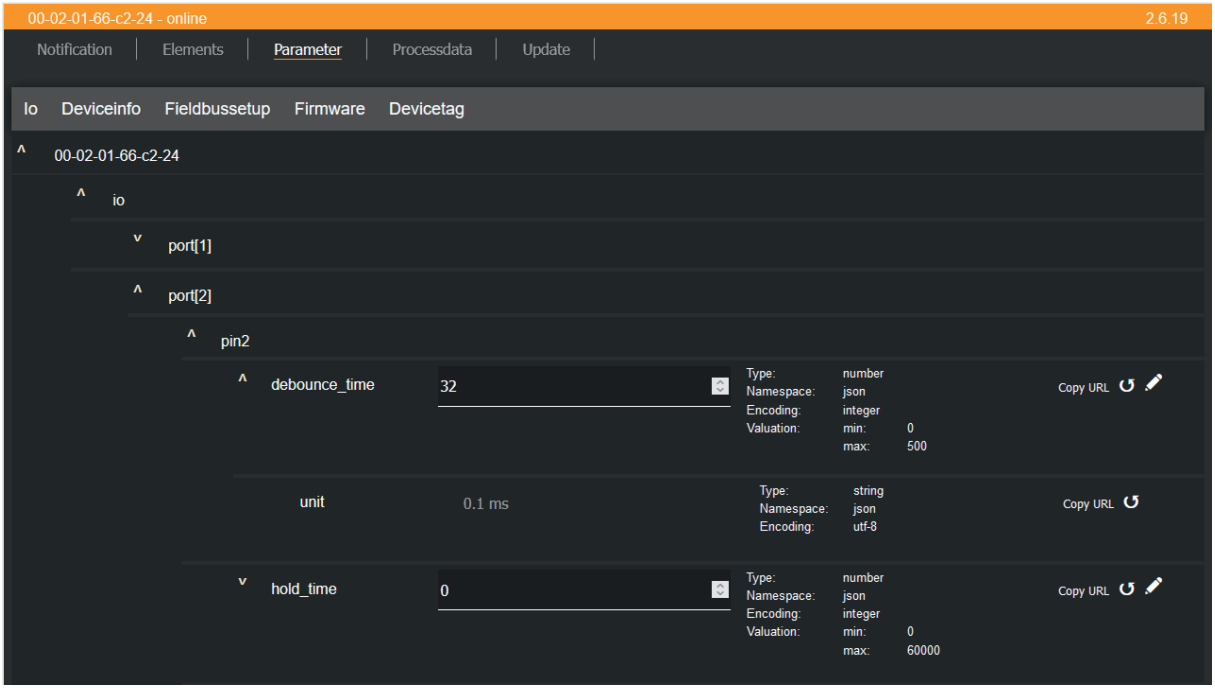
The configuration created via the IoT Core Visualizer is overwritten when a connection is established between the device and the ModbusTCP PLC.

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

▶ Select the [Parameter] menu.

▷ The menu page displays the available parameters of the device.



9.2.3.1 Configuring a ModbusTCP interface

Changes to the `byteswap` data point will only take effect after the device has been restarted.

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[network] > [dhcp]	Status of the DHCP client	• Static IP: Static IP address • DHCP: DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration protocol) • BOOTP: BOOTP (Bootstrap Protocol)	rw [1]
[network] > [ipaddress]	IP address of the Ethernet interface	e.g. 192.200.0.100 • 192.168.1.250 (default)	rw [1]
[network] > [subnetmask]	Subnet mask of the network segment	e.g. 255.255.192.0 • 255.255.255.0 (default)	rw [1]
[network] > [ipdefaultgateway]	IP address of the network gateway	e.g. 192.200.63.1 • 0.0.0.0 (default)	rw [1]
[network] > [macaddress]	MAC address of the Ethernet interface	e.g. 00:02:01:0E:10:7C	ro [2]

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[configuration] > [connection-timeout]	Set timeout for interruption of the fieldbus connection (value in milliseconds)	• 20: 2 ms … • 31000: 31000 ms … • 60000: 60000 ms	rw [1]
[configuration] > [byteswap]	Arrangement of the bytes in a data word	• big-endian: Big-endian format • little-endian: Little-endian format	rw [1]

[1] read and write

[2] read only

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Parameter] menu is active.

▶ Select the [Fieldbussetup] submenu.

▷ The menu page shows the current settings.

▶ Set the parameters.

▶ Click on ✎ to save the changes to the device.

▶ If necessary, restart the device.

▷ The ModbusTCP interface is configured.

9.2.3.2 Configuring input filters

▶ Observe the notes on input filters: Digital input filters (→ 🗋 8)

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[pin2] > [debounce_time]	Pin 2: debounce time (= value * 0.1 milisec-onds)	• 0: 0 ms (default) … • 500: 50 ms	rw [1]
[pin2] > [hold_time]	Pin 2: Hold time (= value * 0.1 milliseconds)	• 0: 0 ms (default) … • 60000: 6000 ms	rw [1]
[pin2] > [hold_level]	Pin 2: Hold level	• low: hold LOW • high: hold HIGH (default)	rw [1]
[pin2] > [invert]	Pin 2: Inversion	• signal not inverted: do not invert (default) • signal inverted: invert	rw [1]
[pin4] > [debounce_time]	Pin 4: debounce time (= value * 0.1 milisec-onds)	• 0: 0 ms (default) … • 500: 50 ms	rw [1]
[pin4] > [hold_time]	Pin 4: Hold time (= value * 0.1 milliseconds)	• 0: 0 ms (default) … • 60000: 6000 ms	rw [1]
[pin4] > [hold_level]	Pin 4: Hold level	• low: hold LOW • high: hold HIGH (default)	rw [1]
[pin4] > [invert]	Pin 4: Inversion	• signal not inverted: do not invert (default) • signal inverted: invert	rw [1]

[1] The parameter can only be changed if no connection to the fieldbus controller is active

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Parameter] menu is active.

▶ Select the [io] > [port[n]] submenu (n: 1...8).

▷ The menu page shows the current settings.

▶ Set the parameters.

▶ Click on ✎ to save the changes to the device.

▷ The filters of the digital inputs are configured.

9.2.3.3 Configuring counter modules

▶ Observe the notes on counter modules: Counter (→ 🗋 10)

If the operating mode of a counter module is changed, the current counter values will be reset and any active events will be deleted.

For the parameters [pin2_function] and [count_direction_selection] all shown parameter values can be selected. It is not checked whether these make sense. For each counter operating mode (parameter [mode]), the table below indicates the valid value ranges (✓: valid setting; ✕: invalid setting):

[mode]	[pin2_function]					[count_direction_selection]	
	No function	Counting pulse	Counting direction	Reset main counter and batch counter	Disable main counter and batch counter	Pin 2	IoT Core / Fieldbus PLC
CTU	✓	✕	✕	✓	✓	✕	✕
CTD	✓	✕	✕	✓	✓	✕	✕
CTUD	✕	✓	✕	✕	✕	✕	✕
CTDIR	✕	✕	✓	✕	✕	✓	✕
CTDIR	✓	✕	✕	✓	✓	✕	✓

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[mode]	Operating mode of the counter module	• CTU (up counter): up counter (default) • CTD (down counter): Down counter • CTUD (up counter / down counter): Up and down counter • CTDIR (direction counter): Up and down counter with selectable counting direction	rw [1]
[pin2_function]	Pin 2 function of the port (→ Observe note!)	• N/C: no function (default) • Counter Edge Input 2: counting pulse (rising edge) • Count Direction: counting direction • Reset (Main & Batch Counter): reset main counter and batch counter • Disable (Main & Batch Counter): disable main counter and batch counter	rw [1]
[count_direction_selection]	Control instance for selecting the counting direction (→ Observe note!)	• Pin 2 Count Direction: Pin 2 (default) • IoT / PLC Count Direction: IoT Core / Fieldbus PLC	rw [1]

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[main_threshold]	Main counter threshold (CT)	• 1 … • 4294967295 (default)	rw [1]
[batch_threshold]	Batch counter threshold (CTb)	• 1 … • 65535 (default)	rw [1]

[1] The parameter can only be changed if no connection to the fieldbus controller is active

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Parameter] menu is active.

▶ Select the [io] > [counter[n]] submenu (n: 1...8).

▷ The menu page shows the current settings.

▶ Set the parameters.

▶ Click on ✎ to save the changes.

▷ The counter modules are configured.

9.2.3.4 Setting the arrangement of the digital inputs

The arrangement of the digital input channels in Modbus registers 0, 400 and 401 is adjustable.

Available options:

- Pin-based:

Word	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
n	X08 pin 2	X07 pin 2	X06 pin 2	X05 pin 2	X04 pin 2	X03 pin 2	X02 pin 2	X01 pin 2	X08 pin 4	X07 pin 4	X06 pin 4	X05 pin 4	X04 pin 4	X03 pin 4	X02 pin 4	X01 pin 4

- Port-based:

Word	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
n	X08 pin 2	X08 pin 4	X07 pin 2	X07 pin 4	X06 pin 2	X06 pin 4	X05 pin 2	X05 pin 4	X04 pin 2	X04 pin 4	X03 pin 2	X03 pin 4	X02 pin 2	X02 pin 4	X01 pin 2	X01 pin 4

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[di_channel_mapping]	Setting the arrangement of the digital inputs in the process data	• 0: Pin-based • 1: Port-based	rw [1]

[1] read and write

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Parameter] menu is active.

▶ Select the [io] submenu.

▷ The menu page shows the current settings.

▶ Set the parameters.

▶ Click on ✎ to save the changes to the device.

▷ The arrangement of the digital input channels is configured.

9.2.3.5 Reading device information

Available information:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[productcode]	Article number	AL4042	ro [1]
[vendor]	Manufacturer	ifm electronic	ro [1]
[devicefamily]	Device family	Ethernet modules	ro [1]
[serialnumber]	Serial number (12 digits)	e.g. 000174210161	ro [1]
[hwrevision]	Hardware revision	e.g. AA	ro [1]
[swrevision]	Firmware version	e.g. AL4x4x_fw_md_1.4.0.142	ro [1]
[bootloaderrevision]	Bootloader version	e.g. AL4xxx_bl_1.4.0.39	ro [1]
[fieldbustype]	Fieldbus	ModbusTCP	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Parameter] menu is active.

▶ Select the submenu [Deviceinfo].

▷ The menu page shows device information.

9.2.3.6 Reading the firmware version

Available information:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[version]	Firmware version	AL4x4x_fw_md_1.4.0.142	ro [1]
[type]	Type	• firmware: Firmware type	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Parameter] menu is active.

▶ Select [Firmware] submenu.

▷ The menu page shows available information.

9.2.3.7 Setting the application tag

Available parameters:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[applicationtag]	Designation of the unit in the monitoring software	e.g. “factory 2 plant 1”	rw [1]

[1] read and write

32 bytes are available on the device for storing the `applicationtag` parameter. If the memory range is exceeded, the device will abort the write process (diagnostic code 400).

▶ When writing the `applicationtag` parameter, observe the different memory requirements of the individual UTF-8 characters (characters 0-127: 1 byte per character; character >127: more than 1 byte per character).

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Parameter] menu is active.

▶ Select the [Devicetag] submenu.

▷ The menu page shows the current settings.

▶ Enter the application identifier.

▶ Click on ✎ to save the changes to the device.

▷ New application identifier is set.

9.2.4 Accessing process data

The [Process data] menu page provides access to the process data of the device.

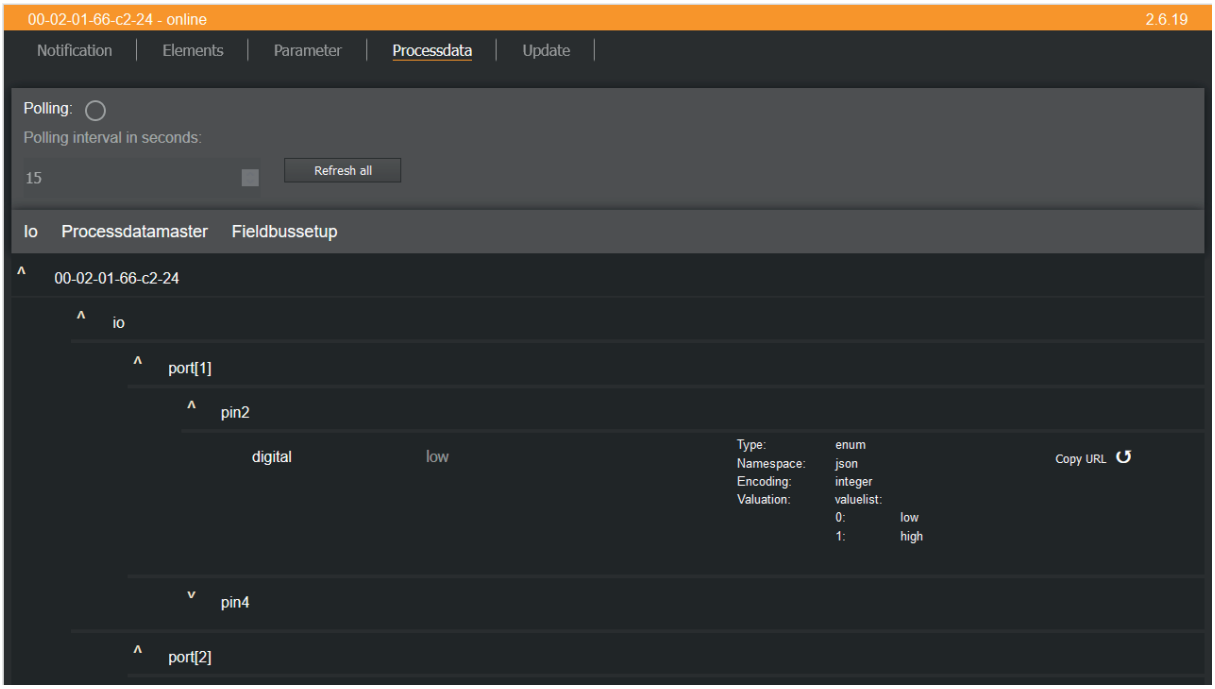
Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

▶ Select the [Process data] menu.

▷ The menu page shows the substructures of the device description containing process data.

▷ The current process values are displayed.



▶ Optional: In the header, activate the option [Polling] and set the update interval.

▷ The process values will be updated with the set interval.

▶ Optional: Click on ↻ next to an element to manually update the process value.

9.2.4.1 Reading digital input data

Available information:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[pin2] > [digital_input]	Process value digital input - pin 2 (after filtering)	• Low: LOW • High: HIGH	ro [1]
[pin4] > [digital_input]	Process value digital input - pin 4 (after filtering)	• Low: LOW • High: HIGH	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Processdata] menu is active.

▶ Select the [io] > [port[n]] submenu (n: 1...8).

▷ Menu page shows the digital input data of the port.

9.2.4.2 Reading counter values

Available information:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[maincounter_value]	Current main counter value	0…4294967295	ro [1]
[batchcounter_value]	Current batch counter value	0…65535	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Processdata] menu is active.

▶ Select the [io] > [counter[n]] submenu (n: 1...8).

▷ The menu page shows current counter values of the counter module.

9.2.4.3 Controlling counter modules

Available control signals:

Name	Description	Values	Access
[reset]	Reset counter module (reset counter and threshold values to default values)	• inactive: no action (default) • active: reset	rw [1]
[disable]	Disable counter module	• inactive: enable counter (default) • active: disable counter	rw [1]
[direction] [2]	Set the counting direction for the main counter and the batch counter	• up: up (default) • down: down	rw [1]

[1] The parameter can only be changed if no connection to the fieldbus controller is active

[2] only effective if operating mode of counter module = `CTDIR`

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Processdata] menu is active.

▶ Select the [io] > [counter[n]] submenu (n: 1...8).

▷ The menu page shows available services.

▶ Set control signals.

▶ Click on ✎ to send the control signals to the device.

▷ Control signals are executed.

9.2.4.4 Reading status and diagnostic information

Available information:

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[temperature]	Temperature of the device (value un degrees Celsius)	e.g. 52: 52°C	ro [1]

Name	Description	Value range	Access
[voltage_us]	current voltage value of the device supply US (value in millivolts)	e.g. 25236: 25236 mV	ro [1]
[current_us]	current value of the device supply US (value in milliamps)	e.g. 82: 82 mA	ro [1]
[supervisionstatus_us]	Status of the device supply US	• OK: No error • Fault: Error	ro [1]
[uptime]	Time since the last start of the device (value in minutes)	• 0x0000: 0 min … • 0xFFFF: 65535 min	ro [1]

[1] read only

Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ The [Processdata] menu is active.

▶ Select the submenu [Processdatamaster].

▷ Menu page shows status and diagnostic information.

9.2.5 Update firmware

The [Update] menu page allows you to update the firmware of the device:

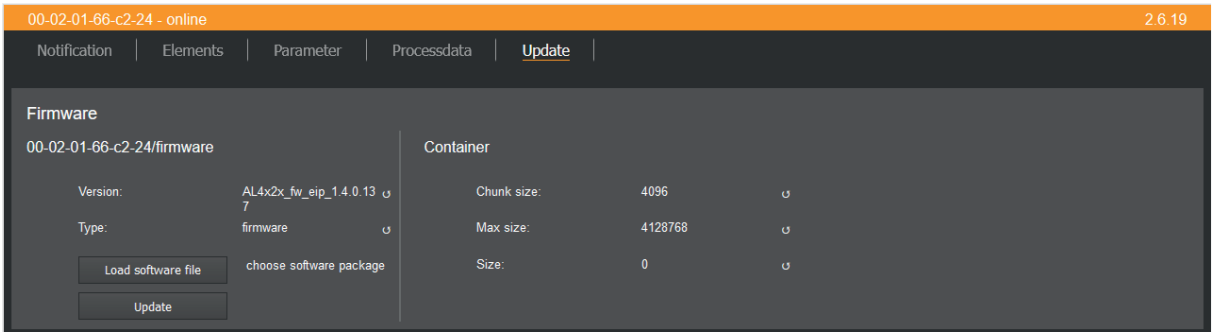
Requirements:

✓ IoT Core Visualizer has been launched.

✓ New firmware has been downloaded: documentation.ifm.com

▶ Select the [Update] menu.

▷ Menu page shows information about the current firmware version.



▶ Click on [Load software file] and select a new firmware file (*.bin).

▶ Click on [Update] to start the update process.

▷ The firmware of the device is updated.

▷ Progress of the update process is displayed.

▷ After successful update: The device reboots automatically.

9.3 ModbusTCP

9.3.1 Integrating a device into a Modbus TCP project

The device offers the functionality of a Modbus TCP server (independent mode). The user can integrate the device into a Modbus TCP project via the profile of a generic Modbus TCP slave.

The device can be configured via the Modbus registers.

9.3.1.1 Example: Integrating a device into a CODESYS project

▶ Familiarise yourself with the Modbus Configurator function in the CODESYS help.

Task: Integrate the device into a CODESYS project.

Available hardware:

- SmartPLC AC14 DL (Modbus TCP Master)
- Device AL4042(Modbus TCP Slave)

Solution:

Create a Modbus TCP master

Requirements:

✓ CODESYS project with AC14 DL was created.

▶ In the device tree: Right click on the node [X8 (Ethernet)].

▷ The context menu appears.

▶ Select the menu item [Add device…].

▷ A dialogue window appears.

▶ Select the device profile [Modbus_TCP_Master].

▶ Click on [Add device].

▷ CODESYS adds the Modbus TCP master as a sub-node of the interface [X8 (Ethernet)] to the project.

▷ SmartPLC AC14 DL can be configured as TCP Master mode.

Add the device as a Modbus TCP slave

▶ In the device tree: Right click on the node [X8 (Ethernet)] > [Modbus_TCP_Master].

▷ The context menu appears.

▶ Select the menu item [Add device…].

▷ A dialogue window appears.

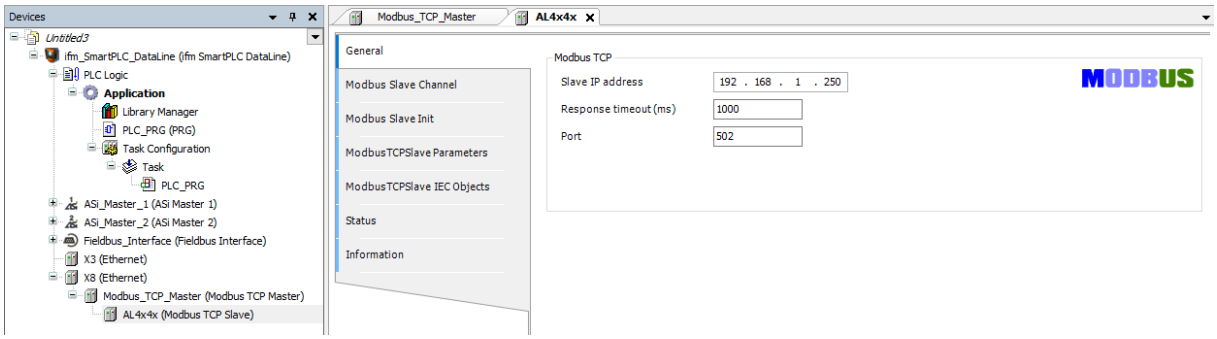
▶ Select the device profile [Modbus_TCP_Slave].

▶ Enter AL4042 as the name.

▶ Click on [Add device].

▷ CODESYS adds the device to the project as a sub-node of [Modbus TCP Master].

▷ The device can be configured as a Modbus TCP slave.



9.3.2 Device-specific notes

9.3.2.1 Rules for accessing the Modbus register

The following rules apply for access to the Modbus registers:

▶ To read or write Modbus registers, use only the valid Function Codes (→ Supported function codes 🗋 40).

9.3.2.2 Supported function codes

The device supports the following function codes for accessing the Modbus registers:

Function code	Name	Description
FC2 (0x02)	Read Input Discretes	Read individual digital inputs
FC3 (0x03)	Read Multiple Registers	Read several contiguous registers
FC4 (0x04)	Read input register	Read input register
FC6 (0x06)	Write Single Register	Writing a single register
FC16 (0x10)	Write Multiple Registers	Writing several contiguous registers
FC23 (0x17)	Read / Write Multiple Registers	Read / write several contiguous registers
FC43 (0x2B)	Read Device Identification	Reading device information

Detailed information about the function codes: → Modbus TCP- specification

9.3.2.3 Exception codes

A Modbus TCP request has the following structure:

Function Code	Request Data

A Modbus TCP response has the following structure:

Function Code	Response Data

When a request is processed without errors, the response message contains the following information:

- Function code (1 byte): Function code of the request message
- Response data (n bytes): Requested data

If an error occurs during the processing of a request, the response message contains the following information:

- Function code (1 byte): Error Code (= Request Function Code + 0x80)
- Response data (1 byte): Exception codes

The following exception codes are available:

Exception code	Name	Description
0x1	ILLEGAL FUNCTION	Invalid Function Code (Modbus function not implemented)
0x2	ILLEGAL DATA ADDRESS	Invalid data address (invalid address or length)
0x3	ILLEGAL DATA VALUE	Invalid data value (invalid parameters; wrong number of registers)
0x4	SERVER DEVICE FAILURE	Unrecoverable error in the Modbus server during processing

9.3.3 Configuring the device

Registers 500, 510 and 550 provide access to the following basic settings of the device:

- Arrangement of the bytes in the data tables: Byte Swap (500) (→ 🗋 54)
- Max. connection time interruption: Connection Timeout (510) (→ 🗋 55)
- Arrangement of the process data in registers 0, 400 and 401: DI Channel Mapping (550) (→ 🗋 56)

9.3.4 Configuring digital inputs

The register range 100...163 provides access to the filter settings of the digital input channels at pin 2 and 4 of the ports: Port Configuration - Digital Inputs (100 - 163) (→ 🗋 47)

The following parameters can be configured for each digital input channel:

- Inversion
- Hold level
- Debounce time
- Hold time

9.3.5 Configuring counter modules

The register area 200...271 provides access to the settings of the counter modules of the ports: Port Configuration - Counter (200 - 271) (→ 🗋 49)

The following parameters can be configured for each counter module:

- Operating mode of the counter module
- Pin 2 function of the port
- Instance for selecting the counting direction
- threshold CT of the main counter
- threshold CTb of the batch counter
- Set counter value of the main counter
- Set the counter value of the batch counter

9.3.6 Reading process data

Registers 0...34 provide access to the unit's process data: Input data (0 - 34) (→ 🗋 45)

The register range 0..2 contains the following process data:

- Digital inputs of all ports
- Overflow and underflow events of the main counter and batch counter of all ports

The register area 3...34 contains the following process data for each port separately:

- Counter values of the Main Counter and Batch Counter

- Overflow and underflow events of the main counter and batch counter

9.3.7 Controlling counter modules

The register range 300...355 provides access to the control signals of the individual counter modules: Port Output - Counter (300 - 355) (→ 🗋 51)

There is a separate register area for each counter module. The following control signals are available in each register area:

- Disable counter module
- Set the direction
- Reset overflow/underflow event of the main counter
- Reset overflow/underflow event of the batch counter
- Counter and overflow/underflow events Reset counter events

The register range 400...408 provides compact access to the control signals of all counter modules: Block Configuration (400 - 408) (→ 🗋 53)

The following control signals are available for each counter module:

- Signal inversion (pin 2 / pin 4)
- Signal level (pin 2 / pin 4)
- Disable counter module
- Set the direction
- Reset overflow/underflow event of the main counter
- Reset overflow/underflow event of the batch counter
- Counter and overflow/underflow events Reset counter events

9.3.8 Controlling the device

Register 600 provides access to system commands for controlling the device: System Command (600) (→ 🗋 57)

The following system commands are available:

- Restarting the device
- Resetting the device

9.3.9 Reading diagnostic data

The registers 2000…2002 provide access to the diagnostic data of the device: Diagnostic Data (2000 - 2002) (→ 🗋 58)

The register area contains the following diagnostic data:

- Status of the voltage supply
- Time since last device start
- Connection interruption counter

9.3.10 Reading identification information

The user can read identification information of the device with the function code FC43.

The machine supports the following categories of the Read Device ID Code function:

- Basic Device Identification (0x01):

Object ID	Name	Data type	Value range
0x00	Vendor name	ASCII string	ifm electronic
0x01	Product Code	ASCII string	AL4042
0x02	Major Minor Revision	ASCII string	e.g. 1,001

- Regular Device Identification (0x02):

Object ID	Name	Data type	Value range
0x00	Vendor name	ASCII string	ifm electronic
0x01	Product Code	ASCII string	AL4042
0x02	Major Minor Revision	ASCII string	e.g. 1,001
0x03	Vendor Url	ASCII string	www.ifm.com
0x04	Product Name	ASCII string	ETH Module SL MB 16DI IP67
0x05	Model Name	ASCII string	AL4042
0x06	User Application Name	ASCII string	Ethernet Module 16DI

10 Maintenance, repair and disposal

The operation of the unit is maintenance-free.

▶ Dispose of the device in an environmentally friendly way in accordance with the applicable national regulations when it is no longer used.

10.1 Cleaning

▶ Disconnect the unit from the voltage supply.

▶ Clean the device from dirt using a soft, chemically untreated and dry cloth.

▶ In case of severe soiling, use a damp cloth.

▶ Do not use any caustic cleaning agents for this!

10.2 Update firmware

The system software of the device can be updated using the following options:

IoT Core Visualizer:

11 Appendix

11.1 ModbusTCP

11.1.1 Register

11.1.1.1 Input data (0 - 34)

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	X08: DI2	X08: DI 1	X07: DI2	X07: DI 1	X06: DI2	X06: DI 1	X05: DI2	X05: DI 1	X04: DI2	X04: DI 1	X03: DI2	X03: DI 1	X02: DI2	X02: DI 1	X01: DI2	X01: DI 1
1	X08: MCT OV	X07: MCT OV	X06: MCT OV	X05: MCT OV	X04: MCT OV	X03: MCT OV	X02: MCT OV	X01: MCT OV	X08: MCT UV	X07: MCT UV	X06: MCT UV	X05: MCT UV	X04: MCT UV	X03: MCT UV	X02: MCT UV	X01: MCT UV
2	X08: BCT OV	X07: BCT OV	X06: BCT OV	X05: BCT OV	X04: BCT OV	X03: BCT OV	X02: BCT OV	X01: BCT OV	X08: BCT UV	X07: BCT UV	X06: BCT UV	X05: BCT UV	X04: BCT UV	X03: BCT UV	X02: BCT UV	X01: BCT UV
3…6	Port X01: Mapping: Counter Data and Status (→ 🗋 46)															
7…10	Port X02: Mapping: Counter Data and Status (→ 🗋 46)															
11…14	Port X03: Mapping: Counter Data and Status (→ 🗋 46)															
15…18	Port X04: Mapping: Counter Data and Status (→ 🗋 46)															
19…22	Port X05: Mapping: Counter Data and Status (→ 🗋 46)															
23…26	Port X06: Mapping: Counter Data and Status (→ 🗋 46)															
27…30	Port X07: Mapping: Counter Data and Status (→ 🗋 46)															
31…34	Port X08: Mapping: Counter Data and Status (→ 🗋 46)															

Legend:

• DI1	Signal level digital input at pin 4 of the port (after filtering)	1 BIT	• 0x0: LOW • 0x1: HIGH
• DI2	Signal level digital input at pin 2 of the port (after filtering)	1 BIT	• 0x0: LOW • 0x1: HIGH
• MCT OV	Overflow at the main counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no event • 0x1: Event overflow
• MCT UV	Underflow at the main counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no event • 0x1: Event underflow
• BCT OV	Overflow at the batch counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no event • 0x1: Event overflow
• BCT UV	Underflow at the batch counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no event • 0x1: Event underflow

Mapping: Counter Data and Status

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
n	Main Counter Value (Word 0)															
n+1	Main Counter Value (Word 1)															
n+2	Batch Counter Value															
n+3	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	MCT OV	MCT UV	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	BCT OV	BCT UV

Legend:

- Main Counter Value — Current main counter value of the port — 2 WORD
  - 0x0000 0000: 0
  - …
  - 0xFFFF FFFE: 4294967294
- Batch Counter Value — Current batch counter value of the port — 1 WORD
  - 0x0000: 0
  - …
  - 0xFFFE: 65534
- MCT OV — Overflow at the main counter — 1 BIT
  - 0x0: no event
  - 0x1: Event overflow
- MCT UV — Underflow at the main counter — 1 BIT
  - 0x0: no event
  - 0x1: Event underflow
- BCT OV — Overflow at the batch counter — 1 BIT
  - 0x0: no event
  - 0x1: Event overflow
- BCT UV — Underflow at the batch counter — 1 BIT
  - 0x0: no event
  - 0x1: Event underflow

11.1.1.2 Port Configuration - Digital Inputs (100 - 163)

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
100…103	Port X01 - DI1: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
104…107	Port X01 - DI2: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
108…111	Port X02 - DI1: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
112…115	Port X02 - DI2: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
116…119	Port X03 - DI1: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
120…123	Port X03 - DI2: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
124…127	Port X04 - DI1: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
128…131	Port X04 - DI2: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
132…135	Port X05 - DI1: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
136…139	Port X05 - DI2: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
140…143	Port X06 - DI1: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
144…147	Port X06 - DI2: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
148…151	Port X07 - DI1: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
152…155	Port X07 - DI2: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
156…159	Port X08 - DI1: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															
160…163	Port X08 - DI2: Filter Settings (→ Mapping: Filter Settings 🗋 48)															

Mapping: Filter Settings

Word (Offset)	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
n	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	INV
n+1	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	HL
n+2	Debounce Time															
n+3	Hold Time															

Legend:

• INV	Invert: signal inversion	1 BIT	• 0x0: do not invert (default) • 0x1: invert
• HL	Hold Level: Signal level to be maintained	1 BIT	• 0x0: LOW • 0x1: HIGH (default)
• Debounce Time	Debounce time (value in *0.1 milliseconds)	1 WORD	• 0x0000: 0 ms (default) … • 0x01F4: 50 ms
• Hold Time	Hold time (value in *0.1 milliseconds)	1 WORD	• 0x0000: 0 ms (default) … • 0xEA60: 600 ms

11.1.1.3 Port Configuration - Counter (200 - 271)

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
200…208	Port X01 : Counter Configuration (→ Mapping: Counter Configuration 50)															
209…217	Port X02 : Counter Configuration (→ Mapping: Counter Configuration 50)															
218…226	Port X03 : Counter Configuration (→ Mapping: Counter Configuration 50)															
227…235	Port X04 : Counter Configuration (→ Mapping: Counter Configuration 50)															
236…244	Port X05 : Counter Configuration (→ Mapping: Counter Configuration 50)															
245…253	Port X06 : Counter Configuration (→ Mapping: Counter Configuration 50)															
254…262	Port X07 : Counter Configuration (→ Mapping: Counter Configuration 50)															
263…271	Port X08 : Counter Configuration (→ Mapping: Counter Configuration 50)															

Mapping: Counter Configuration

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
n	Counter Mode															
n+1	Pin 2 Function															
n+2	Counter Direction Select															
n+3	Main Threshold (Word 0)															
n+4	Main Threshold (Word 1)															
n+5	Batch Threshold															
n+6	Force Main Counter (Word 0)															
n+7	Force Main Counter (Word 1)															
n+8	Force Batch Counter															

Legend:

• Counter Mode	Operating mode of the counter module	1 WORD	• 0x0000: CTU – up counter (default) • 0x0001:CTD – down counter • 0x0002: CTUD – up and down counter • 0x0003: CTDIR – up or down counter
• Pin 2 Function	Pin 2 function of the port	1 WORD	• 0x0000: N/C – no function (default) • 0x0001: counter Edge Input 2 – counting input • 0x0002: Count direction – select counting direction • 0x0003: Reset Main + Batch Counter - reset counter module • 0x0004: Disable Main + Batch Counter – disable counter module
• Counter Direction Select	Instance for selecting the counting direction	1 WORD	• 0x0000: Pin 2 (default) • 0x0001: PLC
• Main Threshold	Threshold CT of the main counter MainThreshold = 0x01234567 • MainThreshold[0] = 0x0123 • MainThreshold[1] = 0x4567	2 WORD	• 0x0000 0001: 1 … • 0xFFFF FFFF: 4294967295 (default)
• Batch Threshold	Threshold CTb of the batch counter	1 WORD	• 0x0001: 1 … • 0xFFFF: 65535 (default)
• Force Main Counter	Set counter value of the main counter ForceMainCounter = 0x01234567 • ForceMainCounter[0] = 0x0123 • ForceMainCounter[1] = 0x4567	2 WORD	• 0x0000 0000: 0 … • 0xFFFF FFFE: 4294967294 (default)
• Force Batch Counter	Set counter value of the batch counter	1 WORD	• 0x0000: 0 … • 0xFFFE: 65534 (default)

11.1.1.4 Port Output - Counter (300 - 355)

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
300…306	Port X01: Output Counter (→ Mapping: Output Counter 52)															
307…313	Port X02: Output Counter (→ Mapping: Output Counter 52)															
314…320	Port X03: Output Counter (→ Mapping: Output Counter 52)															
321…327	Port X04: Output Counter (→ Mapping: Output Counter 52)															
328…334	Port X05: Output Counter (→ Mapping: Output Counter 52)															
335…341	Port X06: Output Counter (→ Mapping: Output Counter 52)															
342…348	Port X07: Output Counter (→ Mapping: Output Counter 52)															
349…355	Port X08: Output Counter (→ Mapping: Output Counter 52)															

Mapping: Output Counter

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
n	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	DIS
n+1	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	DIR
n+2	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	RST MC OV
n+3	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	RST MC UV
n+4	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	RST BC OV
n+5	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	RST BC UV
n+6	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	RST CT

Legend:

• DIS	Disable Counter: disable main counter + batch counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action • 0x1: disable main and batch counter
• DIR	Counter Direction: Set counting direction (valid only for counter mode CTDIR)	1 BIT	• 0x0: up • 0x1: down
• RST MC OV	Reset Main Counter Overflow: Reset counter event overflow of the main counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action • 0x1: Rest overflow event
• RST MC UV	Reset Main Counter Underflow: Reset counter event underflow of the main counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action • 0x1: Reset underflow event
• RST BC OV	Reset Batch Counter Overflow: Reset counter event overflow of the batch counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action • 0x1: Rest overflow event
• RST BC UV	Reset Batch Counter Underflow: Reset counter event underflow of the batch counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action • 0x1: Reset underflow event
• RST CT	Reset main counter and batch counter to initial value	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action • 0x1: reset main + batch counter and counter events to overflow/underflow

11.1.1.5 Block Configuration (400 - 408)

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
400	X08: DI2 INV	X08: DI1 INV	X07: DI2 INV	X07: DI1 INV	X06: DI2 INV	X06: DI1 INV	X05: DI2 INV	X05: DI1 INV	X04: DI2 INV	X04: DI1 INV	X03: DI2 INV	X03: DI1 INV	X02: DI2 INV	X02: DI1 INV	X01: DI2 INV	X01: DI1 INV
401	X08: DI2 HL	X08: DI1 HL	X07: DI2 HL	X07: DI1 HL	X06: DI2 HL	X06: DI1 HL	X05: DI2 HL	X05: DI1 HL	X04: DI2 HL	X04: DI1 HL	X03: DI2 HL	X03: DI1 HL	X02: DI2 HL	X02: DI1 HL	X01: DI2 HL	X01: DI1 HL
402	reserved								X08: DIS	X07: DIS	X06: DIS	X05: DIS	X04: DIS	X03: DIS	X02: DIS	X01: DIS
403	reserved								X08: DIR	X07: DIR	X06: DIR	X05: DIR	X04: DIR	X03: DIR	X02: DIR	X01: DIR
404	reserved								X08: RST MC OV	X07: RST MC OV	X06: RST MC OV	X05: RST MC OV	X04: RST MC OV	X03: RST MC OV	X02: RST MC OV	X01: RST MC OV
405	reserved								X08: RST MC UV	X07: RST MC UV	X06: RST MC UV	X05: RST MC UV	X04: RST MC UV	X03: RST MC UV	X02: RST MC UV	X01: RST MC UV
406	reserved								X08: RST BC OV	X07: RST BC OV	X06: RST BC OV	X05: RST BC OV	X04: RST BC OV	X03: RST BC OV	X02: RST BC OV	X01: RST BC OV
407	reserved								X08: RST BC UV	X07: RST BC UV	X06: RST BC UV	X05: RST BC UV	X04: RST BC UV	X03: RST BC UV	X02: RST BC UV	X01: RST BC UV
408	reserved								X08: RST CT	X07: RST CT	X06: RST CT	X05: RST CT	X04: RST CT	X03: RST CT	X02: RST CT	X01: RST CT

Legend:

• DI1 INV	Pin 4: signal inversion	1 BIT	• 0x0: do not invert (default) • 0x1: invert
• DI2 INV	Pin 2: signal inversion	1 BIT	• 0x0: do not invert (default) • 0x1: invert
• DI1 HL	Pin 4: Signal level to be maintained	1 BIT	• 0x0: LOW • 0x1: HIGH (default)
• DI2 HL	Pin 2: Signal level to be maintained	1 BIT	• 0x0: LOW • 0x1: HIGH (default)
• DIS	Disable Counter: disable main counter + batch counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action (default) • 0x1: disable main and batch counter
• DIR	Counter Direction: Set counting direction (valid only for counter mode CTDIR)	1 BIT	• 0x0: up (default) • 0x1: down
• RST MC OV	Reset Main Counter Overflow: Reset counter event overflow of the main counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action (default) • 0x1: Rest overflow event
• RST MC UV	Reset Main Counter Underflow: Reset counter event underflow of the main counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action (default) • 0x1: Reset underflow event
• RST BC OV	Reset Batch Counter Overflow: Reset counter event overflow of the batch counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action (default) • 0x1: Rest overflow event
• RST BC UV	Reset Batch Counter Underflow: Reset counter event underflow of the batch counter	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action (default) • 0x1: Reset underflow event
• RST CT	Reset main counter and batch counter to initial value	1 BIT	• 0x0: no action (default) • 0x1: reset main + batch counter and counter events to overflow/underflow

11.1.1.6 Byte Swap (500)

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
500	Byte Swap															

Legend:

• Byte Swap	Arrangement of the bytes in the data tables	1 WORD	• 0x0000: Big Endian (default) • 0xFFFF: Little Endian

11.1.1.7 Connection Timeout (510)

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
510	Connection Timeout															

Legend:

• Connection Timeout	Max. value for connection timeouts (value in milliseconds)	1 WORD	• 20: 20 ms … • 30000: 30 s (default) … • 60000: 60 s

11.1.1.8 DI Channel Mapping (550)

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
550	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	DI-CO

Legend:

• DICO	DI Channel Order: Arrangement of the process data in registers 0, 400 and 401	1 BIT	• 0x0: Pin-based (default) • 0x1: Port-based

Mapping: pin-based

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
n	X08: Pin 2	X07: Pin 2	X06: Pin 2	X05: Pin 2	X04: Pin 2	X03: Pin 2	X02: Pin 2	X01: Pin 2	X08: Pin 4	X07: Pin 4	X06: Pin 4	X05: Pin 4	X04: Pin 4	X03: Pin 4	X02: Pin 4	X01: Pin 4

Mapping: port-based

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
n	X08: Pin 2	X08: Pin 4	X07: Pin 2	X07: Pin 4	X06: Pin 2	X06: Pin 4	X05: Pin 2	X05: Pin 4	X04: Pin 2	X04: Pin 4	X03: Pin 2	X03: Pin 4	X02: Pin 2	X02: Pin 4	X01: Pin 2	X01: Pin 4

11.1.1.9 System Command (600)

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
600	Command ID															

Legend:

• Command ID	Identifier of the command	1 WORD	• 0x0040: Restarting the device • 0x0050: Resetting the device

11.1.1.10 Diagnostic Data (2000 - 2002)

Register	Bit															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
2000	reserved								res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	res.	PSE
2001	Uptime															
2002	Disconnection Counter															

Legend:

• PSE	Power Status Error: Status of the voltage supply	1 BIT	• 0x0: No error • 0x1: Error
• Uptime	Time since the last start of the device (value in minutes)	1 WORD	• 0x0000: 0 min … • 0xFFFF: 65535 min
• Disconnection Counter	The counter for connection interruptions (by user or by connection timeout) since the last start of the device; The counter is reset when the device is re-started	1 WORD	• 0x0000: 0 interruptions … • 0xFFFF: 65535 interruptions