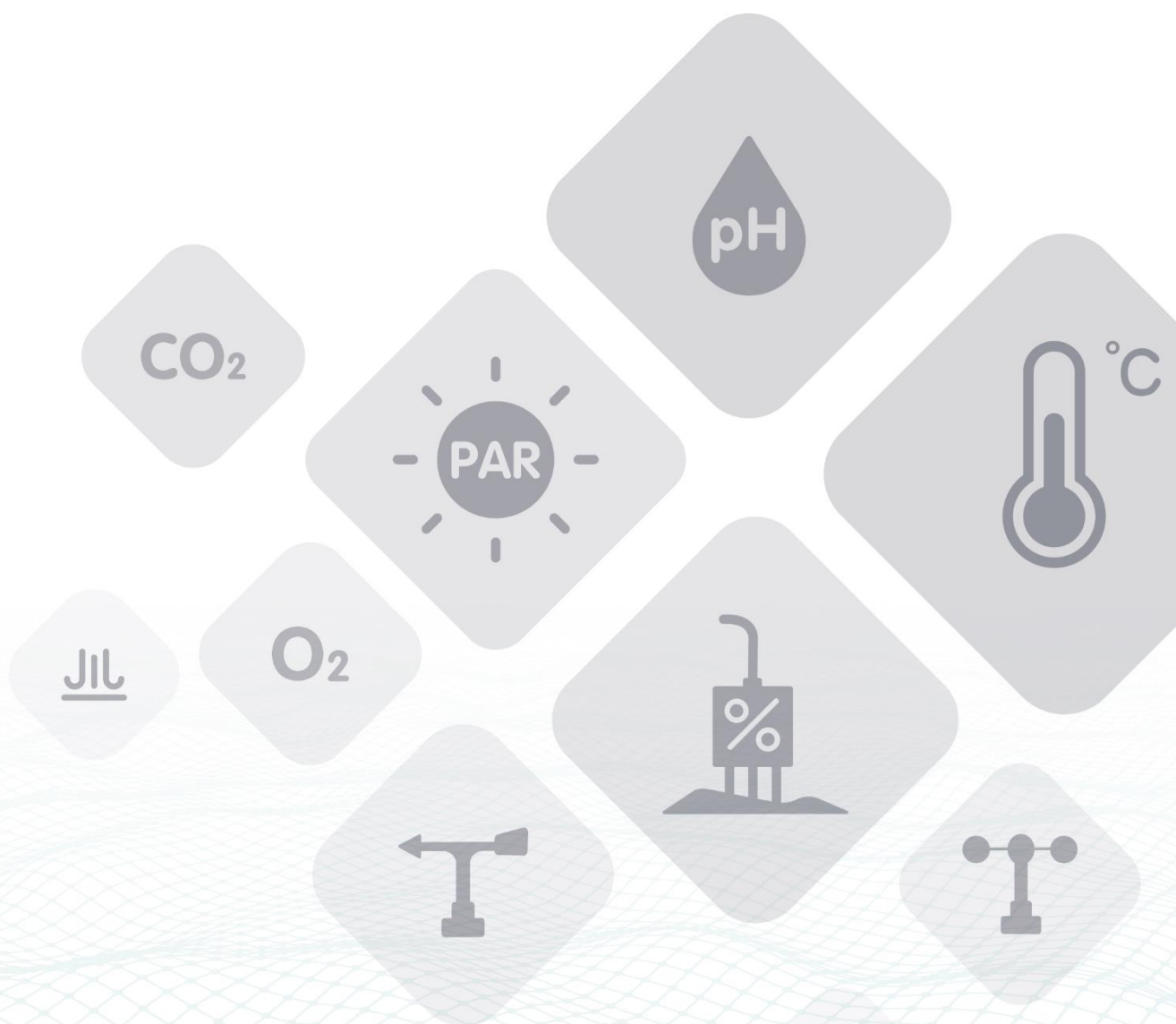




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SenseCAP ORCH S4 User Guide

Version: V1.0



1 Product Introduction



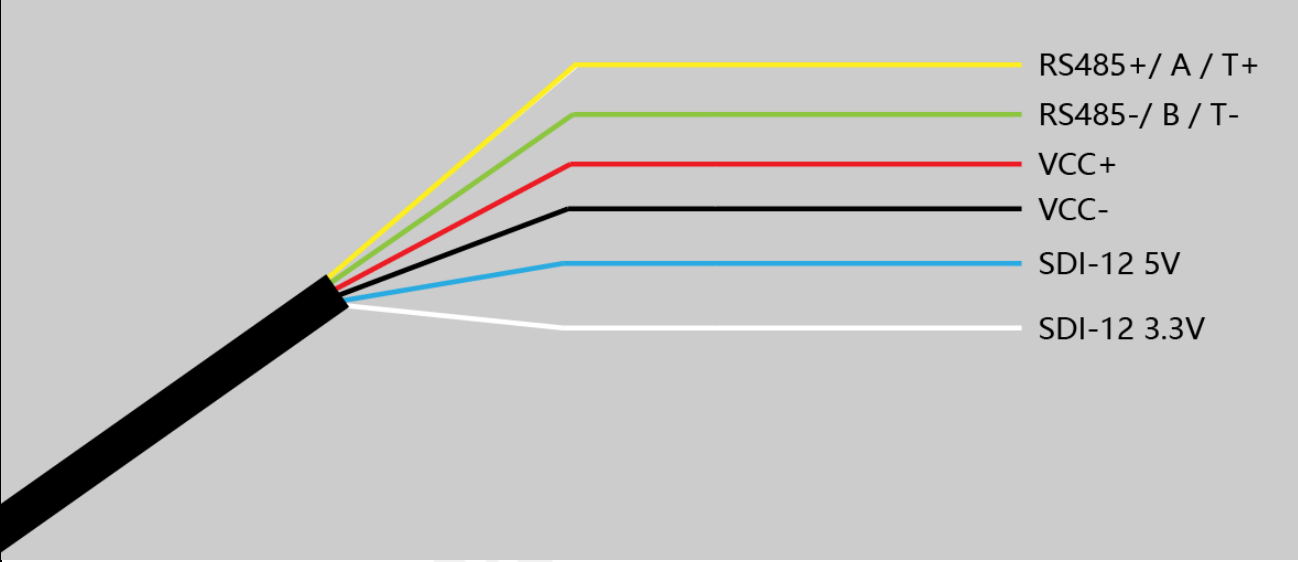
The SenseCAP ORCH S4 is designed for the professional environmental monitoring application. It measures and provides reliable data for the customers, even in extreme environmental conditions. The SenseCAP ORCH S4 provides four of the most important environmental parameters, which are air temperature, relative humidity, barometric pressure, and light intensity through a flexible combination.

It supports two standard protocols: MODBUS (MODBUS-RTU / MODBUS-ASCLL) and SDI-12, with low power consumption and wide range power voltage from 3.6V to 16V. Built-in data pre-processing, therefore customers can quickly complete system development and integration.

The Solar Radiation Shield can effectively reduce the impact of solar radiation, which improve the accuracy of detection. The enclosure can protect the device from rain and sunlight exposure, etc.

2 Wiring

Sensor wiring	
Yellow	RS485+ / A /T+
Green	RS485- / B /T-
Red	VCC+
Black	VCC- (GND)
Blue	SDI-12 5V
White	SDI-12 3.3V



The diagram illustrates the internal wiring of a sensor cable. A thick black bundle of wires is shown on the left, from which six individual colored lines emerge and extend to the right. Each line is connected to a specific function as detailed in the table above: Yellow for RS485+/A/T+, Green for RS485-/B/T-, Red for VCC+, Black for VCC-, Blue for SDI-12 5V, and White for SDI-12 3.3V.

3 Specifications

General Parameters					
Product Model	SenseCAP ORCH S4				
Power Supply	3.6 ~ 16V				
Protocol	MODBUS-RTU RS485/ MODBUS-ASCII RS485/ SDI-12 (v1.4)				
IP Rating	IP66 (water-proof box); IPX5 (solar radiation shield)				
Operating Temperature	-40 °C ~ +65 °C				
Operating Humidity	0 ~ 100 %RH (non-condensing)				
Measurement Parameters					
	Range	Accuracy	Resolution	Drift	
Air Temperature	-40~+85 °C	±0.2 °C	0.1 °C	< 0.3 °C/year	
Air Humidity	0~100 %RH	±1.5 %RH	1 %RH	< 0.25% RH/year	
Barometric Pressure	300~1100 hPa	Relative Accuracy (700~900 hPa/ 25~40°C): ±0.12 hPa Absolute Accuracy (300~1100 hPa/ -20~0°C): ±1.7 hPa Absolute Accuracy (300~1100 hPa/ 0~65 °C): ±1.0 hPa	1 Pa	±1.0 hPa/year	
Light Intensity	0~188000 Lux	± 5%	0.045 Lux	—	
Current Consumption					
	Power Supply (V)	16	12	5	3.6
RS-485	working current (mA)	3.60	4.70	11.00	14.50
SDI-12	working current (mA)	3.04	3.98	8.85	11.80
	Sleep current (µA)	40.00	45.30	77.60	2.24 (mA)
Program Parameters					
	Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
RS-485	Warm-up Time ^[1]	300	300 ^[2]	1000	millisecond
	Scan Interval ^[3]	—	1000	—	millisecond
	Poll Rate ^[4]	—	1	—	Hz
	Response Time ^[5]	1	—	4	millisecond
SDI-12	Warm-up Time ^[6]	—	15	—	millisecond
	Scan Interval ^[7]	350	350 ^[8]	1200	millisecond

[1] The time from when the sensor is powered on to when the data is read. Note the parameter when the sensor is powered on.

[2] When the light intensity is greater than 150 Lux, the warm-up time of the value (@typical 300ms) can ensure 100% reading of the correct data. When the light intensity is less than 150 Lux, the warm-up time of the value (@max 1000ms) can ensure 100% reading of the correct data.

[3] Measure data update time interval. The sensor periodically updates the readings after the power-on warm-up time, if the power supply continues.

[4] Modbus master poll rate.

[5] When the delay response register 0x0020 is set to 0, the time from the sensor receiving the read instruction to the start of sending data.

[6] The time from when the sensor is powered on to when the data is read. Note the parameter when the sensor is powered on.

[7] It refers to the time between the data logger sending the 'aM!' and the sensor responding to the service request. Note the parameter when the data logger does not wait for the service request but delays for a period of time and directly send 'aD0!'.

[8] When the light intensity is greater than 150 Lux, the warm-up time of the value (@typical 350ms) can ensure 100% reading of the correct data. When the light intensity is less than 150 Lux, the warm-up time of the value (@max 1200ms) can ensure 100% reading of the correct data.

4 How to work on RS-485

4.1 Introduction to Modbus-RTU RS-485

Modbus protocol is a common protocol used in electronic devices. Through this protocol, the devices communicate with each other. It has become a common industry standard, widely used in data logger, sensor equipment and so on. Based on this protocol, devices from different vendors can communicate with each other for system integration.

Modbus protocol is a master-slave architecture protocol. One node is the Master and the other nodes that use Modbus protocol to participate in the communication are Slaves. Each slave device has a unique address. The SenseCAP ORCH S4 has RS485 interface and supports Modbus-RTU and Modbus-RTU ASCII. Modbus commands can be used to obtain sensor data or modify communication parameters.

Note:

Default communication parameters: baud rate 9600bps, one start bit, eight data bits, no check, one stop bit.

4.2 Modbus Register

Parameter	Register Address	Type	Function Code	Range and Descript	Default
Read-only Register					
Air Temperature	0x0000	int16 (complement), read-only	3, 4	Value=Register Value * 0.01 Unit: °C	N/A
Air Humidity	0x0001	uint1, read-only	3, 4	Value= Register Value * 0.01 Unit: %RH	N/A
Barometric Pressure MSB	0x0002	uint16, read-only	3, 4	Value=(uint32)(Register 0x0002 << 16 + Register 0x0003) Unit: Pa	N/A
Barometric Pressure LSB	0x0003	uint16, read-only	3, 4		N/A
Light Intensity MSB	0x0004	uint16, read-only	3, 4	Value =((uint32)(Register 0x0004 << 16 + Register 0x0005)) * 0.001 Unit: Lux	N/A
Light Intensity LSB	0x0005	uint16, read-only	3, 4		N/A
Device Type	0x0006	uint16, read-only	3, 4	4: SenseCAP ORCH S4 3: SenseCAP ORCH S3 1: Light Intensity Sensor	N/A
Version	0x0007	uint16, read-only	3, 4	High Byte: Hardware Version Low Byte: Software Version	N/A
Protocol Configuration Register					
Modbus Slave Address	0x0010	uint16, read-only	3, 6	1 ~ 247	1
Baud Rate	0x0011	uint16, read-only	3, 6	0 ~ 7 0: 1200bps 1: 2400bps 2: 4800bps 3: 9600bps 4: 19200bps 5: 38400bps 6: 57600bps 7: 115200bps	3
Parity	0x0012	uint16,	3, 6	0 ~ 2	0

		read-only		0: None 1: Odd 2: Even	
Stop Bit	0x0013	uint16, read-write	3, 6	0 ~ 1 0: 1 Stop Bit 1: 2 Stop Bit	0
Modbus protocol	0x0014	uint16, read-write	3, 6	0-1 0: Modbus-RTU 1: Modbus-ASCII	0
Function Configuration Register					
Delay Response	0x0020	uint16, read-write	3, 6	0 ~ 65535 Unit: millisecond	10
Reserved	0x0021				

● **Error Code**

If an error occurs from the slave, an error response is returned.

Address	Error Function Code	Error Code	CRC Check
1 byte	1 byte	1 byte	2 byte
	Request Code+0x80	0x1 : Function code error 0x2 : Register address error 0x3 : Write or read data out of range 0x4 : Slave internal error	

4.3 Modbus Register Detail Description

Air Temperature		
Range	-4000 ~ 8500 corresponding -40 ~ 85 °C	Register Address: 0x0000
For example: If the return value is 0x0AEE(HEX) = 2798 (DEC), then the temperature measurement is 2798/100=27.98 °C. If the value returned is FF05H (hexadecimal, complement), then the original code is - (FA+1) (HEX) = -251 (DEC), then the temperature measurement is -251/100 = -2.51°C		

Air Humidity		
Range	0 ~ 1000 corresponding 0 ~ 100 %RH	Register Address: 0x0001
For example: If the return value is 0x1AB2 (HEX), then 1AB2 (HEX) = 6834 (DEC), then the temperature measurement is 6834/100=68.34%RH		

Barometric Pressure		
Range	30000 ~ 110000 corresponding 30000 ~ 110000 Pa	Register Address: 0x0002; 0x0003
For Example: If the return value is 0x0001 (MSB), 0x87D5 (LSB), it is actually (0x0001 << 16) + 0x87D5 = 0x000187D5=100309 (DEC), so the measured barometric pressure is 100309Pa		

Light Intensity		
Range	0 ~ 188000000 corresponding 0 ~ 188000 Lux	Register Address: 0x0004; 0x0005
For Example: If the return value is 0x0005 (MSB), 0xFA00 (LSB), then it is actually (0x0005 << 16) + 0xFA00 = 0x0005FA00=391680 (DEC), so the measured atmospheric pressure is 391680/1000=391.680Lux		

Device Type		
Range	1、3、4 (default: 4)	Register Address: 0x0006
If the return value is 0x0004, the device type is the SenseCAP ORCH S4		

Version		
Range	High byte: hardware version; Low byte: software version	Register Address: 0x0007
If the return value is 0x0B0A, the hardware version = 0x0B / 10 = 1.1; software version = 0x0A / 10 = 1.0		

Modbus Slave Address		
Range	1 ~ 247 (default: 1)	Register Address: 0x0010
The device needs to be restarted to take effect after setup.		

Baud Rate		
Range	0 ~ 7 (default: 3)	Register Address: 0x0011
0: 1200bps		

- 1: 2400bps
- 2: 4800bps
- 3: 9600bps
- 4: 19200bps
- 5: 38400bps
- 6: 57600bps
- 7: 115200bps

The device needs to be restarted to take effect after setup.

Parity Bits

Range	0 ~ 2 (default: 0)		Register Address: 0x0012
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- 0: None
- 1: Odd
- 2: Even

Note: when parity is enabled, the Master should set the data bit to 7 and the secure communication protocol to Modbus-ASCII.

The device needs to be restarted to take effect after setup.

Stop Bits

Range	0 , 1 (default: 0)		Register Address: 0x0013
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- 0: 1 Stop bit
- 1: 2 Stop bits

The device needs to be restarted to take effect after setup.

Modbus Protocol

Range	0 , 1 (default: 0)		Register Address: 0x0014
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- 0: Modbus-RTU
- 1: Modbus-ASCII

The device needs to be restarted to take effect after setup.

Delay Response

Range	0 ~ 65535 millisecond (default: 10)		Register Address: 0x0020
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After receiving the request from the Master, the sensor will be sampled, and the response will be given after the completion of the sampling. This command is mainly used in the situation where the speed of the Master is slow when switching from RS485 sending state to receiving state. When set to 0, there is no extra delay.

The device needs to be restarted to take effect after setup.

4.4 Example

In the following instructions, data beginning with 0x or ending with H is hexadecimal. The Modbus protocol has two common register types:

- (1) keep the register, the storage data is not lost power, is readable and writable. Normally read with function number 3 (0x03) and write with function number 6 (0x06) or 16 (0x10).
- (2) input register, used to store some read-only physical quantities, such as temperature value, is read-only. Normally read with function number 4 (0x04).

4.4.1 Example of Function Code 3

Request command: AA 03 RRRR NNNN CCCC

AA	03	RRRR	NNNN	CCCC
1 Byte	1 Byte	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes
Slave address, range 0-247	Function Code is 3	Start register address, high byte first	The number of registers to read, high byte first	CRC check

Response: AA 03 MM VV0 VV1 VV2 VV3... CCCC

AA	03	MM	VV0	VV2	...	CCCC
1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	...	2 Bytes
Slave address, range 0-247	Function Code is 3	Returns the number of data bytes of the register value	The first register value returned	The second register value returned	The N register value returned (N=MM/2)	CRC check

For example: Read registers 0x0000 ~ 0x0007 to read the measured values of air temperature and humidity, barometric pressure and light intensity.

Request: 01 03 0000 0008 440C

01	03	0000	0008	440C
1 Byte	1 Byte	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes
Slave address 0x01	Function Code is 3	Start register address: 0x00	Read 8 registers	CRC check

Response: 01 03 10 0AE7 1CF1 0001 882F 0000 5FA0 0004 0A0A 8B07

01	03	10	0AE7	1CF1	0001	882F	0000	5FA0	0004	0A0A	8B07
1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes

Slave address 0x01	Function Code is 3	Returns 16 bytes of register data	Returns the value of register 0x0000	Returns the value of register 0x0001	Returns the value of register 0x0002	Returns the value of register 0x0003	Returns the value of register 0x0004	Returns the value of register 0x0005	Returns the value of register 0x0006	Returns the value of register 0x0007	CRC check
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4.4.2 Example of Function Code 6

Request: AA 06 RRRR NNNN CCCC

AA	06	RRRR	NNNN	CCCC
1 Byte	1 Byte	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes
Slave address, range 0-247	Function Code is 6	Write to the register address, high byte first	Write the value of the register, high byte first	CRC check

Response: AA 06 RRRR VVVV CCCC

AA	06	RRRR	VVVV	CCCC
1 Byte	1 Byte	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes
Slave address, range 0-247	Function Code is 6	Write to the register address, high byte first	Write the value of the register, high byte first	CRC check

For example: Write register 0x0010 and modify the slave address of the device to 0x02.

Request: 01 06 0010 0002 09CE

01	06	0010	0002	09CE
1 Byte	1 Byte	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes
Slave address, range 0-247	Function Code is 6	Write to the register address, high byte first	Write the value of the register, high byte first	CRC check

Response: 01 06 0010 0002 09CE

01	06	0010	0002	09CE
1 Byte	1 Byte	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes
Slave address, range 0-247	Function Code is 6	Write to the register address, high byte first	Write the value of the register, high byte first	CRC check


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0xBE, 0x7E, 0x7F, 0xBF, 0x7D, 0xBD, 0xBC, 0x7C, 0xB4, 0x74, 0x75, 0xB5,
0x77, 0xB7, 0xB6, 0x76, 0x72, 0xB2, 0xB3, 0x73, 0xB1, 0x71, 0x70, 0xB0,
0x50, 0x90, 0x91, 0x51, 0x93, 0x53, 0x52, 0x92, 0x96, 0x56, 0x57, 0x97,
0x55, 0x95, 0x94, 0x54, 0x9C, 0x5C, 0x5D, 0x9D, 0x5F, 0x9F, 0x9E, 0x5E,
0x5A, 0x9A, 0x9B, 0x5B, 0x99, 0x59, 0x58, 0x98, 0x88, 0x48, 0x49, 0x89,
0x4B, 0x8B, 0x8A, 0x4A, 0x4E, 0x8E, 0x8F, 0x4F, 0x8D, 0x4D, 0x4C, 0x8C,
0x44, 0x84, 0x85, 0x45, 0x87, 0x47, 0x46, 0x86, 0x82, 0x42, 0x43, 0x83,
0x41, 0x81, 0x80, 0x40
};

unsigned short usCRC16( unsigned char * pucFrame, unsigned short usLen )
{
    unsigned char    ucCRChi = 0xFF;
    unsigned char    ucCRCLo = 0xFF;
    int              iIndex;

    while( usLen-- )
    {
        iIndex = ucCRCLo ^ *( pucFrame++ );
        ucCRCLo = ( UCHAR )( ucCRChi ^ aucCRChi[iIndex] );
        ucCRChi = aucCRCLo[iIndex];
    }
    return ( unsigned short )( ucCRChi << 8 | ucCRCLo );
}
    
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The CRC generated by this function has exchanged high and low bytes and can be sent directly into a message.

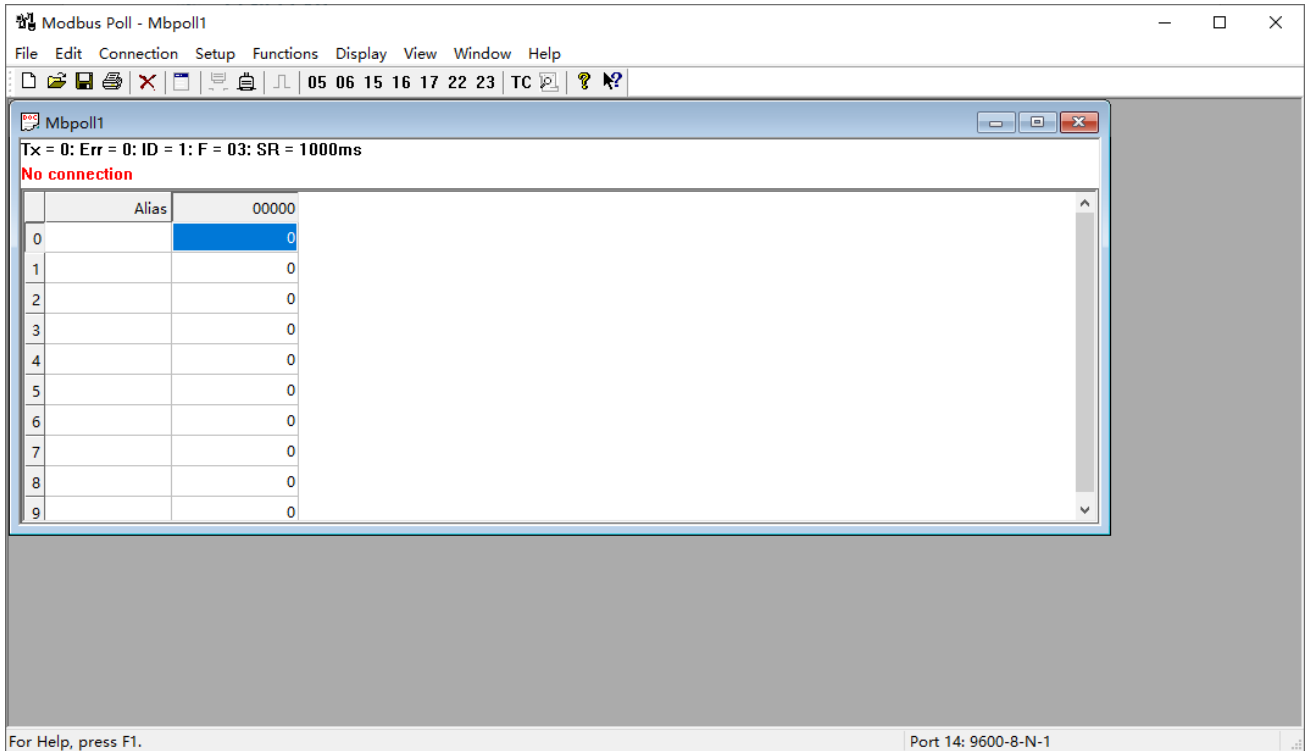
For example: The CRC16 of a certain frame is calculated by this function to be equal to 0x4112, then the message is placed as follows:

AA	03	RRRR	NNNN	CC	CC
1 Byte	1 Byte	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	1 Byte	1 Byte
Slave address, range 0-247	Function Code is 3	Start register address, high byte first	The number of registers to read, high byte first	CRC check, low byte 0x41	CRC check, high byte 0x12

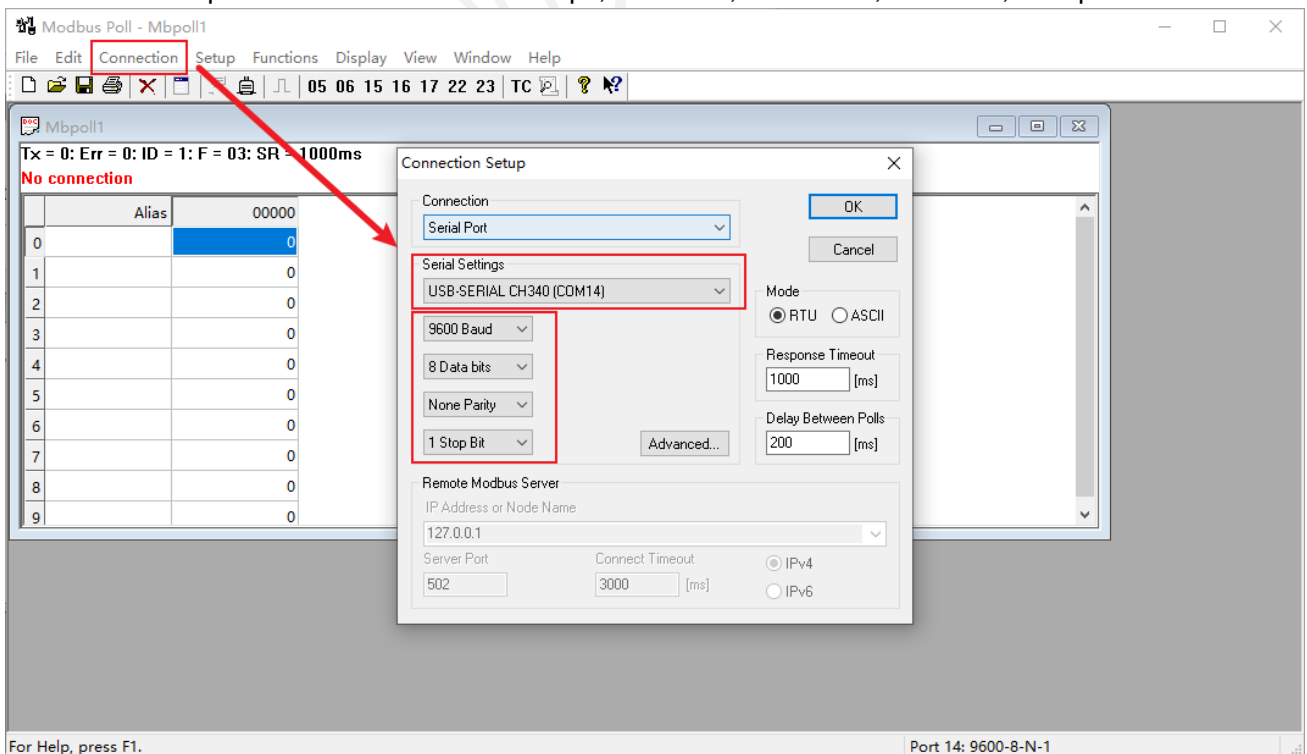
4.5 Modbus Poll Tool

Take the Modbus Poll tool as an example.

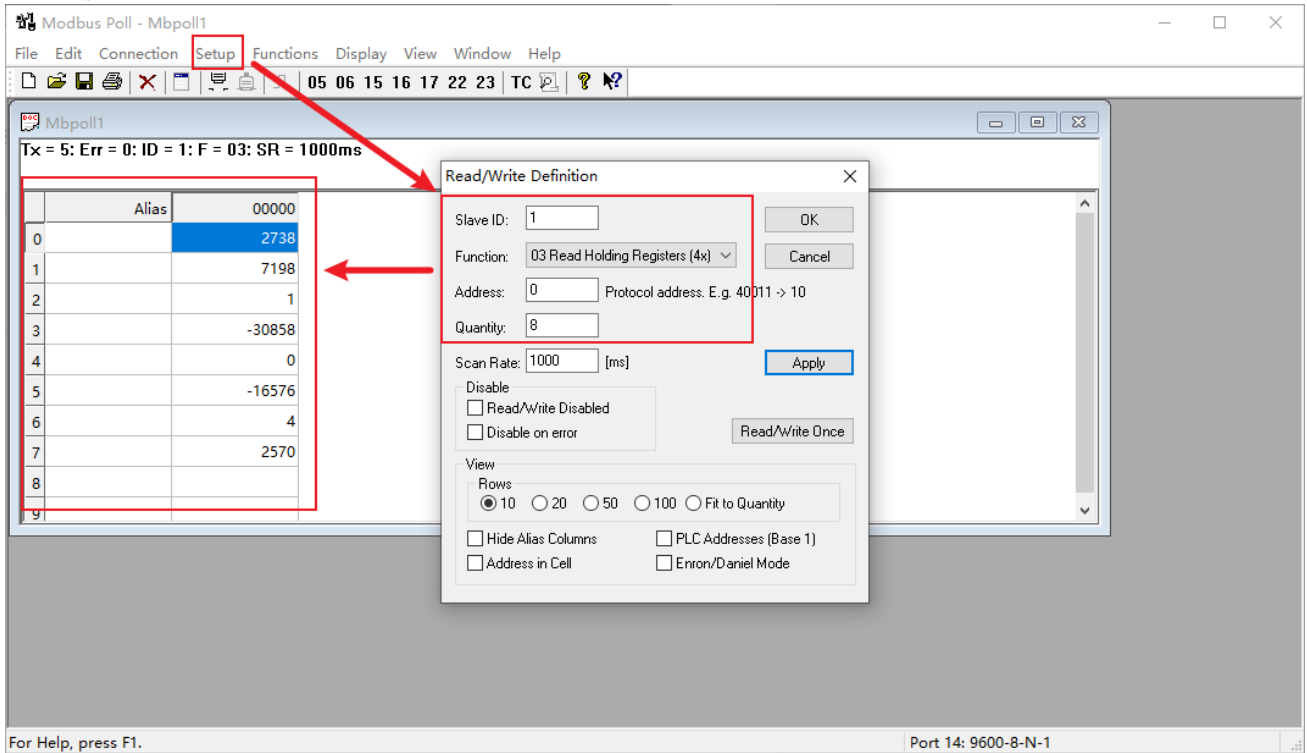
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Communication parameters: baud rate 9600bps, 1 start bit, 8 data bits, no check, 1 stop bit.



Configure the parameters of read registers 0x00~0x07: the slave address defaults to 1, function code 03, starting address 0, and number 8.



The screenshot shows the Modbus Poll software interface. The 'Setup' menu is highlighted in the top menu bar. A 'Read/Write Definition' dialog box is open, displaying the following configuration:

- Slave ID: 1
- Function: 03 Read Holding Registers (4x)
- Address: 0
- Quantity: 8
- Scan Rate: 1000 [ms]
- Disable: Read/Write Disabled, Disable on error
- View: Rows (radio buttons for 10, 20, 50, 100, Fit to Quantity), Hide Alias Columns, PLC Addresses (Base 1), Address in Cell, Enron/Daniel Mode

The background shows a table of registers with the following data:

Alias	Value
0	2738
1	7198
2	1
3	-30858
4	0
5	-16576
6	4
7	2570
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At the bottom of the window, it says 'For Help, press F1.' and 'Port 14: 9600-8-N-1'.

5 SDI-12

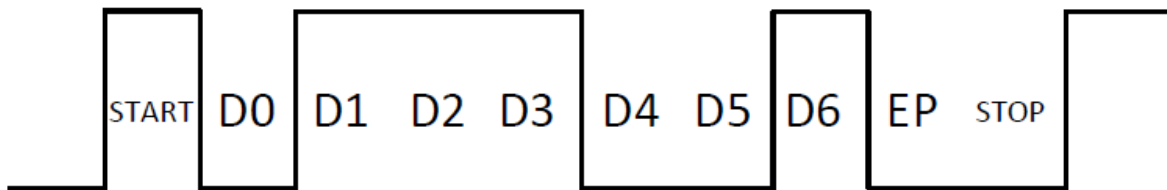
5.1 Introduction of SDI-12

SDI-12 communication adopts three wires, two of which are sensor power supply wires and the other is SDI-12 signal wire.

Each sensor on the SDI-12 bus has a unique address, which can be set to '0', '1' ~ '9', 'A' ~ 'Z', 'A' ~ 'Z'. The SDI-12 address of the SenseCAP ORCH S4 defaults to '0'. The instructions supported by this sensor are shown in the next chapter, where each instruction conforms to the SDI-12 v1.4.

The sensor is powered by a DC power supply of 3.6~16V. After the sensor is powered on, it will go into sleep mode immediately and wait for the data acquisition equipment to give instructions. SDI-12 uses baud rate 9600bps, 1 start bit (high level), 7 data bits (high 0 and low 1, anti-logic), 1 even parity bit and 1 stop bit.

The sequence of each byte sent is shown in the following figure:



5.2 SDI-12 Commands

Query the device address		
Request	?!	? - Address wildcard ! - Instruction terminator
Response	a<CR><LF>	a - Address <CR><LF> - End of the response
Example	Request: ?! Response: 0<CR><LF>	The sensor at address '0' responded to the query

Query the device status		
Request	a!	a - Address ! - Instruction terminator
Response	a<CR><LF>	a - Address <CR><LF> - End of the response
Example	Request: 0! Response: 0<CR><LF>	Address '0' of device online

Query the device information		
Request	a!	a - Address I - Identification ! - Instruction terminator
Response	aIIccccccmmmmmvvxxx...xxx<CR><LF>	a - Address II - 2 characters, SDI-12 protocol version, for example 14 represents v1.4 ccccccc - 8 characters, company name or product name mmmmmm - 6 characters, sensor type vvv - 3 characters, software version xxx...xx - Optional, up to 13 characters, can be used to send serial numbers, or other information <CR><LF> - End of the response
Example	Request: 0! Response: 014SENSECAPORCHSx1.0004A0040THPL	0! - Command 0 - Address 14 - Hardware version 1.4 SENSECAP - Product brand ORCHSx - Product model 1.0 - Software version 1.0

		004A0040 - 8 characters, serial number THPL - Output measurement list, T temperature, H humidity, P atmospheric pressure, L light
Modify device address		
Request	aAb!	a - The current address A - Address Change b - The new address ! - Instruction terminator
Response	b<CR><LF>	b - The new address <CR><LF> - End of the response
Example	Request: 0A1! Response: 1<CR><LF>	The address 0 was changed to 1. The response received was modified successfully

Start measuring		
Request	aM! 或 aMC!	a - Address M - Measure C - CRC ! - Instruction terminator
Response	atttn<CR><LF>	a - Address ttt - 3 characters, measurement end time, unit: second n - 1 character, the number of measurements to be output <CR><LF> - End of the response When the data logger sends 'aMC!', the response returns data with a CRC.
Example	Request: 0M! Response: 00024<CR><LF>	0M! - Command 0 - Address 002 - The detection is completed after a maximum of 2 seconds 4 - Four measurements will be output
Service request	a<CR><LF>	a - Address When the data logger sends a instruction, the sensor immediately responds to ' atttn<CR><LF>', and when the measurement is finished, the service request will be replied

		<p>to inform the data logger that the data can be collected.</p> <p>The data collector should not request another sensor between the time the aM! is sent and the time it receives service request, unless the measurement is interrupted with a break (the measurement value will not be updated).</p>
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Read measured value		
Request	aD0!	a - Address D0 - Data (D1 . . . D9 and so on) ! - Instruction terminator
Response	a<values><CR><LF> or a<values><CRC><CR><LF>	a - Address values - as follows <CRC> - 3 characters, CRC, response to aMC! carry <CR><LF> - End of the response values: <Temperature><Humidity><Baro metric Pressure><Light Intensity>, The order and number are shown in the 'a!', in which the measured value is composed of the following parts: <symbol><integer>[.<decimal>]
Example	Request: 0D0! Response: 0+25.6+88.9+111111+33333.33	0D0! - Command 0 - Address +25.6 – Temperature, °C +88.9 – Humidity, %RH +111111 – Barometric, Pa +33333.33 - Light Intensity, Lux

5.3 Precautions for the use of SDI-12

- (1) multiple sensors can be mounted on the sdi-12 bus, but the state maintenance of sensors should be paid attention to and the failed sensors should be detected in time, because the failure of one sensor may affect the normal work of the whole bus, even if other sensors are normal.
- (2) Under the power supply of 3.3V, there can only be one device on the SDI-12 bus, with no influence under other voltages.
- (3) when the data collector operates the sensor, retry should be included in the logic, otherwise there will be a certain probability that the data cannot be read due to cable interference, baud rate deviation and other reasons.