

# TRB142 Serial Utilities

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## Summary

The **Serial Utilities** page is used to make serial communication configurations of different types. This manual page provides an overview of the Serial Utilities page in TRB142 devices.

## General information

### RS232

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#### Connector pinout

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The RS232 connector type on this device is a **DCE female**. DCE stands for Data Communication Equipment.



PIN NAME*	DESCRIPTION*	DIRECTION ON THIS DEVICE
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1	DCD	Data Carrier Detect	Output
2	RXD	Receive Data	Output
3	TXD	Transmit Data	Input
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready	Input
5	GND	Signal Ground	-
6	DSR	Data Set Ready	Output
7	RTS	Ready To Send	Input
8	CTS	Clear To Send	Output
9	RI	Ring Indicator	Output (connected to +3.8V permanently via a 4.7k resistor)

## Cables

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There are two types of RS232 serial devices: **DTE** and **DCE**. DTE typically refers to the serial port on a PC or terminal, while DCE refers to communication devices. Connectors mounted on DTE are likely to be male, and those mounted on DCE are likely to be female.

This device is DCE and has a female connector.

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To connect a standard DTE device, use a straight-through Female/Male RS232 cable:



See straight cable pinout below:



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To connect another DCE device to RUT/TRB, a Null-modem (crossed) Male/Male cable should be used:



See straight crossed cable pinout below:



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Maximum cable length is 15 meters or the cable length equal to a capacitance of 2500 pF (for a 19200 baud rate). Using lower capacitance cables can increase the distance. Reducing communication speed can also increase maximum cable length.

## Modem Control

The **Modem** serial type is used to manage modem functionality which could be accessed using shell

interface. For this purpose you may want use CR/LF (Carriage Return, Line Feed) capable applications like PuTTY on Windows and microcom, minicom, cutecom or similar applications on Linux.



Field	Value	Description
Enable	off   on; default: <b>off</b>	Turns the instance on or off.
Name	string; default: <b>none</b>	Instance name, generated by the user when first creating the configuration.
Device	RS232; default: <b>RS232</b>	Specifies which serial port will be used for serial communication.
Baud rate (RS232)	integer [300..115200]; default: <b>9600</b>	Data rate for serial data transmission (in bits per second (bps)).
Data bits	5   6   7   8; default: <b>8</b>	Number of data bits for each character.
Stop bits	1   2; default: <b>1</b>	Stop bits sent at the end of every character allow the receiving signal hardware to detect the end of a character and to resynchronise with the character stream. Electronic devices usually use one stop bit. Two stop bits are required if slow electromechanical devices are used.
Parity	None   Odd   Even   Mark   Space; default: <b>None</b>	<p>In serial transmission, parity is a method of detecting errors. An extra data bit is sent with each data character, arranged so that the number of 1 bits in each character, including the parity bit, is always odd or always even. If a byte is received with the wrong number of 1s, then it must have been corrupted. However, an even number of errors can pass the parity check.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>None (N)</b> - no parity method is used.</li> <li>• <b>Odd (O)</b> - the parity bit is set so that the number of "logical ones (1s)" has to be odd.</li> <li>• <b>Even (E)</b> - the parity bit is set so that the number of "logical ones (1s)" has to be even.</li> </ul> <p>In many circumstances a transmitter might be able to send data faster than the receiver is able to process it. To cope with this, serial lines often incorporate a "handshaking" method, usually distinguished between hardware and software handshaking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RTS/CTS</b> - hardware handshaking. RTS and CTS are turned OFF and ON from alternate ends to control data flow, for instance when a buffer is almost full.</li> <li>• <b>Xon/Xoff</b> - software handshaking. The Xon and Xoff characters are sent by the receiver to the sender to control when the sender will send data, i.e., these characters go in the opposite direction to the data being sent. The circuit starts in the "sending allowed" state. When the receiver's buffers approach capacity, the receiver sends the Xoff character to tell the sender to stop sending data. Later, after the receiver has emptied its buffers, it sends an Xon character to tell the sender to resume transmission.</li> </ul>
Flow control	None  RTS/CTS   Xon/Xoff; default: <b>None</b>	

Mode	Partial control   Full control; default: <b>Partial control</b>	Specifies modem control mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Partial control</b>- enables modem control with AT commands, mobile connection will be controlled by RUTOS.</li> <li>• <b>Full control</b>- enables modem control with AT commands, mobile connection will be controlled by user.</li> </ul>
Start up message	string; default: <b>none</b>	Message to print to serial device when modem control is ready.

## Console

**Console** mode requires no further configuration than the settings above and is used as a direct-access method to the device's shell interface. For this purpose you may want use such applications as PuTTY on Windows and microcom, minicom, picocom or similar applications on Linux.



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Enable	off   on; default: <b>off</b>	Turns the instance on or off.
Name	string; default: <b>none</b>	Instance name, generated by the user when first creating the configuration.
Device	RS232; default: <b>RS232</b>	Specifies which serial port will be used for serial communication.
Baud rate (RS232)	integer [300..115200]; default: <b>9600</b>	Data rate for serial data transmission (in bits per second (bps)).
Data bits	5   6   7   8; default: <b>8</b>	Number of data bits for each character.
Stop bits	1   2; default: <b>1</b>	Stop bits sent at the end of every character allow the receiving signal hardware to detect the end of a character and to resynchronize with the character stream. Electronic devices usually use one stop bit. Two stop bits are required if slow electromechanical devices are used.
Parity	None   Odd   Even   Mark   Space; default: <b>None</b>	In serial transmission, parity is a method of detecting errors. An extra data bit is sent with each data character, arranged so that the number of 1 bits in each character, including the parity bit, is always odd or always even. If a byte is received with the wrong number of 1s, then it must have been corrupted. However, an even number of errors can pass the parity check. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>None (N)</b> - no parity method is used.</li> <li>• <b>Odd (O)</b> - the parity bit is set so that the number of "logical ones (1s)" has to be odd.</li> <li>• <b>Even (E)</b> - the parity bit is set so that the number of "logical ones (1s)" has to be even.</li> </ul>

Flow control

None | RTS/CTS | Xon/Xoff; default: **None**

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- **RTS/CTS** - hardware handshaking. RTS and CTS are turned OFF and ON from alternate ends to control data flow, for instance when a buffer is almost full.
- **Xon/Xoff** - software handshaking. The Xon and Xoff characters are sent by the receiver to the sender to control when the sender will send data, i.e., these characters go in the opposite direction to the data being sent. The circuit starts in the "sending allowed" state. When the receiver's buffers approach capacity, the receiver sends the Xoff character to tell the sender to stop sending data. Later, after the receiver has emptied its buffers, it sends an Xon character to tell the sender to resume transmission.

## Over IP

The **Over IP** serial type is used to manage serial connections over a TCP/IP network.

### Instance Example

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Here's an example demonstrating Over IP in action, running in Client + Server Mode. 

### Serial Device Configuration

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Configure serial port communication parameters in the **Serial Device Configuration** section.



Field	Value	Description
Enable	off   on; default: <b>off</b>	Turns the instance on or off.
Name	string; default: <b>none</b>	Instance name, generated by the user when first creating the configuration.
Device	RS232; default: <b>RS232</b>	Specifies which serial port will be used for serial communication.
Baud rate (RS232)	integer [300..115200]; default: <b>9600</b>	Data rate for serial data transmission (in bits per second (bps)).
Data bits	5   6   7   8; default: <b>8</b>	Number of data bits for each character.
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Parity	None   Odd   Even   Mark   Space; default: <b>None</b>	<p>In serial transmission, parity is a method of detecting errors. An extra data bit is sent with each data character, arranged so that the number of 1 bits in each character, including the parity bit, is always odd or always even. If a byte is received with the wrong number of 1s, then it must have been corrupted. However, an even number of errors can pass the parity check.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>None (N)</b> - no parity method is used.</li> <li>• <b>Odd (O)</b> - the parity bit is set so that the number of "logical ones (1s)" has to be odd.</li> <li>• <b>Even (E)</b> - the parity bit is set so that the number of "logical ones (1s)" has to be even.</li> </ul>
Flow control	None   RTS/CTS   Xon/Xoff; default: <b>None</b>	<p>In many circumstances a transmitter might be able to send data faster than the receiver is able to process it. To cope with this, serial lines often incorporate a "handshaking" method, usually distinguished between hardware and software handshaking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RTS/CTS</b> - hardware handshaking. RTS and CTS are turned OFF and ON from alternate ends to control data flow, for instance when a buffer is almost full.</li> <li>• <b>Xon/Xoff</b> - software handshaking. The Xon and Xoff characters are sent by the receiver to the sender to control when the sender will send data, i.e., these characters go in the opposite direction to the data being sent. The circuit starts in the "sending allowed" state. When the receiver's buffers approach capacity, the receiver sends the Xoff character to tell the sender to stop sending data. Later, after the receiver has emptied its buffers, it sends an Xon character to tell the sender to resume transmission.</li> </ul>
RS232: Echo	off   on; default: <b>off</b>	<p>Enable serial device echo. This option is available only on the RS232 device.</p>

## Over IP Configuration Settings

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You can configure network related parameters of the serial connection in the **Over IP Configuration** section.



Field	Value	Description
Mode	<b>Server</b>   <b>Client</b>   <b>Client + server</b>   <b>Bidirect</b> ; default: <b>Server</b>	<p>This device's role in the connection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Server</b> - the device waits for incoming connections.</li> <li>• <b>Client</b> - the device initiates the connection.</li> <li>• <b>Client + server</b> - launches service in server and client(s) mode simultaneously.</li> <li>• <b>Bidirect</b> - acts as client by default but waits for incoming connections at the same time.</li> </ul>

Protocol	TCP   UDP; default: <b>TCP</b>	Protocol used in the communication process.
<b>Client:</b> Destination address	IP   Port; default: <b>empty</b>	Specify server address and port for client to connect to. E.g first field for address second for port. 16 destination addresses are allowed.
<b>Server:</b> UDP: Predefined addresses	IP   Port; default: <b>empty</b>	Set predefined IP and port for UDP connection. E.g first field for address second for port.
Listening port	[1..65535]; default: <b>empty</b>	When enabled, all data will be transmitted transparently.



Field	Value	Description
Use TLS/SSL	off   on; default: <b>off</b>	Mark to use TLS/SSL for connection.
TLS version	Support all   tls1.0   tls1.1   tls1.2   tls1.3; default: <b>Support all</b>	Minimum TLS version allowed to be used.
TLS type	Certificate based   <b>Pre- Shared-Key based</b> ; default: <b>Certificate based</b>	Select the type of TLS encryption.
Require certificate	off   on; default: <b>on</b>	Demand certificate and key from peer and verify them against certificate authority.
Verify host	off   on; default: <b>off</b>	Check if the server certificates Common Name (CN) matches hostname to which client is connecting.
Certificate files from device	off   on; default: <b>off</b>	Choose this option if you want to select certificate files from device. Certificate files can be generated <a href="/system/admin/certificates/generation">here</a> .
Certificate file	.crt file; default: <b>none</b>	Upload certificate file.
Key file	.key file; default: <b>none</b>	Upload key file.
CA file	.ca file; default: <b>none</b>	Upload CA file.
<b>Pre-Shared-Key</b>	string; default: <b>none</b>	The pre-shared-key in hex format with no leading "0x".
<b>Identify</b>	string; default: <b>none</b>	Specify the identity.



Field	Value	Description
Raw mode	off   on; default: <b>on</b>	When enabled, all data will be transmitted transparently.
Remove all zeros	off   on; default: <b>off</b>	When checked, indicates that the first hex zeros should be skipped.

Inactivity timeout	integer [0..36000]; default: <b>300</b>	Specifies period of time in seconds, where server connection must be inactive, to disconnect client. To disable timeout input 0.
Serial timeout	integer [0..1000]; default: <b>none</b>	Specifies the maximum milliseconds to wait for serial data.
Max clients	integer [1..32]; default: <b>4</b>	Specify how many clients are allowed to connect simultaneously.
TCP echo	on   off; default: <b>off</b>	Enable software TCP echo.
Close connections	on   off; default: <b>off</b>	Close TCP connections everytime data is sent or received (might result in serial data loss).
Keep alive	on   off; default: <b>off</b>	Enable keep alive.
Keep alive time	integer [0..32000]; default: <b>0</b>	Close TCP connections everytime data is sent or received (might result in serial data loss).
Keep alive interval	integer [0..32000]; default: <b>0</b>	The interval between subsequential keepalive probes.
Keep alive probes	integer [0..32000]; default: <b>0</b>	The number of unacknowledged probes.

## IP Filter

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The **IP Filter** section is used for configuring which network is allowed to communicate with the device. You may add a new instance by selecting the Interface and pressing Add.



Then enter the IP address and save.

