

Industrial communication labs (Schneider)

1. Introduction

Modern complex Industrial Control System (ICS), which includes SCADA and Distributed Control Systems (DCS), heavily relies on the use of a communication system tailored for the real-time and reliability requests of distributed applications.

In contrast with general communication systems (like Ethernet/TCP/IP networks and other Internet related technologies) industrial communication systems are part of the controller and are able to guarantee that real-time constraints of the application will be met. Despite the fact that some of the protocols are Ethernet embedded (like GOOSE and ProfinetI/O) or even TCP/IP transported (like ModbusTCP and S7) the deployment of the TCP/IP stack requires some modifications in the Internet protocols (like sockets reuse, never-closing TCP connection, Ethernet Vlan frames tagging and priority, etc) that brings the TCP/IP stack close to a deterministic behavior.

Therefore, for a control engineer, the practical knowledge of industrial communication protocols like behavior of the data flows, relationship between PLC programs and network connections, bandwidth use and optimization is an important requirement in order to be able to deploy an industrial control system. The purpose of these labs is to let you acquire a minimal knowledge in the industrial communication field.

Lab objectives

- 1) Program an application using Grafcet
- 2) Understand the communication between PLC and HMI/SCADA
- 2) Implement and observe communication flows
- 3) Analyze the flows, optimize the communication

2. General organization of the lab, work environment

The lab is organized in two workshops corresponding to the study of one major SCADA protocol each: S7 (Siemens) and Modbus/TCP (Schneider). Several PLCs are available for S7 and for Modbus/TCP, together with development computers, a SCADA software (TIA Portal for S7 and PC Vue for Modbus/TCP) and HMIs. Each student will work alone on one machine.

2.1 Network :

The 10.10.0.0/16 network interconnects different elements :

- the PLCs ,
- the "configuration" computers (10.10.3.x),
- the "process simulator" cards (10.10.100.x, not visible on the general diagram in Appendix A).
- the Human Machine Interfaces (HMI).

These elements are interconnected via two CISCO switches.

Control architecture and supervision architecture

You have to understand and specify the global functioning of the architecture and the control loop. This architecture consists of :

Element of the architecture for control Interfaces	Interfaces
A PLC to receive the command	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analog and digital inputs/outputs - Network card - Special case: 10.10.4.1: Remote I/O via the left ET200S interface via Profibus (the one without IP address...)
A "physical process" represented by a simulation card (via address 10.10.100.x) embedded SMT32.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analog and digital inputs/outputs - Network card
A remote control interface (GICS Tester) implemented on the "configuration" machine (10.10.3.x)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Network card

QUESTION : Draw the control loop with the controller, the actuators, the sensors, the action and specify the interfaces used and the links/modes of "connections" (ex: network(x), direct link I/O...)

Beyond the control loop, the architecture is also used for the configuration.

2.2 Identification of your working space

The first aspect will be to identify your computer (3.X), your PLC, your HMI, your simulation card, and their relative IP addresses. These addresses should be kept (not changed). Describe your architecture, the interconnections between elements, the IP addresses...

2.3 Getting to know your workspace

On each computer a local account is opened for the students (ex MISTREA01, you must ask the teacher what is your login and password on your machine, and note it down).

The useful software are:

- Software to configure your PLC: TIA Portal for Siemens and Unity Pro XL for Schneider
- A remote control interface GICS Tester

QUESTION: What is the use of the GICS Tester control interface?

2.4 Configuration of the GICS Tester remote control interface

On the GICS Tester control interface (the "configuration" computer), the IP address of the simulation card you are using must be configured as "target IP": 10.10.100.x, on port 2015. We will not use the analog inputs and outputs (the digital values are between 0 and 4095 for voltages between -10 and +10 V).

From now, you can test the outputs by forcing them through the GICS Tester control interface and by observing their variations on the physical interfaces of the I/O cards.

DO NOT TOUCH THE PHYSICAL WIRING.

If necessary, use a table to match the I/O numbers on the physical interface with the numbers on the GICS Tester control interface.

2.5 The simulation card

For practical (available space) reasons, it is not possible to have 12 plants to be controlled by the 12 PLCs. Therefore the plant is simulated by a “simulation card” which is actually an embedded system built around a microprocessor and allowing programming for simulation of plants... However the PLC receives “true signals” on the I/O card interacting with the “simulation card”. Figure 2 displays the lab configuration (it is called a Hardware in the Loop simulation).

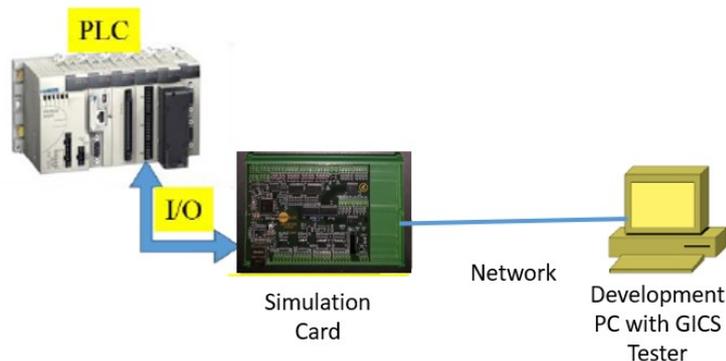


Figure 2. Hardware in the loop bench

3. Work to do.

You'll have to:

- A. Write a control program for the PLC (to control the tank according to the example given in the slides 2. PLC).
- B. Set-up the communication between the SCADA and the PLC
- C. Check the communication flows using a network sniffer

Control specification.

The control specification concerns a system based on a tank to mix-up two products (one yellow and one blue product) into a green product. All the specifications are detailed in the set of slides 2. PLC.

4. Configuration of the PLC and I/O

In the first part of the lab you have to build a simple SCADA system. The system schematics are presented in Figure 1.

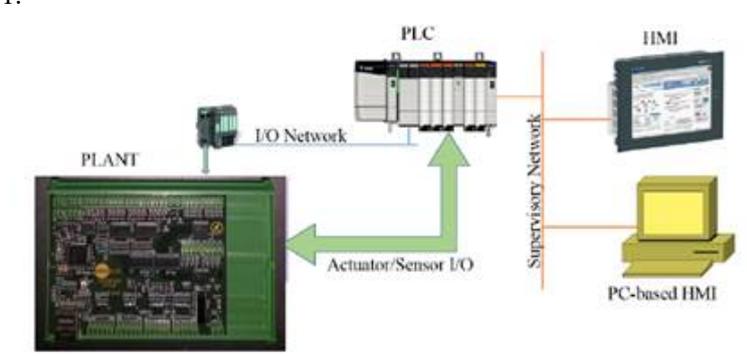


Figure 1. The simple SCADA system

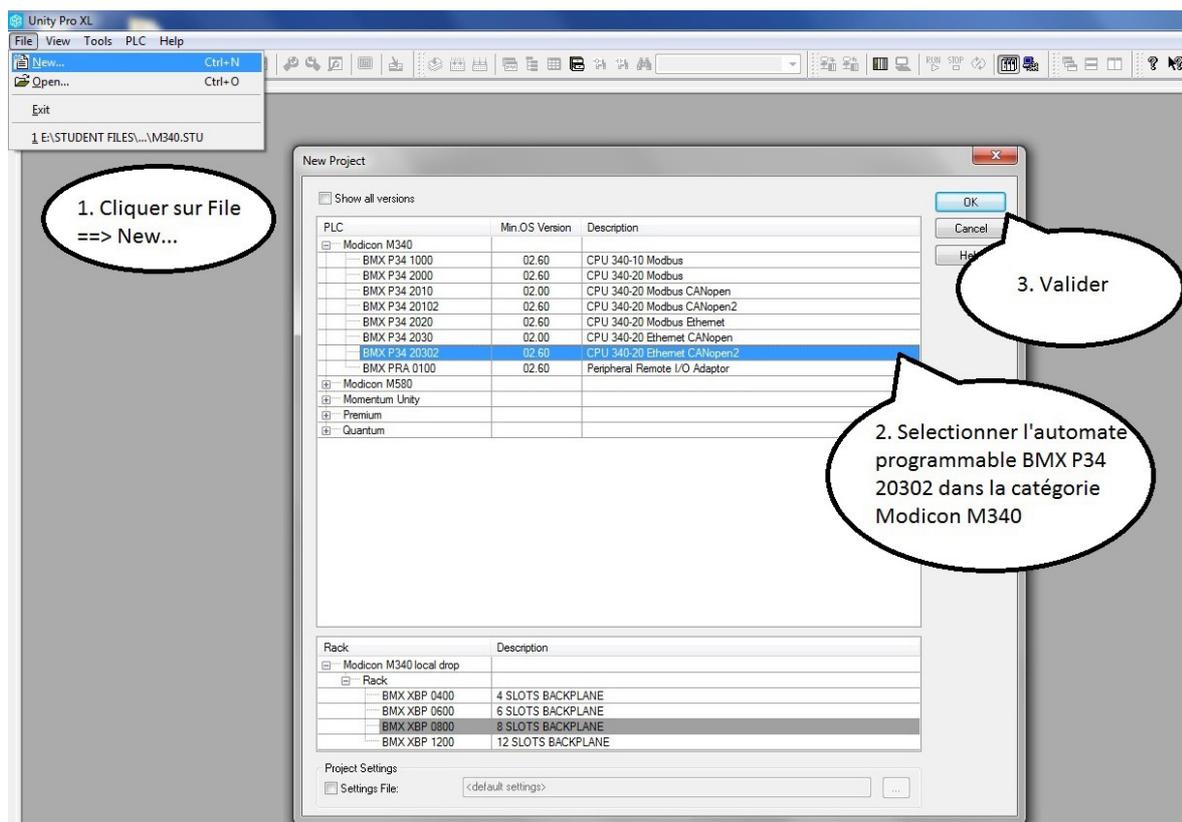
The PLC will interact with the plant either by direct data exchange with the sensor and actuators connected to the I/O cards or through a remote I/O unit accessible via a dedicated network. The process data (including inputs, outputs and device status) is collected by the SCADA system and displayed by a field HMI or a PC-based software.

4.1 Project of configuration of your PLC

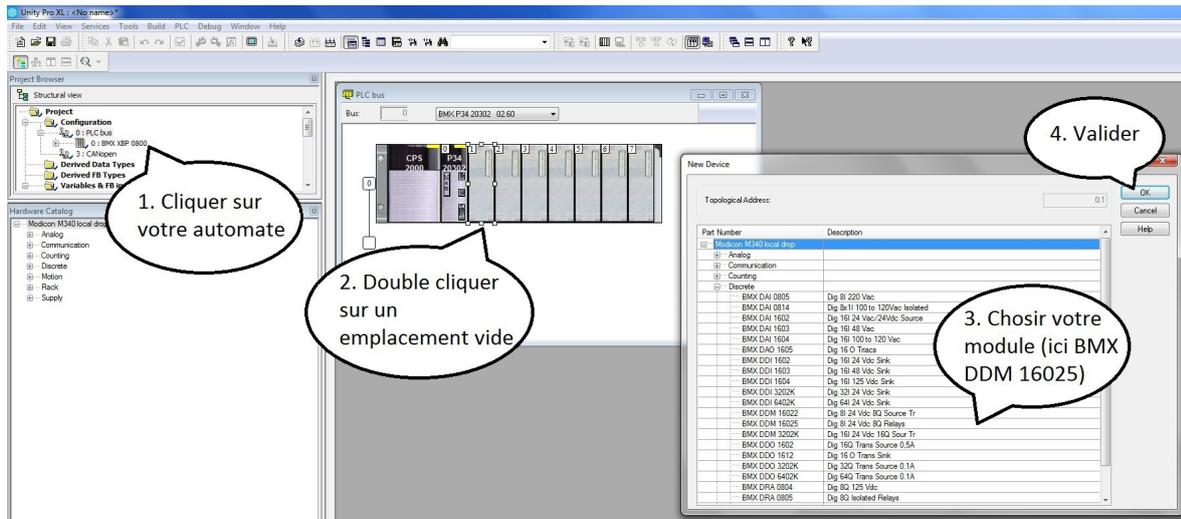
On the "configuration" computer, you will configure your PLC (depending on the PLC and the environment, these operations can be more or less automated...), the objective is that you do it to see and understand the different steps. It is an operation where you have to be rigorous and careful, choose the right elements and configure them well, because then the corresponding drivers will be sent to the PLC... and must correspond to the precise elements of the physical architecture of the PLC. You have to configure everything including the units you will not use (for example the analog I/O) because the software and hardware configurations have to match.

The figures below are for the Schneider PLC of the Modicon M340 family. Configuration in Unity Pro XL .

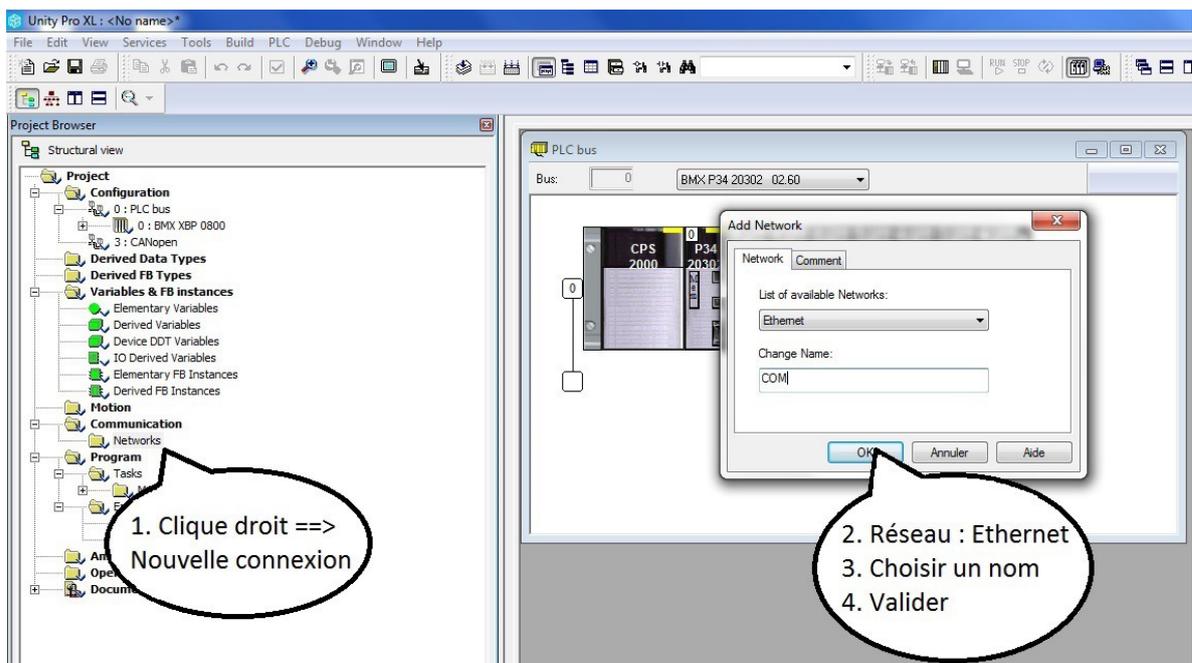
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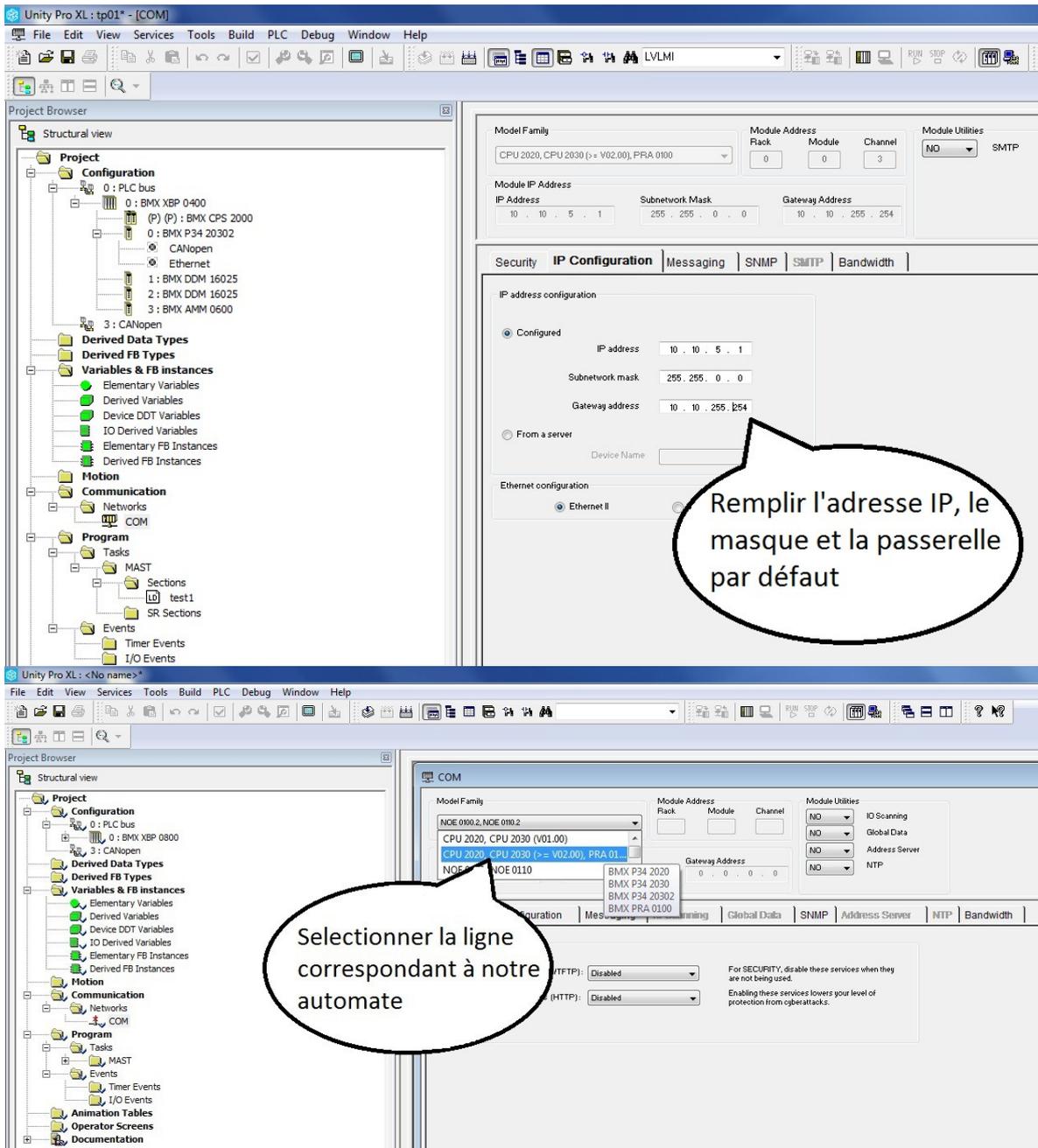


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4.2 Configuration of the PLC network interface, clock synchronization

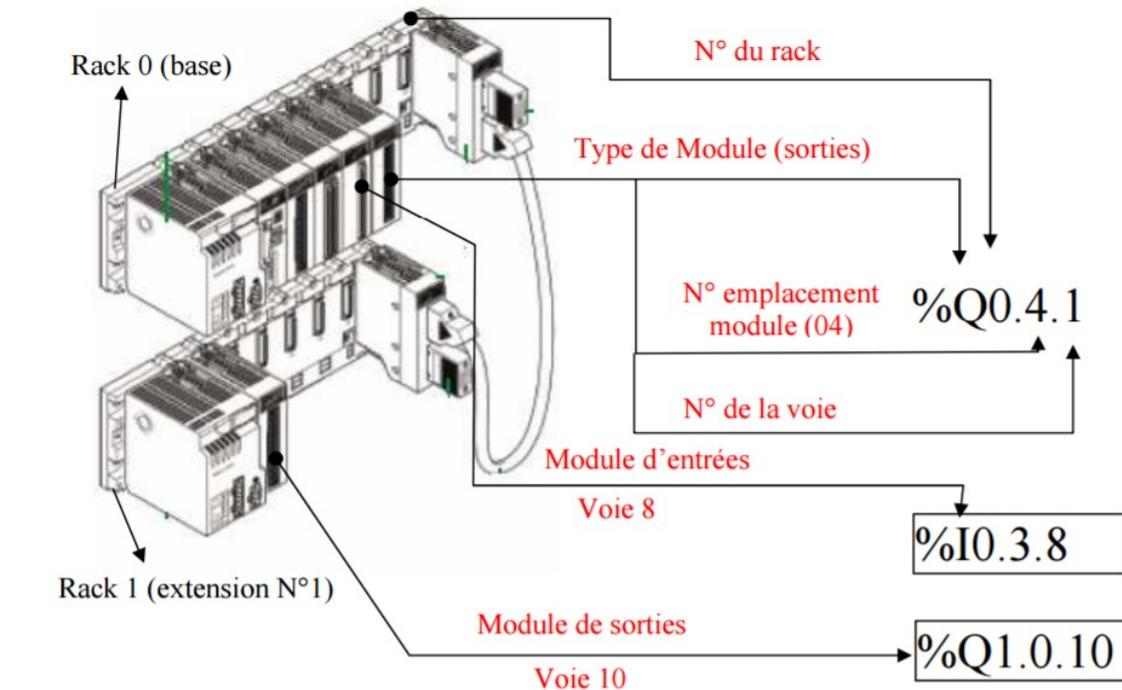




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4.3 Configuration of the variables

After the configuration of the PLC, it is necessary to define the variables that the PLC needs. To add a variable, you have to give it a name, define its type and know the address that corresponds to it on the I/O module ports of the PLC. To define the latter we can use the following method:



You must then create the variables (example below):

The screenshot shows the Unity Pro XL Data Editor interface. The Project Browser on the left shows the project structure, and the Variables table on the right lists the created variables:

Name	Type	Address	Value	Comment	Time stamping
CLIENT	EBOOL	%I0.1.0			None
LVLMI	EBOOL	%I0.1.1			None
LVLXM	EBOOL	%I0.1.2			None
V1	EBOOL	%Q0.1.16			None
V2	EBOOL	%Q0.1.17			None

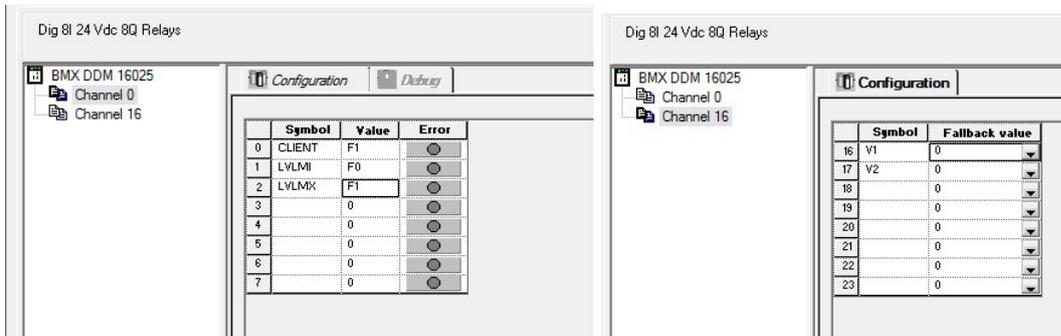
Handwritten annotations in speech bubbles provide instructions:

1. Aller dans Elementary variables
2. Saisir le nom, le type et l'adresse de chaque variable

The variables created are of type EDT, which stands for Elementary Data Type, which includes simple rather than derived data types (arrays, structures, function blocks). The available EDT types are: BOOL,

EBOOL, WORD, DWORD, INT, DINT, UINT, UDINT, REAL, DATE, TOD and DT. In our case we will use variables of type EBOOL because this type offers us the possibility to force the desired value (freeze a value) which is not true for type BOOL.

After the creation, we can check that the variables are perfectly associated with the correct input/output interfaces of the PLC:



Les entrées

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5. Compiling and sending the configuration to the PLC CPU

You have to compile your project (right click on the name of the PLC).

When the compilation is correct, you have to send the program to the CPU of the PLC. Be careful to be rigorous in the setting of the IP addresses!

QUESTION: At the compilation we can have a security "warning" because we have given the access to the web server, why this warning ?

5.1 Debugging and execution mode

We have the possibility to work in debugging mode (mode which allows to see what really happens on the PLC itself during the execution of the programs).

5.2 Writing a program, compiling, sending, executing

We will programme using SFC and ladder (see the specifications in the slides 2. PLC)

Do your programmes (Grafcet and ladder) respecting the specifications of the Lab.

Then you have to perform the following actions:

- compilation,
- send to the CPU,
- Start the execution (running).

6 SCADA interfacing

Generally the HMI will be an industrial touch screen (it can be also a computer based HMI) using the industrial supervisory control software PCVue for instance. Your HMI has to display the values of the

sensors, the actuators controls.

Details on PLC programming, digital I/O mapping and HMI interfacing depend on the hardware available for your lab.

See with the teacher which HMI you will use (local or remote and so the way to interact with it).

HMI creation.

To create a new view of the process in PCVue you'll click on "File->New". A SCADA synoptic is called a mimic in PCVue. In the creation dialog select the branch you have previously created and let the template empty. After creation save your new mimic in the Local library.

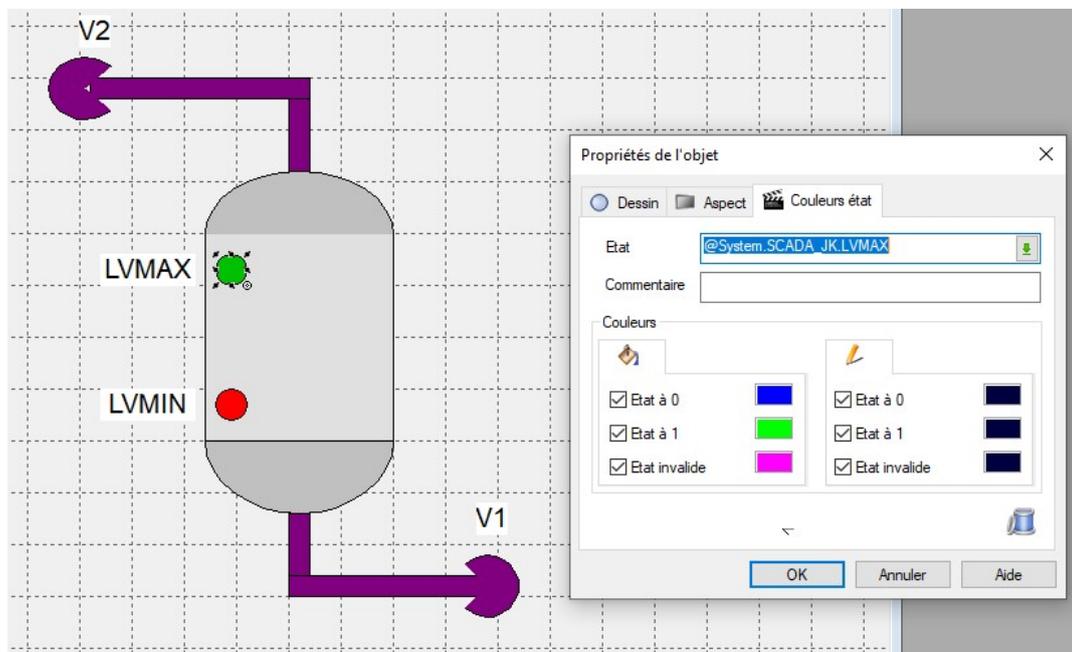
To visualize binary variables add an object to the mimic (a shape from the left tool bar, for example) then right click the object and select "Animate->Color". Then point to the bit variable you want to display. When the mimic is running the object color will change when the binary variable changes. If PCVue shall modify the value go on "Animate->Send->Bit".

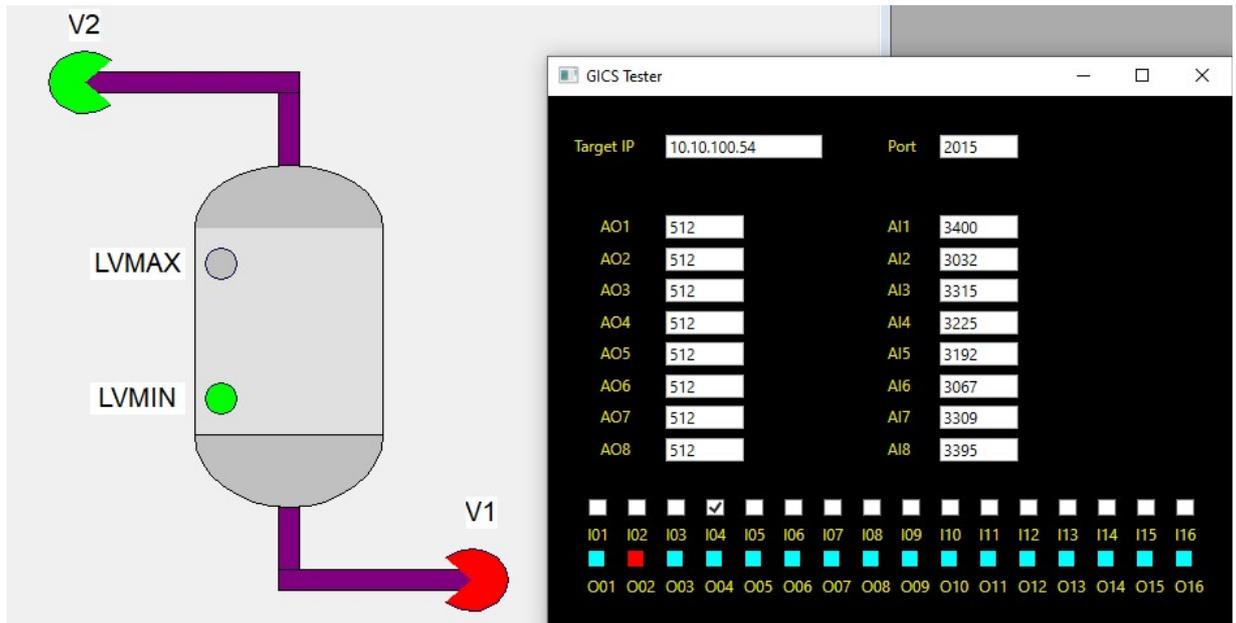
To display integer values add a text object to the mimic. Then right click "Animate->Text->Display register".

Supervisory control with PCVue

In order to set-up a supervisory HMI one has to follow three main steps:

- 1) Configure the communication with a PLC
- 2) Declare PCVue variables and link them with the communication
- 3) Add some controls to the HMI and link variables to controls animation





Communication setup (SEE ALSO APPENDIX B)

The communication setup program is started from the menu
“Configure->Communication->Equipment” (see figure B1)

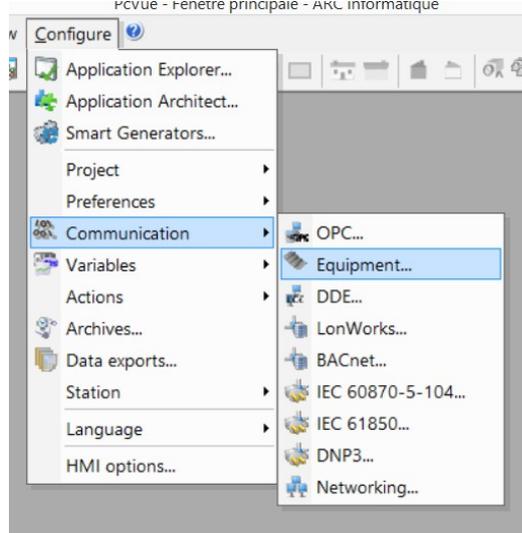


Figure B1: communication menu

Most the parameters you have to configure in the following screens concern the internal variable database structure of PCVue. For the purpose of this lab the names you are choosing are not important (you have only a few equipment and variables) but keep in mind that in general the variables database structure is an important topic.

You'll have to declare three groups of parameters used to identify the protocol you'll use, the

equipment you'll talk to and the variables you scan (figure B2).

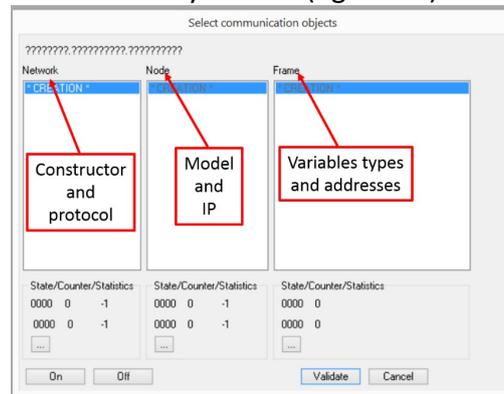


Figure B2: Communication setup

At each step in your configuration you shall click the “Validate” button.

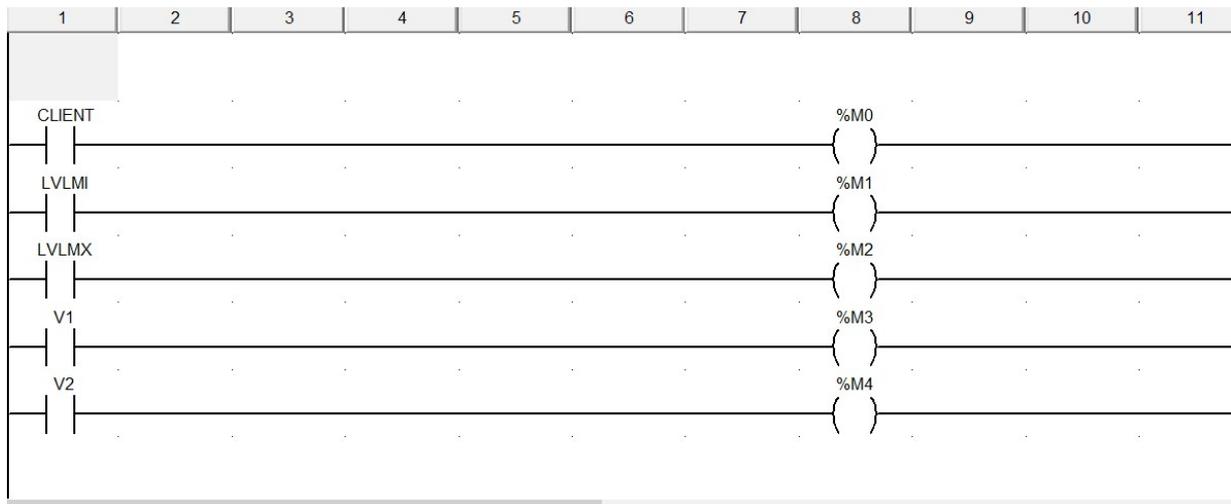
Modbus TCP communication setup

Modbus and Modbus TCP were initially Schneider protocols. Therefore whatever the Modbus device is (Schneider, ABB or Wago) you have to choose “Schneider” and “XBUS-IP-MASTER” for the “Network” creation.

For the “Node” configuration choose “Modbus Hex” (for instance) for “Equipment Type” and add IP number of your equipment into “Network address”. Let the other parameters to default.

Into the “Frame” configuration you have to choose the type of variables you want to retrieve (bit/byte/word/etc) and the variables addresses into the PLC memory. Depending of the type (bit, byte word, etc) a different number of addresses types are available. The main categories are:

- 1) Base objects into the PLC main memory. They correspond to the %M and %MW addresses
- 2) Extended object: memory objects in modules other than the CPU. This is heavily depending on the PLC type and are mostly compatible with older Schneider devices.
- 3) Input or Output objects. They correspond to %I (or %IW) respectively %Q (or %QW) objects. **Unfortunately it supposes that the I/O are on the CPU (main module). Which it is not true in most cases.** Because of that, we will have to make correspondences between our IO and new variables in memory. An example is given below.



4) Extended Input or Output objects. Input/output objects in modules other than the CPU. Unfortunately, again, this is heavily depending on the PLC type and are mostly compatible with older Schneider devices.

Eventually, the only reliable transfer mode for Modbus is %M (or %MW) variables scan. Actually, most PLC docs and tutorials strongly advise to avoid direct %I and %Q access from PCVue but copy them to memory object and read memory objects only from PCVue.

An undocumented bug in PCVue Modbus/TCP driver bit transfer function: the driver is unable to handle quantities of data bits other than multiples of 8. The Modbus standard says that the number of transferred bits shall be automatically filled up to the closer multiple of 8, but PCVue driver is unable to do it. If, for instance, you need the value of the first 3 bits starting with %M0, you still have to explicitly ask for 8 bits. Otherwise the driver will not start but no error message is returned (It seems that it is not any more the case with the present version of PCVue but...).

Variables creation.

There are several ways to create variables in PCVue. We'll use the variable selector: menu "Configure -> Variable -> Selector".

First, create a new branch in the variable tree for your application (it will be easier to find your variables in the tree). Then start adding new variables to your system. The main characteristics of a variable are presented in Figure B3.

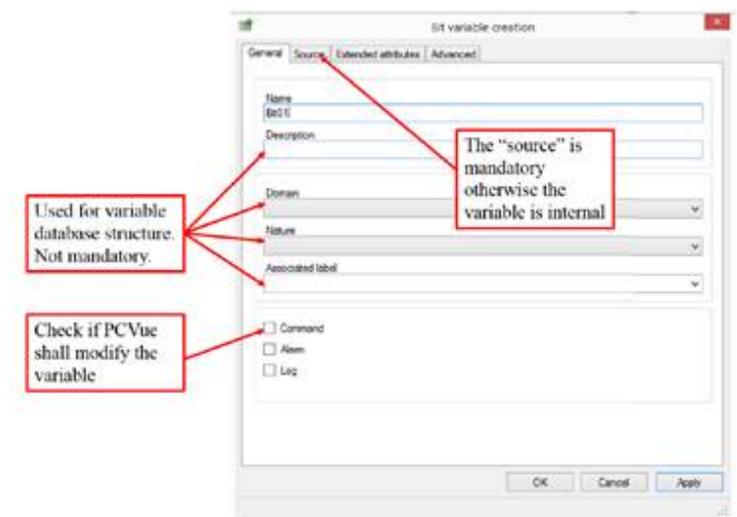


Figure B3: Variable creation dialog

Do not forget to click on “source” tab and link the variable to your communication. Otherwise the variable is internal and the communication will not start.

3 Communication analysis.

Using Wireshark software on your computer you’ll intercept the traffic between the PLC and the SCADA. You’re asked to identify the flows (data exchanges) corresponding to every logical flow (variable exchange) in your system. Caution: when you intercept the traffic you’ll receive ALL the traffic from the industrial network of the lab, meaning also the traffic from the other groups. You’ll need to filter the packets you’ll receive.

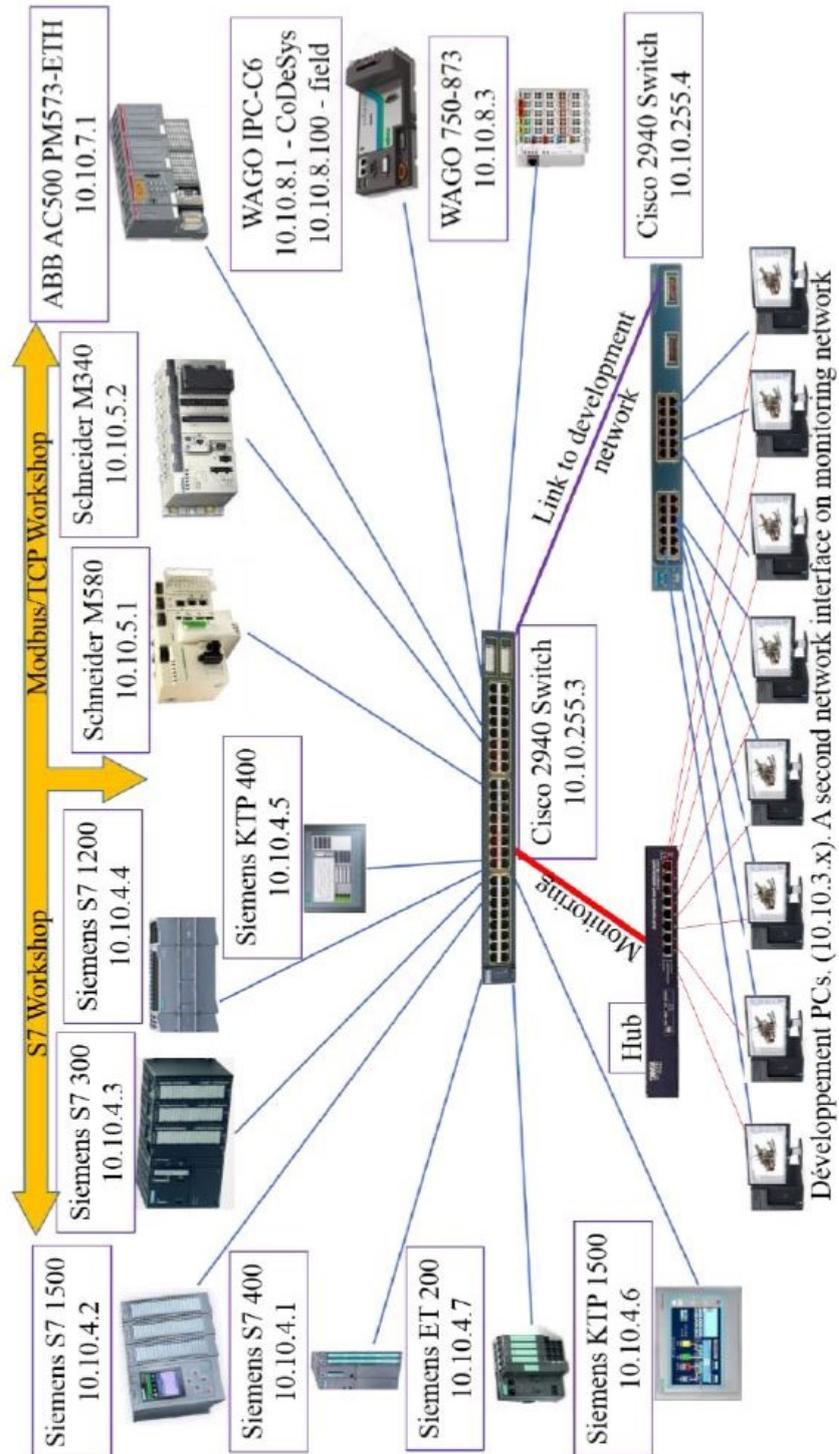
4 Conclusion

At the end of the lab you shall be able to:

- Understand a practical SCADA communication architecture
- Understand the rationale of some industrial protocols (Modbus/TCP and S7 for instance)
- Identify practically data flows in an industrial network using a network sniffer
- Find the relationship between functional data flows (what your project needs) and physical data flows (what the network really carries)

APPENDIX A. G-ICS network architecture

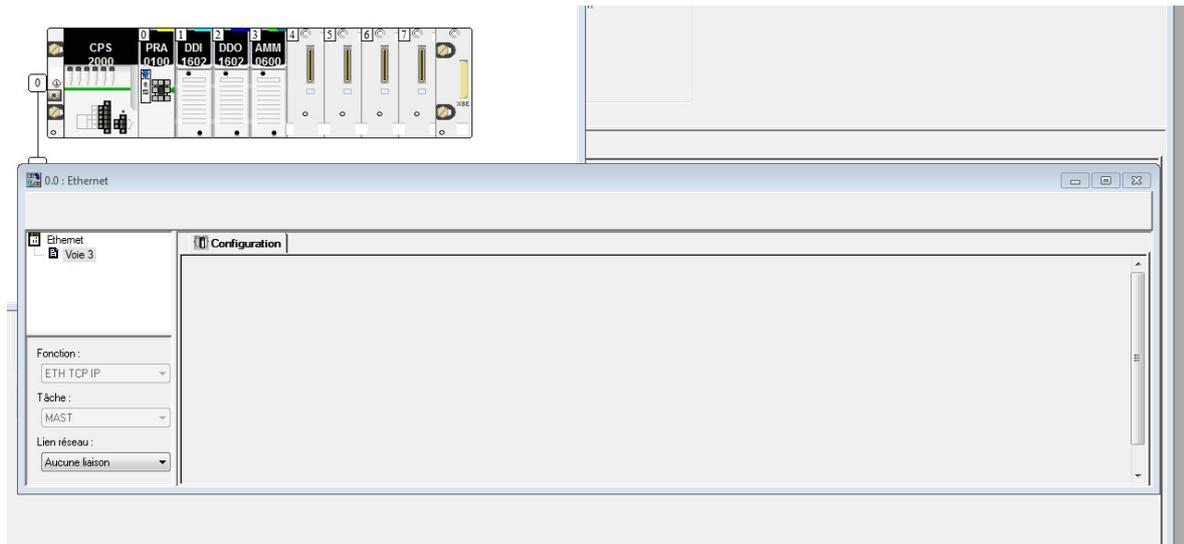
Only the devices used for the lab are included into the diagram



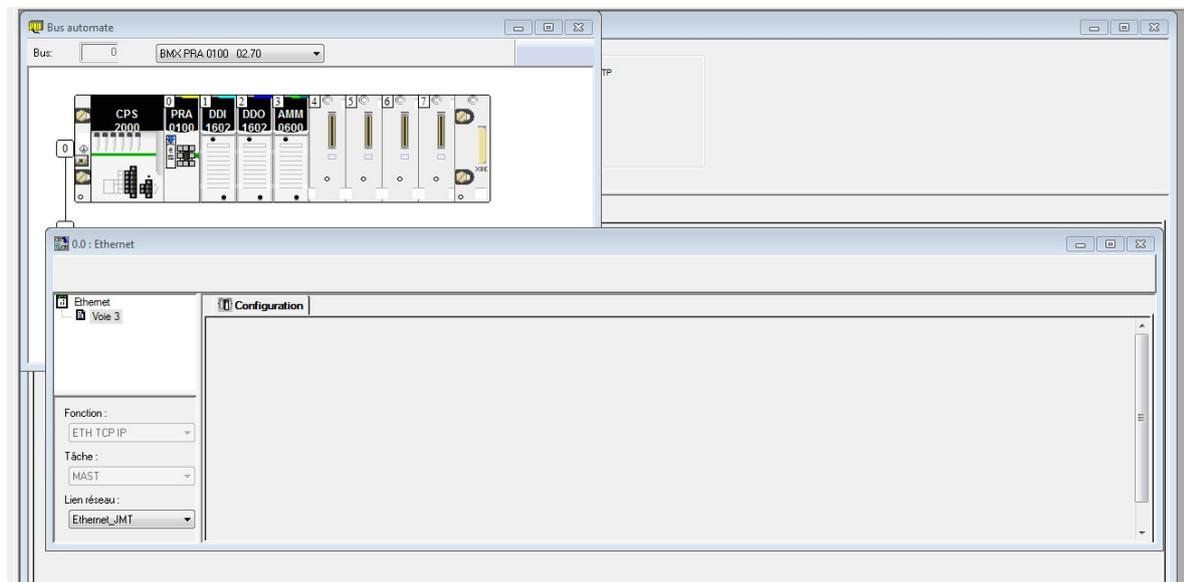
APPENDIX B. Documentation technique Réseau & IHM (SCHNEIDER & Autres automates, voir avec l'enseignant)

Une fois que vous avez créé votre nœud « réseau », il faudra le lier à l'interface réseau souhaitée de votre automate. Vous pouvez vous inspirer des copies d'écran ci-dessous.

1. Cliquez sur l'interface réseau souhaitée (ici l'interface du PRA 100)



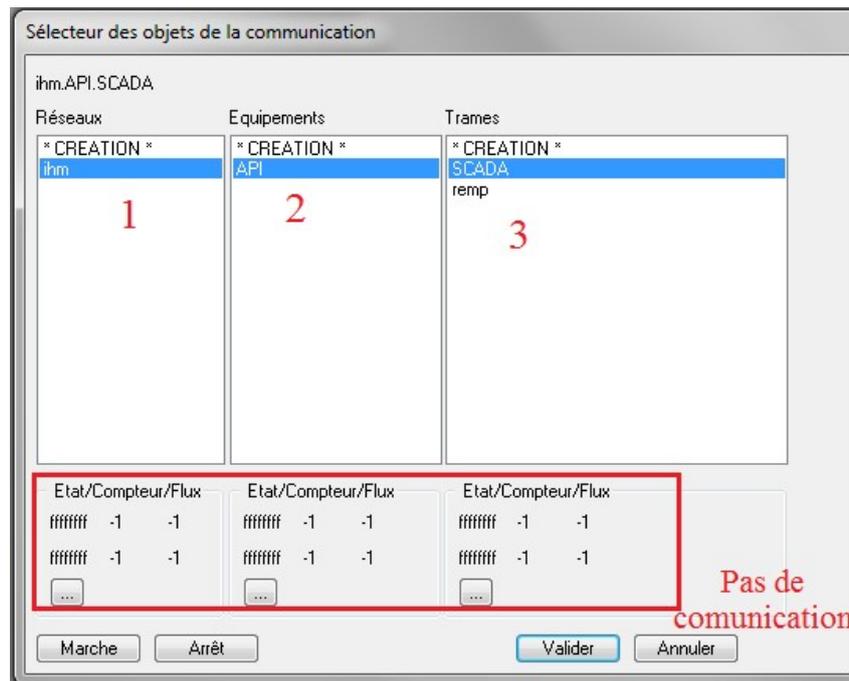
2. Etablir un « lien » avec un des nœuds qui a été configuré auparavant.



Documentation technique Réseau & IHM (Schneider)

3. IHM (PcVue)

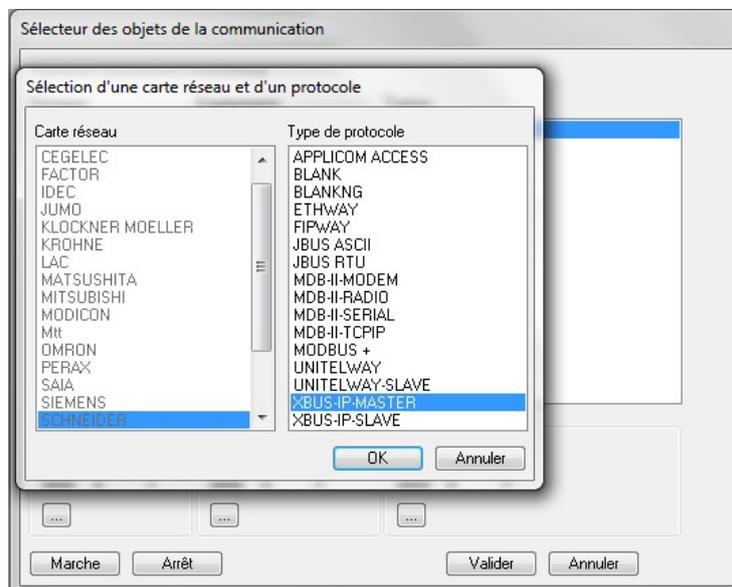
PcVue est utilisé pour les automates Schneider, ABB, WAGO et Siemens 300 et 400. Dans le menu du logiciel PCVue nous commençons par **configure** → **communication** → **Equipement** pour obtenir le panel de configuration IHM de SCADA



Dans cette figure, les compteurs de flux de la communication n'incrémentent pas parce que la communication n'est pas encore établie.

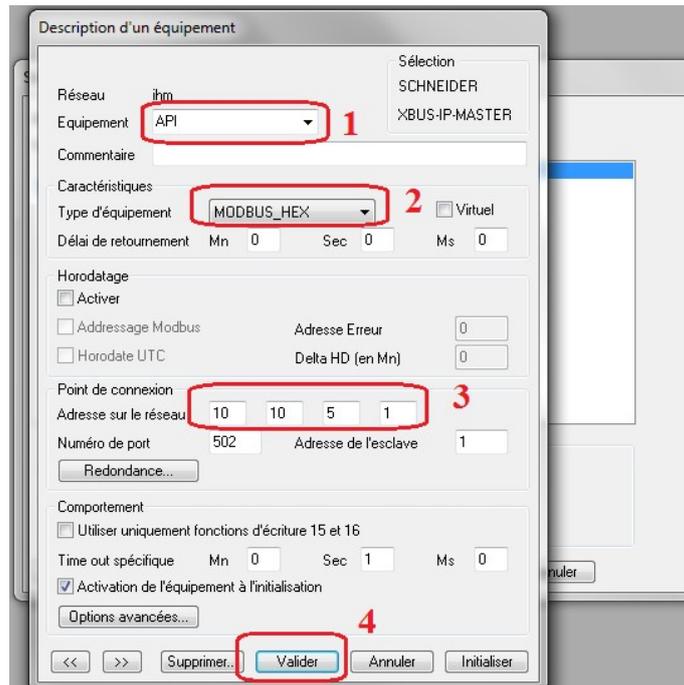
4. Création du réseau Ethernet : SCHNEIDER/ XBUS-IP-MASTER

En cliquant sur **CREATION**, une seconde fenêtre s'ouvre pour sélectionner la carte réseau et le type de protocole.



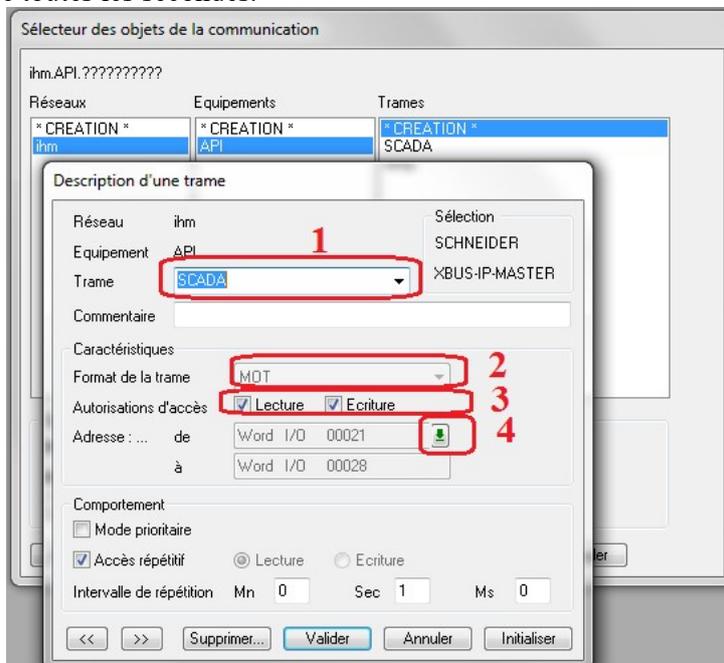
Il faut ensuite valider puis annuler.

Dans équipements, il faut définir le nom de l'automate ici nommée **PLC**, on l'associe à un port de type MODBUS et on fait la configuration de **l'adresse IP** (attention à bien prendre l'adresse de votre automate).



5. Création d'une trame de bits en lecture et écriture

Dans la colonne Trames faire un double-clic sur **CREATION** puis on nomme notre trame ici « lecture/écriture /mot » au format bit avec une autorisation en lecture et écriture. La trame créée sera lue de façon cyclique toutes les secondes.



Il faut ensuite définir la taille de la trame, c'est-à-dire le nombre de données ou d'éléments binaire qui seront lus dans l'automate. Il faut aussi préciser dans quelle zone de l'automate (ou adresse) les données seront lues. Pour cela on clique sur la flèche verte et on définit l'adresse de départ, et l'adresse de fin de la trame à lire dans l'automate. Ici c'est une trame de MOT en lecture/écriture

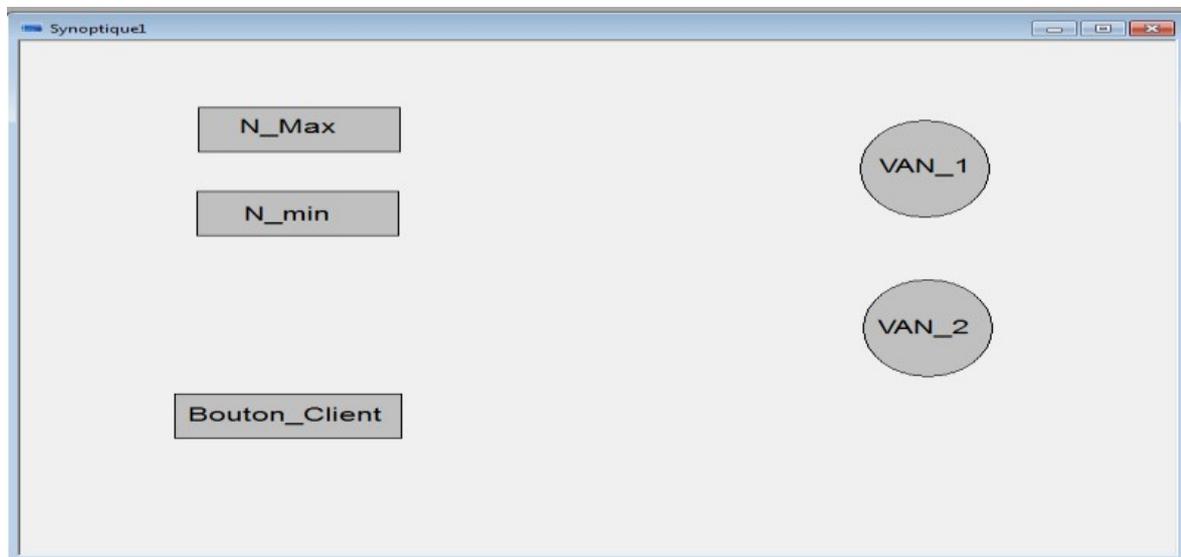
d'une longueur de 16 éléments (octets), qui commence à l'adresse de l'automate 21 et qui finira à l'adresse 28.

Une fois que la communication est paramétrée, il ne reste plus qu'à activer la communication avec le bouton Marche. Si la communication est disponible avec l'automate les compteurs de flux de la communication doivent s'incrémenter.



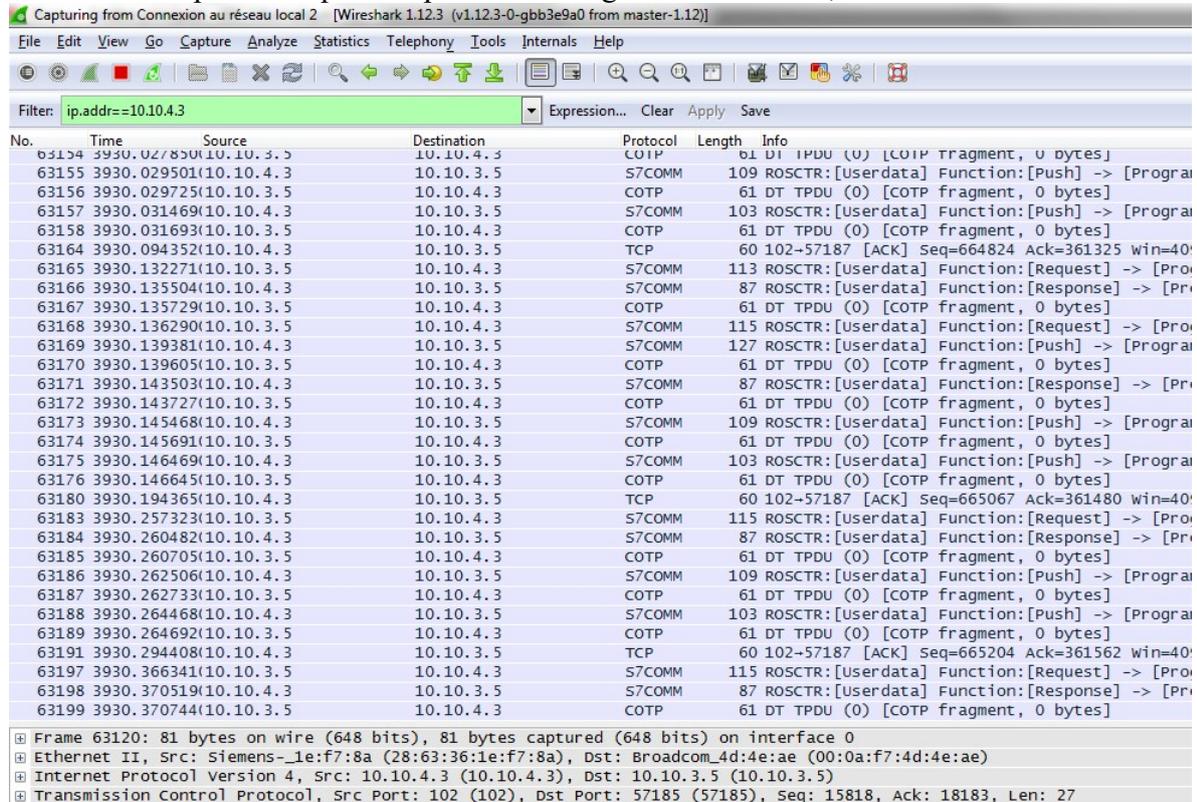
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L'interface homme-machine



ASPECT WIRESHARK

Voici un exemple de ce que l'on peut observer grâce à Wireshark, sur l'adresse 10.10.4.3



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
63114	3930.027850	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	COTP	61	DT TPDU (0) [COTP fragment, 0 bytes]
63115	3930.029501	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	S7COMM	109	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Push] -> [Program]
63116	3930.029725	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	COTP	61	DT TPDU (0) [COTP fragment, 0 bytes]
63117	3930.031469	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	S7COMM	103	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Push] -> [Program]
63118	3930.031693	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	COTP	61	DT TPDU (0) [COTP fragment, 0 bytes]
63119	3930.034352	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	TCP	60	102-57187 [ACK] Seq=664824 Ack=361325 win=40
63120	3930.132271	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	S7COMM	113	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Request] -> [Program]
63121	3930.135504	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	S7COMM	87	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Response] -> [Program]
63122	3930.135729	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	COTP	61	DT TPDU (0) [COTP fragment, 0 bytes]
63123	3930.136290	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	S7COMM	115	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Request] -> [Program]
63124	3930.139381	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	S7COMM	127	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Push] -> [Program]
63125	3930.139605	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	COTP	61	DT TPDU (0) [COTP fragment, 0 bytes]
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63130	3930.146469	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	S7COMM	103	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Push] -> [Program]
63131	3930.146645	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	COTP	61	DT TPDU (0) [COTP fragment, 0 bytes]
63132	3930.194365	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	TCP	60	102-57187 [ACK] Seq=665067 Ack=361480 win=40
63133	3930.257323	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	S7COMM	115	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Request] -> [Program]
63134	3930.260482	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	S7COMM	87	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Response] -> [Program]
63135	3930.260705	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	COTP	61	DT TPDU (0) [COTP fragment, 0 bytes]
63136	3930.262506	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	S7COMM	109	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Push] -> [Program]
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63138	3930.264468	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	S7COMM	103	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Push] -> [Program]
63139	3930.264692	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	COTP	61	DT TPDU (0) [COTP fragment, 0 bytes]
63140	3930.294408	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	TCP	60	102-57187 [ACK] Seq=665204 Ack=361562 win=40
63141	3930.366341	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	S7COMM	115	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Request] -> [Program]
63142	3930.370519	10.10.4.3	10.10.3.5	S7COMM	87	ROSCTR:[userdata] Function:[Response] -> [Program]
63143	3930.370744	10.10.3.5	10.10.4.3	COTP	61	DT TPDU (0) [COTP fragment, 0 bytes]

Frame 63120: 81 bytes on wire (648 bits), 81 bytes captured (648 bits) on interface 0
 Ethernet II, Src: Siemens_1e:f7:8a (28:63:36:1e:f7:8a), Dst: Broadcom_4d:4e:ae (00:0a:f7:4d:4e:ae)
 Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.10.4.3 (10.10.4.3), Dst: 10.10.3.5 (10.10.3.5)
 Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 102 (102), Dst Port: 57185 (57185), Seq: 15818, Ack: 18183, Len: 27