

Modbus RTU Master MQTT Serial Gateway

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Summary

In this guide, the MQTT Serial Gateway function will be configured using third-party MQTT Broker services (in this example, *Flespi.io*).

Configuration overview & prerequisites

- Two devices with serials ports - one acts as Modbus RTU Master, another as Modbus RTU Slave;
- Flespi.io account to act as an MQTT Broker/Publisher/Subscriber (for first configuration example);

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RUT2 will act as a Modbus RTU slave and RUT1 as a Modbus RTU Master. On RUT1, MQTT Serial Gateway will be configured to transfer Modbus data over MQTT. Flespi.io platform will serve as an MQTT Broker

RUT2 configuration

Configuring Modbus RTU Slave

Go to Services → Modbus → Modbus RTU Slave and create a new instance.

- Enter the **desired instance name**;
- Select the **desired serial interface**.



RUT1 configuration

Configuring MQTT Gateway

Go to **Services** → **Modbus** → **MQTT Gateway** and there:

1. **Enable** the **instance**;
2. **Enter Host** (copied from flespi connection settings without 'wss://' and port);
3. **Enter Username** (Copied from flespi Connection settings generated **token**);
4. **Enter Password**.



Note: *Everything else can be left as default or changed according to your needs.*

Configuring Serial Gateway

Under the MQTT Gateway configuration, create the Serial Gateway:

1. Enter the **desired device ID**;
2. Select the **desired serial interface**.



Configuring Flespi.io MQTT Broker

Log in or **create an account** on <https://flespi.io>;

1. Navigate to **MQTT Board** on the **left side** menu;
2. On the right-hand panel, top right corner, next to the name of the MQTT board, **press the cogwheel-looking icon** to open *Connection Settings*;
3. In the opened window, press "**Get flespi token**" to generate a username;
4. Enter the **Client name**;
5. Copy the Host address;
6. Copy **Username**;
7. Create a **password**.

Once done, save all the changes.



Message format for MQTT publisher

Modbus request data sent in the MQTT payload should be generated in accordance with the following format:

1 <COOKIE> <SERIAL_DEVICE_ID> <TIMEOUT> <SLAVE_ID> <MODBUS_FUNCTION>
<FIRST_REGISTER> <REGISTER_COUNT>

The table below explains what each option means:

1. Format version **1**
2. Cookie from **0** to **$2^{64} - 1$**
3. Serial device ID a string used to identify a serial device. Must match with Device ID field in MQTT Gateway page Serial gateway configuration section
4. Timeout timeout for Modbus connection, in seconds. Range [1..999].
5. Slave ID Indicates to which slave request is sent
Modbus task type that will be executed. Possible values are:
 - **1** - read coils;
 - **2** - read input coils;
 - **3** - read holding registers;
 - **4** - read input registers;
 - **5** - set single coil;
 - **6** - write to a single holding register;
 - **15** - set multiple coils;
 - **16** - write to multiple holding registers.
6. Modbus function
7. First register number (not address) of the first register/coil/input (in range [1..65536]) from which the registers/coils/inputs will be read/written to.
 - **1** - coil count (in range [1..2000]); must not exceed the boundary (first coil number + coil count \leq 65537);
 - **2** - input count (in range [1..2000]); must not exceed the boundary (first input number + input count \leq 65537);
 - **3** - holding register count (in range [0..125]); must not exceed the boundary (first register number + holding register count \leq 65537);
 - **4** - input register count (in range [0..125]); must not exceed the boundary (first register number + input register count \leq 65537);
8. Registry count
 - **5** - coil value (in range [0..1]);
 - **6** - holding register value (in range [0..65535]);
 - **15** - coil count (in range [1..1968]); must not exceed the boundary (first coil number + coil count \leq 65537); and coil values separated with commas, without spaces (e.g., *1,2,3,654,21,789*); there must be exactly as many values as specified (with coil count); each value must be in the range of [0..1].

Examples

Setting relay (on) (Relay address is 202, which means 'Number of first register will be 203)

1 1 1 1 1 6 203 1

Modbus parameters are held within registers. The register numbers and corresponding system values can be found [in this article](#).

Testing MQTT Publisher and Subscriber on flespi.io

Adding Flespi Subscriber

To test the Modbus Serial Gateway functionality, **log into your Flespi account** → **MQTT Board** and **add a Subscriber**:

1. Press '+' button on the top right corner
2. Select '**Subscriber**'
3. In the topic field enter '**response**'
4. Press '**Subscribe**' button



Adding Flespi Subscriber

Also, you will need to **add a Publisher**:

1. Press '+' button on the top right corner
2. Select '**Publisher**'
3. In the topic field enter '**request**'
4. In the message field enter message, for this example '**Getting temperature**' is used
5. Press '**Publish**' button



Flespi Subscriber output

Check the response in the '**Subscriber**' tab, you should receive a message similar to the one below.



In the output, we can see that router's **temperature** is **44 degrees Celsius**.

See Also

- [RUT955 Monitoring via Modbus#Get Parameters](#)
- [MQTT Gateway and Modbus](#)

External links

[Flespi.io](https://flespi.io)