

Start Guide

QEC-M-01 Modbus TCP Control Digital I/O



86Duino Coding IDE 501

Ethernet Library & Modbus Library

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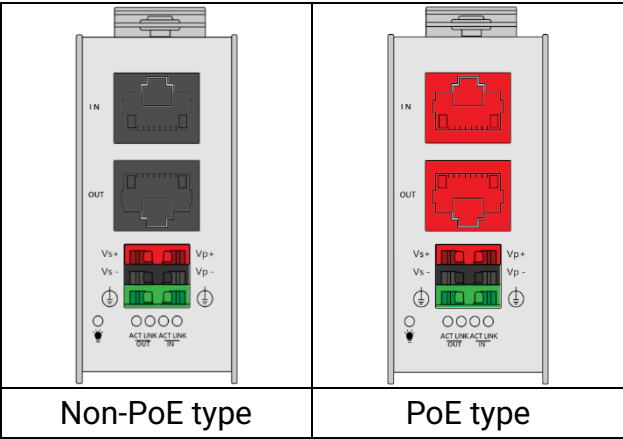
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2025/06/12	Version1.0	New Release.

Preface

In this guide, we will show you how to use the EtherCAT MDevice QEC-M-01 control Modbus TCP Digital I/O Modbus via Modbus Library.

Notes QEC’s PoE (Power over Ethernet)

In QEC product installations, users can easily distinguish between PoE and non-PoE: if the RJ45 house is red, it is PoE type, and if the RJ45 house is black, it is non-PoE type.



PoE (Power over Ethernet) is a function that delivers power over the network. QEC can be equipped with an optional PoE function to reduce cabling. In practice, PoE is selected based on system equipment, so please pay attention to the following points while evaluating and testing:

- 1. The PoE function of QEC is different and incompatible with EtherCAT P, and the PoE function of QEC is based on PoE Type B, and the pin functions are as follows:



- 2. When connecting PoE and non-PoE devices, make sure to disconnect Ethernet cables at pins 4, 5, 7, and 8 (e.g., when a PoE-supported QEC EtherCAT MDevice connects with a third-party EtherCAT SubDevice).
- 3. QEC’s PoE power supply is up to 24V/3A.

1. Connection and wiring hardware

The following devices are used here:

1. QEC-M-01 (EtherCAT MDevice)
2. Modbus TCP Digital I/O Module (8-in & 8-out)
3. 24V power supply

1.1 QEC-M-01

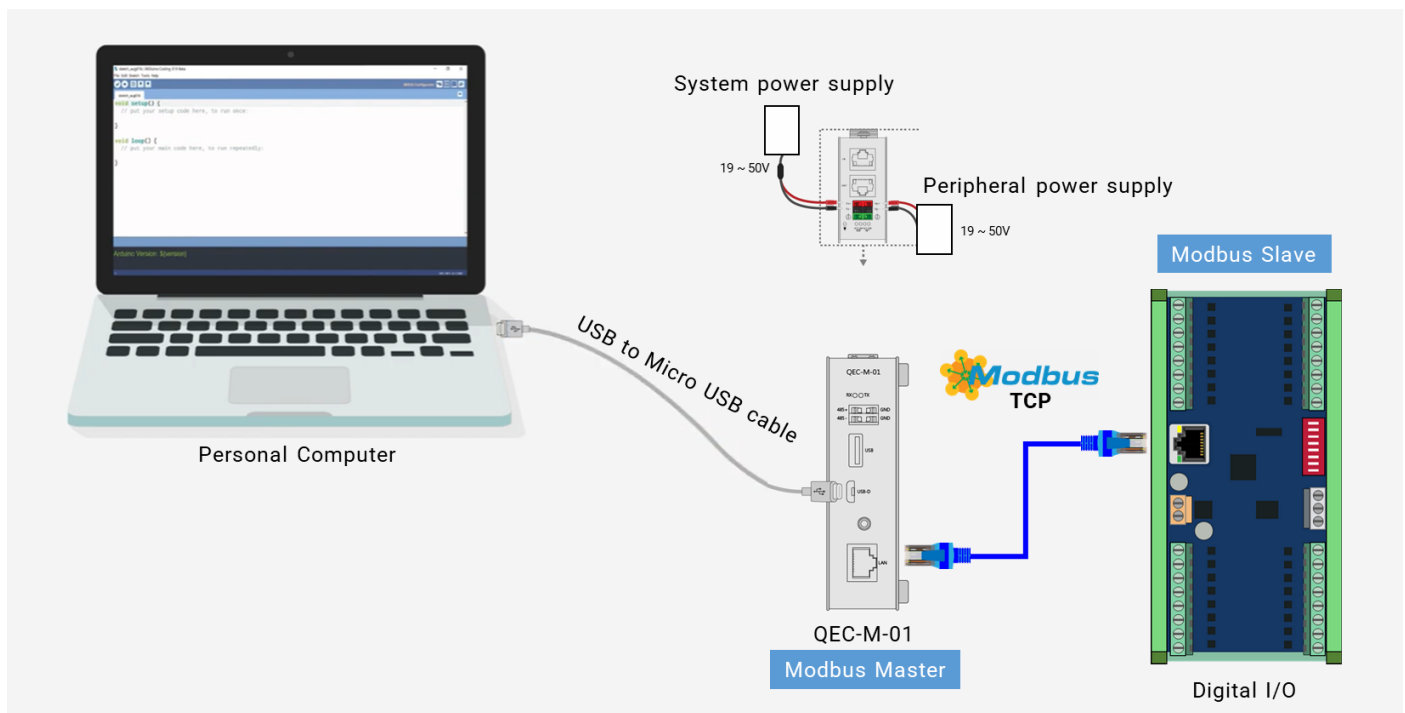
QEC EtherCAT MDevice.

1. Power Supply:

Connect to Vs+/Vs- and Vp+/Vp- power supplies via EU terminals for 24V power.

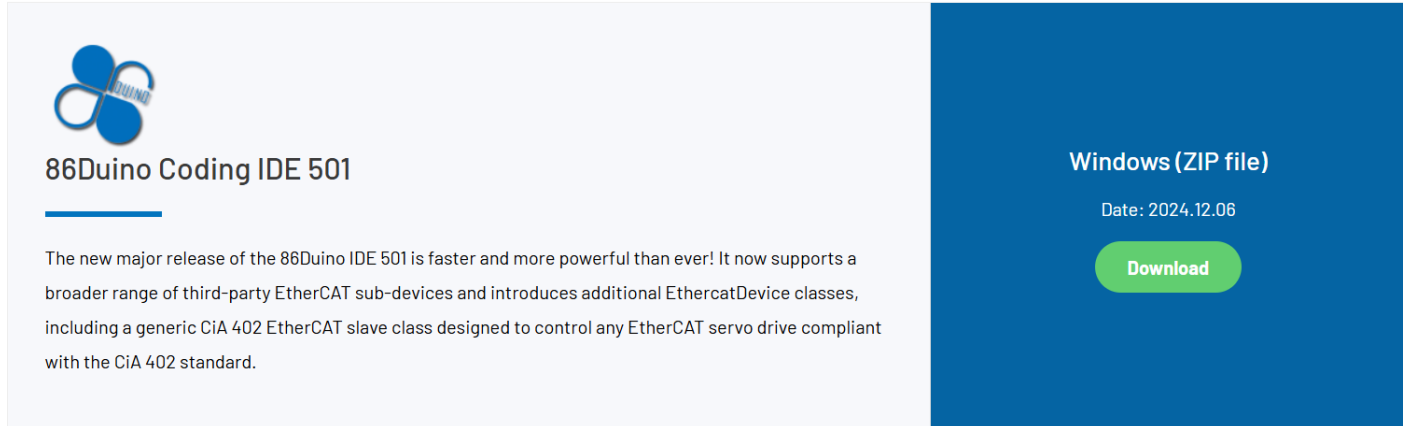
2. Ethernet Connection:

Using the Ethernet port (On the front side) connected to the LAN port on the Modbus IO Module via an RJ45 cable.



2. Software/Development Environment

Download 86duino IDE from <https://www.qec.tw/software/>.



The image shows the 86duino Coding IDE 501 download page. On the left, there is a logo and the title "86duino Coding IDE 501". Below the title, a paragraph describes the new major release, stating it is faster and more powerful, supporting a broader range of third-party EtherCAT sub-devices and introducing additional EthercatDevice classes, including a generic CiA 402 EtherCAT slave class. On the right, there is a blue sidebar with the text "Windows (ZIP file)", the date "Date: 2024.12.06", and a green "Download" button.

After downloading, please unzip the downloaded zip file, no additional software installation is required, just double-click 86duino.exe to start the IDE.



Note:

If Windows displays a warning, click Details once and then click the Continue Run button once.

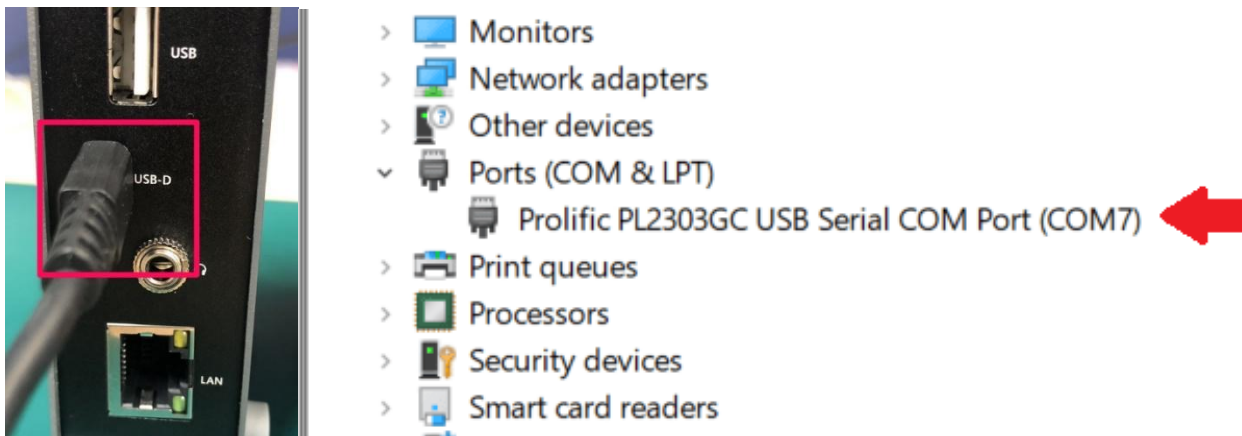
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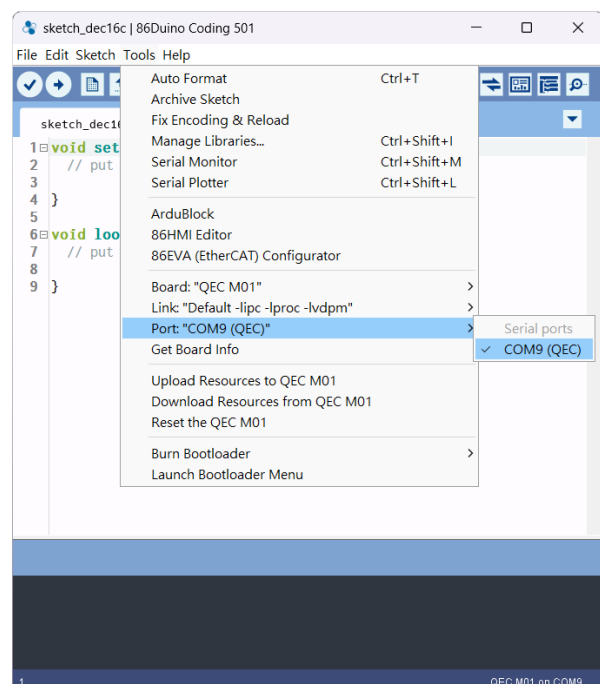
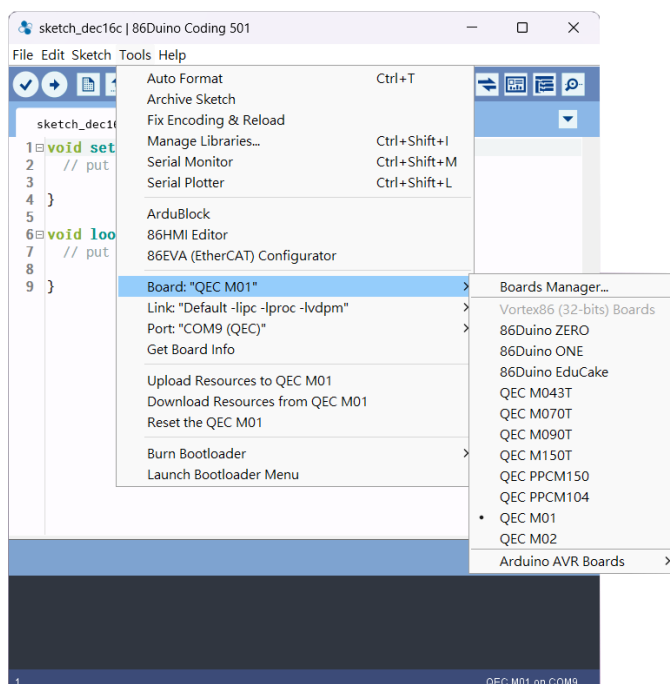
3. Connect to PC and set up the environment

Follow the steps below to set up the environment:

1. Connect the QEC-M-01 to your PC via a Micro USB to USB cable (86Duino IDE installed).
2. Turn on the QEC power.
3. Open "Device Manager" (select in the menu after pressing Win+X) -> "Ports (COM & LPT)" in your PC and expand the ports; you should see that the "Prolific PL2303GC USB Serial COM Port (COMx)" is detected; if not, you will need to install the required drivers.
(For Windows PL2303 driver, you can download [here](#))



4. Open the 86Duino IDE.
5. Select the correct board: In the IDE's menu, select Tools > Board > QEC-M-01 (or the QEC MDevice model you use).
6. Select Port: In the IDE's menu, select Tools > Port and select the USB port to connect to the QEC MDevice (in this case, COM9 (QEC)).



4. Write code

The QEC-M-01 controller can communicate with a remote DIO (Digital Input/Output) module via the Modbus TCP protocol. The development is carried out using the 86Duino IDE and the **Ethernet** and **Modbus** libraries.

In the Arduino programming model, the `setup()` function is used for initial configuration, and the `loop()` function handles the main logic. This example demonstrates reading a holding register and writing to digital outputs (Coils) every second.

Hardware Configuration

- Modbus Master Device: QEC-M-01
- Modbus Slave Device: DIO module at IP address 192.168.1.80, and ID is 28.
- Communication Protocol: Modbus TCP
- Ethernet MAC/IP: Assigned to QEC-M-01 for network access

A. In Setup Function

The `setup()` function initializes the Modbus TCP connection and prepares the system for communication.

1. Begin serial communication at 115200 baud for debugging purposes.
2. Set the MAC address and local IP address of the QEC-M-01.
3. Begin Modbus TCP communication with the slave device.

B. In Loop Function

The `loop()` function executes once per second and performs the following:

1. Read 1 word (16 bits) from holding register address 4 of slave device 28.
2. Use the read value to set 8 digital outputs (coils) starting from address 0.
3. Print the binary value of the read data to the Serial Monitor.
4. If the Modbus read fails, an error message is printed.

Key API Functions:

- `readHoldingRegisters(uint8_t slave_id, uint16_t address, uint16_t size, uint16_t *data);`
- `writeMultipleCoils(uint8_t slave_id, uint16_t address, uint16_t size, uint16_t *data);`

The example code is as follows:

```
#include "Modbus.h"
#include <Ethernet.h>

ModbusMaster bus;

byte mac[] = {0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00};
IPAddress localIp(192, 168, 1, 101);
IPAddress serverIp(192, 168, 1, 80);



uint16_t data[1];

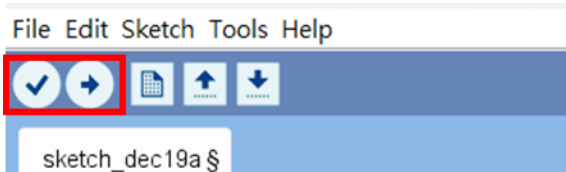
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(115200);

  Ethernet.begin(mac, localIp);
  bus.begin(MODBUS_TCP, serverIp);
}

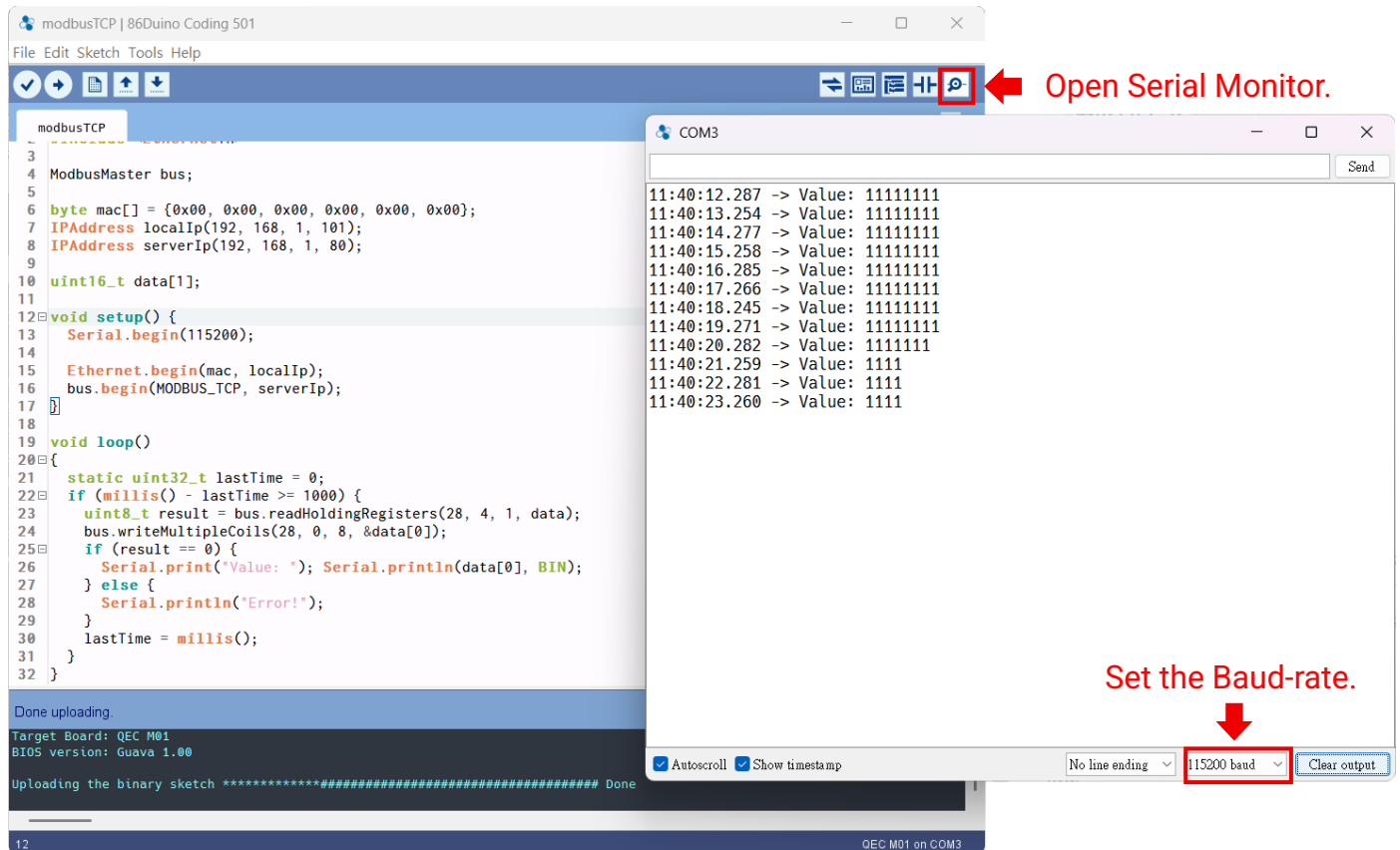
void loop()
{
  static uint32_t lastTime = 0;
  if (millis() - lastTime >= 1000) {
    uint8_t result = bus.readHoldingRegisters(28, 4, 1, data);
    bus.writeMultipleCoils(28, 0, 8, &data[0]);
    if (result == 0) {
      Serial.print("Value: "); Serial.println(data[0], BIN);
    } else {
      Serial.println("Error!");
    }
    lastTime = millis();
  }
}
```

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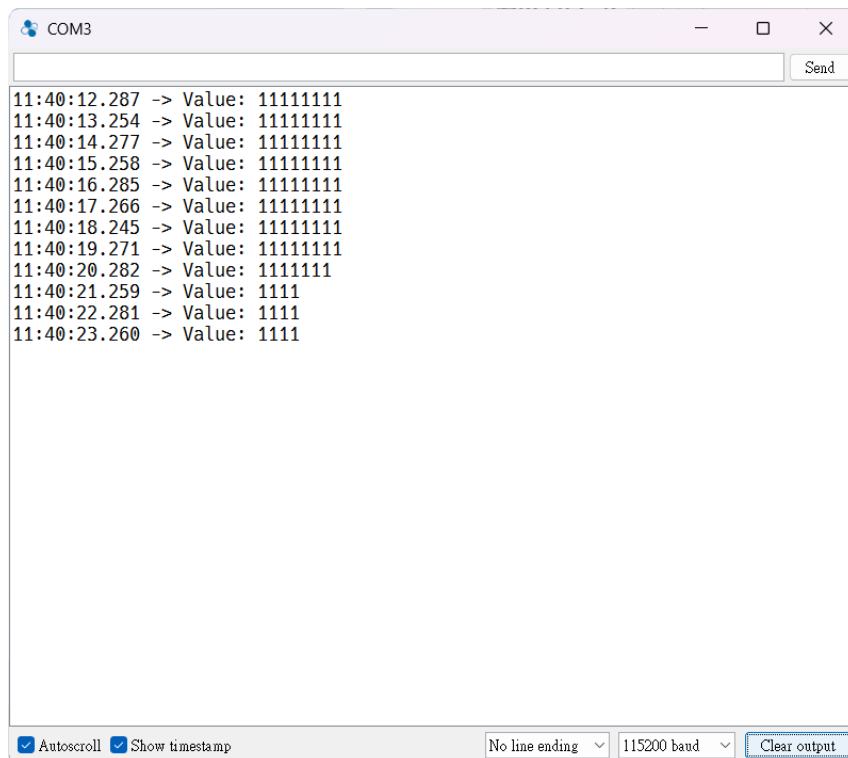
Once the code is written, click on the toolbar to  compile, and to confirm that the compilation is complete and error-free, you can click  to upload.



After you successfully upload the program to the QEC-M-01, you can open the Serial Monitor on 86Duino IDE. Please check that the Serial baud rate is the same as your setting.



If the Modbus communication configuration is successful and starts to read/write, the Serial Monitor will print "Value: ...", which means all configurations are successful. It will print the Modbus IO Module's current status of Input and control Output to the serial monitor.



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