

APPLICATION NOTE: SENDING INVERTER LOGS ON FTP SERVER

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ATTENTION!

Contact your telephone provider for information on GSM and GPRS service costs. It is best to quantify log and SMS costs before setting up and installing Z-GPRS3, Z-UMTS, Z-LOGGER3.

The use of Z-GPRS3 and Z-UMTS is in data roaming mode (for example, abroad with an Italian SIM card) may generate unexpected costs. Contact your telephone provider for further information.

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ATTENTION!

-Contact your telephone service provider for GSM and GPRS service costs especially when using Z-GPRS3 or Z-UMTS with a sim card issued by a country other than the one in which it is used (international roaming).

-It is best to estimate telephone costs before setting up Z-GPRS3 and Z-UMTS.

-The cost of each SMS is set by the telephone service provider.

-GPRS send/receive costs can be tied to Kbytes sent/received, a monthly ceiling included in a package or GPRS connection time. Contact your telephone service provider for further information.

-Check the data quantity sent via GPRS and SMS before using Z-GPRS3 and Z-UMTS.

Please remember that mobile phone service providers consider the entire communication that permits file transmission as data traffic (and therefore data transmission overhead, the number of connection attempts, etc. must also be included in the count) and not just the dimensions of each 2G/3G transaction.

1. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON SEAL

Further information about SEAL can be found in the SEAL Quick Guide and the SEAL online help; further information on Z-GPRS3, Z-UMTS and Z-LOGGER3 can be found in the user manual.

The sample setting refers to Z-GPRS3 but it is the same for the other RTUs.

2. PURPOSE OF THE GUIDE

The purpose of this guide is to perform a simple setting on SEAL so that the RTU acquires the values of the string seam of an inverter every minute.

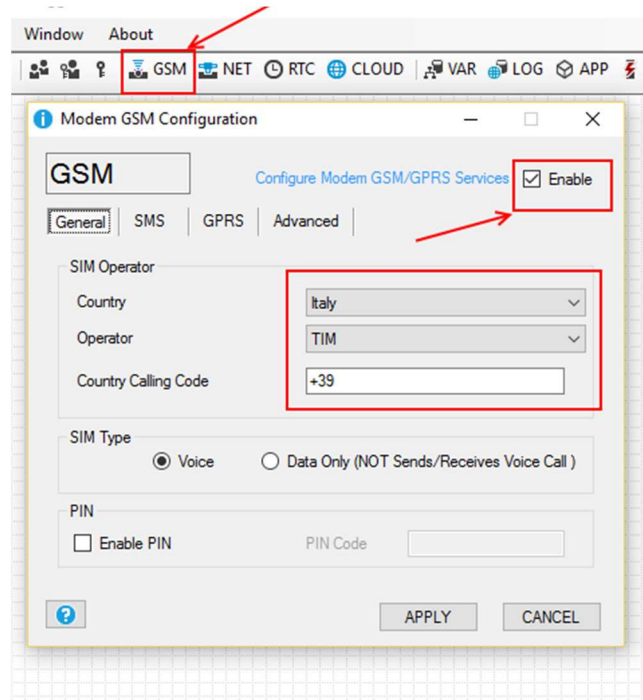
The values acquired are sent on a FTP server as cvs text files so that they can be consulted with an Excel™-type program or imported with an external tool.

The inverter is connected to the RS485 terminal of the RTU and communicates with the RTU modbus protocol.

3. SENDING THE LOGS WITH 2G/3G+ CONNECTION ON A FTP SERVER

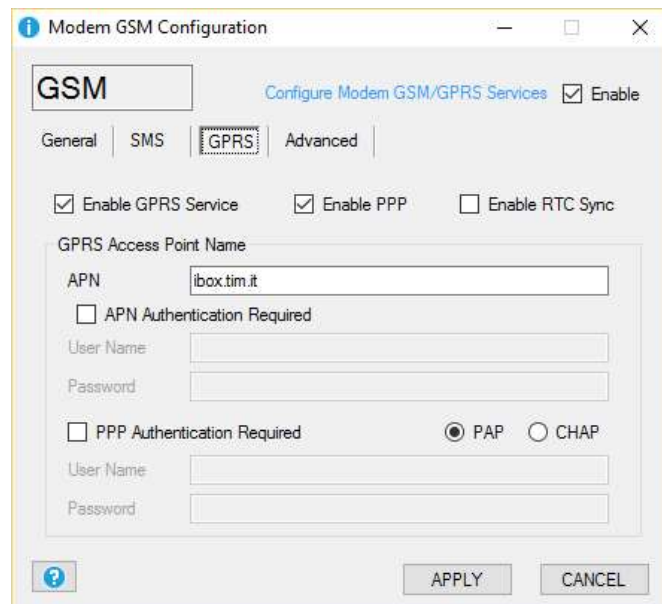
A) **CONFIGURATION OF THE GSM MODEM**

If you want to send the logs via a 2G modem (3G+ in case of Z-UMTS), click on the GSM icon and then on "Enable", set the parameters regarding the SIM card and service provider (if necessary, enter also the PIN of the SIM card):



Now configure the internet connection via the mobile network.

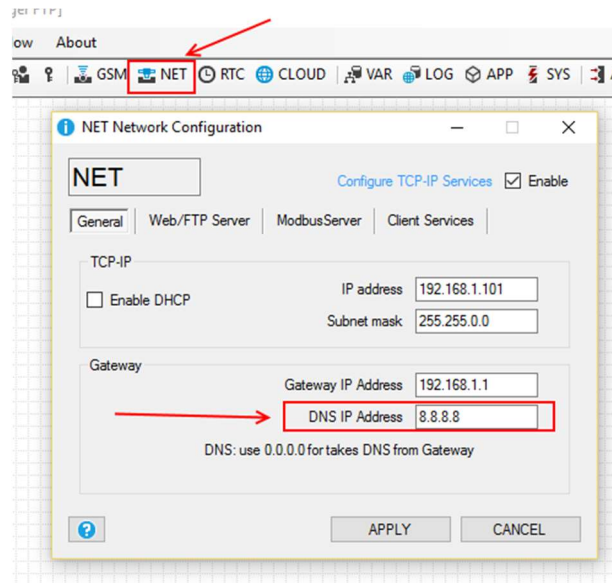
Enable the PPP connection and GPRS services to have an "always on" connection (always active):



Enter the APN (in this case public), shown in the phone contract (in this case ibox.tim.it) and then the PAP authentication (check the correct parameters with the phone operator).

B) CONFIGURING THE ETHERNET PORT

Now configure the common gateway to the ethernet peripheral:

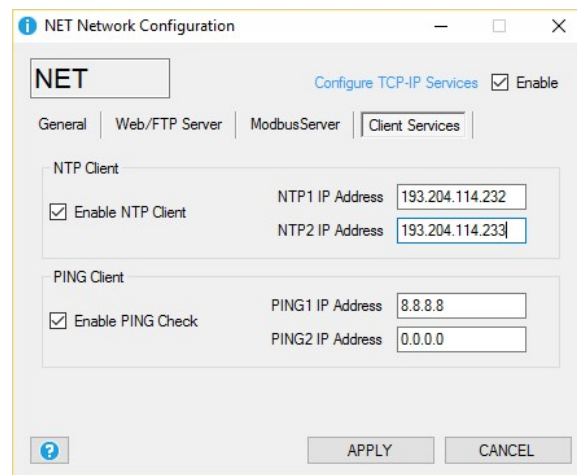


Set the ethernet port and DNS as per the figure.

ATTENTION!

If the APN in the contract is not public, the SIM card could not access the internet. For this reason, a reachable DNS must be entered (therefore not 8.8.8.8).

Configure the client services:



First of all, set the NTP servers (Network Time Protocol) to maintain date/time synchronization.

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If the APN in the contract is not public, the SIM card could not access the internet. For this reason, it is necessary to enter a NTP server reachable inside the network (the set addresses are in the internet and must therefore be modified).

Set also a PING check that is an IP address used by the RTU to verify that the internet connection is active, for instance set the same server as the previously set DNS (8.8.8.8).

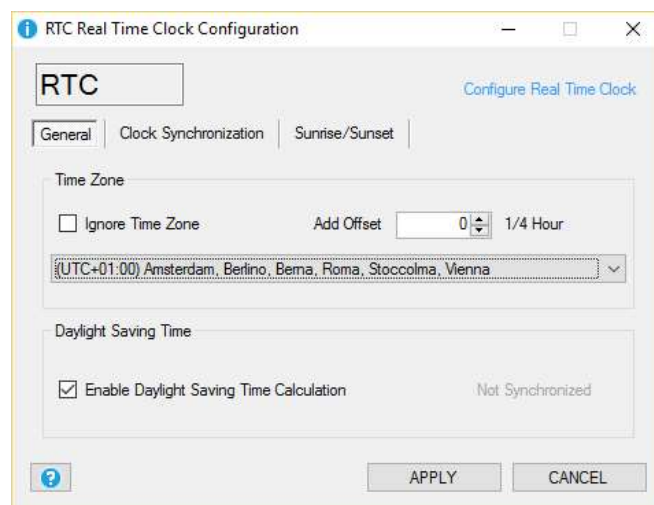
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If the APN in the contract is not public, the SIM card cloud not access the internet. For this reason, enter a reachable address on which to give the PING (for instance an internal Gateway).

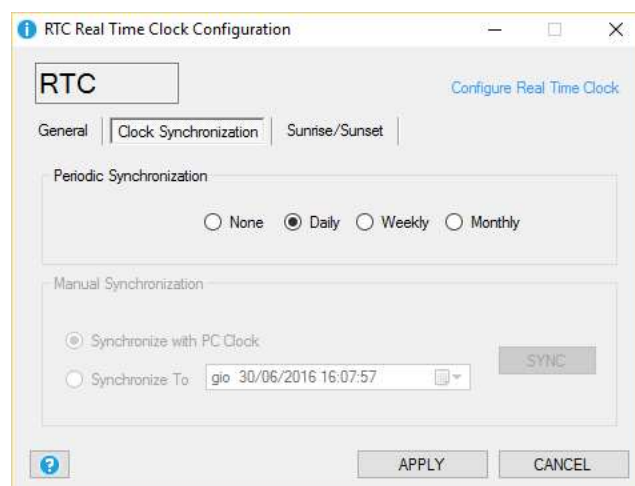
C) CLOCK CONFIGURATION

Set the configuration of the clock and calendar with icon .

First of all, configure the time zone and set the automatic move to summer time (Daylight Saving Time):



Set date-time synchronization to once a day (Daily):

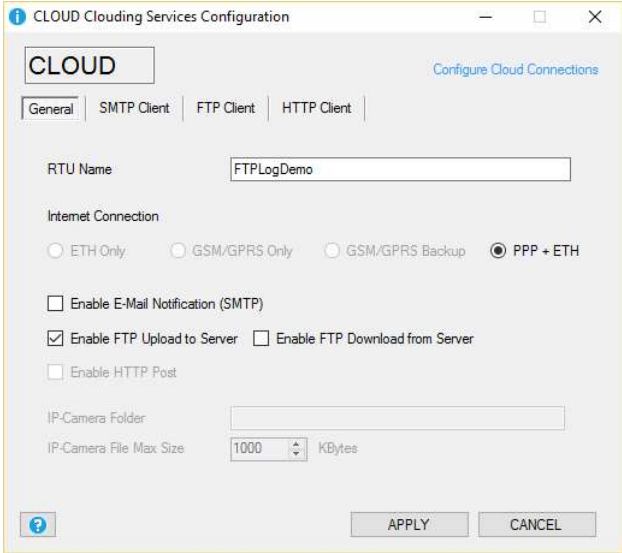


Now select how to send the log files: via EMAIL or via FTP, you cannot select both options.

D) FILE SEND CONFIGURATION ON FTP SERVER

Click on icon  **CLOUD**.

To send the log files vis FTP, it is first of all necessary to define the name of the RTU (it will be the first part of the sent csv file) and tick sending the files to a FTP server:

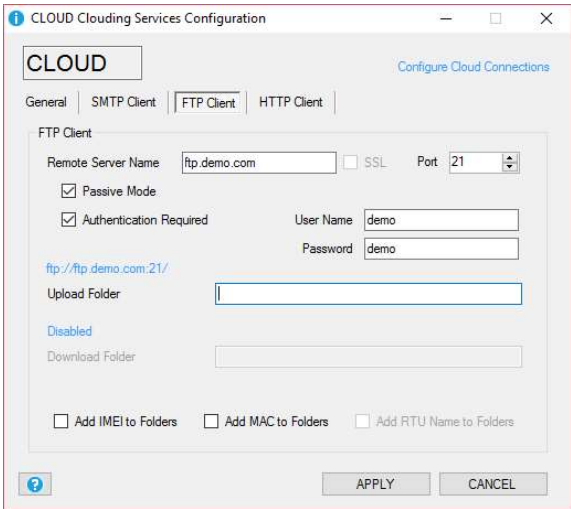


The screenshot shows the 'CLOUD Clouding Services Configuration' window with the 'General' tab selected. The 'RTU Name' field contains 'FTPLogDemo'. Under 'Internet Connection', the 'PPP + ETH' radio button is selected. The 'Enable FTP Upload to Server' checkbox is checked, while 'Enable FTP Download from Server' and 'Enable HTTP Post' are unchecked. The 'IP-Camera File Max Size' is set to 1000 KBytes. The 'APPLY' and 'CANCEL' buttons are at the bottom right.

the files will be recognizable in the FTP server because they will be:

FTPLogDemo_20160704123345.csv type.

Now set up the account connecting to the FTP server, since you are using a SIM card (usually not enabled for input connections), it is better to activate passive mode:



The screenshot shows the 'CLOUD Clouding Services Configuration' window with the 'FTP Client' tab selected. The 'Remote Server Name' is 'ftp.demo.com' and the 'Port' is '21'. The 'Passive Mode' and 'Authentication Required' checkboxes are checked. The 'User Name' is 'demo' and the 'Password' is 'demo'. The 'Upload Folder' field is empty. The 'APPLY' and 'CANCEL' buttons are at the bottom right.

In the example, a FTP server "ftp.demo.com" is set up together with the account with the USER and PASSWORD both set up as "demo".

Set up the address and the user/ password for your system.


"Upload folder" must be used if there are multiple folders in the server, leaving it blank the RTU will write in the main folder.

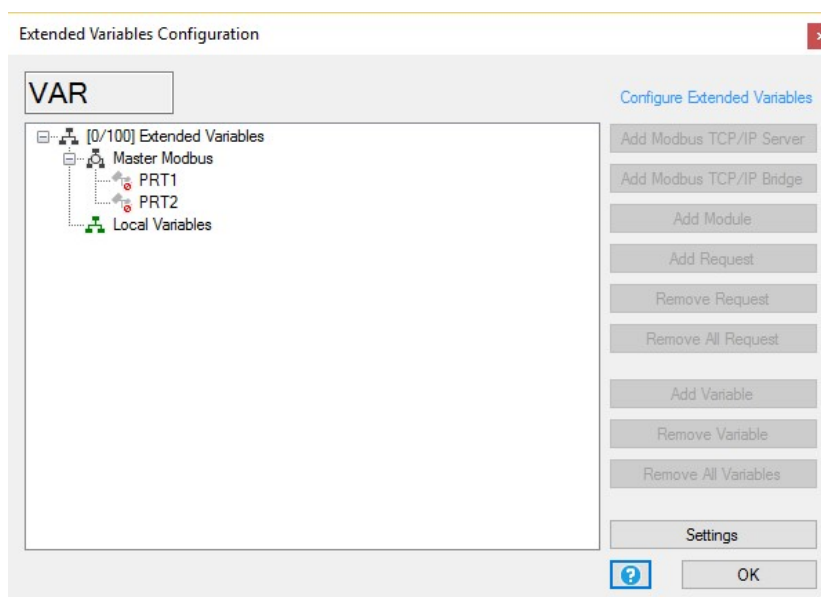
ATTENTION!

THE FOLDER, WHERE THE RTU WILL WRITE THE FILES, MUST ALREADY EXIST!

To install a FTP server on a PC, refer to the Filezilla Server guide available on the Seneca website.

E) CONFIGURING THE EXTENDED VARIABLES (ON RTU MODBUS) OF THE INVERTER

Now it is possible to define which variables to add to those already available on the RTU, to do this, click icon  VAR :



It is possible to extend the variables on board the RTUs using a serial connection with the Modbus RTU protocol or via ethernet with the Modbus TCP-IP protocol (up to a maximum of 100 extended variables).

Further information on Modbus protocol is available from:

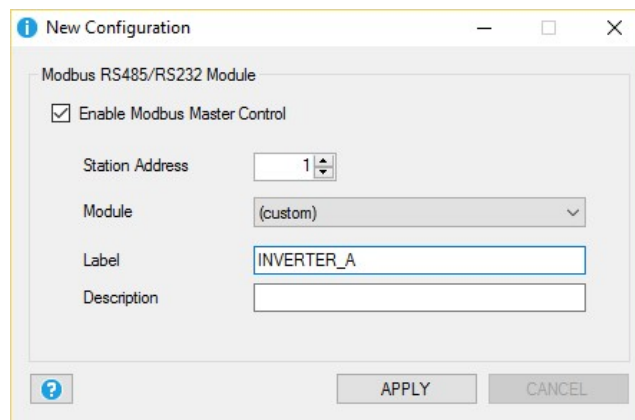
<http://modbus.org/specs.php>

As an example, configure the reading of 3 modbus variables of an inverter connected to RS485 port number 1:

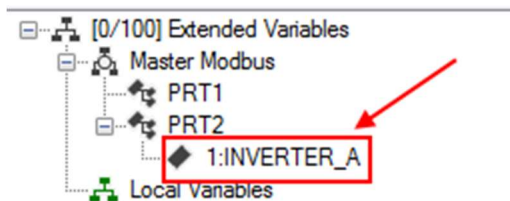
Add a new slave module to the RS485 terminal port (PRT2):



Click on Add Module:



Enter station address 1 and click on APPLY:



Now the inverter is connected to the PRT2 port.

Now enter the addresses of the variables to log, from the inverter documentation you can get the addresses of the 3 string streams:

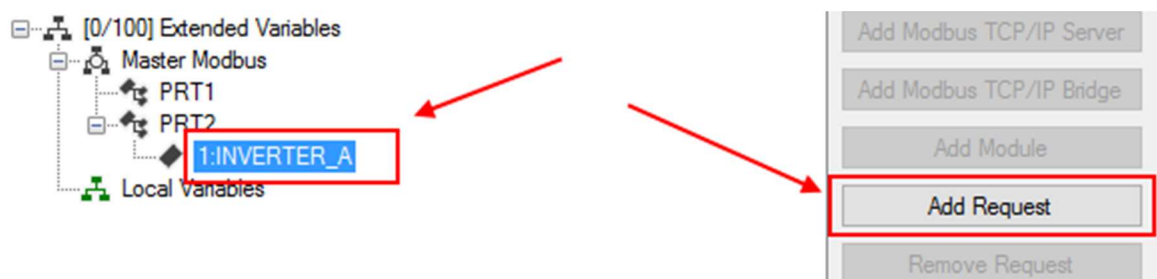
ADR (DEC)	Description/Number code	CNT (WORD)	Type	Format	Access
30057	Serial number [Serial Number]	2	U32	RAW	RO
	Operating state [Mode]:				
	309 = Operation				
30241	455 = Warning	2	U32	ENUM	RO
	1392 = Error				
	1470 = Disturbance				
30245	SMU ID [SSMId]	2	U32	FIX0	RO
31793	String current of string 1 of a SMU/SMID (A) [CurCh1]	2	S32	FIX3	RO
31795	String current of string 2 of a SMU/SMID (A) [CurCh2]	2	S32	FIX3	RO
31797	String current of string 3 of a SMU/SMID (A) [CurCh3]	2	S32	FIX3	RO

Unfortunately, there is no unique numbering in the modbus, so it is necessary to understand if the modbus 30001 register is 0-offset or 1-offset.

Reading the documentation you can see that the first available register is 30001 and therefore 0-offset:

ADR (DEC)	Description/Number code	CNT (WORD)	Type	Format	Access
30001	Version number of the SMA Modbus profile	2	U32	RAW	RO

Enter the addresses you are interested in by selecting the inverter and clicking on Add Request:



At this point, enter the first variable filling the details according to the inverter documentation, address 31793 (register offset 1792), 2 consecutive modbus registers (32 bit) and Signed 32 data type (integer with 32-bit sign):

New Configuration

Modbus External Variable

☒ Enable Modbus Master Request

Register: (custom)

Label: Current String1

Description: New Custom Register

Modbus Access: InputRegister

Register Address: 31793 1792

Data Type: S32

☒ Most Significant Word First

☐ Swap Modbus Register Bytes

☐ Write Single Register

☐ Starting Value: 0

Value Units: A Decimal Places: 0

☐ Add Bit Functions To Fast Commands

☒ Optimize SCADA Mapping

Control Action: Read

Apply Filter: (none)

Poll Time: 0.1 Seconds

No-Answer Function: Zero

APPLY CANCEL

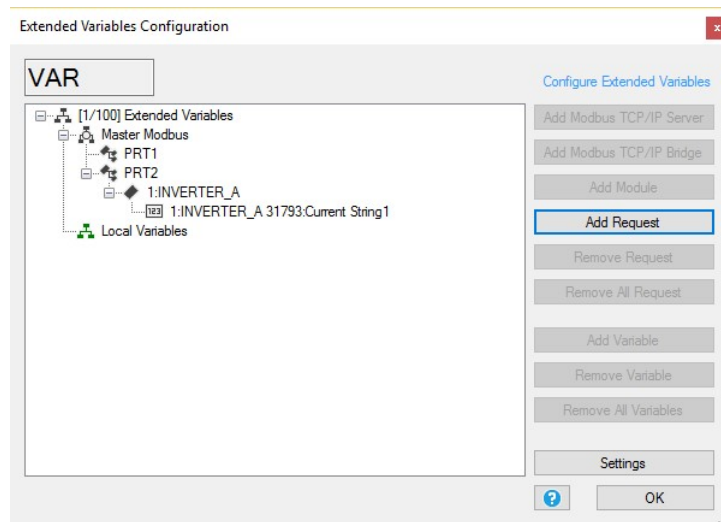
Please note how it has been flagged that the most significant part of the register is in the first register:

REGISTER 31793 MOST SIGNIFICANT PART

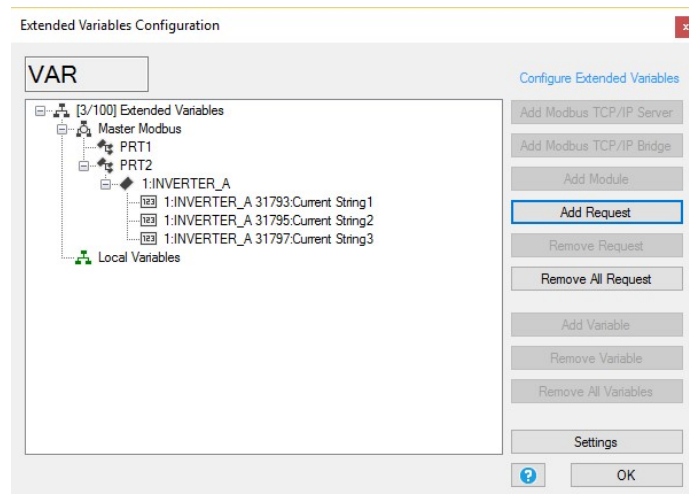
REGISTER 31794 LEAST SIGNIFICANT PART

The name of the variable (tag) that it will have in the datalogger is "Current String1"

Confirm and you have added the new register:



Add the other 2 variables the same way:



Extended variables are finished.

F) **LOGGER SETUP**

Now define the logger parameters clicking on icon  **LOG** :

Only data are to be logged, so the event log DOES NOT need to be configured:

The screenshot shows the 'Log Control Configuration' window with the 'Event Logger' tab selected. The 'LOG' button is highlighted. The 'Configure Event and Data Logger' checkbox is checked, and the 'Enable' checkbox is also checked. Under 'Syslog/Event Logs', 'Enable Event Report' is unchecked, 'Enable Diagnostic Logs' is checked, and 'Enable Info Logs' is unchecked. In the 'Notification' section, 'Post to HTTP' is unchecked, 'Send SMS' is unchecked, and 'Send Email' is unchecked. The 'Report File' section has 'Daily' selected. 'Send Report After' is set to 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 15 seconds. The 'Weekly' section has 'SUN' selected, and 'Send Report After' is set to 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 0 seconds. The 'Monthly' and 'Yearly' sections are not selected. In the bottom 'Notification' section, 'Send Email' is unchecked, 'Send to FTP' is checked, and 'Save in SD Card' is unchecked. 'APPLY' and 'CANCEL' buttons are at the bottom right.

Otherwise, configure the Data Logger.

If you want to log the time registers, do not select the log on trigger:

The screenshot shows the 'Log Control Configuration' window with the 'Data Logger' tab selected. The 'LOG' button is highlighted. The 'Configure Event and Data Logger' checkbox is checked, and the 'Enable' checkbox is also checked. Under 'Data Logs', 'Enable Data Log Every' is checked, set to 1 minute. 'Log on trigger' is unchecked. In the 'Notification' section, 'Post to HTTP' is unchecked, 'Send SMS' is unchecked, and 'Send Email' is unchecked. The 'Report File' section has 'Periodic' selected. 'Send Report After' is set to 0 seconds, and 'Every' is set to 5 minutes. The 'Daily', 'Weekly', 'Monthly', and 'Yearly' sections are not selected. In the bottom 'Notification' section, 'Send SMS' is unchecked, 'Send Email' is unchecked, 'Send to FTP' is checked, 'Save in SD Card' is unchecked, and 'Send Log Report On Stop Command' is unchecked. 'APPLY' and 'CANCEL' buttons are at the bottom right.

Acquire variables every 1 minute and send the Notification file with the report every 5 minutes.

Tick the flag with sending via FTP.

Now you can define which variables must end up into the datalogger with the "Variables" section:

Initially, no variable is logged, so tick the 3 inverter variables:

Log Control Configuration

LOG Configure Event and Data Logger ☒ Enable

Event Logger | Data Logger | Variables

#	Variable	Type	Log Label	Unit	Log
23	DIN2 TOT	S32	TOT2	Pulses	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	DIN2 CNT	S32	CNT2	Pulses	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	DIN2 WRK	S32	WRK2	Sec...	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	DIN3 DELTA	S32	DELTA3	Pulses	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	DIN3 TOT	S32	TOT3	Pulses	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	DIN3 CNT	S32	CNT3	Pulses	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	DIN3 WRK	S32	WRK3	Sec...	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	DIN4 DELTA	S32	DELTA4	Pulses	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	DIN4 TOT	S32	TOT4	Pulses	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	DIN4 CNT	S32	CNT4	Pulses	<input type="checkbox"/>
33	DIN4 WRK	S32	WRK4	Sec...	<input type="checkbox"/>
34	PRT2 1:INVERTER_A 31793.Current String1	S32	Current ...	A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35	PRT2 1:INVERTER_A 31795.Current String2	S32	Current ...	A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
36	PRT2 1:INVERTER_A 31797.Current String3	S32	Current ...	A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

☒ Log All ☒ Log None

APPLY CANCEL

And some variables inside the RTU, external power supply, status of the digital inputs and level of the GSM signal in dBm:

Event Logger | Data Logger | Variables

#	Variable	Type	Log Label	Unit	Log
1	SYS POW	BOOL	POW	State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	SYS VBAT	BOOL	VBAT	State	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	DIN1 DIN	BOOL	DIN1	State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	DIN2 DIN	BOOL	DIN2	State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	DIN3 DIN	BOOL	DIN3	State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	DIN4 DIN	BOOL	DIN4	State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	DOUT1 DOUT	BOOL	DOUT1	State	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	DOUT2 DOUT	BOOL	DOUT2	State	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	GSM DBM	S16	DBM	dBm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Configuration is complete.

With this setup, the RTU will send a log file every 5 minutes with the values acquired every 1 minute (a total of 5 lines on the csv file).

4. COMPILING AND SENDING THE PROJECT TO THE RTU

For How to compile and send the project to the RTU, refer to the SEAL quick guide.