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EtherCAT Connection Guide

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1. Related Manuals

The table below lists the manuals related to this document.

To ensure system safety, make sure to always read and heed the information provided in all Safety Precautions, Precautions for Safe Use, and Precaution for Correct Use of manuals for each device which is used in the system.

Cat.No.	Model	Manual name
W500	NJ501-[][][]	NJ-series CPU Unit Hardware User's Manual
W501	NJ501-[][][][]	NJ-series CPU Unit Software User's Manual
W505	NJ501-[][][][]	NJ-series CPU Unit Built-in EtherCAT Port User's Manual
W504	SYSMAC-SE2[][][]	Sysmac Studio Version 1 Operation Manual
W488	GX-series	EtherCAT Slave Units User's Manual

2. Terms and Definition

Terms	Explanation and Definition
PDO	This method is used for cyclic data exchange between the master unit
Communications	and the slave units.
(Communications	PDO data (i.e., I/O data that is mapped to PDOs) that is allocated in
using Process Data	advance is refreshed periodically each EtherCAT process data
Objects)	communications cycle (i.e., the period of primary periodic task).
	The EtherCAT port built into the NJ-series CPU Unit uses process data
	communications for commands to refresh I/O data in a fixed control
	period, including I/O data for EtherCAT Slave Units, and the position
	control data for the Servomotors.
	It is accessed from the NJ-series CPU Unit in the following ways.
	 With device variables for EtherCAT slave I/O
	•With Axis Variables for Servo Drive and encoder input slaves to which
	assigned as an axis.
SDO	This method is used to read and write the specified slave unit data from
Communications	the master unit when required.
(Communications	The EtherCAT port built into the NJ-series CPU Unit uses SDO
using Service Data	communications for commands to read and write data, such as for
Objects)	parameter transfers, at specified times.
	You can read/write the following specified slave data with the
	EC_CoESDORead (Read CoE SDO) instruction or the
	EC_CoESDOWrite (Write CoE SDO) instruction.
	•SDO data in slave units (parameters, error information, etc.)
Slave Unit	There are various types of slaves such as Servo Drives that handle
	position data and I/O terminals that control the bit signals.
	The slave receives output data sent from the master, and transmits input
	data to the master.
Node address	An address to identify the unit connected to the EtherCAT network.
ESI file	The ESI files contain information unique to the EtherCAT slaves in XML
(EtherCAT Slave	format.
Information file)	Install an ESI file into the Sysmac Studio, to easily allocate slave process
	data and make other settings.

3. Remarks

- (1) Understand the specifications of devices which are used in the system. Allow some margin for ratings and performance. Provide safety measures, such as installing safety circuit in order to ensure safety and minimize risks of abnormal occurrence.
- (2) To ensure system safety, always read and heed the information provided in all Safety Precautions, Precautions for Safe Use, and Precaution for Correct Use of manuals for each device which is used in the system.
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	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. Additionally, there may be severe property damage.
Caution	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury, or property damage.



The filled circle symbol indicates operations that you must do. The specific operation is shown in the circle and explained in text. This example shows a general precaution for something that you must do.



Precautions for Safe Use

Indicates precautions on what to do and what not to do to ensure using the product safely.

Precautions for Correct Use

Indicates precautions on what to do and what not to do to ensure proper operation and performance.



Additional Information

Provides useful information.

Additional information to increase understanding or make operation easier.

4. Overview

This document describes the procedure for connecting the Digital I/O Terminal (GX Series) of OMRON Corporation (hereinafter referred to as OMRON) to the NJ-series Machine Automation Controller (hereinafter referred to as Controller) on EtherCAT and provides the procedure for checking their connection.

Refer to *Section 7 Connection Procedure* to understand the setting method and key points to connect the devices via EtherCAT.

5. Applicable Devices and Support Software

5.1. Applicable Devices

The following devices can be connected.

Manufacturer	Name	Model	Version
OMRON	NJ5-series CPU Unit	NJ501-[][][][]	-
OMRON	Digital I/O Terminal	GX-[]D16[]1/OC1601 GX-ID16[]2/OD16[]2 /MD16[]2 GX-[]D16[]8/[]D32[]8	1.1
OMRON	Expansion Unit	XWT-[]D08(-1)/[]D16(-1)	

Additional Information

As applicable devices above, the devices listed in Section 5.2. are actually used in this document to check the connection. When using devices not listed in Section 5.2, check the connection by referring to the procedure in this document.

Additional Information

This document describes the procedure to establish the network connection. It does not provide information about operation, installation nor wiring method of each device. For details on the above products (other than communication connection procedures), refer to the manuals for the corresponding products or contact your OMRON representative.

5.2. Device Configuration

The hardware components to reproduce the connection procedure of this document are as follows.



Manufacturer	Name	Model	Version
OMRON	CPU Unit	NJ501-1500	
	(Built-in EtherCAT port)		
OMRON	Power Supply Unit	NJ1W-PA3001	
OMRON	Sysmac Studio	SYSMAC-SE2[][][]	Ver.1.00
-	Personal computer		
	(OS:Windows7)		
- USB cable (USB 2.0 type B			
	connector)		
OMRON	Ethernet cable (with industrial	XS5W-T421-[]M[]-K	
	Ethernet connector)		
OMRON	Digital I/O Terminal	GX-MD1611	V1.1

Precautions for Correct Use

The connection line of EtherCAT communication cannot be shared with other network, such as Ethernet or EtherNet/IP.

The switching hub for Ethernet cannot be used for EtherCAT.

Please use the cable of category 5 or higher, double-shielded with aluminum tape and braided shielding and the shielded connector of category 5 or higher.



Additional Information

For information on the specifications of the Ethernet cable and network wring, refer to Section 4 EtherCAT Network Wiring in the NJ-series CPU Unit Built-in EtherCAT Port User's Manual (Cat. No. W505).



Additional Information

The system configuration in this document uses USB for the connection between the personal computer and the NJ-series CPU Unit. For information on how to install a USB driver, refer to *A-1 Driver Installation for Direct USB Cable Connection* of the *Sysmac Studio Operation Manual* (Cat.No. W504).

6. EtherCAT Settings

This section provides specifications such as communications parameters and variable names that are set in this document.

6.1. EtherCAT Communications Settings

The following is the setting of the destination device.

	GX-MD1611
Node address	01

6.2. Allocating the Global Variables

The device variables of the destination device are allocated to the Controller's global variables.

The relationship between the device data and the global variables is shown below.

 Output area 	(Controller \rightarrow	Destination	device)
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Destination device data		Global variable name	Data type
Write output bits		E001_Write_output_1st_word	WORD
	(units of 2 bytes)		
	Output bit 00	E001_Out_Bit00	BOOL
	Output bit 01	E001_Out_Bit01	BOOL
	Output bit 02	E001_Out_Bit02	BOOL
	Output bit 03	E001_Out_Bit03	BOOL
	Output bit 04	E001_Out_Bit04	BOOL
	Output bit 05	E001_Out_Bit05	BOOL
	Output bit 06	E001_Out_Bit06	BOOL
	Output bit 07	E001_Out_Bit07	BOOL

Input area (Controller ← Destination device)

Destination device data		Global variable name	Data type
Read input bits		E001 Bood input 1st word	WORD
	(units of 2 bytes)	E001_Read_input_1st_word	WORD
	Input bit 00	E001_In_Bit00	BOOL
	Input bit 01	E001_In_Bit01	BOOL
	Input bit 02	E001_In_Bit02	BOOL
	Input bit 03	E001_In_Bit03	BOOL
	Input bit 04	E001_In_Bit04	BOOL
	Input bit 05	E001_In_Bit05	BOOL
	Input bit 06	E001_In_Bit06	BOOL
	Input bit 07	E001_In_Bit07	BOOL

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	Destination device data	Global variable name	Data type	
	Sysmac Error Status	E001_Sysmac_Error_Status	BYTE	
	Error information at observation level	E001_Observation	BOOL	
	Error information at minor fault level	E001_Minor_Fault	BOOL	

•Details of the status allocation (Controller ← Destination device)

7. Connection Procedure

This section describes how to connect the Controller via EtherCAT.

This document explains the procedures for setting up the Controller and Digital I/O Terminal from the factory default setting. For the initialization, refer to *Section 8 Initialization Method*.

7.1. Work Flow

The following is the procedure for connecting to the EtherCAT.



7.2. Setting Up the Digital I/O Terminal

Set up the Digital I/O Terminal.

7.2.1. Hardware Setting

Check the hardware switch settings of the Digital I/O Terminal.



Precautions for Correct Use

Make sure that the power supply is OFF when you perform the settings.



7.3. Setting Up the Controller

Set up the Controller.

7.3.1. Starting the Sysmac Studio and Setting the EtherCAT Network Configuration

Start the Automation Software Sysmac Studio and set the EtherCAT network configuration. Install the software and USB driver beforehand.



5	The Communications Setup Dialog Box is displayed. Select the <i>Direct connection via</i> <i>USB</i> Option in the Connection Type Field. Click the OK Button.	Communications Setup Communications Test Coptions Communications Test Coptions Communications Test Communications Communications Test Communications Communications
6	Select Online from the	Controller Simulation Tools Help
Ū	Controller Menu.	Communications Setup
		Online Ctrl+W
	A confirmation dialog is	Offline Ctrl+Shift+W
	displayed. Click the Yes Button.	
	*A displayed dialog depends on	Sysmac Studio
	the status of the Controller used. Select the Yes Button or other button to proceed with the processing.	The CPU Unit has no name. Do you want to write the project name [new_NJ501_0] to the CPU Unit name? (Y/N)
7	When an online connection is established, a yellow bar is displayed on the top of the Edit Pane.	Configurations and Setup

Additional Information

For details on the online connections to a Controller, refer to Section 5 Going Online with a Controller in the Sysmac Studio Version 1.0 Operation Manual (Cat. No. W504).

8	Select Mode - PROGRAM	Controller Simulation	n Tools Help		
U	Mode from the Controller Menu.	Communications Set	up		
		Online Offline	Ctrl+W Ctrl+Shift+W		43 A
		Synchronization	Ctrl+M		· · ·
		Mode	•	RUN Mode	Ctrl+3
		Monitor		PROGRAM Mod	e Ctrl+1
		Stop Monitoring			
		Set/Reset Forced Refreshing	*		

9	A confirmation dialog is displayed. Click the Yes Button.	Sysmac Studio Make sure a Controller stop will cause no problem. Do you want to change to PROGRAM Mode? (Y/N) Yes
	Confirm that the controller status on the Toolbox is changed to the PROGRAM mode.	Controller Status
10	Double-click EtherCAT under Configurations and Setup in the Multiview Explorer. Or, right-click EtherCAT under Configurations and Setup and select <i>Edit</i> .	New Project new_NJ501_0 ▼ Configurations and Setup ■ L = CPL/F Edit
11	The EtherCAT Tab Page is displayed in the Edit Pane.	Configurations and Setup EtherCAT + Node Address Network configuration Master Master
12	Right-click the Master Icon and select <i>Compare and Merge</i> <i>with Actual Network</i> <i>Configuration</i> .	Configurations and Setup EtherCAT Node AddressINetwork configuration Master Cut Cop Paste Delete Undo Redo Import Slave Settings and Insert New Slave Export Slave Settings Write Slave Node Address Compare and Merge with Actual Network Configuration Get Slave Serial Numbers Clear All Settings Display Diagnosis/Statistics Information Display Production Information Display Packet Monitor Display Packet Monitor Display ESI Library
	A screen is displayed stating "Get information is being executed".	Get information Get information is being executed.

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13	The Compare and Merge with Actual Network Configuration Pane is displayed. Node address 1 and GX-MD1611 Rev.1.1 are added to the actual network configuration of the comparison result. Click the Apply actual network	Compare and Merge with Actual Network Configuration Notice Address/Actual retwork configuration Notice Address/Actual retwork configuration Native Matter Matter Added 1 1
	configuration Button.	
14	A confirmation dialog box is displayed. Click the Apply Button.	Apply actual network configuration The network configuration on Sysmac Studio is replaced with the actual network configuration. The variable and other settings will be deleted. Apply Cancel
	Confirm that node address 1 and E001 GX-MD1611 Rev.1.1 are added to the network configuration of the Sysmac Studio. Click the Close Button.	Compare and Merge with Actual Network Configuration Node Address/Network configuration on Sysmac Studio Master 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
15	Node address 1 and E001 GX-MD1611 Rev:1.1 are added to the EtherCAT Tab Page in the Edit Pane.	Configurations and Setup EtherCAT * + Node AddressINetwork configuration Master Master 1 E001 GX-MD1611 Rev:1.1

7.3.2. Setting Global Variables

Set global variables to use for the EtherCAT Slave Unit.





Additional Information

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The device variable names are created automatically from a combination of the device names and the I/O port names.

For slave units, the default device names start with an "E" followed by a sequential number starting from "001".

Additional Information

Although a device variable name is automatically created for each slave unit in the above example, they can also be automatically created for each I/O port. Also, you can set any device variables.

7.3.3. Transferring Project Data

Transfer the project data from the Sysmac Studio to the Controller.

	gram, configuration data, setup da used for CJ-series Units from the	form unexpected operation regardless of		
1	Select <i>Online</i> from the Controller Menu.	Controller Simulation Tools Help Communications Setup Online Ctrl+W Offline Ctrl+Shift+W		
2	When an online connection is established, a yellow bar is displayed on the top of the Edit Pane.	Configurations and Setup		
3	Select <i>Synchronization</i> from the Controller Menu.	ControllerSimulationToolsHelpCommunicationsSetupOnlineCtrl+WOfflineCtrl+Shift+WSynchronizationCtrl+MMode		
4	The Synchronization Dialog Box is displayed. Confirm that the data to transfer (NJ501 in the right figure) is selected. Then, click the Transfer to Controller Button.	Synchronization Computer: Data Name Computer: Update Da/Controller: Update Da/Controller: Data Name Compare NJSO1 2011/09/01 21:08:48 - - Legend: Synchronized Tensore Exists only on one side Not checked Clear the present values of variables with Retain attribute (Valid for Transfer to Controller). Controller.Dentorler). Son transfer the program source (Valid for Transfer to Controller). Do not transfer the program source (Valid for Transfer to Controller). All data will be re-transferred when this option is changed. Do not transfer the program source (Valid for Transfer to Controller). All data will be transferred because the controller has no data. Image: Transfer Io Controller Transfer Io Controller Tensofer Toron Controller		

5	A confirmation dialog is displayed. Click the Yes Button.	Sysmac Studio Confirm that there is no problem if the controller operation is stopped. The operating mode will be changed to PROGRAM mode. Then, EtherCAT slaves will be reset and forced refreshing will be cancelled. Do you want to continue?(V/N) Yes No
	A screen stating "Synchronizing" is displayed.	Synchronizing 4%
6	Confirm that the synchronized data is displayed with the color specified by "Synchronized", and that a message is displayed stating "The synchronization process successfully finished".	Synchronization Computer: Data Name Computer: Update DaController: Update Da Controller: value Mane Compare A INJS01 2011/09/01 21:08:48 - I -
	If there is no problem, click the Close Button.	Legend Synchronized Exists only on one side Not checked Image: Clear the present values of variables with Retain attribute (Valid for Transfer to Controller). Do not transfer the program source (Valid for Transfer to Controller). Image: Do not transfer the program source (Valid for Transfer to Controller). EtherCAT slaves (valid valid for Transfer to Controller). Image: Do not transfer Special Unit parameters and backup parameters of EtherCAT slaves (volt of synchronization scope). EtherCAT slaves (volt of synchronization scope).
	*If the synchronization fails, check the wiring and repeat the procedure described in this section.	The Synchronization process successfully finished. Transfer To Controller Transfer From Controller

7.4. Connection Status Check

Check the connection status of the EtherCAT network.

7.4.1. Checking the Connection Status

Confirm that the EtherCAT communications are performed normally.



Check the indicators on the Digital 4 I/O Terminal.

LED indicators in normal status. [PWR]: Green ON [L/A IN]: Flickering [RUN]: Green ON [ERR]: OFF

The LED indicators flash at the same timing as those of the Controller.



[PWR] indicator

Indicates the unit power supply state.

Color	State	Contents
.	OFF	Unit power OFF state
Green	ON	The unit power (24 VDC) is supplied to the Slave Unit.

[L/A IN] indicator

Indicates the communication state (input side).

Color	State	Contents	
	OFF	Link not established in physical layer	
Green	Flickering	In operation after establishing link	
	ON	Link established in physical layer	

[RUN] indicator

It indicates the operation state.

Color	State	Contents
	OFF	Init state
0	Blinking	Pre-Operational state
Green	Single flash	Safe-Operational state
	ON	Operational state

[ERR] indicator

It indicates the information of an error.

Color	State	Contents
	OFF	No error
	Blinking	Communications setting error
Red	Single flash	Synchronization error or communications data error
Red	Double flash	Application WDT timeout
	Flickering	Boot error
	ON	PDI WDT timeout

7.4.2. Checking Data That Are Sent and Received

Check if the correct data are sent and received.



Sufficiently confirm safety before you change the values of variables on a Watch Tab Page when the Sysmac Studio is online with the CPU Unit. Incorrect operation may cause the devices that are connected to Output Units to operate regardless of the operating mode of the Controller.

1	Select <i>Watch Tab Page</i> from the View Menu.	View Insert Project Controller Simulatio
	view Merid.	Output Tab Page Alt+3
		Watch Tab Page Alt+4
		Cross Reference Tab Page Alt+5
		Build Tab Page Alt+6
2	The Watch Tab Page is displayed in the lower section of the Edit Pane.	
		Build Tab Page × Output Tab Page × Vatch Tab Page ×
		Name IOnline value! Modify I Data type : AT
3	Click the cell that states Input Name	Name IOnline value Modify Data type I
-	at the bottom of the Watch Tab	
	Page. Now, characters can be entered.	Name Online value) Modify Data type
4	Enter the device variable name.	Name Online value Modify Data type i
	Here, enter <i>E001</i> Out Bit00 of bit 0	E001_In_Bit00
	of the output port.	E001_In_Bit02
	Type the first character E. A list of	E001_In_Bit03 E001_In_Bit04
	device variables starting with E is	E001_In_Bit05
	displayed. Scroll the list and select	E001_In_Bit06 E001_In_Bit07
	E001_Out_Bit00. Double-click E001_Out_Bit00.	E001_Minor_Fault E001_Observation
	<i>E001_Out_Bit00</i> is entered in the	E001_Out_Bit00
	Name Column.	E001_Out_Bit01
		Name IOnline valueI Modify I Data type
		E
		E001_In_Bit01
		E001_In_Bit02 E001_In_Bit03
		E001_In_Bit04 E001_In_Bit05
		E001_In_Bit06
		E001_In_Bit07 E001_Minor_Fault
		E001_Observation
		E001_Out_Bit00
	Confirm that the online value is	Name Online value Modify Data type
5	False, and click TRUE on the Modify	E001_Out_Bit00 False TRUE FALSE BOOL
	Column.	Input Name
		Name IOnline value Modify Data type
	Confirm that the online value is	E001_Out_Bit00 True FALSE BOOL
	changed to True.	input Humen

6	Confirm that OUT No.0 of the Remote I/O Unit is turned ON (corresponding LED indicator is lit yellow).	
7	Click the cell that states Input Name at the bottom of the Watch Tab Page, and enter <i>E001_In_Bit00</i> .	Name Online value Modify Data type E001_Out_Bit00 True INUE FALSE BOOL E001_In_Bit00 E001_In_Bit01 E001_In_Bit01 E001_In_Bit03 E001_In_Bit03 E001_In_Bit04 E001_In_Bit05 E001_In_Bit06 E001_In_Bit07 E001_In_Bit07 E001_Observation E001_Out_Bit00 E001_Out_Bit01 E001_Out_Bit01 E001_Out_Bit01 E001_Out_Bit01
8	Confirm that the online value of <i>E001_In_Bit00</i> is True. *IN bit 0 of GX-MD1611 is connected with OUT bit 0.	Name IOnline valuel Modify Data type E001_Out_Bit00 True TRUE FALSE BOOL E001_In_Bit00 True TRUE FALSE BOOL Input Name Input Name Input Name Input Name Input Name
9	IN No.0 and OUT No.0 LED indicators of GX-MD1611 are turned ON as shown on the right.	

8. Initialization Method

This document explains the setting procedure from the factory default setting.

If the device settings have been changed from the factory default setting, some settings may not be applicable as described in this procedure.

8.1. Controller

To initialize the settings of the Controller, select *Clear All Memory* from the Controller Menu of the Sysmac Studio.

S Clear All Memo	y 🗆 🗆 🗙
	alizes the target area of destination Controller. to initialize first, and press the OK button.
CPU Unit Name: Model:	new_NJ501_0 NJ501-1500
Area:	User Program User-defined Valiables Controller Configurations and Setup Security Information Settings of Operation Authority(initialization at the next online)
Clear event log	
	OK Cancel

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