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1 Foreword

1.1 Notes on the documentation

This description is only intended for the use of trained specialists in control and automation engineering who are familiar with the applicable national standards.

It is essential that the following notes and explanations are followed when installing and commissioning these components.

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1.2 Safety instructions

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Please note the following safety instructions and explanations!
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This description is only intended for trained specialists in control, automation and drive engineering who are familiar with the applicable national standards.

Description of symbols

In this documentation the following symbols are used with an accompanying safety instruction or note. The safety instructions must be read carefully and followed without fail!

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<td><img src="image" alt="DANGER" /></td>
<td>Serious risk of injury! Failure to follow the safety instructions associated with this symbol directly endangers the life and health of persons.</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="WARNING" /></td>
<td>Risk of injury! Failure to follow the safety instructions associated with this symbol endangers the life and health of persons.</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="CAUTION" /></td>
<td>Personal injuries! Failure to follow the safety instructions associated with this symbol can lead to injuries to persons.</td>
</tr>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Attention" /></td>
<td>Damage to the environment or devices Failure to follow the instructions associated with this symbol can lead to damage to the environment or equipment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="Note" /></td>
<td>Tip or pointer This symbol indicates information that contributes to better understanding.</td>
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2 Overview

The TwinCAT 3 Modbus RTU offers function blocks for serial communication with Modbus end devices.

Modbus RTU devices can be connected to a TwinCAT controller via a serial interface. The TwinCAT PLC uses the slave function blocks of the Modbus RTU library to communicate with the Modbus master (Slave Mode). Alternatively, Modbus master functions are available, which can address one or several Modbus slaves (Master Mode).

Supported devices

- Serial COM-Port of a PC or CX
- Serial COM-Port of a Beckhoff BX Controller
- Serial KL-Terminals KL60xx
- Serial EtherCAT-Terminal EL60xx

Further documentation

Technical details and specification about Modbus can be found under: [http://www.modbus.org](http://www.modbus.org)
3 Installation

3.1 System Requirements

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<th>Technical Data</th>
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<td>Target System</td>
<td>Windows XP / 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>PC or CX (x86)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Min. TwinCAT-Version</td>
<td>3.0.3101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Min. TwinCAT-Level</td>
<td>TC1200 TC3 PLC</td>
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3.2 Installation

Description of the installation procedure of a TwinCAT 3 Function for Windows-based operating Systems.

1. Double-click the downloaded setup file "TFxxxx".
   Please note: Under Windows 32-bit/64-bit, please start the installation with "Run as Administrator" by right-clicking the setup file and selecting the corresponding option in the context menu.

2. Click on "Next" and accept the license Agreement.
3. Enter your user information in the specified area.

4. To install the full product, including all sub-components, please choose "Complete" as the Setup Type. Alternatively, you can also install each component separately by choosing "Custom".
5. Click on "Install" after pressing the "Next" to start the Installation.

![Installation dialog box](image)

The TwinCAT system has to be stopped before proceeding with installation.

6. Confirm the Dialog with "Yes".

![Confirmation dialog box](image)
7. Select "Finish" to end the installation process.

The installation is complete now.

After a successful installation the TC 3Function needs to be licensed [10].

3.3 Licensing

The TwinCAT 3 functions are available both as a full and as a 7-Day trial version. Both license types can be activated via TwinCAT XAE. For more information about TwinCAT 3 licensing, please consult the TwinCAT 3 Help System. The following document describes both licensing scenarios for a TwinCAT 3 function on TwinCAT 3 and is divided into the following sections:

• Licensing a 7-Day trial version [10]
• Licensing a full version [11]

Licensing a 7-Day trial version

1. Start TwinCAT XAE
2. Open an existing TwinCAT 3 project or create a new project
3. In “Solution Explorer”, please navigate to the entry “System\License”
4. Open the tab "Manage Licenses" and add a "Runtime License" for your product (in this screenshot "TE1300: TC3 Scope View Professional")

5. **Optional**: If you would like to add a license for a remote device, you first need to connect to the remote device via TwinCAT XAE toolbar

6. Switch to the tab "Order Information" and click the button "Activate 7 Days Trial License..." to activate a test version

7. Please restart TwinCAT 3 afterwards.

**Licensing a full version**

8. Start TwinCAT XAE

9. Open an existing TwinCAT 3 project or create a new project
10. In "Solution Explorer", please navigate to the entry "SYSTEM\License"

![Solution Explorer](image)

11. Open the tab "Manage Licenses" and add a "Runtime License" for your product (in this screenshot "TE1300: TC3 Scope View Professional").

![Manage Licenses](image)

12. Optional: If you would like to add a license for a remote device, you first need to connect to the remote device via TwinCAT XAE toolbar

![Remote Device Connection](image)

13. Navigate to the "Order Information" tab
   
   The fields "System-ID" and "HW Platform" cannot be changed and just describe the platform for the licensing process in general. A TwinCAT 3 license is always bound to these two identifiers: the "System-ID" uniquely identifies your system. The "HW Platform" is an indicator for the performance of the device.

14. Optionally, you may also enter an own order number and description for your convenience

![Order Information](image)
15. enter the "Beckhoff License ID" and click on "Generate License Request File...". If you are not aware of your "Beckhoff License ID" please contact your local sales representative.

16. After the license request file has been saved, the system asks whether to send this file via E-Mail to the Beckhoff Activation Server.

17. After clicking "Yes", the standard E-Mail client opens and creates a new E-Mail message to "tclicense@beckhoff.com" which contains the "License Request File".

18. Send this Activation Request to Beckhoff.

   **NOTE! The "License Response File" will be sent to the same E-Mail address used for sending out the "License Request File".**

19. After receiving the activation file, please click on the button "Activate License Response File..." in the TwinCAT XAE license Interface.
20. Select the received "License response file" and click on "Open"

![Image of selecting license response file]

21. The "License Response File" will be imported and all included licenses will be activated. If there have been any trial licenses, these will be removed accordingly.

22. Please restart TwinCAT to activate licenses.

![Image of TwinCAT activation message]

**NOTE!** The license file will be automatically copied to `..\TwinCAT\3.1\Target\License` on the local device.
4 Configuration

4.1 Terminal configuration

The Bus Terminals KL6001, KL6011, KL6021, KL6031 and KL6041 can be parameterized with the KS2000 configuration software. Alternatively, the system can be configured via PLC blocks included in the serial communication library ComLib.lib. If the serial communication library is not used in conjunction with the Modbus RTU library, the basic library KL6Config.lib, which is supplied with the Modbus RTU library, can be integrated. This library contains the following blocks from the serial communication library:

- KL6configuration
- KL6ReadRegisters
- KL6WriteRegisters
- ComReset

4.2 Modbus address arrays

Modbus defines access functions for different data arrays. These data arrays are declared as variables in a TwinCAT PLC program, e.g. as word arrays, and transferred to the Modbus slave function block as input parameters. Each array has a different Modbus start address, so that the arrays can be distinguished unambiguously. This offset has to be taken account of for addressing.

Inputs

The Inputs data array usually describes the physical input data with read-only access. They can be digital inputs (bit) or analog inputs (word). The PLC programmer can decide whether or not to grant the communication partner direct access to the physical inputs. It is also possible to define an input array for Modbus communication that is not identical with the physical inputs:

Definition of the Modbus input data as direct image of the physical inputs. Start and size of the data array can be specified freely. They are limited by the actual size of the input process image of the controller used.

```plaintext
VAR
Inputs AT%IW0 : ARRAY[0..255] OF WORD;
END_VAR
```

Definition of the Modbus input data as a separate Modbus data array independent of the physical inputs

```plaintext
VAR
Inputs : ARRAY[0..255] OF WORD;
END_VAR
```

Access to the Input array via a Modbus master is possible with the following Modbus functions:

- 2 : Read Input Status
- 4 : Read Input Registers

Addressing

The Input array is addressed with a 0 offset, i.e. address 0 as transferred in the telegram addresses the first element in the input data array.

Examples:
Configuration

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PLC variable</th>
<th>Access type</th>
<th>Address in the Modbus telegram</th>
<th>Address in the end device (device-dependent)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Inputs[0]</td>
<td>Word</td>
<td>16#0</td>
<td>30001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inputs[1]</td>
<td>Word</td>
<td>16#1</td>
<td>30002</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inputs[0], Bit 0</td>
<td>Bit</td>
<td>16#0</td>
<td>10001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inputs[1], Bit 14</td>
<td>Bit</td>
<td>16#1E</td>
<td>1001F</td>
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</table>

**Outputs**

The Outputs data array usually describes the physical output data with read and write access. Outputs can be digital outputs (coils) or analog outputs (output registers). Like for the Inputs, the array can be declared as a physical output variable or as a simple variable.

Definition of the Modbus output data as direct image of the physical outputs. Start and size of the data array can be specified freely. They are limited by the actual size of the output process image of the controller used.

```
VAR Outputs AT%QW0 : ARRAY[0..255] OF WORD;
END_VAR
```

Definition of the Modbus output data as a separate Modbus data array independent of the physical outputs

```
VAR Outputs : ARRAY[0..255] OF WORD;
END_VAR
```

Access to the Output array via a Modbus master is possible with the following Modbus functions:

1: Read Coil Status
3: Read Holding Registers
5: Force Single Coil
6: Preset Single Register
15: Force Multiple Coils
16: Preset Multiple Registers

**Addressing**

The Output array is addressed with a 16#800 offset, i.e. address 16#800 as transferred in the telegram addresses the first element in the output data array.

Examples:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>PLC variable</th>
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<td>Outputs[0]</td>
<td>Word</td>
<td>16#800</td>
<td>40801</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outputs[1]</td>
<td>Word</td>
<td>16#801</td>
<td>40802</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outputs[0], Bit 0</td>
<td>Bit</td>
<td>16#800</td>
<td>00801</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outputs[1], Bit 14</td>
<td>Bit</td>
<td>16#81E</td>
<td>0081F</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Memory**

The Memory data array describes a PLC variable array without physical I/O assignment.

Definition of the Modbus memory data as PLC flags. Start and size of the data array can be specified freely.

```
VAR Memory AT%MWO : ARRAY[0..255] OF WORD;
END_VAR
```

Definition of the Modbus memory data as variable without flag address
Configuration

VAR
Memory : ARRAY[0..255] OF WORD;
END_VAR

Access to the Memory array via a Modbus master is possible with the following Modbus functions:

3 : Read Holding Registers
6 : Preset Single Register
16 : Preset Multiple Registers

Addressing

The Memory array is addressed with a 16#4000 offset, i.e. address 16#4000 as transferred in the telegram addresses the first word in the output data array.

Examples:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>PLC variable</th>
<th>Access type</th>
<th>Address in the Modbus telegram</th>
<th>Address in the end device (device-dependent)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Memory[0]</td>
<td>Word</td>
<td>16#4000</td>
<td>44001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memory[1]</td>
<td>Word</td>
<td>16#4001</td>
<td>44002</td>
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</table>
5 PLC libraries

5.1 Function blocks

5.1.1 ModbusRtuMaster_PcCom

The function block ModbusRtuMaster_PcCom implements a Modbus master that communicates via a serial PC interface (COM port). The block is not called in its basic form, but individual actions of that block are used within a PLC program. Each Modbus function is implemented as an action.

The function block ModbusRtuMaster_KL6x5B [17 21] is available for communication via a serial Bus Terminal KL6001, KL6011 or KL6021.

Supported Modbus functions (actions)

- **ModbusMaster.ReadCoils**
  Modbus function 1 = Read Coils
  Reads binary outputs (coils) from a connected slave. The data is stored in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address pMemoryAddr.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadInputStatus**
  Modbus function 2 = Read Input Status
  Reads binary inputs from a connected slave. The data is stored in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address pMemoryAddr.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadRegs**
  Modbus function 3 = Read Holding Registers
  Reads data from a connected slave.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadInputRegs**
  Modbus function 4 = Read Input Registers
  Reads input registers from a connected slave.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteSingleCoil**
  Modbus function 5 = Write Single Coil
  Sends a binary output (coil) to a connected slave. The data must be ready to send in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address pMemoryAddr.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteSingleRegister**
  Modbus function 6 = Write Single Register
  Sends a single data word to a connected slave

- **ModbusMaster.WriteMultipleCoils**
  Modbus function 15 = Write Multiple Coils
  Sends binary outputs (coils) to a connected slave. The data must be ready to send in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address pMemoryAddr.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteRegs**
  Modbus function 16 = Preset Multiple Registers
  Sends data to a connected slave
• **ModbusMaster.Diagnostics**
  Modbus function 8 = *Diagnostics*
  Sends a diagnostic request to the slave with a user-specified function code (subfunction code). Since this function does not address a memory, the function code is transferred in the data word *MBAddr*. Any data required for the function is included in *pMemoryAddr*.

### VAR_INPUT

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>UnitID</td>
<td>Modbus station address [1..247]. The Modbus slave will only answer if it receives telegrams containing its own station address. Optionally, collective addresses can be used for replying to any requests. Address 0 is reserved for broadcast telegrams and is therefore not a valid station address.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Quantity</td>
<td>Number of data words to be read or written for word-oriented Modbus functions. For bit-oriented Modbus functions, Quantity specifies the number of bits (inputs or coils).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MBAddr</td>
<td>Modbus data address, from which the data are read from the end device (slave). This address is transferred to the slave unchanged and interpreted as a data address. In the <em>Diagnostics</em> function (8), the function code (subfunction code) is transferred here.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cbLength</td>
<td>Size of the data variable used for send or read actions in bytes. cbLength must be greater than or equal to the transferred data quantity as specified by Quantity. Example for word access: [cbLength \geq Quantity \times 2]. <em>cbLength</em> can be calculated via SIZEOF (Modbus data).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pMemoryAddr</td>
<td>Memory address in the PLC, calculated with ADR (Modbus data). For read actions, the read data are stored in the addressed variable. For send actions, the data are transferred from the addressed variable to the end device.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Execute</td>
<td>Start signal. The action is initiated via a rising edge at the Execute input.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Timeout</td>
<td>Timeout value for waiting for a response from the addressed slave.</td>
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### VAR_OUTPUT

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<td>Busy</td>
<td>Indicates that the function block is active. <em>Busy</em> becomes TRUE with a rising edge at <em>Execute</em> and becomes FALSE again once the started action is completed. At any one time, only one action can be active.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error</td>
<td>Indicates that an error occurred during execution of an action.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ErrorId</td>
<td>Indicates an error number [34] in the event of disturbed or faulty communication.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cbRead</td>
<td>Provides the number of read data bytes for a read action</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Hardware connection**

The data structures required for the link with the communication port are included in the function block. They are displayed in the TwinCAT System Manager once the PLC program has been integrated and can be connected with a COM port. The procedure is as described in Chapter Serial PC Interface.
Prerequisites

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5.1.2 **ModbusRtuSlave_PcCom**

![ModbusRtuSlave_PcCom block diagram]

The function block *ModbusRtuSlave_PcCom* implements a Modbus slave that communicates via a serial PC interface (COM port). The block is passive until it receives telegrams from a connected Modbus master.

An example program [32](#) explains the operating principle.

The function block *ModbusRtuSlave_KL6x5B* [23](#) is available for communication via a serial Bus Terminal KL6001, KL6011 or KL6021.

**VAR_INPUT**

```plaintext
VAR_INPUT
UnitID : UINT;
AdrInputs : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus input area *)
SizeInputBytes : UINT;
AdrOutputs : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus output area *)
SizeOutputBytes : UINT;
AdrMemory : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus memory area *)
SizeMemoryBytes : UINT;
END_VAR
```

**UnitID**: Modbus station address [1..28] (1..247). The Modbus slave will only answer if it receives telegrams containing its own station address. Optionally, collective addresses can be used for replying to any requests. Address 0 is reserved for broadcast telegrams and is therefore not a valid station address.

**AdrInputs**: Start address of the Modbus input array [1..15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (input variable).

**SizeInputBytes**: Size of the Modbus input array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (input variable).

**AdrOutputs**: Start address of the Modbus output array [1..15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (output variable).

**SizeOutputBytes**: Size of the Modbus output array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (output variable).

**AdrMemory**: Start address of the Modbus memory array [1..15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (memory variable).
SizeMemoryBytes: Size of the Modbus memory array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (memory variable).

**VAR_OUTPUT**

```
VAR_OUTPUT
ErrorId: Modbus_ERRORS;
END_VAR
```

**ErrorId:** Indicates an error number [34] in the event of disturbed or faulty communication.

**Hardware connection**

The data structures required for the link with the communication port are included in the function block. They are displayed in the TwinCAT System Manager once the PLC program has been integrated and can be connected with a COM port. The procedure is as described in Chapter Serial PC Interface.

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**5.1.3 ModbusRtuMaster_KL6x5B**

The function block *ModbusRtuMaster_KL6x5B* implements a Modbus master that communicates via a serial Bus Terminal KL6001, KL6011 or KL6021. The block is not called in its basic form, but individual actions of that block are used within a PLC program. Each Modbus function is implemented as an action.

**Supported Modbus functions (actions)**

- **ModbusMaster.ReadCoils**
  Modbus function 1 = *Read Coils*
  Reads binary outputs (coils) from a connected slave. The data is stored in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadInputStatus**
  Modbus function 2 = *Read Input Status*
  Reads binary inputs from a connected slave. The data is stored in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadRegs**
  Modbus function 3 = *Read Holding Registers*
  Reads data from a connected slave.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadInputRegs**
  Modbus function 4 = *Read Input Registers*
PLC libraries

Reads input registers from a connected slave.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteSingleCoil**
  Modbus function 5 = *Write Single Coil*
  Sends a binary output (coil) to a connected slave. The data must be ready to send in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteSingleRegister**
  Modbus function 6 = *Write Single Register*
  Sends a single data word to a connected slave

- **ModbusMaster.WriteMultipleCoils**
  Modbus function 15 = *Write Multiple Coils*
  Sends binary outputs (coils) to a connected slave. The data must be ready to send in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteRegs**
  Modbus function 16 = *Preset Multiple Registers*
  Sends data to a connected slave

- **ModbusMaster.Diagnostics**
  Modbus function 8 = *Diagnostics*
  Sends a diagnostic request to the slave with a user-specified function code (subfunction code). Since this function does not address a memory, the function code is transferred in the data word `MBAddr`. Any data required for the function is included in `pMemoryAddr`.

**VAR_INPUT**

```plaintext
VAR_INPUT
UnitID : UINT;
Quantity: WORD;
MBAddr : WORD;
cbLength: UINT;
pMemoryAddr : DWORD;
Execute : BOOL;
Timeout : TIME;
END_VAR
```

UnitID [\(\geq 28\)]

**UnitID**: Modbus station address (1..247). The Modbus slave will only answer if it receives telegrams containing its own station address. Optionally, collective addresses can be used for replying to any requests. Address 0 is reserved for broadcast telegrams and is therefore not a valid station address.

**Quantity**: Number of data words to be read or written for word-oriented Modbus functions. For bit-oriented Modbus functions, `Quantity` specifies the number of bits (inputs or coils).

**MBAddr**: Modbus data address, from which the data are read from the end device (slave). This address is transferred to the slave unchanged and interpreted as a data address. In the *Diagnostics* function (8), the function code (subfunction code) is transferred here.

**cbLength**: Size of the data variable used for send or read actions in bytes. `cbLength` must be greater than or equal to the transferred data quantity as specified by `Quantity`. Example for word access: `cbLength \geq Quantity * 2`. `cbLength` can be calculated via `SIZEOF (Modbus data)`.

**pMemoryAddr**: Memory address in the PLC, calculated with `ADR` (Modbus data). For read actions, the read data are stored in the addressed variable. For send actions, the data are transferred from the addressed variable to the end device.

**Execute**: Start signal. The action is initiated via a rising edge at the `Execute` input.

**Timeout**: Timeout value for waiting for a response from the addressed slave.

**VAR_OUTPUT**

```plaintext
VAR_OUTPUT
BUSY : BOOL;
Error : BOOL;
ErrorId : MODBUS_ERRORS;
```

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chRead : UINT;
ND_VAR

Busy: Indicates that the function block is active. Busy becomes TRUE with a rising edge at Execute and becomes FALSE again once the started action is completed. At any one time, only one action can be active.

Error: Indicates that an error occurred during execution of an action.

ErrorId: Indicates an error number [34] in the event of disturbed or faulty communication.

cbRead: Provides the number of read data bytes for a read action

Hardware connection

The data structures required for the link with the communication port are included in the function block. The allocation in the TwinCAT System Manager on a PC is carried out according to the description in Chapter Serial Bus Terminal. On a BC Bus Controller, the I/O addresses have to be assigned manually. See Hardware assignment at the BC Bus Controller.

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5.1.4 ModbusRtuSlave_KL6x5B

The function block ModbusRtuSlave_KL6x5B implements a Modbus slave that communicates via a serial Bus Terminal KL6001, KL6011 or KL6021. The block is passive until it receives telegrams from a connected Modbus master.

An example program for a Bus Controller (BC) illustrates the functionality.

VAR_INPUT

VAR_INPUT
UnitID : UINT;
AIdInputs : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus input area *)
SizeInputBytes : UINT;
AIdOutputs : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus output area *)
SizeOutputBytes : UINT;
AIdMemory : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus memory area *)
SizeMemoryBytes : UINT;
END_VAR

UnitID [28]
**PLC libraries**

**UnitID**: Modbus station address [28] (1..247). The Modbus slave will only answer if it receives telegrams containing its own station address. Optionally, collective addresses can be used for replying to any requests. Address 0 is reserved for broadcast telegrams and is therefore not a valid station address.

**AdrInputs**: Start address of the Modbus input array [15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (input variable).

**SizeInputBytes**: Size of the Modbus input array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (input variable).

**AdrOutputs**: Start address of the Modbus output array [15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (output variable).

**SizeOutputBytes**: Size of the Modbus output array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (output variable).

**AdrMemory**: Start address of the Modbus memory array [15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (memory variable).

**SizeMemoryBytes**: Size of the Modbus memory array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (memory variable).

**VAR_OUTPUT**

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**ErrorId**: Indicates an error number [34] in the event of disturbed or faulty communication.

**Hardware connection**

The data structures required for the link with the communication port are included in the function block. The allocation in the TwinCAT System Manager on a PC is carried out according to the description in Chapter Serial Bus Terminal. On a BC Bus Controller, the I/O addresses have to be assigned manually. See Hardware assignment at the BC Bus Controller.

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**5.1.5 ModbusRtuMaster_KL6x22B**

```
ModbusRtuMaster_KL6x22B
- UnitID
- Quantity
- MBAAddr
- cbLength
- pMemoryAddr
- Execute
- Timeout
```
The function block `ModbusRtuMaster_KL6x22B` realizes a Modbus master, which communicates via a serial Bus Terminal KL6031 or KL6041. The function block is not called in its basic form, but individual actions of that block are used within a PLC program. Each Modbus function is implemented as an action.

The function block `ModbusRtuMaster_PcCom` is available for communication via a serial PC Interface (COM port).

**Supported Modbus functions (actions)**

- **ModbusMaster.ReadCoils**
  Modbus function 1 = *Read Coils*
  Reads binary outputs (coils) from a connected slave. The data is stored in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadInputStatus**
  Modbus function 2 = *Read Input Status*
  Reads binary inputs from a connected slave. The data is stored in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadRegs**
  Modbus function 3 = *Read Holding Registers*
  Reads data from a connected slave.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadInputRegs**
  Modbus function 4 = *Read Input Registers*
  Reads input registers from a connected slave.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteSingleCoil**
  Modbus function 5 = *Write Single Coil*
  Sends a binary output (coil) to a connected slave. The data must be ready to send in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteSingleRegister**
  Modbus function 6 = *Write Single Register*
  Sends a single data word to a connected slave.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteMultipleCoils**
  Modbus function 15 = *Write Multiple Coils*
  Sends binary outputs (coils) to a connected slave. The data must be ready to send in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteRegs**
  Modbus function 16 = *Preset Multiple Registers*
  Sends data to a connected slave.

- **ModbusMaster.Diagnostics**
  Modbus function 8 = *Diagnostics*
  Sends a diagnostic request to the slave with a user-specified function code (subfunction code). Since this function does not address a memory, the function code is transferred in the data word `MBAddr`. Any data required for the function is included in `pMemoryAddr`.

**VAR_INPUT**

```plaintext
VAR_INPUT
UnitID : UINT;
Quantity: WORD;
MBAddr : WORD;
chLength: UINT;
pMemoryAddr : DWORD;
Execute : BOOL;
Timeout : TIME;
END_VAR
```

UnitID [↑ 28]
**PLC libraries**

**UnitID**: Modbus station address [1..28] (1..247). The Modbus slave will only answer if it receives telegrams containing its own station address. Optionally, collective addresses can be used for replying to any requests. Address 0 is reserved for broadcast telegrams and is therefore not a valid station address.

**Quantity**: Number of data words to be read or written for word-oriented Modbus functions. For bit-oriented Modbus functions, Quantity specifies the number of bits (inputs or coils).

**MBAddr**: Modbus data address, from which the data are read from the end device (slave). This address is transferred to the slave unchanged and interpreted as a data address. In the *Diagnostics* function (8), the function code (subfunction code) is transferred here.

**cbLength**: Size of the data variable used for send or read actions in bytes. cbLength must be greater than or equal to the transferred data quantity as specified by Quantity. Example for word access: \([cbLength \geq Quantity \times 2]\). cbLength can be calculated via SIZEOF (Modbus data).

**pMemoryAddr**: Memory address in the PLC, calculated with ADR (Modbus data). For read actions, the read data are stored in the addressed variable. For send actions, the data are transferred from the addressed variable to the end device.

**Execute**: Start signal. The action is initiated via a rising edge at the Execute input.

**Timeout**: Timeout value for waiting for a response from the addressed slave.

**VAR_OUTPUT**

```c
VAR_OUTPUT
BUSY : BOOL;
Error : BOOL;
ErrorId : MODBUS_ERRORS;
cbRead : UINT;
ND_VAR
```

**Busy**: Indicates that the function block is active. Busy becomes TRUE with a rising edge at *Execute* and becomes FALSE again once the started action is completed. At any one time, only one action can be active.

**Error**: Indicates that an error occurred during execution of an action.

**ErrorId**: Indicates an error number [1..34] in the event of disturbed or faulty communication.

**cbRead**: Provides the number of read data bytes for a read action

**Hardware connection**

The data structures required for the link with the communication port are included in the function block. The allocation in the TwinCAT System Manager on a PC is carried out according to the description in Chapter *Serial Bus Terminal*. On a BC Bus Controller, the I/O addresses have to be assigned manually. See Hardware assignment at the BC Bus Controller.

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5.1.6 ModbusRtuSlave_KL6x22B

The function block ModbusRtuSlave_KL6x22B realizes a Modbus slave, which communicates via a serial Bus Terminal KL6031 or KL6041. The block is passive until it receives telegrams from a connected Modbus master.

An example program for PC or CX1000 or for a BC Bus Controller explains the operating principle.

The function block ModbusRtuSlave_PcCom is available for communication via a serial PC Interface (COM port).

VAR_INPUT

VAR_INPUT
UnitID : UINT;
AdrInputs : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus input area *)
SizeInputBytes : UINT;
AdrOutputs : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus output area *)
SizeOutputBytes : UINT;
AdrMemory : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus memory area *)
SizeMemoryBytes : UINT;
END_VAR

UnitID [\> 28]

UnitID: Modbus station address [\> 28] (1..247). The Modbus slave will only answer if it receives telegrams containing its own station address. Optionally, collective addresses can be used for replying to any requests. Address 0 is reserved for broadcast telegrams and is therefore not a valid station address.

AdrInputs: Start address of the Modbus input array [\> 15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (input variable).

SizeInputBytes: Size of the Modbus input array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (input variable).

AdrOutputs: Start address of the Modbus output array [\> 15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (output variable).

SizeOutputBytes: Size of the Modbus output array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (output variable).

AdrMemory: Start address of the Modbus memory array [\> 15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (memory variable).

SizeMemoryBytes: Size of the Modbus memory array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (memory variable).

VAR_OUTPUT

VAR_OUTPUT
ErrorId : Modbus_ERRORS;
END_VAR
PLC libraries

**ErrorId:** Indicates an error number [34] in the event of disturbed or faulty communication.

**Hardware connection**

The data structures required for the link with the communication port are included in the function block. The allocation in the TwinCAT System Manager on a PC is carried out according to the description in Chapter Serial Bus Terminal. On a BC Bus Controller, the I/O addresses have to be assigned manually. See Hardware assignment at the BC Bus Controller.

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**5.2 Datatypes**

**5.2.1 Modbus station address**

Modbus defines valid station addresses in the range 1 to 247. A Modbus slave only responds to telegrams that contain its own address. Address 0 is not a valid station address. It is used for broadcast telegrams to all stations. These are not answered. Addresses 248 to 255 are reserved.

The ModbusRTU library defines further collective addresses. This enables a station to respond to several addresses.

```plaintext
TYPE MODBUS_UNITID :
MODBUS_UNITID_BROADCAST := 0,
MODBUS_UNITID_ALLVALID := 256, (* response on address 1..247 *)
MODBUS_UNITID_ALLBUTBROADCAST := 257, (* response on address 1..255 *)
MODBUS_UNITID_ALL := 258 (* response on address 0..255 *)
);
END_TYPE
```

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**5.3 Global Constants**

**5.3.1 Library Version**

All libraries have a certain version. The version is indicated in the PLC library repository, for example. A global constant contains the information about the library version:

Global_Version
VAR_GLOBAL CONSTANT
stLibVersion_Tc2_Modbus_RTU : ST_LibVersion;
END_VAR

To check whether the version you have is the version you need, use the function F_CmpLibVersion (defined in Tc2_System library).

Notice: All other options for comparing library versions, which you may know from TwinCAT 2, are outdated!
6 Samples

6.1 Modbus RTU Master PC COM port

The function block `ModbusRtuMaster_PcCom` implements a Modbus master that communicates via a serial PC interface (COM port). The function block is not called in its basic form, but individual actions of that block are used within a PLC program. Each Modbus function is implemented as an action.

```
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```

The function block `ModbusRtuMaster_KL6x5B [≥ 21]` is available for communication via a serial Bus Terminal KL6001, KL6011 or KL6021.

Supported Modbus functions (actions)

- **ModbusMaster.ReadCoils**
  Modbus function 1 = Read Coils
  Reads binary outputs (coils) from a connected slave. The data is stored in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadInputStatus**
  Modbus function 2 = Read Input Status
  Reads binary inputs from a connected slave. The data is stored in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadRegs**
  Modbus function 3 = Read Holding Registers
  Reads data from a connected slave.

- **ModbusMaster.ReadInputRegs**
  Modbus function 4 = Read Input Registers
  Reads input registers from a connected slave.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteSingleCoil**
  Modbus function 5 = Write Single Coil
  Sends a binary output (coil) to a connected slave. The data must be ready to send in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteSingleRegister**
  Modbus function 6 = Write Single Register
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- **ModbusMaster.WriteMultipleCoils**
  Modbus function 15 = Write Multiple Coils
  Sends binary outputs (coils) to a connected slave. The data must be ready to send in compressed form (8 bits per byte) from the specified address `pMemoryAddr`.

- **ModbusMaster.WriteRegs**
  Modbus function 16 = Preset Multiple Registers
  Sends data to a connected slave

- **ModbusMaster.Diagnostics**
  Modbus function 8 = Diagnostics
  Sends a diagnostic request to the slave with a user-specified function code (subfunction code). Since this function does not address a memory, the function code is transferred in the data word `MBAddr`. Any data required for the function is included in `pMemoryAddr`.
**VAR_INPUT**

```
VAR_INPUT
UnitID : UINT;
Quantity: WORD;
MBAddr : WORD;
cbLength: UINT;
pMemoryAddr : DWORD;
Execute : BOOL;
Timeout : TIME;
END_VAR
```

**UnitID**: Modbus station address [28] (1..247). The Modbus slave will only answer if it receives telegrams containing its own station address. Optionally, collective addresses can be used for replying to any requests. Address 0 is reserved for broadcast telegrams and is therefore not a valid station address.

**Quantity**: Number of data words to be read or written for word-oriented Modbus functions. For bit-oriented Modbus functions, Quantity specifies the number of bits (inputs or coils).

**MBAddr**: Modbus data address, from which the data are read from the end device (slave). This address is transferred to the slave unchanged and interpreted as a data address. In the Diagnostics function (8), the function code (subfunction code) is transferred here.

**cbLength**: Size of the data variable used for send or read actions in bytes. cbLength must be greater than or equal to the transferred data quantity as specified by Quantity. Example for word access: [cbLength >= Quantity * 2]. cbLength can be calculated via SIZEOF (Modbus data).

**pMemoryAddr**: Memory address in the PLC, calculated with ADR (Modbus data). For read actions, the read data are stored in the addressed variable. For send actions, the data are transferred from the addressed variable to the end device.

**Execute**: Start signal. The action is initiated via a rising edge at the Execute input.

**Timeout**: Timeout value for waiting for a response from the addressed slave.

**VAR_OUTPUT**

```
VAR_OUTPUT
BUSY : BOOL;
Error : BOOL;
ErrorId : MODBUS_ERRORS;
cbRead : UINT;
END_VAR
```

**Busy**: Indicates that the function block is active. Busy becomes TRUE with a rising edge at Execute and becomes FALSE again once the started action is completed. At any one time, only one action can be active.

**Error**: Indicates that an error occurred during execution of an action.

**ErrorId**: Indicates an error number [34] in the event of disturbed or faulty communication.

**cbRead**: Provides the number of read data bytes for a read action.

**Hardware connection**

The data structures required for the link with the communication port are included in the function block. They are displayed in the TwinCAT System Manager once the PLC program has been integrated and can be connected with a COM port. The procedure is as described in Chapter Serial PC Interface.
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6.2 Modbus RTU slave via PC COM port

The function block *ModbusRTUslave_PcCom* implements a Modbus slave that communicates via a serial PC interface (COM port). The block is passive until it receives telegrams from a connected Modbus master.

![ModbusRTUslave_PcCom](image)

The function block *ModbusRTUslave_KL6x5B [› 23]* is available for communication via a serial Bus Terminal KL6001, KL6011 or KL6021.

### VAR_INPUT

```
VAR_INPUT
UnitID : UINT;
AdrInputs : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus input area *)
SizeInputBytes : UINT;
AdrOutputs : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus output area *)
SizeOutputBytes : UINT;
AdrMemory : POINTER TO BYTE; (* Pointer to the Modbus memory area *)
SizeMemoryBytes : UINT;
END_VAR
```

- **UnitID**: Modbus station address [› 28] (1..247). The Modbus slave will only answer if it receives telegrams containing its own station address. Optionally, collective addresses can be used for replying to any requests. Address 0 is reserved for broadcast telegrams and is therefore not a valid station address.

- **AdrInputs**: Start address of the Modbus input array [› 15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (input variable).

- **SizeInputBytes**: Size of the Modbus input array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (input variable).

- **AdrOutputs**: Start address of the Modbus output array [› 15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (output variable).

- **SizeOutputBytes**: Size of the Modbus output array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (output variable).

- **AdrMemory**: Start address of the Modbus memory array [› 15]. The data array is usually declared as a PLC array, and the address can be calculated with ADR (memory variable).

- **SizeMemoryBytes**: Size of the Modbus memory array in bytes. The size can be calculated with SIZEOF (memory variable).

### VAR_OUTPUT

```
VAR_OUTPUT
ErrorId : Modbus_ERRORS;
END_VAR
```

- **ErrorId**: Indicates an error number [› 34] in the event of disturbed or faulty communication.
Hardware connection

The data structures required for the link with the communication port are included in the function block. They are displayed in the TwinCAT System Manager once the PLC program has been integrated and can be connected with a COM port. The procedure is as described in Chapter Serial PC Interface.

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Appendix

7.1 Modbus RTU Error Codes

TYPE MODBUS_ERRORS :
{
  (* Modbus communication errors *)
  MODBUSERROR_NO_ERROR, (* 0 *)
  MODBUSERROR_ILLEGAL_FUNCTION, (* 1 *)
  MODBUSERROR_ILLEGAL_DATA_ADDRESS, (* 2 *)
  MODBUSERROR_ILLEGAL_DATA_VALUE, (* 3 *)
  MODBUSERROR_SLAVE_DEVICE_FAILURE, (* 4 *)
  MODBUSERROR_ACKNOWLEDGE, (* 5 *)
  MODBUSERROR_SLAVE_DEVICE_BUSY, (* 6 *)
  MODBUSERROR_NEGATIVE_ACKNOWLEDGE, (* 7 *)
  MODBUSERROR_MEMORY_PARITY, (* 8 *)
  MODBUSERROR_GATEWAY_PATH_UNAVAILABLE, (* A *)
  MODBUSERROR_GATEWAY_TARGET_DEVICE_FAILED_TO_RESPOND, (* B *)
  MODBUSERROR_CHARREC_TIMEOUT := 16#20, (* 20 hex *)
  MODBUSERROR_ILLEGAL_DATA_SIZE, (* 21 hex *)
  MODBUSERROR_ILLEGAL_DEVICE_ADDRESS, (* 22 hex *)
  MODBUSERROR_ILLEGAL_DESTINATION_ADDRESS, (* 23 hex *)
  MODBUSERROR_ILLEGAL_DESTINATION_SIZE, (* 24 hex *)
  MODBUSERROR_NO_RESPONSE, (* 25 hex *)
  MODBUSERROR_TXBUFFOVERRUN := 102, (* 102 *)
  MODBUSERROR_SENDTIMEOUT := 103, (* 103 *)
  MODBUSERROR_DATASIZEOVERRUN := 107, (* 107 *)
  MODBUSERROR_STRINGOVERRUN := 110, (* 110 *)
  MODBUSERROR_INVALIDPOINTER := 120, (* 120 *)
  MODBUSERROR_CRC := 150, (* 150 *)
  MODBUSERROR_INVALIDMEMORYADDRESS := 232, (* 232 *)
  MODBUSERROR_TRANSMITBUFFERTOOSMALL := 233 (*)
};
END_TYPE