



**Driver Manual**  
(Supplement to the FieldServer Instruction Manual)

**FS-8700-108**  
**GE-TLC**  
(GE Total Lighting Control)  
**Driver**

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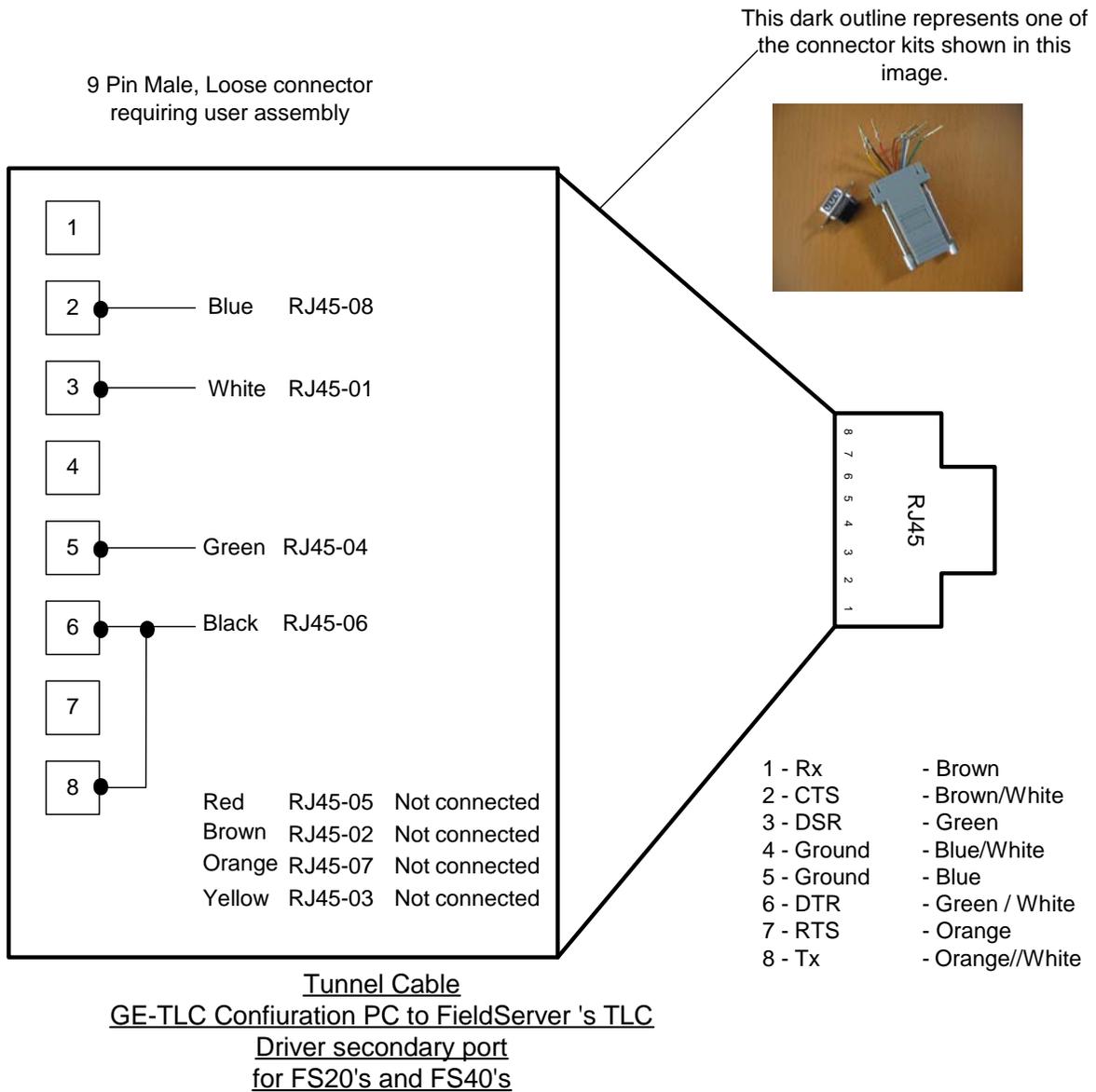
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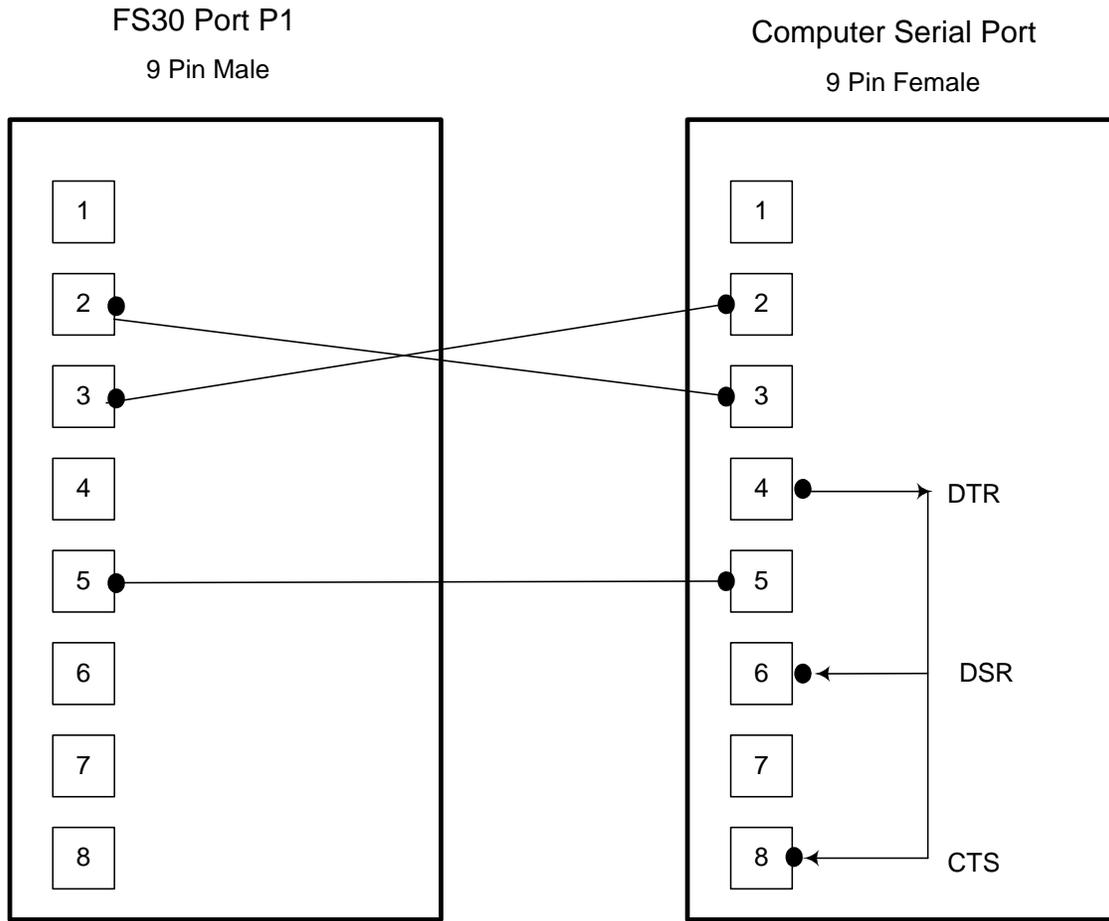
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**1. GE-TLC Driver Description**

This serial driver allows connectivity to a GE-TLC network by providing data transfer to the RLINK device. The RLINK device is provided by GE Lighting Controls as a gateway between its proprietary network and building automation networks. Thus to provide data transfer between a 3<sup>rd</sup> party protocol such as BACNet, it is necessary to connect the BACnet network to the RLINK by means of a FieldServer.

The driver may be configured as a client or server. The Client functionality is fully documented and supported. The FieldServer cannot be used as a substitute for the RLINK device – for this reason the server side functionality is not documented. If you are interested using the server side please contact the sales group.

As a client the driver is capable of :

- polling for status data,
- sending commands to operate the relays,
- sending commands as if a PSS switch had been operated,
- receiving unsolicited status messages from the TLC network.

**The driver can be configured as an adapter – a device which reads a predefined data set and automatically make its available as a set of BACnet data objects. More information is provided in Appendix A.1**

**The driver can support a simultaneous connection for a PC running TLC configuration software. More information is provided in Appendix C**

FIELDSEVER MODE	NODES	COMMENTS
CLIENT	9999	ONLY ONE RLINK DEVICE MAY BE CONNECTED TO A SINGLE PORT ON THE FIELDSEVER. HOWEVER, EACH RLINK DEVICE MAY FORM PART OF A NETWORK OF LIGHTING PANELS (NODES).  THE DRIVER DOES NOT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF NODES THAT MAY BE POLLED VIA THE RLINK.
SERVER	N/A	

**2. Driver Scope of Supply**

**2.1. Supplied by FieldServer Technologies for this driver**

<b>FieldServer Technologies PART #</b>	<b>Description</b>
FS-8915-10	UTP cable (7 foot) for Ethernet connection

**2.2. Provided by the Supplier of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Equipment**

**2.2.1. Required 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Hardware**

<b>Part #</b>	<b>Description</b>
GE R-LINK DEVICE	This device allows 3 <sup>rd</sup> party devices to connect to a GE-TLC network.

**2.2.2. Required 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Software**

None required to enable this driver/

**2.2.3. Required 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Configuration**

None required to enable this driver/

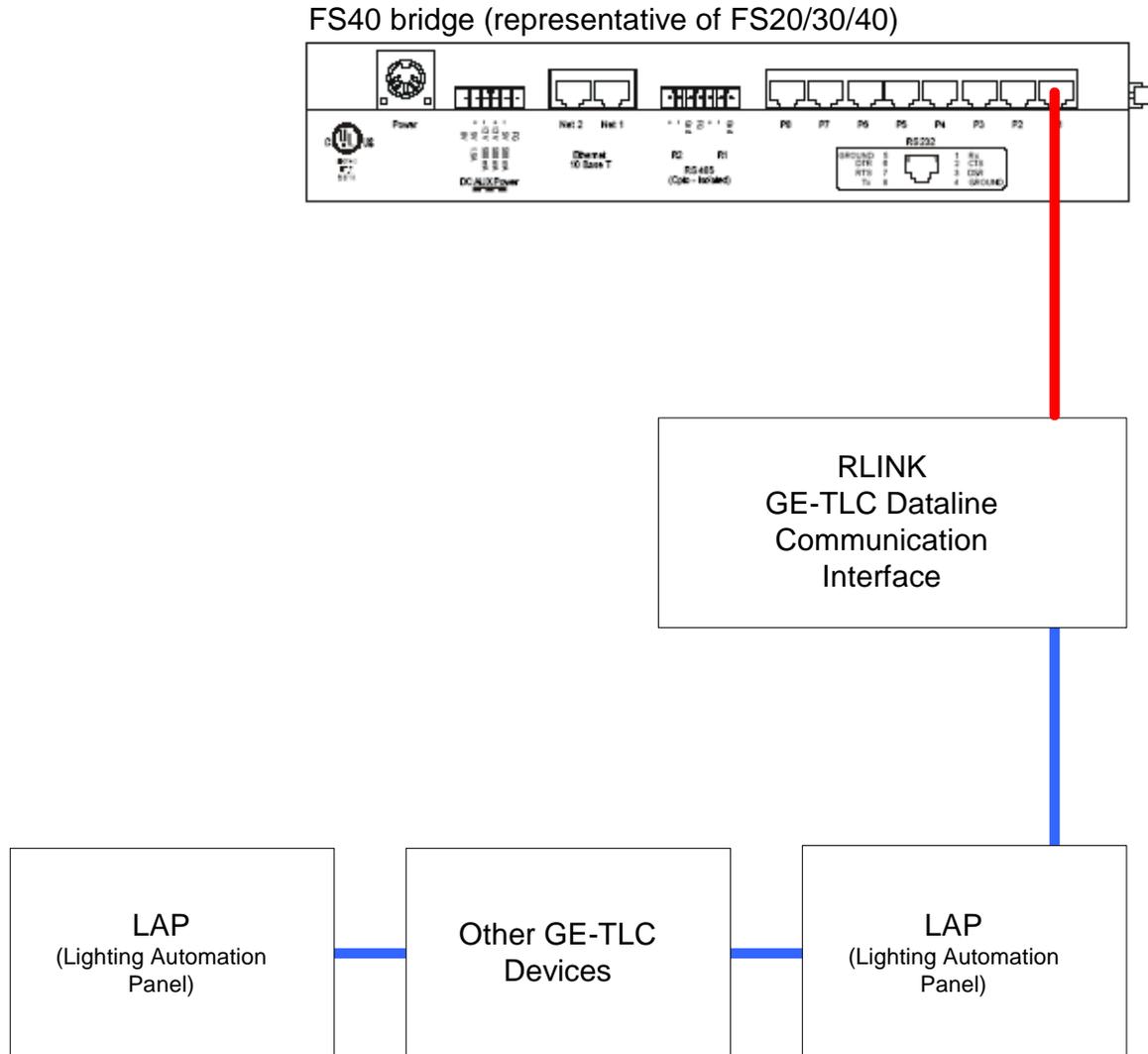
**2.2.4. Optional Items**

<b>PART #</b>	<b>Vendor/Manufacturer</b>	<b>Description</b>

### 3. Hardware Connections

The FieldServer is connected to the R-Link Device as shown in connection drawing. Configure the R-Link according to manufacturer's instructions

#### 3.1. Block Diagram

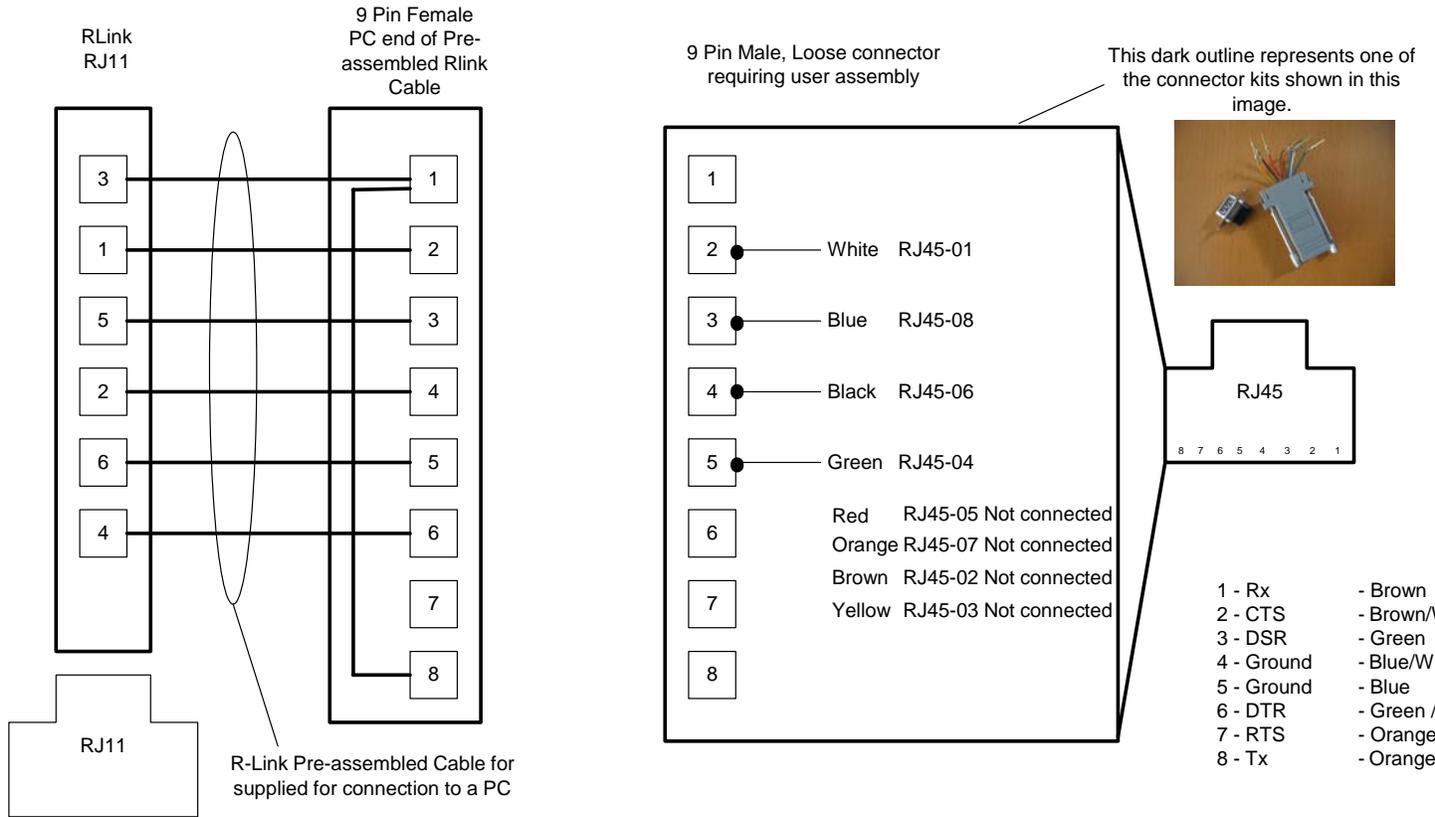


3.2. *Connection Photo – FS20 shown as typical*

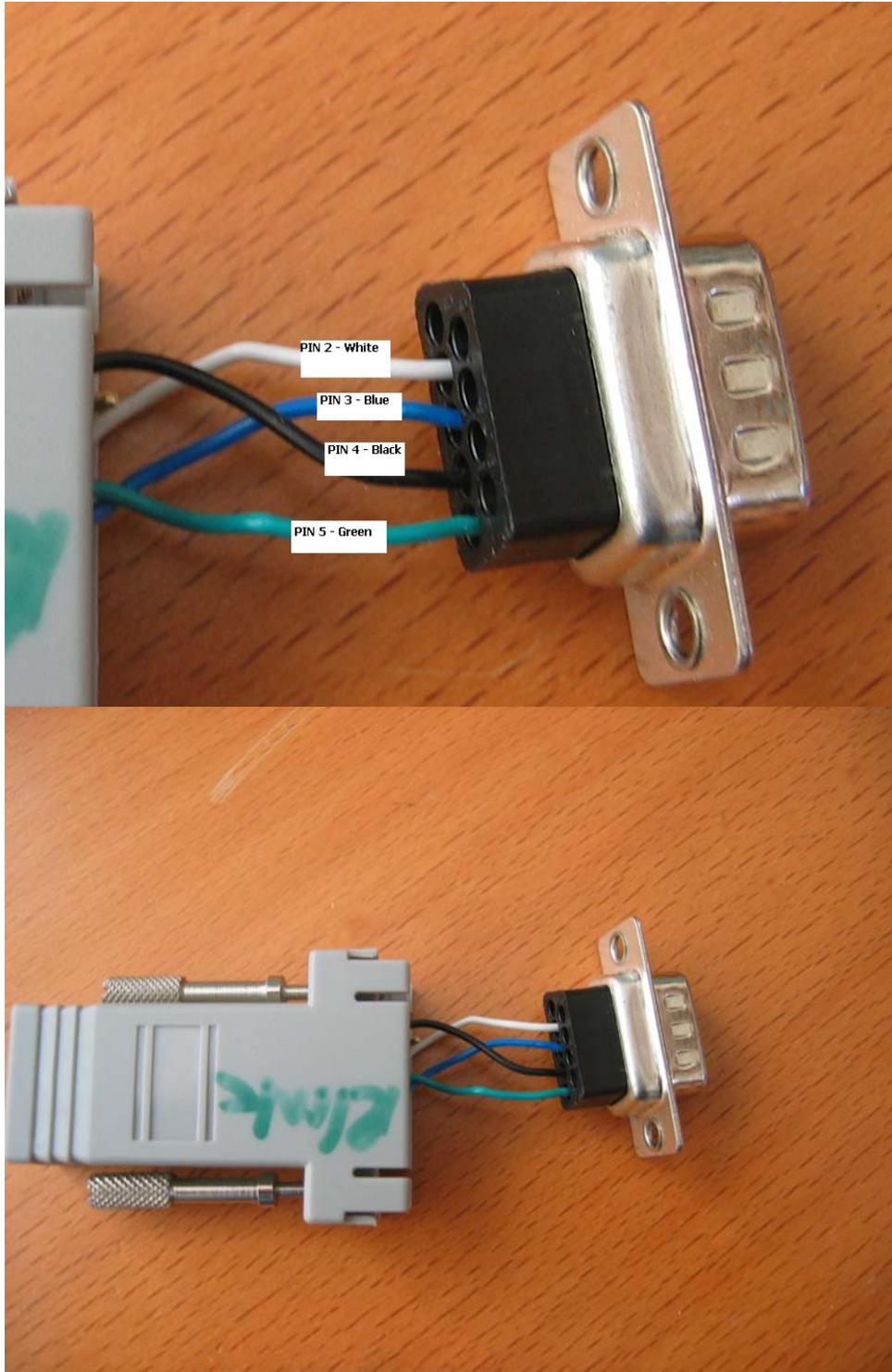


3.3. Cable Diagram – Using A Serial Cable

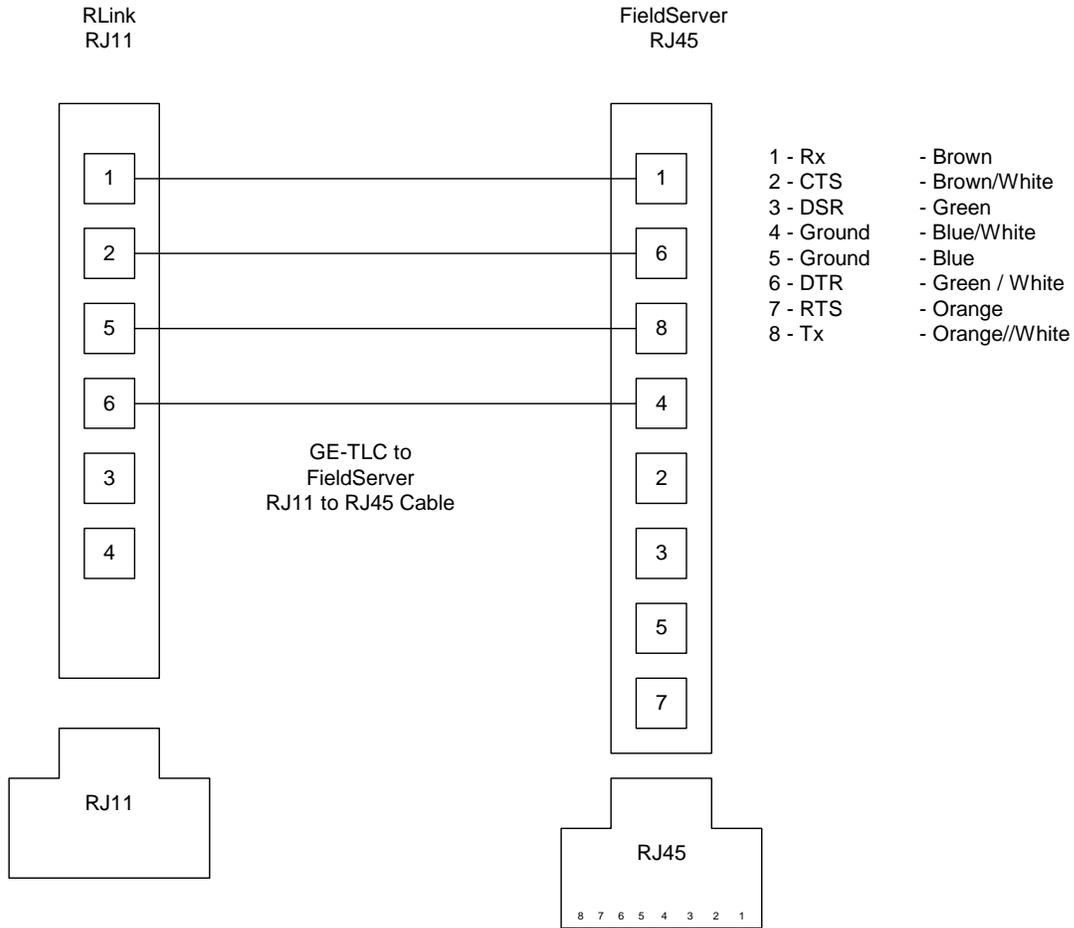
Note: On FS30 series only P2 can be used for connection to the Rlink.



GE-TLC Rlink to FieldServer using pre-assembled GE-TLC Rlink-PC Cable.

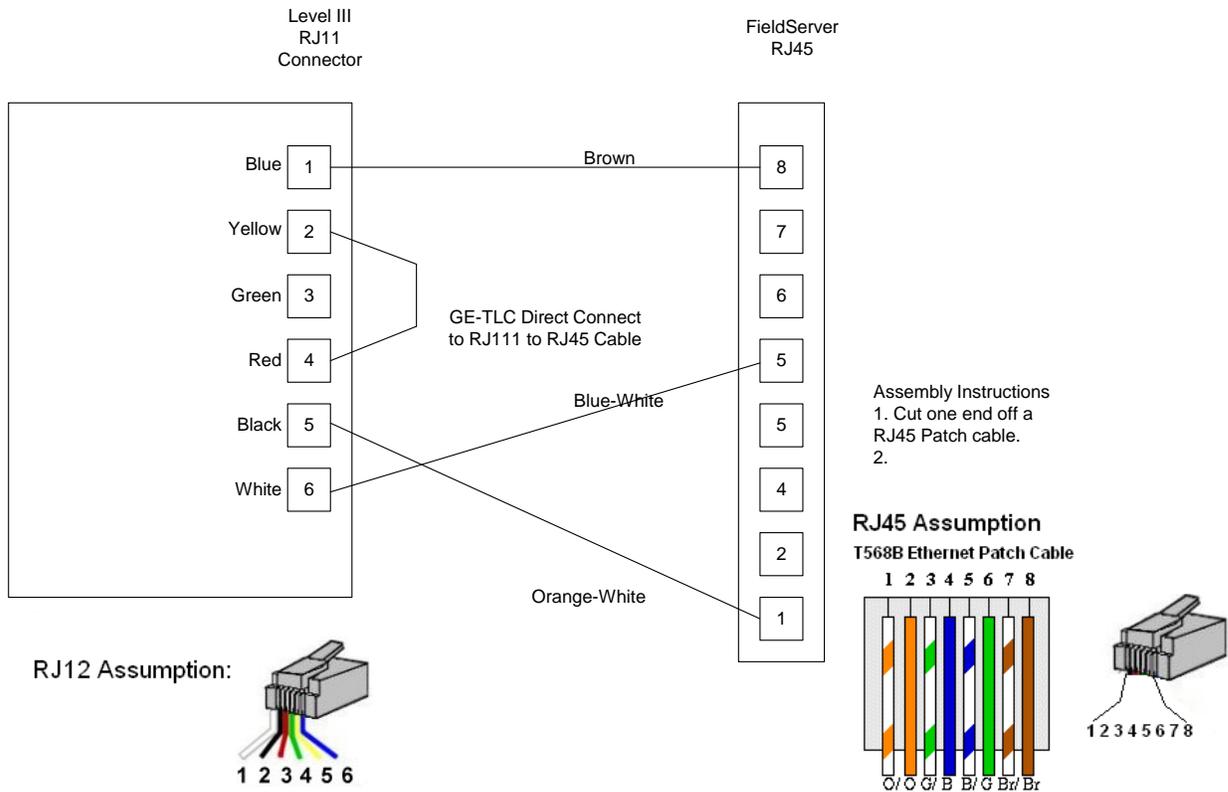


3.4. Cable Diagram – RJ12 direct to RJ45



3.5. Cable Diagram – FieldServer Direct to Level 3

Careful – not all RJ12 cables are made with the same color scheme. Its common to find this and the exact reverse color scheme.



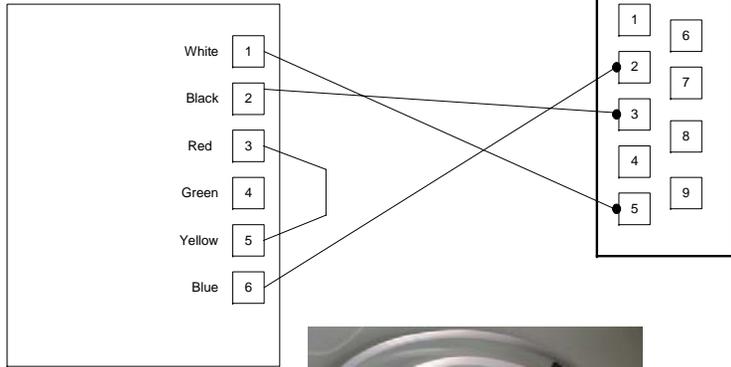
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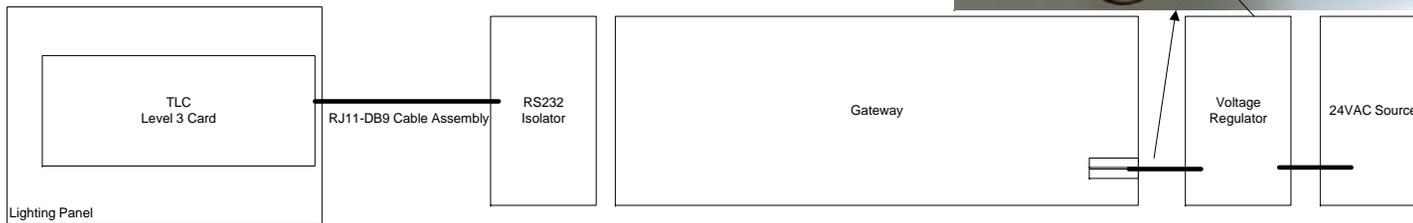
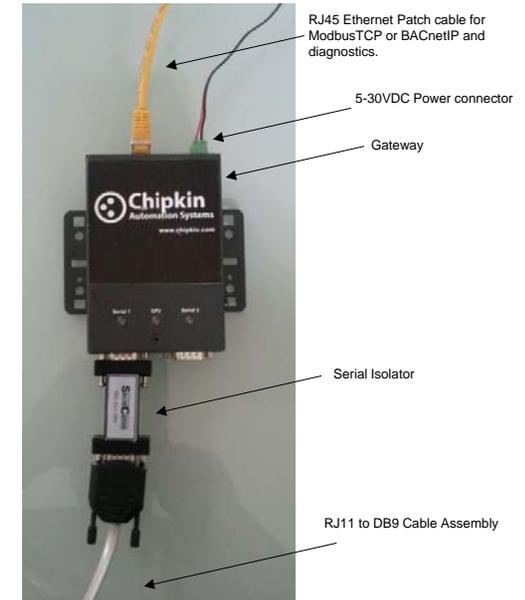
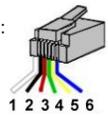
### Cable Assembly - TLC Level 3 Controller Card to CAS TLC Gateway

Connects to RJ11 connector on TLC card.

Connects to DB9 connector on Gateway



RJ12 Assumption:



### 3.6. Hardware Connection Tips / Hints

#### 3.6.1. Two or more Rlink's on the same network ?

If there are two or more RLINK's on the same network this could present a problem if the driver is not configured correctly. The reason is as follows. Normally the FieldServer is configured as a client. It polls for data and expects responses and can also process unsolicited status updates sent when something changes. If there is another RLINK on the network and it is being used by other client software such as the GE Software or Wincontrol then the FieldServer will receive a copy of the polls sent by that software as all network messages are sent to the each RLINK. When a copy of the poll is received the FieldServer will not know how to respond and this will cause problems. The problem is easily resolved by setting the connection parameter called 'TLC\_Server\_Enabled' to 'No'. See section 4.2

#### 3.6.2. Direct Connection to a Level3 Card ( No Rlink)

Its possible to connect a FieldServer to a single level 3 controller card. In such cases the FieldServer can only communicate with the panel it is directly connected to. Read section [3.5 Cable Diagram – FieldServer Direct to Level 3](#) for information on making the cable.

To achieve this connection, the FieldServer must be correctly configured.

The parameter **Inhibit\_Conn\_Seq** controls this. When connecting with an Rlink this parameter is not specified or is specified with a value of zero. For direct connection there are two choices. Set the value of the parameter to 99 to inhibit the connection sequence required by Rlink's and thus allow direct connection to the panel. The cable that connects the FieldServer to the Level 3 card has special requirements and is described in section 3.4

You can also set the value of the connection parameter, Inhibit\_Conn\_Seq, to a value of 98. This also allows a direct connection to be established but it also enables a 1 shot task when the driver starts up. As it starts it looks for a file called tlc.ini. If the file is found the driver reads the file, and uses the panel number as the address of the panel it must talk to, ignoring the Node\_ID specified in the config file. The purpose of this mode of operation is to allow a single configuration file to be used many panels.

The file tlc.ini can be created manually and downloaded to the FieldServer but the driver does auto create this file each time it receives the self-identification message from the panel. When a panel is powered on it often sends a message with the panel number. The driver uses this message to create the file tlc.ini

When the self identification message is received the driver also pokes the value of the panel number in the array “GE-TLC-Stats” at offset 41. This can be used to change the Node\_ID of the panel in the config (until the next reboot) as well as change the NODE\_ID of the server node. This poke into offset 41 is only done in direct connection mode.

An example of how this can be achieved is provided on the next page.

Example of Configuration File code used to change the TLC and BACNet (Server) Node\_ID's

```

Preloads,
Data_Array_Name ,Preload_Data_Index ,Preload_Data_Value
DA_BACNet      ,1                      ,100
DA_BACNet      ,3                      ,7

Moves
Source_Data_Array ,Source_Offset ,Target_Data_Array ,Target_Offset ,Length
GE-TLC-Stats     ,41             ,DA_BACNet     ,0             ,1

Moves
Source_Data_Array ,Source_Offset ,Target_Data_Array ,Target_Offset ,Length ,Function
DA_BACNet         ,0             ,DA_BACNet     ,2             ,2     ,MULT
DA_BACNet         ,2             ,DA_BACNet     ,4             ,2     ,ADD

Dynamic_Parameters,
Function          , Descriptor_Name          ,Data_Array_Name ,Data_Array_offset ,Low_Limit ,High_Limit
Change_Node_ID   , TLCPanel                 ,GE-TLC-Stats   ,41              ,1         ,255
Change_Node_ID   , TLC_vBACnet_PANEL       ,DA_BACNet      ,4               ,1         ,65535

```

When a panel self identifies itself, the panel number is stored at offset 41 in the Data Array “GE-TLC-Stats”  
The moves, above, are used to change the Node\_ID of the Client (TLC) and the Server (Bacnet in this example) node.

// Preloads

```
DA_BACNet[1] = 100
```

```
DA_BACNet[3] = 7
```

//Move

```
DA_BACNet[0] = GE-TLC-Stats[41]
```

```
//Mult
```

```
DA_BACNet[2] = DA_BACNet[0] * DA_BACNet[1]
```

```
// Add
```

```
DA_BACNet[4] = DA_BACNet[2] + DA_BACNet[3]
```

```
// change Node ID's
```

```
/ The changes don't occur all the time, only when in GE-TLC-Stats[41] changes and triggers the execution of these moves.
```

```
The Node known as "TLCPanel" will have its node_id changed to the value found in GE-TLC-Stats[41]
```

```
The Node known as "TLC_vBACnet_PANEL" will have its node_id changed to the value found in DA_BACnet[4]
```

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#### 4. Configuring the FieldServer as a GE-TLC Driver Client

For a detailed discussion on FieldServer configuration, please refer to the FieldServer Configuration Manual. The information that follows describes how to expand upon the factory defaults provided in the configuration files included with the FieldServer (See “.csv” sample files provided with the FieldServer).

This section documents and describes the parameters necessary for configuring the FieldServer to communicate with a GE-TLC Driver Server.

##### 4.1. Data Arrays/Descriptors

The configuration file tells the FieldServer about its interfaces, and the routing of data required. In order to enable the FieldServer for GE-TLC Driver communications, the driver independent FieldServer buffers need to be declared in the “Data Arrays” section, the destination device addresses need to be declared in the “Client Side Nodes” section, and the data required from the servers needs to be mapped in the “Client Side Map Descriptors” section. Details on how to do this can be found below.

Note that in the tables, \* indicates an optional parameter, with the bold legal value being the default.

Section Title			
Data Arrays	Column Title	Function	Legal Values
	Data_Array_Name	Provide name for Data Array	Up to 15 alphanumeric characters
	Data_Array_Format	Provide data format. Each Data Array can only take on one format.	Float, Bit, UInt16, SInt16, Packed_Bit, Byte, Packed_Byte, Swapped_Byte
	Data_Array_Length	Number of Data Objects. Must be larger than the data storage area required by the Map Descriptors for the data being placed in this array.	1-10,000

**Example**

```
// Data Arrays

Data_Arrays
Data_Array_Name,      Data_Array_Format,      Data_Array_Length
DA_AI_01,             UInt16,                 200
DA_AO_01,             UInt16,                 200
DA_DI_01,             Bit,                    200
DA_DO_01,             Bit,                    200
```

4.2. Client Side Connection Descriptions

Section Title		
Connections		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Port	Specify which port the device is connected to the FieldServer.  For FS30 Series bridges, only P2 can be used as the Primary serial port because of the DTR signaling which is not present on P2.	P1-P8, R1-R2 <sup>1</sup>
Protocol	Specify protocol used	GE-TLC, GE-Total-Lighting or TLC
Baud*	Specify baud rate  The RLINK device self senses the baud rates in this sequence (in this sequence: 300, 19200, 9600, 4800, 2400, 1200.  The FieldServer supports all standard baud rates between 300 and 115200	110 – 115200, standard baud rates only
Parity*	Specify parity	RLINK supports Even  Driver Supports: Even, Odd, <b>None</b> , Mark, Space
Data_Bits*	Specify data bits	RLINK supports <b>8</b> , Driver supports 7,8
Stop_Bits*	Specify stop bits	RLINK supports 1 Driver supports <b>1,2</b>
Handshaking*	Specify hardware handshaking	<b>None</b>
Poll_Delay*	Time between internal polls	0-32000 seconds, <b>1 second</b>
TLC_Adapter*	Specified when using the driver in adapter mode. See section Appendix A.1	

<sup>1</sup> Not all ports shown are necessarily supported by the hardware. Consult the appropriate Instruction manual for details of the ports available on specific hardware.

TLC_Adapter_Mode*	Specified when using the driver in adapter mode. See section Appendix A.1	
Secondary_Port*	<p>Specify this parameter if you want a secondary device (e.g. Computer running GE Configuration Software).</p> <p>This port will have the same connection properties as the primary port. It is not possible to the port at a different baud rate.</p> <p>For FS30 Series bridges only P1 can be used as the secondary connection.</p>	P1-P8, R1-R2 <sup>2</sup>
TLC_Tunnel_Delay*	<p>Specified in milliseconds.</p> <p>When the driver is configured to allow a PC running configuration software to tunnel through the Rlink connection the driver suspends the normal polling process. The duration of the suspension is controlled by this parameter.</p> <p>Read more about the tunnel in Appendix C</p>	Default is 2000
TLC_Server_Enabled	<p>If set to No then the driver will ignore all poll messages that it receives. If set to yes, then the driver can respond to polls but must be configured correctly.</p> <p>Please read section 3.6.1 for more information.</p>	No, Yes.
Tunnel_Option	In Mode zero, when a message arrives from the tunnel port, the driver suspends polling until the TLC_Tunnel_Delay	0, 1

<sup>2</sup> Not all ports shown are necessarily supported by the hardware. Consult the appropriate Instruction manual for details of the ports available on specific hardware.

	<p>has expired. The timer is restarted with each new message. The suspension of polling means that the FieldServer will not read status data or write commands to the TLC devices.</p> <p>In Mode=1, the tunnel also suspends polling but does allow command to the relays to be sent immediately. The driver does not wait for a response and thus cannot report the success of the operation.</p> <p>Read more about the tunnel in Appendix C</p>	
Inhibit_Conn_Seq	<p>This parameter is normally not specified and is never used when connecting via a RLink.</p> <p>When direct connecting to a Level3 card without using the Rlink the specify the value of this parameter as 99.</p> <p>If the value is specified as 98 then the driver looks for a file called tlc.ini. If found, it reads the panel number from the file and uses that as the panel number instead of the configured panel number. After this one time action the value of this parameter is changed to 99 for the rest of the session.</p>	0,98,99
Restart_Option	<p>Number of consecutive timeouts that will cause the unit to reboot. If the value of this parameter is zero then no action is taken.</p>	0, 1 ,2, 3 ...

**Example**

```
//      Client Side Connections

Connections
Port,      Protocol,      Baud,  Parity,  Handshaking,  Poll_Delay
P1,        GE-TLC,      9600,  None,    None,          0.100s
```

**Example – Configured as Tunnel for PC doing configuration.**

```
//      Client Side Connections

Connections
Port,      Protocol,      Baud,  Parity,  Secondary_Port,
P1,        GE-TLC,      9600,  None,    P2
```

**4.3. Client Side Node Descriptors**

Section Title		
Nodes		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Node_Name	Provide name for node	Up to 32 alphanumeric characters
Node_ID	The LCP or PSS node number.	1-9999
Protocol	Specify protocol used	GE-TLC, GE-Total-Lighting or TLC
Connection	Specify which port the device is connected to the FieldServer	P1-P8, R1-R2 <sup>3</sup>
PLC_Type	In adapter mode this parameter tells the driver what kind of node to create and what Map Descriptors to create. Read more in section Appendix A.1	PSS-Switch PSS-Trap LINK LCP12 LCP24 LCP48 LCP(Unknown) Type-Unknown

**Example**

// Client Side Nodes			
Nodes			
Node_Name,	Node_ID,	Protocol,	Connection
PLC 1,	1,	Modbus_RTU,	P8

<sup>3</sup> Not all ports shown are necessarily supported by the hardware. Consult the appropriate Instruction manual for details of the ports available on specific hardware.

**4.4. Client Side Map Descriptors**

**4.4.1. FieldServer Related Map Descriptor Parameters**

Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Map_Descriptor_Name	Name of this Map Descriptor	Up to 32 alphanumeric characters
Data_Array_Name	Name of Data Array where data is to be stored in the FieldServer	One of the Data Array names from "Data Array" section above
Data_Array_Offset	Starting location in Data Array	0 to maximum specified in "Data Array" section above
Function	Function of Client Map Descriptor	RDBC, WRBC, WRBX

**4.4.2. Driver Related Map Descriptor Parameters**

Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Node_Name	Name of Node to fetch data from	One of the node names specified in "Client Node Descriptor" above
Data_Type	Data type	Register, Coil, AI, DI
Length	Length of Map Descriptor  See the examples for more specific information.	Positive whole numbers.
Address	When writing to a panel the address is used as the relay number.  When reading data the address is generally ignored.  See the examples for more specific information.	Zero and Positive whole numbers.
TLC_Function	Tells the driver what data to read or write.  Examples illustrate the use of each one.	"Override Single Relay" "Schedule Action Single Relay" "Clean Action Single Relay" "Shed Action Single Relay" "Relay Status" "Relay Failures" "Module Status"

		"Link Status" "Unsol Relay Status" "Unsol Relay Failures" "Unsol Module Status" "Unsol Link Status" "Unsol PSS Control" "Override Relay Group"
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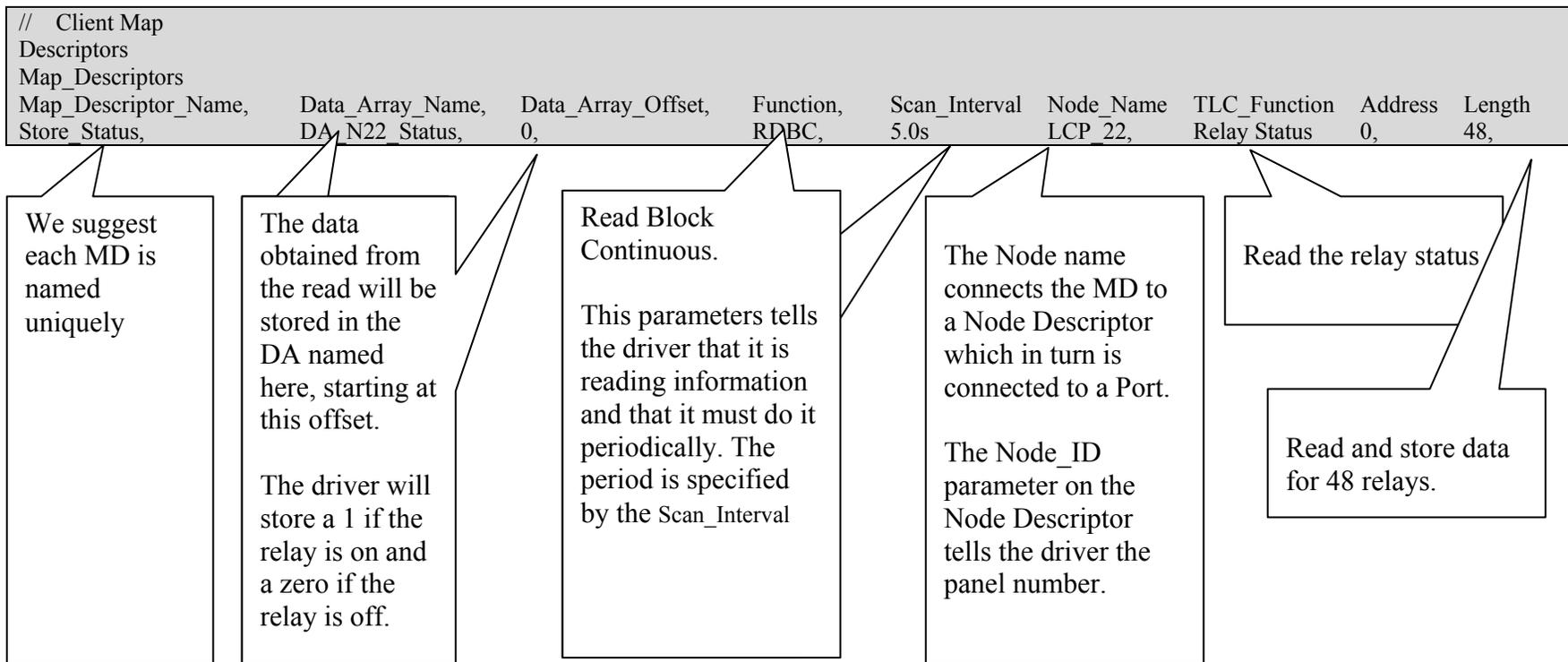
**4.4.3. Timing Parameters**

Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Scan Interval	Rate at which data is polled	$\geq 0.001s$

**4.5. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 1 – Read Relay Status.**

*This Map Descriptor (MD) reads the status of the relays on a LCP and stores the result. The length of 48 allows the driver to read and store data for 48 relays. The address parameter is not used because the driver will read the data for all relays and will start storing relay #1's status information at offset 0 in the Data Array (DA) called DA\_N22\_Status. Relays #2's status will be stored in offset 1. This read task will be executed every 5 seconds. The TLC\_Function parameter tells the driver what data to read.*

*If a relay status changes the LCP sends an unsolicited message reporting the change. When the driver receives the message it will look for a place to store the data. If the message is from the LCP\_22 then this MD will be used to store the data. Thus the data in the associated DA may be updated more often than the scan interval.*



**4.6. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 2 – Read Relay Failures.**

*This example is almost the same as example 1 except that in this example we are not reading the relay status but the relay failure state. If a relay has failed the driver stores a 1 and if the relay is in a non-failed state the driver stores a zero.*

*This Map Descriptor (MD) stores the failure state for relay #1 in offset 48 of the Data Array (DA) called DA\_N22\_Status. Relays #2's failure state will be stored in offset 49.*

*If a relay fails the LCP sends an unsolicited message reporting the change. When the driver receives the message it will look for a place to store the data. If the message is from the LCP\_22 then this MD will be used to store the data. Thus the data in the associated DA may be updated more often than the scan interval.*

```
// Client Map
Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name,   Data_Array_Name,   Data_Array_Offset,   Function,   Scan_Interval   Node_Name   TLC_Function   Address   Length
Store Failures,       DA_N22_Status,     48,                  RDBC,       5.0s           LCP_22,    Relay Failures  0,        48,
```

If you don't want to actively read the states then change this to 'Server'. Then the MD will be used to store unsolicited relay failure message sent by the panel.

Tells the driver to read / store Relay failure States.

**4.7. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 3 – Read Module (LCP/LAP) Status.**

*In this MD the driver reads the status of the module – this is the LCP or LAP status and not the status of the relays on the module. The driver stores 8 consecutive bits. In this example the Data\_Array\_Offset is 96 and thus the driver stores the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 8 at offset 96.*

*Bit 1 : Clock set if=1*

*Bit 2: Program set if=1*

*Bit 3: Relay failure if=1 . (cleared by clear relay failure indicators or when last relay failure self-clears)*

*Bit 4: Reserved*

*Bit 5: =1 when driver 1 is in place (relay 1-12)*

*Bit 6: =1 when driver 1 is in place (relay 13-24)*

*Bit 7: =1 when driver 1 is in place (relay 25-36)*

*Bit 8: =1 when driver 1 is in place (relay 27-48)*

*If the module status changes the module sends an unsolicited message reporting the change. When the driver receives the message it will look for a place to store the data. If the message is from the LCP\_22 then this MD will be used to store the data. Thus the data in the associated DA may be updated more often than the scan interval.*

<i>// Client Map</i>								
<i>Descriptors</i>								
<i>Map_Descriptors</i>								
<i>Map_Descriptor_Name,</i>	<i>Data_Array_Name,</i>	<i>Data_Array_Offset,</i>	<i>Function,</i>	<i>Scan_Interval</i>	<i>Node_Name</i>	<i>TLC_Function</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Length</i>
<i>Store_Mod_Status,</i>	<i>DA_N22_Status,</i>	<i>96,</i>	<i>RDBC,</i>	<i>5.0s</i>	<i>LCP_22,</i>	<i>Module Status,</i>	<i>0,</i>	<i>8,</i>

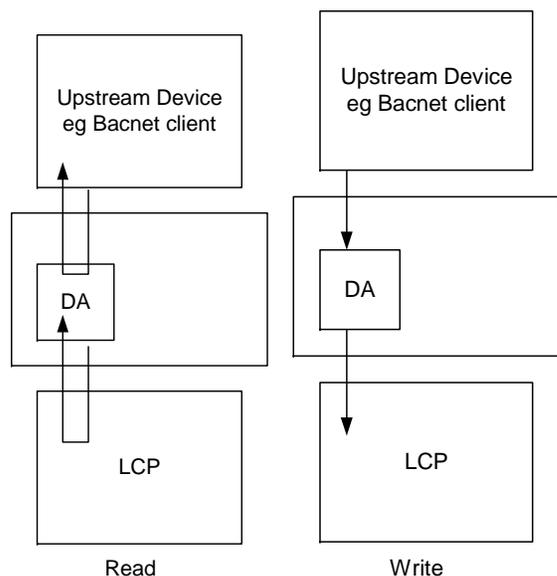
**4.8. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 4 – Passively listening for Relay Status changes, Relay Failures Module Status changes.**

*This is achieved by using the same MD's as in examples 1-3 but change the function to 'passive'. This means the driver will not poll for data but by providing the MD's you define a place for the driver to store data from the unsolicited messages.*

*When status changes result in unsolicited messages sent from the panels then when they arrive at the driver, the driver looks for a place to store data from the messages. First it makes sure that there is a matching node. If there is it looks at the type of message and finds a matching Map Descriptor based on the TLC\_Function parameter. If it finds a match it stores data. If none is found the data is ignored.*

### 4.9. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 5 – Turning a relay on /off

The driver can write through a read. This means that if you are reading the relay status (example 1) then to change the state of any one the relays all you have to do is have the upstream device change the data in the associated Data Array. This is usually accomplished by having a server side MD for the upstream protocol. The upstream normally reads the relay state by reading and having the FieldServer serve the response. Now the upstream node writes instead of reads. The data is written to the Data Array. If the DA name and offset correspond to those shown in the MD below then the driver build a message to turn the relay on or off.



*Thus when the upstream protocol writes a '1' to DA\_N22\_Status offset 5 (6<sup>th</sup> location) the driver creates a one shot write to the LCP\_22 and tells it turn relay 6 on. If the upstream device wrote a zero the command to turn relay 6 off would be sent.*

```
// Client Map
Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name,   Data_Array_Name,   Data_Array_Offset,   Function,   Scan_Interval   Node_Name   TLC_Function   Address   Length
Store Status,         DA_N22_Status,     0,                   RDBC,      5.0s           LCP_22,    Relay Status   0,       48,
```

**4.10. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 6 – Turning a relay on /off**

*It is conceivable that you may wish to turn relays on / off but not read their status. In such a scenario you cannot use the solution provided in example 5. Now you need an MD.*

*In this example a single MD waits for an upstream node to send data to DA\_N22\_status offset 5. When the DA location is updated (not necessarily changed) the driver sends a write command to the relay using the 1 or zero found in the DA location to command the relay specified by the 'Address' parameter. Note that the length is 1.*

*You need one of these MD's for each relay you wish to command this way.*

```
// Client Map
Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name, Data_Array_Name, Data_Array_Offset, Function, Scan_Interval Node_Name TLC_Function Address Length
Set_Status, DA_N22_Status, 5, wrbx, 5.0s LCP_22, Override Single Relay, 6, 1,
```

Tells the driver to write on update.  
  
It is still considered an update even if the data doesn't change.

This is the relay number

Set the length to 1

**4.11. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 7 – Set the Relay Schedule Action**

*You cannot use the strategy outlined in example 5 to write the Relay Schedule Action because it cannot be read.*

*In this example a single MD waits for an upstream node to send data to DA\_N22\_Sched offset 5. When the DA location is updated (not necessarily changed) the driver sends a write command to the relay using the 1 or zero found in the DA location to command the relay specified by the ‘Address’ parameter. Note that the length is 1.*

*You need one of these MD’s for each relay you which to command this way.*

```
// Client Map
Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name,   Data_Array_Name,   Data_Array_Offset,   Function,   Node_Name   TLC_Function   Address   Length
CMD_N22_Sched6,      DA_N22_Sched,      5,                   wrbx,      LCP_22,    Action Single  6,        1,
Relay,
```

**4.12. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 8 – Set the Relay Clean Action**

*Use the same method as in example 7 but change the MD name, DA name and TLC\_Function as illustrated below.*

```
// Client Map
Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name,   Data_Array_Name,   Data_Array_Offset,   Function,   Node_Name   TLC_Function   Address   Length
CMD_N22_Clean6,      DA_N22_Clean,      5,                   wrbx,      LCP_22,    Clean Action  6,        1,
Single Relay,
```

#### 4.13. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 9 – Set the Relay Shed Action

Use the same method as in example 7 but change the MD name, DA name and TLC\_Function as illustrated below.

```
// Client Map
Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name,   Data_Array_Name,   Data_Array_Offset,   Function,   Node_Name   TLC_Function   Address   Length
CMD_N22_Shed6,       DA_N22_Shed,       5,                   wrbx,       LCP_22,    Shed Action
                                         Single Relay,       6,         1,
```

**4.14. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 10 – Capturing a PSS Broadcast**

*PSS switches send broadcast messages when activated. This driver can capture these message and store data from them allowing upstream protocols to read the data and take appropriate actions. If a PSS switch sends a message and the driver cannot find a place to store the data because there isn't an MD corresponding to the PSS's Node\_ID then the message is ignored.*

*A PSS may have up to 12 switches (Typically there are three switches for each 12 relays on a panel. Thus a LCP48 has 12 switches. The driver stores 5 data values for each switch. . The position in the DA where PSS data is stored is dependent on the switch number. Multiply the switch number by 5 to get the base offset.. Ensure that the Data\_Format of the DA is suitable to store integer values.*

- Base Offset : Src Address Number*
- Base Offset + 1 : Switch Number*
- Base Offset + 2 : On/Off, switch state*
- Base offset + 3 : Initiator*
- Base offset + 4 : Data Word 0 (raw value extracted from message)*

```
// Client Map
Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name, Data_Array_Name, Data_Array_Offset, Function, Node_Name, TLC_Function, Address, Length
Store PSS Data1023, DA PSS Data1023, 0, Passive, PSS 1023, PSS Capture, 0, 30,
```

Give the MD a unique name.

Data array to store data..

Switch 0's Src Address number get stored here. All offsets are relative to this number.  
  
This switch 3's Data Word 0 is stored at offset  $0 + 5 * 3 + 4$

Driver does not poll but listens passively.

You must create a node whose Node\_ID corresponds to the PSS number.

Set the length sufficient for [6the number of switches](#). If you have any doubts set the [length to  \$13 \* 5 = 65\$](#) . That is [enough room for 12 switches, switches](#).

**4.15. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 11 – Emulating a PSS**

*You can have this driver emulate one or more PSS's. Why would you do this ? If you wanted an upstream device to send data which has the same effect as a PSS then this provides the solution.*

*This MD waits for the upstream node to send data which updates the Data Array. When this happens the driver sends a write command as if a PSS had been operated.*

*When the write is triggered the driver extracts 2 consecutive data values from the Data Array. This is despite the fact that the MD length is 1. Thus you must take care to use the DA correctly and ensure there are no overlaps with other MD's.*

*The driver extracts the value from offset 0 (in this example) and treats this as the switch number and extracts data from offset 1 and treats this as the required state. Load the value 17 to have a required state of ON and zero to have the required state of off.*

*The write is triggers when you update the value (update doesn't mean change) the value at offset zero. So take care to set the required state 1<sup>st</sup>.*

```
// Client Map
Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name, Data_Array_Name, Data_Array_Offset, Function, Node_Name TLC_Function Address Length
Emulate_PSS1022, DA_PSS_Data1022, 0, wrbx, PSS_1022 PSS_Emulate 0, 1,
```

Give the MD a unique name.

Data array use to trigger and control the action.

When the data at this location is updated the write is triggered. The driver also uses the values found in the next two locations.

Write on update

You must create a node whose Node\_ID corresponds to the PSS number.

Set the length to 1

**4.16. Map Descriptor (MD) Example 12 – Link Status**

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*If you don't care about the status of the link then don't include this Map Descriptor. Whenever the status of the link changes an unsolicited message is sent you can capture this data with the following Map Descriptor. You can also actively poll for the data by changing the passive to RDBC. The following data is stored. Contact GE to interpret the data.*

- Offset 0 : indicates dataline is shorted*
- Offset 1 : indicates LINK has No Clock*
- Offset 2 : indicates at least one LAP Relay Failure*
- Offset 3 : indicates at least one LAP No Program*
- Offset 4 : indicates that the alarm contacts are closed*
- Offset 5 : indicates that the unit is a Slave LINK*
- Offset 6 : Not Used*
- Offset 7 : means acknowledge alarm button was used to acknowledge alarms (otherwise cleared by computer)*
- Offset 8 : DF1 & DF2*
- Offset 9 : DF3 & DF4*
- Offset 10: DF5 & DF6*
- Offset 11: DF7 & DF8*

```
// Client Map
Descriptors
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name, Data_Array_Name, Data_Array_Offset, Function, Node_Name TLC_Function Address Length Scan_Interval
Store_LinkStatus, DA_P1_Status, 0, Passive, LCP_22 Link Status, 0, 12, 12.0s
```



## **5. Configuring the FieldServer as a GE-TLC Driver Server**

A full Server has been implemented. The server implementation allows you configure the FieldServer so that remote devices appear as PSS's and LCP's to the GE system. The server side is used to test the client side as part of an ongoing quality assurance program. If you are interested in using it please contact us.

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## Appendix A. Advanced Topics

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### Appendix A.1. Adapter Mode

You can configure the driver as an adapter. An adapter reads a predefined set of data from the GE LCP and PSS's and auto creates a server side configuration to provide this data to remote clients using BACnet. The best part of the adapter is that it requires minimal configuration as the driver knows what data to read and what data to serve.

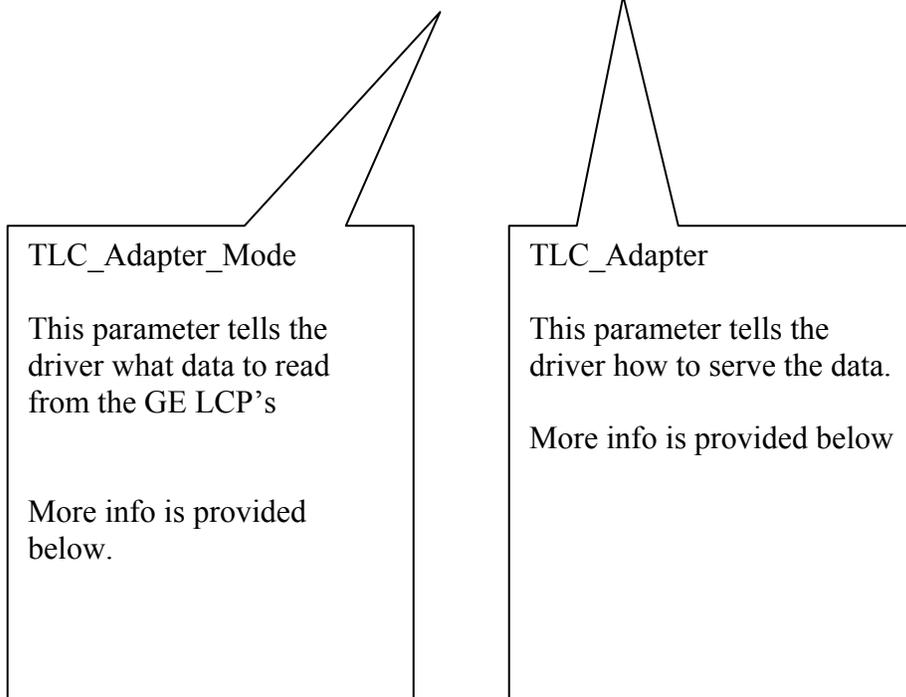
You can choose whether you want the adapter to be BACnet IP or Ethernet.

You can also choose between a number of predefined sets of data.

You can also choose whether the FS creates one BACnet node to server all the data or whether it creates one BACnet node to correspond to each TLC node. (We call these virtual BACnet nodes).

You can exclude a TLC node from auto configuration and configure the node manually by simply assigning a node name that begins with an underscore ( '\_ ').

Port,	Protocol,	Baud,	TLC_Adapter_	TLC_Adapter,
P1,	GE-TLC,	9600,	Mode,	1(BACnet-IP),
			1(Basic),	



### A.1.1. TLC\_Adapter

Controls the server protocol and how server nodes are created. The following are permitted settings for this parameter

Parameter Setting	Notes
1(BACnet-IP)	BACnet-IP server is created. One BACnet node represents all the TLC devices.
2(BACnet-Eth)	BACnet-Ethernet server is created. One BACnet node represents all the TLC devices.
3(BACnet-VIP)	BACnet-IP server is created. One BACnet node is created for each TLC node.
4(BACnet-VEth)	BACnet-IP server is created. One BACnet node is created for each TLC node.

### A.1.2. TLC\_Adapter\_Mode

Controls the auto-creation of client side Map Descriptors. Depending on the setting the driver will create MD that read different subsets of data from the TLC device. You can use combinations of these subsets.

Parameter Setting	Notes
1(Basic Set)	Basic Set, Reads Relay Status, Failure Status and Module Status from each LPP
2(Passive Link Status)	Link Status for each connection. Creates MD's to listen passively for Link Status messages.
4(Active Link Status)	Link Status for each connection. Creates MD's to poll for link status data.
16(Schedule Control)	Creates MD's which allow you to send messages to activate/deactivate schedule control. Creates one MD for each relay on the LCP.
32(Clean Control)	Creates MD's which allow you to send messages to activate/deactivate cleaning control. Creates one MD for each relay on

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	the LCP.
64(Shed Control)	Creates MD's which allow you to send messages to activate/deactivate Shed control. Creates one MD for each relay on the LCP.
115(Full Set)	This is a <b>combination</b> arrived at by adding options 1,2,16,32,64.

### A.1.3. BACnet Node\_Id's

Non Virtual Node Servers (TLC\_Adapter = 1 or 2 )

If you specify a System\_Node\_Id in your configuration file then the driver will use that to number the BACnet node created to serve the data. If the driver cannot find this setting then it uses a hard-coded number = 11221.

For limitations on the BACnet Node Id read one of FieldServers's BACnet-IP manual.

Example of how to set the System\_Node\_Id

Bridge	
Title	System_Node_Id
Gateway1,	12345,

Virtual Node Servers (TLC\_Adapter = 3 or 4 )

The driver attempts to number each BACnet node based on the TLC Node in the following way; The driver looks for the parameter called 'Alias\_Node\_ID' on the TLC node description. If it finds this parameter then it uses this value as the number of the corresponding BACnet node. If the parameter isn't found then the driver number the BACnet node with the same Node\_ID as the TLC node.

### A.1.4. BACnet Object ID's

The driver numbers the object sequentially starting at 1 for Virtual Node Servers.

For non-Virtual Node servers the objects are numbered to indicate the type of device and they are numbered so object representing one node can easily be isolated from objects representing another node. For each new node the 1000 is added to the object ID. If the objects represent a PSS emulation they start at 250, if the objects represent a PSS message trap then they start at 260, if the objects link status they start at 350 and if the objects represent the relays and module they start at 1.

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## Appendix A.2. Example Adapter configuration file

```
//=====
//
// Common Information
//
// The BACnet node number is based on the System_Node_Id
Bridge
Title           , System_Node_Id
Formal Acceptance Test 941 , 12301

//=====
//
// Data Arrays
//
// This Data Array is used to expose operational stats that can be monitored by an
// upstream node. No other DA's are required because they will be autocreated.
//
Data_Arrays
Data_Array_Name , Data_Format , Data_Array_Length
GE-TLC-Stats   , UINT16   , 1000

//=====
//
// Client Side Connections
//
// 0x01 = Basic Set, Reads Relay Status, Failure Status and Module Status from each LPP
// 0x02 = Link Status for each connection
// 0x04 = Link Status is active
// 0x10 = Schedule Control MD's
// 0x20 = Clean Control MD's
// 0x40 = Shed Control Md's
// 0x73 = Full set for lighting panel
Connections
Port , Baud , Data_Bits , Stop_Bits , Parity , Protocol   , TLC_Adapter_Mode , TLC_Adapter
P1 , 9600 , 8   , 1   , None   , GE-Total-Lighting , 115(FullSet) , 1(BACnet-IP)

//=====
//
// Client Side Nodes
//
// The following node is required if you are using it to capture PSS messages from the PSS addressed as 1023
Nodes
Node_Name , Node_ID , Protocol   , Port , PLC_Type
PSS_1023 , 1023   , GE-Total-Lighting , P1   , PSS-Trap

// The following node is required if you wish to emulate a PSS switch whose address is 1022
Nodes
Node_Name , Node_ID , Protocol   , Port , PLC_TYPE
PSS_1022 , 1022   , GE-Total-Lighting , P1   , PSS-Switch

// The following node is required if you are using it to capture PSS messages from the PSS addressed as 1023
Nodes
Node_Name , Node_ID , Protocol   , Port , PLC_Type
PSS_1021 , 1021   , GE-Total-Lighting , P1   , PSS-Trap

// The following node is required if you wish to emulate a PSS switch whose address is 1022
Nodes
Node_Name , Node_ID , Protocol   , Port , PLC_TYPE
PSS_1020 , 1020   , GE-Total-Lighting , P1   , PSS-Switch

// The following node is required if you wish to monitr / control a lighiting panel whose address is 22
Nodes
Node_Name , Node_ID , Protocol   , Port , PLC_Type
LCP_22   , 22   , GE-Total-Lighting , P1   , LCP48
```

## Appendix A.3. BACnet Object List

### A.3.1. Lighting Panel Objects

#	Object Name (see Note 7)	Obj. ID	Obj Type	Created (See Note 9)	Notes
Relay #	<b>Relay Status</b>				
1	Srv_x_RelayStatus1	1	BO	1	1,2
2	Srv_x_RelayStatus2	2	BO	1	1,2
3	Srv_x_RelayStatus3	3	BO	1	1,2
...	...	...	...	1	1,2
12	Srv_x_RelayStatus12	12	BO	1	1,2
...	...	...	...	1	1,3
48	Srv_x_RelayStatus48	48	BO	1	1,3

#	Object Name (see Note 7)	Obj. ID	Obj Type	Created (See Note 9)	Notes
Relay #	<b>Relay Failures</b>				
1	Srv_x_RelayFails1	1	BI	1	2
2	Srv_x_RelayFails2	2	BI	1	2
3	Srv_x_RelayFails3	3	BI	1	2
...	...	...	...	1	2
12	Srv_x_RelayFails12	12	BI	1	2
...	...	...	...	1	3
48	Srv_x_RelayFails48	48	BI	1	3

#	Object Name (see Note 7)	Obj. ID	Obj Type	Created (See Note 9)	Notes
Data Pnt #	<b>LPP (module) status</b>				
1	Srv_x_ModStatus1	49	BI	1	2 Clock set if=1
2	Srv_x_ModStatus2	50	BI	1	2 Program set if=1

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3	Srv_x_ModStatus3	51	BI	1	2	Relay failure if=1
4	Srv_x_ModStatus4	52	BI	1	2	Not defined
5	Srv_x_ModStatus5	53	BI	1	2	If = 1 then driver 1 is in place (relay 1-12)
6	Srv_x_ModStatus6	54	BI	1	2	If = 1 then driver 2 is in place (relay 13-24)
7	Srv_x_ModStatus7	55	BI	1	2	If = 1 then driver 3 is in place (relay 25-36)
8	Srv_x_ModStatus8	56	BI	1	2	If = 1 then driver 4 is in place (relay 37-48)
9	Srv_x_ModStatus9	57	BI	1	2	Not defined
10	Srv_x_ModStatus10	58	BI	1	2	Not defined

#	Object Name (see Note 7)	Obj. ID	Obj Type	Created (See Note 9)	Notes	
Data Pnt #	<a href="#">Link Status</a>					
1	Srv_y_ModStatus1	350	BI	2	4	If set indicates dataline is shorted
2	Srv_y_ModStatus2	351	BI	2	4	If set indicates LINK has No Clock
3	Srv_y_ModStatus3	352	BI	2	4	If set indicates at least one LAP Relay Failure
4	Srv_y_ModStatus4	353	BI	2	4	If set indicates at least one LAP No Program
5	Srv_y_ModStatus5	354	BI	2	4	If set indicates that the alarm contacts are closed
6	Srv_y_ModStatus6	355	BI	2	4	If set indicates that the unit is a Slave LINK
7	Srv_y_ModStatus7	356	BI	2	4	Not defined
8	Srv_y_ModStatus8	357	BI	2	4	If set means acknowledge alarm button was used to acknowledge alarms (otherwise, cleared by computer)
9	Srv_y_ModStatus9	358	AI	2	4	Time
10	Srv_y_ModStatus10	359	AI	2	4	Time
11	Srv_y_ModStatus11	360	AI	2	4	Q Length: Incoming
12	Srv_y_ModStatus12	361	AI	2	4	Q Length: Outgoing

#	Object Name (see Note 7)	Obj. ID	Obj Type	Created (See Note 9)	Notes
Relay	<a href="#">Relay_Schedule</a>				

#					
1	Srv_x_RelaySched1	49	BO	16	8,2
2	Srv_x_RelaySched2	50	BO	16	8,2
3	Srv_x_RelaySched3	51	BO	16	8,2
...	...	...	...	16	8,2
12	Srv_x_RelaySched12	60	BO	16	8,2
...	...	...	...	16	8,3
48	Srv_x_RelaySched48	96	BO	16	8,3

#	Object Name (see Note 7)	Obj. ID	Obj Type	Created (See Note 9)	Notes
Relay					
#	<a href="#">Relay_Clean</a>				
1	Srv_x_RelaySched1	97	BO	32	8,2
2	Srv_x_RelaySched2	98	BO	32	8,2
3	Srv_x_RelaySched3	99	BO	32	8,2
...	...	...	...	32	8,2
12	Srv_x_RelaySched12	108	BO	32	8,2
...	...	...	...	32	8,3
48	Srv_x_RelaySched48	144	BO	32	8,3

#	Object Name (see Note 7)	Obj. ID	Obj Type	Created (See Note 9)	Notes
Relay					
#	<a href="#">Relay_Shed</a>				
1	Srv_x_RelaySched1	145	BO	64	8,2
2	Srv_x_RelaySched2	146	BO	64	8,2
3	Srv_x_RelaySched3	147	BO	64	8,2
...	...	...	...	64	8,2
12	Srv_x_RelaySched12	156	BO	64	8,2
...	...	...	...	64	8,3
48	Srv_x_RelaySched48	192	BO	64	8,3

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### A.3.2. PSS Objects

#### PSS Traps

(A PSS Trap is a way of monitoring a remote PSS switch so that its activation can be monitored by an upstream front end)

#	Object Name (see Note 7)	Obj. ID	Obj Type	Created (See Note 9)	Notes
1	Srv_PSSz_Trap1	260	AI		10 Switch 0: PSS Switch Address
2	Srv_PSSz_Trap2	261	AI		10 Switch 0:PSS Switch Number
3	Srv_PSSz_Trap3	262	BI		10 Switch 0:On/Off State
4	Srv_PSSz_Trap4	263	AI		10 Switch 0:Initiator
5	Srv_PSSz_Trap5	264	AI		10 Switch 0:Df0
6	Srv_PSSz_Trap6	265	AI		10 Switch 1: PSS Switch Address
7	Srv_PSSz_Trap7	266	AI		10 Switch 1:PSS Switch Number
8	Srv_PSSz_Trap8	267	BI		10 Switch 1:On/Off State
9	Srv_PSSz_Trap9	268	AI		10 Switch 1:Initiator
10	Srv_PSSz_Trap10	269	AI		10 Switch 1:Df0

#### PSS Emulation

(A PSS emulator is a way of emulating a PSS switch. When the upstream remote front end sends data to these objects, a message is sent on the TLC network as if a PSS had been activated)

#	Object Name (see Note 7)	Obj. ID	Obj Type	Created (See Note 9)	Notes
1	Srv_PSSz_Emulate1	250	AO		11 Module #
2	Srv_PSSz_Emulate2	251	AO		11 PSS #
3	Srv_PSSz_Emulate3	252	BO		11 On/Off State

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### A.3.3. Notes to the Object List

Note Number	Notes
1	Remote BACnet front end can write to these points. Set point on to have adapter send on command to relay. Set the point off to turn relay off.
2	Objects are only created for Lighting Panels
3	Objects are only created for Lighting Panels with 48 relays
4	Objects are created for each connection/link
5	Objects are only created for PSS Switch Emulators
6	Objects are only created for PSS Switch Traps
7	'x' is the number(address) of the Lighting Panel client node. Typically LPP22 for lighting panel #22  'y' is the number of the link. Depends on FieldServer port number
8	Remote BACnet front end can write to these points. Set point on to have adapter activate indicated command. Set point off to deactivate indicated command.
9	These Objects are created depending on the Adapter_Mode value. Thus the adapter may be configured to create/not create various sets of objects
10	Each PSS has more than one switch. There are 5 objects per switch,
11	Always update object 251, 252 and only then 250. It is the update of object 250 that send the message

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**Appendix B. Troubleshooting tips**

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**Appendix B.1. Connection Tips & Hints**

Forcing a link reset.

Section Appendix B.3 provides information on how to expose driver stats. Once configured, you can poke values into the Data Array where the stats are reported to generate a reset of link by

**Appendix B.2. Driver Error and Warning Messages**

A number of corrective actions require that you edit the configuration file. When you have completed the edit, you must download the modified configuration file to the FieldServer and reset the FieldServer for the changes to take effect.\*

Error Message	Meaning and Corrective Action
TLC:#1 Err. TLC_Function=%#x is unknown	The driver prints this message if it cannot perform the task required. Please review your configuration checking that the parameter 'TLC_Function' has been specified correctly. If you are happy with the config then please take a log and contact Tech Support.
TLC:#2 FYI PSS Switch Message ignored.	A message was received from a PSS but the configuration does not contain a matching PSS node and thus the driver could not store the contents of the message. This is normal – not all configurations are interested in monitoring all PSS's. The driver prints the message one and then suppresses it to catch your attention and to suggest that you may wish to check you configuration.
TLC:#3 FYI PSS message rcvd and stored. No action taken.	This is just a warning to remind you that the FieldServer is not a TLC lighting control panel and cannot execute any actions when a PSS message is received. The driver prints the message one and then suppresses it to catch your attention and to suggest that you may wish to check you configuration.
TLC:#3 FYI Diagnostic 1/2/3/4/5	An internal diagnostic has been generated. This is abnormal. Please take a log and contact tech support.

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<p>TLC:#4 Err. DA=%s too short. Rqd=%d Act=%d</p>	<p>The driver is trying to store data but found that the Data Array indicated in the message is too short.</p> <p>This occurred while storing PSS Data.</p> <p>The required length is indicated in the message. Edit the configuration, change the length of the Data Array, you may need to change the length of the Map Descriptor too. *</p>
<p>TLC:#05 Err. DA=%s too short. Rqd=%d</p>	<p>See message #4</p> <p>This message is printed while storing unsolicited relay status or relay failure data.</p>
<p>TLC:#06 Err. DA=%s too short. Rqd=%d Act=%d</p>	<p>See message #4</p> <p>This message is printed while storing unsolicited module status data.</p>
<p>TLC:#07 Err. DA=%s too short. Rqd=%d Act=%d</p>	<p>See message #4</p> <p>This message is printed while storing unsolicited link status data.</p>
<p>GE_TLC:#08 Err. Cant Write thru except 'Relay Status'</p>	<p>An upstream device has written to a point in a Data Array that corresponds to data being read from a TLC node. If the data being read is the relay status data then that is ok.- the driver will send a message to turn the corresponding relay on/off ( see section 4.9) However, if the data point represents any other data the driver does not know what to do with this data and must abandon it. In such cases this message is printed.</p> <p>The only corrective action that can be taken is to ensure that upstream clients only write to appropriate Data Array locations.</p> <p>If this error occurs repeatedly then you need to take an Ethernet log of the BACnet communications as well as a FieldServer log and contact Tech Support.</p> <p>An Ethernet log is taken using the Ethereal package. Read Enote ???? on the FieldServer</p>

	website for more information on how to do this.
TLC:#09 Err. Client Timeout. Reconnection Rqd.	<p>A message was sent to the R-Link but no response was received in the timeout period.</p> <p>The timeout is adjustable. Set the timeout on the connection to a larger value. *</p> <p>The other corrective action you can take other than is to check the physical connection and the state of the R-Link device.</p>
TLC:#10 Err. Rqst Type=%x is unknown for cmd=0x14	Please take a log and contact tech support.
TLC:#11 Err. Msg Func=%#x is unknown	The server is parsing a poll from the client side of the driver. Take a log and contact Tech Support.
TLC:#12 Err. Rqst Type=%x is unknown for cmd=0x14	<p>A response or unsolicited message from the R-Link cannot be parsed correctly because the driver does not know how to interpret it.</p> <p>Take a log, ensure that the log is running while one of these message is printed. Then contact Tech Support.</p>
TLC:#13 Err. Msg Func=%#x is unknown	See msg #12
TLC:#15 Err. DA=%s too short. Rqd=%d	<p>The server is trying to build a response. During the process it tried to get data from a Data array point that doesn't exist. The required length and the DA name are indicated in the message. Edit the config and increase the DA length. Sometimes you may need to increase the length of the MD using the DA. *</p> <p>This message is printed while a response is being built to a command to set a relay, schedule a relay, clean or shed a relay.</p>
TLC:#16 Err. DA=%s too short. Rqd=%d	<p>See the notes for msg #15.</p> <p>This message is printed while a response is being built to a request for relay status or relay fail status.</p>
TLC:#17 Err. DA=%s too short. Rqd=%d Act=%d	<p>See the notes for msg #15.</p> <p>This message is printed while a response is being built to a request for module status.</p>
TLC:#18 Err. DA=%s too short.	See the notes for msg #15.

Rqd=%d Act=%d	This message is printed while a response is being built to a request for link status.
TLC:#19 Err. Rqst Type=%x is unknown for cmd=0x14	A request for data poll requested a set of data with a function code that the server does not recognize.  Take a log, ensure that the log is running while one of these message is printed. Then contact Tech Support.
TLC:#20a FYI Autoconfigure as Adapter begins ...	No corrective action is required. When the driver starts the process of building the adapter (see section Appendix A.1) this message is printed.
TLC:#21 Err. DA=%s too small. Rqd=%d	The driver is storing data from a poll response. The indicated Data Array is too small. You will need to edit the config and change the length of the Data Array Sometimes you may need to increase the length of the MD using the DA. *  This particular message is printed when the driver is storing data from a message used to set a relay state.
TLC:#22 Err. DA=%s too small. Rqd=%d Act=%d	See msg#21.  This particular message is printed when the driver is storing data from a PSS broadcast message.
TLC:#23? Err. DA=%s too small. Rqd=%d Act=%d	See msg#21.  This particular message is printed when the driver is storing data from a relay status or relay fail state message.
TLC:#24 Err. DA=%s too small. Rqd=%d Act=%d	See msg#21.  This particular message is printed when the driver is storing data from a module status message.
TLC:#25 Err. DA=%s too small. Rqd=%d	See msg#21.  This particular message is printed when the driver is storing data from a link status message.
TLC:#26 Err. Checksum calc. Num	Driver found that a message had an odd

bytes=%d	<p>number of bytes.</p> <p>Take a log. If possible generate the situation that caused the message to be printed again during the log. Then call tech Support.</p>
TLC:#27 Err. Node=%s. Equip. Type not specified.	<p>You must correct the configuration*</p> <p>Please specify the PLC_Type parameter for each node. Select from the settings listed in section 4.3</p>
TLC:#28 Err. Node=%s. Equip. type not recognized.	<p>You must correct the configuration*</p> <p>The equipment type specified with the PLC_Type parameter was not recognized. Select from the settings listed in section 4.3</p>
TLC:#29 Err. Bad Node_ID=%d Max=1024. Default to 1	<p>The max permitted Node_ID for a TLC node is 1024. You must correct the configuration*</p>
TLC:#30 Err. Bad Length. Defaulting to 1	<p>A length should be specified. Eliminate this error by correcting the configuration file. *</p>
TLC:#31 Err. TLC_Function must be specified.	<p>You must correct the configuration*</p> <p>Please review the example MD's starting in section 4.5</p>
TLC:#32 FYI Port Handle=%d	<p>No corrective action is required. You use the handle to calculate an offset into the exposed stats Data Array. See Appendix B.3</p>
GE_TLC:#33 FYI. Link Reset Requested.	<p>No corrective action is required. This message is printed each a non-zero value is poked into the exposed stats Data Array and the driver recognizes the non-zero value as a trigger to rest the link.</p>
TLC:#34 Err. There are no TLC Devices.	<p>The driver was configured for Auto Configuration but there were no GE-TLC devices (Nodes) in the configuration file. These form the basis for the auto configuration. Read the chapter Appendix A.1, then edit the configuration file. Download the modified config file to the FieldServer and then reset the FieldServer to give effect to the changes.</p>
TLC:#35 FYI. Tunnel enabled.	<p>The driver has been configured to act as a tunnel for a TLC configuration computer. Read Chapter Appendix C for more information. This message is printed for your information only. If it confirms a behavior you expected then ignore the message.</p>

<p>TLC:#36 FYI. Tunnel inhibited. Read Manual for use.</p>	<p>The driver has been not configured to act as a tunnel for a TLC configuration computer. This is normal. The message has been printed to draw your attention to the functionality described in Appendix C . You may safely ignore this message.</p>
<p>TLC:#37 Err. One BACnet Node required.</p>	<p>For Autoconfiguration only one BACnet node may be defined in the configuration file.</p> <p>Read Appendix A.2 for an example configuration file. Now edit your configuration file, download the modified file and reset the FieldServer for the changes to take effect.</p>
<p>TLC:38b Err. MD Name too long</p>	<p>Take a log and call Tech Support.</p>
<p>TLC:#39a Err. Heading not equal to keywords</p>	<p>Take a log and call Tech Support.</p>
<p>TLC:#40 FYI No auto config for node=%s</p>	<p>If a node name begins with a ‘_’ (Underscore) then the driver will not include that node in the auto configuration task. The driver assumes that the Map Descriptors to read/serve data for that node are configured manually.</p>
<p>TLC:#41 FYI Bridge_ID not set. Used for BACnet Node.</p>	<p>The driver needs to set the BACnet Device ID (Address). To do this a ‘System_Node_Id’ must be set as a bridge parameter. If not specified the driver uses a hard coded ID=11221.</p> <p>Read Appendix A.2 for an example of how to do this in the configuration file. Now edit your configuration file, download the modified file and reset the FieldServer for the changes to take effect.</p>
<p>TLC:#42 FYI. DLL starts connection seq.  TLC:#42b FYI. Waiting for Rlink Baud Rate Sensing .....  TLC:#42d FYI. Connecting .....  TLC:#42c FYI. Connected !</p>	<p>The messages are printed during the connection sequence. They are normal and may safely be ignored.</p>
<p>TLC:#43 Err. Could not connect to Rlink.</p>	<p>The driver timed out waiting for the Rlink to start the connection sequence. Check the connection and connection settings. Perhaps the Baud, parity ... are incorrect.</p>

TLC:#44 Err. Buffer Overflow.	<p>The in buffer overflowed during an attempt to connect. This typically happens when the connection settings are incorrect. Check the baud, parity ....</p> <p>If you are convinced that the settings are correct take a log. Inspect the log, the messages should be human readable. If they are not then the connection is not correct, or something is injecting noise on the line. Check you connection again. If the log looks valid contact Tech support.</p>
TLC:#45 FYI. Timeout waiting for 'LINK' message.	<p>The driver timed out waiting for the Rlink to start the connection sequence. Check the connection and connection settings. Perhaps the Baud, parity ... are incorrect.</p>
TLC:#46 Err. Timeout waiting for response.	<p>The driver timed out waiting for a response from a poll. Check the connection. If the message is printed occasionally it is probably an intermittent error caused by an occasional corrupted message. If it occurs often then take a log and contact tech support. (If you are taking the log manual then be sure to capture the byte timing too -Zp1[t] is a typical command line parameter for the log).</p>
<p>TLC:#47a Err. Bad byte/chksm in msg from tunnel. Ignored</p> <p>TLC:#47b FYI Ignored NAK from tunnel</p> <p>TLC:#47c FYI Ignored ACK from tunnel</p>	<p>You can safely ignore these messages unless they are printed frequently – in such cases it may indicate that the connection setting such as baud rate for the secondary port are incorrect.</p> <p>The driver prints these errors when it receives a message from the configuration PC that have errors in them, They are not copied to the Rlink port.</p>
TLC:#48 Rcvd from tunnel	<p>You can safely ignore this message. It is a copy of the message sent by the configuration PC to the secondary port.</p>
TLC:#49 START+3 response to tunnel <%s>	<p>The driver has received an unexpected message. This is not necessarily an error. If you are concerned then please take a log, try to reproduce the event which caused this message. If you send the logs to tech Support.</p>

TLC:#50 FYI Busy with tunnel, delaying poll.	<p>The driver prints this message when it receives a message from the configuration PC on the secondary port. It copies the message to the primary port and suspends its own polling activity for a period. You can safely ignore this message.</p> <p>Read section 4.2 for more information.</p>
TLC:#51 FYI Tunnel idle timer=%ld milliseconds	<p>You can safely ignore this message if it confirms your expectation. The driver prints this message to report how long it suspends polling for when a message is received on the secondary port. The message is printed once and suppressed.</p>
TLC:#55 FYI. Send Tunnel Client Connection Response."	<p>This message is printed to report that a request for a connection was sent to the tunnel and the driver responded to allow remote PC software to think it is connected to the TLC network. That is fine provided that the FieldServer has managed to establish its connection to the Rlink.</p>
TLC:#56 FYI. This device will respond to polls.	<p>The connection has been configured to respond to polls from a remote client. That is normal if the FieldServer is configured as a server (ie. Has been configured to emulate some lighting panels). However, this will be a problem if the driver has been configured as a client – it will not know how to respond to the polls. Please read section 3.6.1 for more information.</p>
TLC:#57 FYI. This device will ignore to polls.	<p>The connection has been configured to ignore to polls from a remote client. That is normal if the FieldServer is configured as a client (ie. Has been configured to read data from the lighting panels). However, this will not be a problem if the driver has been configured as a server – it will know how to respond to the polls. Please read section 3.6.1 for more information.</p>
TLC:#58 FYI. DLL forced to retry connection seq.	<p>You can safely ignore this message. It is printed to aid Tech Support.</p>
TLC:#59 FYI Panel=%d (Loaded	<p>Reports that the driver found the file tlc.ini</p>

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from tlc.ini)	(autocreated) and will use the panel number found in that file when it attempts to connect to the panel.  Read the notes in section 3.6.2 Direct Connection to a Level3 Card ( No Rlink)
TLC:#60 FYI Panel Self ID=%d (Was %d)	Each Time a panel receives a panel self identification message and the driver is configured for a direct connection this message is printed and the file tlc.ini is overwritten / created.  Read the notes in section 3.6.2 Direct Connection to a Level3 Card ( No Rlink)

### Appendix B.3. Driver Stats – How an Upstream Device can Monitor Performance.

If this driver is appropriately configured , it can expose operation statistics in a Data Array which can be monitored by a remote device to check that the driver is performing without error.

The lines from the example below can be cut and pasted into a configuration file to expose these stats.

Data_Arrays,		
Data_Array_Name,	Data_Format,	Data_Array_Length,
GE-TLC-Stats,	UINT32,	1000,

The driver maintains one set of stats for each communication port.  
To determine the base offset use the following formula:

**Base Offset** = Port Number \* 100 where Port Number is the port number printed in the error log by message #32.

**Relative Offset** : Calculate the offset of each stat by adding the relative offset to the base offset.

Relative Offset	Description
1	Each time client side queue's message for channel idle. Normally equal to the number of Polls sent.
2	Increments by message length each time client side queue's message for channel idle. Normally equal to the number of Poll bytes sent.
3	Increments by 1 each time client side queue's a read message
4	Increments by 1 each time client side queue's a write message
5	Increments by 1 each time client poll messages are sent to port.
6	Increments by message length each time client poll message is sent to the port.
7	Increments by 1 each time that the channel buffer overflows. Probably means wrong connection settings or wrong device.
8	Increments by 1 each time a message has invalid (non-ASCII) bytes
9	Increments by 1 each time a message has invalid checksum
10	Increments by 1 each time a non-special message is rcvd and the driver cannot determine the message direction
11	Increments by 1 each time a message is determined to have come from the client
12	Increments by 1 each time a message is determined to have come from the server
13	Increments by 1 each time the channel sends an ACK

14	Increments by 1 each time the channel receives a DOT message
15	Increments by 1 each time the channel receives a DOT message that says '.HANDSHAKE'
16	Increments by 1 each time the channel receives a DOT message that says '.NOHANDSHAKE'
17	Increments by 1 each time the channel receives a DOT message that says '.BAUD'
18	Increments by 1 each time an unexpected message is received while trying to connect
19	Increments by 1 each time an a connection is made with the RLINK
20	Future use
21	Increments by 1 each time an ACK is received from the downstream device
22	Increments by 1 each time an NAK is received from the downstream device
23	Increments by 1 each time an empty message is received
24	Increments by 1 each time a DOT message is received
25	Increments by 1 each time a message that has no errors in its format, isn't an ACK, NAK or dot message
26	Increments by 1 each time the data link layer has a timeout
27	DTR Line. Each side can set this to toggle the DTR line. When you da_put you set DTR. When you da_get you get DSR. This stat is always set at absolute offset 27. That is, the offset is not dependent on the port.
28	DTS Line. Tied to DCD line according to their docs) This stat is always set at absolute offset 28. That is, the offset is not dependent on the port.
29	Poke the value 1 into this location and the client will try and reset the link when the next poll is sent.
30	Increments by 1 each time driver is doing auto config and finds a node begin with '_' and skips auto config for the node
31	Increments by 1 each time driver receives a complete valid message on the tunnel port from the tunneling device
32	Increments by 1 each time driver receives an invalid message (checksum, bad preamble, format or invalid length) on the tunnel port from the tunneling device
33	Increments by 1 each time drivers tunnel in_buffer overflows. This usually means that that the driver is not sending the messages out the primary port.
34	Increments by 1 each time the inter byte time on the tunnel receive buffer is too large. The in_buffer is cleared.
35	Set to 1 to have tunnel debugging print messages on the driver screen,
36	Increments by 1 each time driver receives a byte on the tunnel port from the tunneling device
37	Set to 1 to bypass connection sequence
38	Each time a NAK is passed from the dll to the client layer and is then ignored. Nak's could come in response to other RLINK's messages.

#### Appendix B.4. Node Offline

The driver follows the standard FieldServer procedures for offline node with one exception – If all the nodes on a connection are offline the driver will reset the link with the Rlink.

The notes below may be superseded by the Bridge Configuration manual as they describe the general functionality of the FieldServer.

Normally, the driver tries each node 3 times (Node parameter = Retries). It waits 10 seconds (Node parameter = Retry\_Interval) between retries. Thereafter it puts the node status to offline and waits 30 seconds before retrying (Node parameter = Recovery\_Interval) until it receives a good response. The normal polling interval is specified by the Map Descriptor parameter = Scan\_Interval. Good polls must continue for a period of 2 seconds before the driver puts the node back online. This period is controlled by the Node Parameter = Probation\_Delay

When a node is offline or when the data read by the client side of the driver has aged out the server side of the driver stops serving the data. You can control the data age aspect of behavior using the Bridge parameter = Cache\_Age\_Limit whose default value is 300 seconds. The offline behavior can be controlled by the node parameter = Srv\_Offline\_Method . The following are permitted values for this parameter.

Ignore\_Clients =synonym= Always\_Respond  
Any\_Offline  
All\_Offline,

Don't forget that this parameter is applied to the Server Node Descriptors to give the following effect – When a remote client polls for data the FieldServer inspects the data status before responding. If the data is 'offline' then the response is based on the setting of the parameter. One server node may be serving data read from several lighting panels/ devices.

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## **Appendix C. Configuration as a Tunnel**

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### **Appendix C.1. Simultaneous support for a Configuration PC**

The driver can allow a computer running the GE TLC Configuration application to send messages to the TLC network using the same Rlink. The computer is connected to a secondary port. Every message the computer sends is copied to the Rlink port and every respond from the Rlink is copied back to the secondary port. When the secondary port is active receiving a message from the configuration PC, the driver suspends its own polling for a short period. The period can be configured.

This solution saves the requirement for a second Rlink device to be installed. The purpose of this functionality is to allow for occasional monitoring and configuration changes. It is not intended to provide support for a continuously polling remote device.

This configuration has been tested by GE TLC's tech support group.

### **Appendix C.2. Limitations of the tunnel**

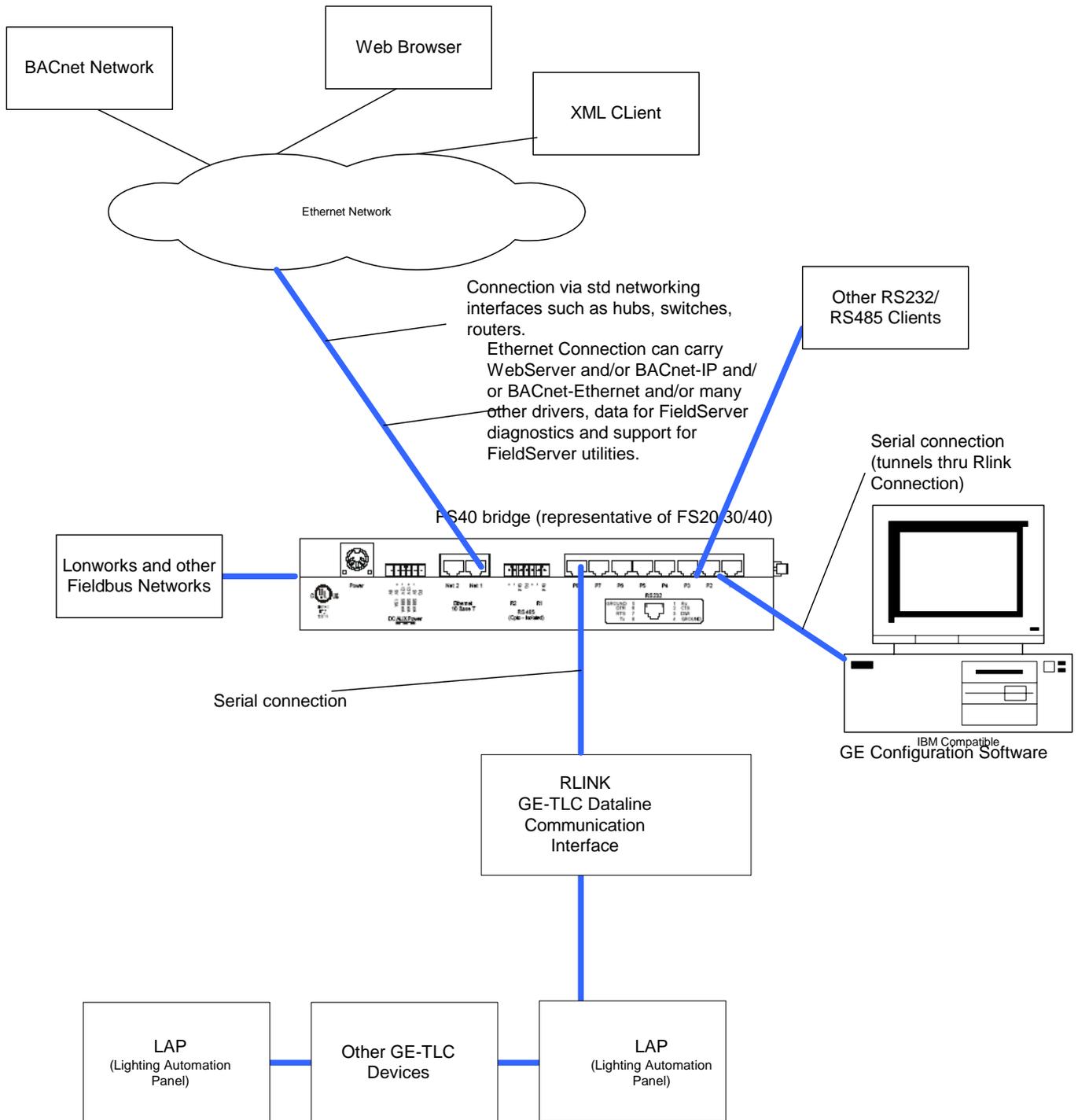
The tunnel in the driver has been designed to allow upload/download of configuration without using PC software without requiring an extra Rlink. It is expected that this occurs infrequently and as a maintenance task. It was not designed to allow the tunnel to be used for continuous data configuration or status or command data transfer. It is expected that during the upload / download that remote operation of relays using the FieldServer will not occur. If they do occur it is possible that some of these commands will be lost. There are two parameters used to control the tunnel. These can be used to experiment to find the optimal setting for your site but performance is not guaranteed. If you require reliable remote control of the relays using the FieldServer do not leave the software using the tunnel to remain running and continuously polling the network and further, use the tunnel to transfer configurations only when this remote operation is not required. If these limitations are not acceptable to you then do not use the tunnel.

During testing it was found that a highly satisfactory performance could be achieved with the tunnel. Results may vary.

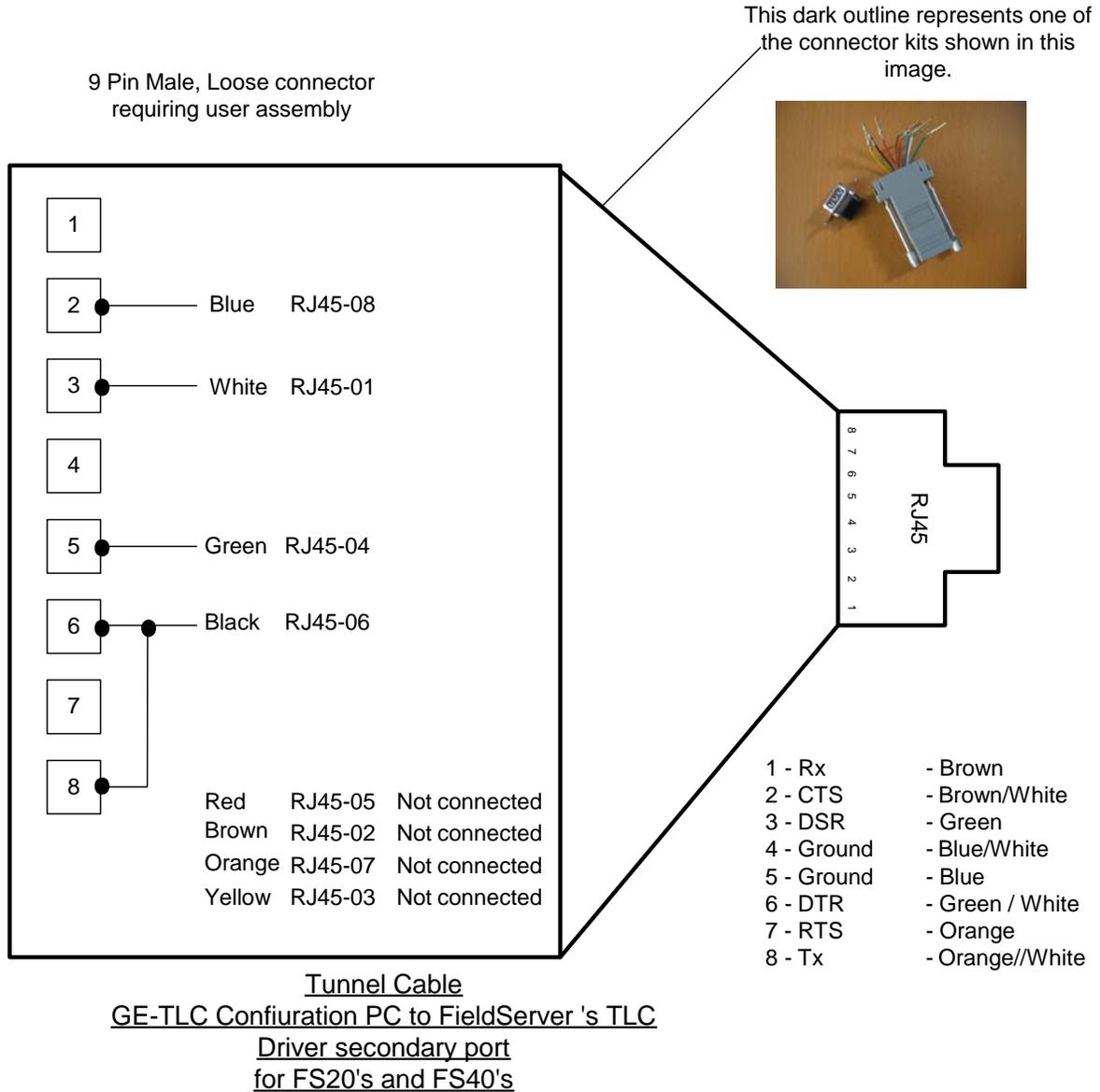
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### Appendix C.3. Block Diagram for Tunnel Configurations

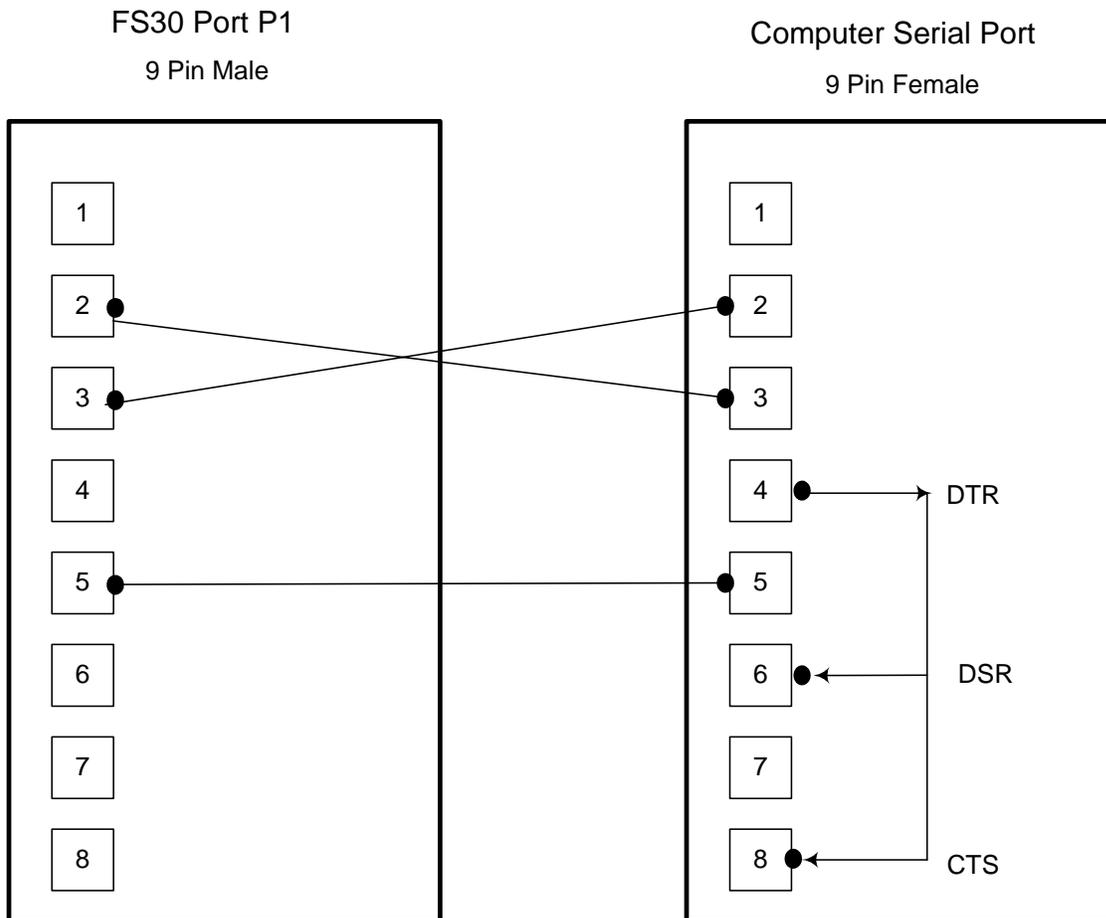
Block Diagram of a FieldServer providing a tunnel to allow simultaneous configuration and monitoring using a PC running GE-TLC configuration software.



## Appendix C.4. Cable for Secondary Port (Tunnel) Connection (FS20 and FS40)



### Appendix C.5. Cable for Secondary Port (Tunnel) Connection (FS30 Series)



Tunnel Cable  
GE-TLC Configuration PC to FieldServer 's TLC  
Driver secondary port  
for FS30's

## **Appendix C.6. Tunnel Trouble Shooting**

### **C.6.1. Baud Rate and connection settings:**

The Baud rate of the tunnel connection is fixed by the baud rate of the primary connection. Thus if the baud rate of your primary connection is 9600 then the tunnel expects messages at the same baud rate. This applies to the other connection settings such as parity, stop\_bits and data\_bits.

Check that baud rate of the GE Software or WinControl is set at the same baud rate. If you are using Remote Serial Port devices such as Lantronics RSP then ensure that its baud rate is set the to the same value.

We have had one customer report, that once the Windows software had tried to connect at 19200, then the RSP device which auto sensed the baud rate, remained at 19200 despite changes to the windows software.

### **C.6.2. Do not keep the tunnel active all the time:**

If the windows software is permanatly sending messages to check the status of the lighting panels then the tunnel will be active all the time and the FieldServer will not have time to do its work of polling for data. Read about 'TLC\_Tunnel\_Delay' in section 4.2

### **C.6.3. TLC\_Tunnel\_Delay Settings:**

TLC\_Tunnel\_Delay=10msec Tunnel\_Option=0(Default):

During testing, a value of 10 with Tunnel\_Option=0(Default), was found to allow upstream devices to control relays with satisfactory but not perfect performance while WinControl continuously monitored the panel. Uploading / Downloading a configuration with Wincontrol and simultaneously controlling relays through the FieldServer was not tested.

TLC\_Tunnel\_Delay=500msec Tunnel\_Option=1:

During testing, a value of 10 with Tunnel\_Option=1, was found to allow upstream devices to control relays with highly satisfactory but not perfect performance while WinControl continuously monitored the panel. Uploading / Downloading a configuration with Wincontrol and simultaneously controlling relays through the FieldServer was not tested.

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## 6. Revision History

Date	Resp	Format	Driver Ver.	Doc. Rev.	Comment
12/11/04	PMC	PMC	0.00	0	Created
06/19/05	PMC	PMC	1.00a	0	Updated after GE testing.
07/12/05	PMC	PMC	1.00a	1	Minor Corrections.
10/17/05	PMC	PMC	1.00a	2	Added LCP24
12/28/05	PMC	PMC	1.01h	0	Tunnel connection for FS30 Series.
02/13/06	PMC	PMC		1	Example for PSS emulation previously referred to three elements required to complete the action. This has been corrected to refer to 2.
03/04/06	PMC	PMC	1.00m	0	More notes on tunnel. Added limitations. Described Tunnel_Mode.
11/27/07	PMC	PMC	All	1	Connection Photo
3/26/08	PMC	PMC	All	2	Rlink connector
8/1/08	PMC	PMC	All	3	Updated connection diagrams and added note about P2 use of FS30.

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