

Weintek HMI to BACnet MS/TP Device



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Introduction: This instruction manual discusses how to communicate with a BACnet MS/TP slave. BACnet is a communication protocol designed for building automation. The BACnet protocol defines the **object types** and the **properties** for each object type. All BACnet objects consists of a number of properties for information exchange. The table below shows you the common BACnet object types. A device that is compatible with BACnet protocol must have only one **instance** of Device object type for its structure. An instance number is the way to identify items within an object type.

Object Type	Object Type ID	Example of Use
Analog Input	0	Analog sensor input
Analog Output	1	Command output
Analog Value	2	Setpoints or parameters
Binary Input	3	Digital sensor input
Binary Output	4	Relay output
Binary Value	5	Digital logic
Device	8	Device information, supported object types and services
Multi-state Input	13	Represents the states of the process, such as OFF, ON, AUTO
Multi-state Output	14	Represents the desired states of the process
Multi-state Value	19	Represents multi-state indicators

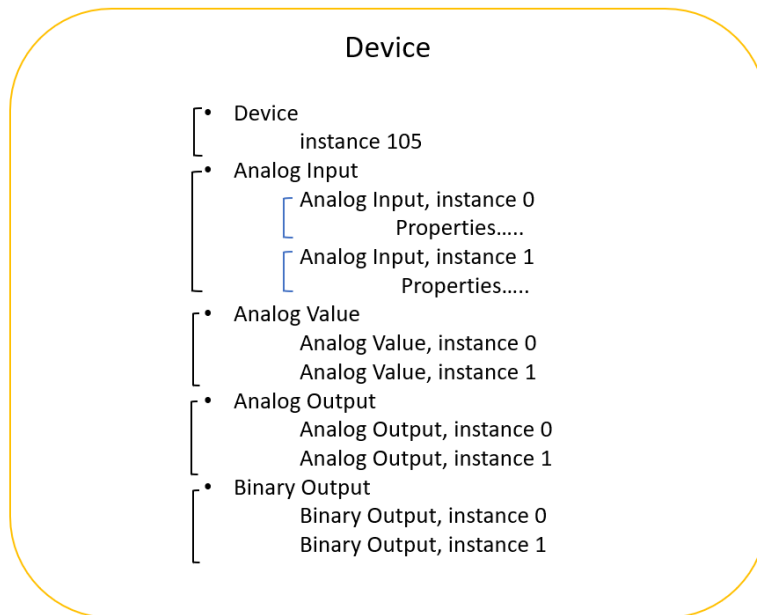
There are many properties of the object types that are used to monitor and control a BACnet-compatible device. Some properties apply only to certain object types, but every object type must have at least three properties, including **Object_Identifier**, **Object_Name**, and **Object_Type**. For example, the table below shows you some of the properties within Analog input, instance number 1. A BACnet MS/TP master issues the **Read_Property** service to the BACnet MS/TP slave in order to get temperature data from the **Present_Value** property.

Properties Name	Properties Value
Object_Identifier	Analog input, instance 1
Object_Name	Office temperature
Object_Type	Analog input

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Present_Value	72.2
Event_State	normal
Units	Degrees Fahrenheit
High_Limit	95.0
Low_Limit	40.0

The object types supported by a BACnet device can be found under the Protocol Object Types Supported property of the **Device** object type or in the user manual of the device.



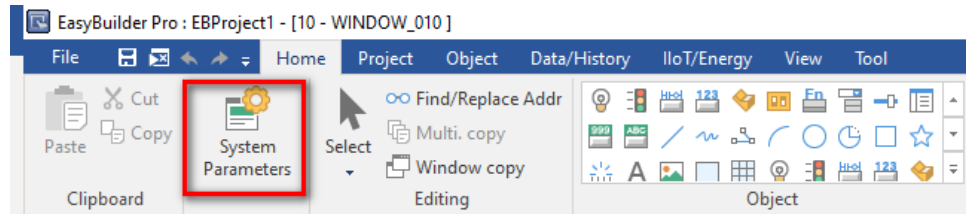
BACnet IP Object Modeling

Equipment & Software:

1. EasyBuilder Pro v6.03.02.294
2. Weintek HMI cMT3090
3. BACnet MS/TP slave device

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Detail of the HMI Programming: Open a new project and choose the HMI model cMT3090. To get the HMI talking to the BACnet MS/TP slave, go to the [HOME] tab on the top of the menu and then click on the [System Parameters] button.



Search for **[BACnet/ MSTP]** driver from the list of the device drivers.

I/F: BACnet MS/TP uses RS485 2 wires as its physical layer.

Enable [Read Property Multiple] Service: This option depends on the slave device.

MAC (0 -254): Enter the MAC address of the slave. Each BACnet MS/TP device must have a unique MAC address because a MAC address stands for a node on the BACnet MS/TP network.

Note: A smaller interval between MAC values will speed up initialization. If the interval is too large, a “device no response” message may be displayed on HMI screen during initialization. Please take this into consideration when setting the MAC addresses on your BACnet MS/TP devices.

Controller type:

- General: select this option for a general BACnet MS/TP slave.
- Johnson Controls: select this option if the device manufacturer is Johnson Controls.

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The screenshot shows the 'Device Settings' dialog box. At the top, the 'Name' field is set to 'BACnet/MS/TP'. Below this, there is a 'Location' dropdown set to 'Local' and a 'Settings...' button. A note states: '* Select Local for a device connected to this HMI, or Remote for a device connected through another HMI.' The 'Device type' is set to 'BACnet/MS/TP', with a 'Device ID' of '275, V.2.20, BACNET_MS/TP.c30'. The 'I/F' is set to 'RS-485 2W', with a link to 'Open Device Connection Guide...'. Three notes are present: '* Support off-line simulation on HMI (use LB-12358).', '* Support communications between HMI and device in pass-through mode.', and '* Set LW-9903 to 2 to enhance the speed of download/upload device program in pass-through mode.' The 'COM' port is set to 'COM3 (38400,N,8,1)' with a 'Settings...' button. The 'MAC (0 ~ 254)' is set to '1', with an unchecked checkbox for 'Enable [Read Property Multiple] service'. The 'Controller type' is set to 'General'. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Click on the [Settings...] button to enter the serial settings of the BACnet MS/TP slave device, including Baud rate, Data bits, Stop bits, and Parity. The general baud rates are 19200, 38400, and 76800.

The screenshot shows the 'COM Port Settings' dialog box. On the left, there are five dropdown menus: 'COM' set to 'COM 3', 'Baud rate' set to '38400', 'Data bits' set to '8 Bits', 'Parity' set to 'None', and 'Stop bits' set to '1 Bit'. On the right, there is a 'Timeout (sec)' dropdown set to '0.05', a 'Token wait time (20~100ms)' text input field set to '50', and a 'The number of resending commands' dropdown set to '0'. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

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After the above communication settings are finished, you will need to import tags (BACnet object types). Easybuilder Pro supports the following two methods.

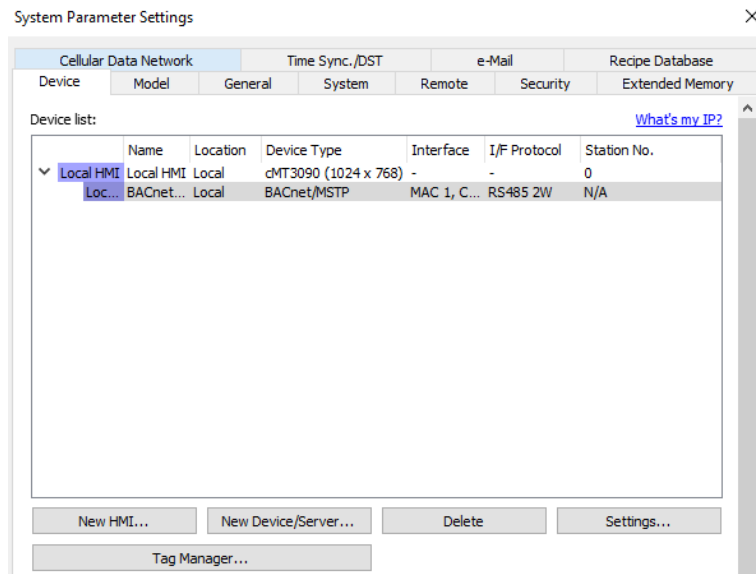
- [Tag Manager...]→[Get Tag Info...]: It reads the tag information from the device directly using an RS232-to-RS485 converter to connect the device to the PC. Only one BACnet MS/TP slave can connect to Easybuilder Pro at a time for this procedure.

Note: Some BACnet MS/TP devices do NOT support the [Who Is] and [Get Tag Info] method. If this is the case, please use the [Import from CSV...] method as the alternative.

- [Tag Manager...]→[[Import from CSV...]: Certain BACnet MS/TP masters, such as SCADA, have the capability to export tag information as a CSV or EDE (Engineering Data Exchange) file from a discovered device. These files can be imported into Easybuilder Pro.

Method 1- Get Tag Info

Click on the [Tag Manager...] button.



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Set the [PC COM] and the [Baud rate] within [Get Tag Settings] to match the serial settings on the PC. Specify a unique MAC address for the PC.

BACnet MS/TP Tag Manager

Get Tag Settings

PC COM : COM1

Baud rate : 9600

PC MAC address : 0

Device MAC address : 1 Who Is...

Device ID :

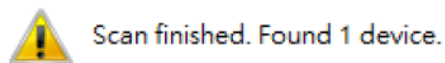
Get Tag Info...

* Tags are device dependent. Add new devices in [Device] list for every BACnet MS/TP device.

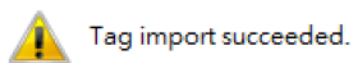
Import from CSV... Save Exit Export All...

Enter the [MAC address] and [Device ID] or click on the [Who Is...] button to scan for the device. If the device is found, the following message will appear. The MAC address and Device ID will be read by Easybuilder Pro. Click [OK].

Note: The MAC address and Device ID of some BACnet MS/TP devices can be read by issuing the **Who Is** command only when the device is first powered up. It may be necessary to cycle power on the BACnet MS/TP device to successfully read the MAC address and Device ID.

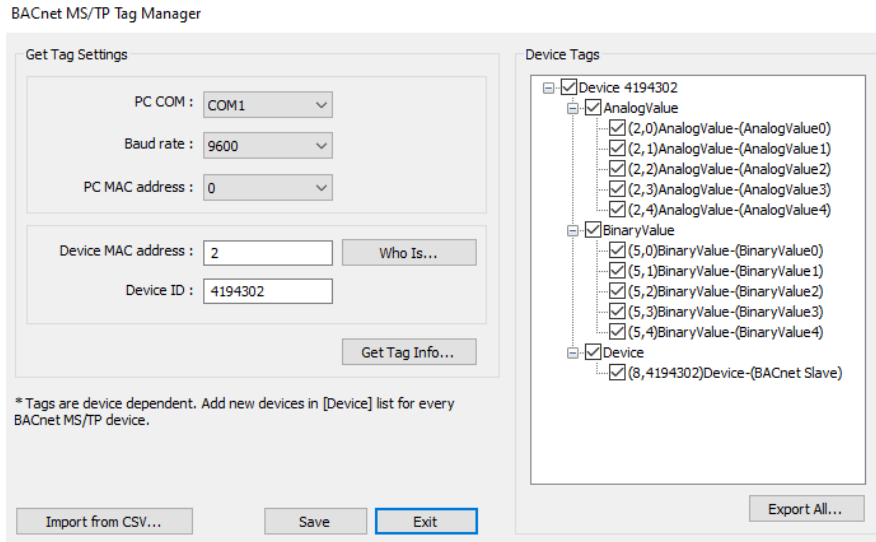


After setting up the [MAC address] and [Device ID], click the [Get Tag Info...] button to read tag information from the device. If it succeeds, the following message will appear. Click [OK].



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The available object types will be listed as below. You can select which object types you need to use in this project or select all of the objects. Click the [Save] button and then the [Exit] button.



You can create a CSV file that contains the object types in the project using the [Export All...] button and import into another project.

The CSV file can be opened in Excel. The tags starting at line 6 are listed in the following format.

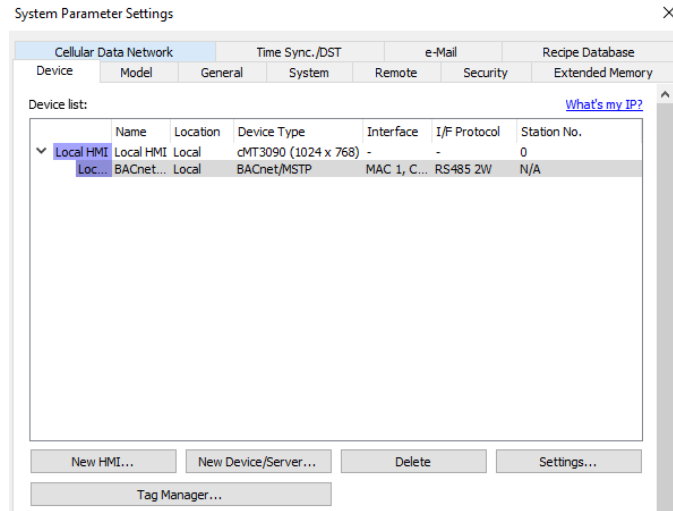
[Device_ID], [Object_Type], [Object_Instance], [Object_Name], [Description]

	A	B	C	D	E
1	GROUP_ID	GROUP_NAME			
2		1 New Group			
3	DEVICE_ID	GROUP_ID	DEVICE_NAME		
4		4194302	1 Device		
5	DEVICE_ID	OBJECT_TYPE	INSTANCE	OBJECT_NAME	DESCRI
6		4194302	2	0 AnalogValue	AnalogValue0
7		4194302	2	1 AnalogValue	AnalogValue1
8		4194302	2	2 AnalogValue	AnalogValue2
9		4194302	2	3 AnalogValue	AnalogValue3
10		4194302	2	4 AnalogValue	AnalogValue4
11		4194302	5	0 BinaryValue	BinaryValue0
12		4194302	5	1 BinaryValue	BinaryValue1
13		4194302	5	2 BinaryValue	BinaryValue2
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15		4194302	5	4 BinaryValue	BinaryValue4
16		4194302	8	4194302 Device	BACnet Slave

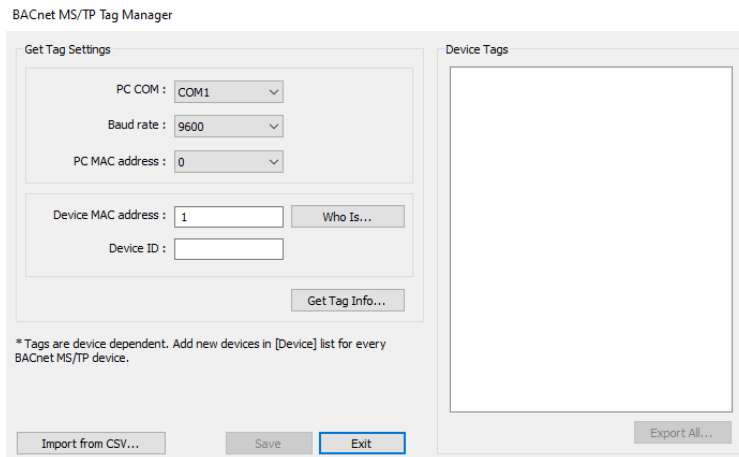
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Method 2- Import Tags

Click on the [Tag Manager...] button.

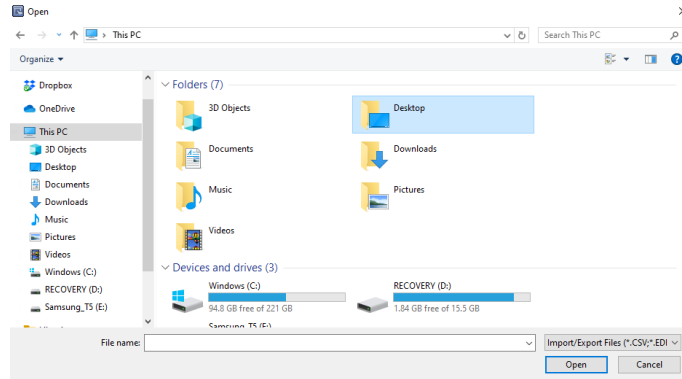


Click on the [Import from CSV...] button.

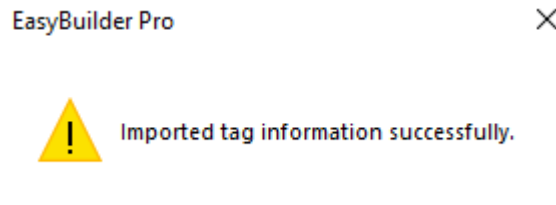


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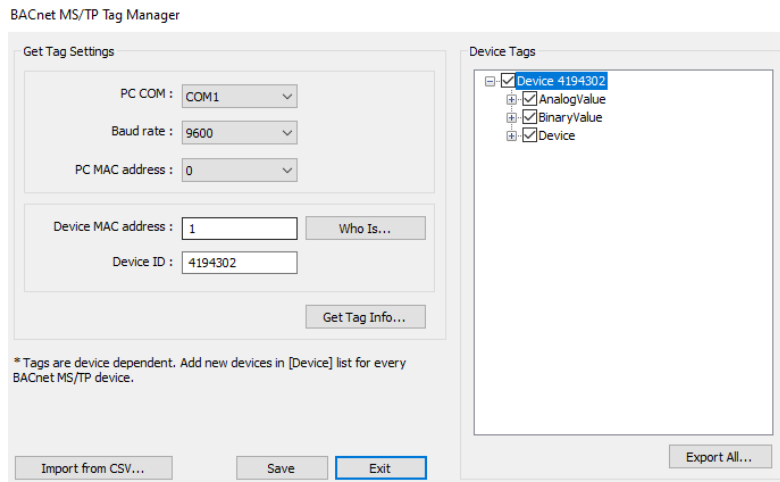
Navigate to your EDE file or the CSV file you exported from EasyBuilder Pro using Method 1.



Once the tags are imported, click the [OK] button on the following dialog.



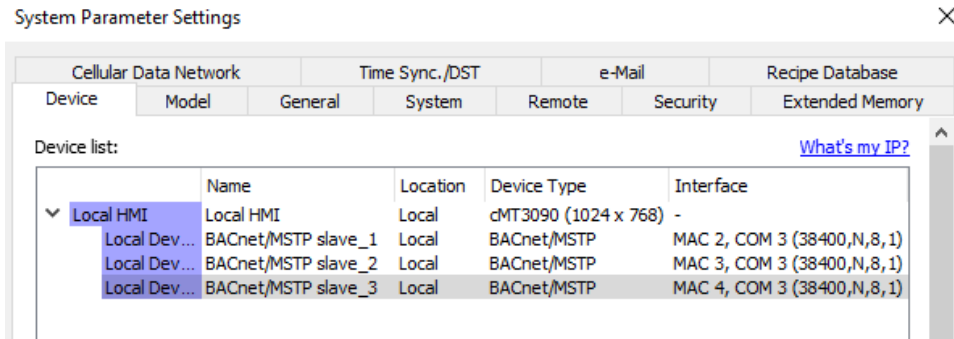
The available object types will be listed as below. You can select which object types you need to use in this project or select all of the objects. Click the [Save] button and then the [Exit] button.



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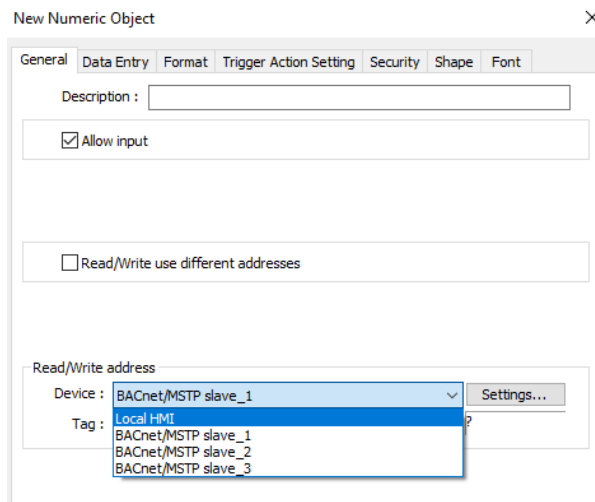
Connecting to multiple MS/TP devices

To connect to more than one BACnet MS/TP device, configure a **separate** entry in the **Device List** for each device and use either Method 1 or Method 2 to import tags for each device.



Note:

1. Each device must have a unique **Name** in the **Device List**.
2. Each device must have a unique MAC address in the **Device List**.
3. All of the devices will use the same **COM port** and only one COM port on the HMI can be configured to use the BACnet MS/TP driver. The COM port settings configured for the first BACnet MS/TP device (in this case, it is **BACnet/MSTP slave_1**) will apply to all of the BACnet MS/TP devices.
4. Each slave device will appear as a separate option as shown below when configuring an object on the HMI screen.



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HMI MAC address

After configuring the BACnet MS/TP device on the [Device] tab, go to the [Model] tab to set up the **HMI MAC**, **Nmax_master**, and **Npoll**.

HMI MAC: Specify the MAC address of the HMI on the BACnet MS/TP network.

Nmax_master: The highest allowable MAC for the master node on the BACnet MS/TP network. The **HMI MAC** should be set at or below this number.

Npoll: The number of tokens received before a polling cycle is executed. A smaller value means a higher polling frequency, a larger value means lower polling frequency. By default the **Npoll** value is set to 50.

System Parameter Settings ×

Cellular Data Network		Time Sync./DST		e-Mail		Recipe Database	
Device	Model	General	System	Remote	Security	Extended Memory	
HMI model :		cMT3090 (1024 x 768) ▾				Landscape ▾	
HMI MAC :		1 ▾	Nmax_master :		127 ▾	Npoll : 50 ▾	
Port no. :		8000					

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How to read Present_Value property of Analog Value

Create a Numeric object and specify the tag by clicking the [Tag] box.

In this case, the Present_Value is read-only data. Unchecking [Allow input] is necessary.

New Numeric Object

General | Format | Security | Shape | Font

Description :

Allow input

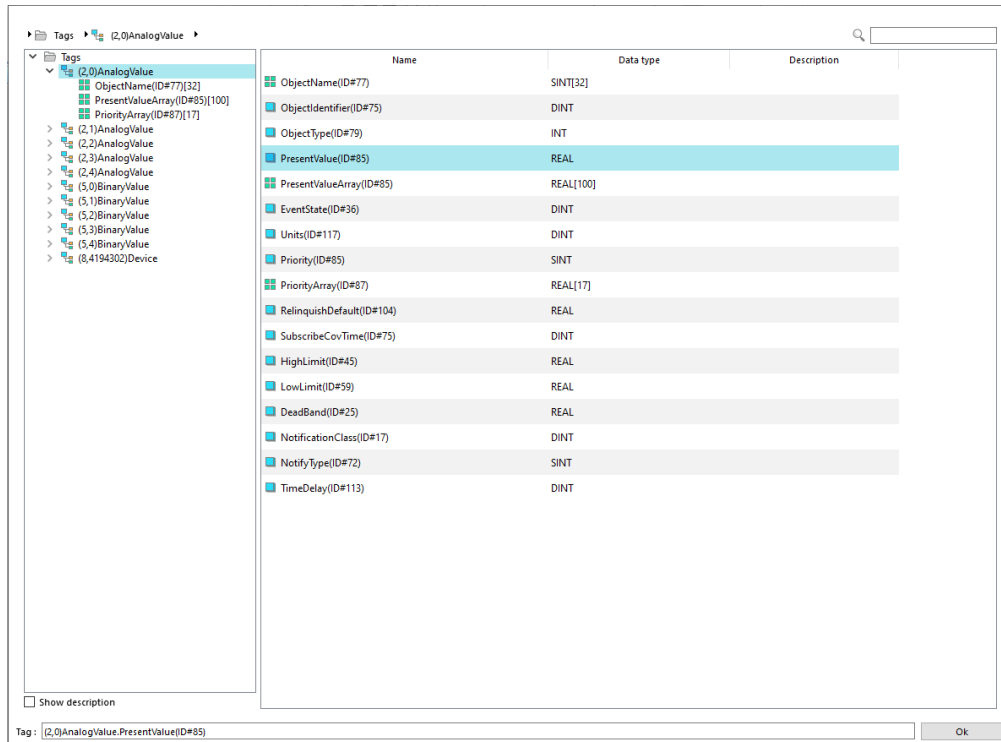
Read address

Device : BACnet/MSTP

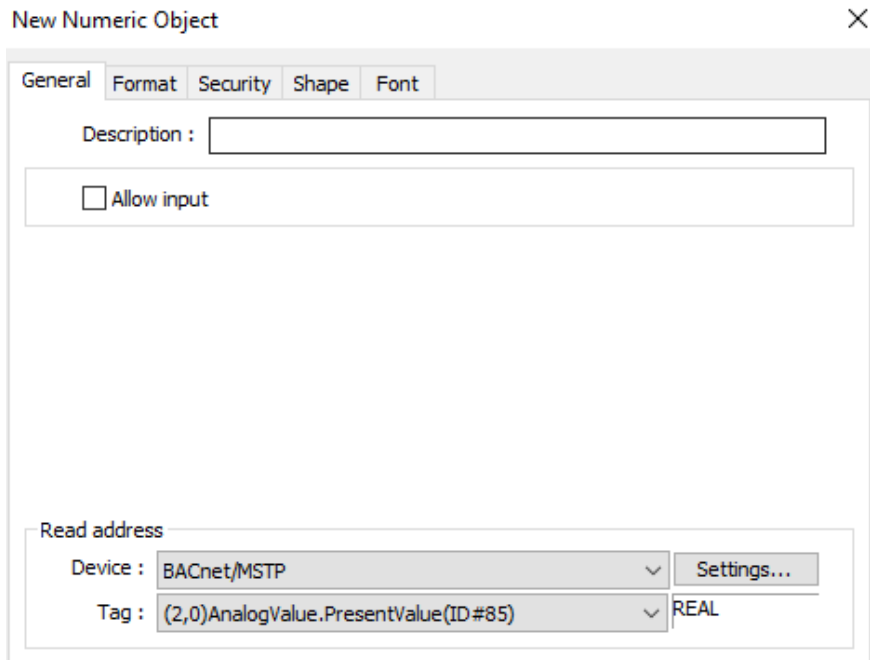
Tag : 0 ?

Select the Present_Value under (2,0) Analog Value, which is the instance 0 of Analog Value.

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Once the tag is selected, go to the [Format] tab.

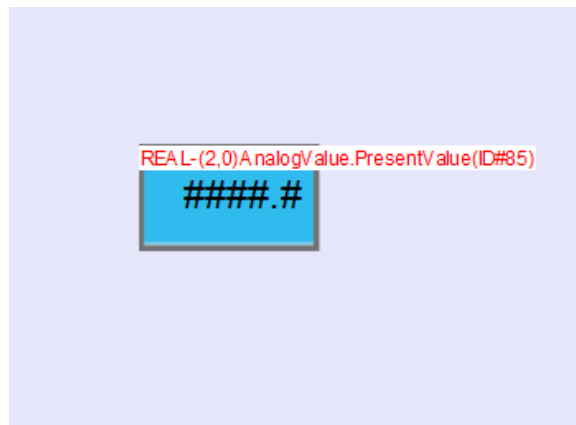


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Under the [Format] tab, enter the number of digits used in this tag as well as the device's low limit and high limit. Click the [OK] button to finish setting up this object.

The screenshot shows the 'Numeric Object's Properties' dialog box with the 'Format' tab selected. The 'Display' section includes a 'Device data format' dropdown set to '32-bit Float' and a 'Mask' checkbox. The 'Number of digits' section has 'Left of decimal Pt.' set to 4 and 'Right of decimal Pt.' set to 1. The 'Scaling' section has 'Method' set to 'None'. The 'Limits' section has 'Direct' selected, with 'Device low' set to 0, 'Device high' set to 9999, 'Input low' set to 0.0, and 'Input high' set to 9999.0. Red boxes highlight the 'Number of digits' and 'Limits' sections.

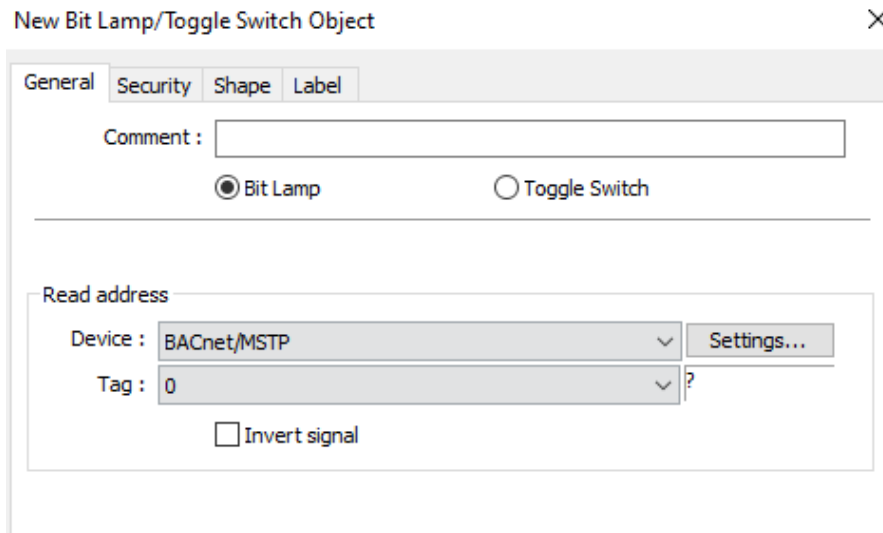
Place the Numeric object onto the editing area.



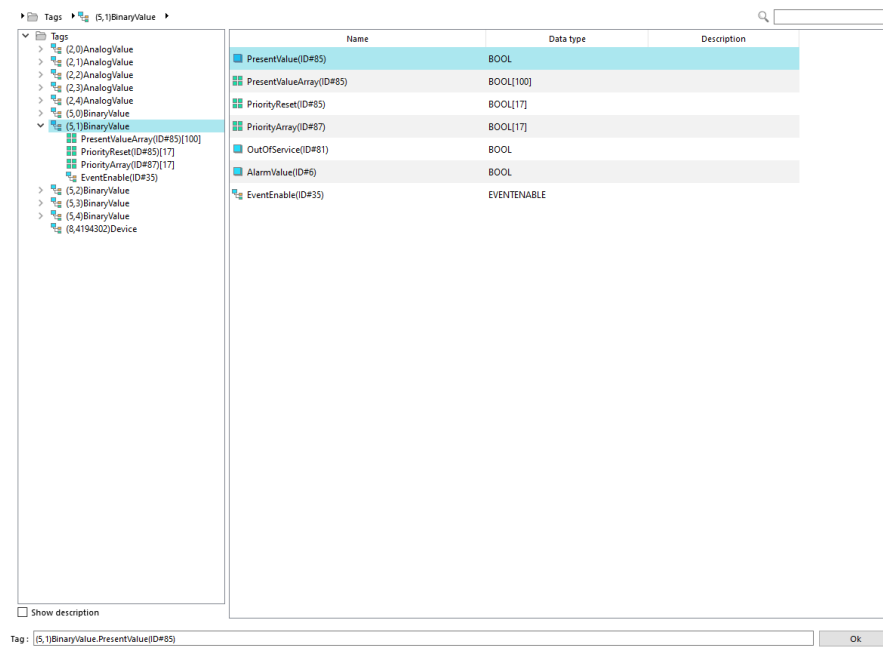
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How to read/write Present_Value property of Binary Value

Create a Bit Lamp object and specify the tag by clicking the [Tag] box.



Select the Present_Value under (5,1) Binary Value, which is the instance 1 of Binary Value.



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In this case, the tag allows an operator to control the device. Select **Toggle Switch** to enable the control function.

New Bit Lamp/Toggle Switch Object

General Security Shape Label

Comment :

Bit Lamp Toggle Switch

Read/Write use different addresses

Read/Write address

Device : BACnet/MSTP

Tag : (5,1)BinaryValue.PresentValue(ID#85) BOOL

Invert signal

Within the Attribute, select **Toggle**.

New Bit Lamp/Toggle Switch Object

General Security Shape Label

Comment :

Bit Lamp Toggle Switch

Read/Write use different addresses

Read/Write address

Device : BACnet/MSTP

Tag : (5,1)BinaryValue.PresentValue(ID#85) BOOL

Invert signal

Write when button is released

Attribute

Switch style : Toggle

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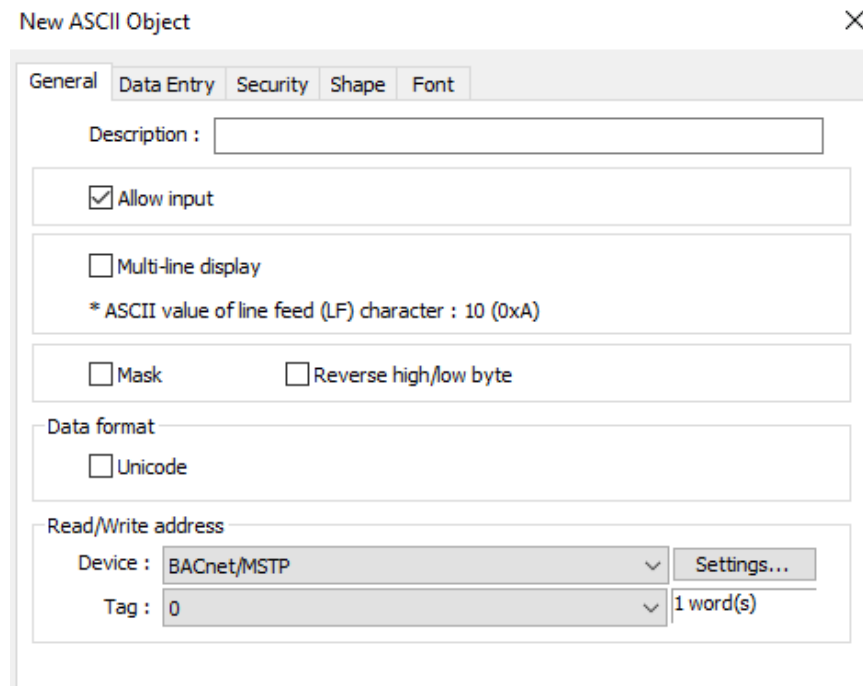
Place the Toggle Switch object onto the editing area.



How to read/write Object_Name property

Some properties are **CharacterString** data in a BACnet device, such as **Object_Name** and **Object_Description**. Those properties in Easybuilder pro are defined as an array of SINT.

To access those properties, create an ASCII object. Click on the [Tag] box.



New ASCII Object

General Data Entry Security Shape Font

Description :

Allow input

Multi-line display
* ASCII value of line feed (LF) character : 10 (0xA)

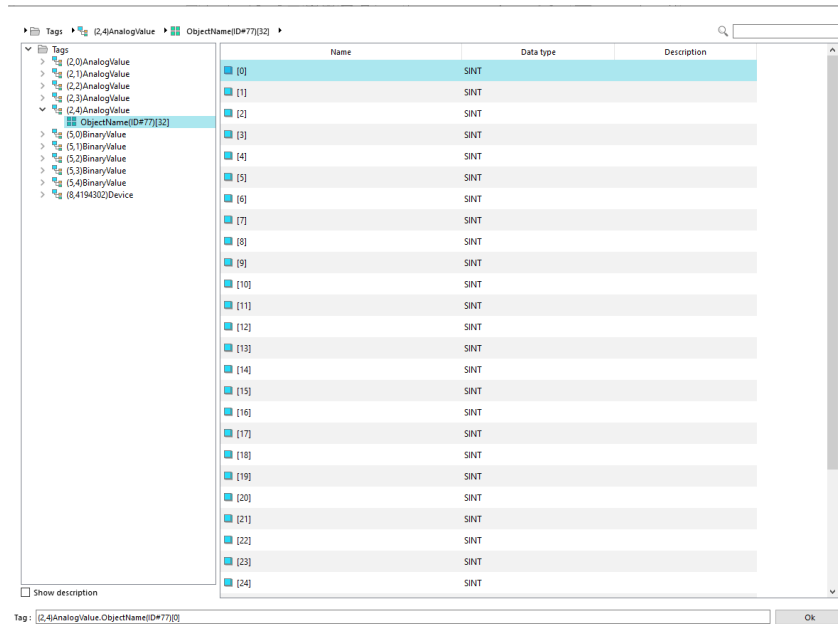
Mask Reverse high/low byte

Data format
 Unicode

Read/Write address
Device : BACnet/MSTP
Tag : 0 1 word(s)

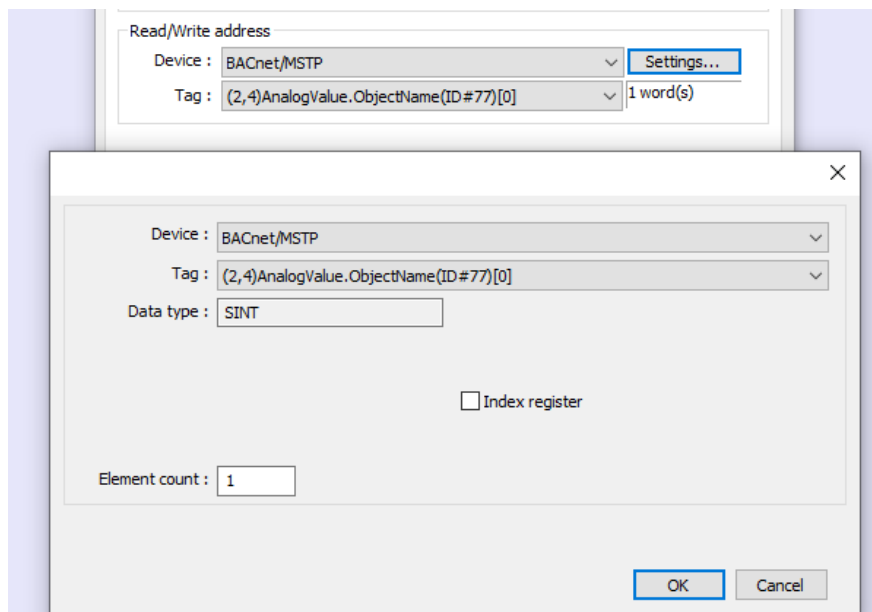
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Select the first element of the array under **Object_Name**.



Click the [Settings...] button to enter the number of characters used by this property.

Note: the unit of string data in Easybuilder Pro is **Word**.



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In this case, check [Allow input] to allow an operator to change the name of the object type on the HMI screen.

New ASCII Object

General Data Entry Security Shape Font

Description : |

Allow input

Multi-line display

* ASCII value of line feed (LF) character : 10 (0xA)

Mask Reverse high/low byte

Data format

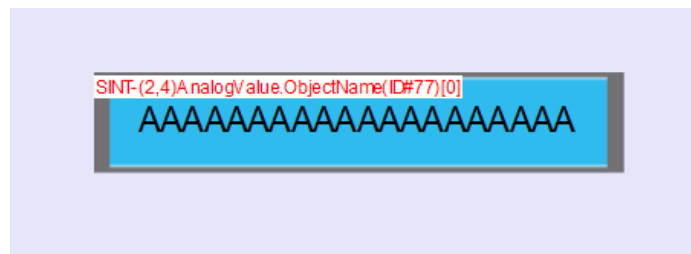
Unicode

Read/Write address

Device : BACnet/MSTP Settings...

Tag : (2,4)AnalogValue.ObjectName(ID#77)[0] 10 word(s)

Place the ASCII object onto the editing area.



Note: The BACnet MS/TP driver does NOT support on-line simulation.

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