

TECHNICIAN ROLE:

Installing Active GPRS Modems on Plug and Play Scada



The NEXT Generation AMR

Gives you the power to configure your own AMR, via an easy to use Web interface



Multi-Vendor Modem Support

Previous Course Requirements

• 102 Technician - Installation of meters

Once you are done with this Course, you should be able to:

- Configure a meter to read on Plug and Play Scada through an Active GPRS Modem
- Configure the SmarTee, Kocos 1140, Maestro and Enfora Active GPRS Modems to connect to Plug and Play Scada
- Do basic troubleshooting on Active GPRS Modems.



MODULE 1: Active GPRS Modems in General









Siemens/Cinterion TC65





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- Active GPRS Modems are cell phone modems that connect out to the Server over TCP/IP, typically over the normal Internet.
- The alternative is GPRS Modems working over an APN (Private Network), where the Server connects to the modems over TCP/IP.
- Advantages of using Active GPRS Modems rather than Passive (APN) GPRS Modems include:
 - Don't have to pay premium for APN
 - Better support (everybody uses Internet)
 - Not limited to one network or country
 - For Intelligent Active GPRS Modems, better use of unreliable links
- Don't have to use Router at server: half of the data sent over wireless, faster ping times and no wireless bottleneck at server.
- Intelligent Active GPRS Modems can identify themselves over the TCP connection to the server, whereas Generic Active GPRS Modems cannot.
- While Plug and Play Scada only currently supports 3 Intelligent Active GPRS Modems (TruTeq, Kocos A1140 and TC65), more GPRS modems can be configured as Generic Active GPRS Modems (2 examples being the Enfora and the Maestro).
- The TruTeq SmarTee modem slots into the Elster A1700, and the Kocos A1140 modem slots into the Elster A1140, and can get power from the serial port on the Elster A1140 and Elster AS230 Serial comms module. Both can fit under their meter's cover, giving additional protection against theft and SIM card theft in particular. Both are supplied by Elster.



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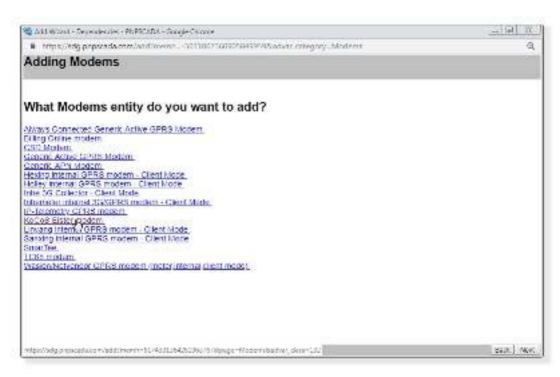
Taking into account your site or a specific site that you may have in mind (take a real example if possible), which Active GPRS Modem would you use?

Place:		
Which Active GPRS Modem?		
Motivate Why:		

Call the Lecturer if you have any questions, and when you're done.



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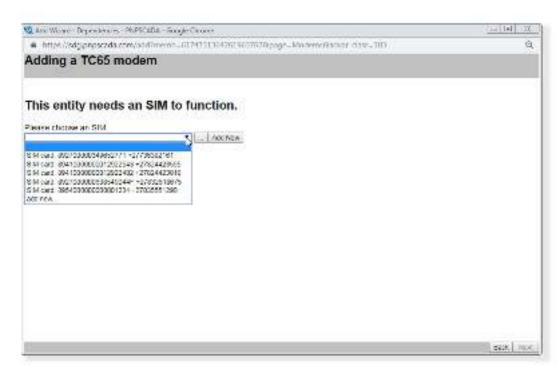
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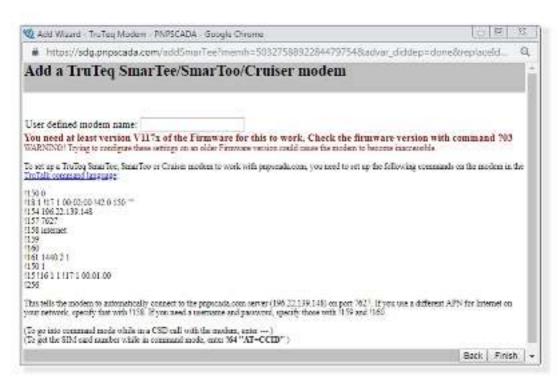
- For any Modem with the TC45 or TC65 based Cell phone engine from Siemens or Cinterion to connect to Plug and Play Scada, it needs to be programmed with a Java program from SDG Technologies.
- Email SDG Technologies support at: support@pnpscada.com if you need to program your TC65 or TC45 modem. State the modem's telephone number, and leave it powered up.

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Step 2: Active GPRS Modem setup - B. The TruTeq SmarTee/SmarToo/Cruiser modem

- You need at least version V117x of the Firmware for this modem to work. You can check the firmware version with command ?03
- To get into command mode when connected to the Serial Port, enter AT\$TT
- To upgrade the firmware, use the latest Yatpro software from TruTeq and upload the correct firmware with the appropriate option in the software (select !serial). You need your computer to be connected to the modem via a serial cable to do this.
- To get into command mode when in a CSD call with the mode, enter ---
- To connect directly to the SmarTee modem via a serial cable, you'll need a special serial cable, or a cable with a 25 pin male serial cable connector on one side (to plug it in where the meter normally goes)
- The SmarTee can also be set to receive AT commands via SMS, but the instructions for that is beyond the scope of this document.
- You need to make sure what your server IP is (!154), and what the proper APN (!158) and username (!159) & password (!160) is for your cell phone network to log in to Internet. Substitute those values below if they don't match your particular configuration.



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Step 2: Active GPRS Modem setup - B. The TruTeq SmarTee/SmarToo/Cruiser modem (continued)

The commands you need are: !150 0

!18 1 !17 1 00:02:00 !42 0 150 ""

!154 196.22.139.148 !157 7627

!158 internet

!159

!160

!161 1440 2 1

!150 1

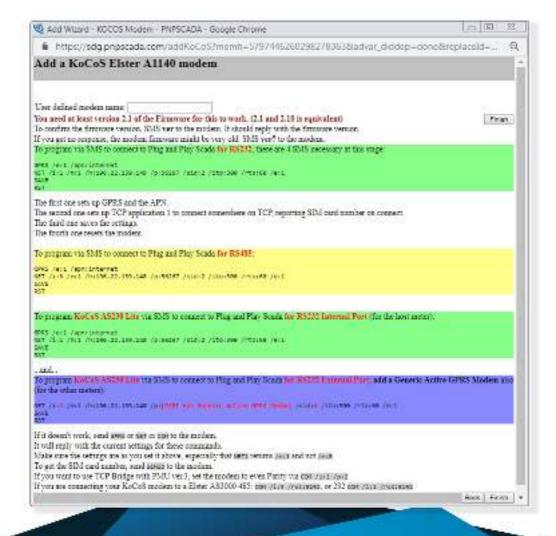
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- To get the SIM card number while in command mode, enter: !64 "AT+CCID"
- All modems of this type connect on TCP port 7627. Plug and Play Scada will identify the particular modem by the SIM card number, which it will retrieve from the modem over the TCP/IP connection.
- If the modem connects to the wrong server, it should automatically set the IP to the right server.

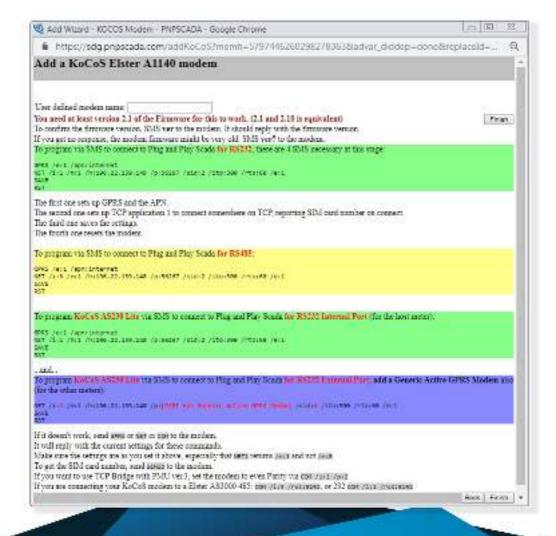


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Step 2: Active GPRS Modem setup - C. The KoCoS Elster A1140 modem

- The special KoCoS modem that fits into the Elster A1140 meter plugs straight into the Meter for power and serial communication, so it is not easy to connect to your computer via a serial cable.
- The best way to program this modem is via SMS commands:
 - Command for checking the firmware version:
 - ver
 - Some older versions respond to:
 - ver?
- The commands for setting up the modem are:
 - GPRS /e:1 /apn:internet
 - NET /i:1 /m:1 /h:41.134.117.162 /p:56267 /sid:2 /ito:300 /rto:60 /e:0
 - NET /i:1 /e:1
 - SAVE
 - RST
- Make sure you pass the correct APN and your Server IP in the appropriate places.
- To check your setup, SMS the following commands to the modem and check that your settings was correctly set:
 - GPRS
 - NFT
 - Check especially that NET1 returns /e:1 and not /e:0



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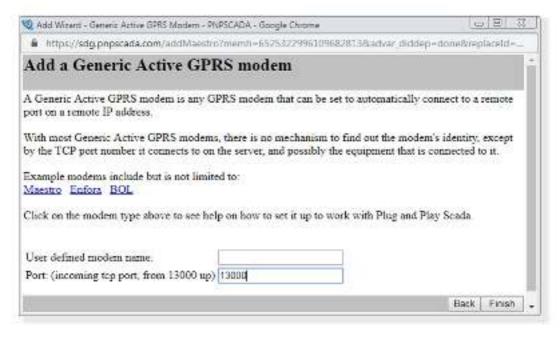
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• The KoCoS modem MUST be set up to connect to the correct IP. Plug and Play Scada CANNOT adjust this setting remotely.

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- Log in to Plug and Play Scada.
- Add a Modem entity:
- Choose Generic Active GPRS Modem.
- Select the SIM card to use, or Push the Add New button to add a new SIM card if it has not been added yet, and press Next.
- The Generic Active GPRS Modems are identified by the port number they connect to on the server.
- Enter a unique Port number for this Modem (the same port you'll set up on the modem itself).
- Enter a human readable Name that you can use later to identify the modem.
- Push the Finish Button to add the modem.
- As long as a GPRS modem can be set up to provide the following, it can be added on Plug and Play Scada as a Generic Active GPRS Modem:
 - an automatically connected TCP connection to a configured remote IP - at a configured remote TCP/IP Port.
 - TCP Link maintenance: re-establishing the TCP connection automatically in case the link goes down.
 - an exact pass through connection from its Serial Port to the TCP connection. This means that all it sends and receives on the TCP connection must be directly received and sent through the Serial Port.



MODULE 2 & 3: Intelligent Active GPRS Modems



Assignment:

Set up the Active GPRS Modem on your desk to connect to Plug and Play Scada, and connect your meter to it.

Setup both Entities in Plug and Play Scada, and read in the Phasor Graph successfully.

Call the Lecturer if you have any questions, and when you're done, tell him your phasor's timestamp and the value of the red voltage, if any.



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Step 2: Active GPRS Modem setup A. The Fargo Maestro modem

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