

USER'S MANUAL



PH485Ex1

RS-485/RS422 Serial to Ethernet Terminal Server/Client
and Modbus ASCII/RTU to Modbus TCP Gateway

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1. INTRODUCTION

IPEX PH485Ex1 bidirectional communication terminal server/client is a simple solution for connecting serial devices to a network which results in having 1 RS-485 or RS-422 serial port over Ethernet network. This converter uses transparent communicate protocol, so it is not required to understand complex Ethernet TCP/IP protocol, and no modification in serial programs is needed. It operates as a Real COM, TCP Server, TCP Client, UDP Server and UDP Client Full-Duplex converter and supports bidirectional connection.

Protection against Surge, ESD and EMI is implemented in its design and it has 3kV isolation between Ethernet and RS-485/RS-422 sides.

PH485Ex1 is designed for industrial usage and is useful for connecting any device with a serial interface to a computer via Ethernet supported network like LAN, WAN ... and can be used in Industrial Automation, Telecommunications, SCADA Systems, DCS Systems

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2. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Number of Ports:** #1 RS-485/RS-422 Serial Port, #1 Ethernet RJ45 (10/100 Mbps) Port;
- **Serial Standard:** Meets or Exceeds the Requirements of TIA/EIA-485/422;
- **Network Protocols:** ICMP, IP, TCP, UDP, DHCP, Telnet, DNS, ARP, HTTP;
- **RS-485 Signals:** Data+, Data-, GND, Asynchronous Half-Duplex, 2-Wire Differential;
- **RS-485 Data Direction Control:** ADDC (Automatic Data Direction Control);
- **RS-422 Signals:** Tx+, Tx-, Rx+, Rx-, GND, Asynchronous Full-Duplex, 4-Wire;
- **Baud-Rate Type:** Both Standard and Custom Baud Rates are Supported;
- **Baud-Rates:** 50, 75, 110, 150, 300, 450, 600, 900, 1200, 1800, 2400, 3600, 4800, 7200, 9600, 14400, 19200, 28800, 38400, 56000, 57600, 76800, 115200, 153600, 184320, 230400, 307200, 460800, 921600 bps; Selectable;
- **RS-485/422 Data Bits:** 5, 6, 7, 8; Selectable;
- **RS-485/422 Parity:** Even, Odd, None, Mark and Space; Selectable;
- **RS-485/422 Stop Bits:** 1, 1.5, 2; Selectable;
- **Data Buffer:** 4000 Bytes (2k Bytes Transmit, 2k Bytes Receive);
- **Power (Green) LED Indicator;**
- **Transmit (Blue) and Receive (Yellow) LED Indicator for All Ports;**
- **TCP Server (Green), TCP Client (Green) and UDP (Green) LED Indicator;**
- **ESD Protection:** RS-485 Bus-Pin ESD Protection Exceeds ± 15 kV Using Human-Body Model (HBM);
- **Dimensions:** 145mm x 118mm x 27mm (5.70in x 4.65in x 1.06in);
- **Operating Temperature:** -10°C to +70°C (+14°F to +158°F);
- **1 Year Guarantee and 5 Years Support.**

3. PACKAGE CHECKLIST

Before installing the PH485Ex1, verify that the package contains the following items:



1) #1 PH485Ex1

2) #1 Quick Start Guide



3) #1 Document and Driver CD-ROM

#4 220V AC to 12V DC Adaptor

NOTE: Notify your sales representative if any of the above items is missing or damaged.

4. TOP VIEW



5. BOTTOM VIEW



6. FRONT VIEW



7. BACK VIEW



8. GENERAL INDICATORS

POWER LED (Green): It is turned ON, when the power supply connects to +VDC and GND correctly.

9. PORT INDICATORS

TCP Server LED (Green): Blinking this LED shows that the TCP Server mode for this port is selected and device is trying to connect in this mode. If the device connects to a client, then this LED turns on continuously.

TCP Client LED (Green): Blinking this LED shows that the TCP Client mode for this port is selected and device is trying to connect in this mode. If the device connects to a server, then this LED turns on continuously.

UDP LED (Green): Blinking this LED shows that the UDP mode for this port is selected and device is trying to connect in this mode. If the network works properly, then this LED turns on continuously.

PE LED (Red): It is blinking if the device detecting a Parity Error in data.

RX LED (Yellow): It is blinking when the device receive data on serial port.

TX LED (Green): It is blinking when data is transmitting from the device serial port.

10. DEVICE POWER SUPPLY

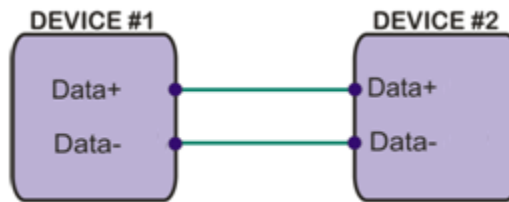
To working properly, you should connect a DC Power Supply to PH485Ex1. The voltage of the Power Supply should be from +8V to +48V. For example, this device is working with a single +12V, +15V or +24V DC Adaptor as well.

11. RS-485/RS-422 SERIAL PORT, PIN CONFIGURATION

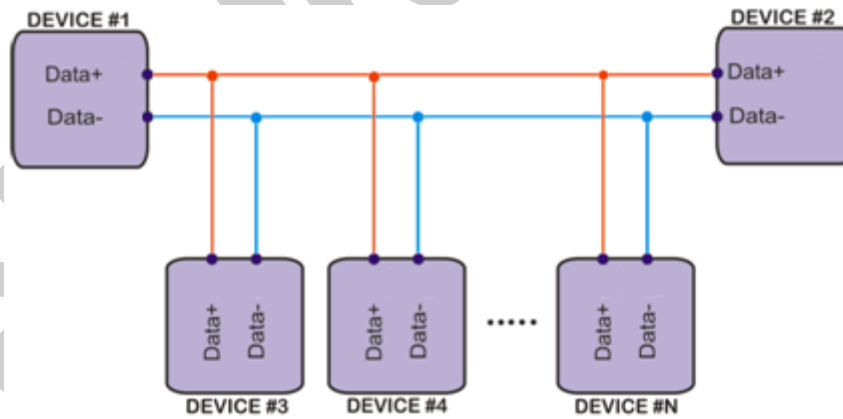
Port	Pin #	Name	Task	Type
RS-485	1	NC	No Connection	-----
	2	NC-	No Connection	-----
	3	GND	Ground	GND
	4	DATA-	Data -	Bi-Directional
	5	DATA+	Data +	Bi-Directional
RS-422	6	GND	Ground	GND
	7	TX-	Transmit -	Output
	8	TX+	Transmit +	Output
	9	RX-	Receive -	Input
	10	RX+	Receive +	Input

12. RS-485 CONNECTING METHODS

- RS-485: Point to Point Connection

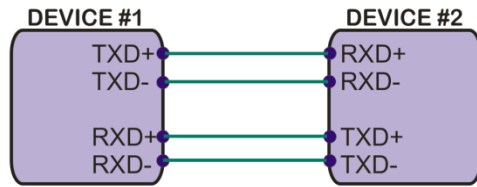


- RS-485: Multipoint Network

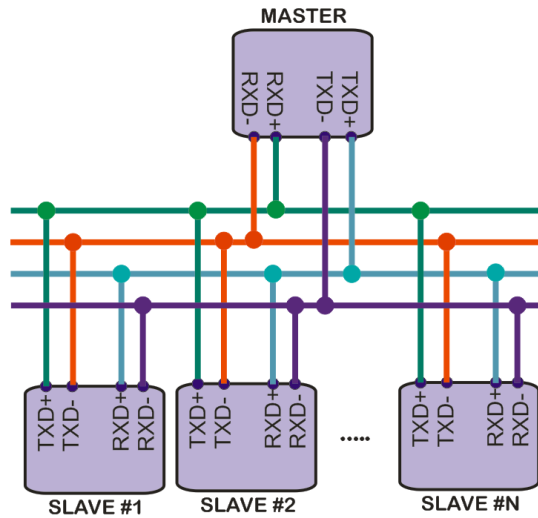


13. RS-422 CONNECTING METHODS

- **RS-422: Point to Point**



- **RS-422: Multi-Drop Network**

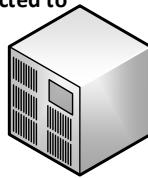


14.CONNECTION DIAGRAM

- PH485Ex1 as a Terminal Server

The below diagram is a typical connection configuration of PH485Ex1. You can connect a device with a RS-485/422 serial port to RS-485/422 serial port of the PH485Ex1, then you can connect to the device behind the network by any application software you want by opening a TCP or UDP Socket without need of any auxiliary driver.

Any Device with a RS-485/422 Port
for example
a PLC, RTU, ... , is connected to
PH485Ex1



RS-485/422

PH485Ex1 in **SERVER** Mode



PH485Ex1 RJ45 LAN Port Connected to a
Network via a Switch

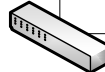
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Switch



Ethernet Network (LAN or WAN)

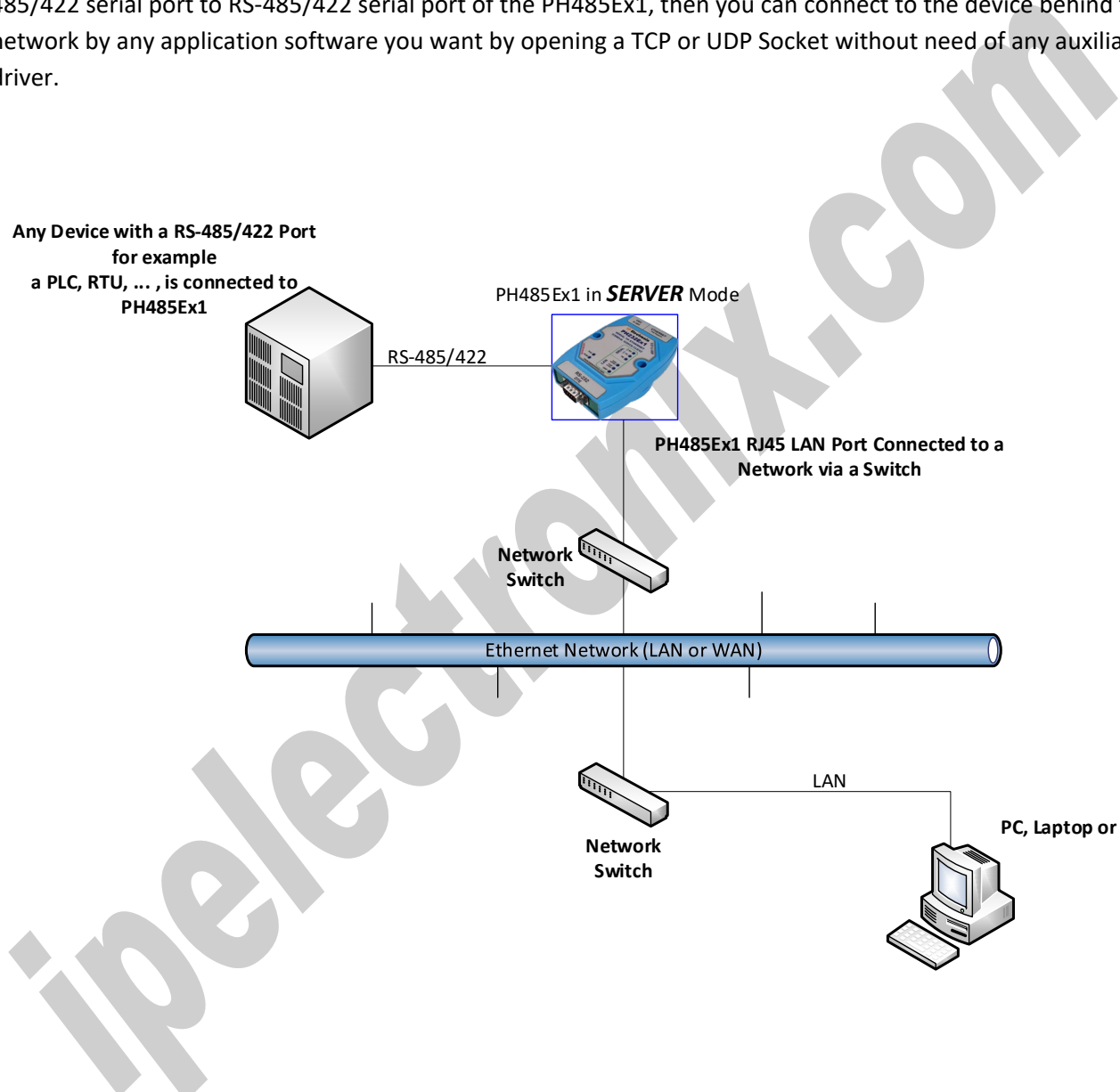
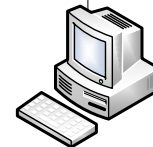


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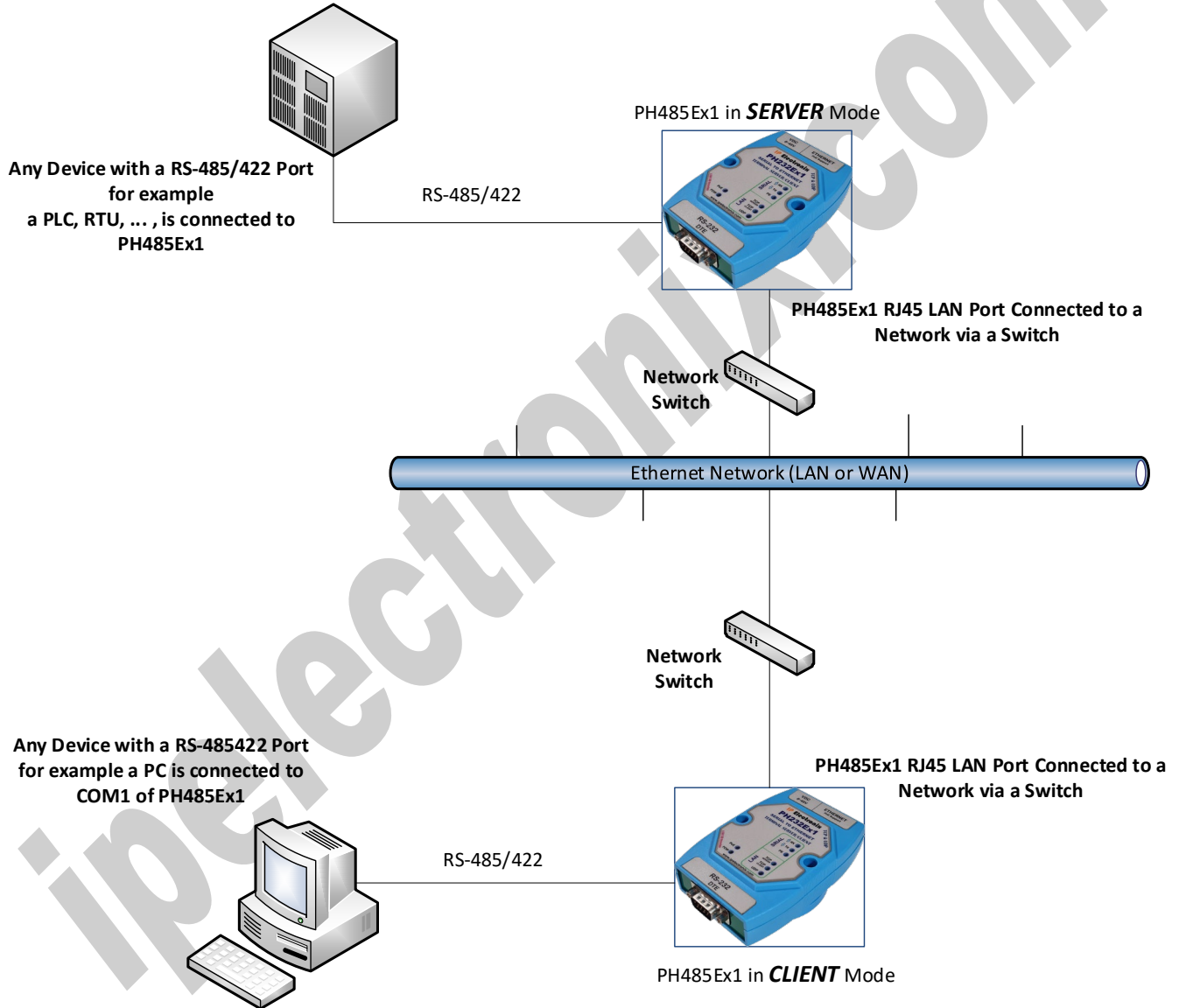
Network
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PC, Laptop or Server



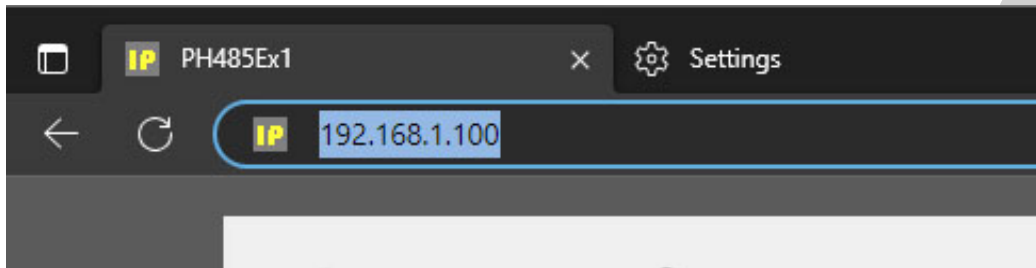
- Client/Server, Peer to Peer Connection

If you want to connect two devices which have only RS-485/422 Ports to each other via Ethernet network, you can use this connecting method. Take two PH485Ex1. Set one PH485Ex1 as Server and another one as Client with adding Remote Server IP and Port Number on it. These two converters are connecting automatically via network to each other, so RS-485/422 PORT of Server, connects to RS-485/422 PORT of Client via network. Now you can connect your RS-485/422 devices to COM Ports as shown in the following diagram.



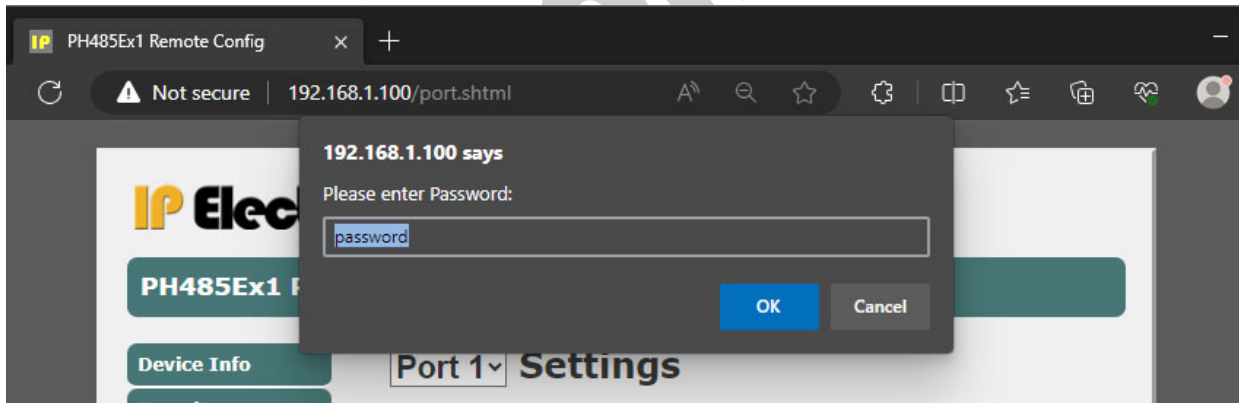
15. DEVICE CONFIGURATION WEBPAGE

To open device configuration webpage, enter the device IP on your web browser address bar like this figure:



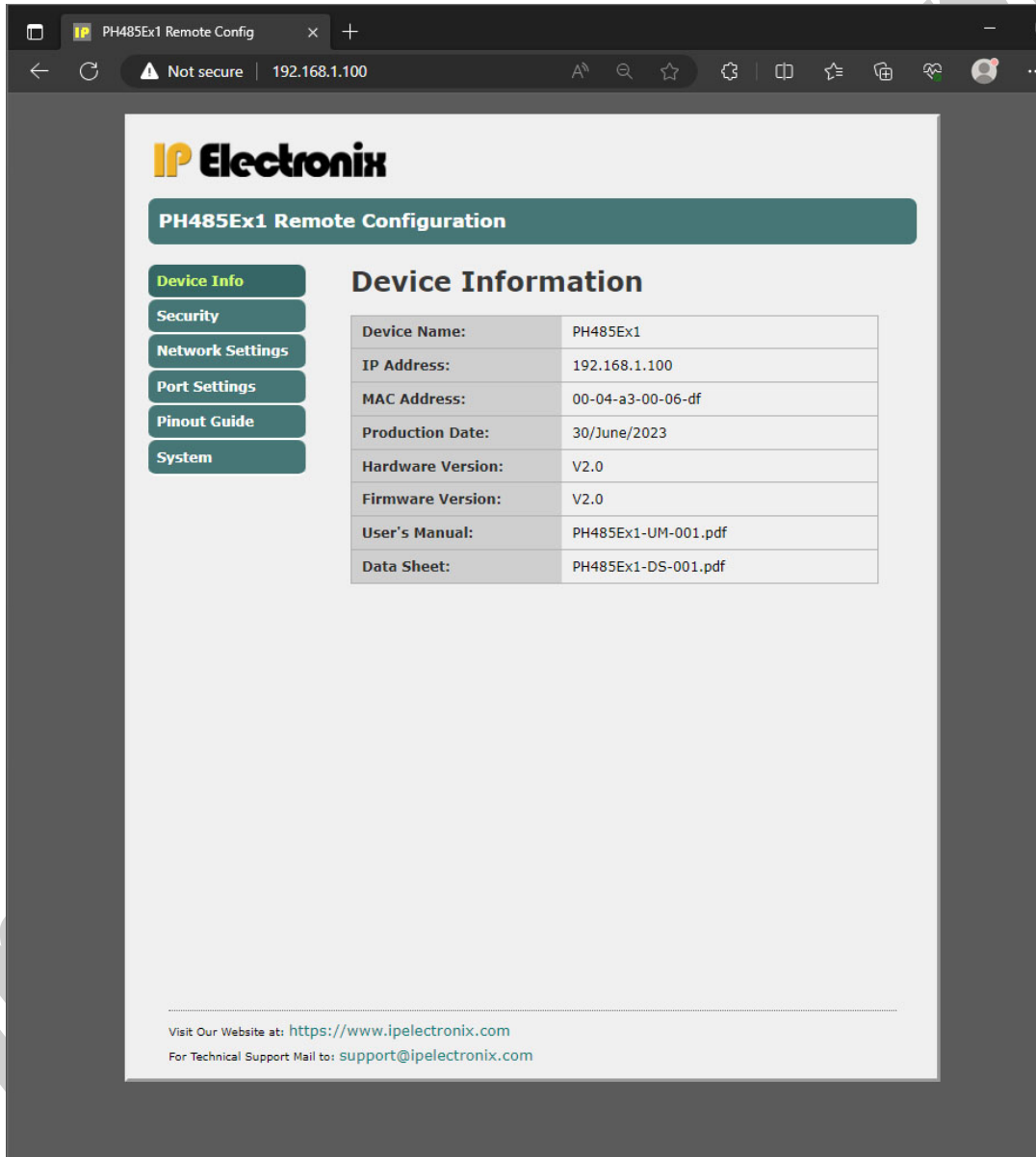
The device Default IP Address is **192.168.1.100** and the default Subnet Mask is: **255.255.255.0**

Password: **admin**



- Device Information Webpage

You can see some general information about the device such as MAC address, Firmware and Hardware version and ... in this page.



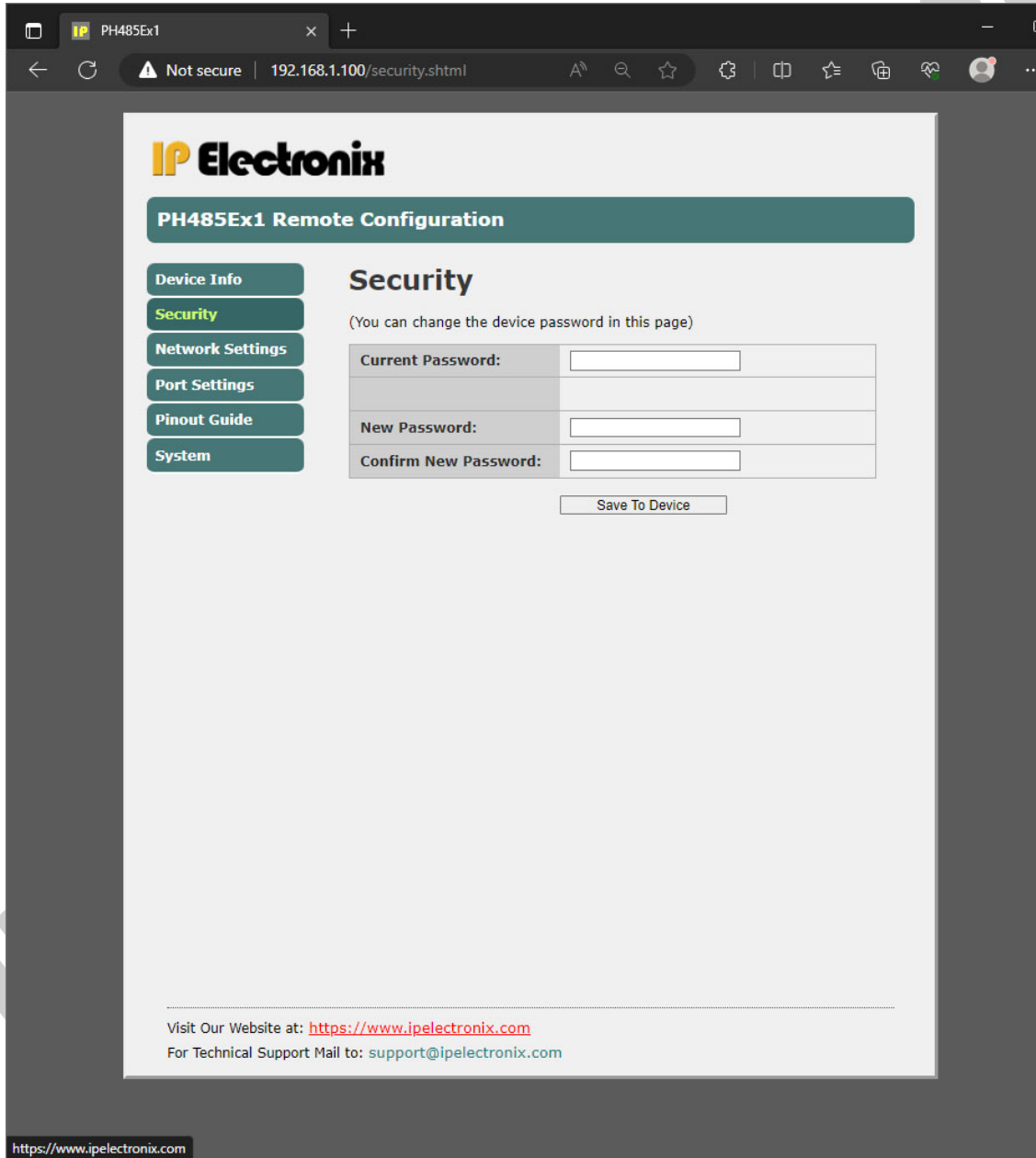
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL 192.168.1.100. The page title is "PH485Ex1 Remote Configuration". The main content area features the IP Electronix logo and a navigation menu on the left with options: Device Info (selected), Security, Network Settings, Port Settings, Pinout Guide, and System. The "Device Information" section is displayed, containing a table with the following data:

Device Name:	PH485Ex1
IP Address:	192.168.1.100
MAC Address:	00-04-a3-00-06-df
Production Date:	30/June/2023
Hardware Version:	V2.0
Firmware Version:	V2.0
User's Manual:	PH485Ex1-UM-001.pdf
Data Sheet:	PH485Ex1-DS-001.pdf

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text: "Visit Our Website at: <https://www.ipelectronix.com>" and "For Technical Support Mail to: support@ipelectronix.com".

- **Security**

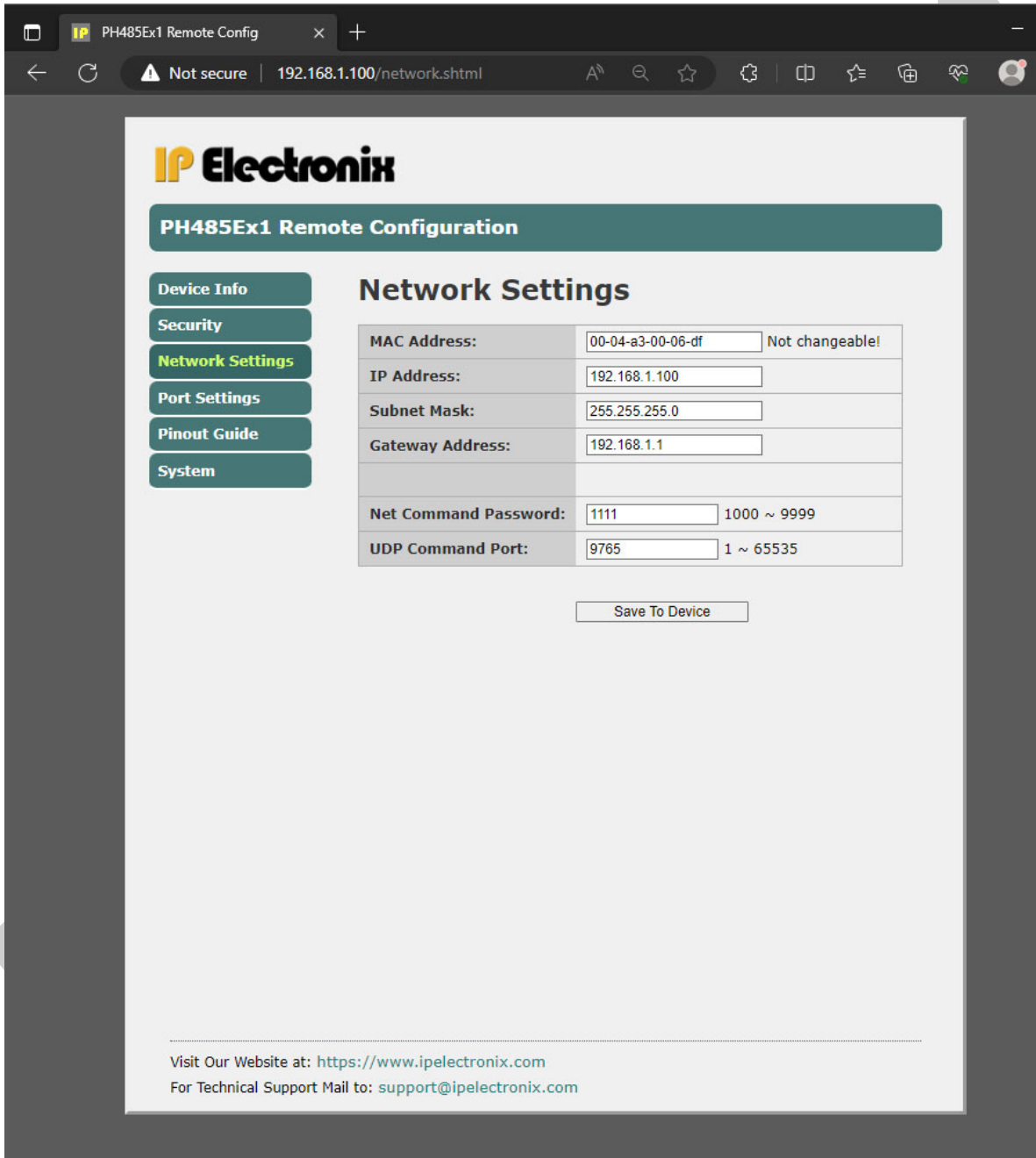
You can change device configuration webpage user name and password in this page.



- Network Settings

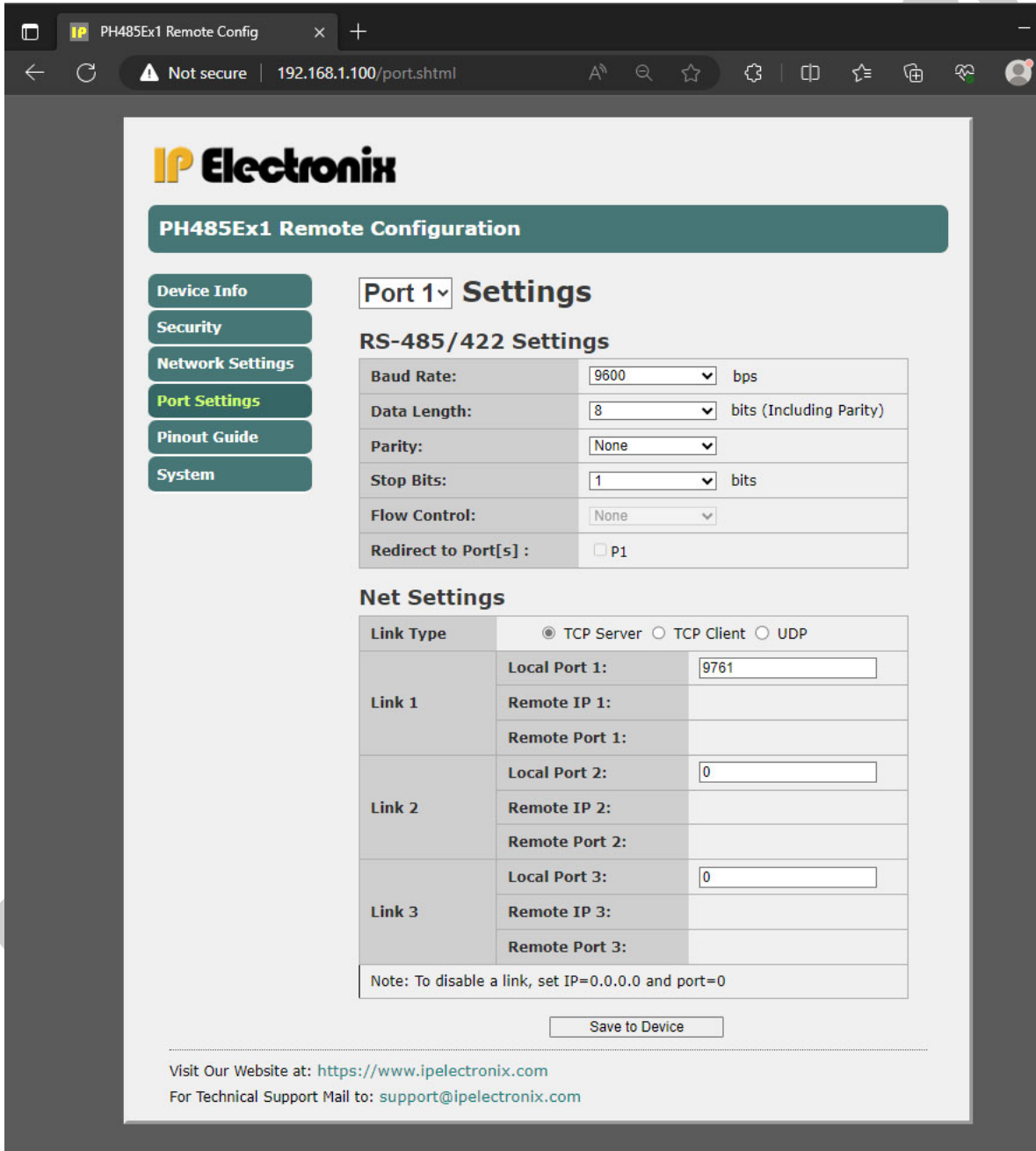
You can change all the network settings, such as device IP Address in this page.

It is important to enter valid data in this section. If you are not sure about your network settings such as DNS address and ..., you should consult to your network administrator before any changing in these settings.



- **PORT Settings**

You can see and change all the port settings in this page.



- **Pinout Guide**

RS-485/422 Port pinout is seen in this page.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL 192.168.1.100/pinout.shtml. The page title is "PH485Ex1 Remote Configuration". On the left, there is a navigation menu with buttons for "Device Info", "Security", "Network Settings", "Port Settings", "Pinout Guide" (highlighted in green), and "System". The main content area is titled "PH485Ex1, RS-485/422 Ports Pinout" and contains a table with the following data:

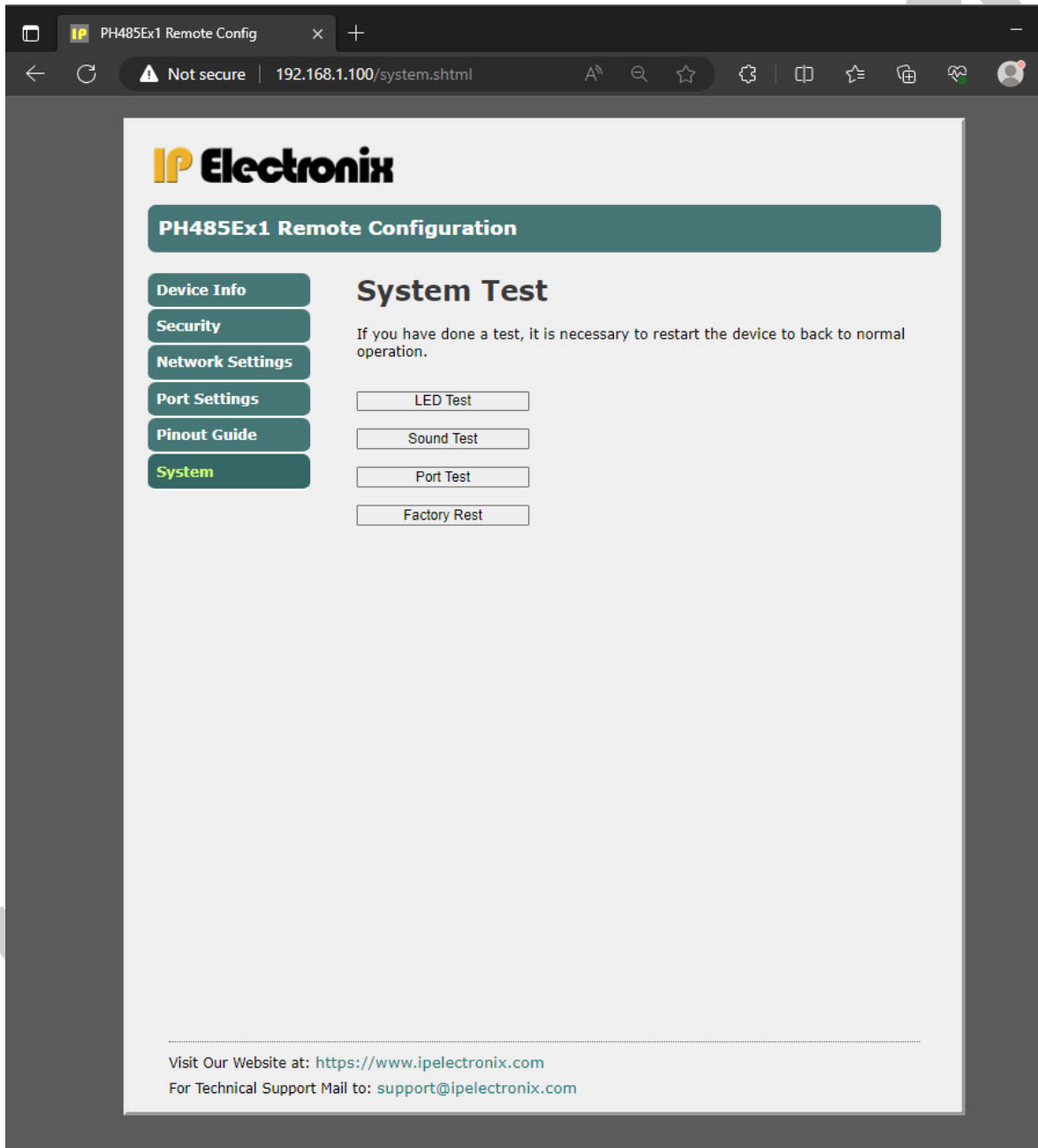
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	7	TX-	Transmit -	Output
	8	TX+	Transmit +	Output
	9	RX-	Receive -	Input
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- **System**

For test and factory reset the device you can use this page.

If you have done a test, it is necessary to restart the device to back to normal operation.



16. DEFAULT SETTINGS

Default IP Address: 192.168.1.100

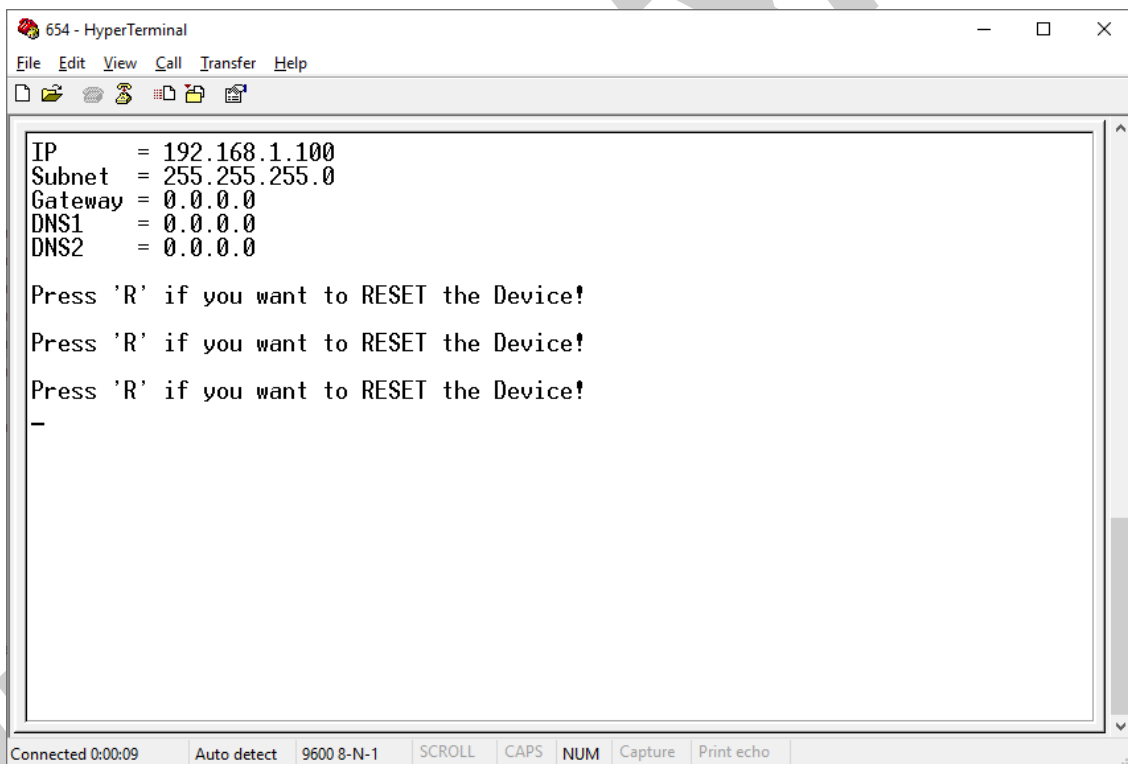
Default Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0

Default Password: admin

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If you change the device IP and forget it, you can see the new IP Address on the serial port. Whenever you turn on the device, it sends its IP Address and Subnet Mask to the RS-485/422 Port. The port settings for watching device IP, are fixed to 9600, 8, n, 1. You can easily see this IP Address and Subnet Mask by using a Terminal Emulation Software such as Microsoft Hyper Terminal.

You can also Reset the device to its [Factory Default Settings](#) in this page if necessary.



The screenshot shows a HyperTerminal window titled "654 - HyperTerminal". The window contains the following text:

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IP      = 192.168.1.100
Subnet  = 255.255.255.0
Gateway = 0.0.0.0
DNS1    = 0.0.0.0
DNS2    = 0.0.0.0

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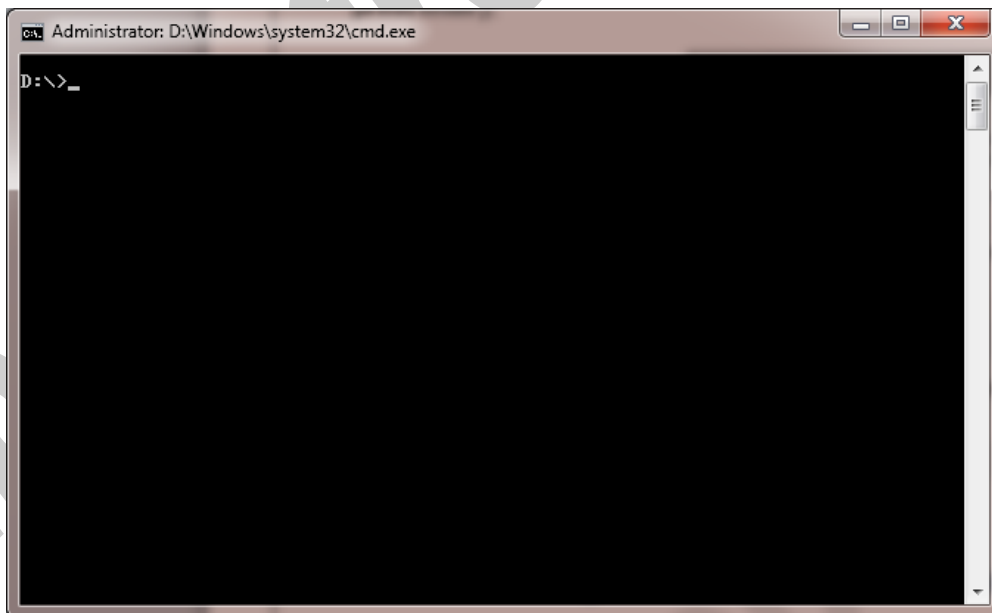
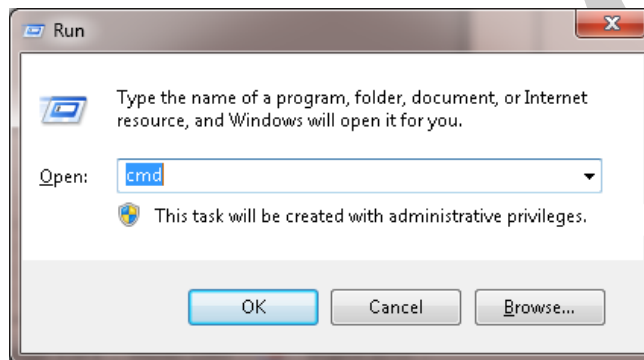
The status bar at the bottom of the window shows: "Connected 0:00:09", "Auto detect", "9600 8-N-1", "SCROLL", "CAPS", "NUM", "Capture", and "Print echo".

17. NETWORK CONNECTION TESTING

Connect PH485Ex1 to the Ethernet based network by connecting RJ45 LAN socket to network via a switch or Hub by an ordinary CAT5 or CAT6 cable. If everything is set properly, the green and yellow LEDs on the PH485Ex1's **RJ45 socket** will blink.

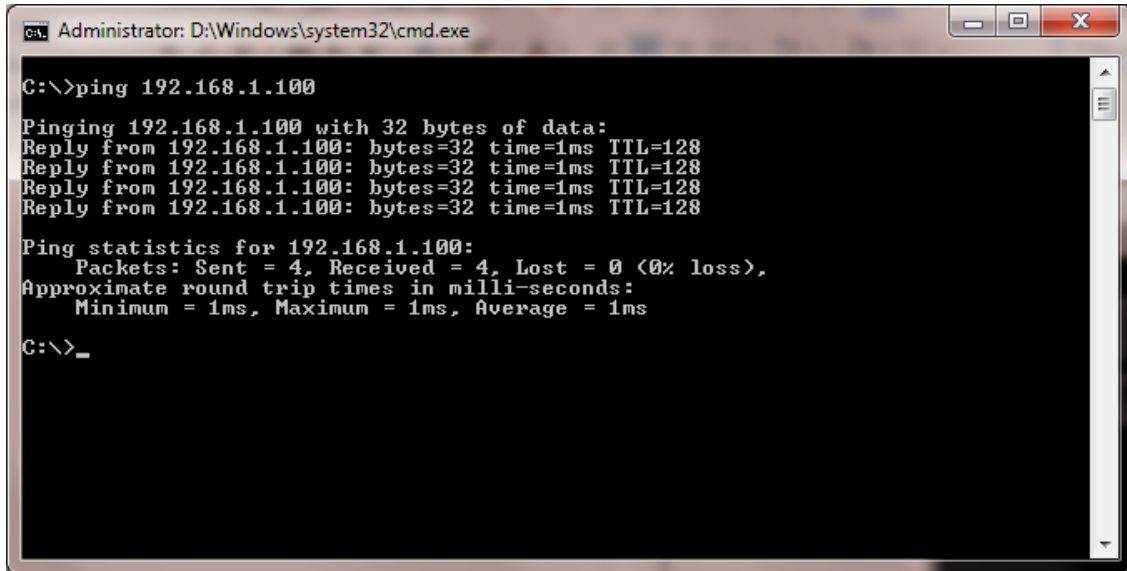
Now it is important to check the network wiring topology and testing all the cables, routers, switches ... in the route from PH485Ex1 to the computer. This test is done simply by using PING command from computer.

Go to Windows command prompt, (press WINDOWS KEY + R to going to run dialog and then type CMD and press enter):



Type ping with the device IP address, for example “ping 192.168.1.100” and press Enter.

Now you should see the ping response from the device.



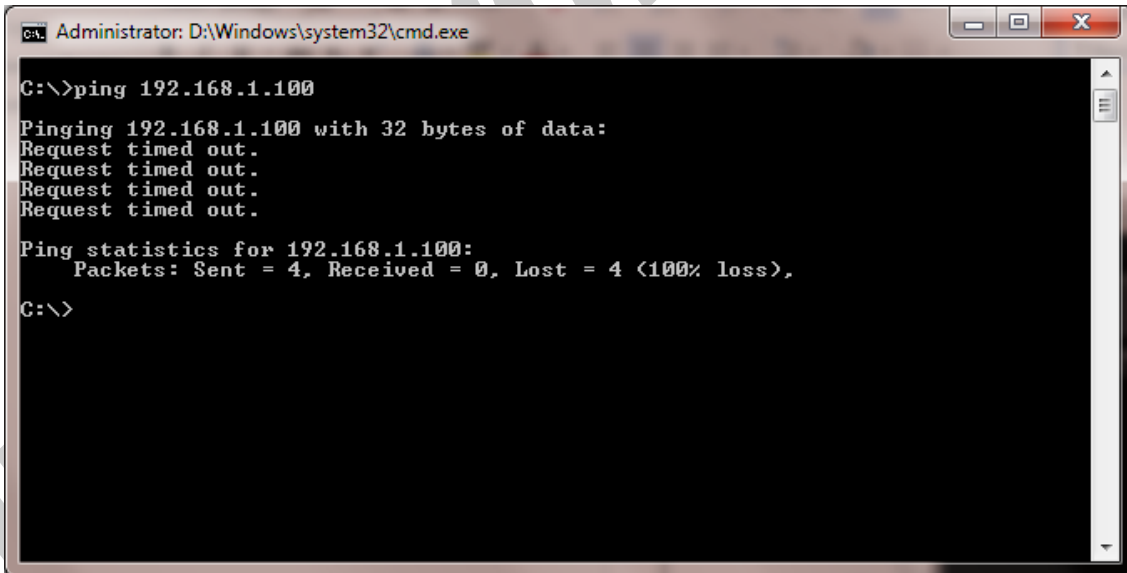
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Administrator: D:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\>ping 192.168.1.100

Pinging 192.168.1.100 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.1.100: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.1.100: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.1.100: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.1.100: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 192.168.1.100:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 1ms, Maximum = 1ms, Average = 1ms

C:\>_
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If there are any problems in the network, you could not see response from the device:



```
Administrator: D:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\>ping 192.168.1.100

Pinging 192.168.1.100 with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.

Ping statistics for 192.168.1.100:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),

C:\>
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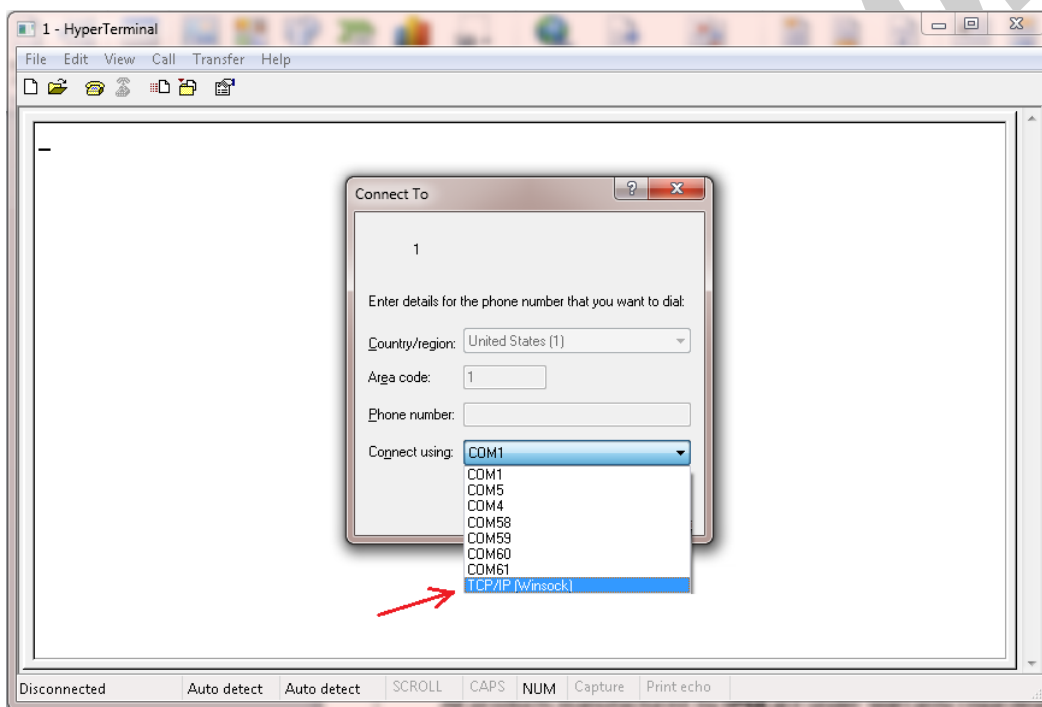
If you see this timeout window, you can't continue installation and first you should solve network problem by consulting your network administrator.

18. CONNECTING TO DEVICE VIA TCP SOCKET

It is possible to directly connect to PH485Ex1 RS-485/422 Serial Ports from any node of the network by using socket programming. This is simply done if you know only PH485Ex1 IP Address and socket port number for each Port. The default port number is as follow:

- Port 1: 9761

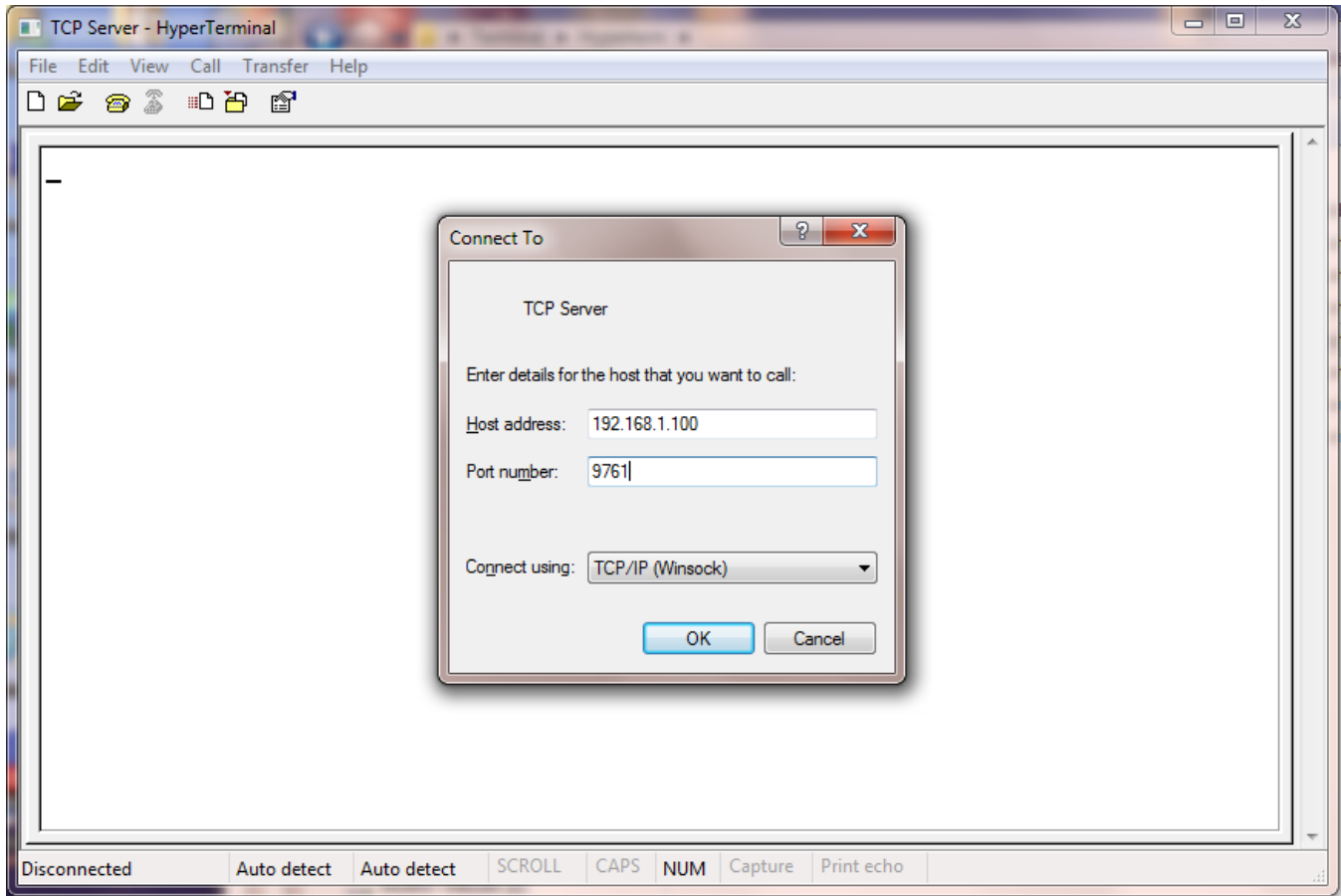
For example, we connect to RS-485/422 Port by means of Hyper Terminal. Run Hyperterm.exe and from properties dialog box, select "TCP/IP (Winsock)":



Enter device IP Address in the "Host address:" section, for example 192.168.1.100 and the port number in the "Port Number:" section (port number for RS-485/422 Port is 9761), then click on OK.

Now if you type some characters, you can see that TX Blue LED is blinking that means the data is sent to PH485Ex1 RS-485/422 port.

NOTICE: Don't forget to set PH485Ex1 in **SERVER Mode** for this method of connection.



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19. GUARANTEE

All products manufactured by **IPEX** are under warranty regarding defective materials for a period of one year from the date of delivery to the original purchaser.

20. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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