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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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## 2.0 DATA MESSAGE DESCRIPTION

The generic data message is composed as following :

Instrument address	Functional code	Data	CRC word
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Two answers are possible :

Answer containing data

Instrument address	Functional code	Data	CRC word
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Error answer

Instrument address	Functional code + 0x80	Error code	CRC word
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## 2.1 Data field description

Instrument address : instrument identification number in the network

It must be the same for the demand and the answer.

Format : 1 BYTE from 0 to 0xff - 0 is for broadcast messages with no answer (not used)

Functional code : command code

Used functional code :

Format : 1 BYTE

0x03 : reading of consecutive words

0x10 : writing of consecutive words

Data : they can be :

- the address and the number of the required words (in the demand)
- the data (in the answer)

CRC word : it is the result of the calculation made on all the bytes in the message

## 2.2 Data format

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The base data format is the WORD.

If the required data is in a BYTE format, a WORD with the MSB (Most Significant Byte) set to 0 is anyway transmitted and this BYTE comes before the LSB (Least Significant Byte).

If the required data is in a long format, 2 WORDS are transmitted and the MSW comes before the LSW.

MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB
Most Significant WORD		Least Significant WORD	

Example : 1000 = 0x 03 e8 or  
0x 00 00 03 e8 (if long)

MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB
0x00	0x00	0x03	0xe8

All data are positive and the sign indications are readable in other variables.

## 2.3 Description of CRC calculation

The following is an example of the CRC calculation in C language.

```
unsigned int calc_crc (char *ptbuf, unsigned int num)
/* *****
 *   Descrizione : calculates a data buffer CRC WORD
 *   Input       : ptbuf = pointer to the first byte of the buffer
 *                 num  = number of bytes
 *   Output      : //
 *   Return      :
**  *****/
{
    unsigned int crc16;
    unsigned int temp;
    unsigned char c, flag;

    crc16 = 0xffff;                               /* init the CRC WORD */
    for (num; num>0; num--) {
        temp = (unsigned int) *ptbuf;             /* temp has the first byte */
        temp &= 0x00ff;                           /* mask the MSB */
        crc16 = crc16 ^ temp;                     /* crc16 XOR with temp */
        for (c=0; c<8; c++) {
            flag = crc16 & 0x01;                 /* LSBit di crc16 is kept */
            crc16 = crc16 >> 1;                 /* LSBit di crc16 is lost */
            if (flag != 0)
                crc16 = crc16 ^ 0x0a001;        /* crc16 XOR with 0x0a001 */
        }
        ptbuf++;                                  /* points the next byte */
    }

    crc16 = (crc16 >> 8) | (crc16 << 8);        /* LSB is exchanged with MSB */

    return (crc16);
} /* calc_crc */
```

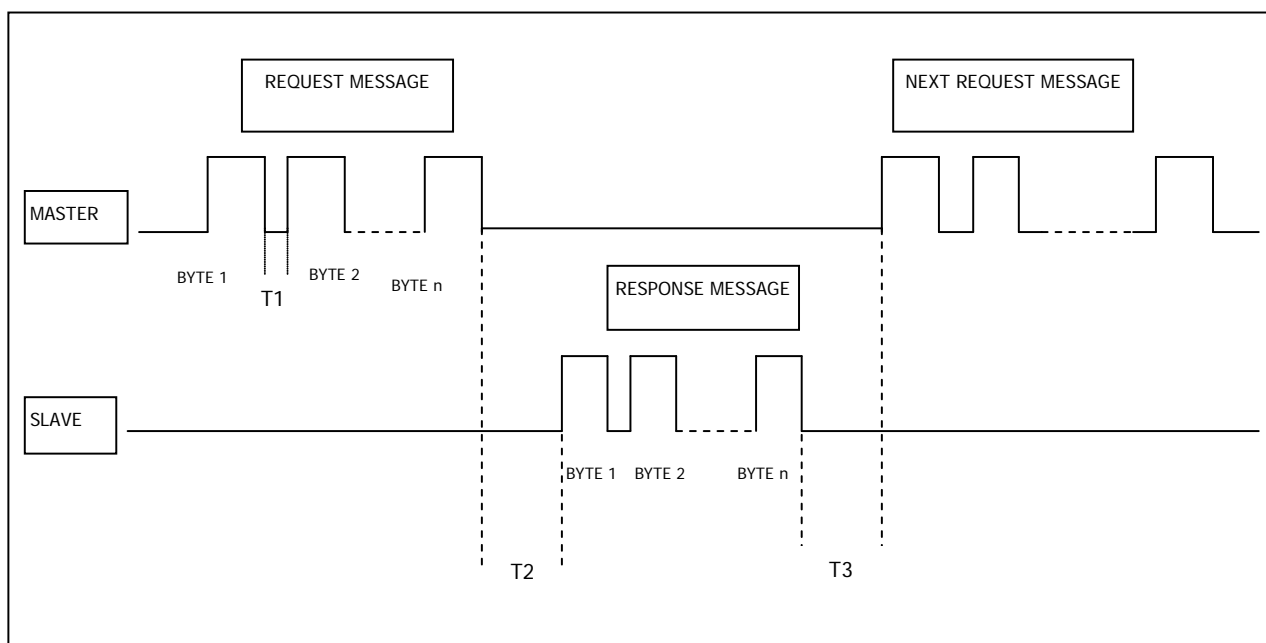
## 2.4 Error management

If the received message is incorrect (CRC16 is wrong) the polled slave doesn't answer.

If the message is correct but there are errors (wrong functional code or data) so it can't be accepted, the slave answers with an error message.

The error codes are defined in the following part of the document.

## 2.5 Timing



Values :

T1 (time between characters) = 25 msec (max)

T2 (slave response time) = 100 msec (max)

T3 (delay time) = 25 msec (min)

### 3.0 COMMANDS

#### Code 0x03 : reading of one or more consecutive WORDS

Command format :

BYTE	BYTE	MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB
Instrument Address	Funct. Code	First WORD address		WORDS number		CRC16	

Answer format (containing data) :

BYTE	BYTE	BYTE	MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB
Instrument Address	Funct. Code	BYTES number	WORD 1 .....		WORD N.		CRC16	

The BYTES number must always match the WORDS number (in the demand) \* 2.

Answer format (wrong request) :

BYTE	BYTE	BYTE	MSB	LSB
Instrument Address	Funct. Code + 0x80	Error code	CRC16	

Error codes :

- \* 0x01 : incorrect functional code
- \* 0x02 : wrong first WORD address
- \* 0x03 : incorrect data

#### Code 0x10 : writing of more consecutive WORDS

Command format :

BYTE	BYTE	MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB
Instr. address	Funct. Code	First WORD address	WORDS number	BYTE numbers	Word Value		CRC16		

Answer format (containing data) :

BYTE	BYTE	BYTE	MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB	MSB	LSB
Instrument Address	Funct. Code	BYTES number	First WORD address		00	00	CRC16	

The BYTES number must always match the WORDS number (in the demand) \* 2.

Answer format (wrong request) :

BYTE	BYTE	BYTE	MSB	LSB
Instrument Address	Funct. Code + 0x80	Error code	CRC16	

Error codes :

- \* 0x01 : wrong functional code
- \* 0x02 : wrong first WORD address
- \* 0x03 : wrong data



## 4.0 VARIABLES

### 4.1 Data addresses

Both variables and groups of variables can be required.

All the variables with consecutive addresses can be required within one request.

The following is the table with the addresses and the meaning of the variables.

Address		Read/Write	Length	Description
HEX	DEC			
<b>Energy</b>				
0x325	805	R	Long	3-phase : Total positive active energy
0x329	809	R	Long	3-phase : Total positive reactive energy
0x32d	813	R/W (1)	Long	3-phase : Partial positive active energy
0x331	817	R/W (1)	Long	3-phase : Partial positive reactive energy
<b>Average power</b>				
0x350	848	R	Long	3-phase : average power
0x354	852	R/W (1)	Long	3-phase : peak maximum demand
0x358	856	R/W (1)	Long	3-phase : peak maximum demand 2° tariffs (where available)
0x348	840	R	Long	Operating time counter (where available)

- (1) The only writable value is 0x0000000 in order to reset the stored value.  
Different values won't have effect.

The following table must be used to retrieve all information of the real time measurements.

Address	Length	Description	Unit
0x1000	Long	Phase 1 : phase voltage	mV
0x1002	Long	Phase 2 : phase voltage	mV
0x1004	Long	Phase 3 : phase voltage	mV
0x1006	Long	Phase 1 : current	mA
0x1008	Long	Phase 2 : current	mA
0x100a	Long	Phase 3 : current	mA
0x100c	Long	0	
0x100e	Long	Chained voltage : L1-L2	mV
0x1010	Long	Chained voltage : L2-L3	mV
0x1012	Long	Chained voltage : L3-L1	mV
0x1014	Long	3-phase : active power	(1)
0x1016	Long	3-phase : reactive power	(1)
0x1018	Long	3-phase : apparent power	(1)
0x101a	WORD	3-phase : sign of active power	(2)
0x101b	WORD	3-phase : sign of reactive power	(2)
0x101c	Long	3-phase : total positive active energy	(3)
0x101e	Long	3-phase : total positive reactive energy	(3)
0x1020	Long	0	
0x1022	Long	0	
0x1024	WORD	3-phase : power factor	1/100
0x1025	WORD	3-phase : sector of power factor (cap or ind)	(4)
0x1026	WORD	Frequency	Hz/10
0x1027	Long	3-phase : average power	(1)
0x1029	Long	3-phase : peak maximum demand	(1)
0x102b	WORD	Time counter for average power	minutes
0x102c	Long	Phase 1 : active power	(1)
0x102e	Long	Phase 2 : active power	(1)
0x1030	Long	Phase 3 : active power	(1)
0x1032	WORD	Phase 1 : sign of active power	(2)
0x1033	WORD	Phase 2 : sign of active power	(2)
0x1034	WORD	Phase 3 : sign of active power	(2)
0x1035	Long	Phase 1 : reactive power	(1)
0x1037	Long	Phase 2 : reactive power	(1)
0x1039	Long	Phase 3 : reactive power	(1)
0x103b	WORD	Phase 1 : sign of reactive power	(2)
0x103c	WORD	Phase 2 : sign of reactive power	(2)
0x103d	WORD	Phase 3 : sign of reactive power	(2)
0x103e	Long	3-phase : partial/second tariff positive active energy	(3)
0x1040	Long	3-phase : partial/second tariff positive reactive energy	(3)
0x1042	Long	3-phase : second tariff peak maximum demand	(1)
0x1044	Long	0	
0x1046	Long	0	

0x0c8	BYTE	Reset - bit to bit defined	(5)
0x100	WORD	Current transformer ratio (KTA)	integer
0x102	WORD	Voltage transformer ratio (KTV)	*10 E.g. 1.0 => 10
0x300	BYTE	Device identifier	0x71

(1) -----

W, var, VA / 100 if KTA\*KTI < 6000  
 W, var, VA if KTA\*KTI >= 6000

(2) -----

0 : positive  
 1 : negative

(3) -----

Transformer ratio	Measurement unit	Display Format	Protocol Format
$1 \leq KTA \cdot KTV < 10$	Wh(varh) * 10	xxxxxx.yy k	xxxxxxyy
$10 \leq KTA \cdot KTV < 100$	Wh(varh) * 100	xxxxxxx.y k	xxxxxxxxy
$100 \leq KTA \cdot KTV < 1000$	kWh(kvarh)	xxxxxxxx k	xxxxxxxx
$1000 \leq KTA \cdot KTV < 10000$	kWh(kvarh) * 10	xxxxxx.yy M	xxxxxxyy
$10000 \leq KTA \cdot KTV < 100000$	kWh(kvarh) * 100	xxxxxxx.y M	xxxxxxxxy
$100000 \leq KTA \cdot KTV$	kWh(kvarh) * 1000	xxxxxxxx M	xxxxxxxx

(4) -----

0 : PF = 0 or 1  
 1 : ind  
 2 : cap

(5) -----

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0x01 : partial active energy  
 0x02 : partial reactive energy  
 0x08 : operating time counter reset (where available)  
 0x10 : peak maximum demand reset

**Example 1**

Reading of 4 WORDS (8 BYTES – 2 variables) starting from the address 0x101c :

**Request :**

BYTE	BYTE	MSB   LSB	MSB   LSB	MSB   LSB
Device address	F. code	1 <sup>st</sup> WORD address	WORDS number	CRC16
0x01	0x03	0x10   0x1c	0x00   0x04	0x81   0x0f

**Answer :**

BYTE	BYTE	BYTE	MSB   LSB	MSB   LSB	MSB   LSB	MSB   LSB	MSB   LSB
		BYTES number	WORD 1	WORD 2	WORD 3	WORD 4	CRC16
0x01	0x03	0x08	0x00   0x00	0x64   0x8c	0x00   0x00	0x35   0x54	0x9a   0x83

In the above case, the information is :

WORD 1 ,WORD 2 : Total positive active energy 0x0000648C = 25740

WORD 3 ,WORD 4 : Total positive reactive energy 0x00003554 = 13652

**Example 2**

Writing of 1 WORD at address 0xc8 (reset of operating time counter) :

**Command :**

BYTE	BYTE	MSB   LSB	MSB   LSB	MSB   LSB	MSB   LSB	MSB   LSB
Device address	F. code	1 <sup>st</sup> WORD address	WORDS number	BYTES number	WORD	CRC16
0x01	0x10	0x00   0xc8	0x00   0x01	0x02	0x00   0x08	0xb7   0xde