

# **PLCBUS Universal Controller**

**Version 0.0.28**

**User Manual**

## **Supported Hardware :**

- i) PLCBUS-1141 PLCBUS USB Computer Interface
- ii) PLCBUS-1142 PLCBUS USB RF Computer Interface ( 433.92MHz)
- iii) X10-1140 / 1141 X10 RS-232 RF Computer Interface ( 433.92MHz)

## **Function Comparison Table :**

	PLCBUS-1141	PLCBUS-1142	X10-1140 / X10-1141
<b><u>Basic Command Section</u></b>			
ON	※	※	※
OFF	※	※	※
DIM	※	※	※
BRIGHT	※	※	※
PRESET DIM	※		
ALL LIGHTS ON	※	※	※
ALL LIGHTS OFF	※		
ALL UNITS OFF	※	※	※
ALL USER LIGHTS ON	※		
ALL USER LIGHTS OFF	※		
ALL USER UNITS OFF	※		
<b><u>Address Setup Section</u></b>			
Main Address Setup	※		
Scenes Address Setup	※		
Scenes Address Erase	※		
Erase All Scenes Address	※		
<b><u>Troubleshoot Section</u></b>			
Get Signal Level	※		
Get Noise Level	※		
Status Request	※		
Enquiry ON Address	※		
Enquiry Occupied Address	※		

### **Installation of Hardware ( PLCBUS-1141 )**

- 1) Download and Install the USB Serial Controller Driver  
[http://x10-hk.com/store/download/windows-wd\\_pl2303h-hx-x\\_v20019v2021.zip](http://x10-hk.com/store/download/windows-wd_pl2303h-hx-x_v20019v2021.zip)
- 2) Plug the PLCBUS-1141 into the available USB port
- 3) Right Click “My Computer” and select “Properties” , select third tab “Hardware” and click “Device Manager”
- 4) Check the assigned COM port under “COM and LPT” section , see figure 1.1 e.g. COM2

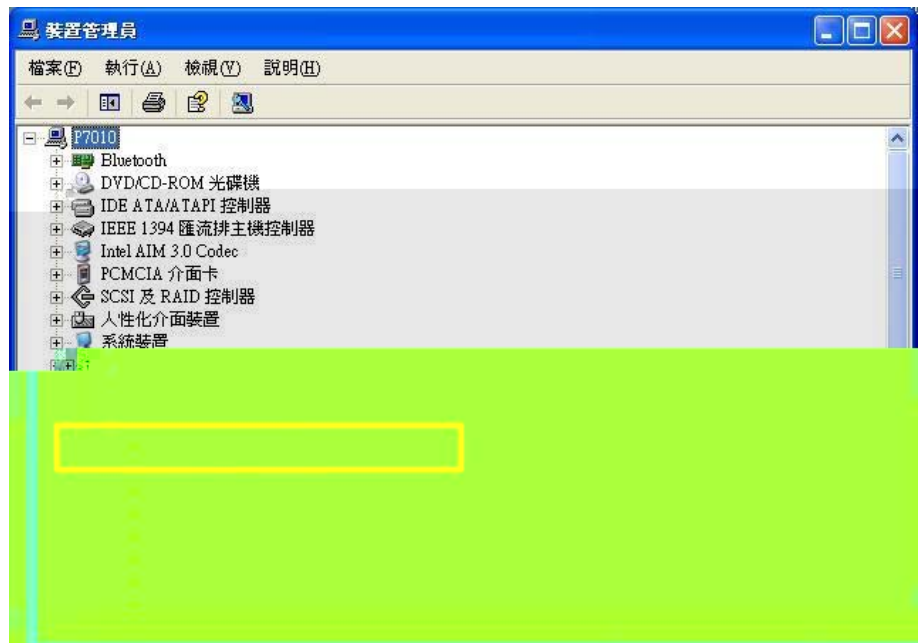


Figure 1.1

### **Setup PLCBUS Universal Controller Program**

- 1 Run the plcbus1141.exe
- 2 Select the controller to “PLCBUS-1141” and select the com port , see figure 2.1
- 3 Click “Open COM Port” for init. the controller.

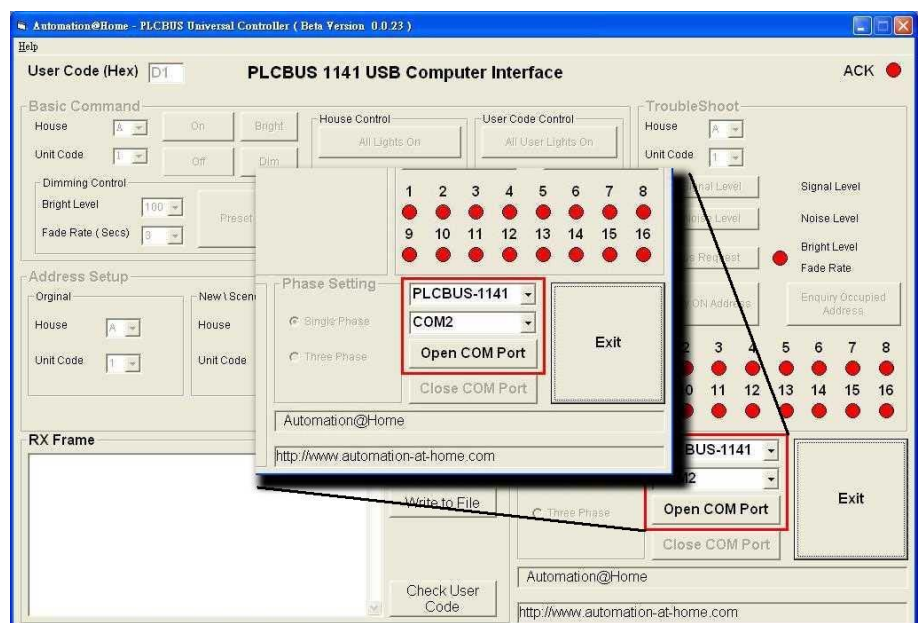


Figure 2.1

## Function : Phase Setting and User Code Section

### Phase Setting :

PLCBUS support One Phase and Three Phase power system , you must select the correct Phase Setting to make the program to control your PLCBUS devices

### User Code :

Each PLCBUS system have different User Code , that mean beside House Code and Unit Code , PLCBUS device will have User Code to identify their address. PLCBUS address combination is :  
(250)User Code + (16)House Code + (16)Unit Code , that mean total 64,000 address.

You must input the correct User Code into the program and make the program to control your PLCBUS devices. See figure 3.1

User Code in the program is in Hex format , you can check your current user code by press “Check User Code” button. For more detail , please go to chapter ???

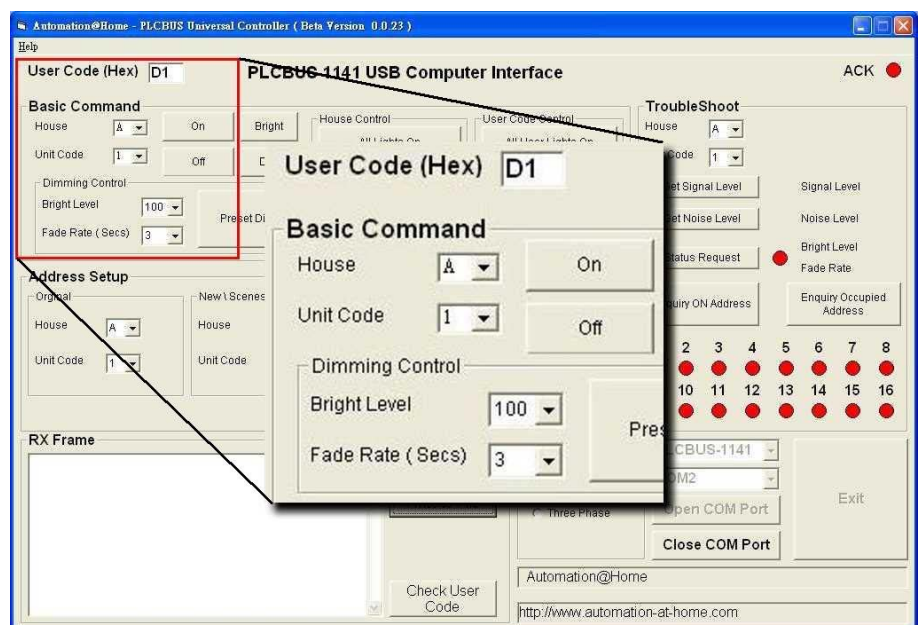


Figure 3.1

## Function : Basic Command Section

For all the command under Basic Command Section , you must select the desire House Code and Unit Code. See figure 3.1

### ON Command :

Press ON command button , program will send out ON command with ACK response. E.g. in figure 3.1 , press ON command button , it will send A1 ON command. If the device receive the ON command successfully , it will return the ACK and the light of ACK at the upper right corner will turn into Green color for five seconds.

### OFF Command :

Press OFF command button , program will send out OFF command with ACK response. E.g. in figure 3.1 , press OFF command button , it will send A1 OFF command. If the device receive the OFF command successfully , it will return the ACK and the light of ACK at the upper right corner will turn into Green color for five seconds.

### **Bright Command :**

Press BRIGHT command button , program will send out BRIGHT command with ACK response. E.g. in figure 3.1 , press BRIGHT command button , it will send A1 BRIGHT command. If the device receive the BRIGHT command successfully , it will return the ACK and the light of ACK at the upper right corner will turn into Green color for five seconds.

### **DIM Command :**

Press DIM command button , program will send out DIM command with ACK response. E.g. in figure 3.1 , press DIM command button , it will send A1 DIM command. If the device receive the DIM command successfully , it will return the ACK and the light of ACK at the upper right corner will turn into Green color for five seconds.

### **PRESET DIM Command :**

For PRESET DIM command , it have two parameter , one is BRIGHT LEVEL in % , another one is FADE RATE in number of seconds ( Default is 3 seconds ).

For example , if you select BRIGHT LEVEL is 50% , FADE RATE is 10 Secs , that mean the PLCBUS dimmer devices will bright to 50% in 10 seconds.

Select your desire BRIGHT LEVEL and FADE RATE and Press PRESET DIM command button , program will send out PRESET DIM command with ACK response. E.g. in figure 3.1 , press PRESET DIM command button , it will send A1 PRESET DIM command to bright to 100% bright in 3 seconds. If the device receive the PRESET DIM command successfully , it will return the ACK and the light of ACK at the upper right corner will turn into Green color for five seconds.

### **ALL LIGHTS ON Command :**

By press ALL LIGHTS ON command button , program will send out ALL LIGHTS ON command , and all the lights under the specific House Code will turn ON . See figure 3.1 , if press ALL LIGHTS ON command button , all the lights under House Code A will turn ON.

Factory default , all the PLCBUS dimmer module will response ALL LIGHTS ON command . And all the PLCBUS appliance module will NOT response ALL LIGHTS ON command. For more detail , please see Appendix A

### **ALL LIGHTS OFF Command :**

By press ALL LIGHTS OFF command button , program will send out ALL LIGHTS OFF command , and all the lights under the specific House Code will turn OFF . See figure 3.1 , if press ALL LIGHTS OFF command button , all the lights under House Code A will turn OFF.

Factory default , all the PLCBUS dimmer module will response ALL LIGHTS ON command . And all the PLCBUS appliance module will NOT response ALL LIGHTS OFF command. For more detail , please see Appendix A

**ALL UNITS OFF Command :**

By press ALL UNITS OFF command button , program will send out ALL UNITS OFF command , and all the device under the specific House Code will turn OFF . See figure 3.1 , if press ALL UNITS OFF command button , all the device under House Code A will turn OFF.

**ALL USER LIGHTS ON Command :**

By press ALL USER LIGHTS ON command button , program will send out ALL USER LIGHTS ON command , and all the lights under the specific User Code will turn ON . See figure 3.1 , if press ALL USER LIGHTS ON command button , all the lights under User Code “D1” will turn ON.

Factory default , all the PLCBUS dimmer module will response ALL USER LIGHTS ON command . And all the PLCBUS appliance module will NOT response ALL USER LIGHTS ON command. For more detail , please see Appendix A

**ALL USER LIGHTS OFF Command :**

By press ALL USER LIGHTS OFF command button , program will send out ALL USER LIGHTS OFF command , and all the lights under the specific User Code will turn OFF . See figure 3.1 , if press ALL USER LIGHTS OFF command button , all the lights under User Code “D1” will turn OFF.

Factory default , all the PLCBUS dimmer module will response ALL USER LIGHTS OFF command . And all the PLCBUS appliance module will NOT response ALL USER LIGHTS OFF command. For more detail , please see Appendix A

**ALL USER UNIT OFF Command :**

By press ALL USER UNIT OFF command button , program will send out ALL USER UNIT OFF command , and all the devices under the specific User Code will turn OFF . See figure 3.1 , if press ALL USER UNIT OFF command button , all the devices under User Code “D1” will turn OFF.

**Function : Address Setup Section****MAIN ADDRESS SETUP :**

By press MAIN ADDRESS SETUP command button , program will send out the command to change the specific main address into desire main address. Remind you that , you MUST turn on the specific device first for response this command.

For example :

You want to Change House A Unit Code 2 into House Code B Unit Code 7

Turn on House Code A and Unit Code 2 first.

In the “Original” box at the left , please select which device that you want to change address , e.g. House Code A , Unit Code 2

In the “New \ Scenes Address” box at the right , please select your desire address , e.g. House Code B , Unit Code 7

Then press MAIN ADDRESS SETUP command button , at this moment , the device will turn OFF that mean the command run successfully , after that the device main address will become B7

## **SCENES ADDRESS SETUP**

Each PLCBUS device have One Main Address and 16 Scenes Address.

You can group some different main address devices and assign one scenes address to them for Scenes Management. E.g. Scenes E1 is Dinner , Scenes E2 is Watch DVD

Example one ( Scenes E1 , Dinner Mode ):

Now , you have four PLCBUS devices as follow :

House Code A , Unit Code 1 , Appliance Module ( Non-Dimmable )

House Code B , Unit Code 2 , Appliance Module ( Non-Dimmable )

House Code C , Unit Code 3 , Dimmer Module ( Dimmable )

House Code D , Unit Code 4 , Dimmer Module ( Dimmable )

Goal : Setup an Scene Address **E1** and under this scene :

A1 , B2 will TURN ON

C3 , D4 will Dim to 50% Bright

Step 1 : Turn on A1 and B2

Step 2 : Use PRESET DIM command to set the C3 and D4 into 50% Bright

Step 3 : Under "NEW \ SCENES ADDRESS" box , select House Code E , Unit Code 1 ,

**Scenes ON**

Step 4 : Press SCENES ADDRESS SETUP command button and the program will send out the command , and then A1 , B2 , C3 and D4 will turn OFF and turn ON again , that mean now you already assign E1 scenes address to those devices.

Step 5 : Use any controller to send out E1 ON , A1 and B2 will turn ON , C3 and D4 will dim to 50% Bright

Example Two ( Scenes E2 , Watch DVD Mode ):

Now , you have four PLCBUS devices as follow :

House Code A , Unit Code 1 , Appliance Module ( Non-Dimmable )

House Code B , Unit Code 2 , Appliance Module ( Non-Dimmable )

House Code C , Unit Code 3 , Dimmer Module ( Dimmable )

House Code D , Unit Code 4 , Dimmer Module ( Dimmable )

Goal : Setup an Scene Address **E2** and under this scene :

A1 , B2 will TURN OFF ( No matter they are ON or OFF , final result will OFF )

C3 , D4 will Dim to 30% Bright

Step 1 : Turn on A1 and B2

Step 2 : Under "NEW \ SCENES ADDRESS" box , select House Code E , Unit Code 2 ,

**Scenes OFF**

Step 3 : Press SCENES ADDRESS SETUP command button and the program will send out the command , and then A1 , B2 will turn OFF and turn ON again

Step 4 : Use PRESET DIM command to set the C3 and D4 into 30% Bright

Step 5 : Under "NEW \ SCENES ADDRESS" box , select House Code E , Unit Code 2 ,

### **Scenes ON**

Step 6 : Press SCENES ADDRESS SETUP command button and the program will send out the command , and then C3 , C4 will turn OFF and turn ON again

Step 7 : Use any controller to send out E2 ON , A1 and B2 will turn OFF ( No matter they are ON or OFF , final result will be turn ON) , C3 and D4 will dim to 30% Bright

SCENES ADDRESS ERASE

ERASE ALL SCENES ADDRESS

## **Function : Troubleshoot Section**

### **GET SIGNAL LEVEL :**

Select your desire enquiry signal level's device House Code and Unit Code under Troubleshoot section. And then press GET SIGNAL LEVEL command button , it will send out the command and display the Signal Level at the right hand side.

### **GET NOISE LEVEL :**

Select your desire enquiry noise level's device House Code and Unit Code under Troubleshoot section. And then press GET NOISE LEVEL command button , it will send out the command and display the Noise Level at the right hand side.

### **STATUS REQUEST :**

Select your desire enquiry status's device House Code and Unit Code under Troubleshoot section. And then press STATUS REQUEST command button , it will send out the command .

And it will display the current device status :

LED in RED color mean the device is OFF

LED in GREEN color mean the device is ON

Bright Level = x % ( The current bright level for dimmer module )

Fade Rate = x Secs ( The current fade rate for dimmer module )

### **ENQUIRY ON ADDRESS :**

Select your desire enquiry House Code under Troubleshoot section and press ENQUIRY ON ADDRESS command button , it will send out the command.

And it will display the result at the bottom 16 LED

Example :

You select House Code A and press the ENQUIRY ON ADDRESS command button and then :

Number 2 , 4 and 7 LED in GREEN Color , all the others in RED Color , that mean A2 A4 and A7 is turn ON , all the others under House Code A is turn OFF

### **ENQUIRY OCCUPIED ADDRESS :**

Select your desire enquiry House Code under Troubleshoot section and press ENQUIRY



OCCUPIED ADDRESS command button , it will send out the command.

And it will display the result at the bottom 16 LED

Example :

You select House Code A and press the ENQUIRY OCCUPIED ADDRESS command button and then :

Number 1 , 2 and 3 LED in GREEN Color , all the others in RED Color , that mean A1 A2 and A3 is already occupied by PLCBUS devices , all the other address under House A is available.

This command only can check which address is occupied by PLCBUS Device's **MAIN ADDRESS** only , not support Scenes Address.

### **Function : RX Frame Section**

Under RX Frame box , it will display the PLCBUS signal on the power line and display in HEX format.

#### **CLEAR :**

Once you press the CLEAR button , it will clear the on-screen data that show on RX Frame box.

#### **WRITE TO FILE :**

Once you press the WRITE TO FILE button , it will save the on-screen data that show on RX Frame box into text file format and write the file name as plcbus1141.log

#### **CHECK USER CODE :**

When you press the CHECK USER CODE button , it will prompt an dialog to show you the Last Received PLCBUS signal 's User Code in HEX format

For example , if you want to know the current User Code of your PLCBUS system , please send any command by PLCBUS-4034 / 4036 Command Center or PLCBUS-4023 RF Transceiver , and then press CHECK USER CODE button , then it will prompt out an dialog for the current user code.

**Appendix A : PLCBUS devices command support table**

	Module Type	ALL LIGHTS ON	ALL LIGHTS OFF	ALL UNIT OFF
<b>PLCBUS Micro Module</b>				
PLCBUS-2263	One Load Dimmer	※	※	※
PLCBUS-2264	Two Load Dimmer	※	※	※
PLCBUS-2267	One Load Appliance	△	△	※
PLCBUS-2268	Two Load Appliance	△	△	※
<b>PLCBUS Plug-in Module</b>				
PLCBUS-2026 UK/G/AU	One Load Dimmer	※	※	※
PLCBUS-2027 UK/G/AU	One Load Appliance	△	△	※
PLCBUS-4023 UK/G/AU	One Load Appliance	△	△	※
<b>PLCBUS Wall Switch</b>				
PLCBUS-2220	One Load Dimmer	※	※	※
PLCBUS-2221	Two Load Dimmer	※	※	※
PLCBUS-2224	One Load Appliance	△	△	※
PLCBUS-2225	Two Load Appliance	△	△	※

△ = Factory default is NOT support this command but it is programmable

※ = Factory default is support this command