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Network Reader

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User's Manual

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Before You Begin

This section provides you with safety information, technical support information, and sources for additional product information.

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Safety Information

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Who Should Read This Manual

This user's manual is for the person who is responsible for installing, configuring, and maintaining the IF2 Network Reader.

This manual provides you with information about the features of the IF2, and how to install, configure, operate, maintain, and troubleshoot it.

Before you work with the IF2, you should be familiar with your network and general networking terms, such as IP address. You should also be familiar with your RFID system.

Related Documents

This is a list of IF2 related documents:

- *[Basic Reader Interface Programmer's Reference Manual](#)*
- *[Device Configuration Web Services Command Reference Manual](#)*
- *[Low-Level Reader Protocol Programmer's Reference Manual](#)*

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5,528,222; 5,538,803; 5,550,547; 5,552,778; 5,554,974; 5,563,583;
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5,682,143; 5,729,201; 5,729,697; 5,736,929; 5,737,710; 5,739,754;
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6,100,804; 6,104,281; 6,104,291; 6,109,526; 6,114,962; 6,118,379;
6,121,878; 6,121,880; 6,122,329; 6,130,612; 6,140,146; 6,147,604;
6,147,606; 6,163,260; 6,166,638; 6,172,596; 6,177,872; 6,195,053;
6,201,474; 6,204,765; 6,215,401; 6,215,402; 6,236,223; 6,239,703;
6,243,013; 6,246,326; 6,249,227; 6,259,408; 6,275,157; 6,278,413;
6,280,544; 6,281,794; 6,285,342; 6,286,762; 6,286,763; 6,288,629;
6,294,997; 6,294,998; 6,318,636; 6,320,509; 6,329,915; 6,357,662;
6,360,208; 6,366,260; 6,369,711; 6,371,375; 6,384,712; 6,400,274;
6,404,325; 6,412,086; 6,422,476; 6,429,775; 6,441,740; 6,486,769;
6,501,807; 6,518,885; 6,525,648; 6,529,880; 6,535,108; 6,535,175;
6,566,850; 6,593,845; 6,597,465; 6,608,551; 6,610,379; 6,639,509;
6,645,327; 6,677,852; 6,784,789; 6,794,000; 6,812,841; 6,812,852;
6,816,063; 6,830,181; 6,853,294; 6,859,190; 6,906,615; 6,919,793;
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There may be other U.S. and foreign patents pending.

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Getting Started

This chapter introduces the IF2 Network Reader, explains the ports and LEDs, and explains how the reader fits into your network. It contains these topics:

- **Overview of the IF2**
- **Communicating with the IF2**
- **Installing the IF2**
- **Setting the Date and Time**
- **Using the IF2 Securely**

Overview of the IF2

The IF2 Network Reader is an RFID reader that provides connectivity between tag data and an enterprise system.

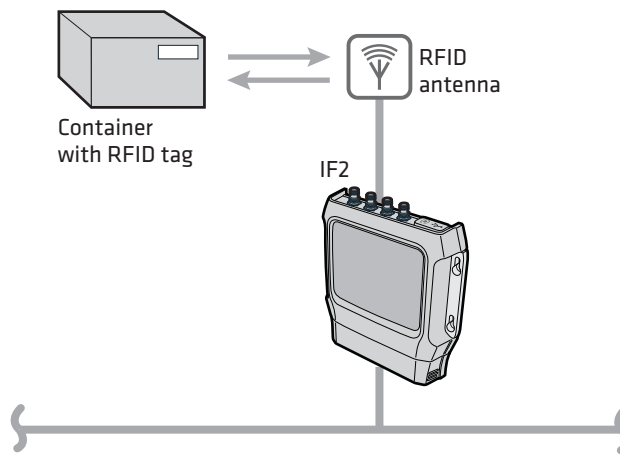


IF2 Network Reader



Note: The IF2 does not ship with RFID antennas. For more information on these accessories, contact your Intermec sales representative.

The reader forwards RFID tag data to the Ethernet network as shown in the next illustration.








IF2 in a Wired Ethernet Network

Understanding the LEDs

The IF2 has six LEDs that indicate the status of the reader during operation. Use the next table to identify the LED icons on the front panel of the IF2.

IF2 LED Descriptions

Icon	Name	Description
	Intermec Ready-to-Work™ indicator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On when an application is communicating with the IF2 BRI server or an LLRP client has connected. Blinks when no application is communicating with the IF2. For more information, see “About the Intermec Ready-to-Work Indicator” on page 4.
POE	Power Over Ethernet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green if Power Over Ethernet (POE) is enabled. Red if a fault condition is detected. For example, if the power converter for POE does not provide enough power to the IF2, the POE LED stays red indicating a fault condition.
	Power	On when the IF2 has power.
	Wired LAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off when there is no Ethernet connectivity. On when an Ethernet link is detected. Flashes when there is activity on the Ethernet network.
	RFID status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green if RF power is being transmitted. Red if an antenna fault is detected, or if the reader cannot output the requested RF power level. Off if RF power is off.
	Tag ID	Flashes when an RFID tag ID is successfully read or written to.

About the Intermec Ready-to-Work Indicator

The blue Ready-to-Work indicator shows when an application is communicating with the Basic Reader Interface (BRI) server or LLRP client on the IF2. The next table explains the different states of the Ready-to-Work indicator.

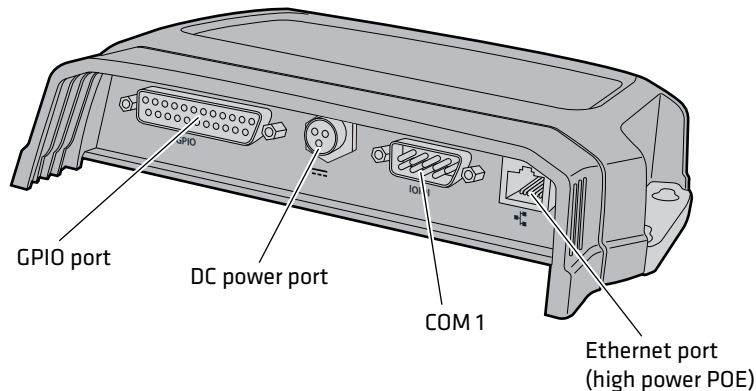
Ready-to-Work Indicator Status Descriptions

Status	Description
Off	IF2 does not have power.
Blinking	IF2 is initializing and not yet ready to use, or no application is currently communicating with the IF2 BRI or LLRP server or LLRP server.
Steady	An application is communicating with the BRI server or an LLRP client has connected to the IF2.

For more information on the BRI server, see [“Configuring the BRI Server” on page 43](#).

Understanding the Network and Power Ports

The IF2 network and power ports are located under the cable cover.



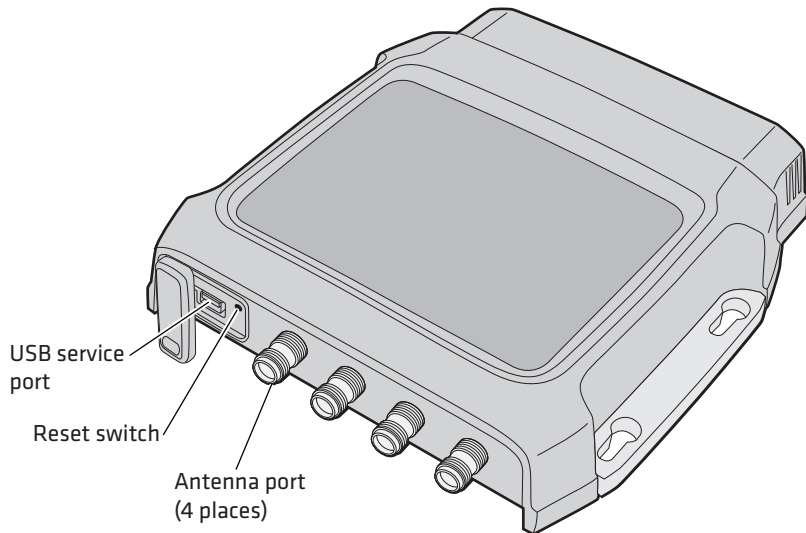
IF2 Network and Power Ports

IF2 Port Descriptions

Port	Description
GPIO	<p>General purpose input/output (GPIO) port that connects the IF2 to industrial controls such as relays or indicators.</p> <p>For more information on the IF2 GPIO interfaces, see “About the GPIO Interfaces” on page 74.</p>
DC power	Connects the reader to a 12 volt DC power source.
COM1	Connects the IF2 to a desktop PC for configuration. Use an RS-232 null modem cable (P/N 059167).
Ethernet	<p>10BaseT/100BaseTx port that connects the reader to your Ethernet network. The reader auto-negotiates with the server to set the best data rate. This port uses MDI/MDI-X auto-switching so you can connect either a standard Ethernet cable or a crossover cable.</p> <p>The Ethernet port also supports POE. To use POE you need an 802.3at compliant power converter. For more information, contact your Intermec sales representative.</p>

Understanding the Top Panel Ports

The IF2 top panel ports consist of four antenna ports, a reset switch, and a USB service port.



IF2 Top Panel Ports

The IF2 RFID antenna ports uses Reverse TNC connectors. Make sure you have appropriate antennas and cables for your IF2. For help, contact your Intermec sales representative.



Government regulatory agencies require that this RFID reader uses only approved antennas. Therefore, this reader uses a custom antenna connector. Do not use antennas not approved for use with this reader.

Communicating with the IF2

By default, the IF2 is configured to be a DHCP client and accepts offers from any DHCP server. Therefore, the IF2 will work out of the box if you connect it to your network and use a DHCP server to assign it an IP address. In this case, you configure the IF2 using the web browser interface from a desktop PC. For help, see [“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10](#).

However, if you are not using a DHCP server to assign an IP address, you use a serial communications program such as HyperTerminal to assign a static IP address. For help, see the next section, “Assigning an Initial IP Address.”

After the IF2 has been assigned an IP address, connect it to your network and then complete the configuration by using a web browser interface from a desktop PC. For help, see [“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10](#).

Assigning an Initial IP Address

Follow this procedure to assign an initial IP address to the IF2. After you assign the IP address, connect the IF2 to your network and use the web browser interface to complete the configuration.

To assign an initial IP address

- 1 Open a serial connection to the IF2. For help, see [“Opening a Serial or USB Connection to the IF2” on page 54.](#)

```
Loading System....
Intermec IF2
Login with username/password of "config" to start initial configuration.
IF2A0000000007 login:
```

- 2 Type `config` and press **Enter**, and then type `config` again in the **Password** field and press **Enter**. The IF2 Initial Configuration screen appears.

```
-----
Intermec IF2 Initial Configuration
-----
Ethernet Configuration Options
-----
0 - Enable/Disable DHCP                (Currently Disabled)
1 - Change IP Address                  (Currently 10.200.27.200)
2 - Change Subnet Mask                 (Currently 255.255.255.0)
3 - Change IP Router                   (Currently 0.0.0.0)
L - Advanced Ethernet Link Configuration
Q - Finished with Configuration

Selection: _
```

- 3 If DHCP is enabled, press **D**. DHCP is disabled and the Ethernet Configuration Options screen appears.

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Intermec IF2 Initial Configuration
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Ethernet Configuration Options
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3 - Change IP Router                   (Currently 0.0.0.0)
L - Advanced Ethernet Link Configuration
Q - Finished with Configuration

Last Command Status: DHCP Status Changed

Selection: _
```

- 4** To set the IP address, press **1** and enter the static IP address in the entry field.
- 5** Press **Enter**. The static IP address is set. If you do not need to set the subnet mask or IP router values, you can now continue to configure the IF2 through the web browser interface. For help, see [“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10.](#)

If you need to change the values for subnet mask or the IP router, continue with the next step.

- 6** To set the subnet mask, press **2** and enter the subnet mask value in the entry field. Press **Enter** to save the changes.

To set the IP router address, press **3** and enter the IP router address in the entry field. Press **Enter** to save the changes.

- 7** (Optional) To change the Ethernet link speed, press **L** and choose a link speed from the list of options:

Ethernet Link Speed Options

To choose this speed:	Press:
Auto detect (default)	A
100 Mbps - full duplex	1
100 Mbps - half-duplex	2
10 Mbps - full duplex	3
10 Mbps - half duplex	4
Keep the current selection and close this dialog box	Q

- 8** Press **Q** to close the Initial Configuration screen.
- 9** Disconnect the null-modem cable from the IF2.

The IF2 is now ready to be connected to your network. See [“Connecting the IF2 to Your Network” on page 15.](#)

Using the Web Browser Interface

After the IF2 is assigned an IP address, configure the IF2 using the web browser interface.

To use the web browser interface, the IF2 must be connected to your wired network. For help, see **“Connecting the IF2 to Your Network” on page 15.**

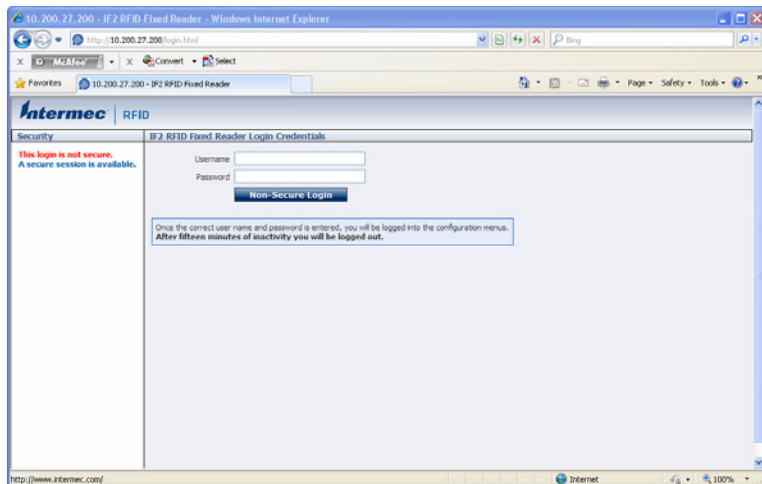
When using the web browser interface, remember that your session automatically terminates if you do not use it for 15 minutes.



Note: If you access the Internet using a proxy server, add the IF2 IP address to your Exceptions list. The Exceptions list contains the addresses that you do not want to use with a proxy server.

To use the IF2 web browser interface

- 1 Determine the IP address of the IF2. If a DHCP server assigned the IP address, you need to get the IP address from that server.
- 2 Start the web browser.
- 3 In the browser address field, enter the IP address, and press **Enter**. The IF2 login screen appears.

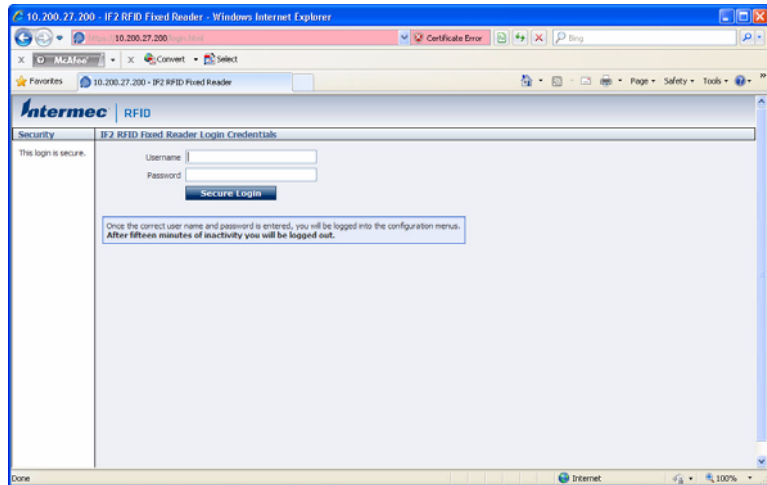


Or, for a secure session, click **A secure session is available**. The secure login screen appears.



Note: If a security alert message appears:

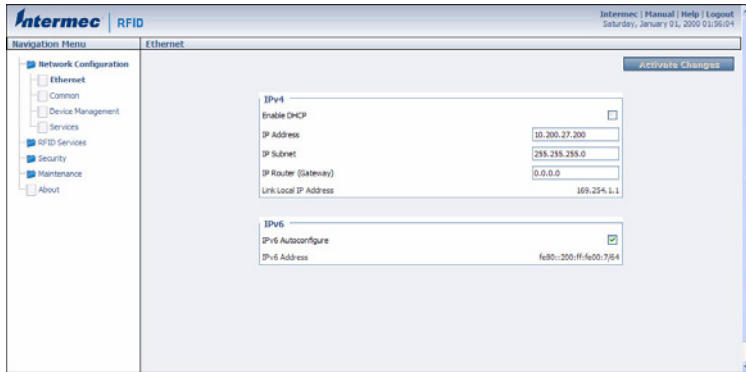
- Click **Yes** to continue to the secure login screen.
- Click **No** to cancel.
- Click **View certificate** to see the security certificate before continuing.



IF2 Secure Login Screen

- 4 If necessary, enter a user name and password. The default user name is `intermec` and the default password is `intermec`. You can define the user name and password. For help, see **“Setting Up Logins”** on page 26.

- 5 Click **Login** (or **Secure Login** in the secure login screen). The Ethernet screen appears and your web browser session is established.



For help with configuring network settings, see **“Configuring Settings for Your Network” on page 20.**

For help with configuring RFID reader settings, see **“Configuring BRI Settings” on page 38.**

For more information on other methods for managing the IF2, see **“Managing the IF2” on page 50.**

Saving Configuration Changes

After you make configuration changes, click **Activate Changes** in the browser window to save your changes and immediately make the changes active.

Changes are discarded if you click another link in the browser window without clicking **Activate Changes** first.

Disabling Help in the Web Browser Interface

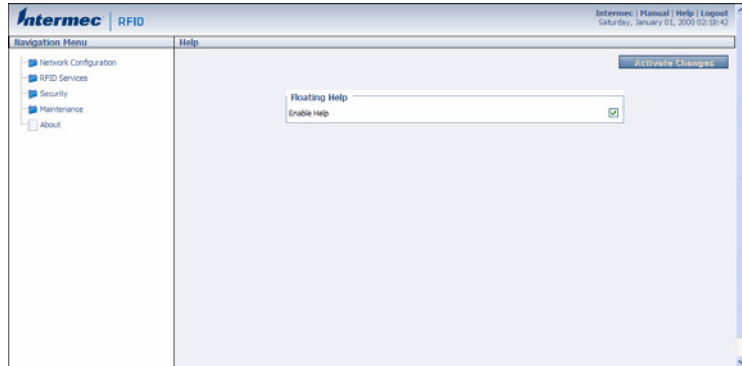
By default, the web browser interface shows help text as you move the cursor over items in each screen. Follow the next procedure to disable the help text feature.

To disable help text

- 1 In the web browser interface, click **Help** in the upper right corner of the screen.



The Help screen appears.



- 2 Clear the **Enable Help** check box.
- 3 Click **Activate Changes** to save your changes and immediately make them active. The Help text is disabled.

Installing the IF2

This section explains how to mount the IF2 to a wall using the *IF2 Network Reader Drilling Template Instructions* that comes in the box with the IF2.



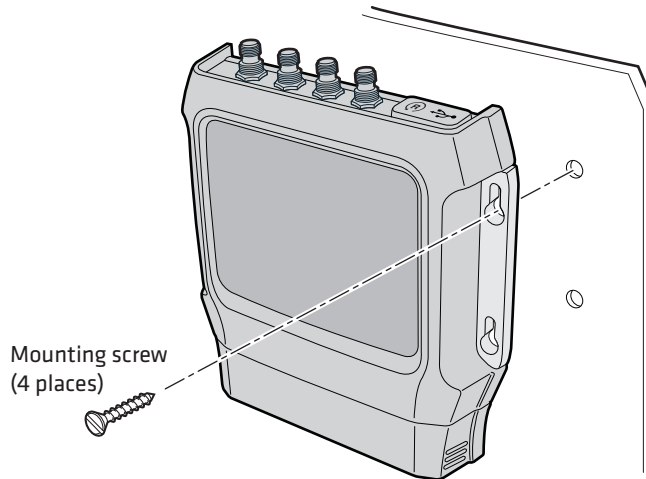
Caution

The IF2 should be professionally installed. For more information, contact your local Intermec representative.

To install the IF2

- 1 Choose a mounting location.
- 2 Use the *IF2 Network Reader Drilling Template Instructions* to drill holes in the mounting location.

3 Mount the IF2 using your parts and screws.



Note: The IF2 is certified to an IP53 environmental rating only when mounted as shown.

The next table includes environmental requirements for the IF2. Choose a location that meets these requirements.

IF2 Environmental Requirements

Type	Minimum	Maximum
Operating temperature	-20°C (-4°F)	50°C (122°F)
Storage temperature	-30°C (-22°F)	70°C (158°F)
Humidity (non-condensing)	5%	95%

Connecting the IF2 to Your Network

After you place the IF2 in its mounting location, you can connect it to your network.

To connect the IF2 to your network

- 1 Install the IF2 in its mounting location. For help, see [“Installing the IF2” on page 13.](#)
- 2 Attach one to four RFID antennas to the RFID antenna ports, starting with port 1. For help, see [“Understanding the Top Panel Ports” on page 6.](#)
- 3 Connect an Ethernet cable to the IF2 Ethernet port.
- 4 Connect power to the IF2:
 - If you are using DC power, connect the DC power cord to a power source, and to the power port on the IF2.
 - If you are using Power Over Ethernet, connect the Ethernet cable to the Ethernet port, and use an 802.3at compliant power converter to power the IF2.

When you apply power, the IF2 boots and the green Power LED turns on.



Note: If you are using a DHCP server, make sure the server is running before you connect power to the IF2.

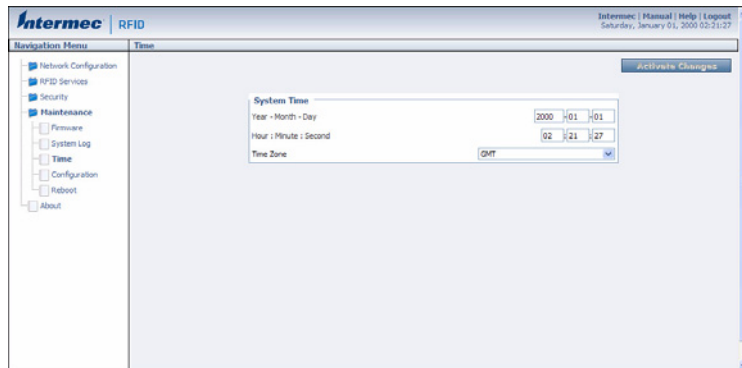
The IF2 is now ready to communicate with your network. Once the IF2 has been assigned an IP address (either manually or from your DHCP server), you can use the web browser interface to complete configuration. For help, see [“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10.](#)

Setting the Date and Time

After you have installed the IF2, you can set the date and time via the web browser interface.

To set the date and time

- 1 Connect to the IF2 via the web browser interface. For help, see **“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10.**
- 2 In the web browser screen, click the date and time in the upper right corner. The Time screen appears.



- 3 Choose your time zone from the drop-down list and then click **Activate Changes**.
- 4 Enter the current month, day, and year in the entry fields.
- 5 Enter the current hour, minute, and second in the entry fields.
- 6 Click **Activate Changes**. The new time and date are set.

Using the IF2 Securely

To help protect the integrity and security of your data, the IF2 supports a variety of secure access methods:

- You can use a secure web browser session (HTTPS) to access the IF2. For help, see **“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10.**
- You can configure and use network security methods, or disable basic configuration through the serial port. For help, see **“Configuring Security” on page 24.**

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Configuring Network Settings

This chapter describes how to configure network settings for the IF2 and includes these topics:

- **Configuring Settings for Your Network**
- **Configuring Security**
- **Managing Certificates**

This chapter assumes that you are familiar with your network, networking terms, and the type of security implemented by your network.

Configuring Settings for Your Network

You use the web browser interface to configure network settings. For more information on using the web browser, see **“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10.**

This chapter explains how to use the web browser interface to configure settings for:

- wired Ethernet connections. For help, see the next section, “Configuring Ethernet Settings.”
- parameters common to the wired connections, such as DNS addresses and time servers. For help, see **“Configuring Common Network Settings” on page 23.**
- network security, such as passwords and access methods. For help, see **“Configuring Security” on page 24.**
- certificates. For help, see **“Managing Certificates” on page 31.**

From a device management standpoint, there are several other methods you can use to configure network settings, including Intermec SmartSystems and the Device Configuration web service. For more information on using these methods to configure the IF2, see Chapter 4, **“Managing, Troubleshooting, and Upgrading the IF2.”**

Configuring Ethernet Settings

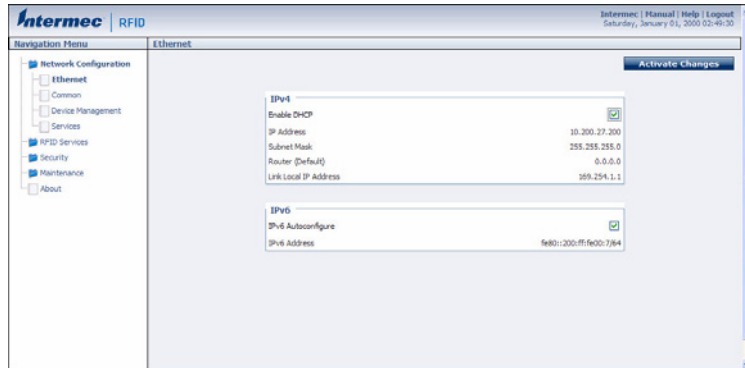
This section explains how to configure wired Ethernet settings using the web browser interface.

If you are using a DHCP server, you may not need to configure Ethernet settings. For more information, contact your network administrator.

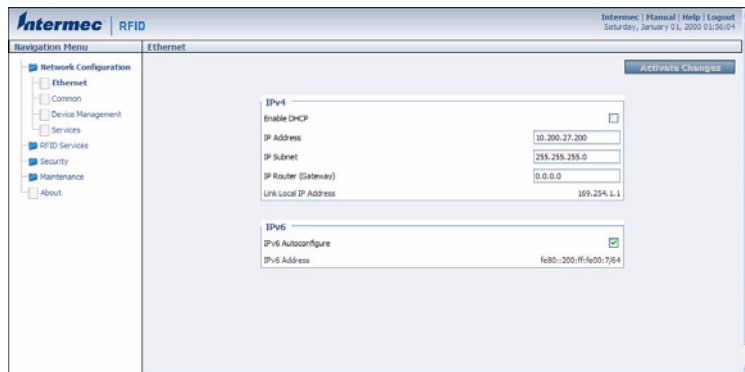
To configure Ethernet settings

- 1 From the menu, click **Network Configuration** or **Ethernet** in the left pane. The Ethernet screen appears.

If DHCP is enabled, you see this screen:



If DHCP is disabled, the current values for IP address, subnet mask, and router appear in entry fields:



- 2 Configure the Ethernet settings. For help, see the next table.



Note: Different settings appear in this screen depending on the current DHCP mode for the IF2.

If you need to configure other network settings such as DNS addresses and suffixes or a SYSLOG destination, see **“Configuring Common Network Settings” on page 23.**

- 3 Click **Activate Changes** to save your changes and immediately make them active.

Ethernet Settings Descriptions

Parameter	Description
Enable DHCP	Check this check box if you want the IF2 to get its IP address from a DHCP server. If this check box is not checked, you need to specify the IP address, subnet mask, and IP router for your network.
IP Address	IP address of the IF2. The IP address has the form $x.x.x.x$, where x is a number from 0 to 255. If DHCP is enabled, the currently assigned IP address appears in this field. If DHCP is disabled, specify the IP address in the entry field.
IP Subnet	Subnet mask for this network. The subnet mask has the form $x.x.x.x$, where x is a number from 0 to 255. If DHCP is enabled, the currently assigned subnet mask appears in this field. If DHCP is disabled, you may need to specify the subnet mask for the network.
IP Router (Gateway)	IP address of the router. The IP address has the form $x.x.x.x$, where x is a number from 0 to 255. If DHCP is enabled, the currently assigned router address appears in this field. If DHCP is disabled, you may need to specify the router address for the network.
Link Local IP Address	IP address of the IF2 is only routable on the local IP subnet. The IF2 auto-negotiates with other devices on its Ethernet segment to obtain a unique address, so no user configuration of the Link Local IP Address is necessary. The IF2 will always have a Link Local IP Address, even if another address is assigned through DHCP or statically via user-configuration.
IPv6 Autoconfigure	Enables IPv6 automatic configuration. Clear this check box to disable IPv6 auto-configuration on the IF2. Auto-configuration is enabled by default. If you disable auto-configuration, you need to specify an IPv6 address, subnet mask, and router.
IPv6 Address	128-bit IPv6 address for the IF2.
IPv6 Router	128-bit address for the IPv6 router.

Configuring Common Network Settings

Common network settings are configuration items that apply to the IF2 network interface.

This section explains how to use the web browser interface to configure these common network settings:

- Hostname
- Domain Name Server (DNS) addresses and suffixes
- Simple Network Time Protocol (SNTP) server addresses 1 and 2.
For information on public NTP servers, see <http://support.ntp.org>.
- Local time zone
- SYSLOG destination

To configure common network settings

- 1 In the menu, click **Network Configuration** > **Common**. The Common screen appears.

- 2 Configure settings. For help, see the next table.
- 3 Click **Activate Changes** to save your changes and immediately make them active.

Common Network Settings Descriptions

Parameter	Description
Hostname	Name for this IF2. The default is “IF2<serial number of the IF2>”. The hostname can be either a simple hostname, or a qualified domain name (FQDN). If this IF2 obtains its IP address via DHCP, this parameter is sent to the DHCP server. If the server supports it, this field is used for dynamic DNS updates.
DNS Server 1	IP address of a domain name server that the IF2 uses to resolve DNS names.
DNS Server 2	IP address of a second domain name server that the IF2 uses to resolve DNS names.
DNS Suffix 1	Primary DNS suffix to be appended to unqualified names.
DNS Suffix 2	Secondary DNS suffix to be appended to unqualified names.
SNTP Server Name 1	DNS name or IP address of an SNTP or NTP server.
SNTP Server Name 2	DNS name or IP address of a second SNTP or NTP server.
Time Zone	Time zone for this IF2. Choose the time zone from the drop-down list. Default is GMT. For more information, see “Setting the Date and Time” on page 16 .
SYSLOG Destination	Domain name or IP address of the SYSLOG server.

Configuring Security



Note: Before you configure security settings for this IF2, you should be familiar with the type of security implemented for your network.

The IF2 supports a variety of security features to help maintain the integrity of your secure network. You can:

- enable/disable access services.
- change the default user name and password. For help, see [“Setting Up Logins” on page 26](#).
- use a password server to maintain a list of authorized users who can configure and manage the IF2. For help, see [“Setting Up Logins” on page 26](#).

- disable serial port access to the IF2. For help, see “[Disabling Access Via the Serial Port](#)” on page 30.

For general information on securely using the IF2, see “[Using the IF2 Securely](#)” on page 17.

Controlling Access Services

Access services are the different ways that users can access and configure the IF2.

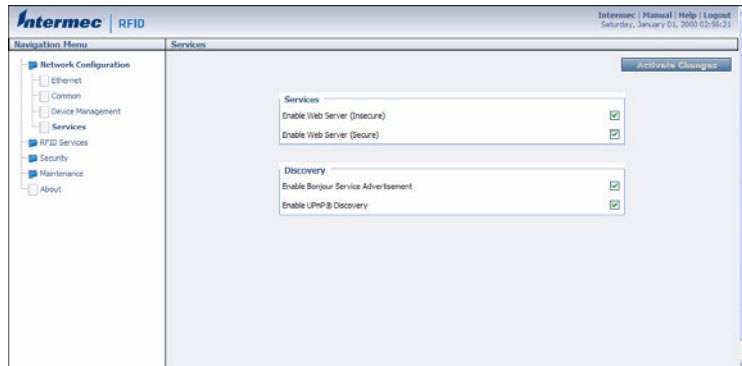
You can control how developers access the IF2 by enabling or disabling these services:

- Web browser interface (secure and non-secure)
- Discovering the IF2 via Bonjour or Universal Plug and Play™ (UPnP) service advertisement (enabled by default)

To enable or disable these services, see the next procedure.

To enable access services

- 1 From the menu, click **Network Configuration** > **Services**. The Services screen appears.



- 2 Enable or disable developer access services by checking or clearing the check boxes, or by choosing options from the drop-down list. For help, see the next table.
- 3 Click **Activate Changes** to save your changes and immediately make them active.

Access Services Descriptions

Service	Description
Enable Web Server	<p>Enables access to the IF2 via the web browser interface.</p> <p>Select Enable Web Server (Insecure) to allow users to log in using either a nonsecure (HTTP via port 80) or secure (HTTPS via port 443) web interface.</p> <p>Select Enable Web Server (Secure) to allow only the secure web interface through port 443.</p> <p>If both web server services are disabled, you can only restore services by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the SmartSystems console. For more information about SmartSystems Foundation, see “Using SmartSystems Foundation” on page 52.• or by restoring the IF2 to the factory defaults. For more information, see “Restoring the IF2 to the Default Configuration” on page 60.
Enable Bonjour Service Advertisement	<p>Enables the IF2 to advertise services and be discovered by Bonjour zero-configuration networking. Bonjour is enabled by default.</p> <p>To prevent errors when using Bonjour, make sure the IF2 hostname does not include spaces. To set the hostname, see “Configuring Common Network Settings” on page 23.</p>
Enable UPnP Discovery	<p>Enables the IF2 to be discovered by Universal Plug and Play protocols. UPnP is enabled by default.</p>

Setting Up Logins

To ensure login security for configuring or maintaining the IF2, you should use a password server or at least change the default user name and password.

- A password server is typically an embedded authentication server (EAS) or other RADIUS server. To use a password server, you must have a password server on the network that contains the user name/password database. On the IF2, you need to enable RADIUS for login authorization.

When you attempt to log in to the IF2, you must enter a user name and password. This login is sent to the RADIUS server, which compares the login to its list of authorized logins. If a match is found, you can log in to the IF2 with read/write privileges.

For help, see the next section, “Configuring the IF2 to Use a Password Server.”

- If you do not want to use a password server, you should change the default login user name and password, and create a read-only password. For help, see [“Changing the Default Login” on page 29](#).

Configuring the IF2 to Use a Password Server

If you use a password server to manage users who log in to this IF2, you need to tell the IF2 how to communicate with the password server and then you need to configure the password server.



Note: If errors occur and you cannot log in to the IF2, restore defaults via a serial connection to reset all passwords to default values. For help, see [“Restoring the IF2 to the Default Configuration” on page 60](#).

To configure the IF2 to use a password server

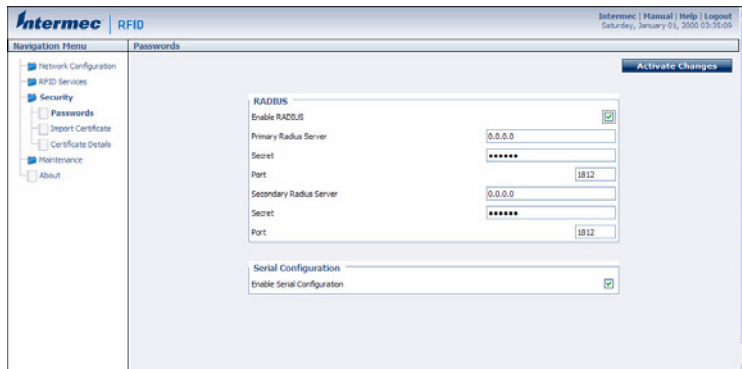
- 1 From the menu, click **Security > Passwords**. The Passwords screen appears.

The screenshot shows the Intermec RFID configuration web interface. The page title is "Intermec RFID". The navigation menu on the left includes: Network Configuration, RFID Services, Security (selected), Passwords (selected), Import Certificate, Certificate Details, Maintenance, and About. The main content area is titled "Passwords" and contains the following sections:

- User Credentials:** Three input fields for Username (intermec), Password (masked with asterisks), and Read-only Password (masked with asterisks).
- RADIUS:** A checkbox for "Enable RADIUS" which is currently unchecked.
- Serial Configuration:** A checkbox for "Enable Serial Configuration" which is currently checked.

A "Apply/Save Changes" button is located in the top right corner of the main content area. The top right of the page shows "Intermec | Manual | Help | Logout" and the date/time "Saturday, January 01, 2000 03:35:59".

- 2 Check the **Enable RADIUS** check box. A list of RADIUS configuration items appears.



- 3 Configure the settings. For help, see the next table.
- 4 Click **Activate Changes**.
- 5 Configure the password server database. For help, see the documentation that came with your server.

RADIUS Server Information Descriptions

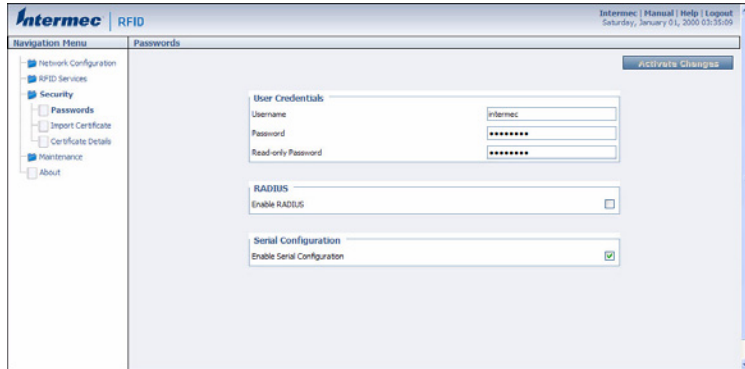
Type	Description
Enable RADIUS	Enables RADIUS authentication for this IF2.
Primary Radius Server	IP address or DNS name of the RADIUS server. If this field is blank, the RADIUS client does not use this entry.
Secret	Secret key for this RADIUS server.
Port	Port number of the primary RADIUS server. Default is 1812.
Secondary Radius Server	IP address or DNS name of the RADIUS server to use if there is no response from the primary RADIUS server.
Secret	Secret key for this RADIUS server.
Port	Port number of the secondary RADIUS server. Default is 1812.
Enable Serial Configuration	Enable basic network configuration using the serial or USB port.

Changing the Default Login

If you are not using a password server to authorize user logins, Intermec recommends that you change the default user name and password and create a read-only password.

To set up logins

- 1 From the main menu, click **Security** > **Passwords**. The Passwords screen appears.



- 2 Make sure the **Enable RADIUS** check box is not checked. Clear this check box if necessary and then click **Activate Changes**.
- 3 Configure the parameters. For help, see the next table.
- 4 Click **Activate Changes** to save your changes and immediately make them active.

Password Parameter Descriptions

Parameter	Description
Username	Enter the user name you need to use to log in to this IF2. The user name can be from 1 to 32 characters long. You must always specify a user name. Default is <code>intermec</code> .
Password	Enter the password you need to use to log in to this IF2. This password gives you read and write access to the IF2 configuration. The password can be from 8 to 32 characters long. You must always specify a password. Default is <code>intermec</code> .

Password Parameter Descriptions (continued)

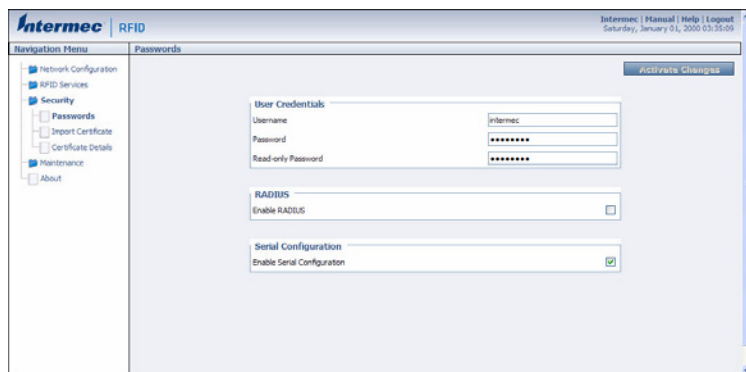
Parameter	Description
Read-only Password	<p>Enter the password you need to use to log in to this IF2. This password gives the user read-only access to the IF2. This user can view the configuration and execute diagnostics but cannot perform any tasks that affect IF2 operation, such as changing configuration options or upgrading firmware. Default is <code>readonly</code>.</p> <p>The read-only password cannot be deleted. To disallow read-only access, you need to enable RADIUS authentication. For help, see “Configuring Security” on page 24.</p>

Disabling Access Via the Serial Port

When serial port access is disabled, you also disable USB access. When you disable access, you will not be able to configure the IF2 as described in [“Assigning an Initial IP Address” on page 7](#). You must use a network application (such as a web browser, SmartSystems Console, or Device Configuration Web Service application) for all configuration.

To disable serial port access

- 1 From the menu, click **Security** > **Passwords**. The Passwords screen appears.



- 2 Clear the **Enable Serial Configuration** check box.
- 3 Click **Activate Changes** to save your changes and immediately make them active.

Managing Certificates

The default server certificate on the IF2 (ValidForHTTPSOnly) provides support for secure network applications such as the secure web browser interface, secure LLRP client connections, and secure web services. You can use a third-party certificate authority to issue unique client certificates and a root certificate.



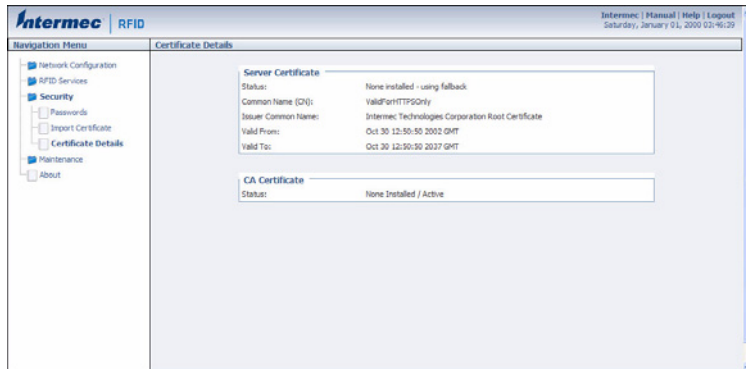
Note: To install or uninstall certificates, you need to access the IF2 via a secure web browser. For help, see [“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10.](#)

Viewing Certificates

You can use the web browser interface to view the certificates loaded on the IF2.

To view certificates

- From the menu, click **Security** > **Certificate Details**. The Certificate Details screen appears.



The Server Certificate table lists the server certificate that is installed, and the CA Certificate table lists the trusted CA certificate that is installed.

Installing and Uninstalling Certificates

Once you have determined that you need to install or uninstall a certificate, use this procedure.



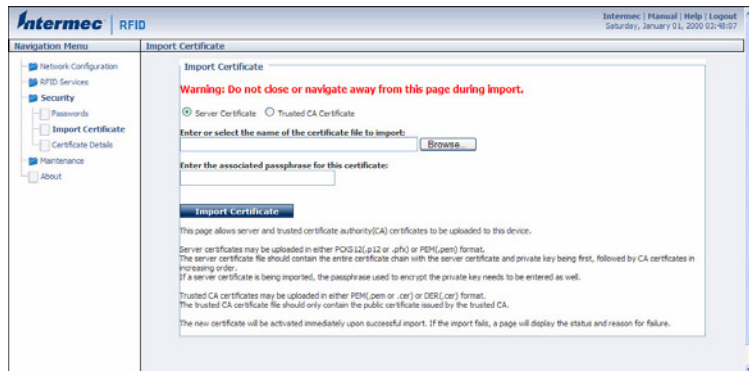
Note: If you follow the procedure to uninstall all certificates, you will lose the unique server certificate and the trusted CA certificate. You will need to contact your local Intermec representative to purchase new certificates.



Note: To install or uninstall certificates, you need to access the IF2 via a secure web browser. For help, see **“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10.**

To install or uninstall certificates

- 1 From the main menu, click **Security > Import Certificate**. The Import Certificate screen appears.



- 2 Click **Browse** and follow the prompts to browse to the location of the certificate you want to install. Or, enter the path to the certificate in the **Enter or select the name of the certificate file to import** entry field.



Note: If you are not using a secure web browser, you will be prompted to log in again. Click **A secure session is available** and log in to the IF2. If a Security Alert dialog box appears, click **Yes** to proceed. Repeat Steps 1 and 2.

- 3 Click **Server Certificate** or **Trusted CA Certificate**.

- 4** (Server Certificate only) In the **Enter the associated passphrase for this certificate** field, carefully enter the passphrase for the certificate.
- 5** Click **Import Certificate**. If a Security Alert dialog box appears, click **Yes** to proceed.

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Developing and Using RFID Applications

This chapter explains how you can develop and test RFID applications for the IF2 and includes these topics:

- **RFID Applications and the IF2**
- **Creating RFID Applications for the IF2**
- **Modifying IF4 Applications for Use With the IF2**
- **About RFID Services**
- **Configuring BRI Settings**
- **Configuring LLRP Settings**

This chapter assumes you are familiar with developing applications and with your RFID system.

RFID Applications and the IF2

Your application communicates with the IF2 through one of two RFID services:

- the Basic Reader Interface (BRI) server, which controls the reader by issuing BRI commands. For more information on the BRI server, see **“Configuring the BRI Server” on page 43**.

For more information on using BRI, see the *Basic Reader Interface Programmer’s Reference Manual*.

- the Low-Level Reader Protocol (LLRP), based on the EPCglobal standard. For more information on LLRP settings, see **“Configuring LLRP Settings” on page 46**.

For more information on LLRP, see the *LLRP Programmer’s Reference Guide*.

The application you develop resides on a remote server which communicates with the IF2. In this case, all processing is performed by the server.

Using the RFID Resource Kit

The Intermec Developer Library RFID Resource Kit includes Java and C# tools you can use to develop applications that enable control of the reader and data management.

The resource kit is available as part of the Intermec Developer Library (IDL). To learn more about the RFID Resource Kit, go to www.intermec.com and choose **Products > Applications and Software > Development Library > Developer Resource Kits**.

Creating RFID Applications for the IF2

An RFID application can communicate directly with the IF2 BRI Server using the BRI protocol, or it can communicate with the IF2 using the Low-Level-Reader Protocol (LLRP).

Intermec recommends that you write and test your application on a development workstation (your desktop PC). The application can access the IF2 BRI interface via TCP on port 2189.

Modifying IF4 Applications for Use With the IF2

If you are using an application that was previously written for the IF4, you need to modify the application to be compatible with the IF2, make sure you:

- enable the BRI server on the IF2. For more information, see [“Configuring the BRI Server” on page 43](#).
- change your application to ignore start-up messages from the bootloader.
- change your application to not expect the power-up banner message.
- change your application to handle “EVT:RESET”.
- change your application so that it does not expect BRI attributes to be non-volatile.
- handle any differences in default settings.
- handle antenna faults.
- handle the “EVT:BRISERVICE NOSESSIONS” event.

While you are making changes to your application, make sure you are aware that:

- some BRI features may have changed. For example the IF4 supports “read cont” for continuous reads, but the IF2 uses “read report=no”
- the “facdflt” command has changed in function.
- triggers are non-volatile in the IF2, but are volatile in the IF4.

- The IF2 is no longer guaranteed to be the only RFID module resource. The serial connection is one of eight possible connections.

For more information on BRI, see the [Basic Reader Interface Programmer's Reference Manual](#).

About RFID Services

The RFID service sets the protocol your application uses to communicate with the RFID module. The available services are:

- BRI (Basic Reader Interface) - Intermec proprietary protocol for controlling the reader. To configure BRI settings, see the next section.
- LLRP (Low-Level Reader Protocol) - EPCglobal standard for network interfaces between the RFID reader and its controlling software. To configure LLRP settings, see [“Configuring LLRP Settings” on page 46](#).

Configuring BRI Settings

This section explains how to configure BRI settings that control reader operation and communication with your application.

- To configure BRI attribute settings that control reader operation, such as read and write tries, tag types, or antenna settings, see the next section, “Changing BRI Attribute Settings.”
- To configure BRI server settings, which manage how your application communicates with the reader, see [“Configuring the BRI Server” on page 43](#).

Changing BRI Attribute Settings

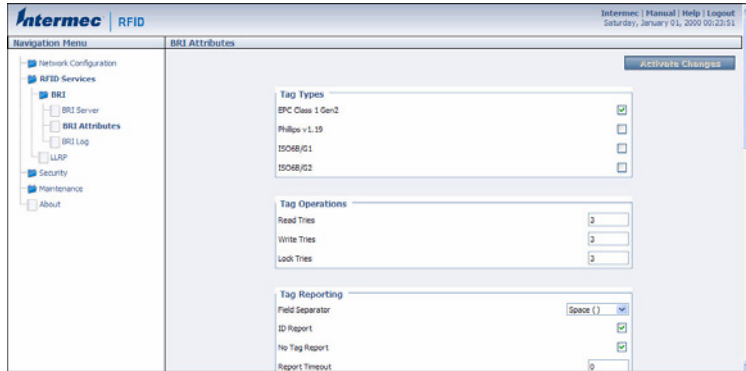
BRI attribute settings control how the IF2 reader module reads tags. Follow the next procedure to change attribute settings.



Note: The BRI attribute settings in the web interface define the default BRI attributes when a client initially connects to the BRI. The settings do not change the attributes of any current BRI sessions.

To change BRI attribute settings

- 1 From the menu, click **RFID Services > BRI > BRI Attributes**. The BRI Attributes screen appears.



- 2 Change RFID settings as needed. For help, see the next section.
- 3 Click **Activate Changes** to save your changes and immediately make them active.

About BRI Attribute Settings

This section explains the BRI attribute settings that control how the reader operates. For more information, see the [Basic Reader Interface Programmer's Reference Manual](#).

Tag Types

Check the appropriate check boxes to enable RFID operations for these kinds of tags:

- EPC Class 1 Gen 2 (default)
- Phillips v1.19
- ISO6B/G1
- ISO6B/G2

This setting is equivalent to the TAGTYPE BRI attribute.

Read Tries

Sets the maximum number of times the read algorithm is executed before a response is returned to a Read command.

In practice, this is the number of times an identified tag is read until the Read is successful. Valid range is 1 to 254 (default is 3).

This setting is equivalent to the RDTRIES BRI attribute.

Write Tries

Sets the maximum number of times the write algorithm is executed before a response is returned to a Write command.

In practice, this is the number of times an identified tag is written to until the Write is successful. Valid range is 1 to 254 (default is 3).

This setting is equivalent to the WRTRIES BRI attribute.

Lock Tries

Sets the maximum number of times the lock algorithm is executed before a response is returned to a Lock command. Valid range is 1 to 254 (default is 3).

This setting is equivalent to the LOCKTRIES BRI attribute.

Field Separator

Sets the character to be used for separating fields in tag data. Choose from space (), comma (,), colon (:), semicolon (;), tab, caret (^), or tilde (~). Default is space.

This setting is equivalent to the FIELDSEP BRI attribute.

ID Report

Enables or disables tag ID reporting after a Read, Write, or Lock command is executed:

- For ISO tags, the tag identifier corresponds to TAGID.
- For EPC tags, the identifier corresponds to EPCID.

Check the check box to enable tag ID reporting. This setting is equivalent to the IDREPORT BRI attribute, and is enabled by default.

No Tag Report

Enables or disables a NOTAG message, which is sent when no tags are found during execution of a Read, Write, or Lock command. Check the check box to enable the message. This setting is equivalent to the NOTAGRPT BRI attribute, and is enabled by default.

Report Timeout

Sets the timeout (in ms) for delays in tag reporting when the IF2 is in continuous read mode. Range is 0 (default) to 65534.

Timeout Configuration Mode

Enables a timeout mode. Instead of specifying the number of antenna or ID tries, you specify an antenna or ID timeout value. If the IF2 does not find any tags after an antenna or ID try, the reader waits this long before starting the next antenna or ID try. If you enable timeout mode, you need to set the ID Timeout and Antenna Timeout values.

This setting is equivalent to the TIMEOUTMODE BRI attribute, and is disabled by default.

To enable Timeout Configuration mode

- 1 Check the check box. The screen refreshes. The Antenna Tries setting is replaced by Antenna Timeout, and the ID Tries setting is replaced by ID Timeout.
- 2 Specify the value (in ms) for the antenna or ID timeout in the entry fields and then click **Activate Changes**.

For more information on ID Timeout and Antenna Timeout, see those topics later in this section.

Select Tries

(Not supported by EPCglobal Class 1 Gen 2 tags) Sets the number of times a group select is attempted. A group select is the command that starts the identity process. Valid range is 1 (default) to 254.

This setting is equivalent to the SELTRIES BRI attribute.

Unselect Tries

(Not supported by EPCglobal Class 1 Gen 2 tags) Sets the number of times a group unselect is attempted. Valid range is 1 (default) to 254.

Session

(EPCglobal Class 1 Gen 2 tags only) Sets the command session parameter to the corresponding EPCglobal Class 1 Gen 2 air protocol command (default is QueryAdjust).

This setting is equivalent to the SESSION BRI attribute. For more information on this setting, see the EPCglobal Class 1 Gen 2 documentation.

Initial Q

(EPCglobal Class 1 Gen 2 tags only) Sets the initial Q parameter value used by the Query command. Valid range is 0 to 15 (default is 4). If you know there is only one tag in the field, set this attribute to 0 for best performance.

This setting is equivalent to the INITIALQ BRI attribute.

Initialization Tries

Sets the maximum number of times the reader attempts to initialize a tag. Valid range is 1 (default) to 254.

This setting is equivalent to the INITTRIES BRI attribute.

Schedule Option

Determines how antennas are switched during the inventory process. This attribute controls the behavior of the inventory scheduling parameters.

This setting is equivalent to the SCHEDULOPT BRI attribute.

ID Tries

Sets the maximum number of times the reader executes the identify algorithm before a response is returned to a Read or Write command.

In practice, this is the number of times a tag ID attempt is made for each antenna being used. Valid range is 1 to 254 (default is 3).

This setting is equivalent to the IDTRIES BRI attribute.

Antenna Tries

Sets the maximum number of ID Tries that the reader executes per antenna. Valid range is 1 to 254 (default is 3).

This setting is equivalent to the ANTTRIES BRI attribute.

EPCC1G2 Advance Medium Access Mode

Selects low-level protocol (such as tari and back-link frequency) settings. If you are using CAEN tags, you must enable this mode before the tags can be read.

This setting is equivalent to the EPCC1G2PARAMETERS or EPCC1G2PARMS BRI attribute.

Dense Reader Mode

Allows the reader to hop between channels within a certain frequency spectrum to prevent other readers in the area from interfering with one another.

This setting is equivalent to the DENSEREADERMODE or DRM BRI attribute.

Antenna Field Strength 1 to 4

Sets the RF power level (in dBm) for each of the 4 antenna ports. Valid range is 15 to 30. Default is 30. Note that the maximum power level is dependent on the region that the IF2 is operating in.

Use this setting to attenuate the antenna field strength. In some situations, full output power can cause unnecessary interference. For example, if the tag is close to the antenna, full output power might overload the tag and cause unreliable behavior.

This setting is equivalent to the FIELDSTRENGTH BRI attribute.

Antenna Sequence: First through Eighth

Sets the RFID antenna to be used for each of up to eight tag inventory operations. Choose any one of the 16 available antennas from the drop-down list. If more than one antenna is enabled, the antennas fire in this sequence.

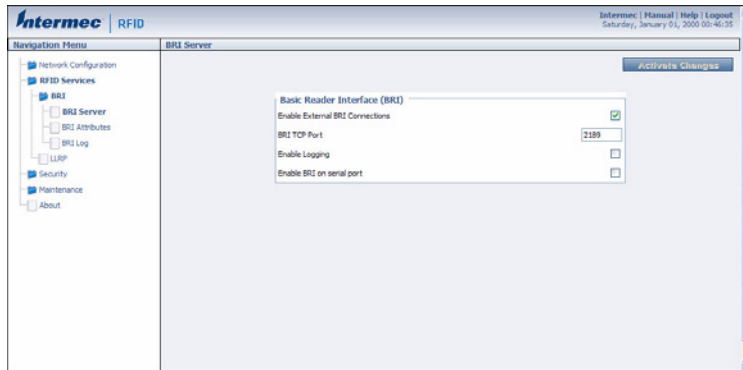
This setting is equivalent to the ANTS BRI attribute.

Configuring the BRI Server

The IF2 BRI server handles communication between your application and the RFID module. When your application is communicating with the BRI server, the blue Intermec Ready-To-Work Indicator on the IF2 front panel turns on and stays on. For more information, see [“About the Intermec Ready-to-Work Indicator” on page 4.](#)

To configure BRI server settings

- 1 From the menu, click **RFID Services > BRI > BRI Server**. The BRI Server screen appears.



- 2 Change BRI server settings as needed. For help, see the next table.
- 3 Click **Activate Changes** to save your changes and immediately make them active.

BRI Server Parameter Descriptions

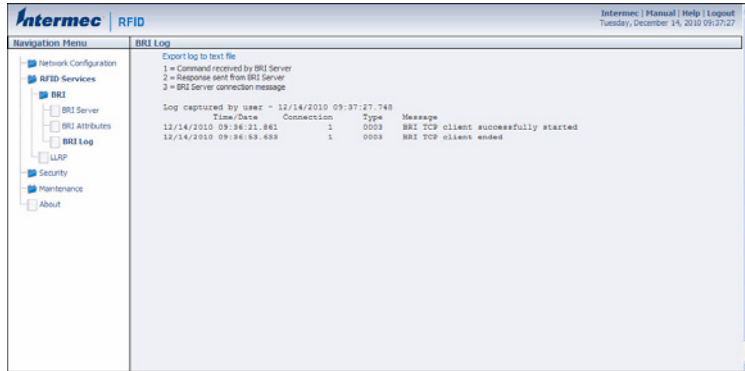
Parameter	Description
Enable External BRI Connections	Enables/disables external TCP connections to the BRI server. If this check box is not checked, BRI applications will not be able to connect to the IF2.
BRI TCP Port	Specifies the TCP port used for incoming connections to the BRI server. This port must be unique for all TCP services running on the IF2. Valid range is 2189 to 65535. Default is 2189.
Enable Logging	Enables/disables logging of BRI server events. For more information on logging, see the next section.
Enable BRI on serial port	Enables/disables sending BRI commands through the serial port.

Viewing the BRI Server Log

If you enable logging, you can see a list of BRI server events. You can save the logfile as a .txt file.

To enable BRI server logging and view the logfile

- 1 Enable BRI logging as described in the previous section, “Configuring the BRI Server” on page 43.
- 2 In the left navigation list, click **RFID Services > BRI > BRI Log**. The BRI Log screen appears with a list of BRI events. For more information on server events, see the next table, “BRI Event Descriptions.”



- 3 To save the log file, click **Export log to text file** and then choose **File > Save As**. Follow the prompts to save the log file to your desktop PC.

BRI Event Descriptions

Event Name	Description
Time/Date	Time and date of the event.
Connection	Session ID of the client communicating with the BRI server.
Type	Message type of the event, generally indicating which system sent the message: 1 = Command received by BRI server 2 = Response sent by BRI server 3 = BRI server connection message
Message	Text of the message, including responses.

Configuring LLRP Settings

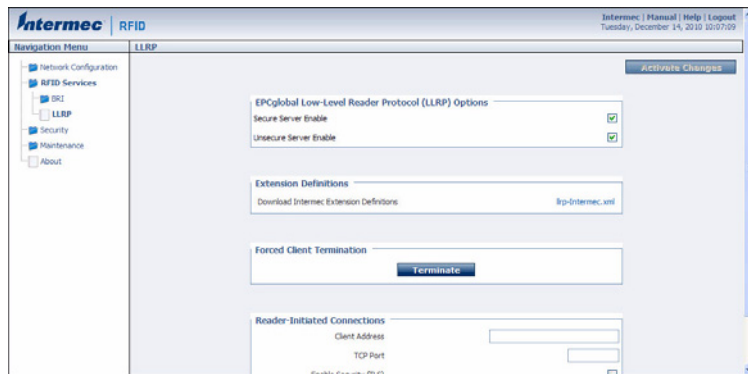
The IF2 supports version 1.0.1 of the EPCglobal Low-Level Reader Protocol (LLRP), which establishes a specific interface method between a reader and its corresponding client. Follow the next procedure to configure LLRP settings.



Note: For information on LLRP, including standards, see <http://www.epcglobalinc.org/standards/llrp>. An open source LLRP Toolkit can be downloaded at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/llrp-toolkit>.

To configure LLRP settings

- 1 From the menu, click **RFID Services** > **LLRP**. The LLRP screen appears.



- 2 Configure LLRP settings as needed. For help, see the next table.
 - To disconnect an existing LLRP connection, click **Terminate**.
 - To connect to a remote LLRP client, enter information in the Reader-Initiated Connections section, and then click **Initiate**.

- 3** Click **Activate Changes** to save your changes and immediately make them active.

LLRP Settings Descriptions

Setting	Description
Secure Server Enable	Check this check box to allow connections to the secure LLRP server on port 5085.
Unsecure Server Enable	Check this check box to allow connections to the unsecure LLRP server on port 5084.
Download Intermec Extension Definitions	Click the link to download the Intermec extension definitions xml file.
Reader-Initiated Connections	For reader-initiated TCP/IP connections to a remote LLRP client, enter this information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Client Address - IP address of the remote LLRP client.• TCP Port - Port number for the TCP/IP socket connection.• Enable Security (TLS) - Check this check box to enable Transport Layer Security for this TCP/IP connection.

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Managing, Troubleshooting, and Upgrading the IF2

This chapter includes information on managing the IF2 and includes these topics:

- **Managing the IF2**
- **Using the Device Configuration Web Service**
- **Using SmartSystems Foundation**
- **Opening a Serial or USB Connection to the IF2**
- **Maintaining the IF2**
- **Troubleshooting the IF2**
- **Calling Intermec Product Support**
- **Accessing Intermec Web Pages**
- **Upgrading Firmware**

Managing the IF2

There are several methods you can use to manage the IF2. You can use:

- a web browser. For help, see **“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10**. This manual assumes you are using this method for all procedures.
- the Device Configuration web service. For help, see the next section.
- the Intermec SmartSystems Console. For help, see **“Using SmartSystems Foundation” on page 52**.

Using the Device Configuration Web Service

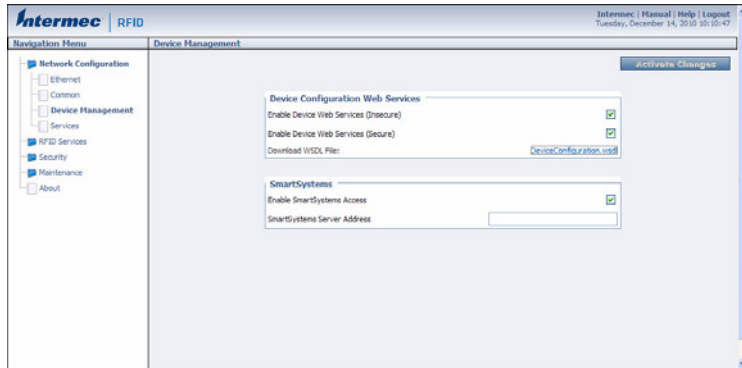
The Device Configuration web service provides a way to programmatically configure the IF2 over your network. This SOAP-based service provides a configuration API that allows you to specify a variety of network, RFID, and system settings via XML-encoded messages.

Follow the next procedure to enable the web service or to download the Device Configuration web service description language (WSDL) document.

For more information on the Device Configuration web service, see the *Device Configuration Web Service Command Reference Manual*.

To enable the web service and download the WSDL document

- 1 From the menu, click **Network Configuration > Device Management**. The Device Management screen appears.



By default, Device Configuration web services are enabled for either secure or insecure connections.

- 2 To disable web services over a secure connection, clear the **Enable Device Web Services (Secure)** check box, and then click **Activate Changes**.

To disable web services over an insecure connection, uncheck the **Enable Device Web Services (Insecure)** check box, and then click **Activate Changes**.

To download the device configuration WSDL document, click **DeviceConfiguration.wsdl**. The document opens in the browser window.



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<definitions name="DeviceConfiguration" targetNamespace="http://10.200.27.200:64907/DeviceConfiguration.wsdl"
  xmlns:tns="http://10.200.27.200:64907/DeviceConfiguration.wsdl" xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:SOAP-ENC="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:ids="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
  xmlns:MIME="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/mime/" xmlns:DIME="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2002/04/dime/wsdl/"
  xmlns:WSDL="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
  xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
  <types>
    <schema targetNamespace="ids" xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
      xmlns:SOAP-ENC="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:ids="ids" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
      elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
      <import namespace="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/" />
      <simpleType name="ReadyToWorkState">
        <restriction base="xsd:string">
          <enumeration value="RTW-Error" />
          <!-- enum order = 0 -->
          <!-- enumeration value="RTW-Warning" />
          <!-- enum order = 1 -->
          <!-- enumeration value="RTW-Ready" />
          <!-- enum order = 2 -->
        </restriction>
      </simpleType>
      <simpleType name="RadioMode">
        <restriction base="xsd:string">
          <enumeration value="RadioMode-Unknown" />
          <!-- enum order = 1 -->
          <!-- enumeration value="RadioMode-Auto" />
          <!-- enum order = 1 -->
        </restriction>
      </simpleType>
    </schema>
  </types>

```

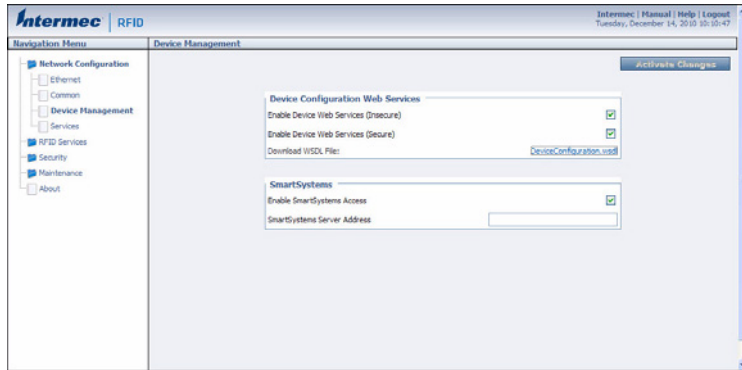
Using SmartSystems Foundation

The IF2 ships with a SmartSystems™ client, which means you can manage it from a central host PC using Intermec's SmartSystems Foundation. The SmartSystems Console displays all discovered SmartSystems devices in your network.

For more information on SmartSystems Foundation, go to www.intermec.com/SmartSystems. For information on using the SmartSystems Console, in the Console choose **SmartSystems > Help**.

To use SmartSystems Foundation

- 1 From the menu, click **Network Configuration > Device Management**. The Device Management screen appears.



On the IF2, SmartSystems is enabled by default.

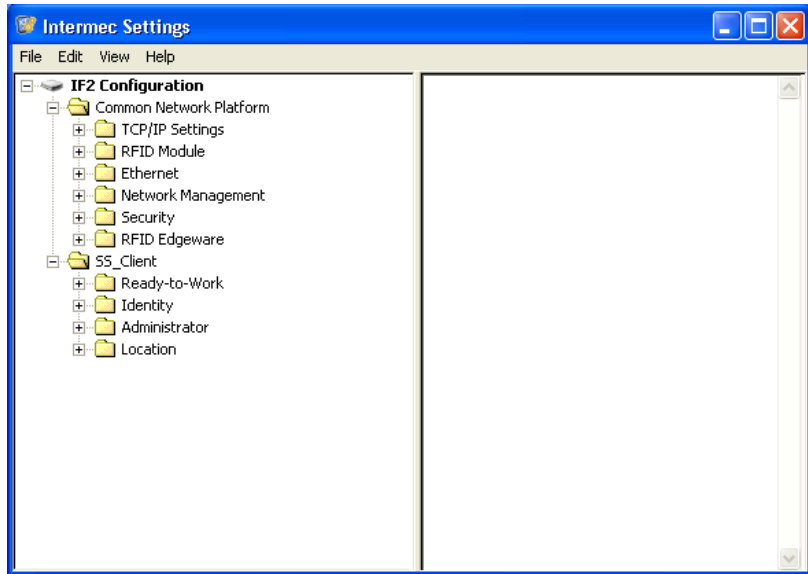
- 2 To automatically connect to the SmartSystems server at boot time, enter the server address in the **SmartSystems Server Address** entry field. After you specify the server address, SmartSystems will discover the IF2 during the next broadcast interval.

To disable SmartSystems access to the IF2, uncheck the **Enable SmartSystems Access** check box.

- 3 Click **Activate Changes** to save your settings and immediately make them active.

Configuring the IF2 With Intermec Settings

In the SmartSystems console, right-click an IF2 and choose **Intermec Settings** from the menu. The Intermec Settings window appears.



Intermec Settings: If you use the SmartSystems Console to manage the IF2, you can use Intermec Settings to configure the IF2.

For help with using Intermec Settings, in the Intermec Settings browser choose **Help > Online Manual**.

Opening a Serial or USB Connection to the IF2

You can connect the IF2 to your desktop PC via the serial or USB port to perform these tasks:

- Assign the IF2 an initial IP address.
- Restore default settings.
- Establish a BRI session.

Opening a Serial Connection to the IF2

If you are opening a serial connection to the IF2, you need:

- a null-modem cable (P/N 059167).
- a communications program such as HyperTerminal.



Note: If you have Microsoft ActiveSync running on your desktop PC, disable ActiveSync to make the serial port available.

To connect to the IF2 via the serial port

- 1 Connect the null-modem cable from the serial port on the IF2 to a serial port on your PC.
- 2 Start the communications program and configure the serial port communications parameters to:
 - Bits per second: 115200
 - Data bits: 8
 - Parity: None
 - Stop bit: 1
 - Flow control: None
- 3 Connect the IF2 to power. The IF2 boots as soon as you apply power. In about a minute, the message “Loading System” appears as the IF2 initializes, and in another minute or two the login message appears.

```
Loading System....  
Intermec IF2  
Login with username/password of "config" to start initial configuration.  
IF2A00000000007 login:
```

The serial connection is established. From here you can do these tasks:

- You can assign an initial IP address to the IF2 for configuration. For help, see [“Assigning an Initial IP Address” on page 7.](#)

- You can restore default settings. For help, see **“To restore defaults via a serial connection” on page 62.**
- You can open a BRI session.

Opening a USB Connection to the IF2

If you are connecting the IF2 using a USB connection, you need:

- a USB cable.
- to create a folder with a gserial.inf and a usbser.sys file.

To connect to the IF2 using the USB port

- 1** Create a folder to place the gserial.inf and usb.sys file in.
- 2** Click **Start > Programs > Accessories > Notepad.**
- 3** In Notepad, copy and paste the following text:

```
[Version]
Signature="$Windows NT$"
Class=Ports
ClassGuid={4D36E978-E325-11CE-BFC1-08002BE10318}
Provider=%LINUX%
DriverVer=08/17/2004,0.0.2.0
; Copyright (C) 2004 Al Borchers (alborchers@steinerpoint.com)

[Manufacturer]
%LINUX%=GSerialDeviceList

[GSerialDeviceList]
%GSERIAL%=GSerialInstall, USB\VID_0525&PID_A4A7

[DestinationDirs]
DefaultDestDir=10,System32\Drivers

[GSerialInstall]
CopyFiles=GSerialCopyFiles
AddReg=GSerialAddReg

[GSerialCopyFiles]
usbser.sys

[GSerialAddReg]
HKR,,DevLoader,,*ntkern
HKR,,NTMPDriver,,usbser.sys
HKR,,EnumPropPages32,, "MsPorts.dll,SerialPortPropPageProvider"
```

```
[GSerialInstall.Services]
AddService = usbser,0x0002,GSerialService

[GSerialService]
DisplayName = %GSERIAL_DISPLAY_NAME%
ServiceType = 1 ; SERVICE_KERNEL_DRIVER
StartType = 3 ; SERVICE_DEMAND_START
ErrorControl = 1 ; SERVICE_ERROR_NORMAL
ServiceBinary = %10%\System32\Drivers\usbser.sys
LoadOrderGroup = Base

[Strings]
LINUX = "Linux"
GSERIAL = "Gadget Serial"
GSERIAL_DISPLAY_NAME = "USB Gadget Serial Driver"
```

- 4** Click **File > Save As**.
- 5** Browse to the folder that you created in Step 1.
- 6** In the **File name:** text box, type **gserial.inf**, and click **Save**.
- 7** Browse to the c:\Windows\Driver Cache\i386 directory and locate the driver.cab file.
- 8** Open the driver.cab file with a .cab extraction tool and find the usb.sys file.
- 9** Copy the usb.sys file to the folder you created in Step 1.
- 10** Connect the IF2 to your PC using a USB cable. The Found New Hardware Wizard appears.
- 11** Select **Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)**, and click **Next**.
- 12** Select **Include this location in the search**, and enter browse to the folder you created in Step 1.
- 13** Click **Continue Anyway** when the Windows Logo Testing screen appears. The IF2 is connected by a USB connection. From here you can do these tasks:
 - You can assign an initial IP address to the IF2 for configuration. For help, see **“Assigning an Initial IP Address” on page 7**.

- You can restore default settings. For help, see [“To restore defaults via a serial connection” on page 62](#).
- You can open a BRI session.

Maintaining the IF2

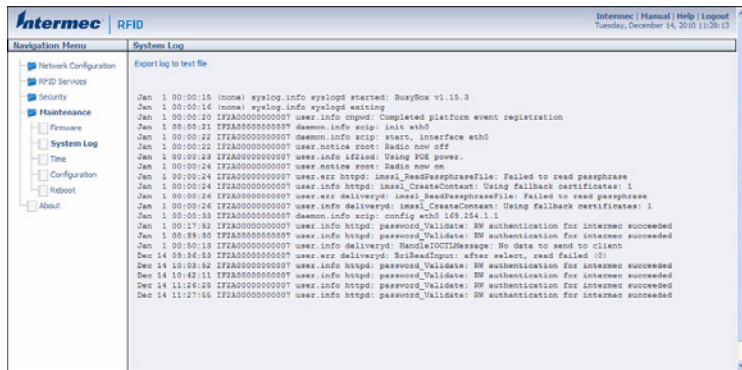
The Maintenance menu lets you view IF2 parameters and statistics, including a list of logged events. You may need this information if you need to call Intermecc Product Support.

Viewing the System Log

The System Log screen shows events that have been logged by the IF2.

To view the System Log screen

- 1 From the menu, click **Maintenance > System Log**. The System Log screen appears. This screen is read-only.



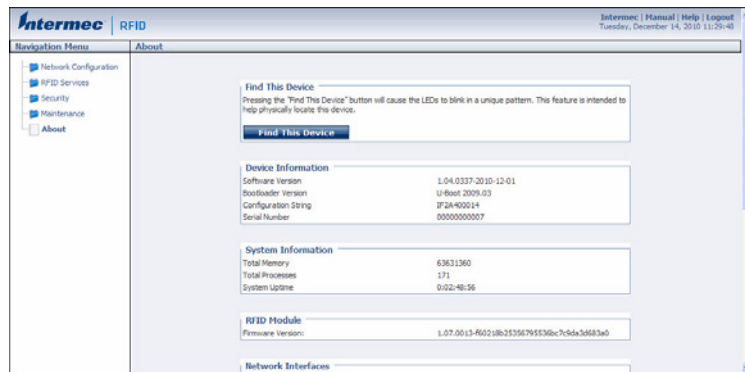
- 2 To save the list, click **Export log to text file**. The log is saved as Syslog.log and appears in the browser window.
- 3 Choose **File > Save As** and follow the prompts to save the log file to your desktop PC.

Viewing the About Screen

The About screen lists installed software versions, serial numbers, and other IF2-specific information.

To view the About screen

- From the menu, click **About**. The About screen appears. This screen is read-only.



The About screen includes this information:

- Device information: IF2 firmware version, hardware configuration string, and serial number.
- System information: Available memory, number of running processes, and amount of time the IF2 has been running.
- RFID Module firmware: Firmware version installed.
- Network interface information.
- Installed subsystems: versions of all currently loaded IF2 subsystems, including Linux.

Using the LEDs to Locate the IF2

You can use the LEDs to help locate a specific IF2 in your location.

To locate an IF2

- In the About This IF2 RFID Reader screen, click **Find This Device**. All of the LEDs except the Power and Wired LAN LEDs flash. Click **Finished Finding This Device** to turn off the LEDs.

Restoring the IF2 to the Default Configuration



Note: Restoring default settings as described in this section does not affect security certificates you have installed.

There are four ways to restore the default configuration on the IF2:

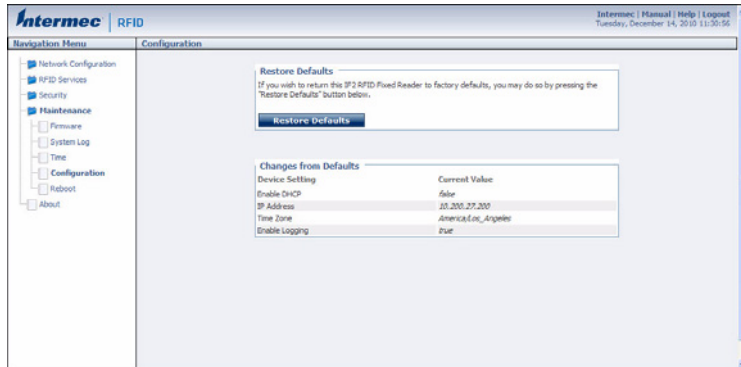
- You can restore default settings from the web browser interface. For help, see the next section.
- You can restore default settings by pressing the reset switch located on the top of the IF2.
- You can restore default settings via a serial connection. For help, see **“To restore defaults via a serial connection” on page 62**.
- You can restore default settings using the Device Configuration Web Services. For help, see the *Device Configuration Web Services Command Reference Manual*.

Restoring Default Settings Using the Web Browser

If you are having problems with the IF2, you can use the web browser interface to restore the default settings to the IF2.

To restore defaults using the web browser

- 1 From the menu, click **Maintenance > Configuration**. The Configuration screen appears and displays all configuration changes from the factory default settings.



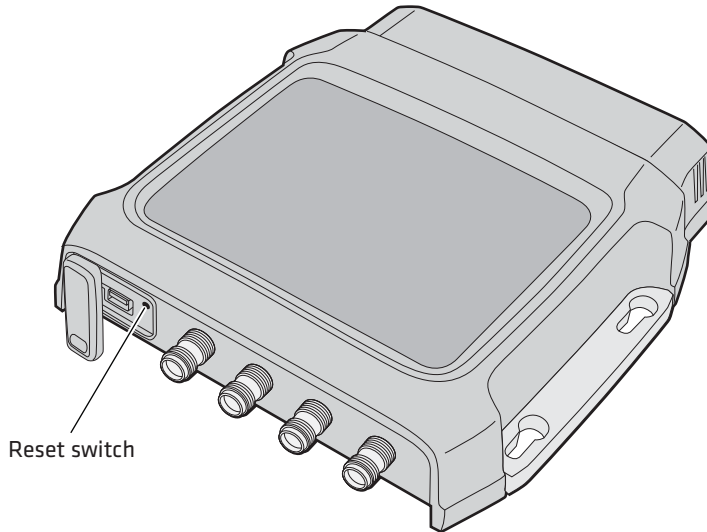
- 2 Click **Restore Defaults**. A confirming message appears.
 - 3 Click **OK**. The IF2 reboots and restores the default configuration.
- Or, click **Cancel** to close the confirming message without restoring defaults.

Restoring Default Settings Using the Reset Switch

If you are having problems with the IF2, you can press the reset switch to restore the default settings to the IF2.

To restore defaults via a serial connection

- 1 Make sure the IF2 is powered on.
- 2 Using a paper clip, push and hold the reset switch for three seconds. The LEDs on the IF2 flashes.



- 3 Release the reset switch. The IF2 reboots and restores the default configuration.

Restoring Default Settings Using a Serial Connection

If you are having problems with the IF2, you can use a serial connection to restore the default settings to the IF2.

To restore defaults via a serial connection

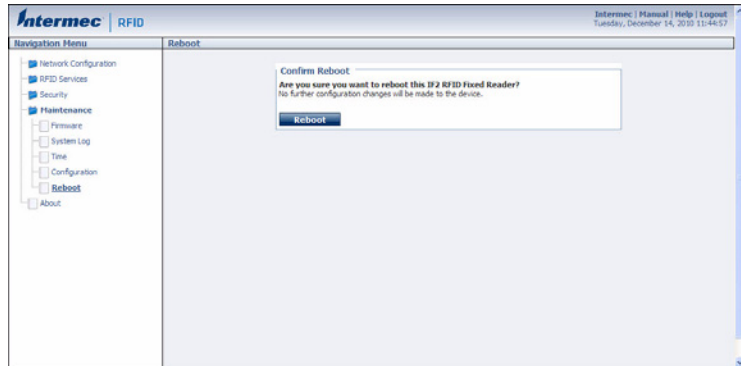
- 1 Open a serial connection to the IF2. For help, see [“Opening a Serial or USB Connection to the IF2” on page 54.](#)
- 2 In the login field, type `restore_defaults` and then press **Enter**.
- 3 In the Password field, press **Enter**. The IF2 reboots and the default settings are restored.

Rebooting the IF2

You can reboot the IF2 from the web browser interface as described in the next procedure. For example, you may need to reboot the IF2 to enable changes in an application.

To reboot the IF2

- 1 From the menu, click **Maintenance** > **Reboot**. The Reboot screen appears.



- 2 Click **Reboot** to reboot the IF2. You need to log in again after the IF2 reboots.

Troubleshooting the IF2

This section includes lists of problems and possible solutions.

Problems While Working With RFID

Many problems you may encounter when working with your RFID system can be solved by carefully checking the RFID settings and changing them accordingly. For help, see [“About RFID Services” on page 38](#).

RFID Problems and Solutions

Problem	Solution
The IF2 is unable to read RFID tags, or seems to read tags slowly or inconsistently.	Check these conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your RFID antennas must be connected correctly to the IF2 and mounted in optimum locations. Make sure all antenna connections are tight and that the cables are in good condition. For help, contact your Intermec RFID system consultant.• To maximize IF2 performance, make sure you have chosen the correct tag types for your application. For help, see “Configuring BRI Settings” on page 38.
The IF2 does not respond to your RFID application.	Your application may not be communicating with the IF2 BRI server. You may need to change BRI server settings to communicate with your application. For example, if your application is running on a desktop PC, you need to enable external BRI connections to the IF2. For help, see “Configuring the BRI Server” on page 43 .

Connecting Directly to the RFID Module

If your application does not appear to be communicating with the IF2 RFID module, you can use a communications program to verify that the RFID module is working properly.

You need to know the IF2 IP address to connect directly to the RFID module. To verify that the RFID reader is reading tags, you need a known good RFID antenna and at least one good RFID tag.

To connect directly to the IF2 RFID module and verify operation

- 1 Make sure the RFID antenna is connected properly to the IF2.
- 2 Apply power to the IF2.
- 3 Use a communications program (such as HyperTerminal) to open a TCP/IP connection to the IF2 with these parameters:

Parameter	Value
IP Address	IP address of the IF2
Port	2189

Configure the communications program to echo typed characters locally and to send line feeds with line ends.

- 4 Press **Enter**. The BRI prompt (OK>) appears.

If the prompt does not appear, there may be a problem with the RFID module or your connection to the module.

- 5 Type **ATTRIB** and press **Enter**. A list of the current settings for the RFID module appears, indicating that the module is receiving commands.

```
FIELDSEP=" "  
FIELDSTRENGTH=30DB,30DB,30DB,30DB  
TIMEOUTMODE=OFF  
CHKSUM=OFF  
NOTAGRPT=ON  
IDREPORT=ON  
SESSION=2  
INITIALQ=4  
INITTRIES=1  
IDTRIES=1  
ANTTRIES=3  
IDTIMEOUT=100  
ANTTIMEOUT=50  
RDTTRIES=3  
WRTRIES=3  
LOCKTRIES=3  
SELTRIES=1  
UNSELTRIES=1  
RPTTIMEOUT=0  
DENSEREADERMODE=OFF  
SCHEDULEOPT=0  
EPCC162PARAMETERS=11  
OK>
```

If the list does not appear, there may be a problem with the RFID module.

- 6 (Optional) To verify that the RFID module is reading tags:
 - a Place a known good RFID tag within range of the antenna.

- b** Type **READ** and press **Enter**. The tag ID appears, indicating that the module is reading tags.

If the tag ID does not appear, there may be a problem with the RFID module or antenna system.

Problems With Connectivity

When troubleshooting problems with connectivity, make sure you know and understand these network-specific items:

- TCP/IP settings
- COM port settings for serial connections

You should also make sure all physical network connectors and cables are in good working order.

Connectivity Problems and Solutions

Problem	Solution
You cannot connect to the IF2 using the serial port.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Verify that you are using a null-modem cable to connect to the desktop PC.2 Verify that you are communicating through the correct serial port.3 Verify that your PC is set to 115200, N, 8, 1, no flow control.
You cannot connect to the IF2 using a web browser.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Verify that you have the correct IP address for the IF2.2 If you access the Internet through a proxy server, be sure you have added the IP address of the IF2 to the Exceptions list.
You cannot load a security certificate.	You must use a secure web browser connection to load certificates. For help, see “Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10.
You have assigned a static IP address to the IF2 but cannot connect to the IF2 over your network.	Make sure that DHCP is disabled and that your TCP/IP parameters are set correctly. For help, see “Communicating with the IF2” on page 7.

Calling Intermec Product Support

You may need to call Intermec Product Support if you have problems operating the IF2. Before calling, be sure you can answer the following questions:

- What kind of network are you using?
- What were you doing when the error occurred?
- What error message did you see?
- What is your RFID reader's serial number?
- Can you reproduce the problem?
- What versions of IF2 and RFID software are you using? For help, see **“Viewing the About Screen” on page 59.**

When you have gathered this information, call Intermec Product Support at 1-800-755-5505.

Accessing Intermec Web Pages

Periodically, IF2 firmware updates can be downloaded from www.intermec.com.

You can use the IF2 web browser interface to visit www.intermec.com or to download manuals from Intermec as described next.

To access Intermec web pages

- 1 Open a web browser interface to the IF2. For help, see **“Using the Web Browser Interface” on page 10.**
- 2 To go to www.intermec.com, click **Intermec** in the upper right corner.



To locate IF2 firmware updates, from the main Intermec web page choose **Support > Downloads** and search for IF2.

Or, to download an Intermec product manual, click **Manual** in the upper right corner.

Follow the prompts to search for and download manuals or other documentation.

Upgrading Firmware



Caution

Make sure the IF2 is connected to a reliable power source before you upgrade the firmware. Do not cycle power to the IF2 during the upgrade. If power is lost during the upgrade, the IF2 may require factory repair.

This section explains how to configure and install firmware upgrades on the IF2.



Note: To upgrade the firmware, use only .bin files provided by Intermec. Be sure to contact your Intermec RFID system consultant before upgrading. To locate IF2 upgrades, see the previous section, **“Accessing Intermec Web Pages” on page 67.**”

To upgrade the firmware

- 1 Download the Intermec IF2 OS Upgrade Package utility from the Intermec web site. For help, see the previous section, **“Accessing Intermec Web Pages” on page 67.**
- 2 Run the Upgrade Package utility to configure the firmware upgrade file. For help, see the next section.
- 3 Install and run the firmware upgrade file on the IF2. For help, see **“Installing the Firmware Upgrade” on page 70.**

Configuring the Firmware Upgrade

The Upgrade Package installer configures IF2 firmware upgrades. The configuration you need depends on the method you use to upgrade the IF2:

- Using the web browser interface.
- Using Intermec SmartSystems Server.
- Using Device Configuration Web Services. For help, see the *Device Configuration Web Services Command Reference Manual*.

This section explains how to choose the correct configuration.

To configure the firmware upgrade file

- 1 Double-click the Upgrade Package utility to run it. The opening screen appears.
- 2 Click **Next**.
- 3 If you are going to upgrade the IF2 via the web browser interface, deselect the **SmartSystems Upgrade Bundle** button and click **Next**. The bundle install location screen appears.

If you are going to use Intermec SmartSystems Server to upgrade the IF2, deselect the **Web Upgrade Bundle** button and then click **Next**. The bundle install location screen appears.

- 4 Click **Next** to install the upgrade file at the default location, and then click **Install**. The upgrade file is installed.

To choose a different location:

- a Click **Browse** to browse to a different location.
 - b Double-click a folder to choose the location.
 - c Click **Next**.
 - d Click **Install**. The file is installed at the new location.
- 5 Click **Finish** to close the utility.

Installing the Firmware Upgrade

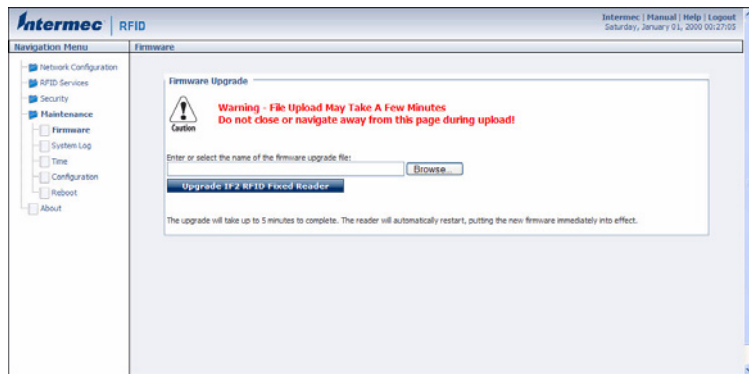
This section describes the different methods of how to install and run the IF2 firmware upgrade.

Upgrading From the Web Browser Interface

You can use the web browser interface to upgrade the firmware on the IF2.

To upgrade the IF2 using the web browser interface

- 1 From the menu, click **Maintenance > Firmware**. The Firmware screen appears.



- 2 Click **Browse** to browse to the location of the upgrade file, and then double-click the filename. The name of the file appears in the **Enter or select the name of the firmware upgrade file** entry field.

- 3 Click Upgrade IF2 RFID Fixed Reader.** The upgrade process begins and the firmware is transferred to the IF2.

During the upgrade, the web browser interface screen does not auto-refresh. Click **Refresh** in the web browser to check the progress of the upgrade. When the login screen appears, the upgrade is complete and the IF2 has already rebooted.

Upgrading With SmartSystems Foundation

You can use the SmartSystems server to upgrade the firmware on the IF2. The server is part of SmartSystems Foundation, which is available from the Intermec web site.

Before you can upgrade the IF2, you need:

- SmartSystems Foundation. For more information, go to www.intermec.com/SmartSystems.
- the IF2 upgrade file. For help, see “**Configuring the Firmware Upgrade**” on page 69.

To upgrade the IF2 using the SmartSystems Foundation Server

- 1** Install SmartSystems Foundation on your PC and open the server.
- 2** Make sure the server and your IF2 are on the same subnet.
- 3** In the software vault, locate the IF2 upgrade to install.
- 4** Drag-and-drop the upgrade file onto the IF2 you want to upgrade. SmartSystems server tells you that it is installing the upgrade on the IF2.

The SmartSystems server shows the IF2 as being offline until the reader reboots and reconnects to the system.



Caution

Do not cycle power to the IF2 during the upgrade. If power is lost during the upgrade, the IF2 may require factory repair.

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Using the IF2 GPIO Interfaces

This chapter explains how to access the IF2 general purpose input/output (GPIO) interfaces and how to connect industrial controls such as motion sensors or indicator lamps to the IF2. This chapter includes the following topics:

- **About the GPIO Interfaces**
- **Accessing the Interfaces**
- **Using the Input Interfaces**
- **Using the Output Interfaces**
- **Using the Power Interface**

About the GPIO Interfaces

The IF2 has four general purpose input and output (GPIO) interfaces. You connect external controls such as motion sensors or indicator lamps to the GPIO interfaces, which can then trigger IF2 operations.

Each interface is electrically isolated from the IF2 and designed for low voltage DC loads. The IF2 can also supply 12 VDC at 0.5 A to external devices.

How the inputs and outputs are used depends on the RFID application software being used in the system. You need to coordinate input and output control wiring with the software developer.

Accessing the Interfaces

You can access the GPIO interfaces through the IF2 GPIO port. The port uses a standard 25-pin serial cable. For port pin assignments, see **“Port Pin Assignments” on page 84**.

Intermec offers these GPIO accessories:

- The GPIO Terminal Block (P/N 203-726-xxx). Use this accessory to connect devices to the IF2 GPIO interfaces. The block provides access to the IF2 GPIO interfaces via standard screw terminals.
- The Light Stack Kit (P/N 203-858-xxx). This 3-color indicator light and beeper connects directly to the IF2 GPIO port and is triggered by the output interfaces. The kit includes a connecting cable.
- The Sensor Kit (P/N 203-859-xxx). This motion sensor connects directly to the IF2 GPIO port and triggers the input interfaces. The kit includes a mounting bracket and connecting cable.
- The Light Stack and Sensor Kit (P/N 203-860-xxx). This kit includes the light stack, a sensor with mounting bracket, and connecting cable.

For more information on these GPIO accessories, contact your local Intermec distributor.

Using the Input Interfaces

Each of the four inputs is compatible with input signals of 10 to 36 VDC. Both the high and low signal contacts are exposed and isolated to 1500 V. Input impedance is 1.8 K ohms minimum.

GPIO Input Signal Descriptions

Signal	Description	Min.	Typical	Max.
V_{in} (High)	High input voltage	10 V	24 V	36 V
V_{in} (Low)	Low input voltage	-1 V	0 V	1 V

In a typical application, the IF2 senses input from an external control like a switch and then starts a tag read operation.

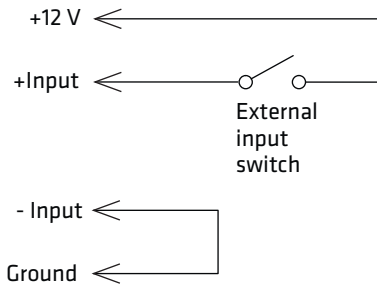
There are three basic ways to connect input controls to the IF2 input interfaces:

- Supply the input interface with power from the IF2.
- Isolate the IF2 from the input power source.
- Use an open collector solid state drive from a remote device to control the inputs.

For more information, see the next examples.

IF2 Powered Input

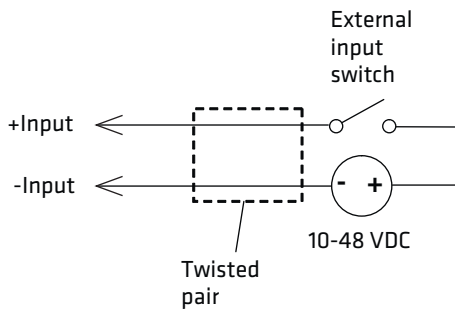
This is the simplest way to connect a control to an IF2 input interface. If the external control device is a switch, you can connect one side of the switch to an IF2 +Input pin, and the other side of the switch to one of the +12 VDC sources. Ground the corresponding -Input pin as shown in the next illustration.



IF2 Powered Input

Isolated Input Interface

Use this method to minimize noise induced by distance or grounding characteristics. The isolated input avoids induced noise by referencing a remote input to chassis return of the IF2. The next illustration shows how this method is wired.

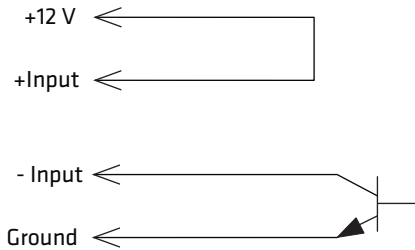


Isolated Input Interface

Open Collector Input Interface

The input can be connected to an open collector interface of an external device. This typically implies that the grounds are tied together for the two systems. The common ground can be a source of input noise, so you should follow good grounding practices for both the IF2 and the input device.

In this situation, the IF2 provides power to the pull-up resistor for the open collector. Connect the +Input pin to the +12 VDC source as shown in the next illustration.

**Open Collector Input Interface**

Using the Output Interfaces

Each IF2 output interface is optically isolated from the IF2, polarized, and rated for 5 to 48 VDC at 0.25 A. All IF2 outputs include internal thermal fuses that trip if the load exceeds 0.25 A, and the fuses are self-recovering once the excessive load is removed. The high and low contacts are exposed and isolated from ground. Transient suppression limits output voltage spikes to 65 VDC.

GPIO Output Specifications

Signal	Description	Min.	Typical	Max.
Leakage current (High)	Switch output, high leakage current	0 mA	1 mA	10 mA
V_{sat} (Low)	Switch output on, saturation voltage with 0.25A load	0V	1V	1.5V

Because the outputs are optically isolated, each one can be configured to switch the high side or the low side of the load. You can power the load directly from the IF2 or from an external power supply.

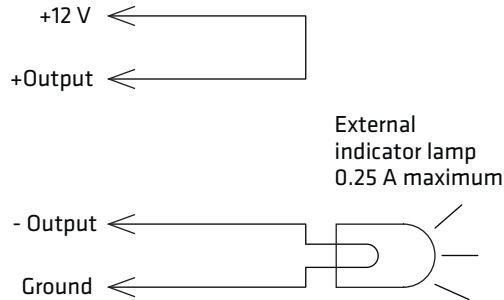
In a typical application, the outputs control indicator lamps that signal good reads or errors. The basic methods for connecting external devices to the GPIO outputs include:

- Switching the high side, with the load powered by the IF2
- Switching the low side, with the load powered by the IF2
- Switching the high side, with the load powered externally
- Driving a DC relay that controls an AC load

These methods are shown in the next examples.

Switching the High Side Using IF2 Power

In this example, an external indicator lamp (0.25 A maximum current) is connected to the -Output and Ground pins, and the corresponding +Output pin is connected to the +12 VDC source.

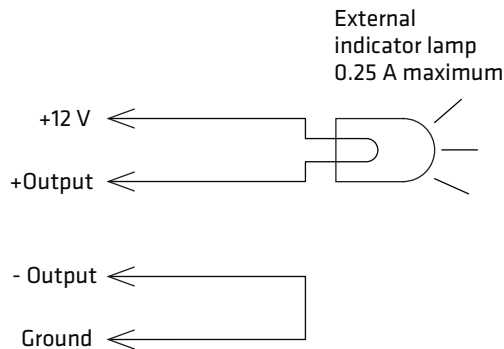


Switching the High Side

Switching the Low Side Using IF2 Power

For low side switching applications, the lamp power is routed to all the lamps in common and the low side of the load is routed to the switch.

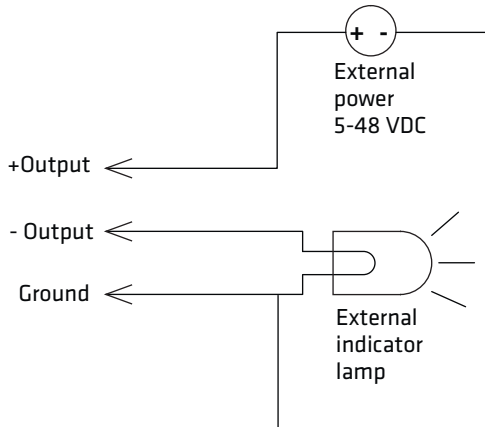
In this method, connect the external indicator lamp to the +Output and +12 VDC pins, and short the corresponding -Output pin to ground as shown.



Switching the Low Side of the Output Load

Switching the High Side Using External Power

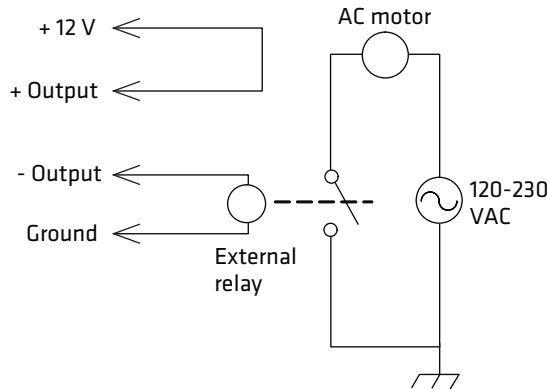
To use external power (5 to 48 VDC) to switch the high side, connect the Ground pin to the ground system of the external power supply, and connect the positive side of the external supply to the +Output pin. The external indicator lamp is connected to the corresponding -Output and Ground pins as shown in the next illustration.



Switching the High Side With External Power

Driving a DC Relay to Control an AC Load

While the IF2 outputs are designed to switch DC loads, they can drive relays that control AC loads. The next illustration shows how to connect such a system to an IF2 output.



Driving a DC Relay: The external relay provides dry contacts for controlling the AC motor.



Note: In many installations, the relay and AC wiring must be placed in an enclosure that meets local fire code regulations.

Using the Power Interface

The IF2 GPIO interface provides 12 VDC at 0.5 A for powering external inputs and loads, eliminating the need for an external DC supply and simplifying the system installation.

The GPIO interface power has an internal thermal fuse that trips if the load exceeds 0.5 A. The fuse is self-recovering once the excessive load is removed.

The total load on the GPIO interface power must stay within the 0.5 A limit. When you design a system that uses the GPIO interface power, be sure to complete a power budget assessment to ensure that the supply is adequate for the system.

If your system needs more than +12 VDC at 0.5 A, you can connect an external power supply to the +12 V and Ground pins. The external supply powers the external loads, and that power will be available at all +12 V pins on the GPIO port.

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Specifications

This appendix includes physical and electrical specifications for the IF2 and information about the port pin assignments.

IF2 Specifications

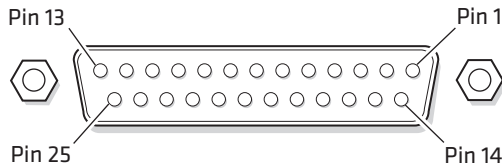
Specifications	Values
Height	19.9 cm (7.87 in)
Length	18.8 cm (7.42 in)
Width	4.3 cm (1.7 in)
Weight	1 kg (2.2 lb)
DC electrical rating	12 V +/- 5%, 30 W (55 V, 30 W for High Power Over Ethernet)
Operating temperature	-20°C to +50°C (-4°F to +122°F)
Storage temperature	-30°C to +70°C (-22°F to +158°F)
Humidity (non-condensing)	5% to 95% non-condensing
Ethernet interfaces	10BaseT/100BaseTx (twisted-pair) with 802.3at High Power Over Ethernet (POE)
Ethernet compatibility	Ethernet frame types and Ethernet addressing
Ethernet data rate	10 Mbps/100 Mbps
Serial port maximum data rate	115,200 bps

RFID Specifications

Specifications	Values
Protocols Supported	EPCglobal Class 1 Gen 2 ISO 18000-6B Generation 1 ISO 18000-6B Generation 2 ATA
Frequency Range	865.6 - 867.6 MHz, or 902 - 928 MHz
Output power 865-867 MHz, 900 MHz	Minimum: 1 dBm Maximum: 30.0 dBm
Occupied frequency bandwidth	<250 KHz
Tag data rate	32 kbps/320 kbps
Dispatch rates	> 200 tags per second
Transmitter type	90% amplitude modulation index
Frequency stability	<±100 ppm from -25°C to +55°C (-13°F to 131°F)
Number of antennas	Up to 4, electronically switched
Antenna port isolation	22 dB
Antenna connectors	Reverse TNC

Port Pin Assignments

GPIO Port



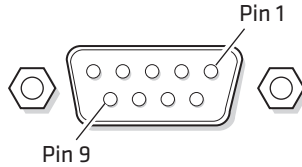
GPIO Port Pin Assignments

Pin	Description	Active Polarity
1	-Input 1	Low-RTN
2	-Input 2	Low-RTN
3	-Input 3	Low-RTN
4	-Input 4	Low-RTN
5	Ground	
6	Ground	
7	+Output 1	High (10-48 V)
8	Ground	
9	+Output 2	High (10-48 V)
10	Ground	
11	+Output 3	High (10-48 V)
12	Ground	
13	+Output 4	High (10-48 V)
14	+Input 1	High (10-48 V)
15	+Input 2	High (10-48 V)
16	+Input 3	High (10-48 V)
17	+Input 4	High (10-48 V)
18	12VDC	
19	-Output 1	Low-RTN
20	12VDC	
21	-Output 2	Low-RTN
22	12VDC	
23	-Output 3	Low-RTN

GPIO Port Pin Assignments (continued)

Pin	Description	Active Polarity
24	12 VDC	
25	-Output 4	Low-RTN

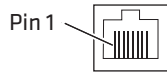
Serial Ports (COM1)



Serial Port Pin Assignments

Pin	Description	Active Polarity
1	NC	
2	Receive data (RXD)	
3	Transmit data (TXD)	
4	NC	
5	Signal ground	
6	NC	
7	Request to send (RTS)	Low
8	Clear to send (CTS)	Low
9	NC	

Ethernet Port



Ethernet Port Pin Assignments

Pin	Description
1	Ethernet TX+/Spare POE return
2	Ethernet TX-/Spare POE return
3	Ethernet RX+/Spare POE 48 VDC
4	Not used/POE 48 VDC
5	Not used/POE 48 VDC
6	Ethernet RX-/Spare POE 48 VDC
7	Not used/POE return
8	Not used/POE return



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