

Serial Port Programming

[WattmonPRO](#) and [WattmonMEGA](#) come with an RS-232 serial interface on pins 7 and 8 and an RS-485 port on an RJ45 connector. The device is configured by default for RS-232 voltage levels and by using a simple DB9 cable can be connected to any serial device. For specific devices that require TTL levels, a jumper setting inside the device can bypass the level converter IC and it can thus be used to interface with sensors or other devices at 3.3V DC.

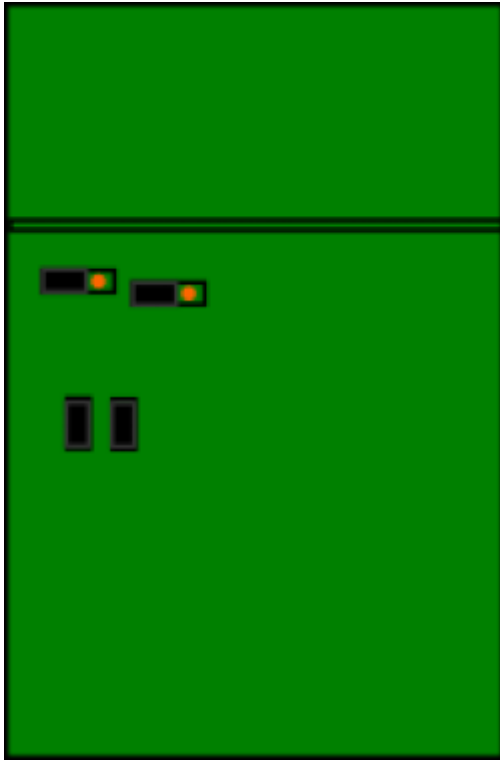
Using the RS-232 Serial Port

To open the serial port, use the [fseropen\(\)](#) function. The serial port is treated like a file after opening and standard file functions such as [fread\(\)](#), [fwrite\(\)](#), [fgets\(\)](#) and [filesize\(\)](#) apply.

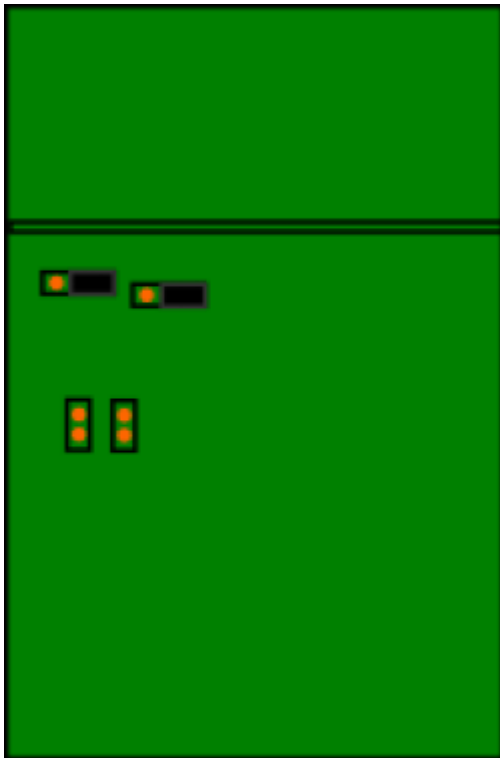
An example of using the serial port is shown below:

```
<?
// Open the serial port at 115200 baud in non-blocking mode
$fp=fseropen(115200,0);
if (!$fp) {
    print("Serial open failed");
} else {
    $res=fwrite($fp,"Hello from wattmon");
    if ($res) {
        print("An error occurred while trying to write to the port");
    }
    fclose($fp);
}
?>
```

Jumper Settings Inside Wattmon



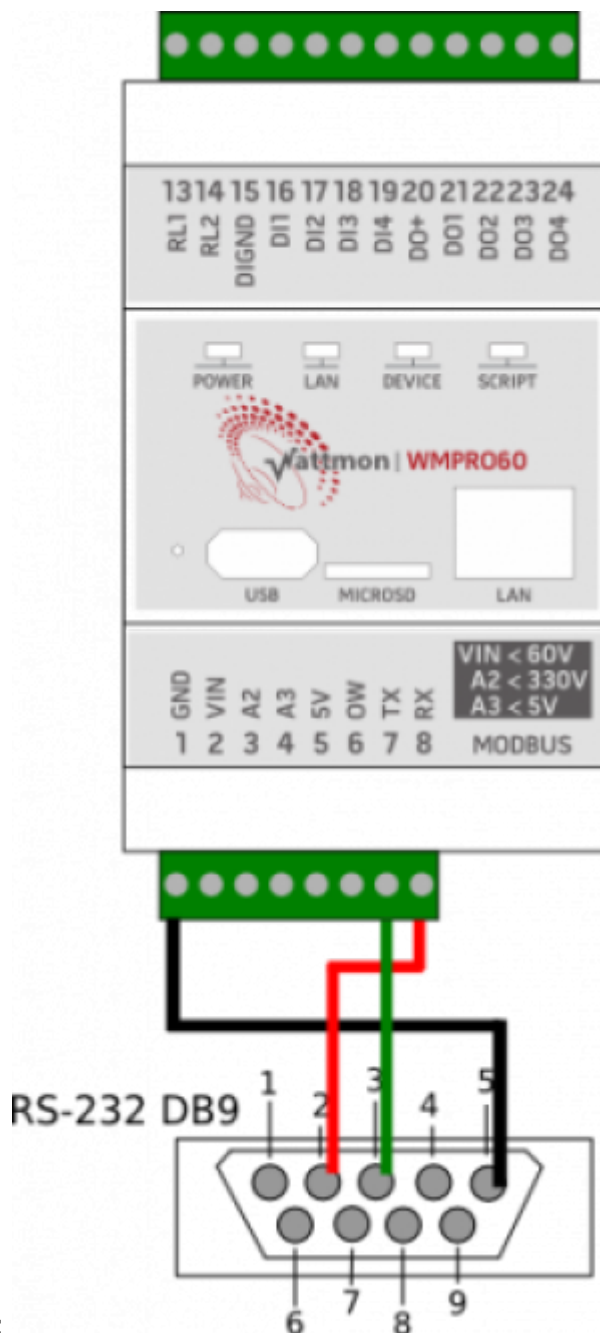
< Settings for RS-232 Mode



< Settings for TTL Mode

RS-232 Cable Connection

In order to connect to a device you will need to procure a DB9 cable (male or female) and connect it



up as shown in the following diagram:

Using the RS-485 Serial Port

In order to use the RS-485 port, you need to disable modbus polling. This is done from the Devices > Options > Edit Communication Settings as shown here:

[Home](#) / [Control Panel](#) / Communication Settings

Communication Settings

Communication port settings lets you interface with nonstandard modbus equipment.

Communication Settings

Modbus Support ☐ Enabled - RS-485 (and Modbus TCP if available) will be polled automatically

☒ Disabled - Use the RS-485 port for proprietary protocols through scripts

To open the RS-485 port, use the [f485open\(\)](#) function. The RS-485 serial port is treated like a file after opening and standard file functions such as [fread\(\)](#), [fwrite\(\)](#), [fgets\(\)](#) and [filesize\(\)](#) apply.

An example of using the RS-485 serial port is shown below:

```
<?
// Open the 485 port at 115200 baud with no parity
$fp=f485open(115200,0);
if (!$fp) {
    print("Serial open failed");
} else {
    $res=fwrite($fp,"Hello from wattmon");
    if ($res) {
        print("An error occurred while trying to write to the port");
    }
    fclose($fp);
}
?>
```

RS-485 Cable Connection

Use a standard RJ-45 cable and cut it to connect your RS-485 device to [WattmonPRO](#) or [WattmonMEGA](#).

PIN	Color	Description
1,2	Orange	GND
4	Blue	D+ / A
5	White-Blue	D- / B



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