# Hitachi UX-161

# Message Send and Retrieve using Modbus

### A Simple example



I call it a simple example because it simply has one of about everything:

- Plain Text
- Time based settings
  - Month With month name substitution
  - Day With offsets and leading zero suppress
  - Year
  - o Hour
  - o Minute
  - o Julian Date
  - o Day-Of-Week With day name substitution
  - o Shift Code
  - Time Count
- Counter
- User Pattern
  - Fixed Layout
  - o Free Layout

No user application will probably use all these elements at once, but all applications will use some of these elements.

### **Step One: Defining the Message**

The first step is to find a way to represent the layout in human readable form. The most flexible way I have found is to use the industry standard language XML. It is universally known, and interfaces have been developed in multiple computer languages.

It looks long but is basically two sections:

- A Printer section defining printer wide settings.
- A Message Section defining the items that make up the message.
  - o A column Section within the message showing the column layout.
    - An item section within the column showing the individual items in a column.
      - Date Block.
      - Count Block.
      - Time Count
      - Shift

Within the text, there are Calendar, Count, and User Pattern settings that are to be passed on to the printer. These are indicated by enclosing them in braces: "{" and "}". For example:

- {{MMM}}/{DD}}/{YY}} == Month, day, and year will be provided by the printer
- {{TTT} {777} {hh}: {mm}} == Julian date, day-of-week, hour, and minute will be provided by the printer.
- {{ccccc}}} == Counter provided by the printer
- {x/0} and {z/2} == Fixed "X" and Free "Z" user pattern locations

The extra set of braces allow for multiple Calendar and Counter blocks in the same item.

So, below is the XML representation for the message above.

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</Substitution>
   <Logos>
     <Logo Layout="Free" Height="32" Width="52" Location="2" RawData="00 00 00 00 00 F8 1F 00 00 FE 7F 00 80 FF FF 01</pre>
CO FF FF 03 E0 FF FF 07 E0 1F F8 07 F0 07 E0 0F F8 01 80 1F F8 00 00 1F FC 00 00 3F 7C 00 00 3E 3C 00 00 7E 3E 00 00 7C
CO FF FF 03 E0 FF FF 07 F0 CF F3 0F F0 C3 C3 0F F8 C1 83 1F FC C0 03 3F 7C C0 03 3E 7C C0 03 3E 3E C0 03 7C 3E C0 03 7C
<Logo Lavout="Fixed" DotMatrix="Size18x24" Location="0" RawData="FF FF FF 01 00 80 01 80 B1 01 00 8A 01 00 84 01</pre>
00 8A 01 80 B1 01 7F 80 01 20 80 01 18 80 01 20 80 01 7F 80 FD 00 80 05 00 80 05 00 80 05 00 80 05 00 80 01 00 80 FF FF
</Logos>
 </Printer>
 <Message Layout="SeparateSetup" Nozzle="1">
   <Column InterLineSpacing="2">
     <Item>
      <Font InterCharacterSpace="1" IncreasedWidth="1" DotMatrix="Size5x7" />
      <Date Block="1" SubstitutionRule="1" RuleName="">
        <Offset Day="24" Hour="-12" Minute="-30" />
        <ZeroSuppress Dav="Space" />
        <Substitute Month="True" />
      </Date>
      <Text>SELL BY { MMM} / {DD} / {YY} } </Text>
     </Item>
     <Item>
      <Font InterCharacterSpace="1" IncreasedWidth="1" DotMatrix="Size5x7" />
      <Date Block="1" SubstitutionRule="1" RuleName="">
        <Offset Day="45" />
        <ZeroSuppress Dav="Space" />
        <Substitute Month="True" />
      </Date>
      <Text>USE BY { {MMM} / {DD} / {YY} } </Text>
     </It.em>
     <Item>
      <Font InterCharacterSpace="1" IncreasedWidth="1" DotMatrix="Size5x7" />
      <Date Block="1" SubstitutionRule="1" RuleName="">
        <Substitute DayOfWeek="True" />
      </Date>
      <Text>PCKD {{TTT} {777} {hh}:{mm}} </Text>
     </Item>
   </Column>
   <Column InterLineSpacing="2">
     <Item>
      <Font InterCharacterSpace="1" IncreasedWidth="1" DotMatrix="Size5x7" />
      <Date Block="1" SubstitutionRule="1" RuleName="">
        <Shifts>
          <Shift ShiftNumber="1" StartHour="0" StartMinute="0" EndHour="7" EndMinute="59" ShiftCode="D" />
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<Shift ShiftNumber="2" StartHour="8" StartMinute="0" EndHour="15" EndMinute="59" ShiftCode="E" />
           <Shift ShiftNumber="3" StartHour="16" StartMinute="0" EndHour="23" EndMinute="59" ShiftCode="F" />
         </Shifts>
       </Date>
       <Text>Shift {E}</Text>
     </Item>
     <Item>
       <Font InterCharacterSpace="1" IncreasedWidth="1" DotMatrix="Size5x7" />
       <Date Block="1" SubstitutionRule="1" RuleName="">
         <TimeCount Interval="HalfHour" Start="A1" End="X2" ResetTime="6" ResetValue="A1" />
       </Date>
       <Text>TCount {FF} </Text>
     </Item>
     <Item>
       <Font InterCharacterSpace="1" IncreasedWidth="1" DotMatrix="Size5x7" />
       <Counter Block="1">
         <Range Range1="000000" Range2="999999" JumpFrom="000199" JumpTo="000300" />
         <Count InitialValue="000000" Increment="1" Direction="Up" ZeroSuppression="True" />
         <Reset Type="Nothing" Value="" />
         <Misc UpdateIP="0" UpdateUnit="1" ExternalCount="False" Multiplier="" SkipCount="" />
       </Counter>
       <Text># {{CCCCCC}} </Text>
     </Item>
    </Column>
    <Column InterLineSpacing="0">
       <Font InterCharacterSpace="2" IncreasedWidth="1" DotMatrix="Size18x24" />
       <Text>{X/0}</Text>
     </Item>
    </Column>
    <Column InterLineSpacing="0">
     <Item>
       <Font InterCharacterSpace="2" IncreasedWidth="1" DotMatrix="Size24x32" />
       </Item>
   </Column>
 </Message>
</Label>
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#### Step Two: Sending a Message to the Printer

```
// Sending Logos
// Set 52x32 Free Logo to location 2
Get[6500+0000] User Pattern Free Registration[1] = 24576
Get[6511+0504] User Pattern Free Width[2] = 52
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[6510+0504] User Pattern Free Height[2] = 32
Set[6511+0504] User Pattern Free Width[2] = 52
Set[6500+0000] User Pattern Free Registration[1] = 24576
Set[6512+0504] User_Pattern_Free_Data = 00 00 00 00 00 F8 1F 00 00 FE 7F 00 80 FF FF 01
CO FF FF 03 E0 FF FF 07 E0 1F F8 07 F0 07 E0 0F F8 01 80 1F F8 00 00 1F FC 00 00 3F 7C 00
00 3E 3C 00 00 7E 3E 00 00 7C 3E 00 00 7C 3E 00 00 7C 1E 00 00 78 1E 00 00 78 1E 00 00 78
Set[6512+0584] User_Pattern_Free_Data = 00 FF 7F 00 80 FF FF 01 C0 FF FF 03 E0 FF FF 07
F0 CF F3 0F F0 C3 C3 0F F8 C1 83 1F FC C0 03 3F 7C C0 03 3E 7C C0 03 3E 3E C0 03 7C 3E C0
03 7C 3E CO 03 7C 3E CO 03 7C 1E 00 00 7C 1E 00 00 7C 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Set Size18x24 Fixed Logo to location 0
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0013] User Pattern Size = Size18x24
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Get[2D00+0000] User Pattern Fixed Registration[1] = 49152
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[2D00+0000] User Pattern Fixed Registration[1] = 49152
Set[2D20+0000] User Pattern Fixed Data = FF FF FF 01 00 80 01 80 B1 01 00 8A 01 00 84 01
00 8A 01 80 B1 01 7F 80 01 20 80 01 18 80 01 20 80 01 7F 80 FD 00 80 05 00 80 05 00 80 05
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Sending Substitutions
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0012] Substitution Rule = 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1AC1] Start Year = 2000
Set[1AF4+0000] Month[1] = "JAN"
Set[1AF4+0003] Month[2] = "FEB"
Set[1AF4+0006] Month[3] = "MAR"
Set[1AF4+0009] Month[4] = "APR"
Set[1AF4+000C] Month[5] = "MAY"
Set[1AF4+000F] Month[6] = "JUN"
Set[1AF4+0012] Month[7] = "JUL"
Set[1AF4+0015] Month[8] = "AUG"
Set[1AF4+0018] Month[9] = "SEP"
Set[1AF4+001B] Month[10] = "OCT"
Set[1AF4+001E] Month[11] = "NOV"
Set[1AF4+0021] Month[12] = "DEC"
Set[1CBC+0000] DayOfWeek[1] = "MON"
Set[1CBC+0003] DayOfWeek[2] = "TUE"
Set[1CBC+0006] DayOfWeek[3] = "WED"
Set[1CBC+0009] DayOfWeek[4] = "THU"
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Set[1CBC+000C] DayOfWeek[5] = "FRI"
Set[1CBC+000F] DayOfWeek[6] = "SAT"
Set[1CBC+0012] DayOfWeek[7] = "SUN"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Deleting old message
// Get number of items
Get[0008] Number Of Items = 8
// Calculate number of columns
Get[1040+0000] Line Count[1] = 3
Get[1040+0048] Line Count[4] = 3
Get[1040+0090] Line Count[7] = 1
Get[1040+00A8] Line Count[8] = 1
// Delete all columns but the first one
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1022] Delete Column = 4
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1022] Delete Column = 3
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1022] Delete Column = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Set first column to line count of 1 and clear the item
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1024] Column = 1
Set[1025] Line = 1
Set[1000] Print_Erasure = 1
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Set the format to the smallest size
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1042+0000] Dot Matrix[1] = "5x8"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Loading new message
// Set column 1 to 3 items
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1024] Column = 1
Set[1025] Line = 3
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Set ILS for items 1 to 3
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 1
Set[1041+0000] Line_Spacing[1] = "2"
Set[1041+0018] Line Spacing[2] = "2"
Set[1041+0030] Line Spacing[3] = "2"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
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// Fill in item 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1042+0000] Dot Matrix[1] = "Size5x7"
Set[1043+0000] InterCharacter Space[1] = "1"
Set[1044+0000] Character Bold[1] = "1"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0020+0000] Characters_per_Item[1] = 19
Set[0084+0000] Print_Character_String[1] = "SELL BY
<F2><61><F2><51><F2><51>/<F2><52>/<F2><50><F2><70> "
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Fill in item 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1042+0018] Dot_Matrix[2] = "Size5x7"
Set[1043+0018] InterCharacter Space[2] = "1"
Set[1044+0018] Character Bold[2] = "1"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0020+0001] Characters per Item[2] = 19
Set[0084+0026] Print Character String[20] = "USE BY
<F2><61><F2><51><F2><51>/<F2><52><F2><52>/<F2><50><F2><70>
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Fill in item 3
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1042+0030] Dot Matrix[3] = "Size5x7"
Set[1043+0030] InterCharacter Space[3] = "1"
Set[1044+0030] Character Bold[3] = "1"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0020+0002] Characters_per_Item[3] = 19
Set[0084+004C] Print_Character String[39] = "PCKD <F2><66><F2><56><F2><56>
<F2><59><F2><59><F2><59><F2><53><F2><53>:<F2><54><F2><74> "
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Add column 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1023] Add Column = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Set column 2 to 3 items
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1024] Column = 2
Set[1025] Line = 3
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Set ILS for items 4 to 6
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1041+0048] Line Spacing[4] = "2"
Set[1041+0060] Line_Spacing[5] = "2"
Set[1041+0078] Line_Spacing[6] = "2"
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Fill in item 4
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
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Set[1042+0048] Dot Matrix[4] = "Size5x7"
Set[1043+0048] InterCharacter Space[4] = "1"
Set[1044+0048] Character Bold[4] = "1"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0020+0003] Characters per Item[4] = 7
Set[0084+0072] Print Character String[58] = "Shift <F2><5B>"
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Fill in item 5
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1042+0060] Dot Matrix[5] = "Size5x7"
Set[1043+0060] InterCharacter Space[5] = "1"
Set[1044+0060] Character Bold[5] = "1"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0020+0004] Characters per Item[5] = 10
Set[0084+0080] Print Character String[65] = "TCount <F2><6C><F2><7C> "
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Fill in item 6
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1042+0078] Dot Matrix[6] = "Size5x7"
Set[1043+0078] InterCharacter Space[6] = "1"
Set[1044+0078] Character Bold[6] = "1"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management_Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0020+0005] Characters per Item[6] = 9
Set[0084+0094] Print Character String[75] = "#
<F2><6A><F2><5A><F2><5A><F2><7A> "
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Add column 3
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 1
Set[1023] Add Column = 3
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Set column 3 to 1 items
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1024] Column = 3
Set[1025] Line = 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Fill in item 7
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1042+0090] Dot Matrix[7] = "Size18x24"
Set[1043+0090] InterCharacter Space[7] = "2"
Set[1044+0090] Character Bold[7] = "1"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0020+0006] Characters per Item[7] = 1
Set[0084+00A6] Print_Character_String[84] = "<F1><40>"
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Add column 4
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 1
Set[1023] Add Column = 4
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Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Set column 4 to 1 items
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1024] Column = 4
Set[1025] Line = 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Fill in item 8
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1042+00A8] Dot Matrix[8] = "Size24x32"
Set[1043+00A8] InterCharacter Space[8] = "2"
Set[1044+00A8] Character Bold[8] = "1"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0020+0007] Characters per Item[8] = 1
Set[0084+00A8] Print Character String[85] = "<F6><42>"
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Get number of Calendar and Count blocks used
Get[1049+0000] Number of Calendar Blocks[1] = 1
Get[1048+0000] First Calendar Block[1] = 1
Get[1049+0018] Number of Calendar Blocks[2] = 1
Get[1048+0018] First Calendar Block[2] = 2
Get[1049+0030] Number of Calendar Blocks[3] = 1
Get[1048+0030] First Calendar Block[3] = 3
Get[1049+0048] Number_of_Calendar_Blocks[4] = 1
Get[1048+0048] First Calendar Block[4] = 4
Get[1049+0060] Number of Calendar Blocks[5] = 1
Get[1048+0060] First Calendar Block[5] = 5
Get[104B+0078] Number Of Count Blocks[6] = 1
Get[104A+0078] First Count Block[6] = 1
// Load settings for Substitution rule 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0012] Substitution Rule = 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Set up calendar 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[19C2+0000] Offset Day[1] = 24
Set[19C3+0000] Offset Hour[1] = -12
Set[19C4+0000] Offset Minute[1] = -30
Set[19C7+0000] Zero Suppress Day[1] = "Space"
Set[19CB+0000] Substitute Month[1] = "True"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Load settings for Substitution rule 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0012] Substitution Rule = 1
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management Flag = 2
// Set up calendar 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[19C2+0020] Offset Day[2] = 45
Set[19C7+0020] Zero Suppress Day[2] = "Space"
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Set[19CB+0020] Substitute Month[2] = "True"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Load settings for Substitution rule 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0012] Substitution Rule = 1
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Set up calendar 3
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[19D2+0040] Substitute DayOfWeek[3] = "True"
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Load settings for Substitution rule 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0012] Substitution Rule = 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Set up calendar 4
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
// Set up shifts
Set[1CE0+0000] Shift_Start_Hour[1] = "0"
Set[1CE1+0000] Shift Start Minute[1] = "0"
Set[1CE2+0000] Shift End Hour[1] = "7"
Set[1CE3+0000] Shift End Minute[1] = "59"
Set[1CE4+0000] Shift String Value[1] = "D"
Set[1CE0+0010] Shift Start Hour[2] = "8"
Set[1CE1+0010] Shift Start Minute[2] = "0"
Set[1CE2+0010] Shift End Hour[2] = "15"
Set[1CE3+0010] Shift End Minute[2] = "59"
Set[1CE4+0010] Shift_String_Value[2] = "E"
Set[1CE0+0020] Shift_Start_Hour[3] = "16"
Set[1CE1+0020] Shift Start Minute[3] = "0"
Set[1CE2+0020] Shift End Hour[3] = "23"
Set[1CE3+0020] Shift End Minute[3] = "59"
Set[1CE4+0020] Shift String Value[3] = "F"
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Load settings for Substitution rule 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[0012] Substitution Rule = 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Set up calendar 5
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
// Set up Time Count
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 1
Set[1CDE] Update_Interval_Value = "HalfHour"
Set[1CD4] Time_Count_Start_Value = "A1"
Set[1CD7] Time Count End Value = "X2"
Set[1CDD] Reset Time Value = "6"
Set[1CDA] Time Count Reset Value = "A1"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
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Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
// Set up count 1
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1FF4+0000] Count Range 1[1] = "000000"
Set[2008+0000] Count Range 2[1] = "999999"
Set[2022+0000] Jump From[1] = "000199"
Set[2036+0000] Jump_To[1] = "000300"
Set[0000] Start_Stop_Management_Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[1FE0+0000] Initial Value[1] = "000000"
Set[2020+0000] Increment Value[1] = "1"
Set[2021+0000] Direction Value[1] = "Up"
Set[2060+0000] Zero Suppression[1] = "True"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[205E+0000] Type Of Reset Signal[1] = "Nothing"
Set[204A+0000] Reset Value[1] = ""
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[201E+0000] Update Unit Unit[1] = "1"
Set[201C+0000] Update_Unit_Halfway[1] = "0"
Set[205F+0000] External Count[1] = "False"
Set[2061+0000] Count Multiplier[1] = ""
Set[206B+0000] Count Skip[1] = ""
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
// Send printer settings
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 1
Set[19A4] Character Orientation = "Reverse Forward"
Set[19AF] Repeat Interval = "0"
Set[19AE] Repeat Count = "1"
Set[19B2] Target Sensor Filter = "Complete"
Set[19B3] Target_Sensor_Filter_Value = "50"
Set[19B1] Target_Sensor_Timer = "0"
Set[19A3] Character Width = "10"
Set[19A0] Character Height = "90"
Set[19A5] Print Start Delay Forward = "78"
Set[19A6] Print Start Delay Reverse = "78"
Set[19A2] High Speed Print = "HM"
Set[19A8] Pulse Rate Division Factor = "1"
Set[19A7] Product Speed Matching = "Off"
Set[19A1] Ink_Drop_Use = "2"
Set[19B4] Ink Drop Charge Rule = "Normal"
Set[0000] Start Stop Management Flag = 2
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