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FS-8704-07 Allen Bradley CSP
Driver Manual
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1 ALLEN BRADLEY CSP DESCRIPTION

The Allen Bradley CSP (TCP/IP) driver allows the FieldServer to transfer data to and from devices over Allen Bradley CSP Ethernet protocol. The FieldServer can emulate either a Server or Client.

The information that follows describes how to expand upon the factory defaults provided in the configuration files included with the FieldServer.

2 HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

2.1 Supplied by Sierra Monitor Corporation

PART #	Description
FS-8915-10	Ethernet cable (7 foot)
FS-8704-07	Driver Manual

2.2 Provided by Supplier of 3rd Party Equipment

PART #	Description
	Allen Bradley CSP (TCP/IP) compatible PLC (e.g. SLC5/05 etc.) ¹
	Allen Bradley CSP (TCP/IP) Client (e.g. Wonderware, Intellution FIX, GE Cimplicity, etc.) ²

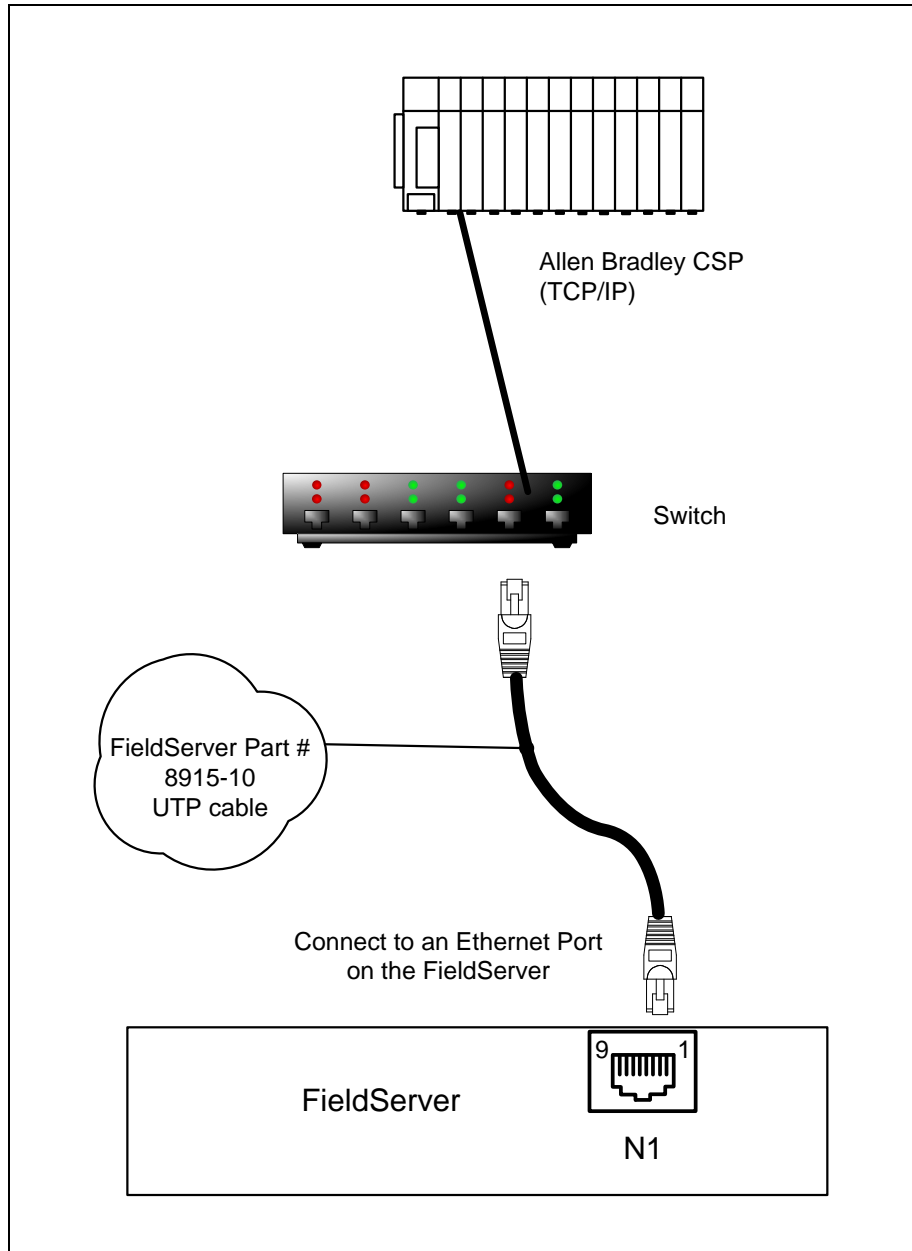
¹ If FieldServer used as Allen Bradley Allen Bradley CSP (TCP/IP) Client.

² If FieldServer used as Allen Bradley Allen Bradley CSP (TCP/IP) Server.

3 HARDWARE CONNECTIONS

Make sure the device IP_address is configured to be on the same IP network as the FieldServer. Use a crossover cable if the FieldServer is connected directly to the PLC device. Use a straight cable if the FieldServer is connected to a switch.

Configure the PLC according to manufacturer's instructions.



4 DATA ARRAY PARAMETERS

Data Arrays are “protocol neutral” data buffers for storage of data to be passed between protocols. It is necessary to declare the data format of each of the Data Arrays to facilitate correct storage of the relevant data.

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.	Int16, Int32, Bit, Float
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 , Float , 200
DA_AO_01 , Float6 , 200
DA_DI_01 , Bit , 200
DA_DO_01 , Bit , 200
    
```

5 CONFIGURING THE FIELD SERVER AS AN ALLEN BRADLEY CSP (TCP/IP) CLIENT

For detailed information on FieldServer configuration, 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 an Allen Bradley CSP (TCP/IP) Server.

The configuration file tells the FieldServer about its interfaces, and the routing of data required. In order to enable the FieldServer for Allen Bradley CSP (TCP/IP) 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: In the tables below, * indicates an optional parameter and bold legal values are the default.

5.1 Client Side Connection Parameters

Section Title		
Connections		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Adapter	Specify which port the device is connected to the FieldServer.	N1
Protocol	Specify protocol used.	AB_CSP, AB_TCP

Example

```
// Client Side Connections

Connections
Adapter           , Protocol
N1                , AB_CSP
```

5.2 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	Node ID of physical server node (PLC).	0-255
IP_Address*	IP address of physical server node (PLC). Must be on the same subnet as the server or gateway.	IP address e.g , 192.168.2.1, -
Protocol	Specify protocol used.	AB_CSP, AB_TCP
Adapter	Specify on which port the device is connected to the FieldServer.	N1
PLC_Type	Specify PLC Communications type.	PLC3, PLC5, SLC5

Example

```
// Client Side Nodes

Nodes
Node_Name , Node_ID , Protocol , PLC_Type , IP_Address , Adapter
PLC_01    , 1       , AB_CSP , SLC5    , 192.168.1.13 , N1
```

5.3 Client Side Map Descriptors Client Side Map Descriptors

5.3.1 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 Section 4
Data_Array_Offset	Starting location in Data Array.	0 to (Data_Array_Length -1) as specified in Section 4
Function	Function of Client Map Descriptor.	Rdbc, Wrbc, Wrbx

5.3.2 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 Section 5.2
File_Type	File type in PLC.	N, B, F, I, O, S ³
File_Number	File Number in PLC.	0-65535 ⁴
Address	Starting address of read block.	0-255
Data_Array_Low_Scale*	Scaling zero in Data Array.	-32767 to 32767, 0
Data_Array_High_Scale*	Scaling max in Data Array.	-32767 to 32767, 100
Node_Low_Scale*	Scaling zero in Connected Node.	-32767 to 32767, 0
Node_High_Scale*	Scaling max in Connected Node.	-32767 to 32767, 100
AB_Command	Override the default command.	Unprotected Command Typed

³ Not all PLC's can support all File_Types. Refer to DFS for further information.

⁴ Other device might not be supporting the full range, e.g. SLC5 supports only 0-255 and latest PLC5 till now supports only 0-1999.

5.3.3 Map Descriptor Example

```
// Client Side Map Descriptors

Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name , Data_Array_Name , Data_Array_Offset , Function , Node_Name , File_Type , File_Number , Address , Length , Scan_Interval
CMD_AI_01 , DA_AI_01 , 0 , Rdbc , PLC_01 , N , 10 , 0 , 16 , 1.0s
CMD_AO_01 , DA_AO_01 , 0 , Rdbc , PLC_01 , N , 11 , 0 , 16 , 1.0s

Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name , Data_Array_Name , Data_Array_Offset , Function , Node_Name , File_Type , File_Number , Address , Length , Scan_Interval
CMD_DI_01 , DA_DI_01 , 0 , Rdbc , PLC_01 , B , 12 , 0 , 16 , 1.0s
CMD_DO_01 , DA_DO_01 , 0 , Rdbc , PLC_01 , B , 13 , 0 , 16 , 1.0s
```

6 CONFIGURING THE FIELD SERVER AS AN ALLEN BRADLEY CSP (TCP/IP) SERVER

6.1 Server Side Connection Descriptors

Section Title		
Connections		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Adapter	Specify which port the device is connected to the FieldServer.	N1
Protocol	Specify protocol used.	AB_CSP, AB_TCP
IP_Address*	Virtual IP address of FieldServer. Must be on the same subnet as the Client or Gateway.	IP Address (e.g , 192.168.2.1), -

Example

```
// Server Side Connections

Connections
Adapter      , Protocol  , IP_address
N1           , AB_CSP   , 192.168.2.1
```

6.2 Server Side Node Descriptors

Section Title		
Nodes		
Column Title	Function	Legal Values
Node_Name	Provide name for node.	Up to 32 alphanumeric characters
Node_ID	Node ID of physical server node.	0-255
Protocol	Specify protocol used.	AB_CSP, AB_TCP
PLC_Type	Specify PLC Communications type.	PLC3, PLC5, SLC5

Example

```
// Server Side Nodes

Nodes
Node_Name  , Node_ID  , Protocol  , PLC_Type
ABE_Srv_11 , 11       , AB_CSP   , SLC5
```

6.3 Server Side Map Descriptors

6.3.1 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 Section 4
Data_Array_Offset	Starting location in Data Array.	0 to (Data_Array_Length -1) as specified in Section 4
Function	Function of Client Map Descriptor.	Passive

6.3.2 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 Section 6.2
File_Type	File type in PLC.	N, B, F, I, O, S ⁵
File_Number	File Number in PLC.	0-65535 ⁶
Address	Starting address of read block.	0 - 255
Data_Array_Low_Scale*	Scaling zero in Data Array.	-32767 to 32767, 0
Data_Array_High_Scale*	Scaling max in Data Array.	-32767 to 32767, 100
Node_Low_Scale*	Scaling zero in Connected Node.	-32767 to 32767, 0
Node_High_Scale*	Scaling max in Connected Node.	-32767 to 32767, 100

⁵ Not all PLC's can support all File_Types. Refer to DFS for further information.

⁶ Other device might not be supporting the full range, e.g. SLC5 supports only 0-255 and latest PLC5 till now supports only 0-1999.

6.3.3 Map Descriptor Example

```
// Client Side Map descriptors

Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name , Data_Array_Name , Data_Array_Offset , Function , Node_Name , File_Type , File_Number , Address
SMD_AI_01           , DA_AI_01           , 0               , Passive , ABE_Srv_11 , N           , 10           , 0
SMD_AO_01           , DA_AO_01           , 0               , Passive , ABE_Srv_11 , N           , 11           , 0
```

```
 , Length , Data_Array_Low_Scale , Data_Array_High_Scale , Node_Low_Scale , Node_High_Scale
 , 16     , 0                     , 100                  , 0               , 100
 , 16     , 0                     , 100                  , 0               , 100
```

```
Map_Descriptors
Map_Descriptor_Name , Data_Array_Name , Data_Array_Offset , Function , Node_Name , File_Type , File_Number , Address , Length
SMD_DI_01           , DA_DI_01           , 0               , Passive , ABE_Srv_11 , B           , 12           , 0     , 16
SMD_DO_01           , DA_DO_01           , 0               , Passive , ABE_Srv_11 , B           , 13           , 0     , 16
```

APPENDIX A TROUBLESHOOTING

Appendix A.1 Continuous Map Descriptors

The Driver is not able to split data between 2 Data Arrays when writing, or to read a Server mapping that is discontinuous.

For example, if on the Server Side:

Server map 1: N21: 0-31

Server map 2: N21: 32-100

This will panic the FieldServer and crash RS view as the DH+ will attempt to map N21: 0-100. If set up as Server Map 1: N21: 0-100, no problems are experienced.

Appendix A.2 Reading B File Types

It is advisable to read all data from one B type file into the same data array in one contiguous read if possible. Doing otherwise may result in problems when reading these points.

Appendix A.3 Station Address

AB Message block does not allow for setting of Station address, therefore Node_ID must be set to 0.

Appendix A.4 Unable to create cache block

When the AB_CSP driver is polled for a datapoint but the map_descriptor does not exist, the driver will print a message of the following type:

```
Could not create cache block
Node:11 Plc_Type:SLC5 File:N7 Nrm_Addr:10 len:16
```

Solution: Either add a map descriptor for the specific data point or remove polling for this point from the remote client.

APPENDIX B VENDOR INFORMATION

Appendix B.1 Set up of FieldServer in RS Linx.

- Run up rslinx.
- Click Communications->Configure Drivers.
- Select Ethernet Devices (from the "Available Driver Types" pulldown).
- Select "Add New".
- Select the station with which to talk. Press "Add New" button and "a".
- A new Driver called "AB_ETH-1 A-B Ethernet" is added as a station number.
- Close the "Configure Devices" window.
- Press "Display Station Browser" icon.
- See that the device is discovered.

Task Complete

APPENDIX C REFERENCE

Appendix C.1 Command Support

The following commands are supported by the FieldServer for the various PLC types:

PLC_Type	File_Type	FNC	Read	FNC	Write	Typical Command
PLC3	N	1	Range Read	0	Range Write	N7: 3, L5
	F	1	Range Read	0	Range Write	F12: 3, L5
	B	1	Range Read	2	Bit Write	B3/4: 5, I5
PLC5	N	1	Range Read	0	Range Write	N7: 3, L5
	F	1	Range Read	67	Typed Write	F12: 3, L5
	B	1	Range Read	26	Read Modify Write	B3/4: 5, L5
SLC5	N	A2	Protected Logical Read	AA	Protected Logical Write	N7: 3, L5
	F	A2	Protected Logical Read	AA	Protected Logical Write	B3/4: 5, L7
	B	A2	Protected Logical Read	AB	Protected Logical Write	B3/4: 5, L8
	I	A2	Protected Logical Read	-	-	I: 13, L5
	O	A2	Protected Logical Read	-	-	O: 13, L5
	S	A2	Protected Logical Read			52: 3, L5

Appendix C.2 Error Messages

Error Message	Description and Action
AB_TCP:#1 Err. Cant connect to %s. Recovery_Interval begins..	This message is printed if the driver cannot open a TCP connection to the remote Node. In this case the Node is put offline immedialy and the recovery_interval (default 30 seconds) begins. This message is typically printed when the remote AB_TCP node is not connected to the network or is unreachable.