

ACKSYS APNUS026 How to Get GNSS NMEA Data User Guide

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Specifications

• GPS: Global Positioning System

• NMEA: National Marine & Electronics Association

• GNSS: Global Navigation Satellite System

• SNMP: Simple Network Management Protocol

Product Information

- The Acksys Router family includes models such as RailBox, AirWan, and AirBox, which have an embedded internal GPS module.
- This allows the routers to perform additional tasks with GPS location data.

Product Usage Instructions

Introduction

Fleet managers can track their vehicles' locations and statuses by installing GPS devices on fleet vehicles
using Acksys routers. GPS data helps in monitoring fleet efficiency and solving compliance, efficiency, and
safety issues.

Scenario Details

NMEA is the common data format supported by GNSS equipment. The GNSS system embedded in Acksys
Cellular routers can track the positions of GPS, Galileo, GLONASS, and Beidou satellites to determine precise
locations.

Installation Overview and Prerequisites

• Before starting the configuration process, ensure you have a clear understanding of the setup you wish to achieve and meet the prerequisites outlined in the How-To guide.

GNSS Configuration Architecture

 Learn how to access the Acksys router's internal GPS NMEA data from an external GPS client like WaveManager in this guide.

ACKSYS Router Configuration

 Configure the Acksys Cellular router to have a server ready for receiving external GPS NMEA data. Specify the WAN Cellular interface settings as instructed to enable GPS data transmission.

Configuring WAN Interface

- 1. Access the router's GUI.
- 2. Navigate to Setup > Physical Interfaces.
- 3. Enable the WAN Interface.

Configuring WIFI Interface

Note that the WIFI interface will not be used in this configuration.

Glossary

- GPS: Global Positioning System
- **GPS** is the generic term used to describe the satellite-based timing and positioning system operated by the United States Department of Defense (DoD), Galileo (European), GLONASS (Russian) and Beidou (Chinese).
- NMEA: National Marine & Electronics Association
- GNSS: Global Navigation Satellite System
- SNMP: Simple Network Management Protocol

Introduction

- By installing GPS devices such as Acksys routers on fleet vehicles or buses, fleet managers can track their trucks or buses' locations and statuses, as well as get important insights about their fleet's efficiency.
- Fleet managers use GPS daily to keep track of their fleets and other assets.
- They can get information that helps them solve issues such as compliance, efficiency, and safety reason why Commercial fleets often use GPS to monitor their fleet vehicles.

Scenario details

- Some models from the Acksys Router family (RailBox, AirWan, AirBox, etc..) have embedded an internal GPS module.
- This means that besides Cellular router conventional tasks (giving Internet connectivity to connected devices), they can also perform additional tasks with the GPS location.
- First defined by the National Marine Electronics Association, NMEA is currently the most common data format supported by GNSS equipment. It allows connecting different types of hardware and software

Installation Overview and Prerequisites

Before we begin, let's overview the configuration that we are attempting to achieve and the prerequisites that

make it possible in this How-To note.

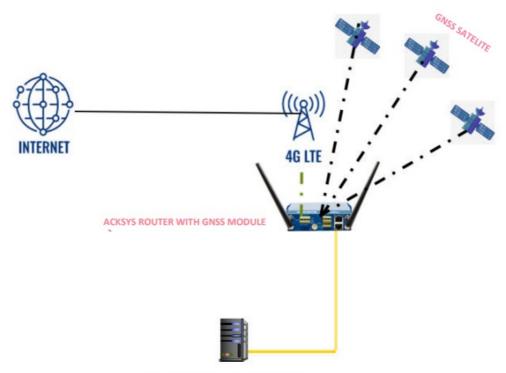
- GPS Server: One Cellular AirBox router or any type of Acksys Cellular Router
- Connect the GPS antenna to the GPS connector
- A valid SIM card from an ISP
- A GPS NMEA frame Receiver Client: WaveManager or any type of GPS received Server
- Laptop to configure the router

GNSS System types

- There are different types of GNSS systems in the world and the GNSS component embedded with Acksys
 Cellular router automatically can track the position of the four existing satellite systems, GPS (American),
 Galileo (European) GLONASS (Russian), Beidou (Chinese)
- The purpose of the GNSS system is to provide signals from space and transmit timing and positioning data to the GNSS receivers located on Earth.
- The receivers further use these data to determine your precise location.

GNSS Configuration architecture

• In this How-To, we will explain in detail how to access directly the Acksys router's internal GPS NMEA data from an external GPS client.



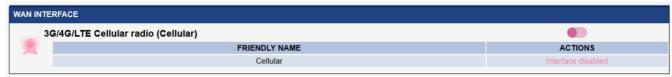
WaveManager or Any other GPS client

ACKSYS Router configuration

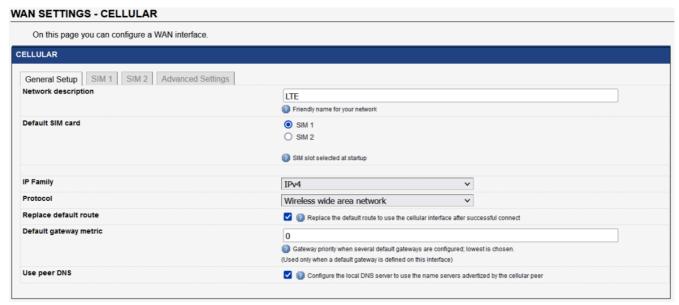
- We may need the Acksys Cellular router to have a server prepared for the event of an external client receiver, so the GPS NMEA data is sent through it.
- For this configuration it will be enough to specify In this note, the WIFI interface will not be configured but we will use the default LAN setting and configure the WAN Cellular interface.

Configuring WAN Interface

- If you have familiarized yourself with the configuration scheme and we can start configuring the router using instructions provided in this section:
- in GUI and go to Setup → Physical Interfaces → Enable the WAN Interface.



- Click the "Edit" button located to the right and configure the WAN Interface.
- General Setup
- · Select IPv6 in the IP family
- · Check Replace default route
- Set 0 as routing metric 0 for a default gateway
- Check Use peer DNS in case DNS is on the LAN to use the ISP DNS
- Save



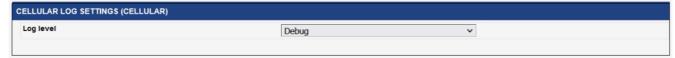
 Select the correct SIM slot (in case of dual SIM) and fill out APN with the connection information provided by the ISP (in this case SFR SIM card is used): sl2sfr



- Enable AT transaction logs for better understanding in troubleshooting in case of issue.
- · Save and apply the config



- Save and apply the config
- To check the NMEA frame in CLI, we need to enable Cellular Log Level to Debug for more GNSS information in the log.
- Go in Tools Logs Setting → Cellular → Log Setting



Save and apply the config

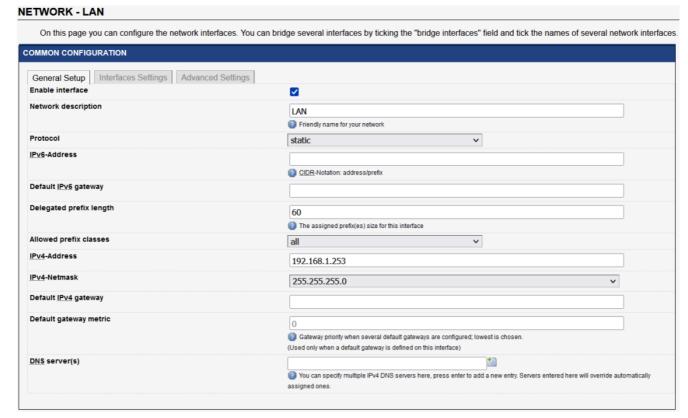
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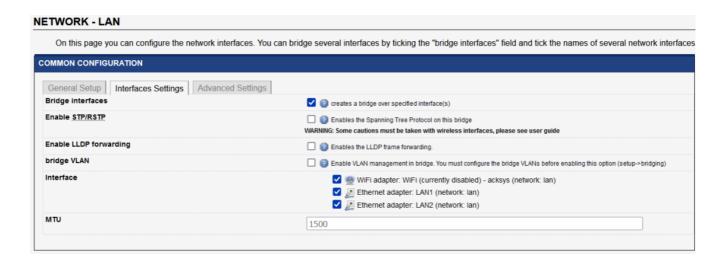
In this note, the WIFI interface will not be enabled or used.



Configuring LAN Interface

- In this note, we will use the default IP address of the router 192.168.1.253 in this section:
- Go in GUI and go to Setup → Physical Interfaces → LAN setting Interface.





Configuring GNSS Agent

- If you have familiarized yourself with the configuration scheme and have all of the devices in order, we can start configuring the router using the instructions provided in this section.
- Login to the router's WebUI and go to Setup → Services→GNSS Agent. Do this on the router.



Enable

Allow use of the location service.

Serve external clients

- Allow devices outside of the product to query its position using the gpsd protocol.
- If disabled, the position can still be queried with SNMP, displayed on the Status→Device Information page, or logged to an external log server.

Listen port

• Change TCP server port for external clients: 2947

Position logging period

• Periodically add an entry in the system log indicating the current position

URI for map link

- The current position that appears on the Status→Device Information page is embedded in a web link, allowing for example to display a map using external services.
- Here you can choose among renown public services, or set up a link to your preferred web server.
- To disable the link entirely, choose custom and enter a dash or a hash mark (anything but a column).
- If the string %1 appears in the link, it will be replaced with the latitude, and %2 will be replaced with the longitude.
- It is also possible to retrieve NMEA Data in locally or on a remote GNSS Client as a receiver if you want to read
 NMEA DATA on another device.
- Login to the router's WebUI and go to Setup \rightarrow Services \rightarrow Statistic.

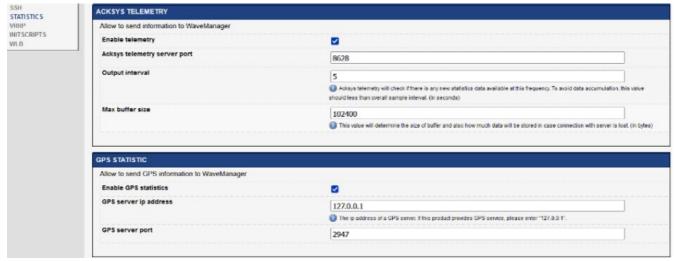
Do this on the router:

· Enable GPS statistic

• GPS server IP address: 127.0.0.1

• GPS server port: 2947

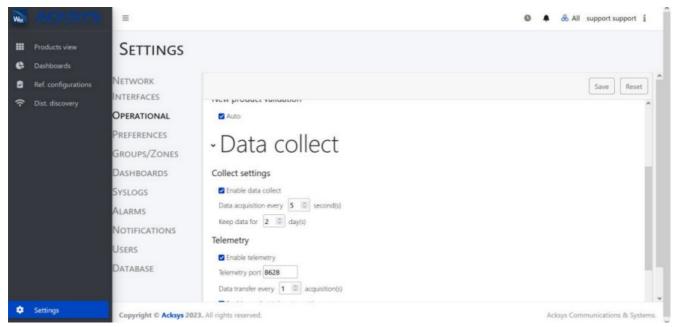
· Save and apply



• **NOTE:** GPS Server IP address 127.0.0.1 because the Acksys cellular router provides GPS service and the Telemetry service is used to send logs to WaveManager Server in this note.

Configuring WaveManager to access GNSS POSITION via Telemetry

- In this note, we will also use WaveManager Server to receive GNSS position therefore we will enable Telemetry service.
- To enable Telemetry service on WaveManager in Setting→ Data Collect → Operational→ enable Data Collect
 →Save.



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STATUS

If you've followed all the steps presented above, your configuration should be finished, and let's have an overview of the status of the Cellular and GNSS.

WAN Router Wireless Status

In GUI go to Status → Cellular

ellular i	interfaces								
RADIO	MODEM INFORMATIONS	ATTACHED	OPERATOR MCC/MNC	BASE STATION LAC/CID	ACCESS TECHNOLOGY	INFRASTRUCTURE BAND CHANNELS	RSSI	BER	SCA
	Password accepted IMSI: 208101188844640 IMEI: 866758042299632 model: EC25 rev A6.3 EMEA band: LTEFDD: B1/B3/B5/B7/B8/B20 LTETDD: B38/B40/B41 WCDMA: B1/B5/B8 GSM: B3/B8	home	F SFR 208/10	46506 / 159942403	gsm FDD LTE	LTE LTE BAND 3 ARFCN: 1501	-67	0	Scan

WAN Router: Network Status

To verify the connection, click on Status>Network as shown in the screenshot below where the WAN interface receives the Internet IP address.

In GUI go to Status → Network

LTE						
IP CONFIGURATION						
	IPv4: Stack IPv4: 100.104.156.203 Netmask: 29 MTU: 1500					
	IPv6 Stack IPv6: fe80::8143:169f:14e2:308a Netmask: 64 Scope: link					
	DHCP info: Lease time: 7200s					
	DNS server: 172.20.2.39 172.20.2.10					
GRAPH	PHYSICAL INTERFACE	MAC ADDRESS	TX COUNT (IN BYTES)	RX COUNT (IN BYTES)	INTERFACE MODE	MTU
ilili	Cellular	00:00:00:00:00:00	23039	44147	Operator (home): F SFR SIM: Password accepted	1500

WAN Router Network Testing

GNSS Agent can show position only if the WAN router get internet therefore we do network connectivity test with ping on google DNS works with success as shown the screenshot below.

```
root@GPS-Agent:~# ping 8.8.8.8
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=0 ttl=115 time=55.917 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=1 ttl=115 time=656.157 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=2 ttl=115 time=474.894 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=3 ttl=115 time=378.489 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=4 ttl=115 time=311.806 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=5 ttl=115 time=285.724 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=6 ttl=115 time=72.721 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=7 ttl=115 time=484.698 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=8 ttl=115 time=300.996 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=9 ttl=115 time=110.102 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=10 ttl=115 time=311.840 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=11 ttl=115 time=258.432 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=12 ttl=115 time=364.148 ms
 -- 8.8.8.8 ping statistics
13 packets transmitted, 13 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 55.917/312.763/656.157 ms
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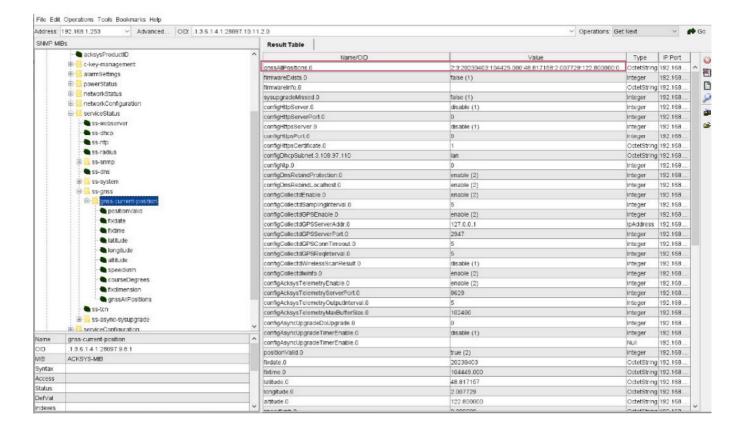
GNSS DATA COLLECT

WAN Router: CLI GNSS

- To verify the NMEA data, we can enable SSH service in Tools→ Service→ enable SSH with the command log file after enabling the GNSS log level to Debug.
- Once you have configured the router, if you connect in CLI on the AirBox router IP, we will get the NMEA data in real-time, 1 data per 4 seconds according to my configuration as shown in the screenshot below.

Configuring MIB Browser to access GNSS NMEA Data via SNMP

Positioning information can also be read directly via SNMP on any MIB Browser and any remote Management system by using OIDS from Acksys MIB from the GNSS-current-position table as shown in the screenshot below.



- The string displayed in the system log and the string obtained through the 'gnssAllPositions' SNMP
- OID has the same format. It consists in a series of column-separated values in the following order.

Valid flag 1 if the position is undefined, 2 if the following data is valid				
Dimension	2 if only latitude/longitude are known, 3 if elevation (altitude) is also valid, 0 or 1 if the position is unknown			
Date	Last fix date. YYMMDD (year, month, day) or empty if invalid			
Time	Last fix time. If time is available: HHMMSS.ddd (hour, minute, second, dot, milliseconds). If time is unavailable: sssssssss (integer number of seconds since 1/1/1970) as known to the product. Always greater than 1000000.			
Latitude	±DD.dddddd degrees from the equator, 6 decimal places, a minus sign means south of the e quator			
Longitude	±DD.dddddd degrees from Greenwich, 6 decimal places, a minus sign means west of Green wich			
Altitude	HHH.hhhhhh Height above mean sea level, in meters			

Speed	K.vvvvvv Horizontal displacement speed in kilometers per hour, 6 decimal places
Direction	DDD.dddddd degrees from true north, 6 decimal places, DDD ranges from 0 to 359

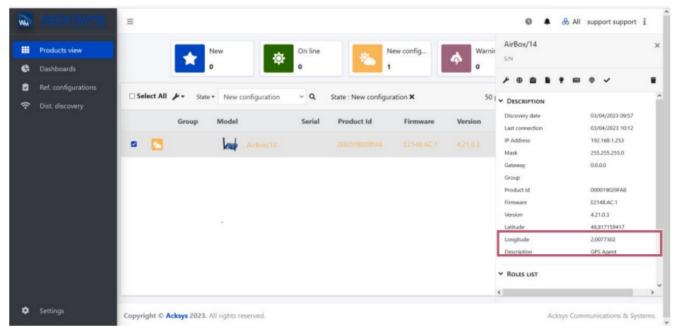
WAN Router: GNSS Status

 You can retrieve the current position Via GUI on "Device Information" page as shown in the screenshot below Status



WaveManager: GNSS Status

• We can retrieve the current position Via WaveManager on "Device Information" page (Latitude and Longitude) as shown in the screenshot below.



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· Q: What is NMEA?

 A: NMEA stands for National Marine & Electronics Association and is a common data format supported by GNSS equipment.

• Q: What are the GNSS systems supported by Acksys routers?

 A: Acksys routers can track the positions of GPS (American), Galileo (European), GLONASS (Russian), and Beidou (Chinese) satellite systems.

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