Modbus Communication System with ESP32

Overview

Develop a system that can send and receive Modbus requests and display the data on a web-based dashboard. The system uses an ESP32 microcontroller and can operate in two modes: master and slave.

Components

- **ESP32**: The microcontroller responsible for Modbus communication and hosting the web server.
- **ESAM E2002**: Electrical component that communicates with the ESP32 in master mode
- ModScan Software: Software that communicates with the ESP32 in slave mode.

Modes of Operation

1. Master Mode

- The ESP32 sends Modbus requests to the ESAM E2002.
- It receives data from the holding registers
- It correctly converts the data (eg. from 2 words of 16bit to a float)
- It stores them in a local data structure

2. Slave Mode

- The ESP32 receives Modbus requests from ModScan software.
- It correctly converts back the data (eg. from a float to a 16bit word)
- It responds with data from the holding registers.

Initial Configuration

1. WiFi Setup

- The ESP32 starts in configuration mode with the SSID "CONFIGURE ME".
- Connect to the "CONFIGURE ME" WiFi network.
- A captive portal opens for configuring the ESP32 to connect to a new network (e.g., "NEW WIFI").
- Once connected to "NEW WIFI", the ESP32 communicates its new IP address.

2. Web Interface

- Configuration Page: Accessible via the new IP address.
 - Displays a table of all measurements in the holding registers.
 - Allows users to create, edit, and delete measurements.
 - For each measurement, users can define:
 - Register address range (eg. "124-125")
 - Type (eg. "float")
 - Read/write (eg. "read only")
 - Label (eg. "V1")
 - Description (eg. "Voltage Phase 1")
 - Unit (eg "V") refer to the E2002 Manual pages 13-16 for more
 - Allows users to switch the ESP32 between master and slave modes.
 - Configure swap settings.
- Analytics Page: Accessible via the new IP address.
 - Displays selected real-time data in a textual format.
 - Includes a user-friendly GUI for better visualization (Bonus)

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria Name	Criteria Description	Max score
ESP32 - Modbus Master - Data Reception	The ESP32's ability to send Modbus requests to the ESAM E2002 and accurately receive various data types, converting them correctly from holding registers.	4
ESP32 - Modbus Master - Local Data Storage	The ESP32's capability to save different data types from holding registers into local storage efficiently.	1
ESP32 - Modbus Slave	The ESP32's proficiency in responding to Modbus requests from ModScan software with accurate and reconverted data from holding registers.	4
WiFi Configuration	The ease and success of the initial WiFi setup via a captive portal, including the transition to a new network.	4
IP Address Communication	Accurate communication of the new IP address to the user after connecting to the new WiFi network.	1
Configuration Page	The completeness and usability of the configuration page, including the ability to create, edit, and delete measurements.	3
Analytics Page	The accuracy and clarity of real-time data display on the analytics page in textual format.	2
System Stability	The stability and reliability of the system during normal operation, including error handling and recovery processes.	2
Documentation Quality and Completeness	The quality and thoroughness of the documentation, providing step-by-step instructions, images, and relevant information for users to replicate or understand the product.	3
Presentation Quality and Completeness	The quality of the presentation, including well-structured content, clear visuals, and comprehensive coverage of all relevant aspects of the product such as functionality and architecture.	2
Demo Quality	The effectiveness of the product demonstration in showcasing its features, capabilities, and value proposition, being engaging, well-prepared, and leaving a positive impression on the audience.	3
User Interface Design - BONUS	The overall design and user experience of the web interface, including both the configuration and analytics pages.	3
TOTAL		32

Evaluation Score Sheet

Available to the person who will score the project and for autonomous self-evaluation.

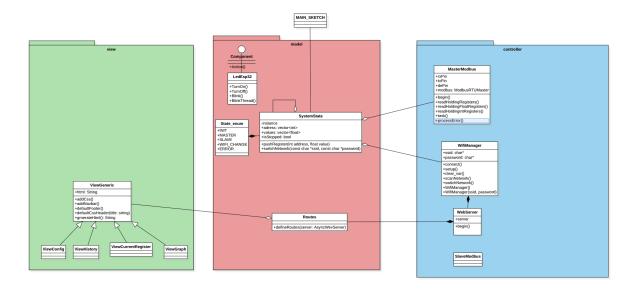
Questions	Score	
ESP32 - Modbus Master - Data Reception		
Does the ESP32 successfully send Modbus requests to the ESAM E2002?		
Does the ESP32 correctly receive various data types from holding registers?		
Does the ESP32 correctly convert various data types from holding registers?		
ESP32 - Modbus Master - Local Data Storage		
Does the ESP32 save received data correctly in local storage?		
ESP32 - Modbus Slave		
Does the ESP32 accurately respond to Modbus requests from ModScan?		
Is the data reconverted correctly when responding to requests?		
WiFi Configuration		
Is the initial WiFi setup via the captive portal easy and successful?		
Does the ESP32 correctly switch to the new network?		
IP Address Communication		
Does the ESP32 communicate the new IP address correctly after connecting to the new network?	1	
Configuration Page		
Are all necessary measurement details (address range, type, label, etc.) available for configuration?	2	
Can the user add/edit/delete new measurements		
Analytics Page		
Is the real-time data received and displayed?		
Is the data presented clearly in a textual format?		
System Stability		
Does the system operate stably under normal conditions?		
Is error handling and recovery implemented effectively? (eg. modbus communication error)		
Documentation Quality and Completeness		
Is the documentation detailed and well-structured?		
Does the documentation include step-by-step instructions?	1	
Are images and relevant information provided to guide users?		
Presentation Quality and Completeness		
Is the presentation well-structured and visually clear?		
Does the presentation comprehensively cover the product's functionality and architecture?	1	
Demo Quality		
Is the product demonstration engaging and well-prepared?		
Does the demo effectively showcase the product's features and capabilities?		
Does the demo leave a positive impression on the audience?		
User Interface Design - BONUS		
Is the web interface well-designed and user-friendly?		
Does the configuration page have a good user experience?		
Does the analytics page have a good user experience?		

Frequently Asked Questions

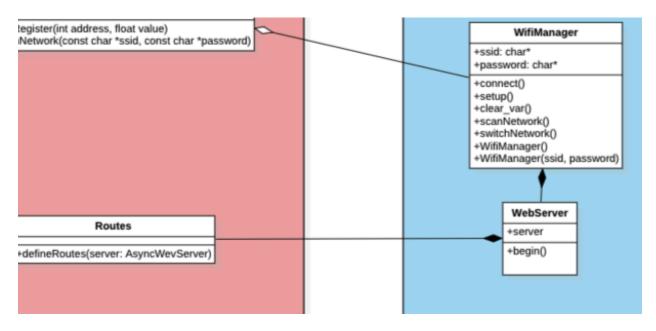
- When ESP is in slave mode, and I'm using MODSCAN, should the data I'm collecting be in real time? Yes, retrieved from the E2002
- Why do we need a configuration table? this enables the system to be flexible without changing the actual code if a modbus-compatible device replaces the E2002
- What should be the graphical representation of the system? I'm not interested in this, I'm
 more interested in the logic. To be flexible, a user should be able to view, add, edit,
 delete the information. How this is actually implemented visually is not really interesting.
- Why are you asking us to do this project? I'm expecting you to autonomously make the links with real life examples but this is already a real life example. In any IoT device nowadays there is a connection part (generally setup), a configuration part and a cloud part. I'm sure that if you practice on the first two, doing the third will be quite trivial.
- Can I develop part of the software outside the ESP and have the ESP just to be the server sharing the data? Yes but not required. I asked to do everything inside the EPS for ease of testing but I understand you would like to "separate the concerns" so you can do it in any way.

Presentazione:

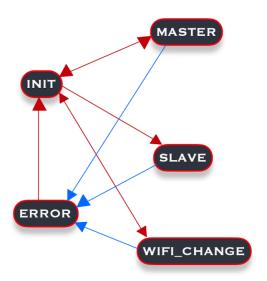
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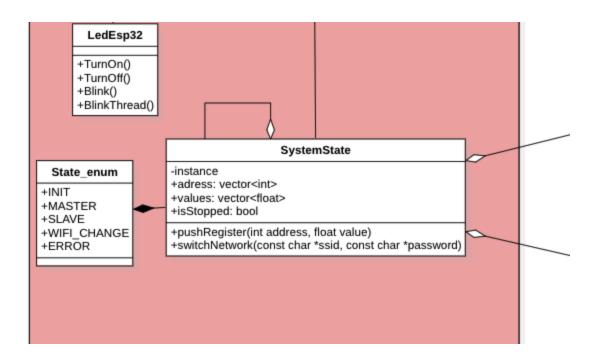
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