EtherPoll EPL-2
Two Port SCADA Serial Server “Ethernet Multi-drop Modem”

DESCRIPTION

The two port EtherPoll EPL-2 is a SCADA communications serial server that allows multi-drop devices to use Ethernet LANs. It connects any async serial device through a LAN and between LANs via routers, and is designed specifically to support asynchronous polling protocols, such as Poll Select, Modbus, DNP3, etc. The EPL-2 uses IP protocol, allowing the necessary data connection over a local LAN and across routed networks. The EPL-2 functions independently of the device protocol, allowing most 8 bit asynchronous protocols to be used with no configuration changes.

The EtherPoll EPL-2 maps data from a serial port to as few as one IP address, to as many as 32 remote IP addresses. This feature makes it easy to have redundant host sites that will always receive the same poll responses as the master host site. If you have the objective of installing a backup host site or have a second site that always monitors the RTU responses, the EPL-2 makes it easy.

The EtherPoll EPL-2 supports RS232 serial interface speeds up to 230 Kbps. Since it uses the UDP/IP protocol, overhead is much lower than it would be if TCP/IP were used, as there is no “session setup” or “session breakdown” with each connection. Up to 32 remote EPL-2s may be used with each host EPL-2.

The EtherPoll EPL-2 can be managed directly through the serial port as well as through the ethernet port. TCP/IP telnet or a web browser can be used.

Security features embedded in the EtherPoll EPL-2 include fine-grained configuration and management controls, as well as the ability to turn off remote management functions.

Instead of replacing your existing serial RTUs and SCADA system with ethernet RTUs, add the EtherPoll EPL-2 for a fraction of the cost. OEM manufacturers can design the EPL-2 into their products or use it as an add-on method to gain ethernet connectivity. DCB supplies the EPL-2 to many other companies and can provide custom firmware for specific applications. A similar model, the EET-2, is an encrypted version, using AES-128 bit encryption. Call for details.

FEATURES

- Two port EtherPoll for serial polling IP networks
- Ideal for Intranet or the Internet
- Configuration via web browser, telnet or direct connection
- Enable SCADA async serial polling via ethernet
- SNMP agent functionality
- Protocol independent; works with any byte-oriented asynchronous protocol
- Each serial port connects up to 32 remote IP addresses over Ethernet LAN/WANs
- RS232 interface speeds to 230 Kbps
- Two independent serial ports
- The EPL-2 transports multi-drop serial poll/response data over Ethernet/IP networks
- Industrial temperature rating of -40 to +75 C
- Works with Modbus, DNP3, and most async point-to-point or multi-drop 8 bit protocol
- Redundant hosts for backup sites are simple with the two port EtherPoll EPL-2
- Compatible with single port EtherPoll
- Works with Modbus, DNP3, IEC 60870-5-101, and most async point-to-point or multi-drop 8-bit protocol
SPECIFICATIONS

General
Two independent RS232 serial ports, DTE interface
DE-9 male serial DTE (terminal interface) ports
Serial speeds from 300 bps to 230,000 bps
RJ45 10/100BaseT
Communications via UDP protocol
Set up via telnet command line, the serial port, or web browser
CE Mark Approved

Indicators
Power, Status, Port Activity, LAN Connection, LAN Activity

Controls
DIP switch selection for serial port setup

Physical/Electrical
4 ¼” x 5 ½” x 1 ¾”
One pound
-40 to +75°C
<95% non-condensing relative humidity
6 volt DC via external 100-240 VAC power supply, UL and CE
500 mA at 6 VDC
12, 24, 48,125 VDC 240 VAC Optional

APPLICATION

Typical Applications
- Connect a host computer to remote terminals that are polled using asynchronous polling protocols
- Connect SCADA host computers to RTUs
- Connect Poll Select host computers to terminals using Poll Select protocol
- Broadcast data from a single host port to multiple remote locations, such as multiple signs displaying identical data
- Migrate serial polled terminals to IP/ethernet based networks
- Operate SCADA systems over private or public networks