

GPRS User Manual

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About This Manual

This manual introduces the use of the GPRS function of the Fingerprint Recognition Terminals (FRT) with 3.5-inch LCDs device and some GPRS-related FAQs.

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1. GPRS Overview

The General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) is a GSM-based wireless packet switched technology used to provide end-to-end wide area wireless IP connections. Generally speaking, the GPRS is a high-speed data processing technology which transfers data to users in “Packet” mode. Although the GPRS is a transitional solution from the GSM network to 3G, yet it has prominent advantages in many aspects such as the transfer rate, wireless resource management and billing. The GPRS is especially suitable for intermittent and sporadic or frequent and small packet data transmission and also suitable for occasional bulky data transmission. The GPRS is only an ordinary subnet with respect to other Internet components. Users will have a static or dynamically allocated IP address in addition to a phone number. This feature is ideal for a majority of mobile applications, for example, the mobile office and Internet access.

With a built-in GPRS module, our FRTs are also GPRS-capable to implement GPRS data transfer. Currently the GPRS data transfer is implemented based on the PUSH SDK which is a HTTP-based protocol. By embedding the PUSH SDK into the program, users can conveniently download/upload employee information and verification data over the GPRS. Further, we have developed a set of PUSH SDK-based software with B/S architecture. The software is known as the Automatic Data Master Server (ADMS). Users can collect data directly by using the ADMS and import the collected data into their database or other software.

Terms and Definitions

GPRS: The General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) is a new packet data bearer service developed based on the Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM).

GSM: The Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) is a standard developed by Europe for digital mobile network to enable network operators around the world to use the same mobile network standard and users to roam and switch carriers without replacing phones.

APN: The Access Point Name (APN) is a mandatory parameter for you to access the GPRS network. It determines in which mode you access the GPRS network.

Note: To check the APN, see [3 Check GPRS Information](#); for APN settings, see [2.2 Set GPRS Connection Parameters](#).

WAP: The Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) is a globally uniform open protocol standard used to provide Internet contents and advanced value-added services for mobile terminals. It is a simplified wireless Internet protocol. The WAP combines Internet with the mobile phone technology to make it possible for users to access rich Internet resources anytime anywhere. The WAP service enables mobile phones to access Internet directly to enjoy various application services such as the news browsing, stock query, email sending/receiving, online games and chatting through the WAP “browser” on the mobile phones.

ADMS: Automatic Data Master Server.

SIM: The Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) is also known as the Intelligent Card (IC) or the user identification card. The GSM digital mobile phones can only be used after installed with the SIM

card. The SIM card is commonly referred to as the telephone card. The SIM card stores the information of mobile users and encrypted key on a portable memory chip for the GSM network to identify users and encrypt voice information in a conversation.

2. GPRS Use Description

2.1 Insert a SIM Card

Insert a GPRS-capable SIM card into the GPRS module before using the GPRS function.

Note: Some SIM cards may not be GPRS-capable. If the GPRS is not activated on your phone, please contact your carrier to have it activated.


2.2 Set GPRS Connection Parameters

You need to set the GPRS connection parameters for the initial use or the replacement of a GPRS-capable SIM card.

When used for the dial-up network, ensure the FRT stays within the GPRS signal coverage area and understand the MODEM type, APN and access number. The following are instructions to set the connection parameter of FRTs with the black-and-white LCDs as well as 3-inch, 3.5-inch and 8-inch color LCDs.

1. Set connection parameters for the FRTs with black-and-white LCDs.

Set connection parameters by using the delivery-attached “GPRS Tool” program in the following steps:

- 1) Run the  GPRS Tool.exe program to display the following interface:

MODEMConfigTool

Modem Config | connect config

IP: 192.168.1.21

port: 4370

DeviceID: 1

COMPort: COM 1

BaudRate: 57600

☒ TCP/IP ☐ RS232

connect test

Part 1

MODEMConfigTool

Modem Config | connect config

MODEMType: GPRS

ConnectMODEM: Y

DialConfig

APN: cmnet RedialTimeInterval: 2 M

UserName:

Password:

RedialCount: 4

DialNumber: *99**1#

☒ IsSetAuthServer

SetAuthServer

KeepLive: Y

AutoUPLogTime: 60 S

ServerCheckMode: GPRS

AuthServerREQ: 3 S

ASTimeOut: 10

AuthServerIPType

☒ IPType ☐ DNSType

AuthServerIP: 116.226.85.149

Set Close

Part 2

GPRS Tool settings contain the following two parts:

Part 1: Set parameters for the communication between the FRT and computer.

Part 2: Set the connection parameters.

2) Set communication parameters.

① The FRT can communicate with the computer through the TCP/IP or RS232. Connect the FRT with the computer through the TCP/IP or RS232.

② Check the IP address, port, network access speed and connection password, and input the information into part 1 of GPRS Tool.

Note: All the communication information filled in the GPRS Tool must be consistent with related information on the FRT to avoid affecting the communication between the FRT and computer.

③ Click <**Connect**> to connect the FRT with the computer. After connecting the FRT with the computer, you can set the GPRS connection parameters as below.

3) Set GPRS connection parameters.

Access Point: The APN is used to identify the GPRS/CDMA service types.

Note: Users in different geographical areas have different access points. To obtain your local APN, please contact your carrier to have the access point activated or search online.

User name and password: Used to verify whether the user is granted access to the GPRS network.

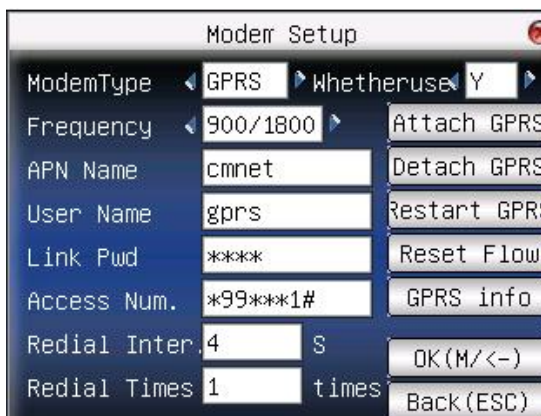
Verification mode: The authentication protocols based on user name and password support ordinary and complete

verification modes. Generally the ordinary verification mode is adopted.

- 4) After setting the GPRS connection parameters, click the <**Save**> button and restart the FRT to make the settings take effect.

2. Set connection parameters for the FRTs with 3.5-inch

Select [**Menu**] → [**Communication Parameter Settings**] → [**Dial Settings**] as shown below:



The “Dial Setting” interface of FRTs with 3.5-inch color LCDs

ModemType: This parameter is used to select the MODEM type based on the SIM type.

Whetheruse: This parameter is used to set whether to activate the automatic dial function.

Frequency: Select an appropriate frequency based on the service provided by the carrier.

APN Name: This parameter is used to identify the GPRS/CDMA service types.

User name and Link Password: This parameter is used to verify whether the user is granted access to the GPRS network.

Access number: This parameter refers to the access number of the GPRS server.

RedialTimeInterval: This parameter is used to set a time interval for automatic re-dial upon network disconnection.

RedialTimes: This parameter is used to set the re-dial attempts upon network disconnection.

Press ▲ or ▼ to locate the cursor in an entry box or button, and then select the item to set by pressing ◀ or ▶, or input a value directly. After finishing settings, you can press <W> or <OK> to save your settings and return to the previous interface, or press <ESC> to cancel your settings and return to the previous interface.

2.3 Attach GPRS

The FRT supports both automatic and manual activation of GPRS.

1. Automatic activation of GPRS


FRTs with color LCDs determine whether to automatically activate the GPRS during start based on parameter settings. FRTs with black-and-white LCDs automatically activate the GRPS upon startup each time and the activation process takes about 30 seconds.

Upon successful activation, the following interface is displayed on the screen:




Successful GPRS activation on 3.5-inch color LCDs

Meanings of the icons displayed on the top left corner or top right corner of the above interfaces:

: Indicates the GPRS signal strength. Five bars represent full signal strength. The more bars you have, the stronger the signal you get; the less bars you have, the weaker the signal you get. The icon above indicates the full signal strength.

Note: If the icon above is not displayed upon FRT startup, it is possible that the GPRS network signal is weak or the SIM card is faulty. For the specific cause and handling method, see “4 FAQ”.

“” indicates normal GPRS Modem status.

“” indicates successful activation of the GPRS.

Note: For FRTs with GPRS automatically activated, if the activation success icon is not displayed, the SIM card may be faulty. For the specific cause and handling method, see “4 FAQ”.

“” indicates the FRT is already connected to the server.

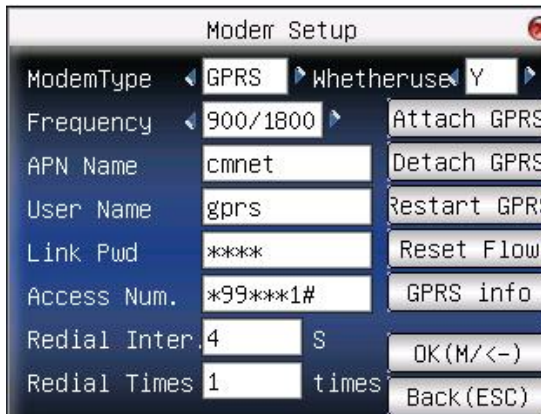
“**I**” indicates the FRT is connecting to the server.

Note: If the GPRS activation is successful, but the icon “**I**” is displayed all the time, the problem may lie in the server. For the specific cause and handling method, see “4 FAQ”.

2. Activate the GPRS manually.

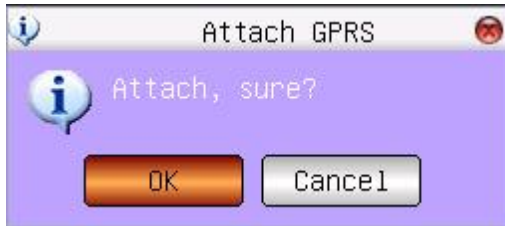
- 1) To activate the GPRS on the FRTs with 3.5-inch and 8-inch color LCDs, proceed as follows:

① Select **[Menu]** → **[Communication Parameter Settings]**
→ **[Dial Settings]** as shown below:

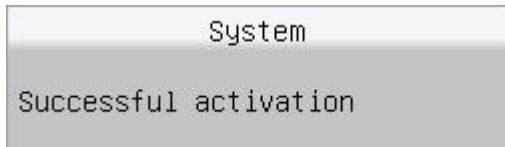


The “Dial Setting” interface of FRTs with 3.5-inch color LCDs

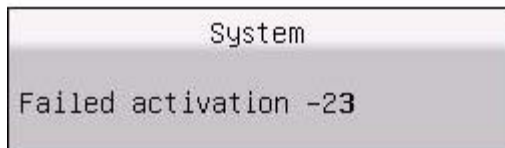
- ② Select **[Attach GPRS]** by pressing “▲” or “▼” and press **<OK>**. The following interface is displayed:



③ Press <ESC> to cancel the activation or press <OK> to confirm the activation. The following figure will be displayed upon successful activation.



The following figure will be displayed upon activation failure.



Note: Normally an error code, for example, “-23”, will be generated upon activation failure. You can judge the possible cause by checking the meaning of the corresponding error code.

④ Press <OK> or <ESC> to return to the previous interface.

There are many factors that may lead to the GPRS activation failure, for example, weak network signal (less than two bars), insufficient SIM card balance, carriers' failure to support GPRS and access point error. If the activation success icon is not displayed on the FRTs capable of automatic GPRS activation, the GPRS activation fails. In that case, you can check whether it is caused by any of the above factors and then manually activate the GPRS.

2.4 Transfer Data Using GPRS

Currently the GPRS data transfer is implemented based on the PUSH SDK which is a HTTP-based protocol. By embedding the PUSH SDK into the program, users can conveniently download/upload employee information and verification data over the GPRS.

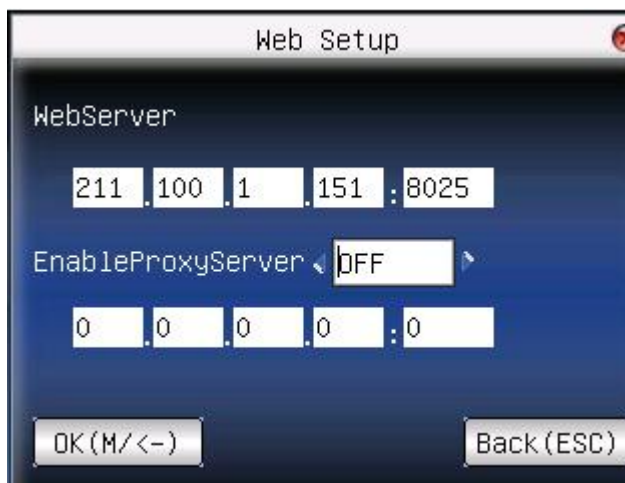
Further, we have developed a set of PUSH SDK-based software with B/S architecture. The software is known as the Automatic Data Master Server (ADMS). Users can collect data directly by using the ADMS and import the collected data into their database or other software.

As for the ADMS software, we provide a public test website <http://112.65.186.230:8080>. You can access this website through the IP address 121.65.186.230 and the port No. 8080.

1. The following takes the ADMS as an example to illustrate how to transfer data using the GPRS on the FRTs with 3.5-inch color LCDs device.

1) To transfer data using the GPRS on FRTs with 3.5-inch and 8-inch color LCDs, proceed as follows:

① To set the IP address of the server, select **[Menu]** → **[Communication Settings]**. For FRTs with 3.5-inch color LCDs, select **[Dial Settings]** to set the WebServer IP address.

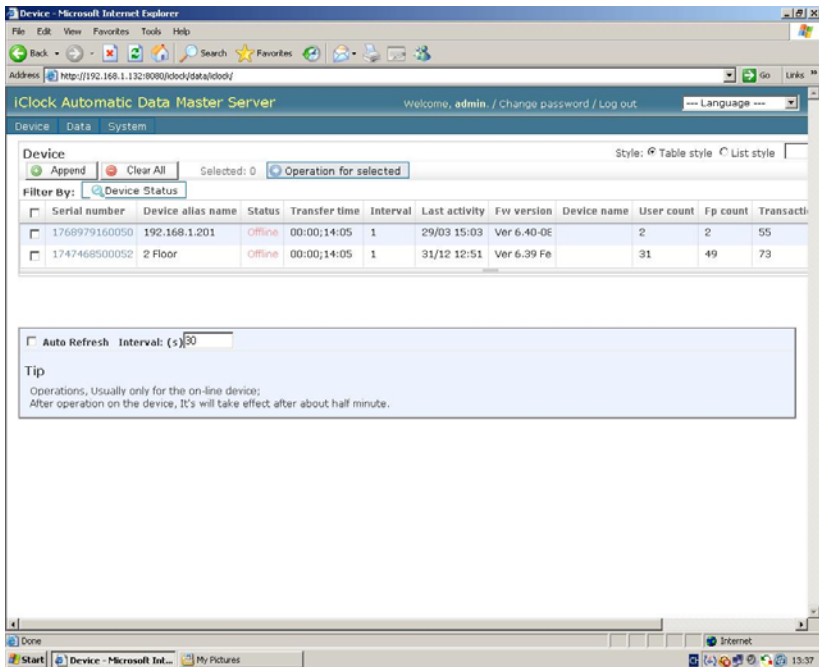


WEB server setting interface of FRTs with 3.5-inch color LCDs

Enter the Web Server IP address and port for the two parameters “WEB Server IP” and “Server Port” and press **<OK>** to confirm the settings.

② Log in to the Web Server to access the GPRS equipment.

After setting the two parameters “WEB Server IP” and “Server Port”, you can log in to the Web Server to access the GPRS equipment. Enter “<http://112.65.186.230:8080>” into the IE browser address column of the PC to access the ADMS interface as shown below:



The ADMS operation steps are as follows: (For details, see related documents)

Step 1: Add a terminal.

Step 2: Add employee data, or download employee data from the terminal.

Step 3: Perform department and employee management.

Step 4: Download and query attendance records from the terminal.

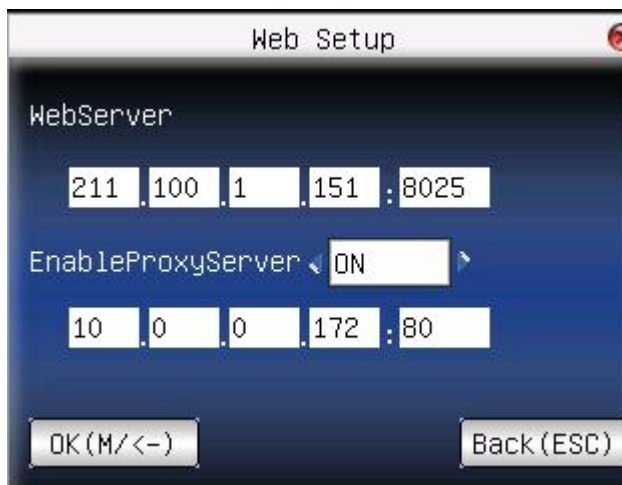
Remarks: When customers set up servers on their own, they must have a public IP address. A static IP address is preferred because the GPRS network used by the FRT resides on the carrier's network and data is transferred between them over Internet to ensure stable data transfer.

2. Set Proxy Server

If the server APN used by the GPRS is Internet or cmnet (that is, ××net), the proxy is not required to connect to the Web Server; if the server APN used by the GPRS is WAP service, the proxy is required to connect to the Web Server. The IP address of the proxy server is generally 10.0.0.172 and the port No. is 80 or 9201. For the specific IP address and port No., please consult your local GPRS network provider.

1) Set the proxy server on the FRTs with 3.5-inch LCDs

① Select the proxy server. Select **[Menu]** → **[Communication Settings]**: For FRTs with 3.5-inch color LCDs, select **[Dial Settings]**; for the FRTs with 8-inch color LCDs, select **[Other Settings]** and then press “▲” or “▼” to select **[Proxy Server]** and set it to “**Enable**”.



WEB server setting interface of FRTs with 3.5-inch color LCDs

② Set the IP address of the proxy server. Press “▲” or “▼” to select “Proxy Server IP”, and press <OK> to display the setting interface. Set the IP address of the proxy server to “10.0.0.172” according to the requirements of the WAP services.

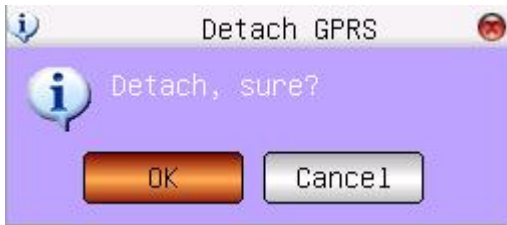
③ Set the server port. Select "Server Port" by pressing “▲” or “▼” to set the port No. of the server directly. Set the port No. to “80” or “9201” based on the requirements of the WAP services.

2.5 Detach GPRS

To disconnect the GPRS, proceed as follows:

1) To disconnect the GPRS on the FRTs with 3.5-inch and 8-inch color LCDs, proceed as follows:

Select **[Menu]** → **[Communication Settings]** → **[Dial Settings]**, and press “▲” or “▼” to select **[Detach GPRS]** and press <OK> to display the following interface:



Press <OK> to confirm the GPRS disconnection.

2.6 Restart GPRS

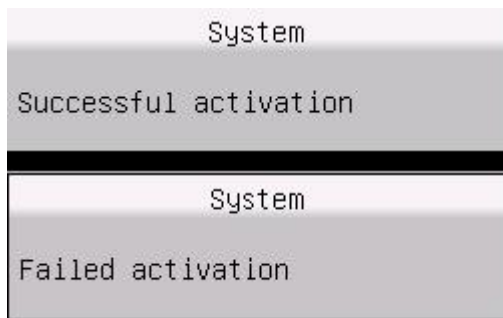
Restarting GPRS is to restart the GPRS module upon power-down. To restart the GPRS, proceed as follows:

2) To restart the GPRS on the FRTs with 3.5-inch color LCDs, proceed as follows:

Select **[Menu]** → **[Communication Settings]** → **[Dial Settings]**, and press “▲” or “▼” to select **[Restart GPRS]** and press <OK> to display the following interface:



Press <**OK**> again to confirm the GPRS restart. The following two figures respectively show the system prompts “Activation Success” and “Activation Failure”:



3. Check GPRS Information

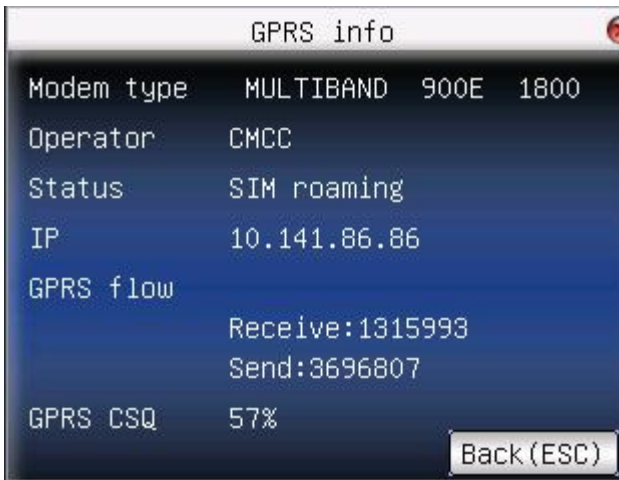
1. Check GPRS Information

You can check the GPRS information including the Modem model, mobile carrier, GPRS PPP IP, GPRS traffic and access point, and clear the GPRS traffic.

GPRS information on the FRTs with black-and-white LCDs

For FRTs with 3.5-inch color LCDs, select **[Menu]** →

[Communication Settings] → **[Dial Settings]** → **[GPRS Info]** to display the GPRS information, as shown in the following figure:



GPRS information on the FRTs with 3.5-inch color LCDs

Modem type: You can check the Modem model of the GPRS here.

Mobile carrier: You can check the mobile carrier of the SIM card here.

Registration status: You can check the GPRS registration status. Successful registration means the SIM card is available.

IP: refers to the IP address automatically allocated for the GPRS equipment by the mobile carrier upon successful dialup. This IP address differs from that set for the communication between the FRT and computer.

GPRS flow: refers to the received and sent GPRS traffic (Unit: Byte).

Clear GPRS Traffic: You can clear the GPRS traffic and re-collect the statistics of the GPRS traffic.


Access point: You can check the APN here.

GPRS CSQ: The GPRS signal strength is displayed as a percentage.

4. FAQ

1. **Question: For FRTs with GPRS automatically activated, why is the  icon not displayed on the screen?**

Answer: The SIM card is not GPRS-capable, or the SIM card balance is insufficient. Generally the GPRS is only available two to three hours after you recharge your SIM card.


2. **Question: Why is the icon “” (that is, the GPRS is connected but the Web Server is not connected) displayed?**

Answer: Generally this error occurs due to the incorrect configuration of the Web Server IP address and port No. Please check whether the Web Server is available on the computer where Internet access is available. Enter `http://[IP]:[Port No.]` in the address bar of the browser to check whether the Web Server is available. If you fail to open the web page on the computer, check whether the Web Server runs properly.

If the settings of the Web Server are proper, check whether the FRT has a serial number or whether the FRT is enrolled on the server (that is, whether the FRT is allowed to access the WEB server).

3. **Question: Why is the icon “” not displayed on the screen upon the FRT startup?**

Answer: Check the Modem model, mobile carrier and registration status by querying the GPRS information. If there

is no Modem model and mobile carrier information and the registration status is SIM card registration failure, the problem lies in the GSM network signal. If there is Modem model, but no signal icon “”, the SIM card is not inserted or the SIM card is faulty.

4. Question: Why is the prompt “Activating Modem failed” displayed on the screen?

Answer: The FRT fails to open the serial port handle. Please check whether Modem shares a serial port with other functions or the serial port setting is incorrect.

5. Question: Why is the prompt “Initializing Modem failed” displayed on the screen?

Answer: The connection between the Modem and FRT is faulty or the Modem does not operate. Please check the connection cable between them and check whether the indicator of the Modem module is solid on or blinks.

6. Question: Why is the prompt “SIM Registering...” displayed on the screen?

Answer: The FRT is not registered on the network of the mobile carrier and in this case, proceed as follows:

1. Wait for a while or adjust the antenna angle.
2. For FRTs with color LCDs, check whether the frequency of the GPRS Modem is consistent with that supported by local GPRS network provider.
3. Observe the indicator status of the Modem. If the indicator is solid on, the Modem fails to search the carrier’s network or the SIM card cannot be registered on local carrier’s network;

if the indicator blinks, the system has not detected the working status of the Modem, so you need to wait for a while or restart the FRT.

7. Question: What does the error code displayed upon manual dialup failure stand for?

Answer: Please refer to the following list of error codes:

Error Code	Meaning
-1	Timeout
0	The dialup program starts successfully or connecting GPRS server fails. If connecting GPRS server fails, check whether the APN is correct.
8	The dialup program fails to open the script (check whether the dialup port is set properly and whether the SIM card has the GPRS (including tariff) activated).
19	The server verification fails (Check whether the APN, user name and password are correct).
23	Opening GPRS port fails or GPRS network registration fails (check whether the GPRS (including tariff) is activated).
114	The GPRS equipment is not ready (check whether the GPRS registration status is normal).
127	The pppd dialup program does not exist.

The following is a list of error codes generated upon dialup program (pppd) failure:

Error Code	Meaning
1	Fatal Error
2	Option Error
3	Not Root
4	No Kernel Support
5	User requested
6	Lock Failed
7	Open Failed
8	Connect Failed
9	Pty command Failed
10	Negotiation Failed
11	Peer Authentication Failed
12	Idle Timeout
13	Session Timeout
14	Callback
15	Peer Dead
16	Disconnect by Device
17	Loopback Error
18	Init Failed
19	Authentication to Peer Failed