

Serial Port Programming

WattmonPRO comes with an RS-232 serial interface on pins 7 and 8 and an RS-485 port on an RJ45 connector. The device is configured by default for RS-232 voltage levels and using a simple DB9 cable can be connected to any serial device. For specific devices that require TTL levels, a jumper setting inside the device can bypass the level converter IC and it can thus be used to interface with sensors or other devices at 3.3V DC.

Using the RS-232 Serial Port

To open the serial port, use the `fseropen()` function. The serial port is treated like a file after opening and standard file functions such as `fread()`, `fwrite()`, `fgets()` and `fsize()` apply.


An example of using the serial port is shown below:

```
<?
// Open the serial port at 115200 baud in non-blocking mode
$fp = fseropen(115200,0);
if (!$fp) {
    print("Serial open failed\n");
} else {
    $res = fwrite($fp,"Hello from wattmon");
    if ($res) {
        print("An error occured while trying to write to the port");
    }
    fclose($fp);
}
?>
```

Jumper Settings inside Wattmon

 < Settings For RS-232 Mode  < Settings for TTL Mode

RS-232 Cable Connection

In order to connect to a device you will need to procure a DB9 cable (male or female) and connect it up as shown in the following diagram. 

Using the RS-485 Serial Port

In order to use the RS-485 port, you need to disable modbus polling. This is done from the Devices > Options > Edit Communication Settings as shown here:



To open the RS-485 port, use the `f485open()` function. The RS-485 serial port is treated like a file after opening and standard file functions such as `fread()`, `fwrite()`, `fgets()` and `filesize()` apply.

An example of using the RS-485 serial port is shown below:

```
<?
// Open the 485 port at 115200 baud with no parity
$fp = f485open(115200,0);
if (!$fp) {
    print("Serial open failed\n");
} else {
    $res = fwrite($fp,"Hello from wattmon");
    if ($res) {
        print("An error occured while trying to write to the port");
    }
    fclose($fp);
}
?>
```

RS-485 Cable Connection

Use a standard RJ-45 cable and cut it to connect your RS-485 device to WattmonPRO.

PIN	Color	Description
1,2	Orange	GND
4	Blue	D+ / A
5	White-Blue	D- / B



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