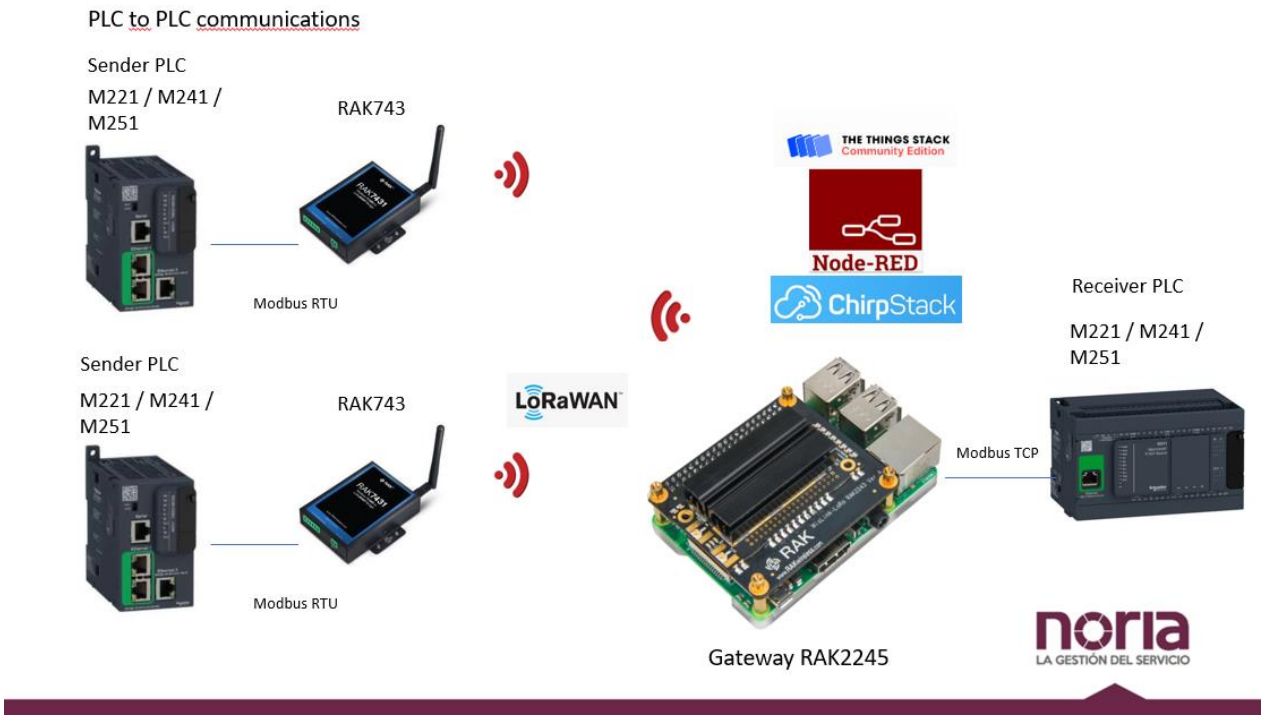
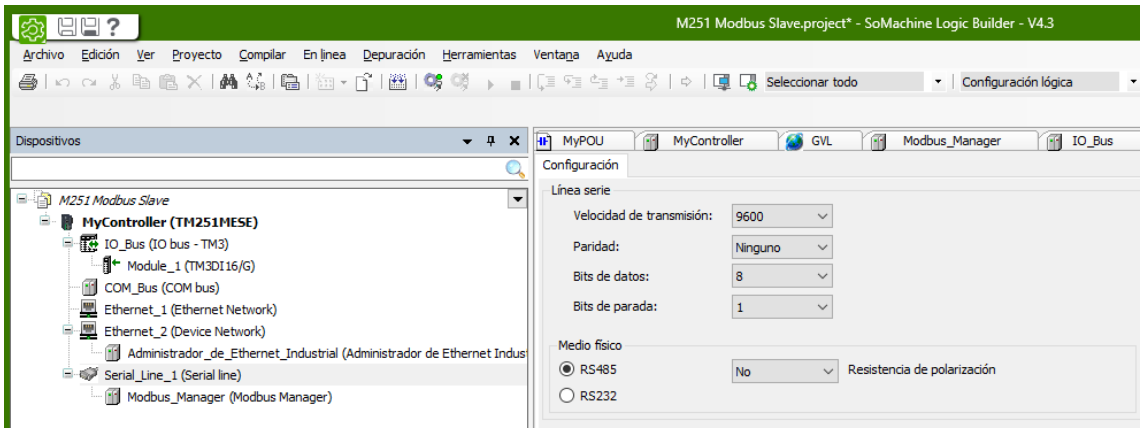
SCHNEIDER PLC to PLC communications with RAK7431 and LoRaWAN

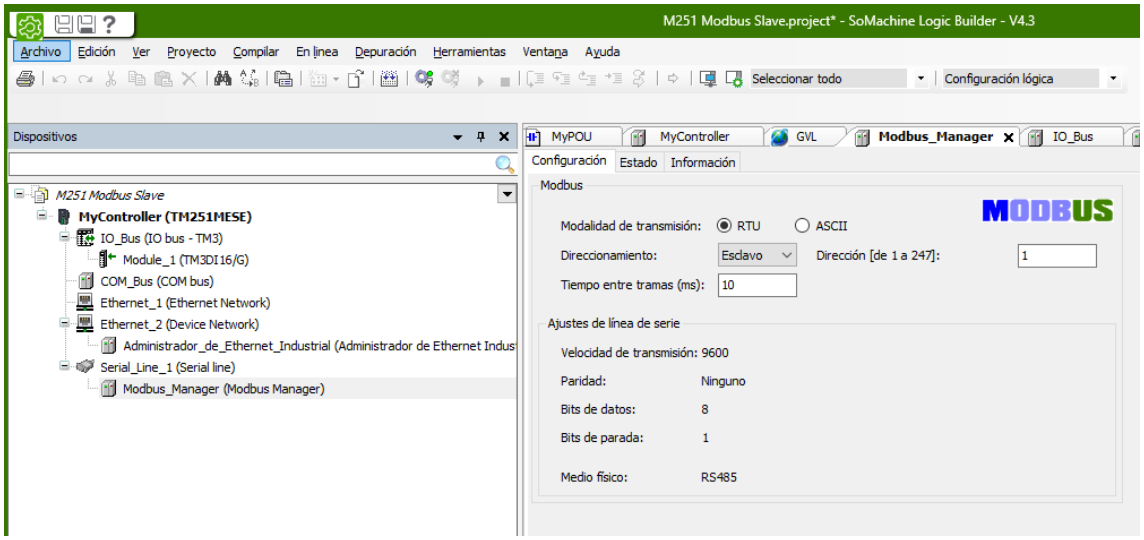
System Arquitecture



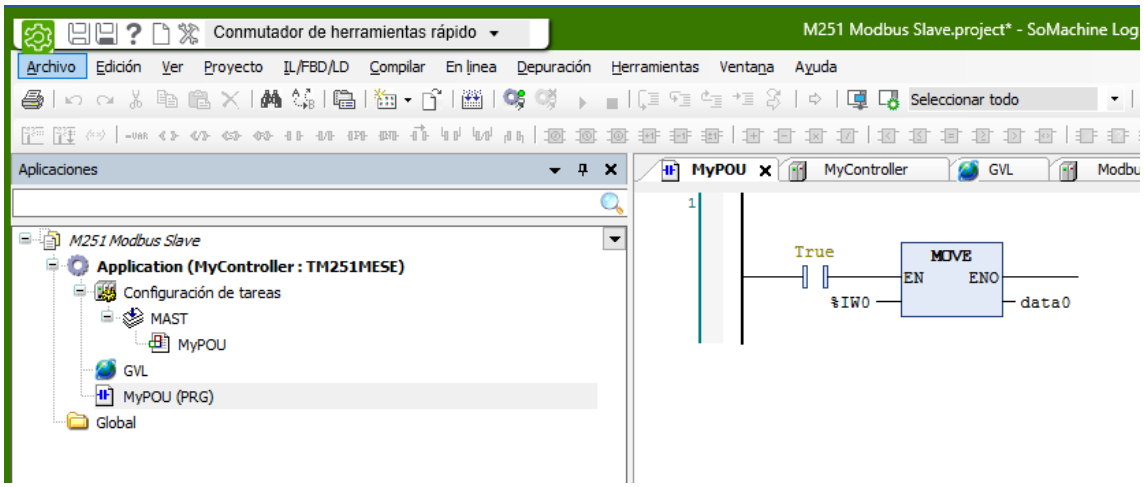
Sender PLC configuration

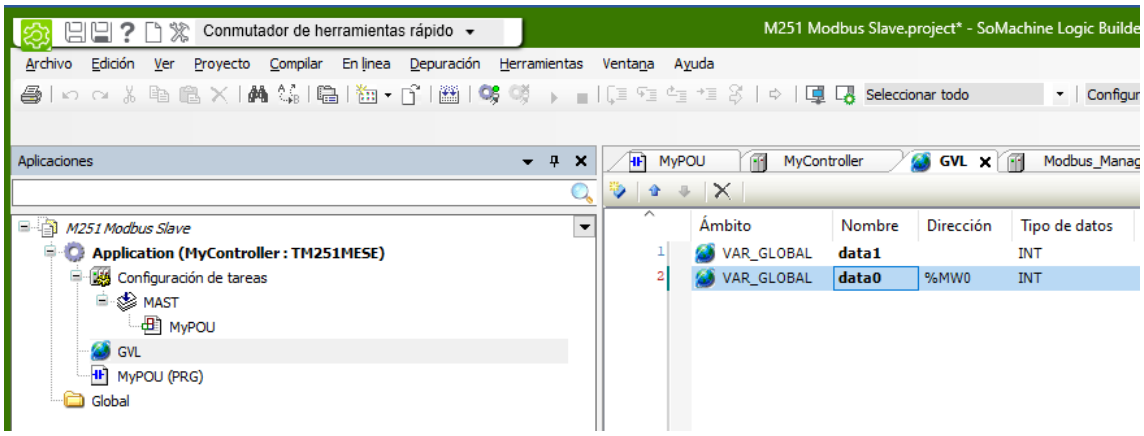
We configure the sender PLC as a Modbus RTU slave device with address 1 and register %MW0 to hold the status of the digital inputs of sender PLC.





We update the digital input state on every scan



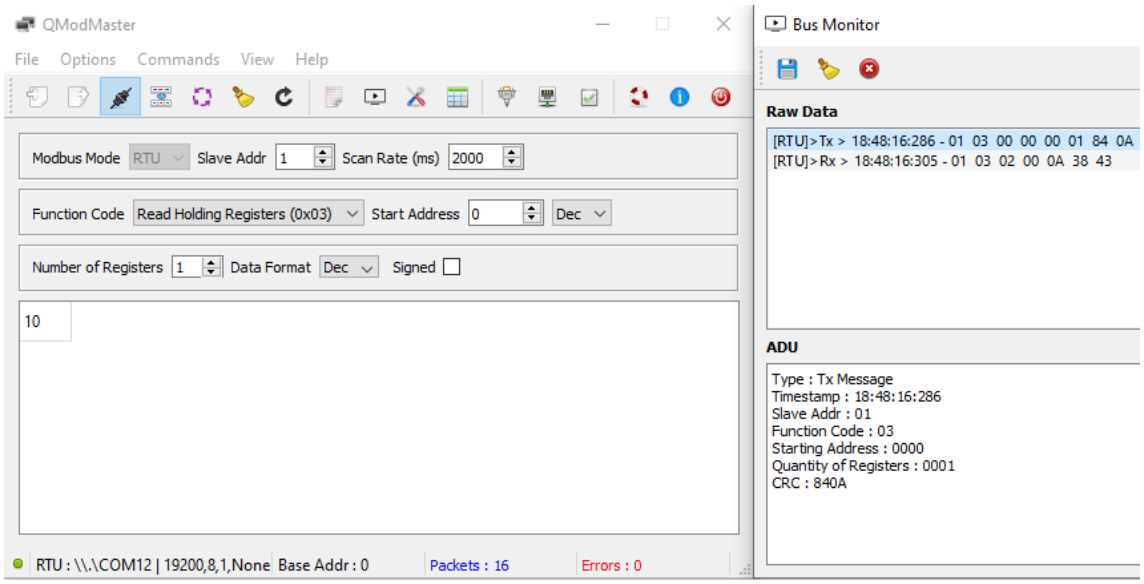


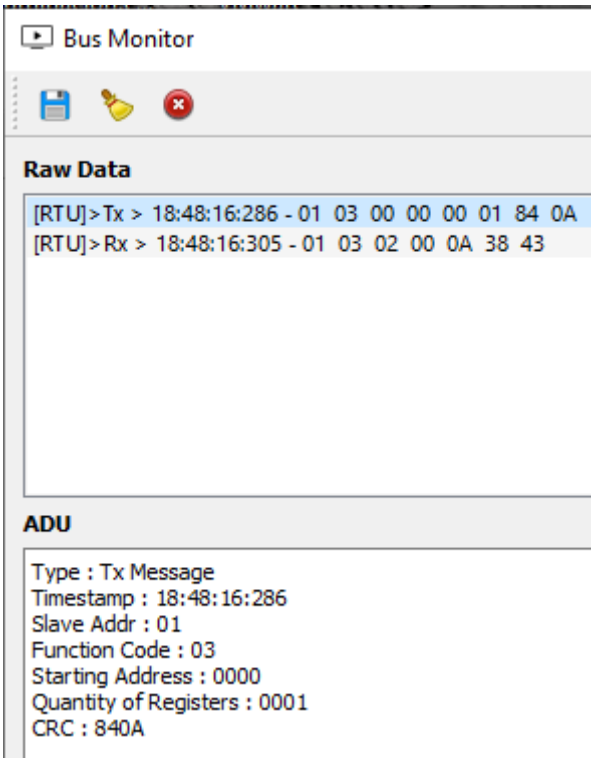
So we have such data available thru Modbus RTU

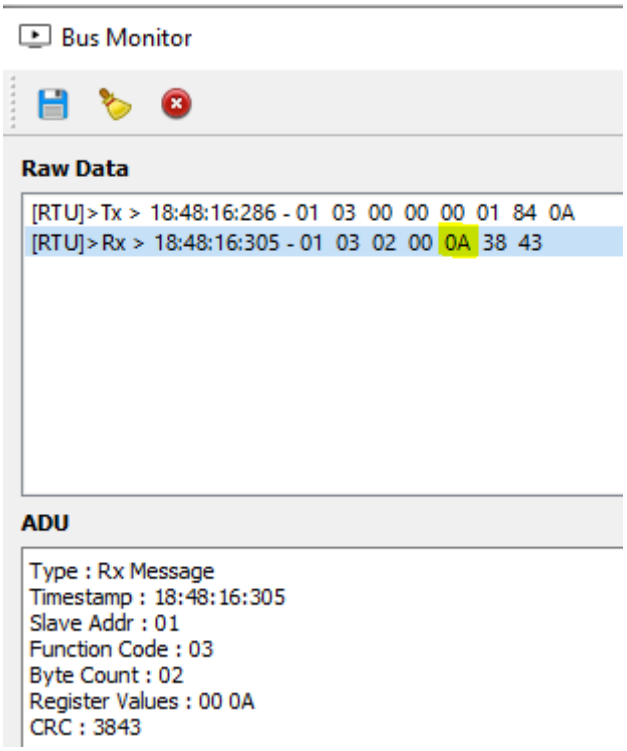
Modbus test

Let's see the Modbus response from PLC with the PC and qModMaster tool

Let's read from Modbus slave 1 (PLC) and address %MW0 (0) wich value is 10 for instance.



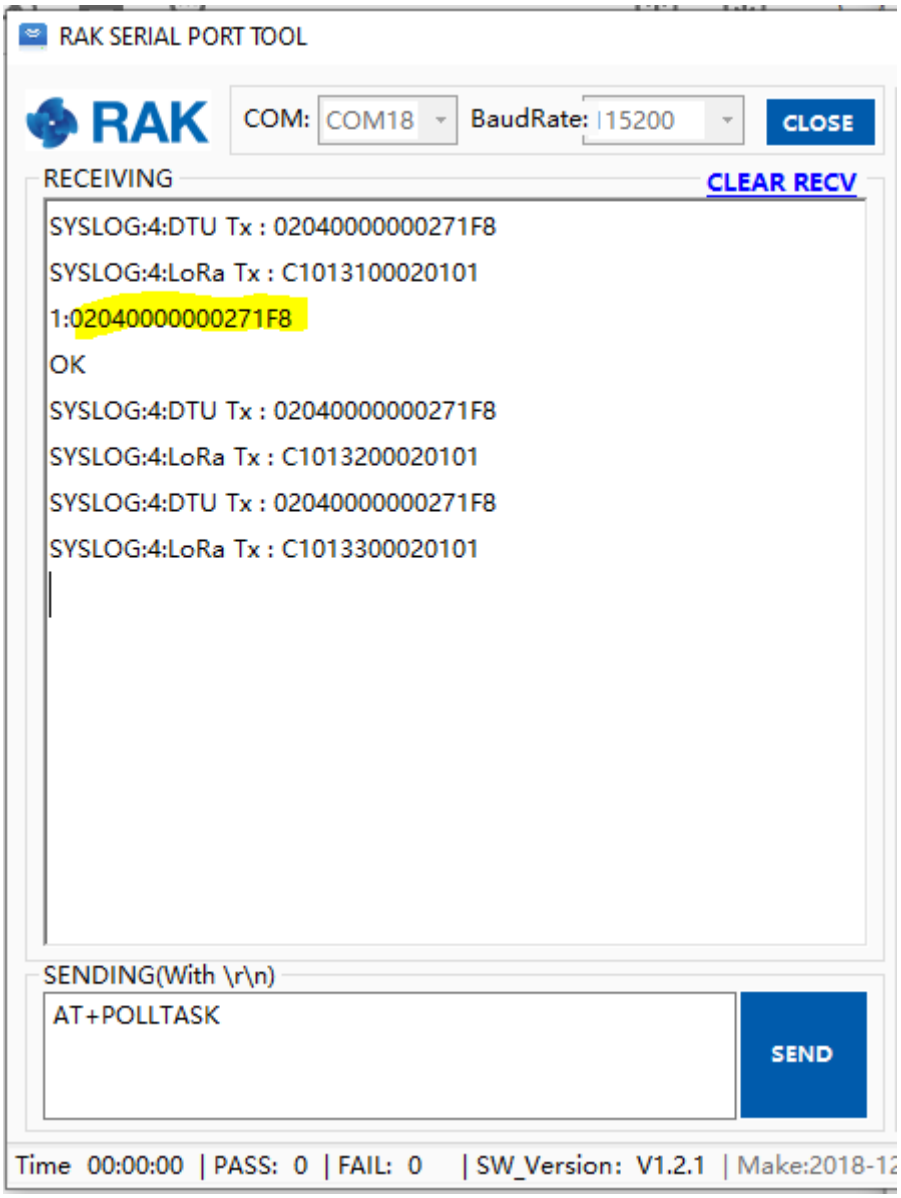




RAK7431 configuration

Let’s monitor the RAK7431 with RAK serial tool, wether there is a poll task scheduled

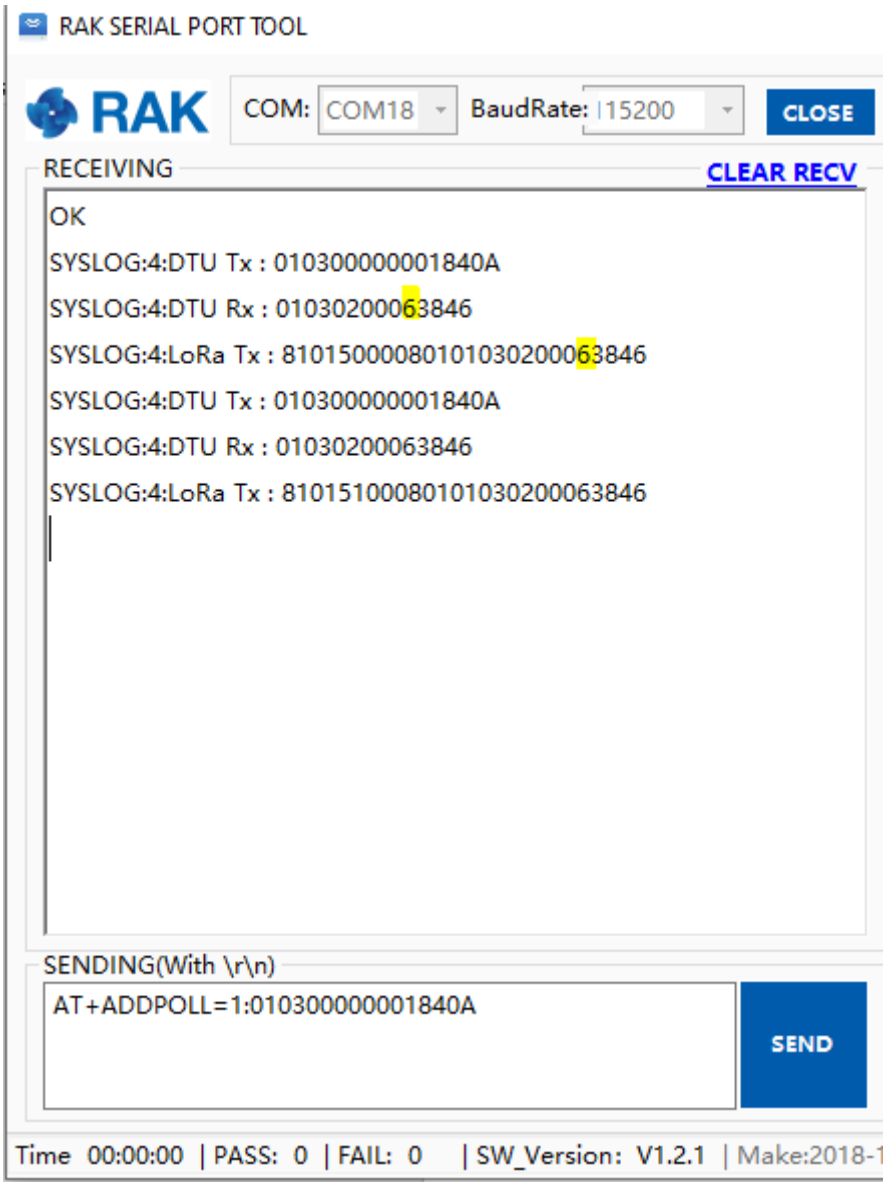
Yes, there is one



We have to change this since we want to point to Modbus address 01 and message type 03 as we have seen on Modbus Test

Let's remove it
AT+RMPOLL=1

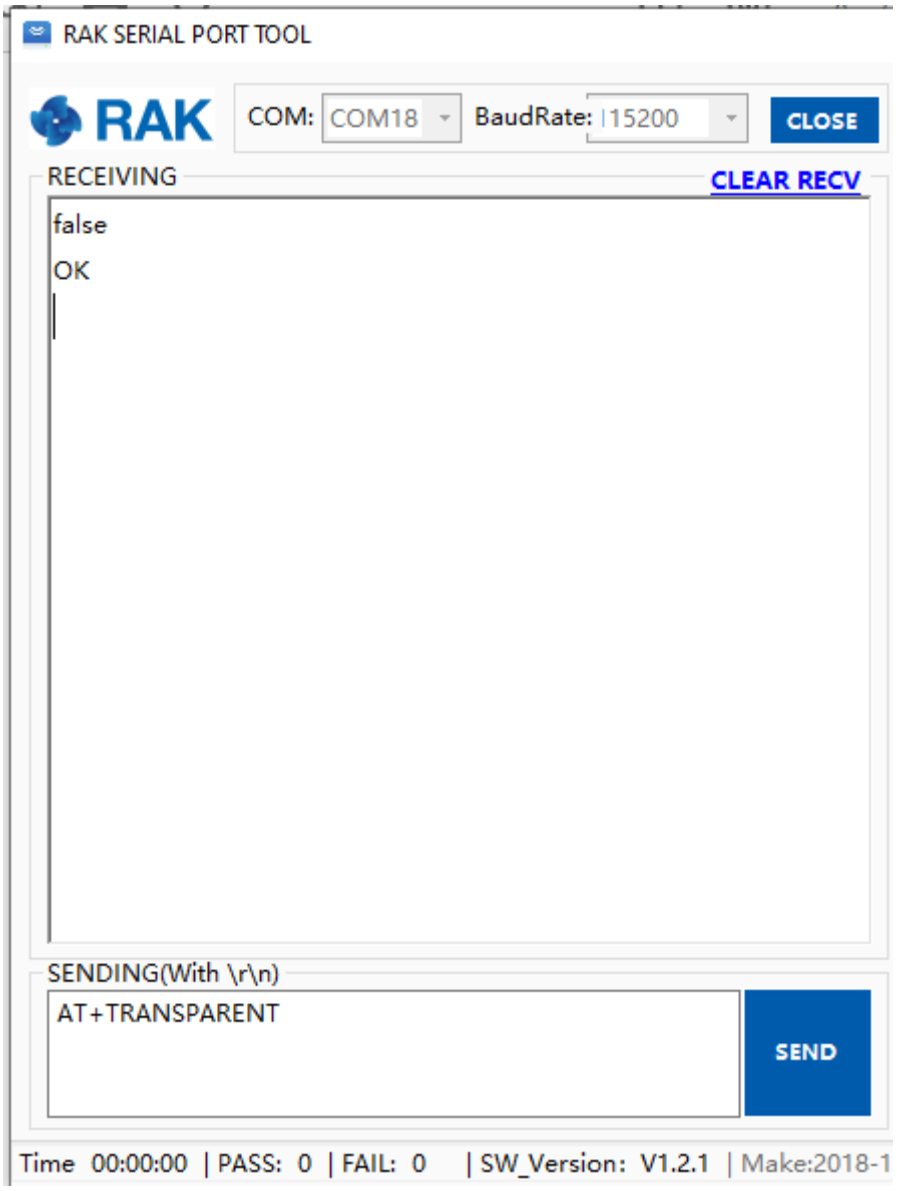
Now we add a new POLL task to measure Voltage
And this will be the right poll task according to the previous chapter
AT+ADDPOLL=1:010300000001840A



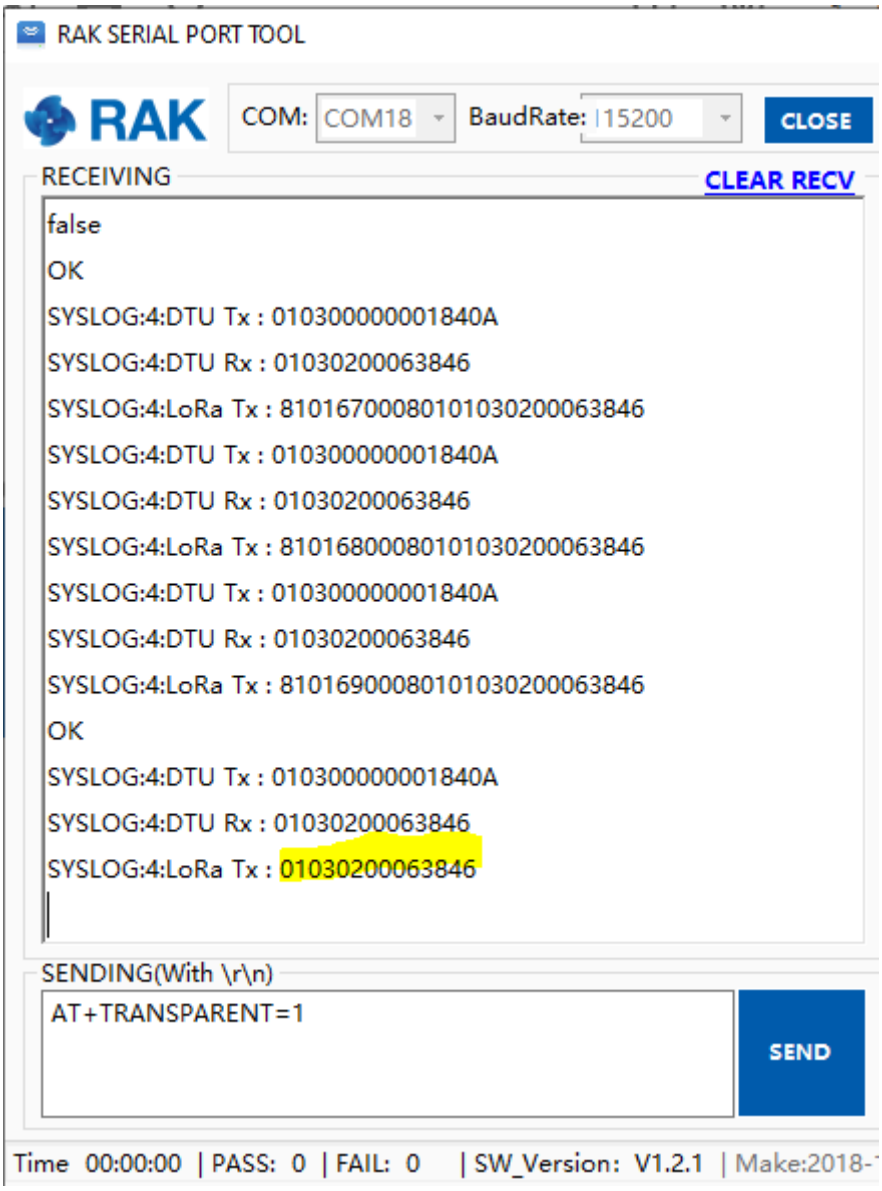
And we receive the response from PLC register %MW0 that in this case is 6

Bit 1 and Bit 2 to ON state so this is 6

But we receive a long payload, Since we are in non transparent mode.

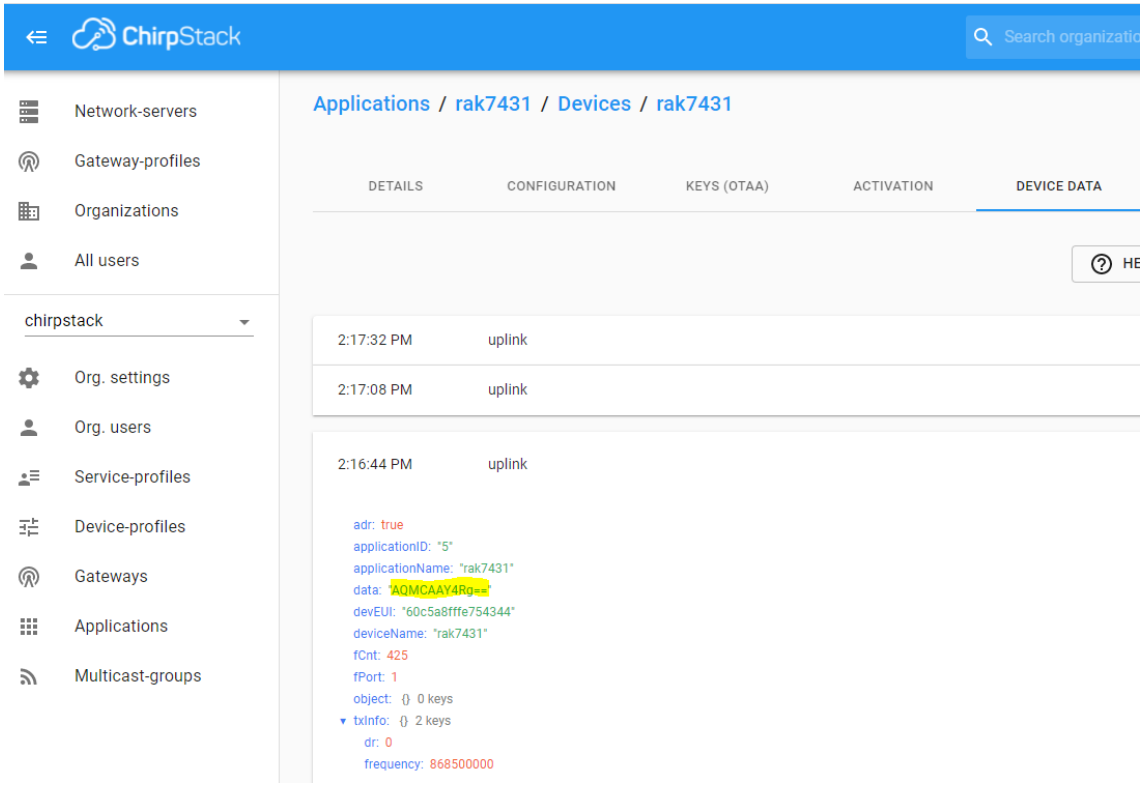


Let’s change to transparent mode to reduce payload



Chirpstack console

This is the view on Chirpstack console.

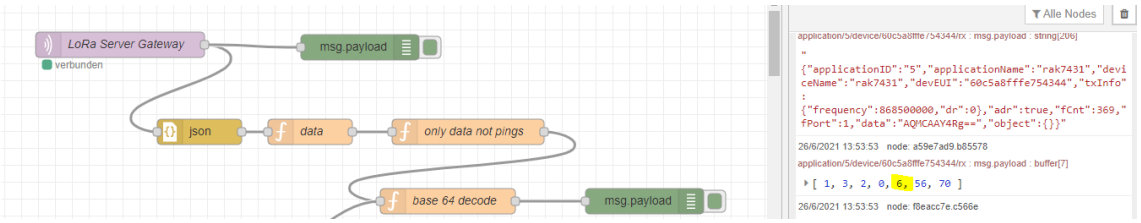


Now we see that we have the value of %MW0 on bytes 3 and 4

Node-RED

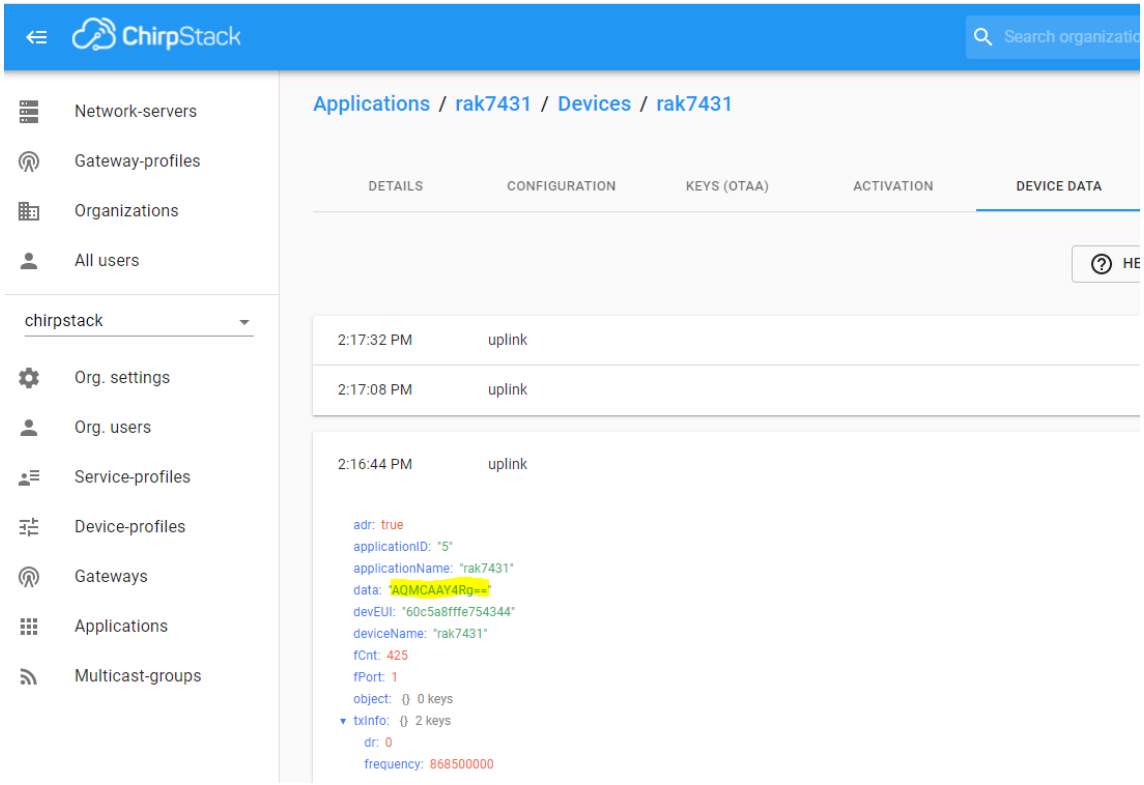
Node-RED is running on the same RAK 2245 gateway Raspberry Pi. Just install Node-RED after burning the Gateway operating system SD with the image from RAK Wireless web page.

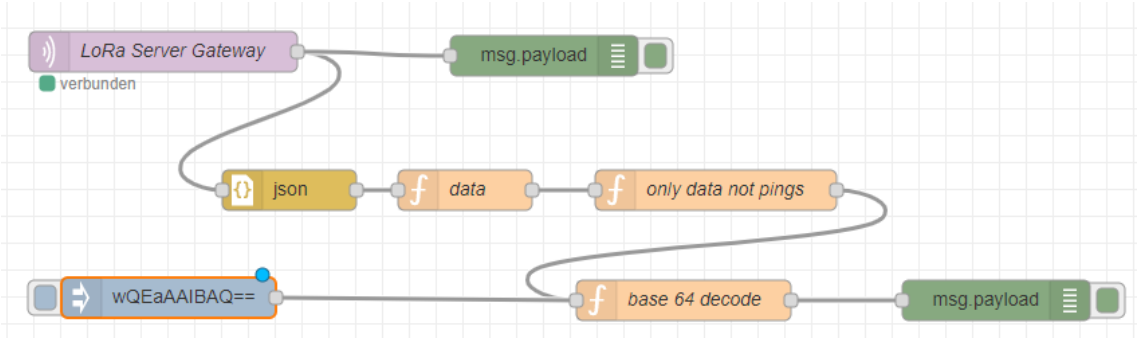
Let's decode this with Node-RED

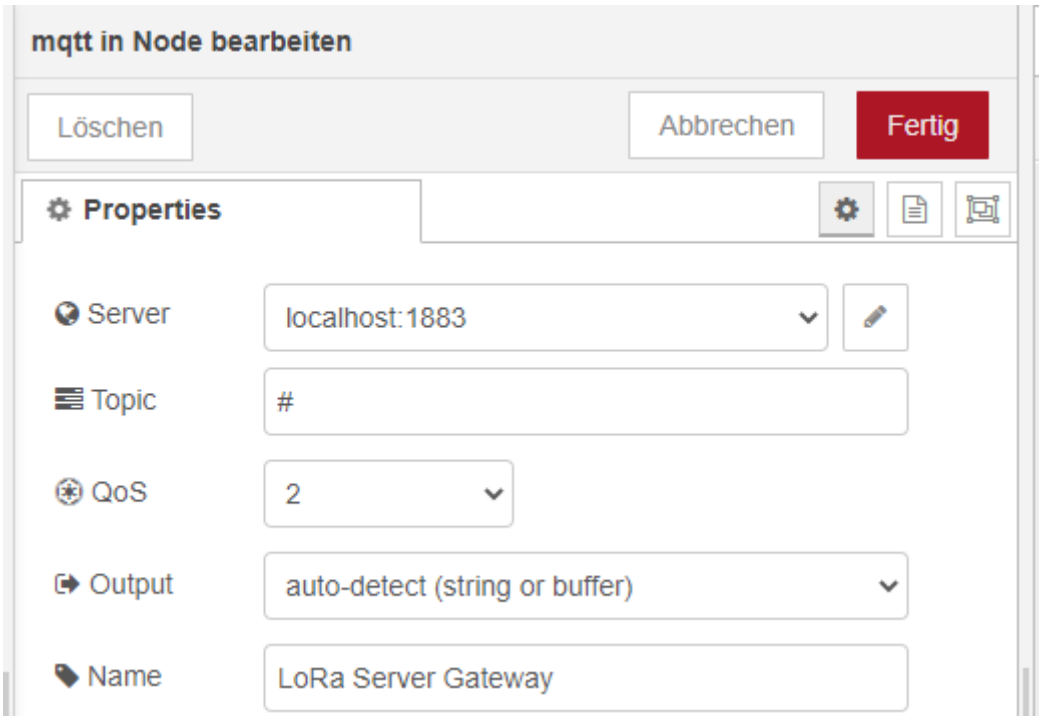


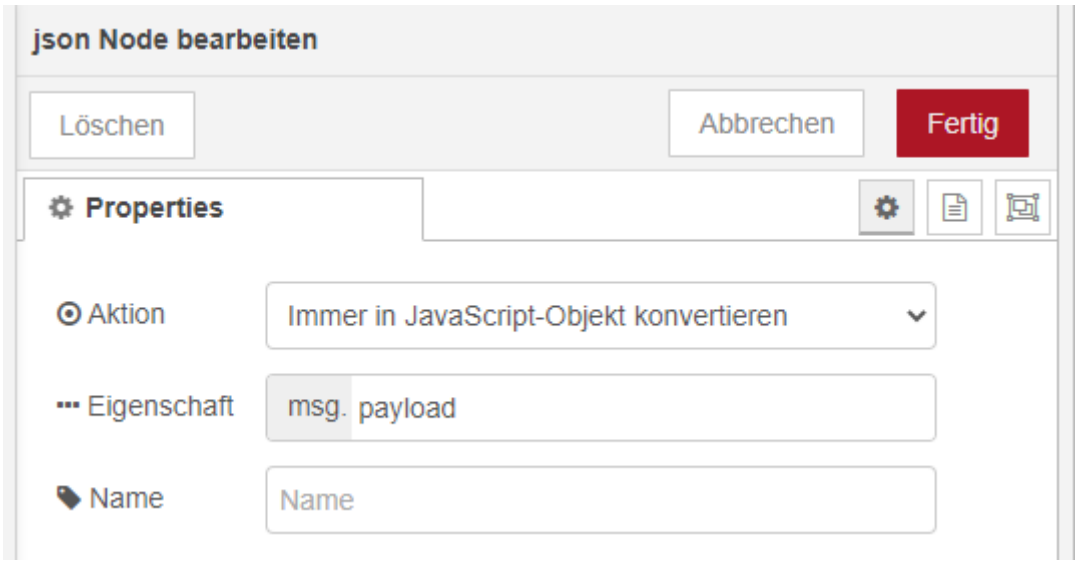
Whith this Flow

Take into account that payload is base 64 encoded






mqtt in Node bearbeiten
Löschen
Abbrechen
Fertig
Properties
Server
localhost:1883
Topic
#
QoS
2
Output
auto-detect (string or buffer)
Name
LoRa Server Gateway


json Node bearbeiten
Löschen
Abbrechen
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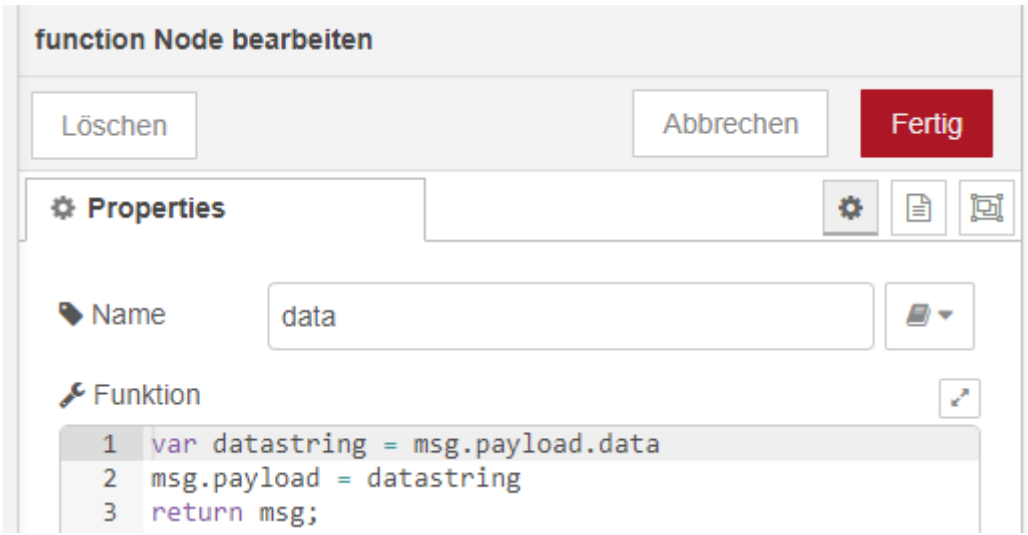
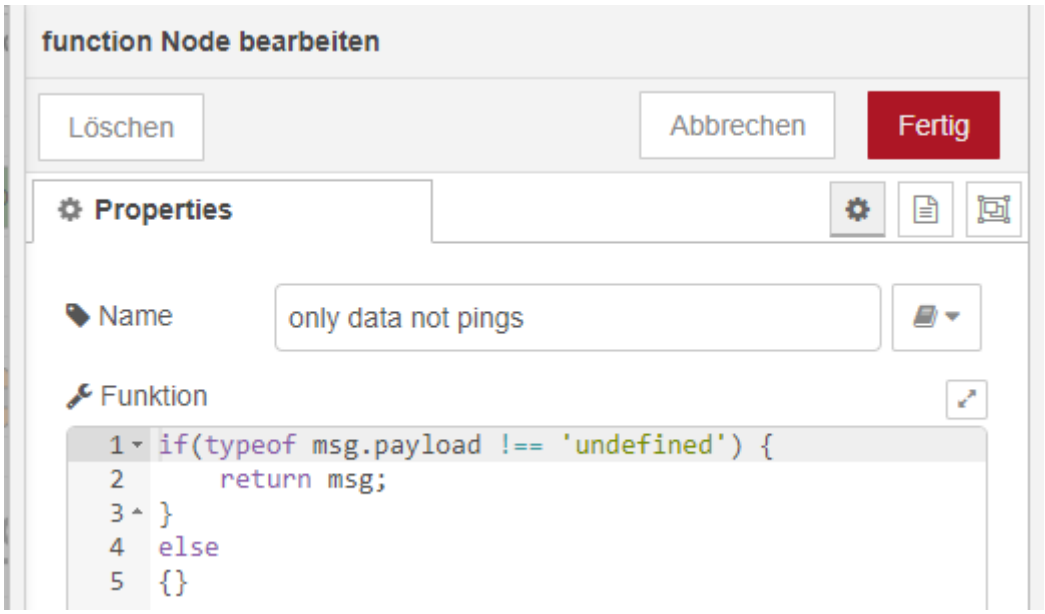
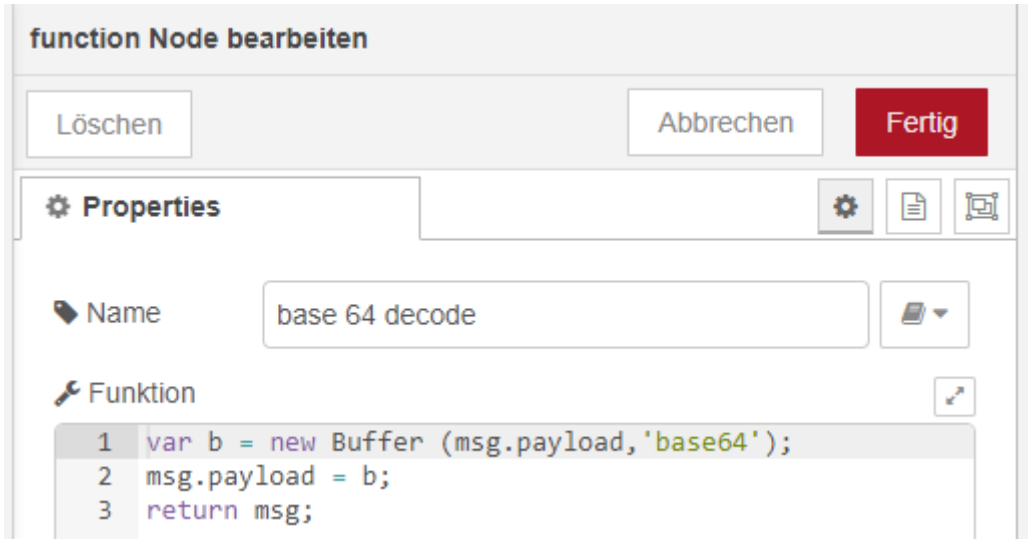
Properties
Aktion
Immer in JavaScript-Objekt konvertieren
Eigenschaft
msg. payload
Name
Name

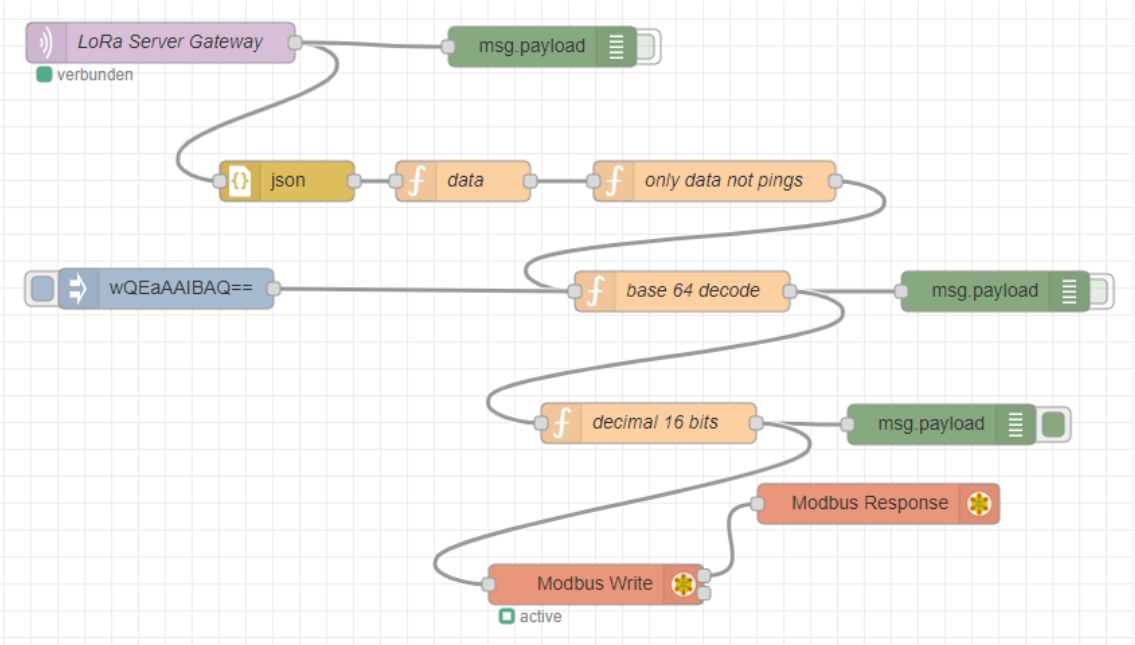

function Node bearbeiten
Löschen
Abbrechen
Fertig
Properties
Name
data
Funktion
1 var datastring = msg.payload.data
2 msg.payload = datastring
3 return msg;





Now we decode such buffer

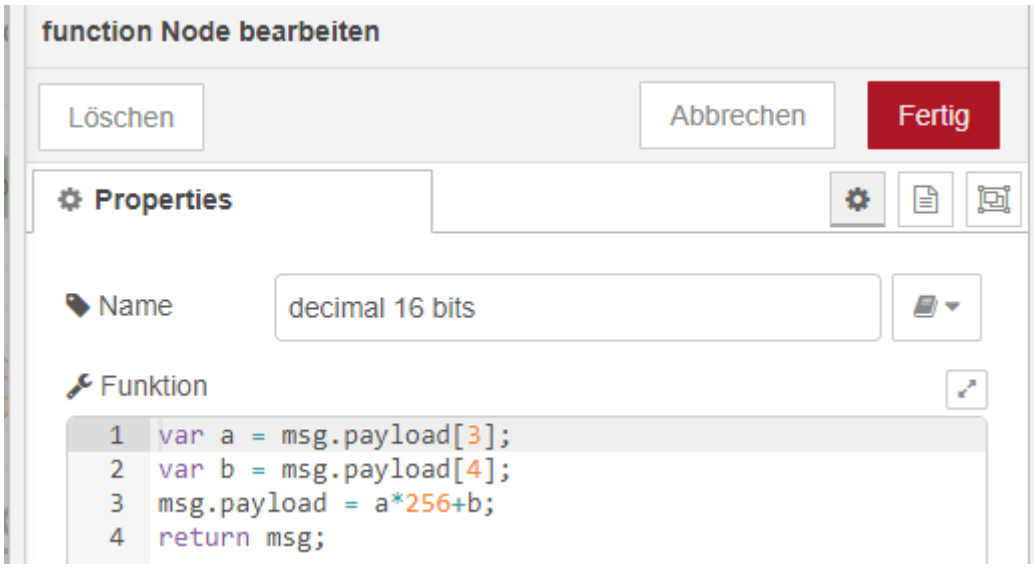
With bytes 3 and 4 to get a 16bit integer

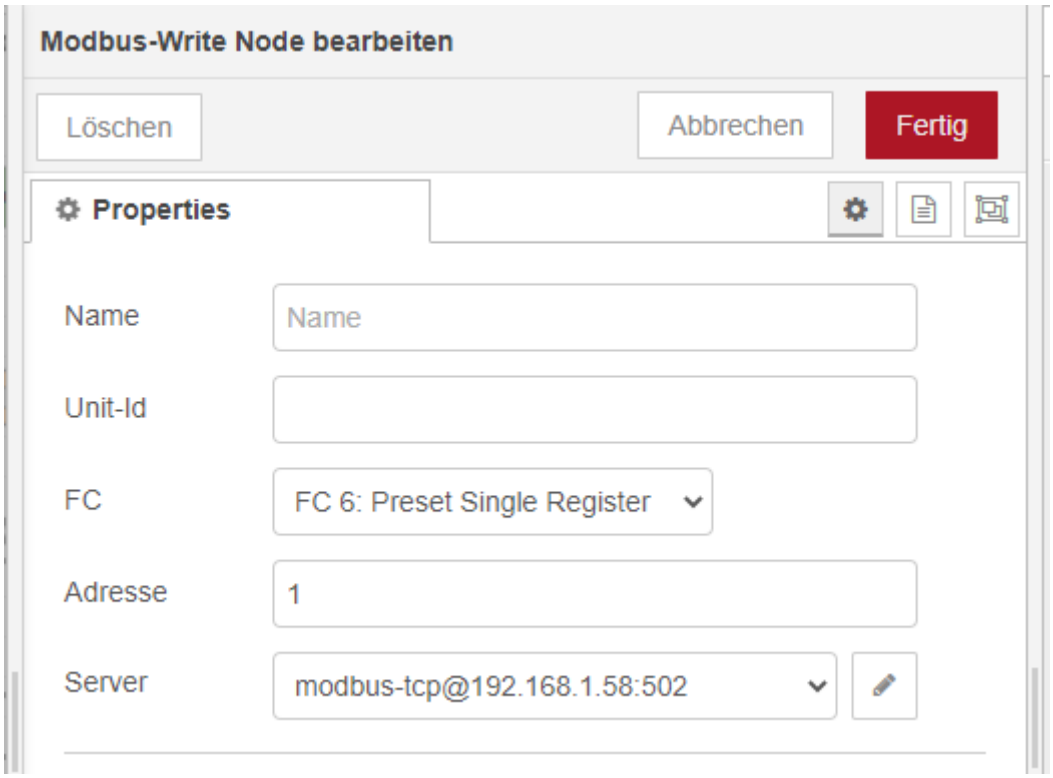


You can find the code here

https://github.com/xavierflorensa/Schneider-PLC-to-PLC-comms-with-RAK-wireless

And inject to the receiver PLC thru Modbus TCP on PLC register %MW1


function Node bearbeiten
Löschen
Abbrechen
Fertig
Properties
Name
decimal 16 bits
Funktion
1 var a = msg.payload[3];
2 var b = msg.payload[4];
3 msg.payload = a*256+b;
4 return msg;


Modbus-Write Node bearbeiten
Löschen
Abbrechen
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FC
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Server
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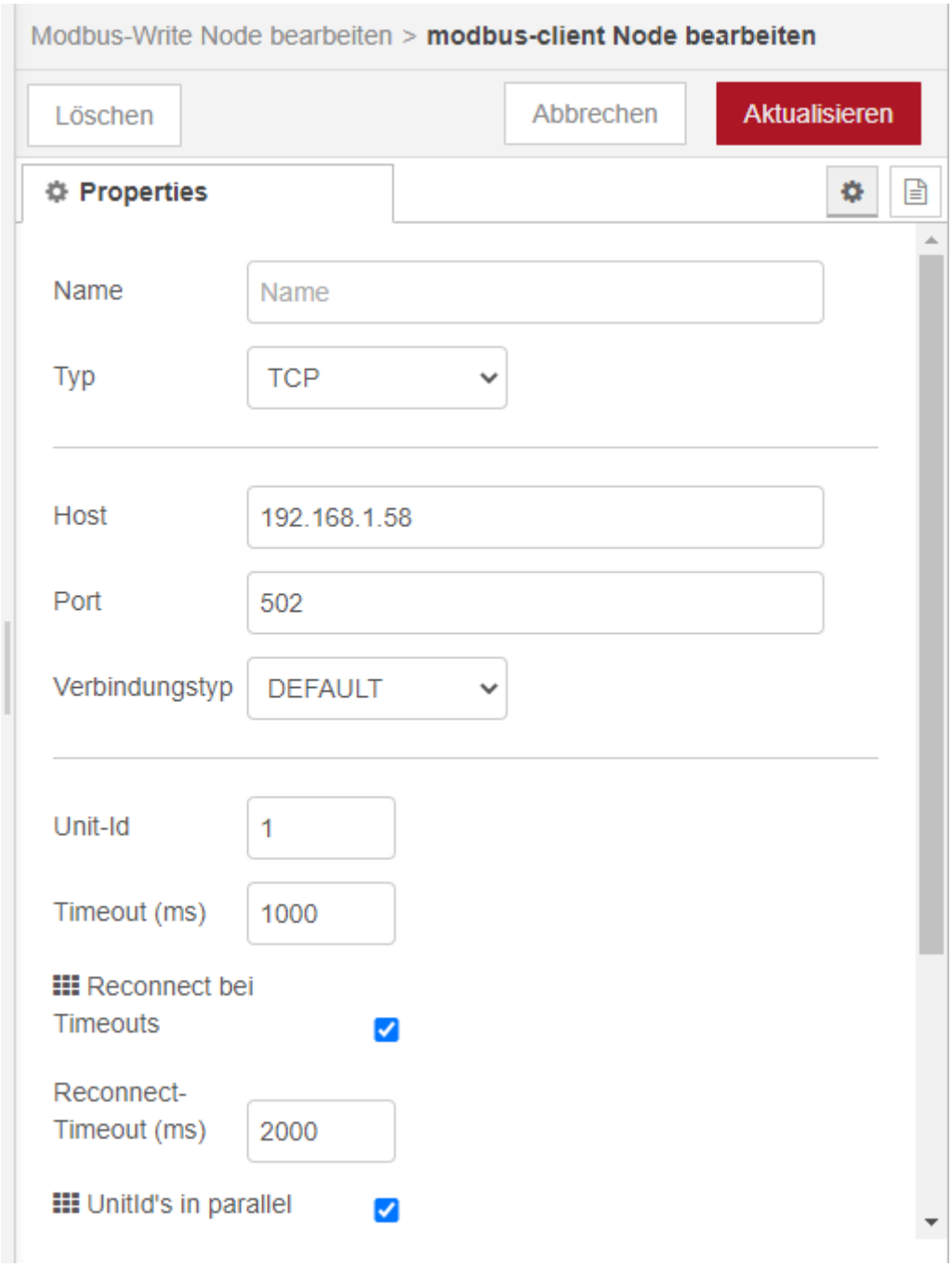
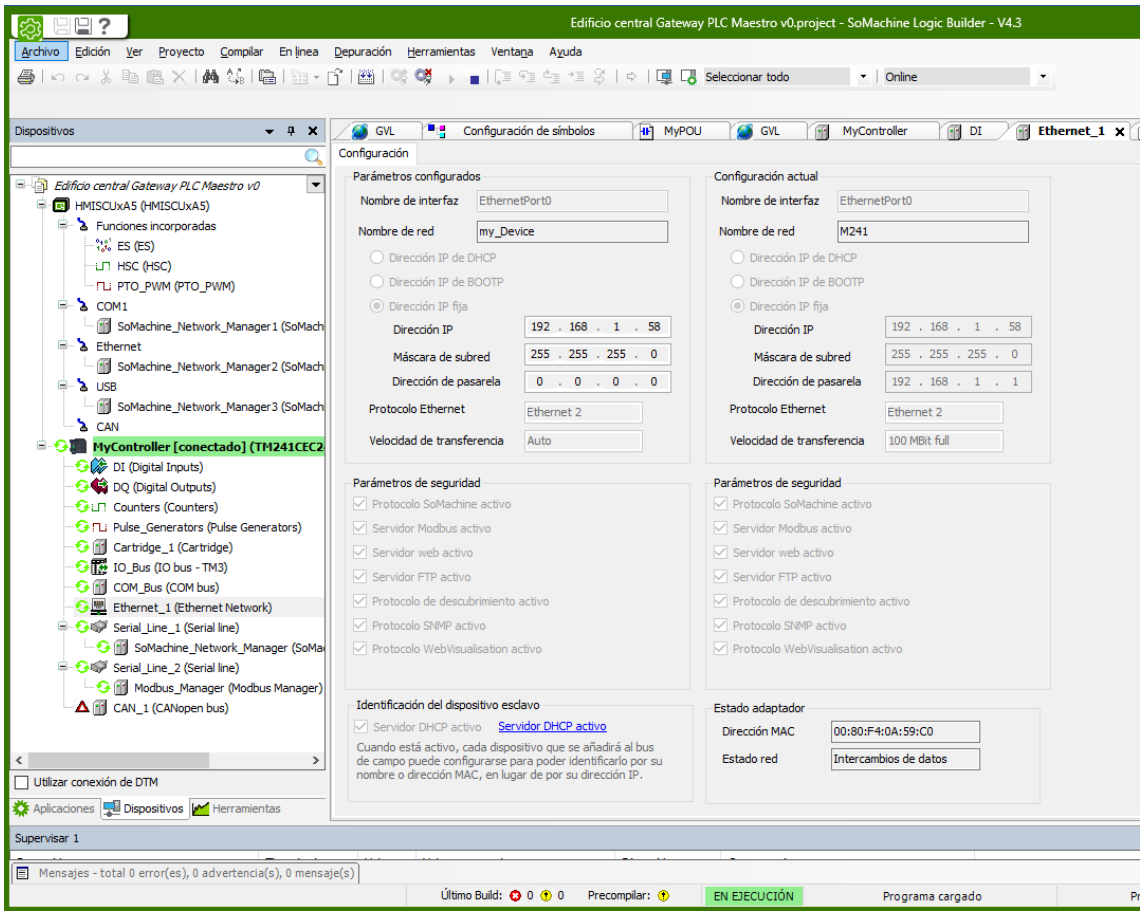


Now let’s take a look at the receiver PLC, where you only have to set an IP address, allocate a global memory register for instance on %MW1 and create a program t osee the PLC digital outpus as an image of the sender PLC inputs.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Seleccionar todo
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Dispositivos
Edificio central Gateway PLC Maestro v0
HMISCUxA5 (HMISCUxA5)
Funciones incorporadas
ES (ES)
HSC (HSC)
PTO_PWM (PTO_PWM)
COM1
SoMachine_Network_Manager 1 (SoMach
Ethernet
SoMachine_Network_Manager 2 (SoMach
USB
SoMachine_Network_Manager 3 (SoMach
CAN
MyController [conectado] (TM241CEC2
DI (Digital Inputs)
DQ (Digital Outputs)
Counters (Counters)
Pulse_Generators (Pulse Generators)
Cartridge_1 (Cartridge)
IO_Bus (IO bus - TM3)
COM_Bus (COM bus)
Ethernet_1 (Ethernet Network)
Serial_Line_1 (Serial line)
SoMachine_Network_Manager (SoMa
Serial_Line_2 (Serial line)
Modbus_Manager (Modbus Manager)
CAN_1 (CANopen bus)
Utilizar conexión de DTM
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Configuración de símbolos
MyPOU
GVL
MyController
DI
Ethernet_1
Configuración
Parámetros configurados
Nombre de interfaz EthernetPort0
Nombre de red my_Device
Dirección IP de DHCP
Dirección IP de BOOTP
Dirección IP fija
Dirección IP 192 . 168 . 1 . 58
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Dirección de pasarela 0 . 0 . 0 . 0
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Velocidad de transferencia Auto
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Nombre de red M241
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Dirección IP de BOOTP
Dirección IP fija
Dirección IP 192 . 168 . 1 . 58
Máscara de subred 255 . 255 . 255 . 0
Dirección de pasarela 192 . 168 . 1 . 1
Protocolo Ethernet Ethernet 2
Velocidad de transferencia 100 MBit full
Parámetros de seguridad
Protocolo SoMachine activo
Servidor Modbus activo
Servidor web activo
Servidor FTP activo
Protocolo de descubrimiento activo
Protocolo SNMP activo
Protocolo WebVisualisation activo
Parámetros de seguridad
Protocolo SoMachine activo
Servidor Modbus activo
Servidor web activo
Servidor FTP activo
Protocolo de descubrimiento activo
Protocolo SNMP activo
Protocolo WebVisualisation activo
Identificación del dispositivo esclavo
Servidor DHCP activo
Servidor DHCP activo
Cuando está activo, cada dispositivo que se añadirá al bus de campo puede configurarse para poder identificarlo por su nombre o dirección MAC, en lugar de por su dirección IP.
Estado adaptador
Dirección MAC 00:80:F4:0A:59:C0
Estado red Intercambios de datos
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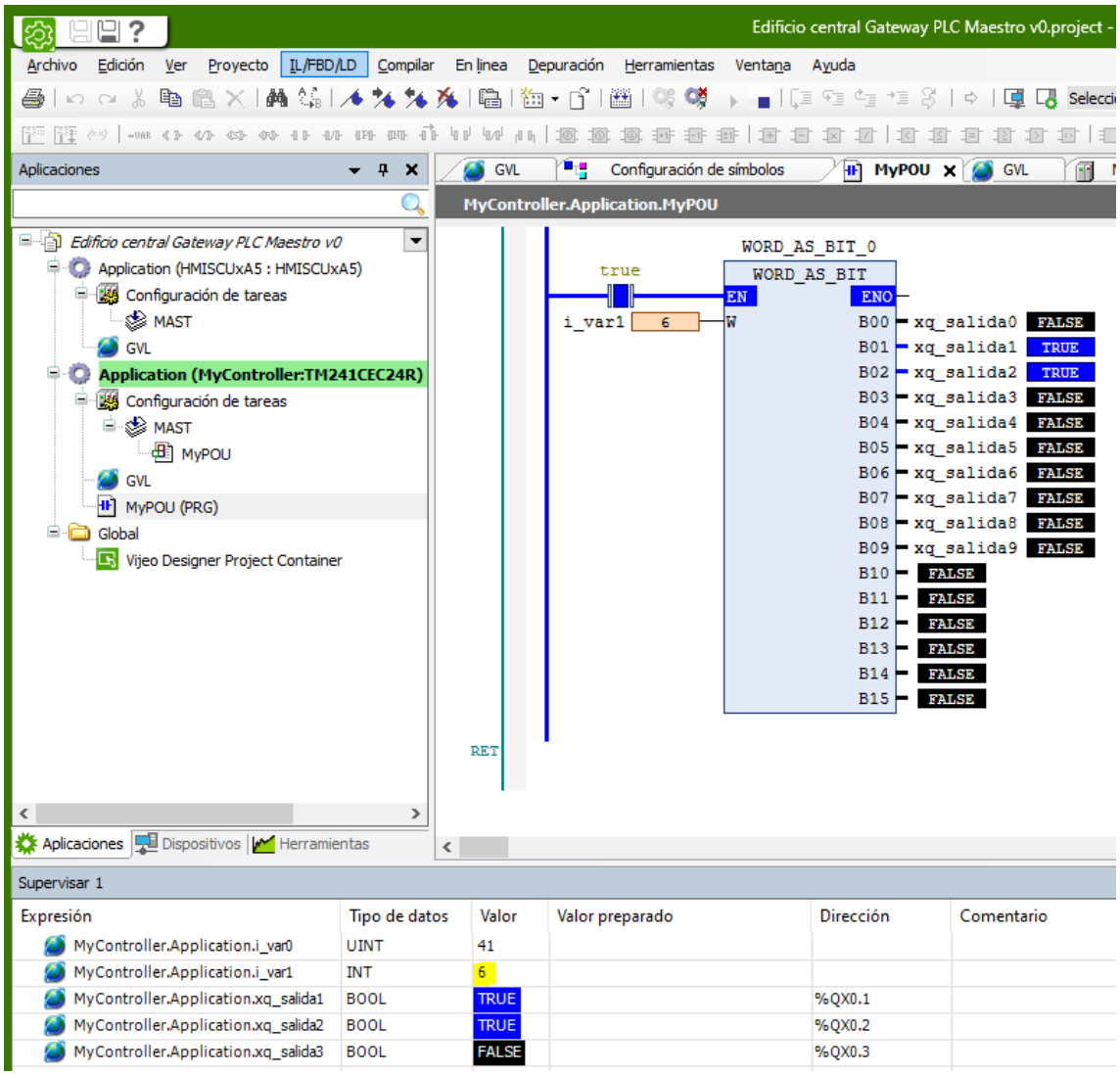
EN EJECUCIÓN
Programa cargado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MyPOU (PRG)
Global
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Aplicaciones Dispositivos Herramientas
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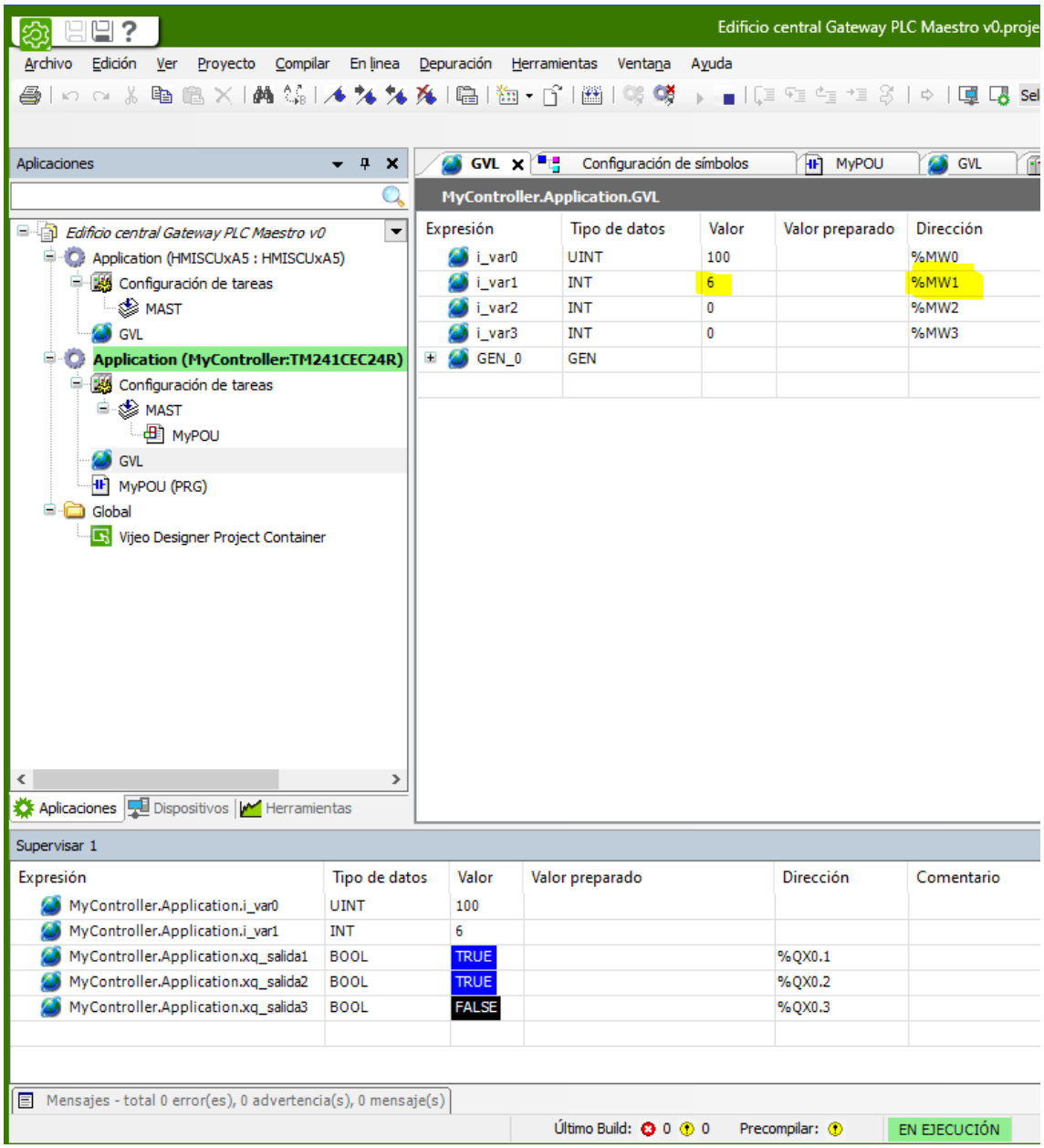
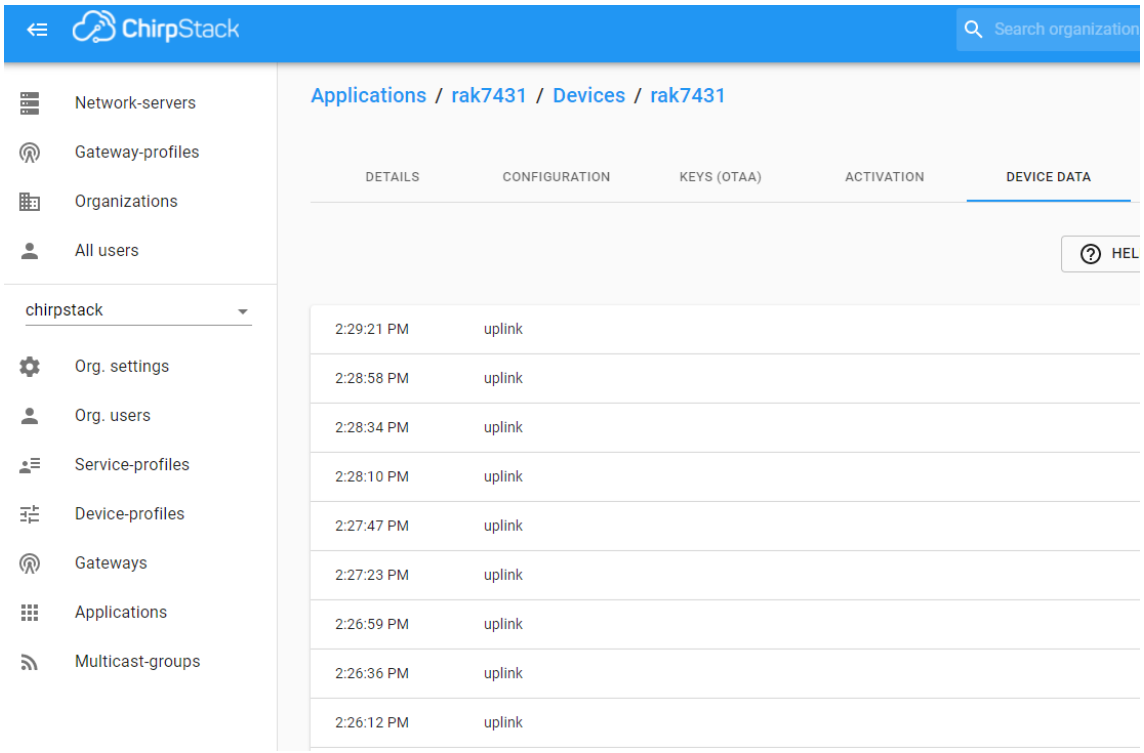


So it Works!

Now let’s decrease the sending period since we are transmitting each 24 seconds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