

Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	1/15

How do I use the “Mbus_RW” function block in the ISaGRAF PAC to easily monitor the Modbus device?

● Introduction

The “Mbus_RW” function block provides a more flexible, easier and efficient way for users to monitor the Modbus device.

The “Mbus_RW” function block is supported by the following ISaGRAF driver versions:

ISaGRAF PAC	MiniOS7 based	Driver Version
μPAC	I-7188EG	V. 3.22 or later
	I-7188XG	V. 3.20 or later
	μPAC-7186EG	V. 1.22 or later
	μPAC-5xx7	V. 1.02 or later
iPAC	I-8xx7-80/I-8xx7	V. 4.24 or later
	iP-8xx7	V. 1.20 or later
ISaGRAF PAC	WinCE based	Driver Version
XPAC	XP-8xx7-Atom-CE6	Available Soon
	XP-8xx7-CE6	
WinPAC	WP-8xx7	
	WP-5147/ WP-5146	
ViewPAC	VP-2xW7/2xW6, VP-4137	

This document and demo projects:

[ISaGRAF Webpage](#) > Download – [FAQ](#) > FAQ-171.

ISaGRAF Driver:

[ISaGRAF Webpage](#) > Download – [Driver](#)

Data Sheet:

[ISaGRAF Webpage](#) > Download – [Data Sheet](#)

ISaGRAF Webpage:

[ICP DAS Website](#) > [Product](#) > [Solutions](#) > [Soft PLC, ISaGRAF & Soft-GRAF HMI](#) > [ISaGRAF](#)

Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	2/15

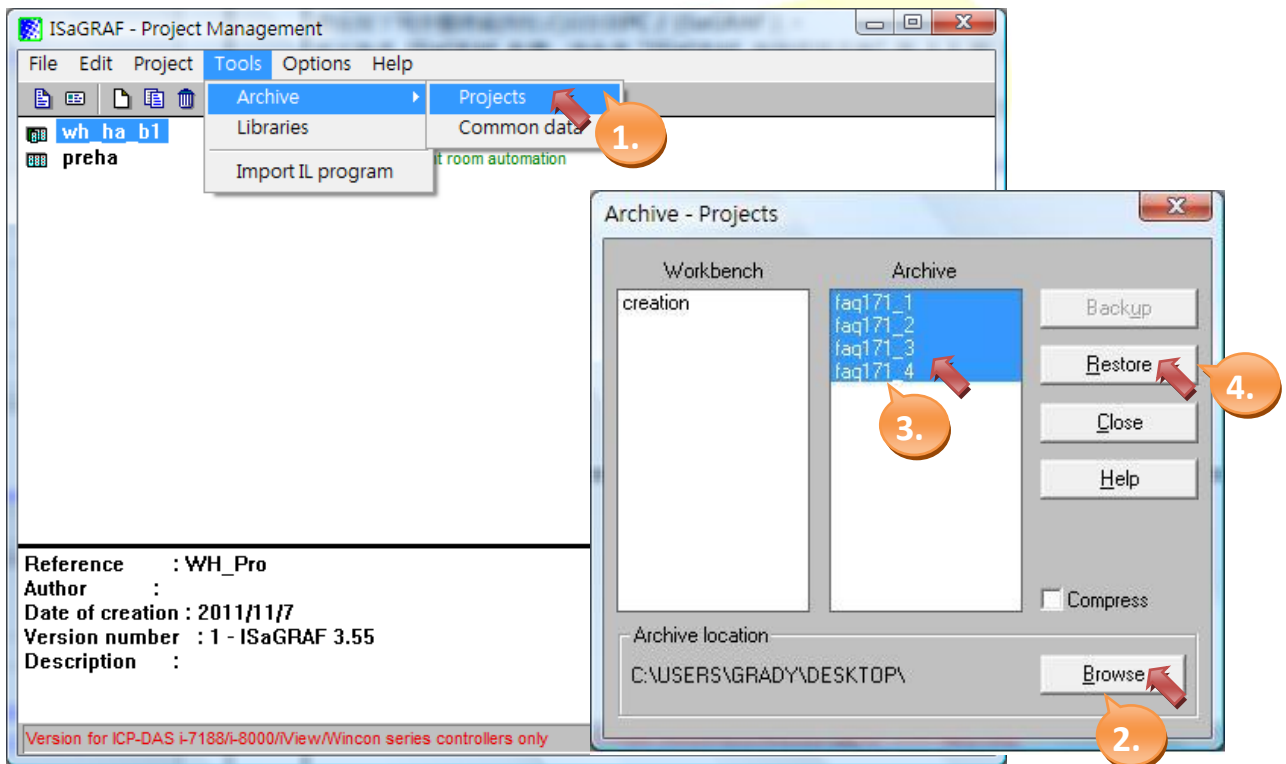
1.1. Restore the demo projects to the PC / ISaGRAF

Go to the website <http://www.icpdas.com/root/support/faq/isagraf.php> > FAQ-171 to download the “faq_171.zip” file that includes this PDF file and demo projects (faq171_1.pia to faq171_4.pia).

Follow the process indicated below to restore these demo projects to the PC/ISaGRAF. If you are not familiar with the ISaGRAF, see the section 1.1 and 1.2 and chapter 2 of the “ISaGRAF User’s Manual” from the ISaGRAF PAC CD-ROM (file name: “chinese_user_manual_i_8xx7.pdf” and “chinese_user_manual_i_8xx7_appendix.pdf”) or visit to the website to download the manual.

http://www.icpdas.com/root/product/solutions/softplc_based_on_pac/isagraf/download.html

- Restore the faq171_1.pia to faq171_4.pia :



Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	3/15

1.2. Description of the “Mbus_RW” C-function Block

Description of parameters:

Parameters	Type	Description
Port_	Integer	The COM port number to communicate with the Modbus slave device.
SLAVE_	Integer	The Modbus device ID (1 ~ 255)
ADDR_	Integer	The starting Modbus address (0 ~ 65535)
CODE_	Integer	Modbus Function Code 1: Read coil status (DO) 2: Read input status (DI) 3: Read holding register (AO) 4: Read input register (AI) 5: Write single coil status (DO) 6: Write single holding register (AO) 15: Write multiple coils (DO) 16: Write multiple registers (AO)
NUM_	Integer	The amount of Read/Write data CODE 5, 6 : The value must be 1. CODE 1, 2, 15: The value must be between 1 and 255. CODE 3, 4, 16: The value must be between 1 and 255.
TYPE_	Integer	The data type 0 : Boolean 1 : DWORD 2 : REAL 3 : WORD
NETW_	Integer	The starting address to Read/Write the variable. For example, 1. If “NETW_” is set to “21”, “NUM_” is set to “10” and “CODE_” is set to “1” that means to read 10 DO statuses from the Modbus device then put them to the ISaGRAF Boolean variables with the network address 21 to 30. 2. If “NETW_” is set to “10”, “NUM_” is set to “5” and “CODE_” is set to “3” that means to read 5 AO values from the Modbus device then put them to the ISaGRAF integer variables with the network address 10 to 15.

Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	4/15

Parameters	Type	Description
NETW_	Integer	3. If "NETW_" is set to "8", "NUM_" is set to "3" and "CODE_" is set to "16" that means to write 3 AO values to the Modbus device from the ISaGRAF integer variables with the network address 8 to 10.
PERIOD_	Integer	The cycle time of sending the Modbus command (unit: ms); the value must be between 0 and 600000. "0" means to send a real-time command.
RUN_	Boolean	TRUE: Sending Modbus commands depends on the "PERIOD_" settings. FALSE: Without sending commands Pulse TRUE: Sending command only once.

Return value:

Parameters	Type	Description
Q	Boolean	TRUE: the communication status is "OK". FALSE: the communication status is "Failed".
Err_Code_	Integer	1: Send commands successfully 2: The parameters are correct 3: Get the respond 4: Wait for the cycle time to send command 5: Wait for commands be added to the queue 6: Wait to send commands -10: Communication error -1: "PORT_" parameter error -2: "Slave_" parameter error -3: "Addr_" parameter error -4: "Code_" parameter error -5: "Num_" parameter error -6: "Type_" parameter error -7: "NetAddr_" parameter error -8: "Period_" parameter error -11: Communication timeout -12: CRC check error -13: The data length of the response is not correct.

Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	5/15

1.3. How to test the demo projects?

1.3.1. Testing the “faq171_1” Project

■ Description

How do I use the “Mbus_RW” C-function Block to read the status of devices?

■ Device Requirements for Testing

1. ISaGRAF PAC x 1 (e.g., μ PAC-7186EG)

Make sure the driver version of ISaGRAF PAC supports the “Mbus_RW” C-function Block.

2. Modbus device x 2:

Device 1 setting: Slave ID = 1, use 10 DI and 10 AI, connect with the COM2 of PAC.

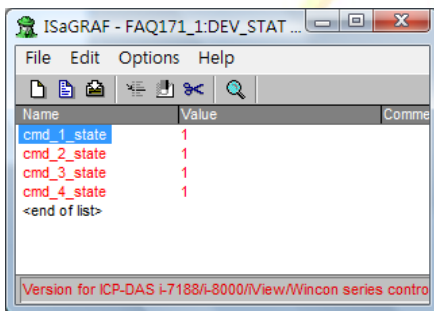
Device 2 setting: Slave ID = 2, use 10 DI and 10 AI, connect with the COM2 of PAC.

■ How to use the “faq171_1” Project?

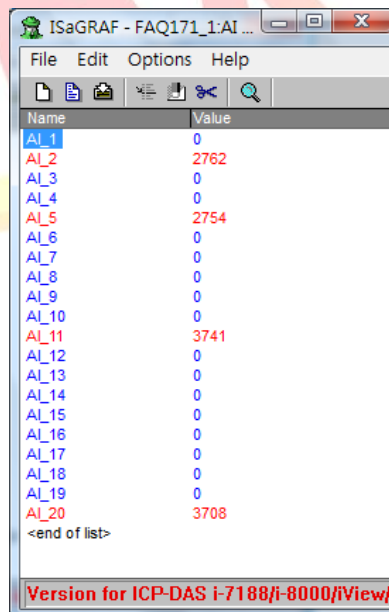
1. Connect the COM2 of ISaGRAF PAC with the Modbus device.

2. After compiling the ISaGRAF project, download it to the ISaGRAF PAC. If you are not familiar with the ISaGRAF, see the section 1.1 and 1.2 and chapter 2 of the “ISaGRAF User’s Manual” (file name: “chinese_user_manual_i_8xx7.pdf” and “chinese_user_manual_i_8xx7_appendix.pdf”) from the ISaGRAF PAC CD-ROM or visit to the website ([ISaGRAF](#) > Download - [Manual](#)) to download the manual.

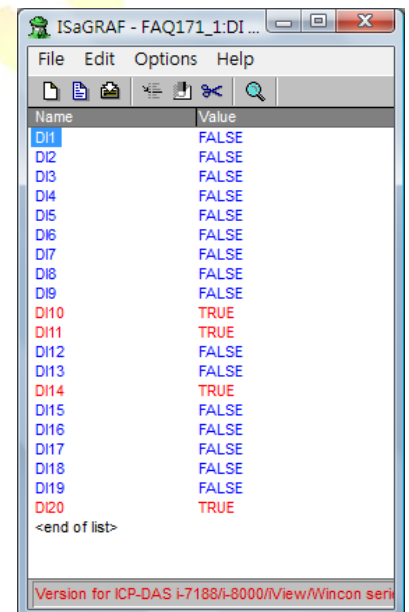
3. Users can view the current status of Modbus devices in the ISaGRAF – “Spy lists”.



(Figure1.
Current communication status)



(Figure2. Current status of AI)



(Figure3. Current status of DI)

Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	6/15

1.3.2. Testing the “faq171_2” Project

■ Description

How do I use the “Mbus_RW” C-function Block to read the status of devices and stop polling the status anytime?

■ Device Requirements for Testing

1. ISaGRAF PAC x 1 (e.g., μPAC-7186EG)

Make sure the driver version of ISaGRAF PAC supports the “Mbus_RW” C-function Block.

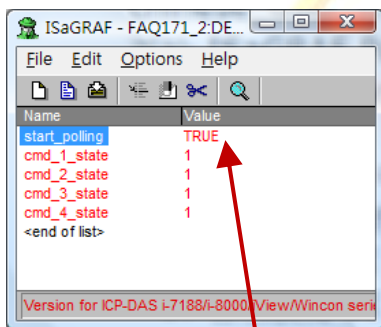
2. Modbus device x 2:

Device 1 setting: Slave ID = 1, use 10 DI and 10 AI, connect with the COM2 of PAC.

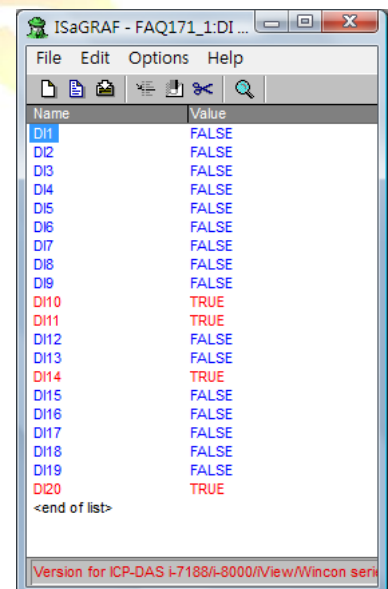
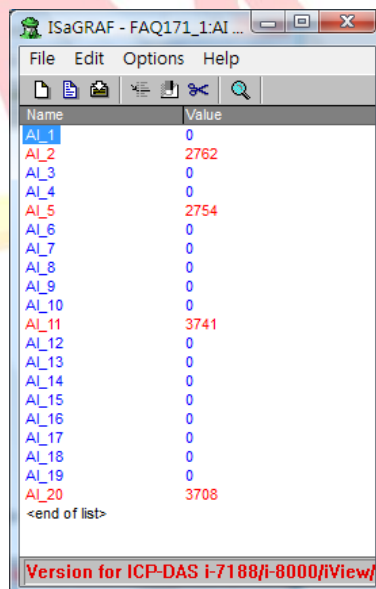
Device 2 setting: Slave ID = 2, use 10 DI and 10 AI, connect with the COM2 of PAC.

■ How to use the “faq171_2” Project?

1. Connect the COM2 of ISaGRAF PAC with the Modbus device.
2. After compiling the ISaGRAF project, download it to the ISaGRAF PAC. If you are not familiar with the ISaGRAF, see the section 1.1 and 1.2 and chapter 2 of the “ISaGRAF User’s Manual” (file name: “chinese_user_manual_i_8xx7.pdf” and “chinese_user_manual_i_8xx7_appendix.pdf”) from the ISaGRAF PAC CD-ROM or visit to the website ([ISaGRAF](#) > Download - [Manual](#)) to download the manual.
3. Users can view the current status of Modbus devices in the ISaGRAF – “Spy lists”.



For testing, users can set the “start_polling” variable to “FALSE” to stop polling the status.



(Figure1.

Current communication status)

(Figure2. Current status of AI)

(Figure3. Current status of DI)

Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	7/15

1.3.3. Testing the “faq171_3” Project

■ Description

How do I use the “Mbus_RW” C-function Block to read data from the devices, and stop polling the status when users write data to the device to improve the efficiency for command sending?

■ Device Requirements for Testing

1. ISaGRAF PAC x 1 (e.g., μPAC-7186EG)

Make sure the driver version of ISaGRAF PAC supports the “Mbus_RW” C-function Block.

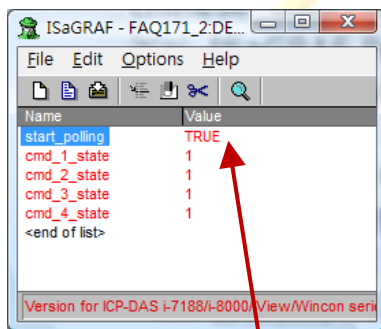
2. Modbus device x 2 :

Device 1 setting: Slave ID = 1, use 10 DI, 10 AI and 3 DO, connect with the COM2 of PAC.

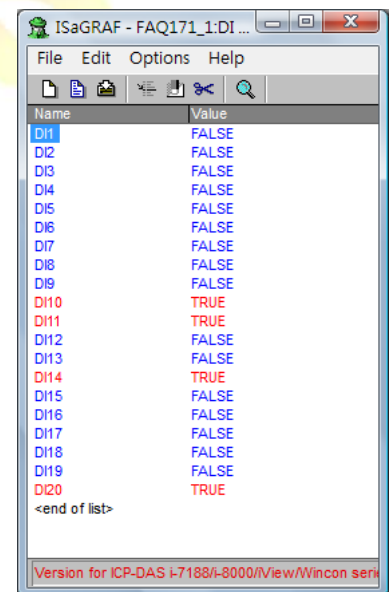
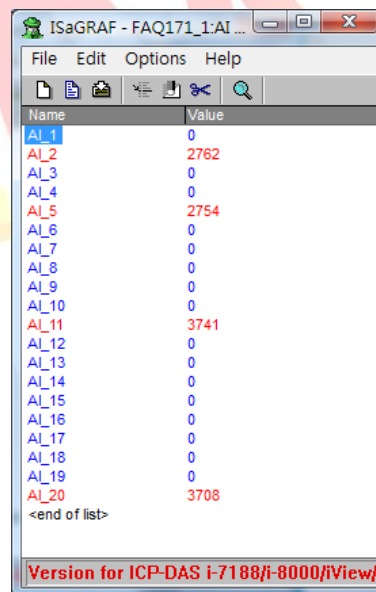
Device 2 setting: Slave ID = 2, use 10 DI, 10 AI and 3 AO, connect with the COM2 of PAC.

■ How to use the “faq171_3” Project?

1. Connect the COM2 of ISaGRAF PAC with the Modbus device.
2. After compiling the ISaGRAF project, download it to the ISaGRAF PAC. If you are not familiar with the ISaGRAF, see the section 1.1 and 1.2 and chapter 2 of the “ISaGRAF User’s Manual” (file name: “chinese_user_manual_i_8xx7.pdf” and “chinese_user_manual_i_8xx7_appendix.pdf”) from the ISaGRAF PAC CD-ROM or visit to the website ([ISaGRAF](#) > Download - [Manual](#)) to download the manual.
3. Users can view the current status of Modbus devices in the ISaGRAF – “Spy lists”.



For testing, users can set the “start_polling” variable to “FALSE” to stop polling the status.



(Figure1.

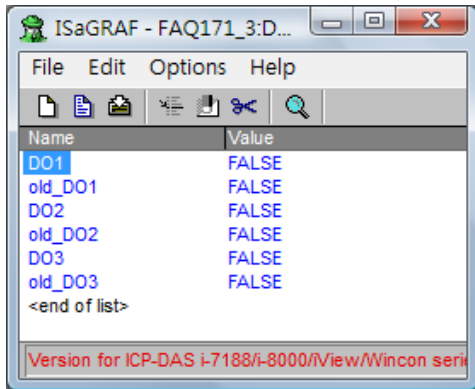
Current communication status)

(Figure2. Current status of AI)

(Figure3. Current status of DI)

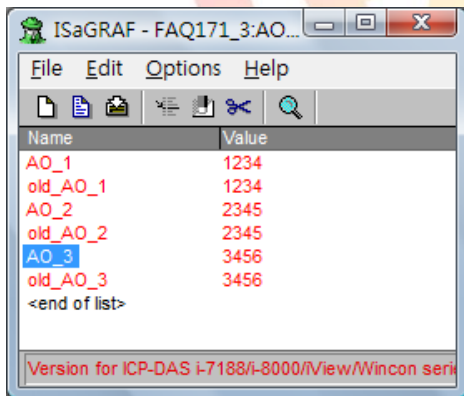
(Figure 4. To write the DO value to the device)

If the value of DO1 to DO3 is changed, the value will be set to the device 1.



(Figure 5. To write the AO value to the device)

If the value of AO1 to AO3 is changed, the value will be set to the device 2.



Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	9/15

1.3.4. Testing the “faq171_4” Project

■ Description

How do I use the “Mbus_RW” C-function Block to read data from the devices that connect to multiple COM port of the PAC, and stop polling the status when users write data to the device to improve the efficiency for command sending?

■ Device Requirements for Testing

1. ISaGRAF PAC x 1 (e.g., μPAC-7186EG)

Make sure the driver version of ISaGRAF PAC supports the “Mbus_RW” C-function Block.

2. Modbus device x 2:

Device 1 setting: Slave ID = 1, use 10 DI, 10 AI and 3 DO, connect with the COM2 of PAC.

Device 2 setting: Slave ID = 2, use 10 DI, 10 AI and 3 AO, connect with the COM2 of PAC.

Device 3 setting: Slave ID = 1, use 10 DI, 10 AI and 2 DO, connect with the COM8 of PAC.

Device 4 setting: Slave ID = 2, use 10 DI, 10 AI and 2 AO, connect with the COM8 of PAC.

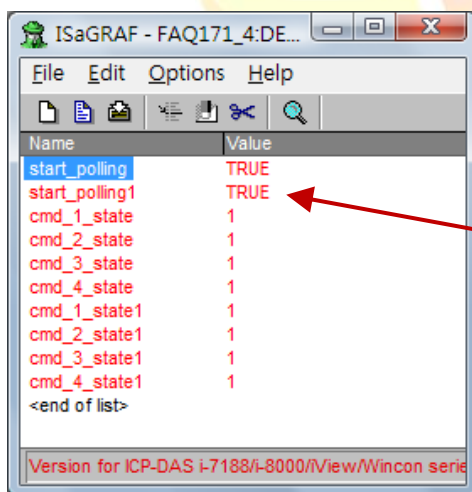
■ How to use the “faq171_4” Project?

1. Connect the COM2 of ISaGRAF PAC with the Modbus device 1 and device 2.

Connect the COM8 of ISaGRAF PAC with the Modbus device 3 and device 4.

2. After compiling the ISaGRAF project, download it to the ISaGRAF PAC. If you are not familiar with the ISaGRAF, see the section 1.1 and 1.2 and chapter 2 of the “ISaGRAF User’s Manual” (file name: “chinese_user_manual_i_8xx7.pdf” and “chinese_user_manual_i_8xx7_appendix.pdf”) from the ISaGRAF PAC CD-ROM or visit to the website ([ISaGRAF](#) > Download - [Manual](#)) to download the manual.

3. Users can view the current status of Modbus devices in the ISaGRAF – “Spy lists”.



For testing, users can set the “start_polling” or “start_polling1” variables to “FALSE” to stop polling the status.

(Figure1. Current communication status)

(Figure2. The DI, AI status of device 1)

Name	Value
DI1	FALSE
DI2	FALSE
DI3	TRUE
DI4	FALSE
DI5	FALSE
DI6	TRUE
DI7	FALSE
DI8	FALSE
DI9	FALSE
DI10	FALSE
AI_1	30881
AI_2	0
AI_3	0
AI_4	30873
AI_5	0
AI_6	0
AI_7	0
AI_8	30850
AI_9	0
AI_10	0
DO1	FALSE
DO2	FALSE
DO3	FALSE

If the value of DO1 to DO3 is changed, the value will be set to the device 1.

(Figure3. The DI, AI status of device 2)

Name	Value
DI11	TRUE
DI12	FALSE
DI13	FALSE
DI14	FALSE
DI15	FALSE
DI16	FALSE
DI17	FALSE
DI18	FALSE
DI19	FALSE
DI20	FALSE
AI_11	30998
AI_12	0
AI_13	30970
AI_14	0
AI_15	0
AI_16	0
AI_17	0
AI_18	0
AI_19	30960
AI_20	0
AO_1	0
AO_2	0
AO_3	0

If the value of AO1 to AO3 is changed, the value will be set to the device 2.

(Figure4. The DI, AI status of device 3)

Name	Value
DI21	TRUE
DI22	FALSE
DI23	FALSE
DI24	FALSE
DI25	FALSE
DI26	FALSE
DI27	FALSE
DI28	FALSE
DI29	FALSE
DI30	TRUE
AI_21	843
AI_22	0
AI_23	0
AI_24	514
AI_25	0
AI_26	0
AI_27	0
AI_28	0
AI_29	510
AI_30	0
DO4	TRUE
DO5	TRUE

If the value of DO4 to DO5 is changed, the value will be set to the device 3.

(Figure5. The DI, AI status of device 4)

Name	Value
DI31	TRUE
DI32	FALSE
DI33	FALSE
DI34	TRUE
DI35	FALSE
DI36	FALSE
DI37	FALSE
DI38	FALSE
DI39	TRUE
DI40	FALSE
AI_31	0
AI_32	0
AI_33	516
AI_34	0
AI_35	493
AI_36	505
AI_37	0
AI_38	510
AI_39	0
AI_40	499
AO_4	12345
AO_5	23455

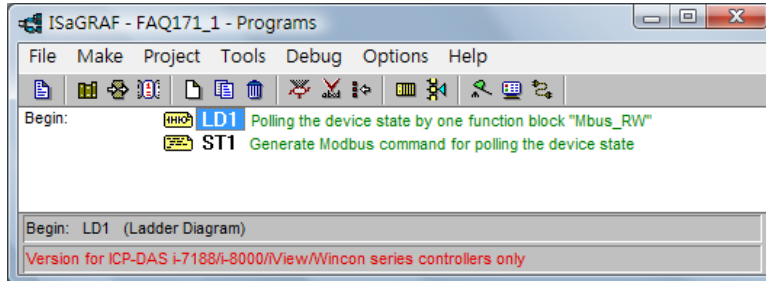
If the value of AO4 to AO5 is changed, the value will be set to the device 4.

Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	11/15

1.4. Description of the “faq171_1” Project

1.4.1. ISaGRAF Project Architecture

This demo project includes one ST program (ST1) and one LD program (LD1).



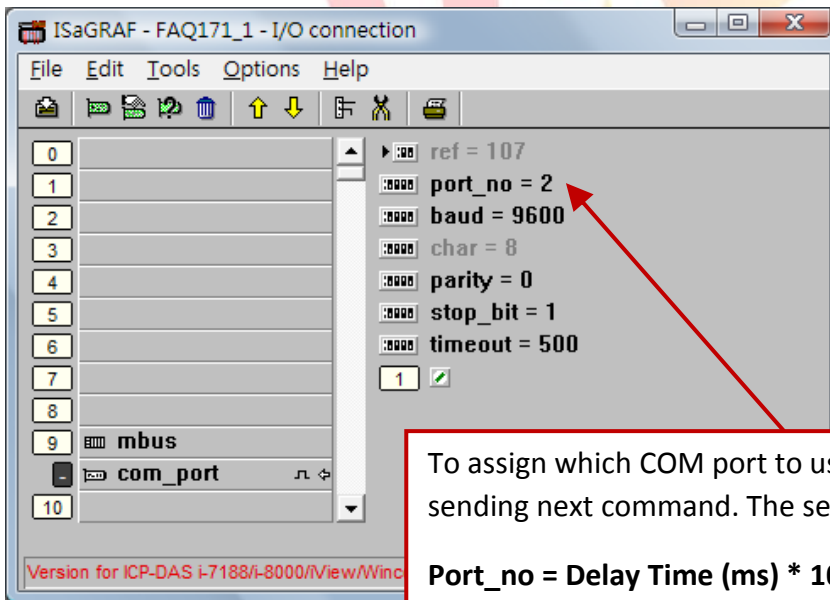
1.4.2. ISaGRAF Project Variables

Name	Type	Attrib.	Description
trigger_to_read	Boolean	Internal	If this value is set to “True”, the function block will be triggered to send a “read” command and get the current status from the device.
DI1 ~ DI10	Boolean	Internal	The DI status of device 1. Network Address = 1 ~ 10
DI11 ~ DI20	Boolean	Internal	The DI status of device 2. Network Address = 21 ~ 30
device_status	Boolean	Internal	For internal use
next_cmd	Boolean	Internal	If this value is set to “True”, the next command will be assigned to “Mbus_RW” function block
AI_1 ~ AI_10	Integer	Internal	The AI status of device 1. Network Address = 11 to 20
AI_11 ~ AI_20	Integer	Internal	The AI status of device 2. Network Address = 31 to 40
Error_code_1	Integer	Internal	The return value of “Mbus_RW” function block
Port	Integer	Internal	COM Port
slave	Integer	Internal	Slave ID
Addr	Integer	Internal	The starting Modbus address of slave device
Code	Integer	Internal	Modbus Function Code

Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	12/15

Name	Type	Attrib.	Description
Num	Integer	Internal	The amount of data
data_type	Integer	Internal	The data type
NETW	Integer	Internal	The starting "Network Address" for users to access the ISaGRAF variable.
Period	Integer	Internal	The cycle time of sending the Modbus command
cmd_num	Integer	Internal	To switch the command
cmd_1_state~ cmd_4_state	Integer	Internal	To record the communication status for each command.

1.4.3. I/O Connection



To assign which COM port to use and the delay time for sending next command. The setting way as follows:

Port_no = Delay Time (ms) * 100 + COM Port Number

e.g., If using **COM 3** as the Modbus RTU Master port, and the delay time is **50 (ms)**.

$$\text{Port_no} = 50 * 100 + 3 = 5003$$

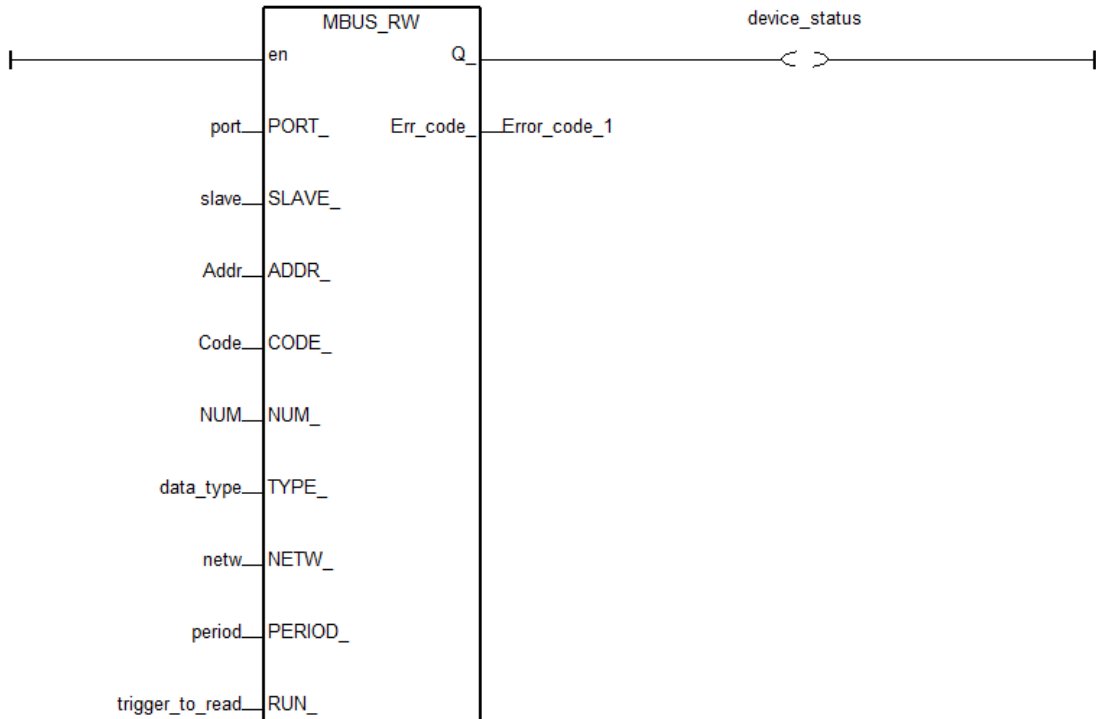
Default "Delay Time" is 100 ms if setting "Port_no" < 100

e.g., Port_no = 2

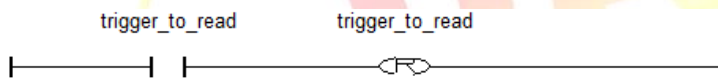
Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	13/15

1.4.4. Description of the “LD1” Program

(* To assign the related variables to the “Mbus_RW” function block *)



(* To generate a “Pulse True” signal to the “Mbus_RW” function block *)



(* When detected the status of the device is “Communication OK” (Figure 1) or “Communication Error” (Figure 2), set “next_cmd” to “TRUE”. *)

(* They are used to import the next Modbus command *)

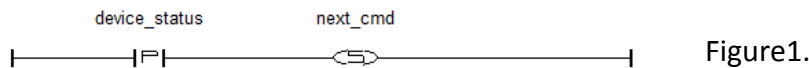


Figure1.

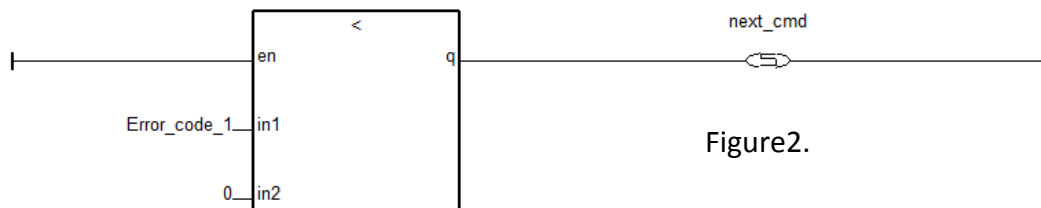
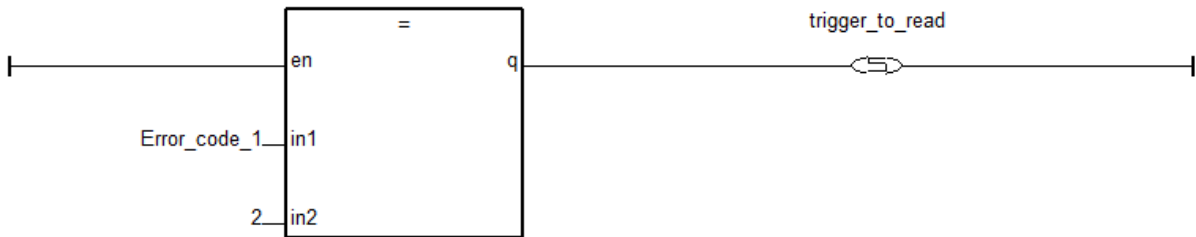


Figure2.

Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	14/15

(* Set "trigger_to_read" to "TRUE" if the "Mbus_RW" notice that all the parameters are correct *)
 (* It used to send Modbus command *)



1.4.5. Description of the "ST1" Program

```
(* Using "Switch Case" to generate some Modbus commands *)
if next_cmd then
  next_cmd := false;

  case cmd_num of
  1:
    (* To read 10 AI data from the device 1 (Slave ID=1) with the address 1 to 10 *)
    (* Then, write these data to the variable to the network address 11 to 20 *)
    slave := 1;
    Addr := 0;
    Code := 4;
    num := 10;
    data_type := 3;
    NETW := 11;
    (* To save the last communication status for debug easier *)
    cmd_4_state := Error_code_1;

  2:
    (* To read 10 DI data from the device 1 (Slave ID=1) with the address 1 to 10 *)
    (* Then, write these data to the variable to the network address 1 to 10 *)
    slave := 1;
    Addr := 0;
    Code := 2;
    num := 10;
    data_type := 0;
    NETW := 1;
    (* To save the last communication status for debug easier *)
    cmd_1_state := Error_code_1;
```

Classification	ISaGRAF English FAQ-171						
Author	Janice Hong	Version	1.0.0	Date	Dec.2013	Page	15/15

3:

(* To read 10 DI data from the device 2 (Slave ID=2) with the address 1 to 10 *)

(* Then, write these data to the variable to the network address 21 to 30 *)

slave := 2;

Addr := 0;

Code := 2;

num := 10;

data_type := 0;

NETW := 21;

(* To save the last communication status for debug easier *)

cmd_2_state := Error_code_1;

4:

(*To read 10 AI data from the device 2 (Slave ID=2) with the address 1 to 10 *)

(* Then, write these data to the variable to the network address 31 to 40 *)

slave := 2;

Addr := 0;

Code := 4;

num := 10;

data_type := 3;

NETW := 31;

(* To save the last communication status for debug easier *)

cmd_3_state := Error_code_1;

else

cmd_num := 0;

end_case;

cmd_num := cmd_num + 1;

end_if;