

Emulate a direct serial connection over the LAN via TCP

ETS

Question

Can we use 2 terminal servers that are connected over the lan so that if they are turned on they make a connection via the lan that acts as a serial cable? (We can't make any changes to the device, but we know the baudrate, number of bits, stopbits, etc.)

Answer

Yes. This procedure will work equally well with the ETS/EPS terminal servers or the LRS remote access servers. An ETS terminal server is used in the examples. Your configuration will appear as below:

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+-----+      +-----+      +-----+      +-----+
|Serial|      |ETS |      Ethernet  |ETS |      |Serial|
|Device|-----| #1 |=====| #2 |-----|Device|
+-----+      +-----+      +-----+      +-----+

                192.168.5.2          192.168.5.10
```

The commands necessary for this configuration to automatically establish this connection are as follows.

Note the reference to the ETSs by their number. You will also need to insure that the port parameters such as speed, number of bits, flow control etc. are correct on the ETS for the serial device.

ETS #1

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DEFINE SERVER IPADDRESS 192.168.5.2
DEFINE PORT 2 DEDICATED TELNET 192.168.5.10:3003T (to connect port 2 on ETS #1
to port 3 on ETS #2)
DEFINE PORT 2 AUTOSTART ENABLED
LOGOUT PORT 2
```

ETS #2

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DEFINE SERVER IPADDRESS 192.168.5.10
DEFINE PORT 3 ACCESS REMOTE
LOGOUT PORT 3
```

ACCESS on port 3 of ETS #2 must be DYNAMIC or REMOTE for the connection to succeed. These commands will create a RAW (8-bit clean) TCP connection between the serial ports of the two ETSs. Power cycle the two ETS units and the "virtual serial line" will be created.

This connection passes data only, status signals such as dsr/dtr/cts/rts are not passed between the ETSs.

Note that if the two devices are on different IP subnets, the default gateway on each unit will have to be configured using the "DEFINE SERVER GATEWAY nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn" command.

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MSS

Question

Can we use 2 serial servers connected over the LAN that act as a serial cable (when turned on they would make a connection via the LAN)? We can't make any changes to the device, but we know the baudrate, number of bits, stopbits, etc.

Answer

Your configuration will appear as below:

Serial	MSS1	Ethernet	MSS1	Serial
Device	#1	=====	#2	Device
192.168.5.2				192.168.5.10

The commands necessary for this configuration to automatically establish this connection are as follows. Note the reference to the MSS1s by their number. You will also need to insure that the port parameters such as speed, number of bits, flow control etc. are correct on the MSS1 for the serial device.

MSS1 #1

CHANGE IPADDRESS 192.168.5.2
CHANGE DEDICATED TCP 192.168.5.10:3001T
CHANGE AUTOSTART ENABLED

MSS1 #2

CHANGE IPADDRESS 192.168.5.10
CHANGE ACCESS REMOTE

ACCESS on MSS1 #2 must be DYNAMIC or REMOTE for the connection to succeed. These commands will create a RAW (8-bit clean) TCP connection between the serial ports of the two MSS1s. Power cycle the two MSS1 units and the "virtual serial line" will be created.

This connection passes data only, status signals such as dsr/dtr/cts/rts are not passed between the MSS1s.

Note that if the two devices are on different IP subnets, the default gateway on each unit will have to be configured using the "CHANGE GATEWAY nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn" command.

On the MSS1 (only) you can use UDP instead of TCP. To do that you need to set up a dedicated connection with Autostart on both MSS1s:

MSS1 #1

CHANGE IPADDRESS 192.168.5.2
CHANGE DEDICATED TCP 192.168.5.10:3001U
CHANGE AUTOSTART ENABLED

MSS1 #2

CHANGE IPADDRESS 192.168.5.10
CHANGE DEDICATED TCP 192.168.5.2:3001U
CHANGE AUTOSTART ENABLED

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CoBox/UDS

Question

Can we use 2 serial servers connected over the LAN that act as a serial cable (when turned on they would make a connection via the LAN)?

Answer

Your configuration will appear as below:

```
+-----+      +-----+      +-----+      +-----+
|Serial|      |CoBox| Ethernet |CoBox|      |Serial|
|Device|-----| #1 |=====| #2 |-----|Device|
+-----+      +-----+      +-----+      +-----+
                192.168.001.017      192.168.001.016
```

The commands necessary for this configuration to automatically establish this connection are as follows. Note the reference to the CoBoxes by their number. You will also need to insure that the port parameters such as speed, number of bits, flow control etc. are correct on the CoBox for the serial device.

CoBox #1:

*** basic parameters

Hardware: Ethernet TPI

IP addr 192.168.001.017, no gateway set

***** Channel 1 *****

Baudrate 09600, I/F Mode 4C, Flow 00

Port 10001

Remote IP Adr: 192.168.001.016, Port 10001

Connect Mode: C5 Disconn Mode: 00

Flush Mode: 00

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CoBox #2:

*** basic parameters

Hardware: Ethernet TPI

IP addr 192.168.001.016, no gateway set

***** Channel 1 *****

Baudrate 09600, I/F Mode 4C, Flow 00

Port 10001

Remote IP Adr: 192.168.001.017, Port 10001

Connect Mode: C0 Disconn Mode: 00

Flush Mode: 00