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1 Task

Introduction

The configuration of the Modbus/TCP communication is possible using the Modbus/TCP function blocks.

The connection and Modbus parameter must be specified for each connection.

2.1 Solution overview

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Solution

Using the "SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard" tool enables simple and clear specification of the connection and Modbus parameters. The tool then exports a DB with all parameters into your STEP 7 project.

Advantages

The SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard provides the following advantages:

- simplified parameterization of the Modbus/TCP connection
- reduced susceptibility to errors
- reduces the parameter input to actually required parameters
- · existing connections can be uploaded and represented
- an existing connection can be used as template for a new connection (copy)
- an existing connection can be changed (change)
- support for licensing

2.2 Required Hardware and Software Components

The application was generated with the following components:

Standard software components

Table 2-1

| Component | No. | Order number | Note |
|---------------------|-----|--------------------|-----------|
| SIMATIC STEP 7 V5.4 | 1 | 6ES7810-4CC08-0YA5 | Or higher |

Additional software components

Operating the Simatic Modbus/TCP Wizard requires the installation of .NET Framework on your PG/PC. After Installation of STEP 7 at your PC this .NET Framework is already installed. Therefore it is not necessary to install .Net Framework manually.

Sample files and projects

The following list includes all files and projects that are used in this example.

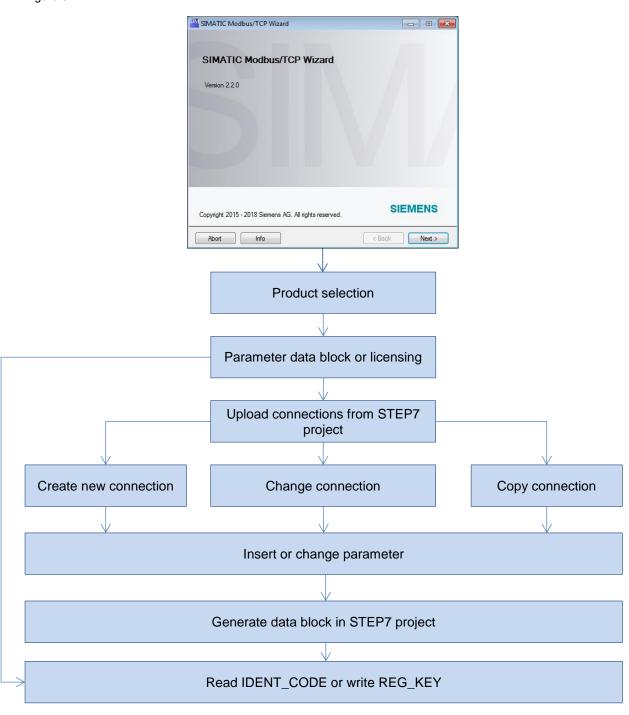
Table 2-2

| Component | Note |
|---|---|
| 60735352_Modbus_TCP_Wizard_PROJ_V22.zip | Installation program for the Tool – SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard |
| 60735352_Modbus_TCP_Wizard_DOC_en.pdf | This document |

3 Function mechanisms of this application

General overview

Figure 3-1



4 Installation

Software Preconditions

The SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard is running under:

- MS Windows XP Professional SP2 or SP3
- MS Windows Server 2003 R2 SP2 standard edition as workstation
- MS Windows 7 32-Bit Ultimate, Professional and Enterprise (Standard installation), with or w/o SP1. However, the Windows XP mode under Windows 7 is not released.
- MS Windows 7 64-Bit Ultimate, Professional and Enterprise with or w/o SP1
- MS Windows Server 2008 R2 (64 Bit), with or w/o SP1
- MS Windows 10 Pro and Enterprise (64-bit)
- MS Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit) (Standard Edition as work station computer)
- MS Windows Server 2016 (64-bit) (Standard Edition as work station computer)

Installing the Wizard

Retrieve the zip-file "60735352_Modbus_TCP_Wizard_CODE.zip" and go through the setup process.

The tool is available after installation at "Start > SIMATIC" or "Start > Siemens Automation > SIMATIC".

NOTE

The SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard works with STEP 7 projects. For this reason, STEP 7 must have been installed on the PC. If STEP 7 has not been installed, the installation of the SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard will be aborted.

5.1 Functions of the SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard as an overview

5 Operation of the application

5.1 Functions of the SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard as an overview

All functions of the SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard are described here. The "step by step" instructions are given in the course of this document.

Generating a new Modbus/TCP connection

The Modbus/TCP connection data is stored directly in your project in a DB.

Uploading the connections from a STEP 7 project

SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard can read out the existing Modbus/TCP connections from the STEP 7 project. In STEP 7 the SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard searches the blocks (DB) of a station for structures, which contain the connection data. The loaded data can be used for further processing.

Change an existing connection

Uploaded Modbus/TCP connections can be changed with the tool. Subsequently, the data are stored at the same location in the STEP 7 project.

Generate new connection by means of the copying function

New Modbus/TCP connections can be generated by copying and changing an uploaded connection. This facilitates the data input in case of many identical parameters.

License the function block

The SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard can read out the IDENT_CODE from the online instance data block and show it as a data matrix code.

With the "Industry Support" app it is possible to scan this data matrix and the data matrix code on the software Modbus package to generate a service request for licensing the function block.

Afterwards the sent REG_KEY can be written into a data block and downloaded into the PLC.

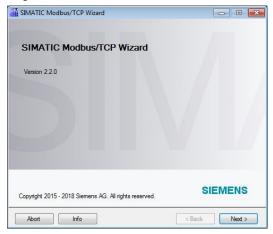
5.2 General information on the dialog masks

Subsequently dialogs of the SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard are described from a general point of view. This description serves as a supplementation of the step-by-step instruction, which you find in the further course of the document.

5.2.1 SIMATIC Modbus/TCP CP

Dialog mask: Welcome

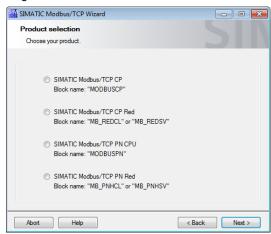
Figure 5-1



The SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard starts with this dialog. Further information on the Modbus/TCP communication is available on the internet.

Dialog mask: Product selection

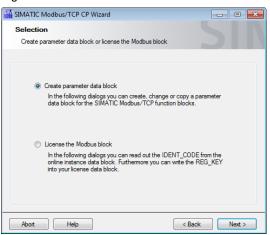
Figure 5-2



In this dialog you need to select your product.

Dialog mask: Selection

Figure 5-3

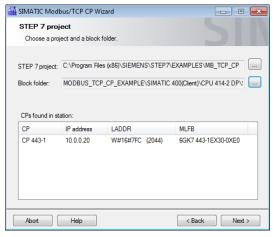


In this dialog you can select if you want to create a parameter data block or to license the function block.

The license dialog mask you find here: Dialog mask: Licensing.

Dialog mask: STEP7 project

Figure 5-4



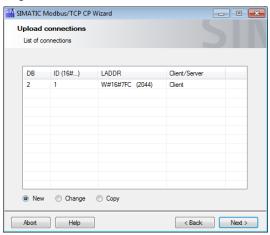
The STEP 7 project selected in this dialog as well as the block folder can be considered as a source station. From this station connection data are uploaded. This station is at the same time used as target station.

The tool determines IP addresses of the selected station. These IP addresses can be considered as local IP addresses. The Modbus/TCP communication generally only uses TCP/IP as connection type. For this reason, only the IP address of the used CP is suitable as local IP address.

After using the "Next" button the upload of the specified project starts automatically.

Dialog mask: Upload connections

Figure 5-5

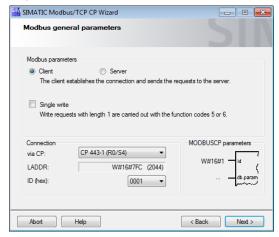


In this dialog the uploaded connections in the overview are represented. The upload starts automatically. This gives you an overview of the connections of the selected station.

The functions "Change" and "Copy" assume the selection of an uploaded connection in the overview.

Dialog mask: General parameters

Figure 5-6

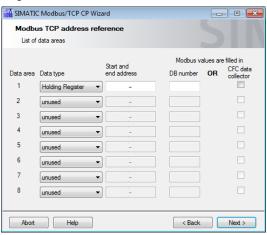


Here you can enter general parameters for Modbus/TCP communication. Choose the CP for the communication. The ID must be the ID in NetPro.

The option "Single write" is only available when the option "Client" has been selected.

Dialog mask: Modbus TCP address reference

Figure 5-7



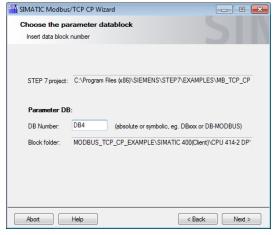
In this dialog you enter the Modbus/TCP address reference. The first data range is always used. A seamless continuation is not required.

The used data areas must not overlap. The values in the grayed fields are not considered in this check.

The data blocks are defined, in which the defined MODBUS registers are to be mapped. With the optional data collector blocks the values can be interconnected directly in CFC - without usage of global data blocks. In this case there is no entering of the data block number.

Dialog mask: Choose destination block

Figure 5-8



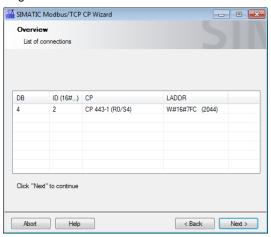
In the dialog assign any DB number or a symbolic name. When using a symbolic name ensure that the symbolic name is defined in your S7 program.

The wizard checks whether the specified block already exists in your S7 program. If the block does not yet exist in your S7 program, it will be generated. An existing data block is overwritten by the wizard after confirmation.

If a connection is changed (function "Change") details in this dialog cannot be changed. The connection data are filed in the same data block.

Dialog mask: Overview

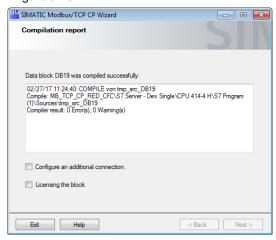
Figure 5-9



To check the performed changes the connection is again represented as an overview in this dialog.

Dialog mask: Compilation report

Figure 5-10



In this dialog the results of the compilation are displayed. If no errors are displayed in the report, the changes in the STEP 7 project are made successfully. In case of an error no changes are made.

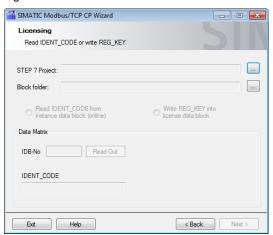
If an error message is displayed in the report, you check whether the used data block has not been opened otherwise.

NOTE

The AWL file displayed in the compilation report is created temporarily, compiled and subsequently deleted.

Dialog mask: Licensing

Figure 5-11



In this dialog you can read the IDENT_CODE from the online instance data block or write the REG_KEY into a license data block and download it into the PLC.

First choose your project and your block folder. After that you can select to read the IDENT_CODE or write the REG_KEY into a data block.

To read the IDENT_CODE or download the license data block your PLC must be reachable.

5.2.2 SIMATIC Modbus/TCP CP Red

Dialog mask: Welcome

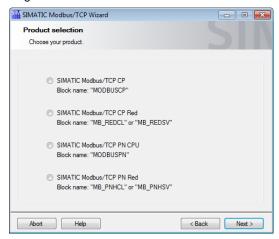
Figure 5-12



The SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard starts with this dialog. Further information on the Modbus/TCP communication is available on the internet.

Dialog mask: Product selection

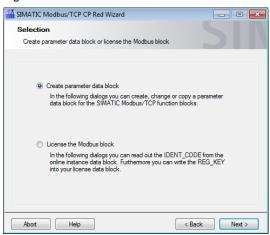
Figure 5-13



In this dialog you need to select your product.

Dialog mask: Selection

Figure 5-14

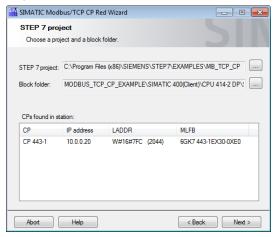


In this dialog you can select if you want to create a parameter data block or to license the function block.

The license dialog mask you find here: Dialog mask: Licensing.

Dialog mask: STEP7 project

Figure 5-15



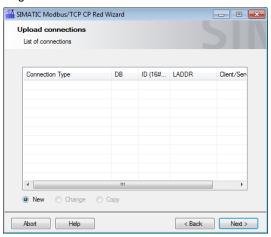
The STEP 7 project selected in this dialog as well as the block folder can be considered as a source station. From this station connection data are uploaded. This station is at the same time used as target station.

The tool determines IP addresses of the selected station. These IP addresses can be considered as local IP addresses. The Modbus/TCP communication generally only uses TCP/IP as connection type. For this reason, only the IP address of the used CP is suitable as local IP address.

After using the "Next" button the upload of the specified project starts automatically.

Dialog mask: Upload connections

Figure 5-16



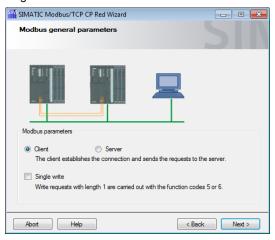
In this dialog the uploaded connections in the overview are represented.

The upload starts automatically. This gives you an overview of the connections of the selected station.

The functions "Change" and "Copy" assume the selection of an uploaded connection in the overview.

Dialog mask: General parameters

Figure 5-17

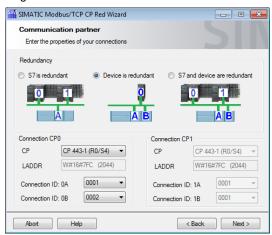


Here you can enter general parameters for Modbus/TCP communication.

The option "Single write" is only available when the option "Client" has been selected.

Dialog mask: Communication Partner

Figure 5-18



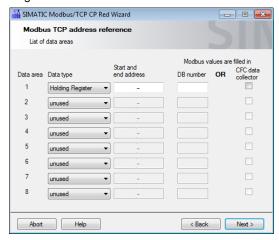
Here you enter connection parameters. Make sure to select the used CPs.

Each redundant connection consists of 2 connections (single-sided redundancy) or 4 connections (double-sided redundancy).

You must select a CP and an ID for each connection. The ID must be the ID in NetPro.

Dialog mask: Modbus TCP address reference

Figure 5-19



In this dialog you enter the Modbus/TCP address reference. The first data range is always used. A seamless continuation is not required.

The used data areas must not overlap. The values in the grayed fields are not considered in this check.

The data blocks are defined, in which the defined MODBUS registers are to be mapped. With the optional data collector blocks the values can be interconnected directly in CFC - without usage of global data blocks. In this case there is no entering of the data block number.

Dialog mask: Choose the parameter datablock

Figure 5-20



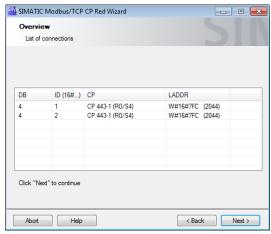
In the dialog assign any DB number or a symbolic name. When using a symbolic name ensure that the symbolic name is defined in your S7 program.

The wizard checks whether the specified block already exists in your S7 program. If the block does not yet exist in your S7 program, it will be generated. An existing data block is overwritten by the wizard after confirmation.

If a connection is changed (function "Change") details in this dialog cannot be changed. The connection data are filed in the same data block.

Dialog mask: Overview

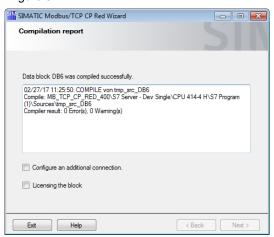
Figure 5-21



To check the performed changes the connections are again represented as an overview in this dialog.

Dialog mask: Compilation report

Figure 5-22



In this dialog the results of the compilation are displayed. If no errors are displayed in the report, the changes in the STEP 7 project are made successfully. In case of an error no changes are made.

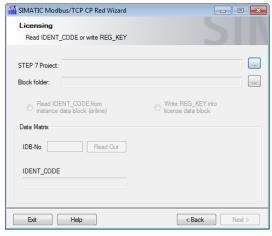
If an error message is displayed in the report, you check whether the used data block has not been opened otherwise.

NOTE

The AWL file displayed in the compilation report is created temporarily, compiled and subsequently deleted.

Dialog mask: Licensing

Figure 5-23



In this dialog you can read the IDENT_CODE from the online instance data block or write the REG KEY into a license data block and download it into the PLC.

First choose your project and your block folder. After that you can select to read the IDENT_CODE or write the REG_KEY into a data block.

To read the IDENT_CODE or download the license data block your PLC must be reachable.

5.2.3 SIMATIC Modbus/TCP PN

Dialog mask: Welcome

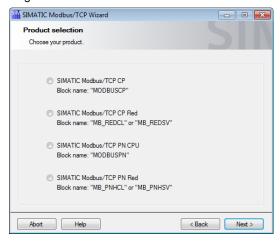
Figure 5-24



The SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard starts with this dialog. Further information on the Modbus/TCP communication is available on the internet.

Dialog mask: Product selection

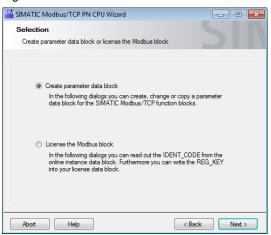
Figure 5-25



In this dialog you need to select your product.

Dialog mask: Selection

Figure 5-26

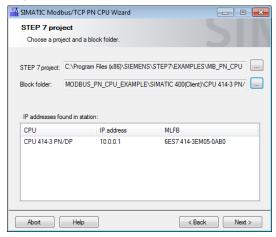


In this dialog you can select if you want to create a parameter data block or to license the function block.

The license dialog mask you find here: Dialog mask: Licensing.

Dialog mask: STEP7 project

Figure 5-27



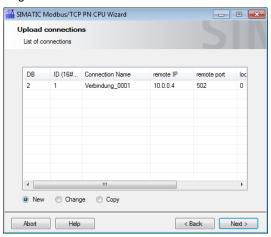
The STEP 7 project selected in this dialog as well as the block folder can be considered as a source station. From this station connection data are uploaded. This station is at the same time used as target station.

The tool determines IP addresses of the selected station. These IP addresses can be considered as local IP addresses. The Modbus/TCP communication generally only uses TCP/IP as connection type. For this reason, only the IP address of the used CPU is suitable as local IP address.

After using the "Next" button the upload of the specified project starts automatically.

Dialog mask: Upload connections

Figure 5-28

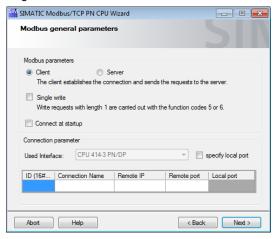


In this dialog the uploaded connections in the overview are represented. The upload starts automatically. This gives you an overview of the connections of the selected station.

The functions "Change" and "Copy" assume the selection of an uploaded connection in the overview.

Dialog mask: General parameters

Figure 5-29



Here you can enter general parameters for the Modbus/TCP communication.

The option "Single write" is only available when the option "Client" has been selected.

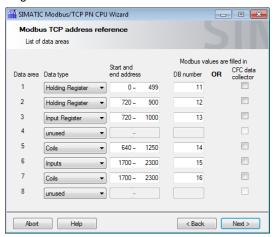
You must enter an ID and a connection name. The connection name is filled in the comment.

If S7 acts as client, the IP address and the port number for the connection must be entered. The Modbus communication usually runs via server port 502.

If S7 acts as server, the local port number must be entered. Please note that not all CPU types can use port 502.

Dialog mask: Modbus TCP address reference

Figure 5-30



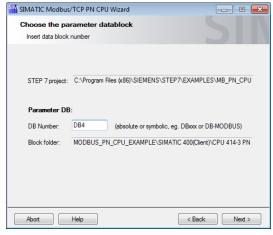
In this dialog you enter the Modbus/TCP address reference. The first data range is always used. A seamless continuation is not required.

The used data areas must not overlap. The values in the grayed fields are not considered in this check.

The data blocks are defined, in which the defined MODBUS registers are to be mapped. With the optional data collector blocks the values can be interconnected directly in CFC - without usage of global data blocks. In this case there is no entering of the data block number.

Dialog mask: Choose parameter datablock

Figure 5-31



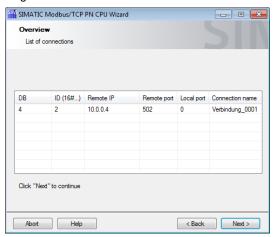
In the dialog assign any DB number or a symbolic name. When using a symbolic name ensure that the symbolic name is defined in your S7 program.

The wizard checks whether the specified block already exists in your S7 program. If the block does not yet exist in your S7 program, it will be generated. An existing data block is overwritten by the wizard after confirmation.

If a connection is changed (function "Change") details in this dialog cannot be changed. The connection data are filled in the same data block.

Dialog mask: Overview

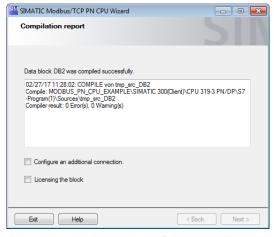
Figure 5-32



To check the performed changes the connections are again represented as an overview in this dialog.

Dialog mask: Compilation report

Figure 5-33



In this dialog the results of the compilation are displayed. If no errors are displayed in the report, the changes in the STEP 7 project are made successfully. In case of an error no changes are made.

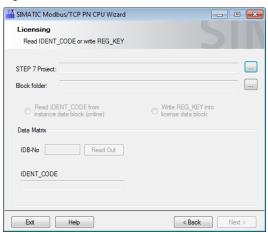
If an error message is displayed in the report, you check whether the used data block has not been opened otherwise.

NOTE

The AWL file displayed in the compilation report is created temporarily, compiled and subsequently deleted.

Dialog mask: Licensing

Figure 5-34



In this dialog you can read the IDENT_CODE from the online instance data block or write the REG_KEY into a license data block and download it into the PLC.

First choose your project and your block folder. After that you can select to read the IDENT_CODE or write the REG_KEY into a data block.

To read the IDENT_CODE or download the license data block your PLC must be reachable.

5.2.4 SIMATIC Modbus/TCP PN Red

Dialog mask: Welcome

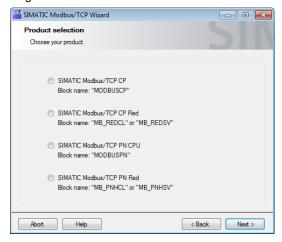
Figure 5-35



The SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard starts with this dialog. Further information on the Modbus/TCP communication is available on the internet.

Dialog mask: Product selection

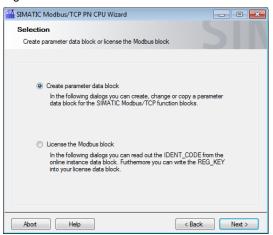
Figure 5-36



In this dialog you need to select your product.

Dialog mask: Selection

Figure 5-37

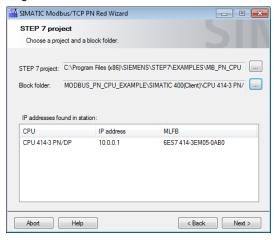


In this dialog you can select if you want to create a parameter data block or to license the function block.

The license dialog mask you find here: Dialog mask: Licensing.

Dialog mask: STEP7 project

Figure 5-38



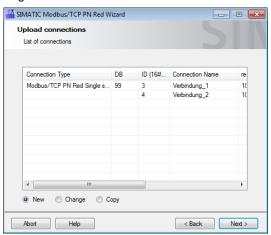
The STEP 7 project selected in this dialog as well as the block folder can be considered as a source station. From this station connection data are uploaded. This station is at the same time used as target station.

The tool determines IP addresses of the selected station. These IP addresses can be considered as local IP addresses. The Modbus/TCP communication generally only uses TCP/IP as connection type. For this reason, only the IP address of the used CPU is suitable as local IP address.

After using the "Next" button the upload of the specified project starts automatically.

Dialog mask: Upload connections

Figure 5-39



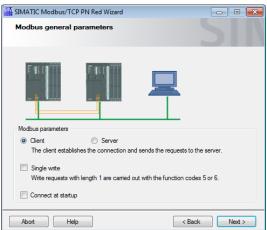
In this dialog the uploaded connections in the overview are represented. Here you can switch between functions of the SIMATIC Modbus/TCP Wizard.

The upload starts automatically. This gives you an overview of the connections of the selected station.

The functions "Change" and "Copy" assume the selection of an uploaded connection in the overview.

Dialog mask: General parameters

Figure 5-40

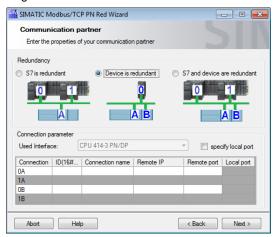


Here you can enter general parameters for Modbus/TCP communication.

The option "Single write" is only available when the option "Client" has been selected.

Dialog mask: Communication partner

Figure 5-41



Here you enter connection parameters. Please ensure that the correct interface has been selected.

Each redundant connection consists of 2 connections (single-sided redundancy) or 4 connections (double-sided redundancy).

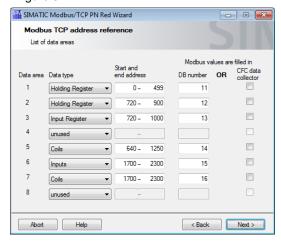
You must enter an ID and a connection name for each connection. The connection name is filled in the comment.

If S7 acts as client, the IP addresses and the port numbers for the connections must be entered. The Modbus communication usually runs via server port 502.

If S7 acts as server, the local port numbers must be entered. Please note that not all CPU types can use port 502.

Dialog mask: Modbus TCP address reference

Figure 5-42



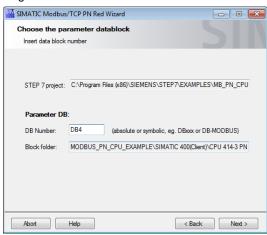
In this dialog you enter the Modbus/TCP address reference. The first data range is always used. A seamless continuation is not required.

The used data areas must not overlap. The values in the grayed fields are not considered in this check.

The data blocks are defined, in which the defined MODBUS registers are to be mapped. With the optional data collector blocks the values can be interconnected directly in CFC - without usage of global data blocks. In this case there is no entering of the data block number.

Dialog mask: Choose destination block

Figure 5-43



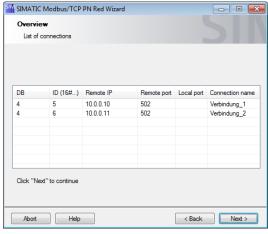
In the dialog assign any DB number or a symbolic name. When using a symbolic name ensure that the symbolic name is defined in your S7 program.

The wizard checks whether the specified block already exists in your S7 program. If the block does not yet exist in your S7 program, it will be generated. An existing data block is overwritten by the wizard after confirmation.

If a connection is changed (function "Change") details in this dialog cannot be changed. The connection data are filed in the same data block.

Dialog mask: Overview

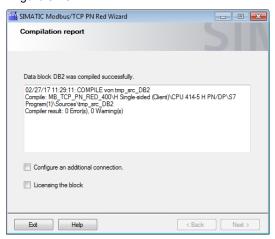
Figure 5-44



To check the performed changes the connections are again represented as an overview in this dialog.

Dialog mask: Compilation report

Figure 5-45



In this dialog the results of the compilation are displayed. If no errors are displayed in the report, the changes in the STEP 7 project are made successfully. In case of an error no changes are made.

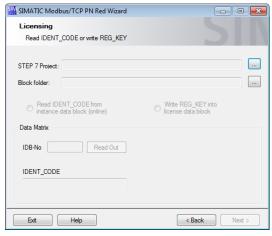
If an error message is displayed in the report, you check whether the used data block has not been opened otherwise.

NOTE

The AWL file displayed in the compilation report is created temporarily, compiled and subsequently deleted.

Dialog mask: Licensing

Figure 5-46



In this dialog you can read the IDENT_CODE from the online instance data block or write the REG KEY into a license data block and download it into the PLC.

First choose your project and your block folder. After that you can select to read the IDENT_CODE or write the REG_KEY into a data block.

To read the IDENT_CODE or download the license data block your PLC must be reachable.

5.3 Step by step instruction: Create new connection

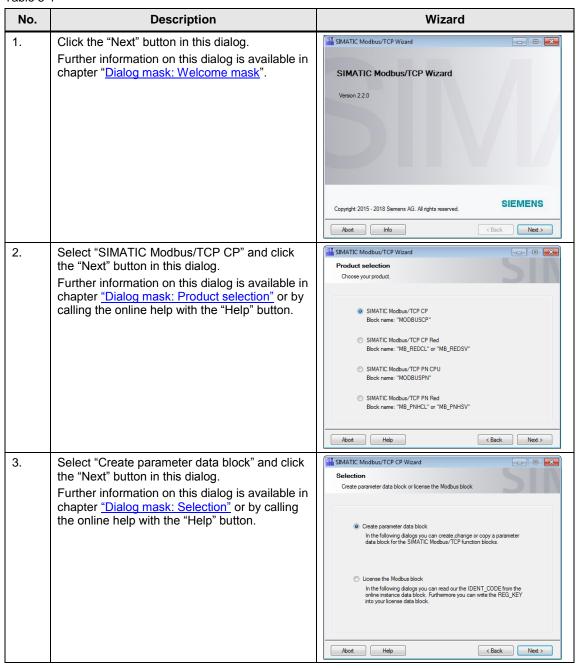
5.3 Step by step instruction: Create new connection

In this chapter we show you step by step the procedure for generating a new Modbus/TCP connection.

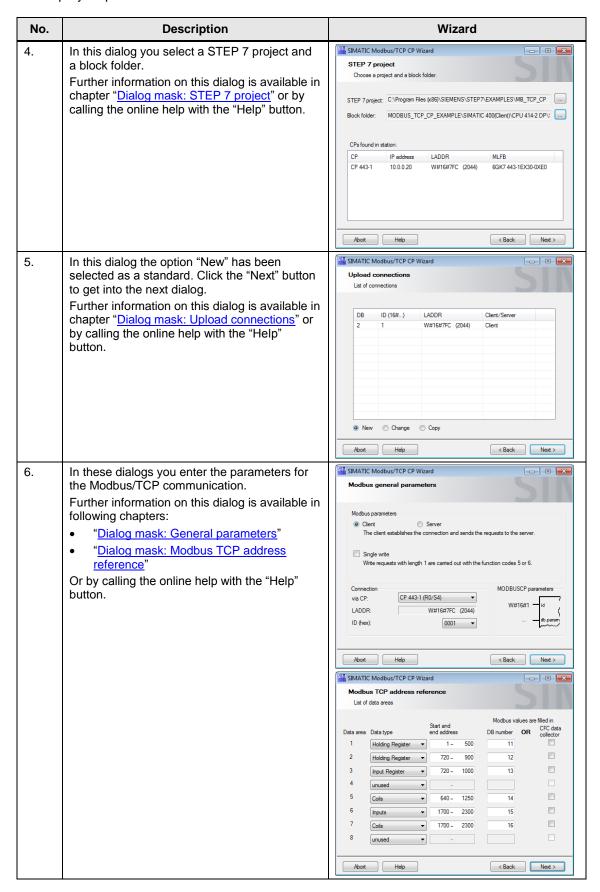
NOTE

If already configured Modbus/TCP connections exist in your project, you can also create new connections via the "Copy" option. See: (Step by step instruction: Copy connection / use as template).

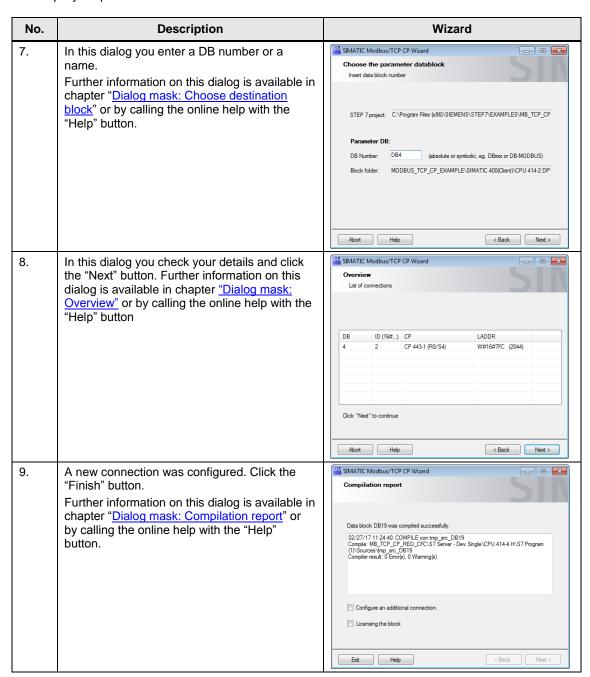
Table 5-1



5.3 Step by step instruction: Create new connection



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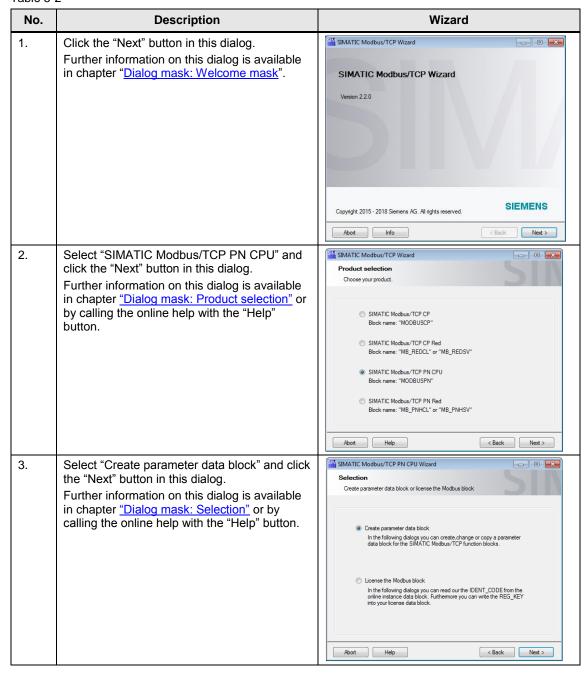


5.4 Step by step instruction: Change connection

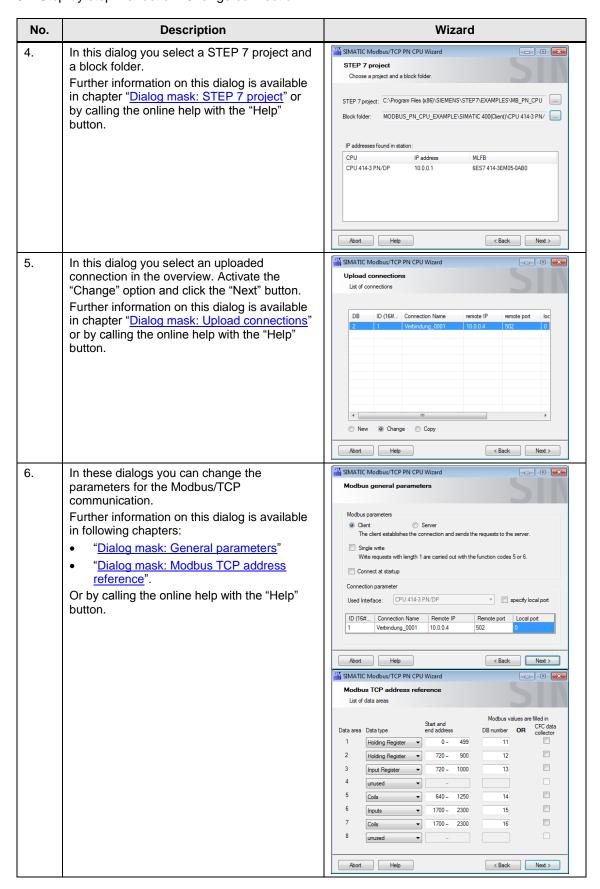
5.4 Step by step instruction: Change connection

In this chapter we show you step by step the procedure for changing an existing Modbus/TCP connection.

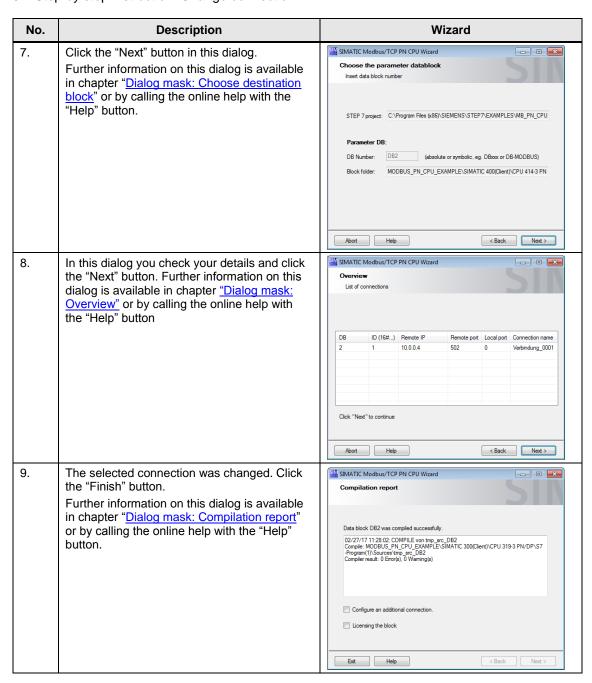
Table 5-2



5.4 Step by step instruction: Change connection



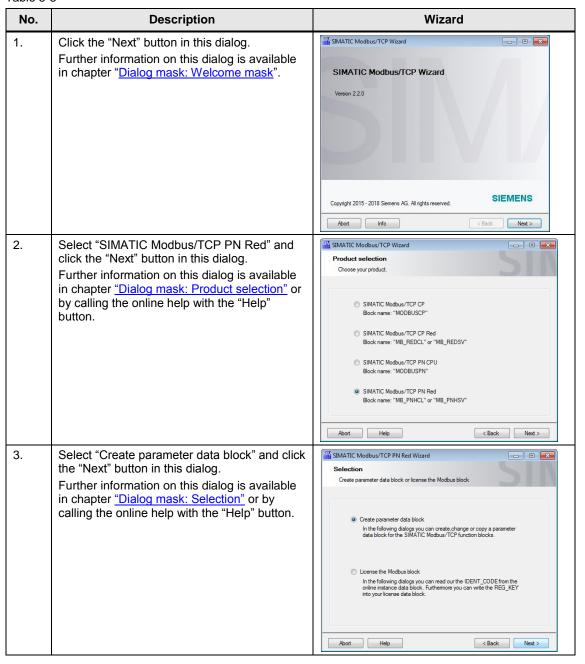
5.4 Step by step instruction: Change connection

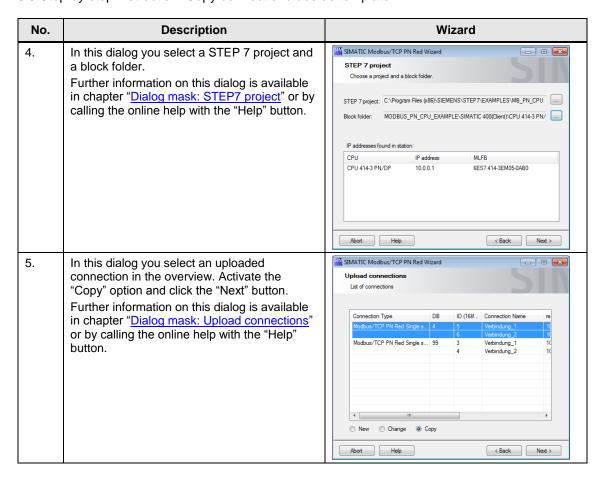


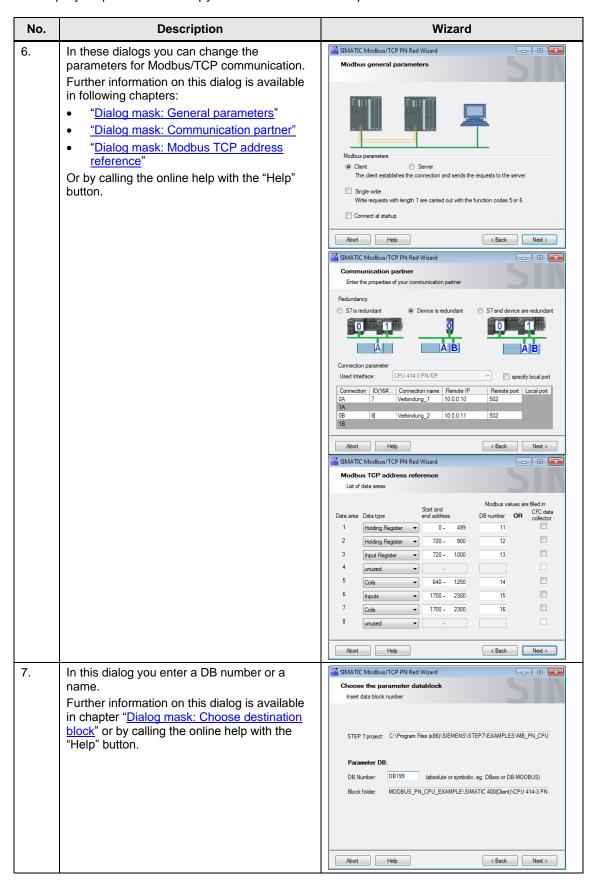
5.5 Step by step instruction: Copy connection / use as template

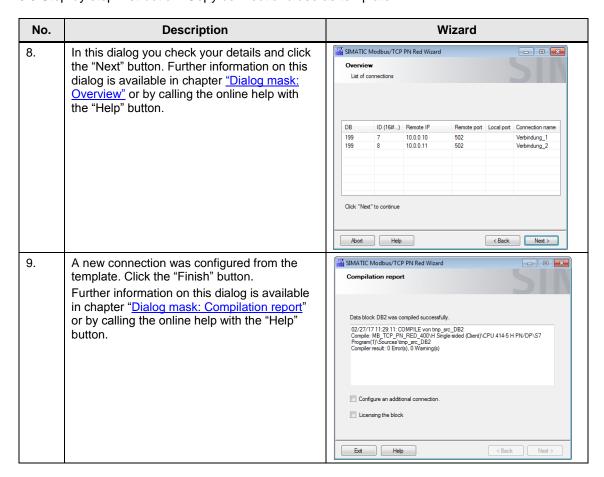
In this chapter we show you step by step the procedure for copying or using an existing Modbus/TCP connection as template for creating a new connection.

Table 5-3







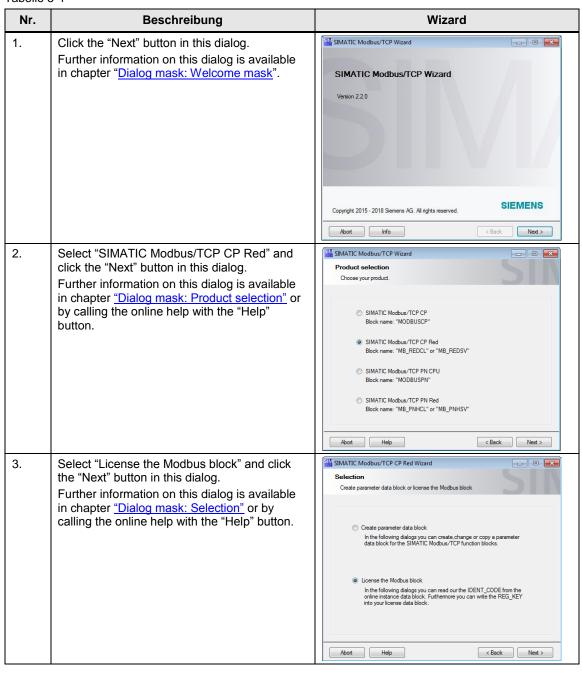


5.6 Step by step instruction: Licensing

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In this chapter we show you step by step the procedure for reading the IDENT_CODE from an online instance data block or write the REG_KEY into a license data block.

Tabelle 5-4



5.6 Step by step instruction: Licensing

| Nr. | Beschreibung | Wizard |
|-----|---|--|
| 4. | In this dialog you select a STEP 7 project and a block folder. Further information on this dialog is available in chapter "Dialog mask: Licensing" or by calling the online help with the "Help" button. | SIMATIC Modbus/TCP CP Red Wizard Licensing Read IDENT_CODE or write REG_KEY STEP 7 Project: C:\Program Files (x:86)\SIEMENS\STEP7\Examples\MB_TCP_CP_R Block folder: MB_TCP_CP_RED_400\S7 Server - Double-sided'\CPU 414-5 H PN/ Read IDENT_CODE from instance data block (priline) Data Matrix IDB-No Read Out IDENT_CODE Exit Help KBack Next > |
| 5. | Afterwards you can choose to read the IDENT_CODE from the online instance data block or write a REG_KEY into a license data block. | |
| 6. | Select "Read IDENT_CODE from instance data block (online)", insert the modbus instance data block number and click on "Read out". The wizard will display the IDENT_CODE in text form and as a data matrix code. | Licensing Read IDENT_CODE or write REG_KEY STEP 7 Project: C:\Program Files (x86)\SIEMENS\STEP7\Examples\MB_TCP_CP_R Block folder: MB_TCP_CP_RED_400\S7 Server - Double-sided*\CPU 414-5 H PN/ |
| 7. | Using the "Industry Support"-App you can scan this data matrix code and the data matrix code from the Modbus package to request the REG_KEY. | |
| 8. | Select "Write REG_KEY into license data block" to save the received REG_KEY in the db. Insert the REG_KEY and the license db number into the text fields. Write the REG_KEY with "Write into offline DB" into the data block. With the "Download to PLC"-button you can download the block into the PLC. | Licensing Read IDENT_CODE or write REG_KEY STEP 7 Project: C:\Program Files (x86):\SIEMENS\STEP7\Examples \MB_TCP_CP_R Block folder: MB_TCP_CP_RED_400\S7 Server - Double-sided\CPU 414-5 H PN/ Read IDENT_CODE from |

6 Related literature

This list is not complete and only represents a selection of relevant information.

Table 6-1

| | Subject | Title |
|-----|--|---|
| \1\ | Customized Automation - Software Portfolio | http://www.siemens.com/s7modbus |
| \2\ | Download page of this entry | https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/60735352 |
| /3/ | Siemens Industry Online Support | http://support.automation.siemens.com |

7 History

Table 7-1

| Version | Date | Modifications |
|---------|------------|-------------------------------|
| V1.0 | 28.06.2016 | First version |
| V1.1 | 01.03.2017 | Extended version |
| V1.2 | 03.04.2018 | Update Software Preconditions |