

Case Study

Xprotect CCTV Gateway

Chipkin developed a custom driver for the Xprotect CCTV System. This allows any remote system to send event / command strings to the Xprotect system to drive the system to a particular state. For example to allow a building control system to drive a particular camera to a particular preset location and focus.

This general purpose gateway for Xprotect was applied to an automation project where automation was controlled by the Autotronica PLC system which uses ModbusTCP. Thus the project allows the Autoronica PLC's to drive selected camera's to selected presets.





Introduction

EOS Lightmedia implement stunning systems. They need interfaces to other lighting systems installed at the sites they work at as well as access to some other control elements in the Building Automation Systems. Working with Chipkin, a protocol was designed and implemented to control over relays, groups and preset scenes. This protocol is coupled with any of the other protocols in the FieldServer library to make gateway firmware.





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XProtect by Milestone

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Some Details

Xprotect listens for messages from remote systems using UDP on a configurable port number. The string is extracted from the payload and a response with the same string is sent back to the initiator.

A user must configure the correct port number for the 'generic event' receiver.

Strings to drive actions in the Xprotect System must meet the Xprotect requirements and formats. The Xprotect system allows a user to create a map of command strings and the action that must occur when the event string is received. Therefore the engineers must build this table. These strings are used in the gateway configuration. If the gateway sends a string that is unknown or which does not match correctly then the event action will not occur. As communication is uni-directional there is no report for failure or error.

Strings are null (zero) terminated.

Strings may contain control characters

Strings may be up to 100 bytes long

Multiple Xprotect Systems can be connected to one gateway.

The "other" protocol can be Modbus, BACnet, Lonworks, GE, Rockwell ... any of the approx. 120 protocols our product supports.



Multi Protocol Gateway Block Diagram





Keywords

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Milestone CCTV BMS

Milestone CCTV control interface

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Custom protocol development