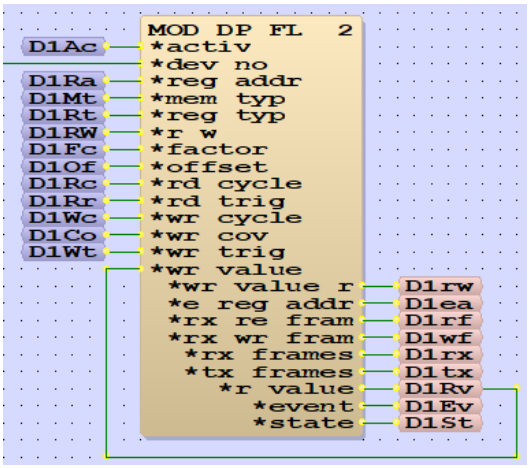
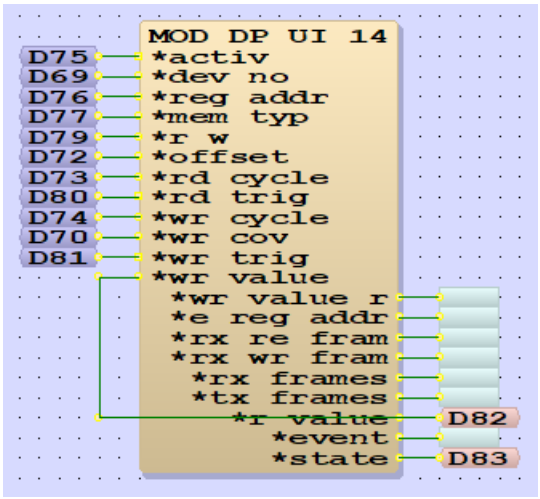
TT230502 – OFXL - Modbus Module UI and ULI

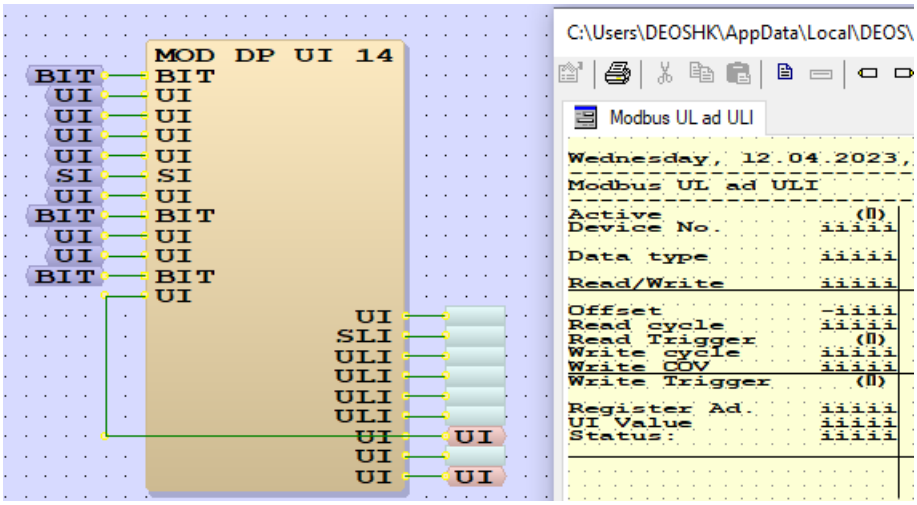
1. In this document, we will show you another 2 Modbus modules in OFXL 4. In most of the cases, the “MOD_DP_FL” module are suitable for basically all applications in Modbus communication. But there are still some reasons that you can’t use them in some applications.



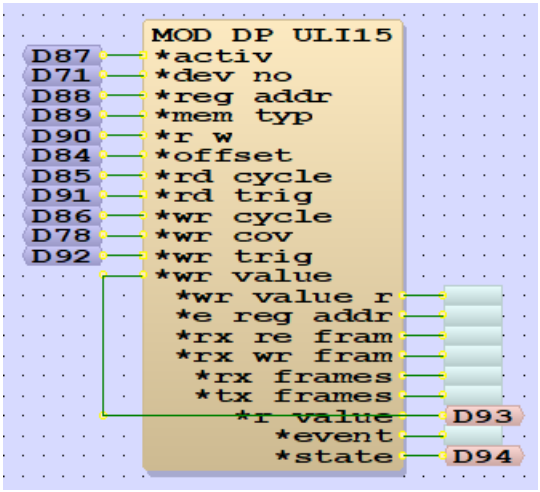
2. One of the reasons is that you need to do some bitwise read/write operation from a UI point. In this case we don’t want to convert the UI to FL as in the “MOD_DP_FL” module. So, we use the “MOD_DP_UI” module.



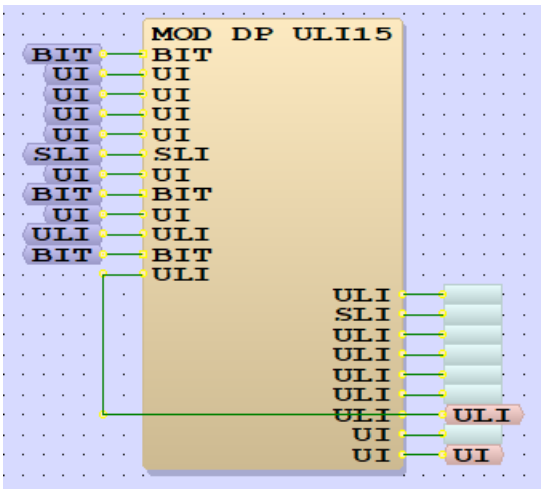
3. Basically, it’s almost the same as the “FL” module, but you need to change some of the types to “SI” and “UI”, like below.



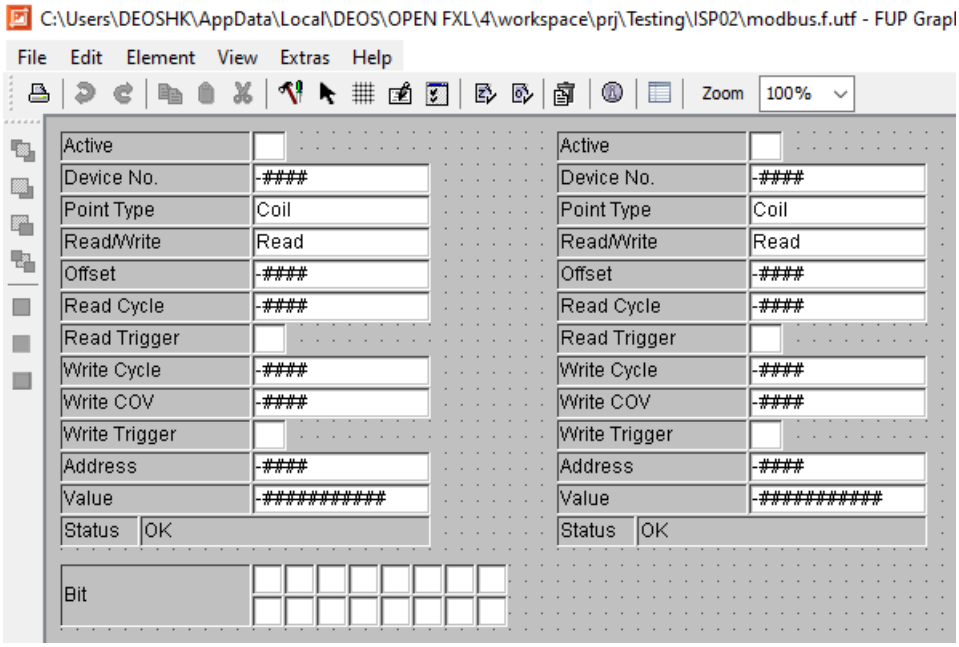
4. Another reason is that you need to read a ULI (32-bits integer) point (e.g. kWh) and you don't want to convert it to type "FL", because the accuracy will become lower after conversion. In this case, we use the "MOD_DP_ULI" module.



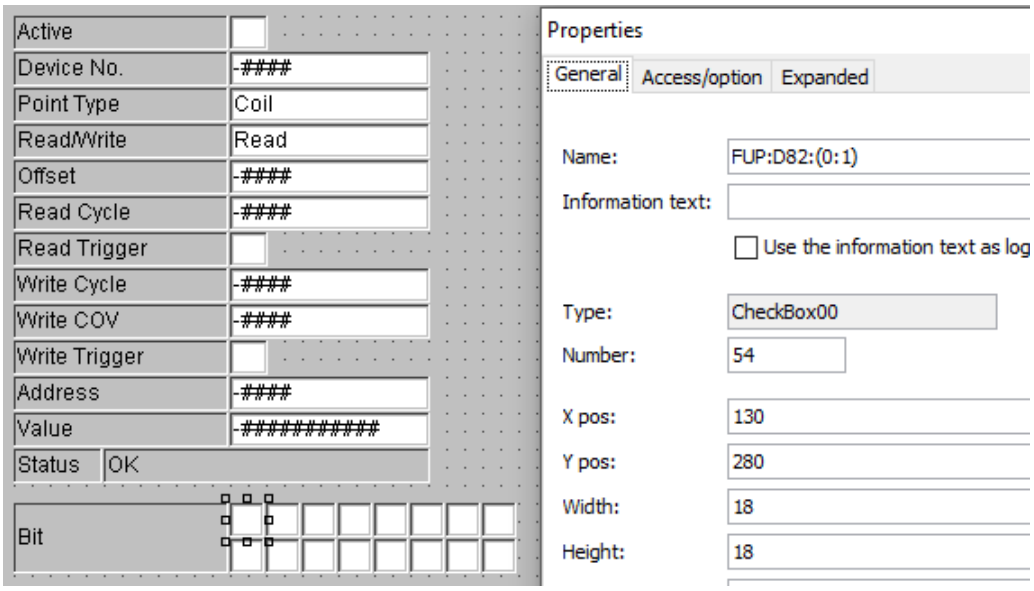
5. Also, if you need to write to an ULI point, then you MUST use this module, as the FL conversion in the "MOD_DP_FL" module will write an incorrect value to the Modbus device because of the type conversion. Again, you need to change some point types to SLI and ULI.



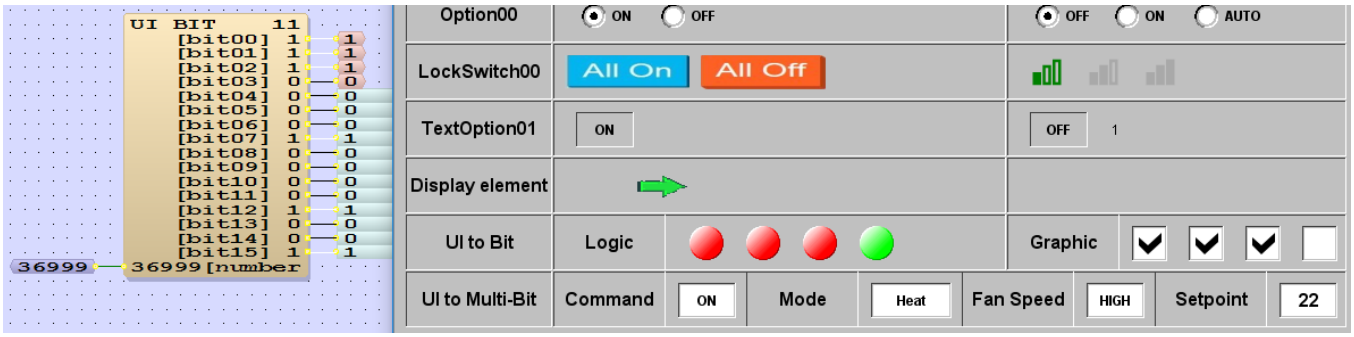
6. Finally, we build the graphic page like below. This time we add some checkbox to show how we can read/write a specific bit using the "MOD_DP_UI" module.



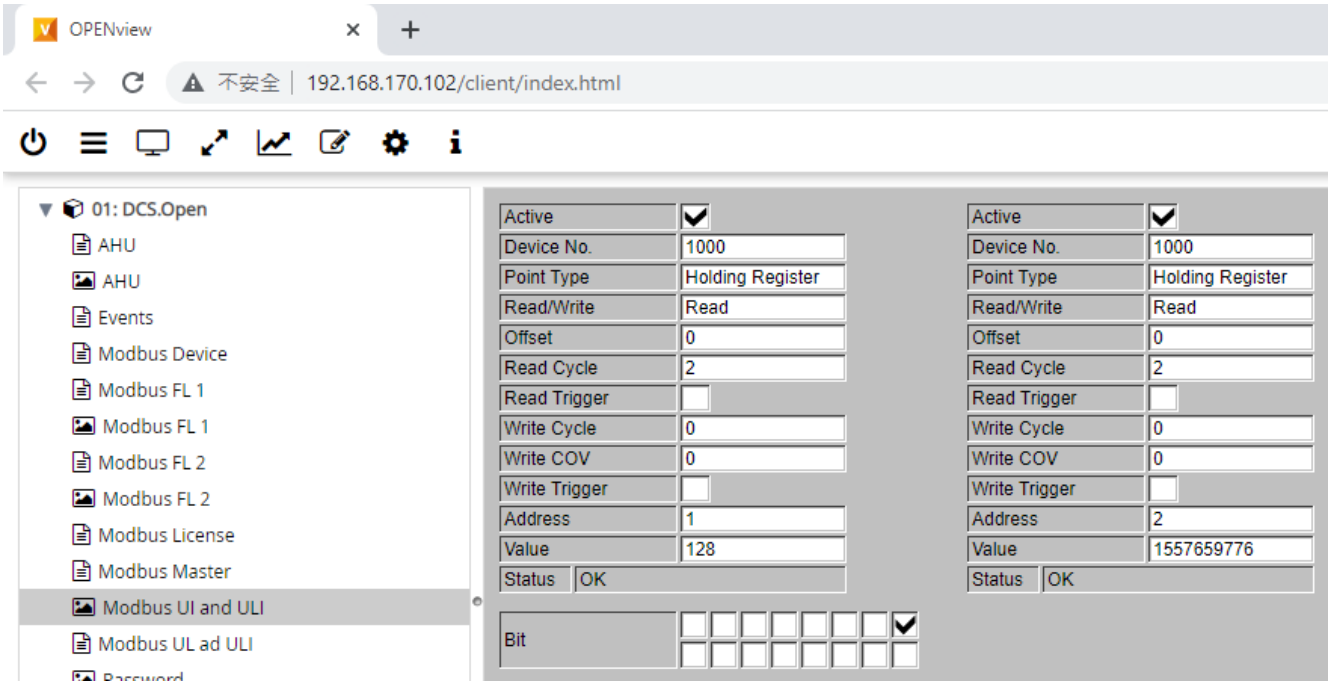
7. We create a “CheckBox00” in graphic, and link it to the UI “Input”. Then we type in “:(0:1)” behind it, meaning that we read the UI “Input” from Bit 0 for 1 bit. For the others, use “:(1:1)”, “:(2:1)” and “:(3:1)”, etc.



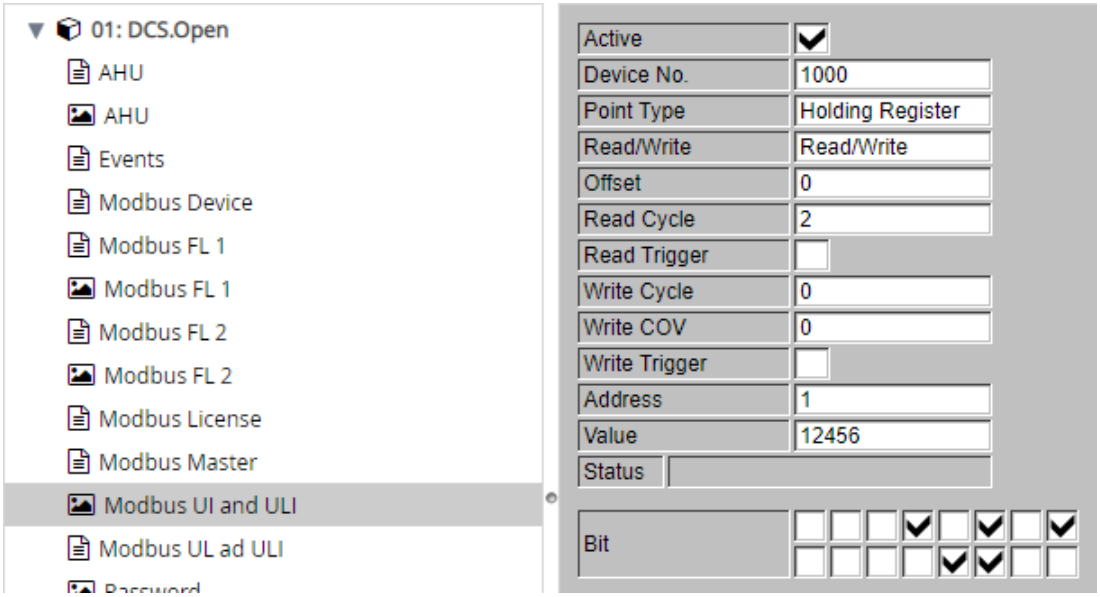
8. Please refer to TT190703 for more information and also other ways to do bitwise operations in FUP and graphic page for UI point.



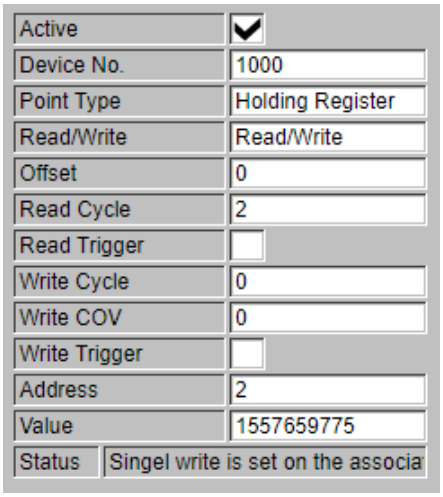
9. Now create and load the new program to your controller. First, set the correct “Device No.” and the addresses for the UI and ULI points, and you should see the correct values from the Modbus device, like below. The specific bits will change to 1 based on the UI value.



10. Set the UI to “Read/Write” and then you can change the value directly and see the corresponding bits enable/disable. You can also control each bit individually to 0 or 1 by clicking the corresponding checkbox.



11. Now if change the ULI point to “Read/Write”, you may get an error in “Status” saying that “Single write is set...”.



12. To fix it, go to the “Modbus Device” page and set “Reg. Write Mode” to 1.

13. After that you should be able to write to the ULI (32-bits Integer) point successfully.

Active	☑
Device No.	1000
Point Type	Holding Register
Read/Write	Read/Write
Offset	0
Read Cycle	2
Read Trigger	☐
Write Cycle	0
Write COV	0
Write Trigger	☐
Address	2
Value	1234567890
Status	OK

14. You can always refer to the “Help Text” for more information regarding the modules. These new Modbus modules provides much more flexibility to many of the Modbus settings and also can be changed online easily.