

ETHERNET PROTOCOL

LD-MRS Laser Scanner



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1. Introduction

This document describes how data is received and transmitted from respectively to the LD - MRS via the Ethernet connection. Addressed systems are LD - MRS 400001 and LD - MRS 400102 sensors and applications using the current API / software versions.

2. Ethernet configuration

The LD - MRS uses default Ethernet configurations until changed by the user.

| Default Ethernet settings | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| IP address | 192.168.0.1 |
| Subnet mask | 255.255.255.0 |
| Port | 12002 |

3. Data encoding

 See the data type description if little or big endian byte order is used!

Timestamps represent the time encoded in 8 bytes. The higher 4 bytes are the number of seconds. The lower 4 bytes represent the fractional seconds with a resolution of 2^{-32} s. These 2 values must be interpreted as two unsigned 32 bit values.

4. Data header

Each message always starts with a data header. To resync just search for the magic word.

| Data header | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|------------|---|
| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
| 4 | 0 | Magic word (0xAFFEC0C2) | uint32 | Big endian | The magic word is used for searching messages and to distinguish between different versions |
| 4 | 4 | Size of previous message | uint32 | Big endian | Helps to navigate backwards through a file. Unused in live data. Not mandatory |
| 4 | 8 | Size of this message | uint32 | Big endian | Helps to read the message data. Size of message content without this header |
| 1 | 12 | Reserved | uint8 | Big endian | – |
| 1 | 13 | Device ID | uint8 | Big endian | ID of the connected device. Unused in data received directly from scanner. Not mandatory |
| 2 | 14 | Data type | uint16 | Big endian | Specifies the data type within message |
| 8 | 16 | Timestamp | uint64 | Big endian | Time when this message was created. Not mandatory |
| Total: 24 bytes | | | | | |

5. Scan data

Each scan data block starts with a header followed by the scan point list. For angle information the unit angle ticks is used. A LD - MRS uses 11520 ticks per rotation. Thus the angular resolution $\frac{1}{32}^{\circ}$. This value is needed to convert angle ticks: $\text{angle} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{\text{angle ticks}}{\text{angle ticks per rotation}}$. Angles are given in the ISO 8855 / DIN 70000 scanner coordinate system.

| Scan header (data type: 0x2202) | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|---------------|---|
| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
| 2 | 0 | Scan number | uint16 | Little endian | The number of this scan. The number will be increased from scan to scan |
| 2 | 2 | Scanner status | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0007 : reserved 0x0008 : set frequency reached 0x0010 : external sync signal 0x0020 : sync ok 0x0040 : sync master 0xFF80 : reserved |
| 2 | 4 | Sync phase offset | uint16 | Little endian | Phase difference (conversion factor 409.6 ns) between sync signal and scanner mirror crossing the synchronization angle |
| 8 | 6 | Scan start time | uint64 | Little endian | Time when first measurement was done |
| 8 | 14 | Scan end time | uint64 | Little endian | Time when last measurement was done |
| 2 | 22 | Angle ticks per rotation | uint16 | Little endian | Number of angle ticks per rotation |
| 2 | 24 | Start angle | int16 | Little endian | Start angle in angle ticks of this scan |

| | | | | | |
|---|----|-------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 26 | End angle | int16 | Little endian | End angle in angle ticks of this scan |
| 2 | 28 | Scan points | uint16 | Little endian | Number of scan point transmitted in this scan |
| 2 | 30 | Reserved | int16 | Little endian | — |
| 2 | 32 | Reserved | int16 | Little endian | — |
| 2 | 34 | Reserved | int16 | Little endian | — |
| 2 | 36 | Reserved | int16 | Little endian | — |
| 2 | 38 | Reserved | int16 | Little endian | — |
| 2 | 40 | Reserved | int16 | Little endian | — |
| 2 | 42 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | — |

Total: 44 bytes

6. Scan point

An array of points follows the scan header. See number of scan points in the scan header description above.

| Scan point | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------|------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
| 1 | 0 | Echo and layer | uint8 | Little endian | Bits 0 – 3: scan layer of point Bits 4 – 7: echo number of point (both zero – based) |
| 1 | 1 | Flags | uint8 | Little endian | 0x01: transparent point 0x02: clutter (atmospheric) 0x08: dirt 0x0F: reserved |
| 2 | 2 | Horizontal angle | int16 | Little endian | Angle of point in angle ticks in the scanner coordinate system |
| 2 | 4 | Radial distance | uint16 | Little endian | Distance of point in angle ticks in the scanner coordinate system |
| 2 | 6 | Echo pulse width | uint16 | Little endian | Detected width of this echo pulse in cm |
| 2 | 8 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |
| Total: 10 bytes | | | | | |

7. Errors and warnings

As soon LD - MRS detects an error or wants to emit a warning, this message is sent. Errors and warnings bits are reset after sending this message. This message will be sent periodically as long as errors or warnings persist.

| Errors and warnings (data type: 0x2030) | | | | | |
|---|--------|------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
| 2 | 0 | Error register 1 | uint16 | Little endian | Bits 0 – 1: contact support Bit 2: scan buffer transmitted incompletely, decrease scan resolution, frequency or range; contact support Bit 3: scan buffer overflow, decrease scan resolution, frequency, range, contact support Bits 4: contact support Bits 5 – 7: reserved Bit 8: APD under temperature, provide heating Bit 9: APD over temperature, provide cooling Bits 8 – 9: APD temperature sensor defect, contact support Bits 10 – 13: contact support Bits 14 – 15: reserved |

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|---|---|--------------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 2 | Error register 2 | uint16 | Little endian | Bits 0 – 3: contact support Bit 4: incorrect configuration data, load correct values Bit 5: configuration contains incorrect parameters, load correct values Bit 6: data processing timeout, decrease scan resolution or frequency Bit 7: contact support Bit 8 – 15: reserved |
| 2 | 4 | Warning register 1 | uint16 | Little endian | Bit 0: internal communication error Bits 1 – 2: internal warning Bit 3: temperature very low Bit 4: temperature very high Bits 5 - 6: internal warning Bit 7: synchronization error, check synchronization and scan frequency Bits 8 – 15: reserved |

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|-----------------------|--------|------------------|---|
| 2 | 6 | Warning register 2 | uint16 | Little endian | Bit 0: reserved Bit 1: Ethernet interface blocked, check Ethernet connection Bit 2: reserved Bit 3: contact support Bit 4: error receiving Ethernet data, check Ethernet connection or data Bit 5: incorrect or forbidden command received, check command Bit 6: memory access failure, restart scanner, contact support Bits 7 – 15: reserved |
| 2 | 8 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |
| 2 | 10 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |
| 2 | 12 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |
| 2 | 14 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |
| Total: 16 bytes | | | | | |

8. Command interface

Commands are used for configuring scanner parameters. Data structures below shows how messages are formed and transmitted.

«Reset» command (data type: 0x2010)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|------------------------|--------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID (0x0000) | uint16 | Little endian | Reset digital signal processor (DSP) |
| 2 | 2 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |

Total: 4 bytes

«Get status» command (data type: 0x2010)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|------------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID (0x0001) | uint16 | Little endian | Request information about the status of the sensor |
| 2 | 2 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |

Total: 4 bytes

«Save configuration» command (data type: 0x2010)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|------------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID (0x0004) | uint16 | Little endian | Save the current configuration of the sensor permanently. Multiple parameters may be changed before saving the changes permanently |
| 2 | 2 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |

Total: 4 bytes

«Set parameter» command (data type: 0x2010)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|------------------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID (0x0010) | uint16 | Little endian | Set a single parameter by its index to the sensor memory. Parameter is set only temporarily until it will saved |
| 2 | 2 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |
| 2 | 4 | Parameter index | uint16 | Little endian | Refer to the sensor parameter list (see below) |
| 4 | 6 | Parameter | uint32 | Little endian | Set parameter accordingly to parameter list. If e.g. a 2 byte value is set, use the first 2 bytes. Fill the remaining 2 bytes with zero |

Total: 10 bytes

«Get parameter» command (data type: 0x2010)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|------------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID (0x0011) | uint16 | Little endian | Read a single parameter with its index from the sensor |
| 2 | 2 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |
| 2 | 4 | Parameter index | uint16 | Little endian | Refer to the sensor parameter list (see below) |

Total: 6 bytes

«Reset default parameters» command (data type: 0x2010)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|-------------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID (0x0001A) | uint16 | Little endian | Reset all parameters to the factory defaults |
| 2 | 2 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |

Total: 4 bytes

«Start measure» command (data type: 0x2010)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|-------------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID (0x00020) | uint16 | Little endian | Starts the measurement with the current settings |
| 2 | 2 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |

Total: 4 bytes

«Stop measure» command (data type: 0x2010)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|-------------------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID (0x00021) | uint16 | Little endian | Stops the measurement until it is restarted |
| 2 | 2 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |

Total: 4 bytes

«Set NTP timestamp seconds» command (data type: 0x2010)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|-------------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID (0x00030) | uint16 | Little endian | Sets the seconds of NTP timestamp |
| 4 | 2 | Reserved | uint32 | Little endian | – |
| 4 | 6 | Timestamp | uint32 | Little endian | Seconds (NTP format). The time will be set in the sensor when the fractional seconds command is received (see below) |

Total: 10 bytes

«Set NTP timestamp fractional seconds» command (data type: 0x2010)

 Before this command can be executed, first «Set NTP timestamp seconds» must be send!

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|-------------------------|--------|---------------|--|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID (0x00031) | uint16 | Little endian | Sets the fractional seconds of NTP timestamp |
| 4 | 2 | Reserved | uint32 | Little endian | – |
| 4 | 6 | Timestamp | uint32 | Little endian | Fractional seconds (NTP format) |

Total: 10 bytes

«Get status» reply (data type: 0x2020)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|-------|--------|------------------|------------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0001 : command succeeded 0x8001 : command failed If failed, the rest of the reply is not sent |
| 2 | 2 | Firmware version | uint16 | Little endian | E.g. 0x1230 = version 1.2.3, 0x123B = version 1.2.3b |
| 2 | 4 | FPGA version | uint16 | Little endian | E.g. 0x1230 = version 1.2.3, 0x123B = version 1.2.3b |
| 2 | 6 | Scanner status | uint16 | Little endian | Bit 0 : motor on Bit 1 : laser on Bit 2 : reserved Bit 3 : frequency locked Bit 4 : external sync signal Bit 5 : phase locked Bits 6 – 10 : reserved |
| 4 | 8 | Reserved | uint32 | Little endian | – |
| 2 | 12 | Temperature | uint16 | Little endian | $T(^{\circ}\text{C}) = - \frac{\text{Temperature} - 579.2364}{3.63}$ |
| 2 | 14 | Serial number 0 | uint16 | Little endian | 'YYCW' (e.g. 'YYCW' = 0x0740 = year '07, calendar week 40) |
| 2 | 16 | Serial number 1 | uint16 | Little endian | Counter of serial number |
| 2 | 18 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | – |
| 6 | 20 | FPGA timestamp | 3 * uint16 | Little endian | 'YYYY' 'MMDD' 'hhmm' (FPGA version state) |
| 6 | 26 | DSP timestamp | 3 * uint16 | Little endian | 'YYYY' 'MMDD' 'hhmm' (Firmware version state) |

Total: 32 bytes

«Save configuration» reply (data type: 0x2020)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|----------------|--------|------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0004 : command succeeded 0x8004 : command failed |
| Total: 2 bytes | | | | | |

«Set parameter» reply (data type: 0x2020)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|----------------|--------|------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0010 : command succeeded 0x8010 : command failed |
| Total: 2 bytes | | | | | |

«Get parameter» reply (data type: 0x2020)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0011 : command succeeded 0x8011 : command failed If failed, the rest of the reply is not sent |
| 2 | 2 | Parameter index | uint16 | Little endian | Refer to the sensor parameter list (see below). |
| 4 | 4 | Parameter | uint32 | Little endian | A parameter value according to the index |
| Total: 8 bytes | | | | | |

«Reset default parameters» reply (data type: 0x2020)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|----------------|--------|------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID | uint16 | Little endian | 0x001A : command succeeded 0x801A : command failed |
| Total: 2 bytes | | | | | |

«Start measure» reply (data type: 0x2020)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|----------------|--------|------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0020 : command succeeded 0x8020 : command failed |
| Total: 2 bytes | | | | | |

«Stop measure» reply (data type: 0x2020)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|----------------|--------|------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0021 : command succeeded 0x8021 : command failed |
| Total: 2 bytes | | | | | |

«Set NTP timestamp seconds» reply (data type: 0x2020)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|----------------|--------|------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0030 : command succeeded 0x8030 : command failed |
| Total: 2 bytes | | | | | |

«Set NTP timestamp fractional seconds» reply (data type: 0x2020)

| Bytes | Offset | Field | Type | Byte order | Description |
|----------------|--------|------------|--------|---------------|---|
| 2 | 0 | Command ID | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0031 : command succeeded 0x8031 : command failed |
| Total: 2 bytes | | | | | |

Parameter list

| Bytes | Parameter index | Parameter name | Type | Description |
|-------|-----------------|-------------------|--------|---|
| 4 | 0x1000 | IP address | uint32 | IP address of the sensor |
| 2 | 0x1001 | TCP port | uint16 | TCP port of the sensor |
| 4 | 0x1002 | Subnet mask | uint32 | Subnet mask of the sensor |
| 4 | 0x1003 | Standard gateway | uint32 | Gateway of the sensor |
| 2 | 0x1012 | Data output flags | uint16 | True : disable output False : enable output Bit 0 : ETH scan data Bit 1 – 3 : reserved Bit 4 : ETH errors / warnings Bit 5 – 15 : reserved |
| 2 | 0x1100 | Start angle | int16 | In $1/32^\circ$, in the sensor coordinate system. Valid range: [-1920; 1599] . Start angle must be greater than the end angle! |
| 2 | 0x1101 | End angle | int16 | In $1/32^\circ$, in the sensor coordinate system. Valid range: [-1919; 1600] . Start angle must be greater than the end angle! |

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|---|--------|--------------------------|--------|--|
| 2 | 0x1102 | Scan frequency | uint16 | In 1/256 Hz. Valid values: 3200 (12.5 Hz) 6400 (25.0 Hz) 12800 (50.0 Hz) |
| 2 | 0x1103 | Sync angle offset | int16 | In 1/32°, in the sensor coordinate system. Valid range: [-5760; 5759] (−180° ... 180°) |
| 2 | 0x1104 | Angular resolution type | uint16 | 0 : focused 1 : constant 2 : reserved |
| 2 | 0x1105 | Angle ticks per rotation | uint16 | 11520 (read only) |

Example (set IP address: 10.152.32.200)

| Bytes | Offset | Data header | Type | Byte order | Content |
|-------|--------|--------------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| 4 | 0 | Magic word | uint32 | Big endian | 0xAFFEC0C2 |
| 4 | 4 | Size of previous message | uint32 | Big endian | 0x0000 |
| 4 | 8 | Size of this message | uint32 | Big endian | 0x000A |
| 1 | 12 | Reserved | uint8 | Big endian | 0x0000 |
| 1 | 13 | Device ID | uint8 | Big endian | 0x0007 |
| 2 | 14 | Data type | uint16 | Big endian | 0x2010 |
| 8 | 16 | Timestamp | uint64 | Big endian | 0x0000 |
| Bytes | Offset | Message data | Type | Byte order | Content |
| 2 | 24 | Command ID | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0010 |
| 2 | 26 | Reserved | uint16 | Little endian | 0x0000 |
| 2 | 28 | Parameter index | uint16 | Little endian | 0x1000 |
| 4 | 30 | Parameter | uint32 | Little endian | 0x0A824C8 |

Total: 34 bytes

