



Network Serial Port Expander

VLEXT100



User Manual

VER 1.0

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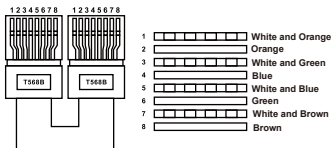
For optimum performance and safety, please read these instructions carefully before connecting, operating or adjusting this product. Please keep this manual for future reference.

Surge protection device recommended

This product contains sensitive electrical components that may be damaged by electrical spikes, surges, electric shock, lighting strikes, etc. Use of surge protection systems is highly recommended in order to protect and extend the life of your equipment.

Caution

The product requires the use of UTP connectors. Please connect in direct interconnection method and do not cross connect.



Direct Interconnection Method

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1. Introduction

This network serial port expander can communicate with the programmable central control system or PC to control multiple devices, and perform protocol conversion between various devices with different communication modes. It supports TCP/UDP protocol, and the output serial port supports RS-232/RS-485 protocol. IR output, GPIO input/output and POE function are supported. The front panel of the expander is designed with LED indicators for power supply, serial port sending/receiving data, which can conveniently and quickly indicate the progress of data communication and equipment power failure.

2. Features

- ☆ The power input is designed with a wide voltage range (12-24V)
- ☆ Dual power supply modes, supporting DC or POE power supply
- ☆ Product parameters can be modified through API commands
- ☆ Built-in web server, allowing users to directly log in to web pages through various computer, tablet, and mobile device browsers to view system status or configure device parameters
- ☆ 1x 100M adaptive Ethernet port, supporting TCP/UDP mode communication (TCP mode is used by default, UDP is disabled)
- ☆ 1x GPIO input/output port (input mode by default, can be configured to output mode through Web GUI or API commands)
- ☆ 1x IR output port (5V level), supporting CCF code protocol forwarding
- ☆ 1x RS-232/RS-485 multiplexed communication port, with optional baud rates of 2400-115200
- ☆ Both RS-232 and RS-485 serial ports support data bits (8 bits), parity bits (odd, even, none) and stop bits (1, 2 bits) settings
- ☆ Support RS-232/RS-485 mode switching:
When selecting RS-232 mode, the RS-485 serial port is disabled;
When selecting RS-485 mode, the RS-232 serial port is disabled.

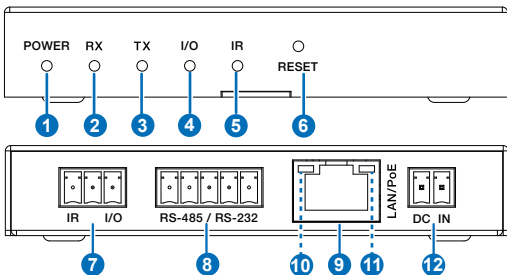
3. Package Contents

- ① 1x Network Serial Port Expander
- ② 1x 5pin-3.81mm Phoenix Connector (male)
- ③ 1x 3pin-3.81mm Phoenix Connector (male)
- ④ 1x 2pin-3.81mm Phoenix Connector (male)
- ⑤ 2x Mounting Ear
- ⑥ 4x Machine Screw (KM3*4)
- ⑦ 1x User Manual

4. Specifications

Technical	
RS-232	Support full duplex communication mode
RS-485	Support half duplex communication mode
Baud Rate	Support 2400, 4800, 9600, 14400, 19200, 38400, 56000, 57600 and 115200
LAN	10/100M Ethernet interface
GPIO	The detection accuracy can reach 1ms.
IR	Support 5V IR Blaster cable
ESD Protection	IEC 61000-4-2: $\pm 8\text{kV}$ (Air-gap discharge) & $\pm 4\text{kV}$ (Contact discharge)
Connection	
INPUTS	1 x LAN/PoE [RJ45, 8-pin female, supporting PoE] 1 x DC IN [2pin-3.81mm phoenix connector]
OUTPUTS	1 x I/O&IR [3pin-3.81mm phoenix connector] 1 x RS-485/RS-232 [5pin-3.81mm phoenix connector]
Mechanical	
Housing	Metal Enclosure
Color	Black
Dimension	95mm [W] $\times$ 68mm [D] $\times$ 17mm [H]
Weight	181g
Power Supply	Input: AC 100 - 240V 50/60Hz Output: DC 12-24V/1A
Power Consumption	0.48W
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 40°C / 32°F ~ 104°F
Storage Temperature	-20°C ~ 60°C / -4°F ~ 140°F
Relative Humidity	20~90% RH (non-condensing)

5. Operation Controls and Functions



No.	Name	Function Description
1	POWER LED	The green light is on when the device is powered on.
2	RX LED	When the RS-485/RS-232 serial port is receiving data, the RX LED flashes; When the RS-485/RS-232 serial port is not receiving data, the RX LED is off.
3	TX LED	When the RS-485/RS-232 serial port is sending data, the TX LED flashes; When the RS-485/RS-232 serial port is not sending data, the TX LED is off.
4	I/O LED	The I/O LED status of the I/O port in input/output mode is as follows: 1. Input mode: When the I/O port inputs a high level, the LED lights on; After the input high level disappears, the LED lights off. 2. Output mode: When the output is set to high level, the LED is on; When the output is set to low level, the LED is off.
5	IR LED	When the IR port is sending data, the green light is on; When the IR port is not sending data, the green light is off.
6	RESET button	Press and hold the reset button for 5 seconds, then release it, the device will restore to the factory settings. After rebooting, the IP address of the device will restore to 192.168.0.101.

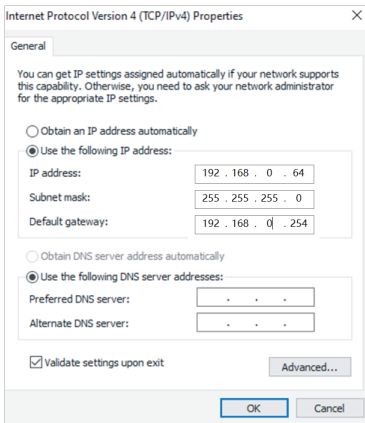
No.	Name	Function Description
7	IR & I/O port	1 channel GPIO (5V level) input/output, input/output mode can be set through Web GUI or API commands. 1 channel IR output (5V level).
8	RS-485/ RS-232 port	RS-485/RS-232 serial port, supporting mode switching: When selecting RS-232 mode, the RS-485 serial port is disabled; When selecting RS-485 mode, the RS-232 serial port is disabled.
9	LAN/PoE port	10M/100M network communication port, supporting PoE.
10	Data Signal Indicator lamp (Yellow)	▪ Light flashing: There is data transmission. ▪ Light on: There is no data transmission, but the network connection is normal. ▪ Light off: There is no data transmission, and the network connection is abnormal.
11	Link Signal Indicator lamp (Green)	▪ Light on: The network cable is connected normally. ▪ Light off: The network cable is not connected well.
12	DC IN port	DC power input port, which is designed with a wide voltage range (12-24V). <i>Note: The expander is powered through PoE. If the network Switch does not support PoE, please connect the expander to an external power adapter.</i>

6. Web GUI User Guide

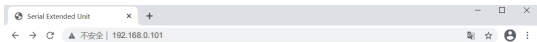
The product supports Web GUI control, allowing users to directly log in to web pages and configure device parameters through the browser of various computers, tablets and mobile devices.

The operation steps are as follows:

Step 1, Connect the LAN port of the expander to PC, and set the PC's IP address to be in the same network segment with the expander (default IP address: 192.168.0.101). For instance, set the IP address to be 192.168.0.64 and Subnet mask to be 255.255.255.0, as shown in the figure below.



Step 2, Open the PC browser (Google Chrome is recommended), and enter the expander's default IP address 192.168.0.101 to access to the Web GUI page.



The Web GUI pages are shown as below:

■ Overview Page

The screenshot shows the 'Overview' page for the 'EXT100' device. The left sidebar contains navigation links: 'Overview' (selected), 'Serial / I/O', and 'System'. The main content area is titled 'Welcome!' and displays the following information:

Firmware Version:	Ver 1.00.03
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Device Basic Information

I/O Mode:	INPUT
Serial Baud:	115200

Device Network Information

IP Mode:	DHCP OFF
TCP/UDP Mode:	TCP
IP Address:	192.168.0.101
Subnet Mask:	255.255.255.0
Gateway:	192.168.0.1
MAC Address:	00-80-F1-32-A1-01
System Tcp Port:	8000
Com Tcp Port:	8001

The Overview page provides information about the product as following:

- ① **Firmware Version:** The current firmware version of the product.
- ② **I/O Mode:** The mode of the external GPIO port (input mode by default).
- ③ **Serial Baud:** The baud rate of the RS-485/RS-232 serial communication port.
- ④ **IP Mode:** The IP mode of the device, static IP by default, can be set to dynamic IP.
- ⑤ **TCP/UDP Mode:** The data sending and receiving mode of the RS-485/RS-232 serial port and network port.
- ⑥ **IP Address:** The IP address of the device.
- ⑦ **Subnet Mask:** The subnet mask of the device.
- ⑧ **Gateway:** The gateway of the device.
- ⑨ **MAC Address:** The MAC address of the device.
- ⑩ **System Tcp Port:** The TCP port for device parameter configuration.
Com Tcp Port: The TCP port corresponding to the RS-485/RS-232 serial port.

Note: Only when the UDP Mode is selected on the System page, the System Udp Local/Remote Port parameters and the RS-485/RS-232 serial port's Com Udp Local/Remote port parameters will be displayed on the overview page.

EXT100

Overview

Serial / IO

System

Welcome!

Firmware Version: Ver 1.00.03

Device Basic Information

I/O Mode: INPUT
Serial Baud: 115200

Device Network Information

IP Mode: DHCP OFF
TCP/UDP Mode: UDP
IP Address: 192.168.0.101
Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
Gateway: 192.168.0.001
MAC Address: 00-80-F1-32-A1-01
System Udp Local Port: 9000
Com Udp Local Port: 9001
System Udp Remote Port: 1000
Com Udp Remote Port: 1001

System Udp Local Port: The UDP local port for device parameter configuration.

Com Udp Local Port: The UDP local port corresponding to the RS-485/RS-232 serial port.

System Udp Remote Port: The UDP remote port for device parameter configuration.

Com Udp Remote Port: The UDP remote port corresponding to the RS-485/RS-232 serial port.

■ Serial / IO Page

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Overview

Serial / IO

System

Uart Setting

BaudRate: 115200
DataLen: 8Bit
StopBit: 1Bit
ParityBit: NONE
UartType: RS232

Confirm

I/O Setting

I/O Mode: ☒ Input ☐ Output

Confirm

On this page you can do the following operations:

① **Uart Setting:** Click the drop-down menu to set the BaudRate, DataLen, StopBit, ParityBit and UartType of the RS-485/RS-232 serial port respectively.

After setting, please click “Confirm” to save the setting and take effect.

② **I/O Setting:** Check to select the I/O mode. Input is the default mode. You can also select the Output mode and click “Confirm” to confirm and save.

Note: When Output is selected as the I/O mode, the output level will be displayed. Click the switch to turn on/off the output level, as shown in the figure below.

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Overview
Serial / IO
System

UART Setting

BaudRate: 115200

DataLen: 8Bit

StopBit: 1Bit

ParityBit: NONE

UartType: RS232

Confirm

I/O Setting

I/O Mode: ☐ Input ☒ Output

Output Level: ☐

Confirm

■ System Page

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Overview
Serial / IO
System

Network Setting

DHCP: ☐ ON ☒ OFF

IP Address: 192.168.0.101

Gateway: 192.168.0.1

Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0

TCP/UDP Mode: ☒ TCP ☐ UDP

Confirm

Factory Reset

Note: The device will restart in 1s when the factory setting is restored. Restore configuration to default.

Factory Reset: ☐

On this page you can do the following operations:

① **Network Setting:** If DHCP is set to OFF, you can manually set the IP address, gateway and subnet mask as required; If DHCP is set to ON, the system will automatically fill in the IP Address, gateway and subnet mask assigned by the router, which is unmodifiable. If TCP/UDP is selected, you can set the data sending and receiving mode of the RS-485/RS-232 serial port and network port.

After setting, please click “Confirm” to save the setting and take effect.

② **Factory Reset:** Click the Factory Reset switch to turn it on, and a “Confirm” button will appear on the right side. Click this button, the device will reboot and restore to the factory default settings.

Note: When UDP Mode is selected, you can set the System Udp Remote Port and the Com Udp Remote Port corresponding to the RS-485/RS-232 serial port, as shown in the figure below.

The screenshot shows the 'EXT100' web interface. On the left is a sidebar with 'Overview', 'Serial / IO', and 'System' tabs. The main area is titled 'Network Setting'. It contains fields for DHCP (ON/OFF), IP Address (192.168.0.101), Gateway (192.168.0.1), and Subnet Mask (255.255.255.0). Below these is a 'TCP/UDP Mode' section with radio buttons for TCP and UDP (selected). Underneath are 'System Udp Remote Port' (1000) and 'Com Udp Remote Port' (1001). A 'Confirm' button is to the right. At the bottom is a 'Factory Reset' section with a note: 'The device will restart in 1s when the factory setting is restored. Restore configuration to default.' and a toggle switch.

7. API Commands

The product also supports API commands control. Connect the product to a PC and open a Serial Command tool on PC to send ASCII commands to control the product.

Here is the ASCII command list about the expander.

ASCII Commands	
Serial port default configuration: Baud rate: 115200 (default), Data bits: 8, Stop bits: 1, Parity: none, Flow control: none, Serial protocol: RS-232	
Default network information: IP address->192.168.0.101 Subnet mask->255.255.255.0 Gateway->192.168.0.1 IP mode->dhcp off	
Default Ethernet type: TCP/UDP mode->tcp	
Ethernet port information: System TCP port: 8000 Com TCP port: 8001 System UDP local port: 9000 System UDP remote port: 1000 Com UDP local port: 9001 Com UDP remote port: 1001	
x, y, z, XXX are parameters Error Code description: E00 -> unknown command E01 -> parameter out of range E03 -> This feature is not supported	
Boot version: V1.00.02 App version: V1.00.03	

Command Code	Description	Example	Feedback	Default Setting
RS-232 function setting				
fa ae ea 08 B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 4A	Set RS232 not to support API (hex command). The restart status is not saved, the API is not supported by default.	fa ae ea 08 B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 4A	fa ae ea 08 B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 4A	
fa ae ea 08 B1 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 4B	Set RS232 support API (hex command). The restart status is not saved, the API is not supported by default.	fa ae ea 08 B1 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 4B	fa ae ea 08 B1 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 4B	
System Settings				
help!	Get the API information supported by the system.	help!	help! cs reboot! cs reset! cr fw version!	
cs reboot!	Reboot the device.	cs reboot!	reboot...	
cs reset!	Reset to factory defaults.	cs reset!	reset to factory defaults	
cr fw version!	Get firmware version.	cr fw version!	boot version:v1.xx.xx app version:v1.xx.xx	
cr status!	Get the product all status: version, I/O, com and network.	cr status!	boot version:v1.xx.xx app version:v1.xx.xx baud rate:115200 data len:8bit parity bit:none stop bit:1bit output type:rs232 ...	
Serial Port Settings				
cs com baudrate [x]!	Serial port baud rate settings, x = {1-9}, 1->115200, 2->57600, 3->56000, 4->38400, 5->19200 6->14400, 7->9600, 8->4800, 9->2400.	cs com baudrate 1!	com baudrate: 115200	com baudrate: 115200
cs com datalen [x]!	Serial port data length settings, x = 1, 1->8bit	cs com datalen 1!	com datalen:8 bit	com datalen: 8 bit

Command Code	Description	Example	Feedback	Default Setting
cs com stopbit [x]!	Serial port stop bit settings, x = {1-2}, 1->1bit, 2->2bit.	cs com stopbit 1!	com stopbit: 1 bit	com stopbit: 1 bit
cs com paritybit [x]!	Serial port data verification settings, x = {1-3}, 1->none, 2->even, 3->odd.	cs com paritybit 1!	com paritybit: none	com paritybit: none
cs com output type [x]!	Serial output type settings, x = {1-2}, 1->rs232, 2->rs485.	cs com output type 1!	com output: rs232	com output: rs232
cr com config!	Read the serial port configuration information.	cr com config!	baud rate:115200 data len:8bit parity bit:none stop bit:1bit output type:rs232	

Network Port Settings

cs ip addr xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx!	Set network ip address. ip range: 1.0.0.1~223.255.255.254 Note: dhcp does not support modifying ip information and the device will reboot.	cs ip addr 192.168.0.100!	ip address: 192.168.0.100	192.168.0.101
cs subnet xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx!	Set network subnet mask. xxx=255 254 252 248 240 224 192 128 0 Note: dhcp does not support modifying subnet information and the device will reboot.	cs subnet 255.255.254.0!	subnet mask: 255.255.254.0	255.255.255.0
cs gateway xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx!	Set network gateway. gateway range: 1.0.0.1~223.255.255.254 Note: dhcp does not support modifying gateway information and the device will reboot.	cs gateway 192.168.0.254!	gateway: 192.168.0.254	192.168.0.1
cs ip mode [x]!	Set ip mode, x={0-1} 0=dhcp off, 1=dhcp on. Note: The device will reboot.	cs ip mode 0!	ip mode:dhcp off	dhcp off
cs tcp/udp mode [x]!	Set serial data transparent way, x={1-2} 1=tcp, 2=udp. Note: The device will reboot.	cs tcp/udp mode 1!	tcp/udp mode:tcp	tcp
cs remote sys udp port [x]!	Set the system configures the remote udp port. x = {1~65535} Note: The device will reboot.	cs remote sys udp port 1000!	system udp remote port:1000	1000

Command Code	Description	Example	Feedback	Default Setting
cs remote com udp port [x]!	Set the remote udp port for transparent data transmission over the serial port. x={1~65535} Note: The device will reboot.	cs remote com udp port 1001!	com udp remote port:1001	1001
cr ipconfig!	Network configuration query.	cr ipconfig!	network config info: ip mode:dhcp off tcp/udp mode:tcp system tcp server port:8000 serial tcp server port:8001 system local udp port:9000 serial local udp port:9001 system remote udp port:1000 serial remote udp port:1001 ip:192.168.0.101 subnet mask: 255.255.255.0 gateway:192.168.1.1 mac address:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx	

IO Settings

cs i/o mode [x]!	Set the I/O port mode, x={1-2} 1=input, 2=output.	cs i/o mode 1!	i/o mode: input gpio input 0/1	i/o mode: input gpio input 0/1
cr i/o mode!	Read the I/O port mode.	cr i/o mode!	i/o mode:input/output	
cs i/o output level [x]!	Set the I/O output level, x={0-1} 0=low level, 1=high level. Note: This parameter is valid when I/O is in output mode.	cs i/o output level 0!	i/o output level: low	i/o output level: low
cr i/o output level!	Read the IO output level. Note:This parameter is valid when I/O is in output mode.	cr i/o output level!	i/o output level: low/high	
	If I/O is in input mode and a low level is detected, report "gpio input 0".		gpio input 0	
	If I/O is in input mode and a high level is detected, report "gpio input 1".		gpio input 1	

Command Code	Description	Example	Feedback	Default Setting
IR CCF Send				
cs ccf data xxxx xxxx end!	Send the ccf code. xxx: ccf code.	cs ccf data 0000 006d 0000 0025 00af 00af 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 072c 00b0 00ae 0016 0041 0016 017a end!	ccf is send ok	
fa ae ea 08 B1 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 4B	Send the ccf code. z={0-99} IR number of times to repeat the code xxx: ccf code.	cs ccf repeat 5 data 0000 006d 0000 0025 00af 00af 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0015 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 0041 0016 072c 00b0 00ae 0016 0041 0016 017a end!	ccf is send ok	

8. Application Example

