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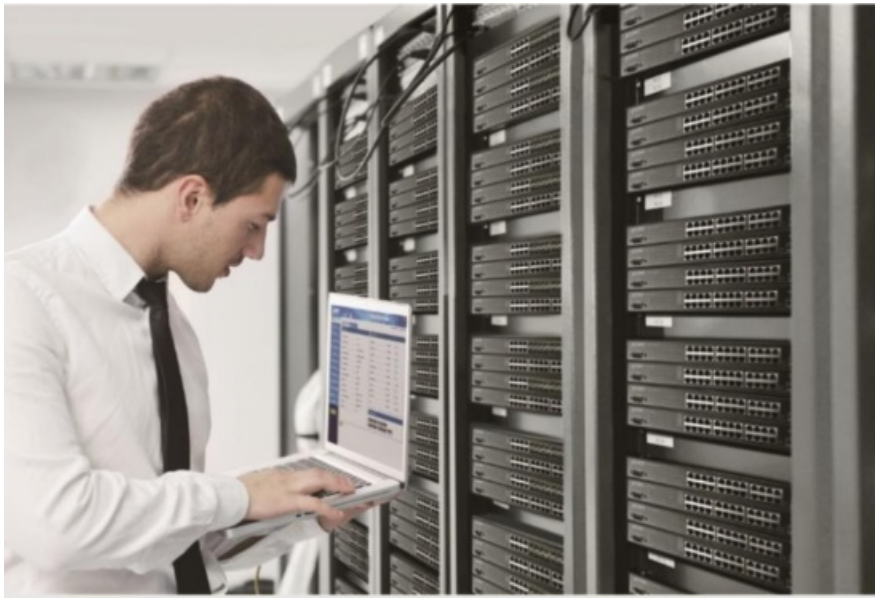
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Chapter 1. Product Introduction

Thank you for purchasing PLANET LoRa Node Controller, LN501. The descriptions of these models are as follows:

LN501	Outdoor IP67 LoRa Node Controller with Solar Panel
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“LN501” mentioned in the manual refers to the above models.

1.1 Package Contents

The package should contain the following:

LN501

- LoRa Node Controller x 1
- Quick Installation Guide x 1

- Data Cables x 2
- Mounting Bracket x 1
- Wall Mounting Kits x 1
- Hose Clamps x 2
- 2550 mAh Battery x 2



If any of the above items are missing, please contact your dealer immediately.

1.2 Overview

Feature-rich Sensor Hub for Connecting Sensors

PLANET LN501 is an outdoor LoRa node controller used for data acquisition from multiple sensors. It contains different I/O interfaces such as analog inputs, digital inputs, digital outputs, serial ports and so on to simplify the deployment and replacement of LoRaWAN networks. The LN501 can be easily and quickly configured by NFC or wired USB port. For outdoor applications, it provides solar or built-in battery power supply and is equipped with IP67-rated enclosure and M12 connectors to protect itself from water and dust in harsh environments.

LoRaWAN-based Controller with Rich Industrial Interfaces

The LN501 is LoRaWAN compatible and is with built-in multiple industrial interfaces to connect to all types of sensors, meters and other appliances. It also bridges Modbus data between serial and Ethernet network via LoRaWAN. The LN501 supports LoRaWAN class A and C protocol to be in full compatibility with standard LoRaWAN gateways including PLANET LCG-300 series.

- RS232
- RS485
- GPIO
- Analog Input
- SDI-12

The LN501 is ideal for large-scale IoT application deployments, such as projects for building automation, smart metering, HVAC system, etc. With multiple interfaces, PLANET LN501 can perfectly help retrofit legacy assets into IoT enablement.

1.3 Features

Key Features

LN501

- Easy to connect with multiple wired sensors through GPIO/AI/RS232/RS485/SDI-12 interfaces
- Long transmission distance up to 11km with line of sight
- Waterproof design including IP67 case and M12 connectors
- Solar powered and built-in battery (optional)
- Quick wireless configuration via NFC
- Compliant with standard LoRaWAN gateways and network servers

1.4 Product Specifications

Product	LN501	
Wireless Transmission		
Technology	LoRaWAN	
Antenna	Internal Antenna	
Frequency	LN501-868M: IN865, EU868, RU864 LN501-915M: US915, AU915, KR920, AS923	
Tx Power	16dBm(868)/20dBm(915)	
Sensitivity	-137dBm @300bps	
Work Mode	OTAA/ABP Class A, Class C	
Data Interfaces		
Interface Type	M12 A-Coded Male	
IO	Ports	2 × GPIO
	Logical Level	Low: 0~0.9V, High: 2.5~3.3V
	Maximum Current	20 mA
	Work Mode	Digital input, digital output, pulse counter
Serial Port	Ports	1 × RS232 or RS485 (Switchable)
	Baud Rate	1200~115200 bps
	Protocol	Transparent (RS232), Modbus RTU (RS485)
Analog Input	Ports	2 × Analog input
	Resolution	12 bit
	Input Range	4~20mA or 0~10V (Switchable)
SDI-12	Ports	1 × SDI-12
	Protocol	SDI-12 V1.4
Power Output	Ports	2 × 3.3 V, 2 × 5/9/12 V (Switchable)
	Power Time Before Data Collection	0~10 minutes
Operation		
Power On & Off	NFC, power button (Internal)	
Configuration	PC software (via USB Type C or NFC)	
Physical Characteristics		
Operating Temperature	-20°C to +60°C	
Ingress Protection	IP67	
Dimensions	116 × 116 × 45.5 mm	

Power Connector	1 × M12 A-coded Male Interface
Power Supply	Solar powered + 2 x 2550mAh battery backup + 5-24 VDC
Installation	Desktop or wall mounting
Standards Conformance	
Regulatory Compliance	CE, FCC

Chapter 2. Hardware Introduction

2.1 Physical Descriptions



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1. Please turn off the device before changing an analog input or power output via DIP switch.
2. Analog inputs are set to 4-20mA by default, power outputs are set to 12V by default.
3. Power output on interface 1 is used for powering analog devices, power output on interface 2 is used for powering serial port devices and SDI-12 devices.

Power Button:

Function	Action	LED Indication
Turn On	Press and hold the button for more than 3s.	Off → On
Turn Off	Press and hold the button for more than 3s.	On → Off
Reset	Press and hold the button for more than 10s.	Blinks.
Check On/Off Status	Quickly press the power button.	Light On: Device is on. Light Off: Device is off.

Data Interface: Data Interface 1

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4	Analog Input 1																																							
5	Analog Input 2																																							
6*	5-24V DC IN																																							



*When both DC external power and batteries are connected, external power will be the preferred power supply option.

Data Interface 2

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2.2 Hardware Installation

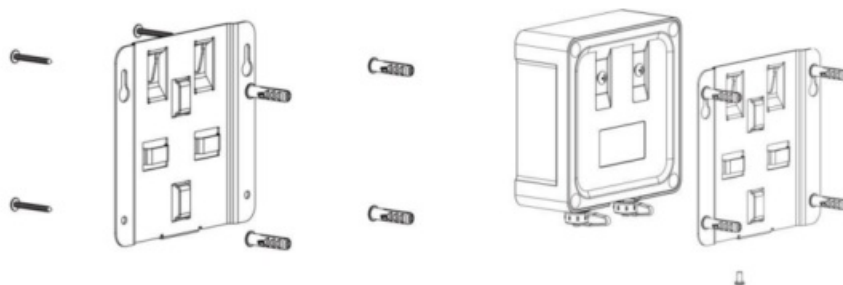
Refer to the illustration and follow the simple steps below to quickly install your LoRa Node.

2.2.1 Wall Mounting

Make sure you have a wall mounting bracket, bracket mounting screws, wall plugs, wall mounting screws and other required tools.

Step 1: Mark the four holes on the wall you prefer to place the device and drill the marked four holes for the wall plugs (anchors). Then place the mounting bracket over the holes with the wall plugs inside, and tighten it with the screws.

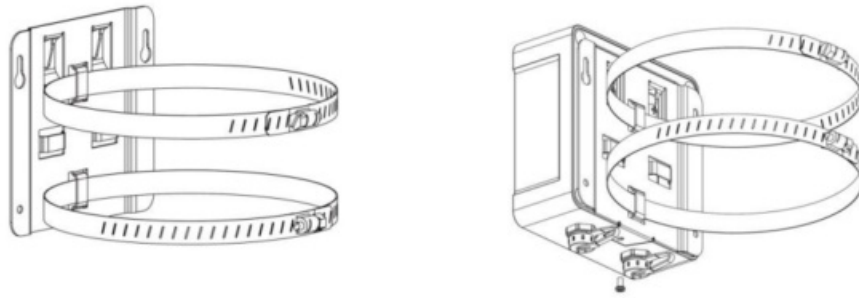
Step 2: Place the device on the mounting bracket and put the small screw into the hole found on the bottom of the device and then tighten the screw to finish the job.



2.2.2 Pole Mounting

Step 1: Straighten out the clamp and slide it through the rectangular rings in the mounting bracket, and wrap the clamp around the pole. Then use a screwdriver to tighten the clamp by turning it clockwise.

Step 2: Place the device on the mounting bracket and put the small screw into the hole found on the bottom of the device and then tighten the screw to finish the job.



Please make sure the screws are tightly fixed.

Chapter 3. Preparation

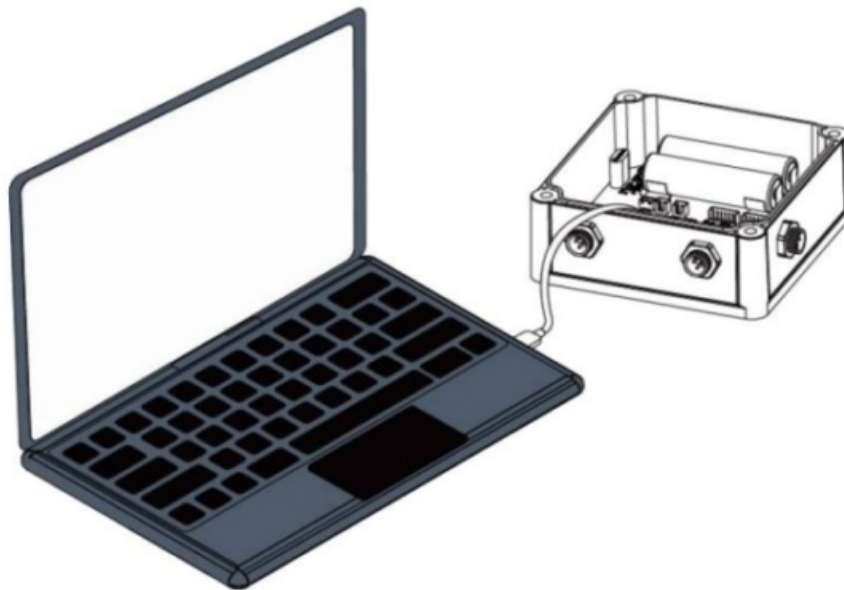
Before accessing the LoRa node controllers, user has to install utility tool for operation.

3.1 Requirements

- Workstations running Windows 10/11
- Type C USB cable for LN501

3.2 Managing LoRa Node

1. Download ToolBox software from Planet web site.
2. <https://www.planet.com.tw/en/support/downloads?&method=keyword&keyword=LN501&view=6#list>
3. Power on the LoRa Node device and then connect it to computer via micro USB port.



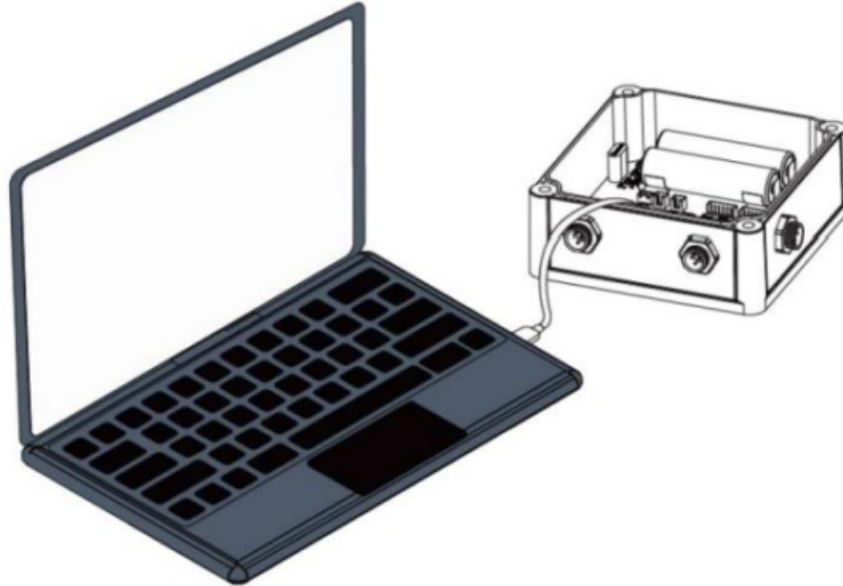
4. Open the ToolBox and select “Type” and then “General”, and then click password to log in ToolBox. (Default password: 123456)

Chapter 4. Operations Management

This chapter provides operations details of the LoRa node controller.

4.1 Managing LoRa Node

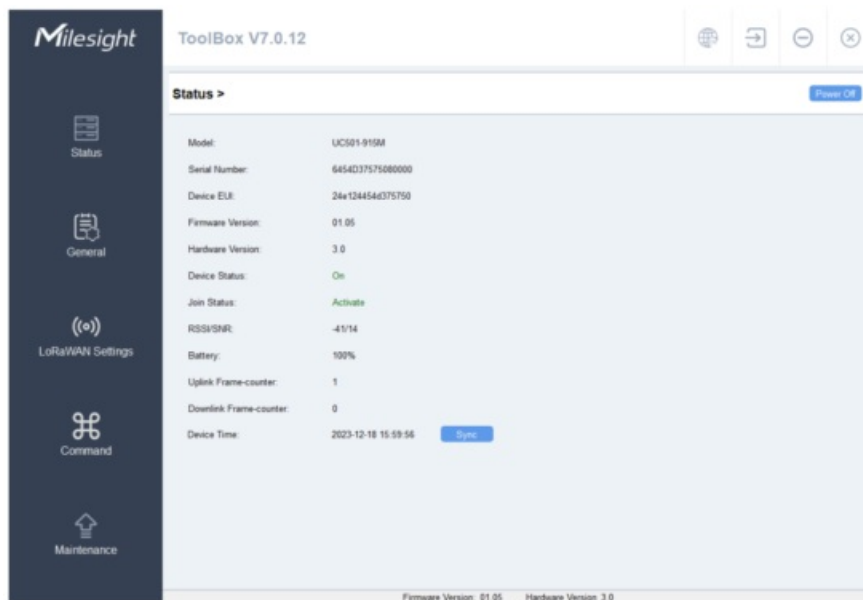
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4. Open the ToolBox and select “Type” and then “General”, and then click password to log in ToolBox. (Default password: 123456)

A screenshot of the 'ToolBox Settings' dialog box. The dialog has a blue header bar with the title 'ToolBox Settings' and a close button (X). The main area is white and contains several settings: 'Type' is set to 'General', 'Serial port' is set to 'COM4', 'Login password' is an empty text field, 'Baud rate' is set to '115200', 'Data bits' is set to '8', 'Parity bits' is set to 'None', and 'Stop bits' is set to '1'. At the bottom, there are two blue buttons: 'Save' and 'Cancel'.

5. After logging in the ToolBox, you can click “Power On” or “Power Off” to turn on/off device and change other settings.

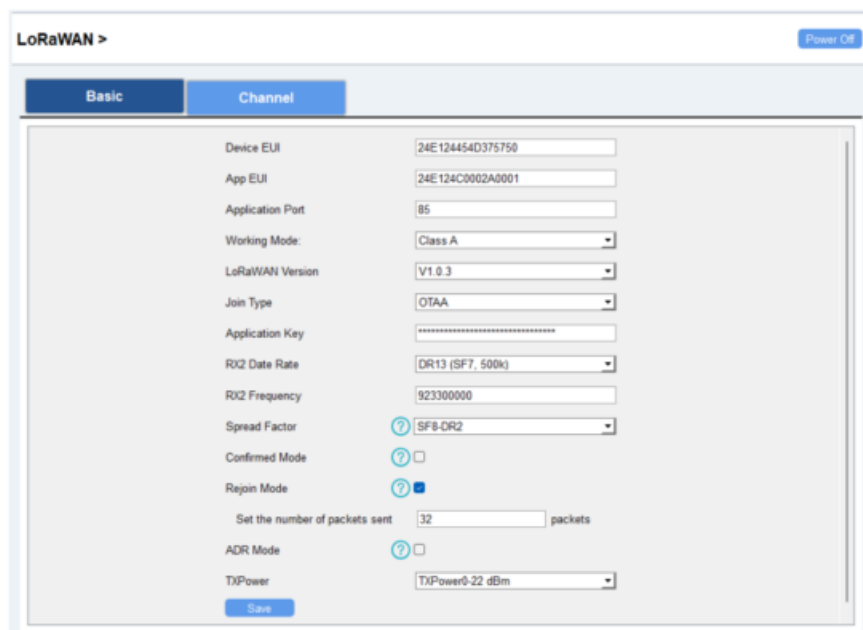


4.2 LoRaWAN setting

LoRaWAN setting is used for configuring the transmission parameters in LoRaWAN ® network.

Basic LoRaWAN Settings:

Go to “LoRaWAN -> Basic” of ToolBox software to configure join type, App EUI, App Key and other information. You can also keep all settings by default.



Object	Description
Device EUI	Unique ID of the device which can also be found on the label.
App EUI	Default App EUI is 24E124C0002A0001.
Application Port	The port is used for sending and receiving data; default port is 85. Note: RS232 data will be transmitted via another port.
Working Mode	Class A and Class C are available
LoRaWAN Version	V1.0.2, V1.0.3 are available.

Join Type	OTAA and ABP mode are available
Application Key	Appkey for OTAA mode; default is 5572404C696E6B4C6F52613230313823.
Device Address	DevAddr for ABP mode, default is the 5th to 12th digits of SN.
Network Session Key	Nwkskey for ABP mode, default is 5572404C696E6B4C6F52613230313823.
Application Session Key	Appskey for ABP mode, default is 5572404C696E6B4C6F52613230313823.
RX2 Data Rate	RX2 data rate to receive downlinks.
RX2 Frequency	RX2 frequency to receive downlinks. Unit: Hz
Spread Factor	If ADR is disabled, the device will send data via this spread factor.
Confirmed Mode	If the device does not receive ACK packet from network server, it will resend data 3 times at most.
Rejoin Mode	Reporting interval \leq 35 mins: the device will send specific mounts of LoRaMAC packets to check connection status every 30 mins; If no reply after specific packets, the device will re-join. Reporting interval $>$ 35 mins: the device will send specific mounts of LoRaMAC packets every to check connection status every reporting interval; If no reply after specific packets, the device will re-join.
Set the number of packets sent	When rejoin mode is enabled, set the number of LinkCheckReq packets sent. Note: the actual sending number is Set the number of packet sent + 1.
ADR Mode	Allow network server to adjust datarate of the device.
Tx Power	Tx power of the device.

LoRaWAN Frequency Settings:

Go to "LoRaWAN -> Channel" of ToolBox software to select supported frequency and select channels to send uplinks. Make sure the channels match the LoRaWAN gateway.

LoRaWAN >

Basic

Channel

Supported Frequency : AS923

<input type="checkbox"/>	Index	Frequency/MHz	Min Datarate	Max Datarate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	923.2	5-SF7BW125	0-SF12BW125
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	923.4	5-SF7BW125	0-SF12BW125
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	0	5-SF7BW125	0-SF12BW125
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	0	5-SF7BW125	0-SF12BW125
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	0	5-SF7BW125	0-SF12BW125
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	0	5-SF7BW125	0-SF12BW125
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	0	0-SF12BW125	5-SF7BW125

If frequency is one of AU915/US915, you can enter the index of the channel that you want to enable in the input box, making them separate by commas.

Examples:

1, 40: Enabling Channel 1 and Channel 40
 1-40: Enabling Channel 1 to Channel 40
 1-40, 60: Enabling Channel 1 to Channel 40 and Channel 60
 All: Enabling all channels
 Null: Indicates that all channels are disabled

Channel Index	Frequency/MHz	Channel Spacing/MHz	BW/kHz
0 - 15	902.3 - 905.3	0.2	125
16 - 31	905.5 - 908.5	0.2	125
32 - 47	908.7 - 911.7	0.2	125
48 - 63	911.9 - 914.9	0.2	125
64 - 71	903.0 - 914.2	1.6	500

Note:
 64 channels numbered 0 to 63 utilizing LoRa 125 kHz BW starting at 902.3 MHz and incrementing linearly by 0.2 MHz to 914.9
 8 channels numbered 64 to 71 utilizing LoRa 500 kHz BW starting at 903.0 MHz and incrementing linearly by 1.6 MHz to 914.2

4.3 Interface setting

LN501 supports data collection by multiple interfaces including GPIOs, analog inputs and serial ports. Besides, they can also power the terminal devices by power output interfaces. Basic settings are as follows: Go to “General -> Basic” of ToolBox software to change the reporting interval.

Object	Description
Reporting Interval	Reporting interval of transmitting data to network server. Default: 20 mins , Range: 10-64800 s. Note: RS232 transmission will not follow the reporting interval.
Collection Interval	The interval of collecting data when there is an alarm command. (see section 4.4) This interval must be not more than reporting interval.
Data Storage	Disable or enable reporting data storage locally. (see section 4.5)
Data Retransmission	Disable or enable data retransmission. (see section 4.6)
Device Returning Power Supply State	If the device loses power and returns to power supply, the device will be on or off according to this parameter.
Change Password	Change the password for ToolBox software to read/write this device.

4.3.1 RS485 Settings

1. Connect RS485 device to RS485 port on interface 2. If you need LN501 to power the RS485 device, please connect the power cable of RS485 device to 5V/9V/12V power output on interface 2.
2. Go to “General -> Serial” of ToolBox software to enable RS485 and configure serial port settings. Serial port settings should be the same as RS485 terminal devices.

The screenshot shows the 'Serial' configuration window in the ToolBox software. The 'Enable' checkbox is checked. The 'Interface Type' is set to 'RS485 (Modbus Master)'. The 'Interface 2 (Pin1) 5/9/12V Output' and 'Interface 2 (Pin2) 3.3V Output' checkboxes are unchecked. The 'Baud Rate' is set to 9600, 'Data Bit' to 8 bits, 'Stop Bit' to 1 bit, and 'Parity' to None. The 'Execution Interval' is 50 ms, 'Max Resp Time' is 500 ms, and 'Max Retry Times' is 3. A 'Fetch All' button is located at the bottom right of the configuration area.

Object	Description
Interface 2 (Pin 1) 5V/9V/12V	<p>Enable 5V/9V/12V power output of interface 2 to supply power to RS485 terminal devices. It's 12V by default and you can change DIP switches to change voltage.</p> <p>Power Output Time Before Collect: power supply time before collecting data for terminal device initialization. Range: 0-600s. Power Supply Current: supply current as sensor required. Range: 0-60mA</p>
Interface 2(Pin 2) 3.3V Output	<p>Enable 3.3V power output of interface 2 to supply power to RS485 terminal devices.</p> <p>Power Supply Mode: Select “Continuous power supply” or “Configurable power supply time”.</p> <p>Power Output Time Before Collect: power supply time before collecting data for terminal device initialization. Range: -600s. Power Supply Current: supply current as sensor required. Range: 0-60 mA</p>

Power Output Time Before Collect	LN501 will power the RS485 terminal devices for a period of time before collecting data for terminal device initialization.
Baud Rate	1200/2400/4800/9600/19200/38400/57600/115200 are available.
Data Bit	8 bit is available.
Stop Bit	1 bit and 2 bit are available.
Parity	None, Odd and Even are available.
Execution Interval	The execution interval between Modbus commands.
Max. Response Time	The maximum response time that the LN501 waits for the reply to the command. If it does not get a response after the maximum response time, it is determined that the command has timed out.
Max. Retry Time	Set the maximum retry times after device fails to read data from RS485 terminal devices.
Modbus RS485 Bridge LoRaWAN	If transparent mode is enabled, LN501 will convert Modbus RTU commands from network server to RS485 terminal devices and send Modbus reply originally back to network server. Port: Select from 2-84, 86-223.



When you use power output to power RS485 Modbus slave devices, it only supplies power when reporting interval is coming. It's suggested to power slave devices with external power during the PoC test.

3. Click  to add Modbus channels, and then save configurations.

Object	Description
Channel ID	Select the channel ID you want to configure, 16 channels selectable.
Name	Customize the name to identify every Modbus channel.
Slave ID	Set Modbus slave ID of terminal device.
Address	The starting address for reading.
Quantity	Set read how many digits from starting address. It fixes to 1.
Byte Order	Set the Modbus data reading order if you configure the type as Input Register or Holding Register. INT32/Float: ABCD, CDBA, BADC, DCBA INT16: AB,BA
Type	Select data type of Modbus channels.
Sign	The tick indicates that the value has a plus or minus sign.
Fetch	After click, the device will send Modbus read command to test if it can read correct values.

Example: If you configure it as the following picture, LN501 will send Modbus read command to terminal device regularly: 01 03 00 00 00 01 84 0A

Channel ID	Name	Slave ID	Address	Quantity	Type	Sign	Decimal Place	Value
1	Temperature	1	0	1	Holding Register(INT16)	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	

Save Up to 16 channels

4. For ToolBox software, click “Fetch” to check if LN501 can read correct data from terminal devices. You can also click “Fetch” on the top of list to fetch all channel data.

Channel ID	Name	Slave ID	Address	Quantity	Type	Sign	Value
1	1	1	16	1	Input Register(INT16)	<input type="checkbox"/>	554
2	2	2	12	1	Holding Register(INT16)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	1	1	17	1	Input Register(INT16)	<input type="checkbox"/>	



Please do not click “Fetch” frequently since response time to reply is different for every terminal device.

4.3.2 RS232 Settings

1. Connect RS232 device to RS232 port on interface 2. If you need LN501 to power the RS232 device, connect the power cable of RS232 device to 5V/9V/12V power output on interface 1.
2. Go to “General -> Serial” of ToolBox software to enable RS232 and configure serial port settings. Serial port settings should be the same as RS232 terminal devices.

Basic	AI	Serial	GPIO	SDI-12
<p>Enable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Interface Type <input type="text" value="RS232"/></p> <p>Interface 2 (Pin1) 5V/12V Output <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Interface 2 (Pin2) 3.3V Output <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Baud Rate <input type="text" value="9600"/></p> <p>Data Bit <input type="text" value="8 bits"/></p> <p>Stop Bit <input type="text" value="1 bits"/></p> <p>Parity <input type="text" value="None"/></p> <p>Port <input type="text" value="86"/></p> <p>Save</p>				

Object	Description
Interface 2 (Pin 1) 5V/9V/12V	Enable 5V/9V/12V power output of interface 2 to supply power to RS232 terminal devices continuously. Note: Power output is 12V by default and you can change DIP switches to change voltage.
Interface 2(Pin 2) 3.3V Continuous Output	Enable 3.3V power output of interface 2 to supply power to RS232 terminal devices continuously. Power Supply Current: supply current as sensor required. Range: 0-60mA
Baud Rate	1200/2400/4800/9600/19200/38400/57600/115200 are available.
Data Bit	8 bit is available.
Stop Bit	1 bit and 2 bit are available.
Parity	None, Odd and Even are available.
Port	The port used for RS232 data transmission.

4.3.3 GPIO Settings

1. Connect devices to GPIO ports on interface 2.
2. Go to "General -> GPIO" of ToolBox software to enable GPIO port.

General >

Basic	Serial	GPIO	AI
<p>Interface Name: GPIO 1</p> <p>Enable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Interface Type: <input type="text" value="Digital Input1"/></p> <p>Digital Input: <input type="text" value="Pull Down"/> </p> <p>Status: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Fetch"/></p>			
<p>Interface Name: GPIO 2</p> <p>Enable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Interface Type: <input type="text" value="Digital Input2"/></p> <p>Digital Input: <input type="text" value="Pull Down"/> </p> <p>Status: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Fetch"/></p>			
<input type="button" value="Save"/>			

3. Select GPIO type according to your requirements.

- Digital Input: detect high or low status of devices
- Digital Output: send voltage signal to trigger devices
- Counter: pulse counter.

Digital Input:

Select initial status of digital input. If pull up is selected, falling edge will be triggered; if pull down is selected, rising edge will be triggered. After selection, click "Fetch" to check current status of digital input.

Interface Name	GPIO 1	
Enable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Interface Type	Digital Input1	
Digital Input	<input type="text" value="Pull Down"/>	<input type="button" value="Fetch"/>
Status	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Digital Output:

Click "Switch" to check if LN501 can trigger devices by digital output or click "Fetch" to check the current status of digital output.

Interface Name	GPIO 1	
Enable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Interface Type	Digital Output1	
Status	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Fetch"/> <input type="button" value="Switch"/>

Pulse Counter:

Interface Name	GPIO 1	
Enable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Interface Type	Counter	
Digital Input	<input type="text" value="Pull Down"/>	<input type="button" value="Fetch"/>
Digital Filter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="Fetch"/>
keep last value when power off	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Counter values	0	<input type="button" value="Refresh"/> <input type="button" value="Start"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/>

Object	Description
Digital Input	Initial status of counter. Pull Down: Increase 1 when detecting rising edge Pull Up/None: Increase 1 when detecting falling edge
Digital Filter	It's recommended to enable when pulse period is greater than 250 us.
Keep Last Value When Power Off	Keep the counted values when the device powers off.
Start/Stop	Make the device start/stop counting. Note: LN501 will send non-changeable counting values if you do not click "Start".
Refresh	Refresh to get latest counter values.
Clear	Count the value from 0.

4.3.4 AI Settings

1. Connect analog device to analog input ports on interface 1. If you need LN501 to power the analog device, connect the power cable of analog device to 5V/9V/12V power output on interface 1.
2. Go to "General -> AI" of ToolBox software to enable analog input.

3. Select analog input type according to analog device type.



Make sure DIP switch has changed before changing “Analog Input Signal Type” to 0-10V.

4. Enable “Interface 1 (Pin 1) 5V/9V/12V” and configure “Power Output Time Before Collect”, LN501 will power the analog devices for a period of time before collecting data.




When you use power output to power analog devices, it only supplies power when reporting interval is coming. It's suggested to power slave devices with external power during the PoC test.

5. Click “Fetch” to check if LN501 can read correct data from analog devices.

4.3.5 SDI-12 Settings



1. Connect SDI-12 sensor to SDI-12 port on interface 2. If the SDI-12 device requires power from the LN501, connect the power cable of SDI-12 device to power output on interface 2.
2. For ToolBox software, enable SDI-12 interface and configure interface settings to be the same as those of the SDI-12 sensors.

Enable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interface 2 (Pin1)5V/9V/12V Output	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baud Rate	1200
Data Bit	7 bits
Stop Bit	1 bits
Parity	Even
Max Retry Times	3
SDI-12 bridge LoRaWAN	 <input type="checkbox"/>

Object	Description
Interface 2(Pin 1) 5V/9V/12V Output	<p>Enable 5V/9V/12V power output of interface 2 to supply power to SDI-12 sensors. It's 12V by default and you can change DIP switches to change voltage.</p> <p>Power Output Time Before Collect : power supply time before collecting data for terminal device initialization. Range: 0-600s. Power Supply Current: supply current as sensor required. Range: 0-60mA</p>
Baud Rate	1200/2400/4800/9600/19200/38400/57600/115200 are available.
Data Bit	8 bit/7 bit is available.
Stop Bit	1 bit/2 bit is available.
Parity	None, Odd and Even are available.
Max Retry Time	Set the maximum retry times after device fails to read data from SDI-12 sensors.
SDI-12 bridge LoRaWAN	<p>If this mode is enabled, network server can send SDI-12 command to SDI-12 device and the device can only react according to server commands.</p> <p>Port: Select from 2-84, 86-223.</p>



When you use power output to power SDI-12 sensors, it only supplies power when reporting interval is coming. It's suggested to power sensors with external power during the PoC test.

- Click  to add channels, click Read to get the address of this sensor.
- Click  besides the SDI-12 Command tab to add SDI-12 commands as required by the sensor.
- Click Collect to send the commands to get sensor data, then click Fetch to check the data.

Object	Description
Channel ID	Select the channel ID you want to configure from 16 channels.
Name	Customize the name of each channel to easily identify them
Address	Address of SDI-12 sensor, it is editable.
Read	Click to read the address of the SDI-12 sensor.
Write	Modify the Address and click to write a new address to SDI-12 sensor.
SDI-12 Command	Fill in the commands to send to sensors, one channel can add 16 commands at most.
Collect	Click to send commands to get sensor data. Note: Do not click frequently since response time to reply is differ for every terminal device.
Fetch	Fetch Click to display the data on the ToolBox.
Value	Show the collected value. If it read multiple values, it will be separated by "+" or "-".

4.4 Alarm Settings

LN501 supports configuring commands to send alarm packets to network server. Each device can be added 16 threshold alarm commands at most.

1. For ToolBox software, go to Command page, click Edit to add commands.

2. Set an IF condition including the analog input values or RS485 Modbus channel values. When the value matches the condition, the device will report an alarm packet.



Note The device will only send the alarm once. Only when the value turns back to normal and triggers the condition again, it will send a new alarm.

Configuration for command NO.1

If

mA

Then

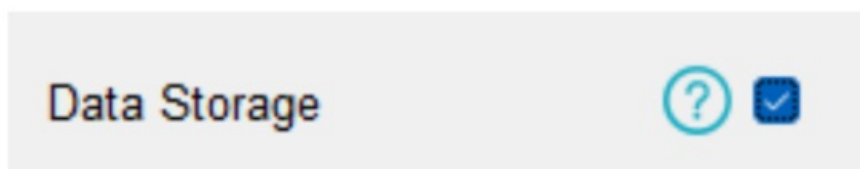
3. After setting all commands, click Save.

ID	Configuration	Edit	Delete
1	If ai2(4-20ma) is above 5.00, then report data package		
2	If ai1(4-20ma) is within 4.00 - 6.00, then report data package		
3			

4.5 Data Storage

LN501 supports storing 600 data records locally and exports data via ToolBox software. The device will record the data according to the reporting interval even if it is not connected to a network.

1. Go to Status of ToolBox software to sync the device time;
2. Go to General > Basic of ToolBox software to enable data storage feature.



3. Go to Maintenance > Backup and Reset of ToolBox software, click Export, then select the data time range and click Save to export data.

Upgrade Backup and Reset

Config Backup

Config File

Export Historical Data

Clear Data

ToolBox_v7

Start
12/11/2023 5:02 PM

End
12/18/2023 5:02 PM

4. Click Clear to clear all stored data inside the device if necessary.

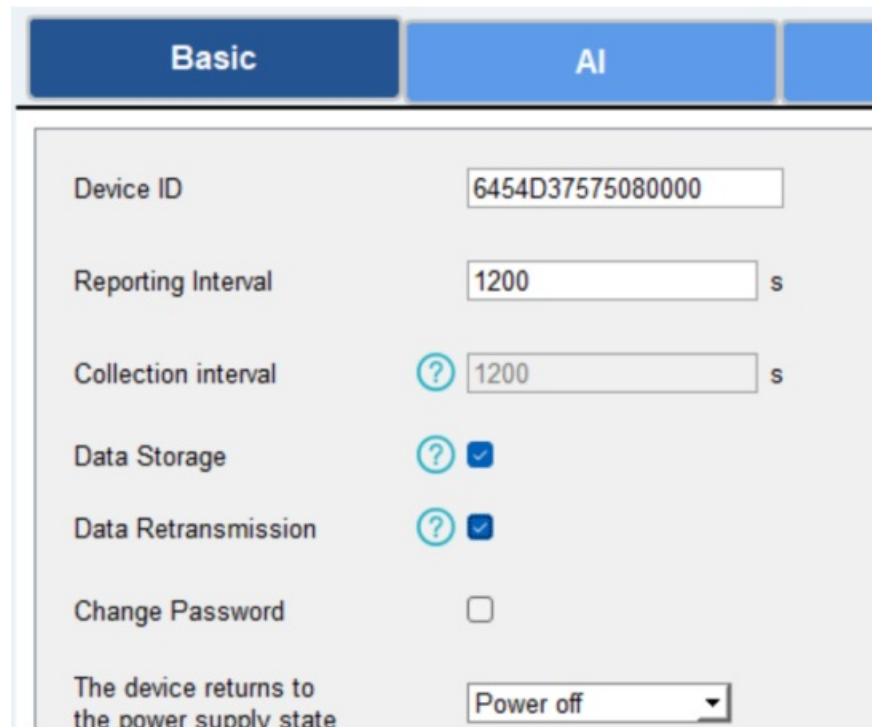
4.6 Data Retransmission

LN501 supports data retransmission to ensure the network server can get all data even if the network is down for some times. There are two ways to get the lost data:

- Network server sends downlink commands to enquire the historical data for specified time range, see LN501 Communication Protocol;
- When network is down if no response from LinkCheckReq MAC packets for a period of time, the device will record the network disconnected time and re-transmit the lost data after the device re-connects the network.

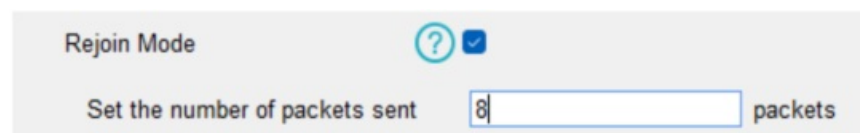
Here are the steps for data retransmission:

1. Enable data storage feature and data retransmission feature.



Basic	AI
Device ID	6454D37575080000
Reporting Interval	1200 s
Collection interval	1200 s
Data Storage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Data Retransmission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Change Password	<input type="checkbox"/>
The device returns to the power supply state	Power off

2. Enable rejoin mode feature and set the number of packets sent. Take below as an example, the device will send LinkCheckReq MAC packets to the network server regularly to check if the network is disconnected; if there is no response for 8+1 times, the join status will change to de-active and the device will record a data lost time point(the time to join the network).



Rejoin Mode	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Set the number of packets sent	8 packets

3. After the network connected back, the device will send the missing data, starting from the point in time when the data was lost, according to the reporting interval.



1. If the device is rebooted or powered off during data retransmission and the process is not completed, the device will resend all retransmitted data again after reconnecting to the network.
2. If the network is disconnected again during data retransmission, it will only send the latest disconnection data.
3. The retransmission data format is started with "20", please refer to LN501 Communication Protocol.

4. Data retransmission will increase the uplinks and shorten the battery life.

4.7 Maintenance

4.7.1 Upgrade

Go to “Maintenance -> Upgrade” of ToolBox software, click “Browse” to import firmware and upgrade the device. You can also click “Up to Date” to search for the latest firmware of the device and upgrade.

The screenshot shows the 'Upgrade' tab selected in the ToolBox software. The interface displays the following information and controls:

- Model:** UC501-915M
- Firmware Version:** 01.05
- Hardware Version:** 3.0
- Domain:** Frankfurt Server (selected from a dropdown menu)
- FOTA:** Up to date (button)
- Local Upgrade:** A text input field followed by 'Browse' and 'Upgrade' buttons.

4.7.2 Backup

LN501 devices support configuration backup for easy and quick device configuration in bulk. Backup is allowed only for devices with the same model and LoRa frequency band. Please select one of following methods to back up device:

1. Go to “Maintenance -> Backup and Reset”, click “Export” to save current configuration as backup file.
2. Click “Browse” to select backup file, and then click “Import” to import the configurations.

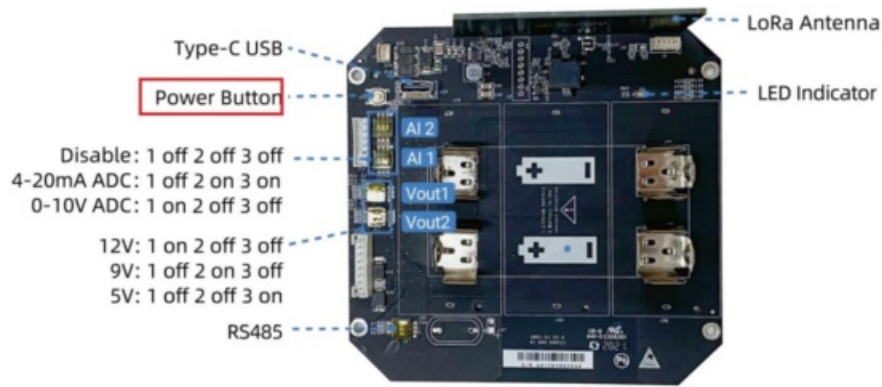
The screenshot shows the 'Backup and Reset' tab selected in the ToolBox software. The interface displays the following controls and status:

- Config Backup:** Export (button)
- Config File:** A text input field followed by 'Browse' and 'Import' buttons.
- Export Historical Data:** Export (button) with a red status message 'Data Storage Disabled'.
- Clear Data:** Clear (button)
- Restore Factory Defaults:** Reset (button)

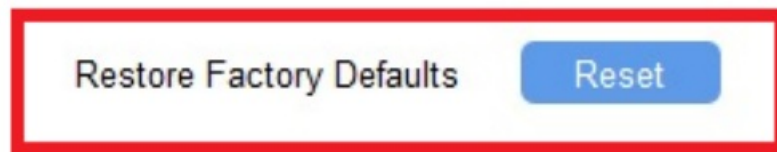
4.7.3 Reset to Factory Default

Please select one of following methods to reset device:

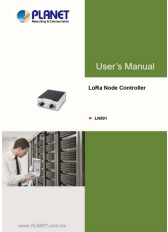
- Hardware: Open the case of LN501 and hold on power button for more than 10s.



- ToolBox Software: Go to “Maintenance -> Backup and Reset” to click “Reset”.



Documents / Resources

	<p>planet LN501 Lora Node Controller [pdf] User Manual</p> <p>LN501 Lora Node Controller, LN501, Lora Node Controller, Node Controller, Controller</p>
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