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Tutorial

Remote I/O



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Introduction

The purpose of this tutorial is to demonstrate the use of remote Modbus *i*OS modules, and *i*CAN/Modbus Smart I/O modules with the i^3 . For the *i*OS modules there is a pre-written configuration utility that can be used as a stand-alone application, or it can be grafted into most existing programs. For the Smart I/O, a simple ladder program will be created to demonstrate the operation.

IMO remote I/O can add both analogue and digital I/O to a system. Available in Modbus, DeviceNet, Profibus or *i*CAN the Smart I/O units can be connected into various networks reducing I/O cabling and wiring time within the control panel, whereas, the *i*OS modules are available only in Modbus.

Six i^3 models have separate *i*CAN ports for direct connection to IMO Smart I/O products. Modbus Smart I/O can also be used with all i^3 models through one of the two configurable serial ports (MJ1 or MJ2). The structure for setting up a Modbus smart I/O remote module is the same as setting up a standard Modbus slave.

With the i3A12X/10D03-SCH, i3A12X/10B04-SCH and all of the i3B12Y range having three ports they could be used for data exchange. It is also possible to program the i^3 through the *i*CAN port.

In this tutorial:

- We will set up two examples for Smart I/O. The first example will be an example of an i^3 using *i*CAN remote I/O and the second will be of an i^3 linked to a Modbus Smart I/O module.
- We will run through how to use the *i*OS configuration utility.
- We will also set up a Modbus comms version of the *i*Smart as a simple and cheap way to add extra I/O to an *i*³.

Smart I/O Part Numbers



iOS Part Numbers

iOS / M 04 I P X - D1	Input - 4 Channel RTD
iOS / M 04 I V X - D1	Input - 4 Channel DC voltage
iOS / M 04 I T X - D1	Input - 4 Channel TC
iOS / M 04 I C X - D1	Input - 4 Channel DC current
iOS / M 08 I C X - D1	Input - 8 Channel DC current
iOS / M 08 I V X - D1	Input - 8 Channel DC voltage
iOS / M 08 I T X - D1	Input - 8 Channel TC Input
iOS / M 02 O X A - D1	Output - 2 Channel DC Voltage / Current
iOS / M 04 O X A - D1	Output - 4 Channel DC Voltage / Current
iOS / M 08 O X V - D2	Output - 8 Channel DC Voltage
iOS / M 08 B D R - D1	Input / Output - 4 digital inputs + 4 Relay outputs
iOS / M 12 I D X - D1	Input - 12 Channel Digital Inputs
iOS / M 12 B D D - D1	Input / Output - 4 digital inputs + 8 Transistor outputs

Please note: Not all combinations are available from stock. Please contact IMO for the latest information on availability.



Wiring - *i*CAN



The *i*CAN network is fixed to a baud rate of 125k. Using thick cable a maximum distance of 500m can be achieved with 64 nodes, by adding 1 repeater a distance of 1000m can be achieved, 2 repeaters 1500m, 3 repeaters 2000m and 256 nodes. The distance between nodes cannot exceed 6m (drop line length). A termination resistor of value 121Ω must be inserted at the start and end of the communication line. The maximum cable length is measured between terminating resistors or the node before the exceeding drop line length.

Wiring – Modbus

RS422 connection is shown below however a RS485 connection is also possible by linking Tx+ to Rx+ and Tx- to Rx-.



Max. 500m. Max. 32 Stations. (Including Master module).

Examples

MJ1 two-wire RS485 comms to Smart I/O

Smart I/O





MJ2 two-wire RS485 comms to iOS





*i*³ Port Connections

The i^3 connection details of ports MJ1 and MJ2 are shown below. For the Modbus network you can use either RS422 or RS485 connections.



Modbus Addressing

To address the Modbus Smart I/O, we need to map across an internal reference to a Modbus reference. The Digital inputs on a Smart I/O stick are read by reading the address 30001 and the outputs are written to by using the address 40001.

Slave Addressing

Modbus Code	Function code name	Modbus Address	Smart I/O Mapping	Remarks
04	Read input register (Read Input Registers)	3XXXX(word- input)	%IW0~%IW3	Word read
06	Write output register 1 word (Preset Single Register)	4XXXX(word- output)	%QW0~%QW3	Word write

Modbus Master Mapping						
Internal Reference	Maximum Range	Traditional Modbus Reference	Expanded Modbus Reference	Modbus Command(s)	Modbus Offset	
%Q1	2048	00001	000001	Deed Cail Status (1) Fares	00000	
%M1	2048	03001	003001	Single Coil (5) Force	03000	
%T1	2048	06001	006001	Multiple Coils (15)	06000	
%QG1	256	09001	009001		09000	
%l1	2048	10001	100001		00000	
%IG1	256	13001	103001	Bood Input Status (2)	03000	
%S1	256	14001	104001	Reau input Status (2)	04000	
%K1	256	15001	105001		05000	
%Al1	512	30001	300001		00000	
%AIG1	32	33001	303001	Read Input Register (4)	03000	
%SR1	32	34001	304001		04000	
%AQ1	512	40001	400001	Read Holding Registers (3)	00000	
0/ D	0000	(Previously 43001	410001	Preset Single Register (6)	03000	
70 N	3333	for 2048 registers)	410001	Preset Multiple Registers	06000	
%AQG1	32	46001	406001	(16)	10000	

*i*³ Master Modbus Map



Connection to *i*CAN enabled i^3

An error may occur when trying to connect an i3A12X/10D03-SCH or an i3A12X/10B04-SCH to i^3 configurator. This is due to the i^3 's station address not matching the target ID in the configurator software.

To check the station ID of the i^3 press both the UP and DOWN arrow together to enter the menu, then select the station number menu. Here we can check and change the station ID.



This target station number can also be checked and changed in the configurator software by selecting the "Set Target Network ID" from the controller drop down menu.



Setting the Station Number on the Smart I/O

Each node in the network must have a unique station address (number). This is set using the rotary switches on the unit, where there is a High digit and a low digit rotary knob used to set a hexadecimal number for the node. The master will use the station number to address the node in the main program.



iCAN Remote I/O Programming Example

Program a small tutorial to demonstrate the CAN digital and analogue remote I/O configuration.

Configure one screen to demonstrate CAN network analogue remote I/O, another to demonstrate the digital remote I/O.

The example program is CAN_remote_IO.csp

CAN Network Diagram



Connect the i^3 in the network as shown above, following the wiring from the section Wiring – CAN.



Configuring the *i*CAN Network

With the i^3 connected to the PC enter the I/O configuration menu and Auto-Config the unit. Then select the Network I/O tab to configure the network.

I/O Config	uration				×
CPU Slots	Network I/O				
Net ID	Description	Inputs	Outputs	Status	
					Add
					Delete
					Config
					Auto Re-Number
					Advanced
			OK	Cancel	Apply

To add a node to the network, click the Add button.

Add Network I/O	
Select Model:	
Select Model. Smart I/O - Digital 16 out Smart I/O - Digital 16 in Smart I/O - Digital 32 in Smart I/O - Digital 32 out ADC970 - Analog 12 in MIX977 - Analog 8 in, 4 out DAC207 - Analog 8 out MIX577 - Analog 8 out MIX577 - Analog 4 in, 2 out	Cu ava I/C list Se I/C with
	cli
OK Cancel	

Currently available Smart I/O units are listed.

Select the smart I/O unit that you wish to insert in the network and click ok.

Configuring iCAN Remote Digital I/O

After selecting the node to insert, the I/O has to be mapped to registers in the i^3 .

	Configure Digital Network I/O	
Map the I/O to memory registers for use in the Ladder program	Network Percent Network Network ID: 2 I/O Mapping 1/0 Start Digital In: 1 Start Digital Out: 117 1000 x 16	Set the network ID to match the node address set on the Smart I/O.
Default Output State X Output state on controller STOP: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 2 <	Status Register: R0203 Keen Input Update Method Input Update Method • Update on Change of State Mscc (100 mS to 25.5 Sec) Timeout Time: mSec (100 mS to 25.5 Sec) Maximum time I/D or controller will wait to indicate / act on a communication timeout. Output Defaults DK	The input update can also be configured to suit
Legend Hold Last State	It is also possible to set the outputs as with the outputs directly on the i^3	

Configuring iCAN Analogue Remote I/O

The analogue Smart I/O units are set up in a very similar way but more registers are required (one register per Input or Output). With the very high baud rate used in a CAN network the update response can be very quick, almost instantaneous.

	Configure Analog Network 1/0	
	Network ID: 3 Hex: 03	Set the ID of the node to match the
	I/O Mapping Start Analog In: R0001 ******* x 8	rotary switch
	Start Analog Dut: R0009 ***** × 4	
	Status Register: R0204 IN-BIT	Map the I/O to corresponding registers to be used
Configure the	Channel Configuration	in the program
analogue I/O as required: 0-10V,	11: +/-10V 12: +/-5V 13: +/-10V 14: +/-20 mA • 15: 4-20 mA 16: +/-10V 17: +/-20 mA • 18: +/-5V • 01: 4-20 mA 02: +/-20 mA 03: +/-5V • 04: +/-10V •	
4-20mA.	Input Filter: 10 mSec Enable Adaptive Filter Output Defaults Timoput	
	Comm Timeout: 1000 mSec (20 mS to 255 Sec) Maximum time I/O or controller will wait to indicate / act on a communication timeout.	
	OK Cancel	



Ladder Logic Programming

The ladder logic programming utilises the registers set up in the configuration of the network when the I/O was mapped to internal registers. The analogue values will be scaled to an internal memory register i.e. %T, %R or %M as with the analogue I/O direct to the i^3 .

We are going to set up the logic to stimulate the first three outputs on the digital remote I/O block and scale the first analogue output so that the user can enter a value through the screen.

Insert three NO contacts $\underbrace{++}$ on three separate Rungs, assign the contacts to %M1, %M2 and %M3. On each Rung add a N/O coils $\underbrace{++}$ and assign to %T17, %T18 and %T19.

	()
11	()
%M0001	%T0017
	0
11	()
%M0002	%T0018
1	
	()
11	()
%M0003	%T0019

In effect %M1 will operate the first output on the digital remote I/O station. With %M2 and %M3 operating the second and third outputs.

Now we have to set up a scaling function for the analogue output, which will allow the user to enter in a more meaningful value.

Start a new Rung with a NO contact assigned to %S7 "Always On" (ALW_ON). Select the scaling function from the Advanced Maths operations menu and insert it in the Rung.

	Scale	
%S0007		
	%R0013-IN1	
	2000 max	
	0- min _{Bem_aq1} Q-%R0009 32000- max	

The user will enter a value, scaled between 0 and 2000 that will represent a 0-20mA output on the first analogue remote output, mapped to %R9.

Screen Editor Programming

The HMI of the i^3 will have a user menu where the user can view and operate the digital remote I/O and a second screen where they can output to the first analogue output and read the first analogue input.

Screen 1

Assign three of the soft keys to the touch switch function \square , so that on a momentary push they will operate %M1, %M2 and %M3. Give them the legends %Q1, %Q2 and %Q3 accordingly. Assign the forth soft key to a screen jump function \square to jump to screen 2, give it a legend to inform the user what screen it is going to.

Finally place 3 lamps not the screen assigned to the first three remote digital inputs, %T1, %T2 and %T3. Give them legends accordingly to inform the user.

Screen 1 should now resemble the screen below.



Screen 2

Screen 2 will display the first analogue remote input and allow the user to enter data that will be scale the first analogue remote output.

Insert two data numeric function tags ¹²³, the first to only display the first analogue input and the second editable so the user can operate the first analogue output.

Assign the first numeric function to %R1, the mapped first remote analogue input. Make the function non-editable and enter the legend "input". Assign the second numeric function to %R9 the register that is going to be scaled to the output. Set the digits to 4, decimal points to 2 and the limits to 0 to 2000. Enter the text "output" in the legend. This will allow the user in effect to enter a value that appears to be 0 to 20mA with a two decimal place precision.

Finally assign a soft key to a screen jump function by to go back to the first screen. Enter a legend of "Remote Digital" to inform the user where it takes them.



Input	Output	
#####	##.##	
Remote Digital	· · · · ·	
<u> </u>		

Running the Program

Once the program has been downloaded and the i^3 put into run mode the user should be able to press one of the soft keys and see an output lamp light on the remote digital I/O. Similarly if an input is triggered on the remote I/O the associated lamp should come on in screen 1. The user will also be able to monitor the analogue remote I/O through screen 2.

🍳 Watch - remote-i-o 🔳 🗖 🗙					
File					
Memory	Value	Туре	Name		
%R0203	768	INT			
%R0204	3	INT			
			_		
			_		
L					
L			_		
			_		
L			_		
L					
L					
-					
1					
			2		
Print		Add B	unnina		

If there is a problem with the remote I/O network then the user can view the status registers using the data watch function.

As well as the i^3 having a status register for the network the remote I/O terminals have status LED's to provide a visual indication of the network's status.

Diagnostic LED	State	Meaning
	Solid Red	RAM / ROM test failed
MS	Blinking Red	I/O Test failed
Indicates fault status of module	Blinking Green	Module is in Power-up state
	Solid Green	Module is running normally
	Solid Red	Network Ack or Duplicate
		ID test failed
NS	Blinking Red	Network ID test failed
Indicates fault status of network	Blinking Green	Module is in life expectancy
		default state
	Solid Green	Network is running normally

Modbus Smart I/O Programming Example

Program a small example to demonstrate the i^3 controlling a network of 3 remote I/O blocks, GSL-DT4A, GSL-D24A and a GSL-RY2A.

The tutorial will concentrate on the network configuration and therefore the ladder logic program will just consist of an incrementing counter on a second pulse.

The example program is Modbus_remote_IO.csp

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Modbus Network Diagram



Ladder Logic Program

The ladder program will only consist of an up counter that will reset itself when it reaches the preset value. The counter will be operated on the internal one-second flag.

Insert a NO contact $\stackrel{\texttt{++}}{\texttt{-}}$ on the first rung, followed by a Counter function block $\stackrel{\texttt{CNT}}{\texttt{-}}$. Set up the counter function block as follows:

Counter Setup	
Counter Address: 280001 16-817 x2	Name 🗾
Setpoint PV: 999 ****	Name 🗾
Up Counter Down Counter Beset Input	
Address %R0002.16	Name 💽
	OK Cancel

Configuring the Modbus Smart I/O Network

To configure the port MJ2 select the menu Protocol Config from the program drop down menu.

Prog	ram Controller Debug Tools Scr									
	Network Configuration									
	Protocol Configuration									
	GSM/GPRS/SMS Configuration									
	Datalog Configuration									
	I/O Names									
	Element Usage									
	Setpoints									
8	Error Check									
	View Error List									
₿t	Upload									
₿ ↓	Download									
	Verify									
	Download Options									

Select the protocol Modbus Master (IMO) V1.04. Then click the network button to set the network parameters.

MJ1/Com Option	None	Network	Devices	Scan List
MJ2	Modbus Master (IMO) v 1.04	Network	Devices	Scan List
► Ethermat	- None Allen Bradley DF1 v 1.01 GE SNP (Series 90 Protocol) v 1.01 GPS Protocol v 1.00	Network	Devices	Scan List
Ethemet	ILAN Serial v 1.01 Modbus Master (IMO) v 1.04 	Network	Devices	Scan List
			IK Car	ncel

Network Configuration

It the network configuration the communication parameters are set. Set the parameters as shown below. We are going to use the protocol Modbus RTU and communicate on RS485, which is a multi-drop half duplex system.

Network Config	(Modbus Master (I/	мо)) 🛛 🖂
Port Configuration	n	Update Scan
Baud Rate:	19200 💌	Automatic
Parity:	None	ReacquireTime: 10000 mSec
Data Bits:	8	C Manual
Stop Bits:	1	Trigger:
Handshake:	Multidrop Half 🛛 💌	ID Select:
Protocol:	Modbus RTU 💌	Status
Mode:	RS-485 💌	Register: %R0016 4 x \$2+817 Name:
Retries:	2 (0-255)	, <u> </u>
Timeout:	1000 mSec	Address:
Slave Speed:	Medium	OK Cancel
Protocol Help		

It is important that the Slave speed is set to a maximum of Medium for good communications. A status register is not necessary but very useful for debugging.



Communication Devices in the Network

Once the Network parameters have been set, the Devices need to be added to the network.

Device List (Mod	lbus Master	· (IMO))			X		
Name GSL-DT4A GSL-D24A GSL-RY2A	ID 2 3	Status <u>%R0003</u> %R0005 %R0007	On Error Retry Retry Retry		Add Delete Config	•	To insert a new device, click Add.
		Device Conf	ig		OK Cancel		
Name the device and g the device a ID. This ID should be unique and match the number on t rotary dial o the front on Smart I/O.	give n he on the	Device Name: ID: Device Opti Swap Targe Status Status Name: Name:	GSL-DT44 1 words on 32-b t returns 32-bits 2R0003	(Slave Address) it data on single register re 2 x 16-err © Retry on Er	equest		

Add the three individual devices as shown and click OK. Ensure that the ID has also been set on the front of the Smart I/O before powering up.

Scan List

Finally we need to add to the scan list the addresses we are going to read from and write to the Modbus slaves.

Scan List (Modbus	Master (IM	0))						×
Edit View Sort								
Index Local Name	Register	Туре	Dev Name	ID	Target	Len	Trig	
0	%R0001 %B0010	<>	GSL-DT4A GSL-DT4A	1	40001	1	None	Add
2	%R0011	<	GSL-D24A	2	30001	2	None	Delete
3	%HUUU1	<>	GSL-RY2A	3	40001	1	None	Delete
								Config
								Edit Names
Filter By	Device:	xII		-			OK	Cancel

This is where we map across from the Modbus reference to the i^3 memory reference. Once we have mapped across the references, we only need to consider the i^3 memory reference, i.e. for the 16 relay output module we have mapped them across from ID 3 address 40001 to %R0001, if we want to switch on the individual bits on that output module then we use the bit reference of the word register, i.e. %R0001.1 is output 1.

Now that the communication network has been set up we can program some screens.



Screen Editor Programming

For this program we are going to have 5 screens: Main Menu, a Communication Status and 3 screens, 1 for each Smart I/O module.

To enter the screen editor, click on the icon **I**. Please set up the screens as described below.

Screen 1



Enter some static text at the top with two jump screen buttons below it. One button to take the user to the Network status information (screen 2) and the other to move to the start of the digital I/O (screen 3).

Screen 2

GSL-DT ####	1A #	A GSL # ##		-D24A ####		GSL-RY26 #####		A ŧ
		•	•	Het ##	: • ·	∘rk ##		
(Raci	\leq	1	1				I	

On the Network Status page, there will be 4 numeric data fields. One for each device and then a forth for the entire network. The numeric data fields will show the register value as set in the Network configuration. Add a screen jump to go back to the main screen (1)

Screen 3



The first of the Smart I/O blocks will be the GSL-DT4A. Add some lamps to represent the inputs from the module and add a numeric field to represent the output data. The I/O will be as we mapped in the Scan List. Inputs: %R10, Outputs %R1. Add a screen jump to move to the next block (screen 4) Screen 4



The second of the Smart I/O blocks will be the GSL-D24A. This block is inputs only so add some lamps to represent this. The Inputs are mapped in the Scan List. Inputs word: %R11 & %R12, Add a screen jump to move to the next block (screen 5)

Screen 5



The final of the Smart I/O blocks will be the GSL-RY2A. This block is outputs only but we will use lamps and a numeric data field to indicate. The Outputs are mapped in the Scan List. Output word: %R1. Add a screen jump to move back to the main screen (1).

Running the Program

Please connect the network as shown and remember to set the station number on the rotary dials on the Smart I/O bases.

The communication LED's (Tx and Rx) on the Smart I/O stations should be flickering almost constantly when good communication is achieved.

Also remember to insert the jumper into the RS485 termination terminal on the i^3 .



When all connected with communication established and in RUN mode the counter will directly output to the Smart I/O stations. The inputs can be monitored on the screens and the communication status of the network can be checked.

Please use the program: modbus_remote_io.csp



iOS Configuration Utility





Using the *i*OS module has the following advantages:

- 1) Up to 16-bit resolution on analogue models.
- 2) Space-saving din rail mountable design.
- 3) Easy wiring with vibration resistant plug in connectors.
- 4) Jumper-free configuration using IMO's free configuration utility.

Step 1

Open the file below in i^3 -Configurator.

Connect the loader cable to the i^3 , run an I/O configuration 2 to make the project compatible with the i^3 that you will be using. Then download to the i^3 .

Step 2

Wire the *i*OS module to the i^3 as shown in the example in the wiring section of this tutorial, plugging into MJ2 of the i^3 . Put in the link between Init and Ground on the *i*OS, and power it up.

Step 3

On the first screen displayed on the i^3 , press the soft-key corresponding to the 'INIT Default Setup'. The i^3 will then communicate briefly with the *i*OS module; you should see the light on the *i*OS flicker slightly. The next page appears:

iOS Setup	
Modbus Parameters 🔥 Operation Settings 📕 V	

The part number of the connected unit should appear here. If it does not then comms have not been established. Try cycling power on both units, check the 'INIT' jumper and try again.

Once the correct part number is shown in the top field, use the cursor to select the following options:

- 1. Modbus Parameters here you set the network ID, Baud, Parity, Stop and Data bits of the *i*OS module ready for the i^3 program and application, along with Modbus RTU or ASCII setting.
- 2. Operational setting here you configure the inputs and outputs. Enabled or disabled, voltage or current, RTD type, Thermocouple type etc.
- 3. Save Parameters Save the changes to the *i*OS module.
- 4. Exit without Save.

Step 4



If you selected 'Save Parameter' after altering your Operation Settings, then you will be brought to this screen. Here you can either select another *i*OS to configure, or, test** the one you have just configured.

**Note: you can only use the test function if the *i*OS module is set to 19200, 8, 1, None, RTU. And all I/O options set for Voltage instead of Current.

Once the corresponding soft-key has been pressed to activate the Test Function, unplug the *i*OS from MJ2. Remove the 'INIT' link, and cycle the power. Then, plug the *i*OS into MJ1. By that time the screen corresponding to the previously configured unit should appear. ie.

	iC)S/MO8	οχι	J-D2	2
0ut	Ø :	HH.HHV	0ut	4:	HH.HHV
Out	1:	HH.HHV	0ut	5:	HH.HHV
Out	2:	HH.HHV	0ut	6 :	HH.HHV
Out	3:	HH.HHV	Qut	7:	AH.AHV

In this case, alter the output voltages and measure with a multi-meter to see that they correspond.



Using a Modbus *i*Smart as remote I/O



To easily and affordably add extra I/O to an i^3 Controller; another option is to use an *i*Smart intelligent relay with Modbus Comms enabled. (Part No. SMT-CD-R20 or SMT-CD-T20 for relay or transistor outputs.)

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This option for expanding the I/O in this way has several benefits:

- 1) This quickly adds 12 Digital inputs, 4 10-bit analogue inputs, 8 relay/transistor outputs. And can easily be expanded again, either with expansion modules as shown above, or, up to 31 iSmarts can be distributed over the Modbus network.
- 2) Two of the inputs are High Speed Counters (up to 1KHz).
- 3) One of the transistor outputs can be used for PWM. (up to 1KHz)
- 4) The HMI screen provides local information and I/O activity display.
- 5) Four programmable push buttons are added to the system.
- 6) Although no program is required in the *i*Smart the i^3 Controller can control most variables over the comms if the comms are lost then a program can be put into the *i*Smart to return equipment to a 'Safe' condition until comms is re-established.

Open the attached program in i^3 Configurator: iSmart_remoteIO.csp

The attached program is for three iSmart Intelligent Relays communicating with an i^3 controller. Setting up each of the iSmarts is very simple. No program is required inside the iSmarts and they are not even required to be in 'RUN' mode if they are being purely as expansion I/O.

Power up each iSmart, if only one unit is available then do not worry, as the demo will still function.

SET System Settings

Press the 'ESC' key on the front of the iSmart. This will open the system menu shown.



Inside the SET menu are 7 options, but we are only concerned with the first two.

ID SET 01	\rightarrow	ID setting (00~99)
REMOTE I $\overline{)0}$ N	\rightarrow	Remote I/O Mode (N: none M: Master S: Slave)
BACK LIGHT ×	\rightarrow	Back light mode (√: always light ×: light for 5s after
		pressed.)
M KEEP √	\rightarrow	M: non-Volatile (v:Volatile x: Non- Volatile)
I/O NUMBER 0	\rightarrow	Expansion I/O Points (0~3)
I/O ALARM √	\rightarrow	Siren setting when is not available to Expansion I/O
		Points (√:Yes ×:No)
C KEEP ×	\rightarrow	in stop/run switching, Counter Present Value
		Keeping(√:Yes ×:No)

For each iSmart 'REMOTE I/O' must be set to 'N'. The Master and Slave modes are for use only when connecting two iSmarts together, where the Slave becomes Expansion I/O to the master. We do not want this single point-to-point connection; we want the full multi-drop facility that is enabled by selecting 'N'.



Wiring to iSmarts

From the RJ45 connector of MJ2, use a twisted pair to loop through all of the iSmarts, connecting to the 'A' and 'B' Terminals (the furthest to the right along the top row). Also install a 120 Ω termination resistor between the A and B terminals of the final Slave (ID3), and install the Jumper on the top of the i^3 for termination at the Master end for MJ2 (Middle position).



The system should then be ready to run.

Running the program

In the attached i^3 program there are three main areas in the HMI. The 'Main' screen branches into 'Network Status' and 'Devices', as shown below.







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