

# Modbus Function Codes

Each command starts with an address followed by a function code. These are used to read data from discrete inputs and input registers. They can also read/write data on coils and holding registers of each Modbus device you address.

The following is a table of object types provided by a Modbus slave device to a Modbus master device:

Object type	Access	Size
Coil	Read-write	1 bit
Discrete input	Read-only	1 bit
Input register	Read-only	16 bits
Holding register	Read-write	16 bits

## Modbus Frame

The frame format is composed of an Application Data Unit (ADU), which encloses a Protocol Data Unit (PDU):

- ADU = Address + PDU + Error check
- PDU = **Function code** + Data

## Most used Function Codes

Read:

- **01**: Coils (FC=01)
- **02**: Discrete Inputs (FC=02)
- **03**: Multiple Holding Registers (FC=03)
- **04**: Input Registers (FC=04)

Write:

- **05**: Single Coil (FC=05)
- **06**: Single Holding Register (FC=06)
- **0F**: Multiple Coils (FC=15)
- **10**: Multiple Holding Registers (FC=16)

## All Modbus Function Codes

The various reading, writing and other operations are categorised as follows. The most primitive reads and writes are shown in bold. A number of sources use alternative terminology, for example Force Single Coil where the standard uses Write Single Coil. Prominent entities within a Modbus slave are:

- Coils (1 bit): readable and writable, states: on/off
- Discrete Inputs (1 bit): readable, states: on/off
- Input Registers (16 bit): readable, essentially measurements and statuses
- Holding Registers (16 bit): readable and writable, essentially configuration values

Function type			Function name	Function code
Data Access	Bit access	Physical Discrete Inputs	<b>Read Discrete Inputs</b>	2

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