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Use only shielded cables to connect the device's RS-232 or RS-485 port.

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1. Introduction

The STE-502C Ethernet Serial Server is a gateway between Ethernet (TCP/IP) and RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 communications. The information transmitted by STE-502C is transparent to both host computers (Ethernet) and devices (RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422). Data coming from the Ethernet (TCP/IP) is sent to the designated RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 port and data being received from RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 port is sent to the Ethernet (TCP/IP) transparently.

In the computer integration manufacturing or industrial automation area, the STE-502C Ethernet Serial Server is used for field devices to direct connect to Ethernet network. Terminal Server (main control program run in STE-502C) transforms whatever data received from RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 to TCP/UDP port then connect devices to the Ethernet network via a single application program or multiple application programs.

Many control devices provide the ability to communicate with hosts through RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 however RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 serial communication has its limitations. For one, it is hard to transfer data through a long distance. With STE-502C, it is possible to communicate with a remote device in the Intranet environment or even in the Internet and thus, increases the communication distance dramatically.

STE-502C offers two RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 port, one RJ45 Ethernet and Watch-Dog Timer etc.

1.1 Packaging

Please check ones package contains the following items:

- STE-502C Serial Server
- Quick Start Guide
- Product CD
- Wall mounting screws
- 3 pin terminal block for power input

1.2 Application Connectivity

TCP Server Mode：STE-502C can be configured as a TCP server on TCP/IP Network to wait for other applications (clients) in host computer to establish a connection with the serial device. After the connection is established between serial device and host computer, data can be transmitted in both directions.

TCP Server Mode
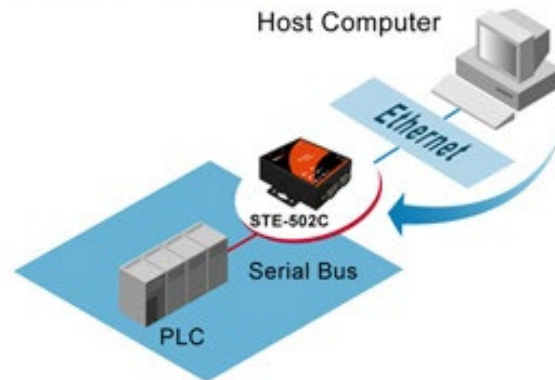
TCP Client Mode : STE-502C can be configured as a TCP client on TCP/IP Network to establish a connection with other applications (server) in host computer actively. After the connection is established, data can be transmitted between serial device and host computer in both directions.
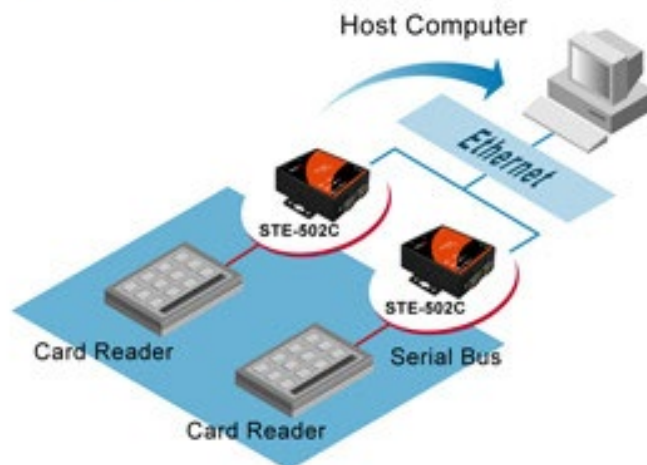
UDP Mode : UDP is a faster but non-guaranteed datagram delivery protocol. STE-502C can be configured as a UDP mode on TCP/IP Network to establish a connection using unicast or multicast data from the serial device to one or multiple host computers. Vice versa is also true.
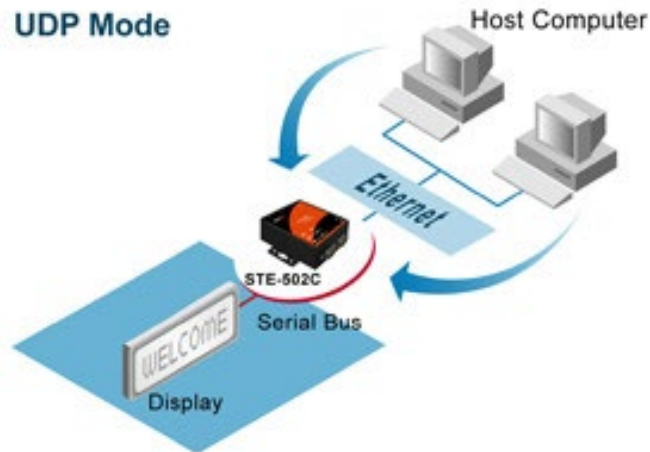
Tunneling Mode：In the case of the serial connection is established with two or more STE-502C to send data over TCP/IP Network. It can avoid RS-232 interface 15-meter distance limitation imposed.
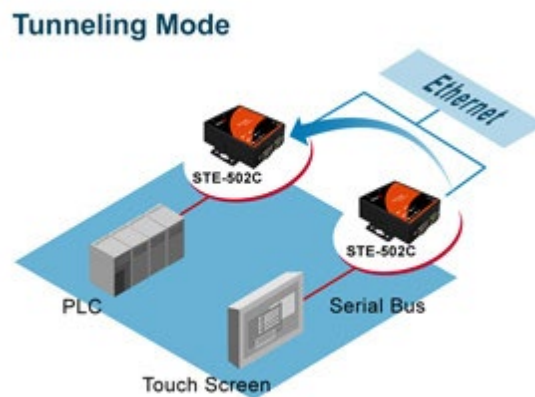
2. Hardware Setup

NOTE:

1. Panel layout in Appendix A.3.1
2. One can press the reset button of STE-502C to reset the settings to the default value

Figure 2.1 shows the interface
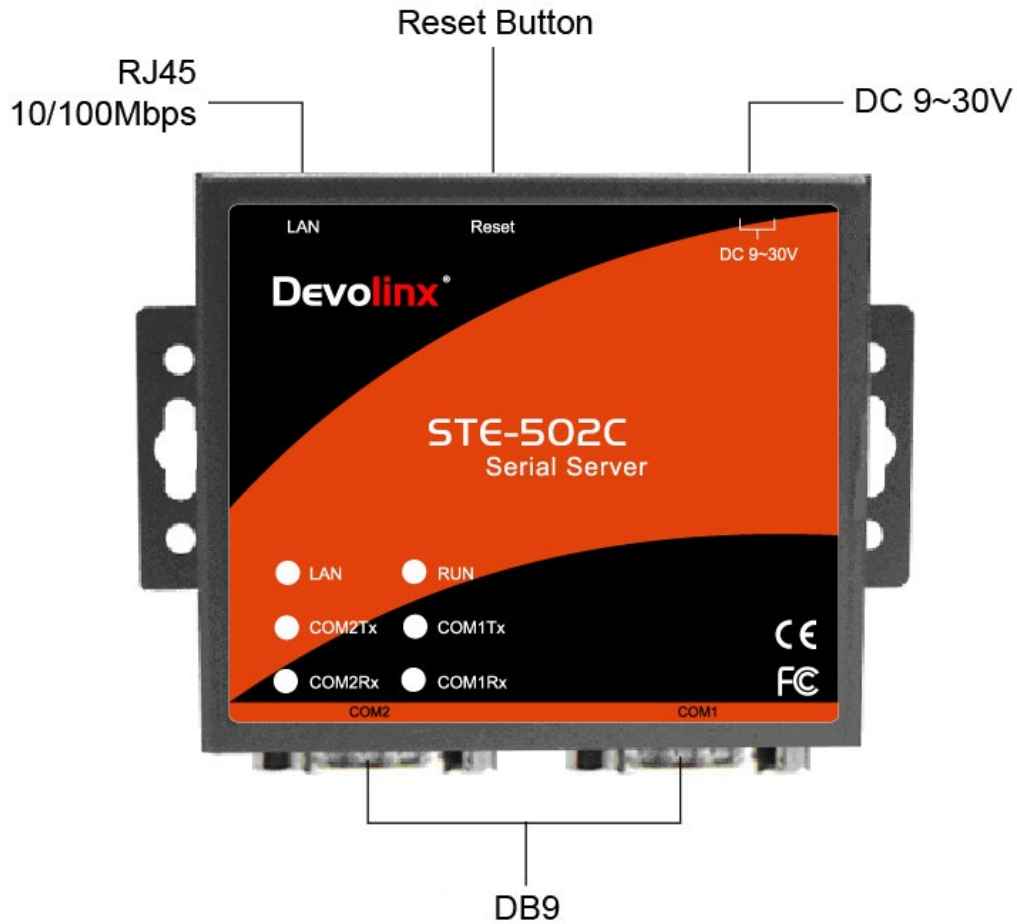
Figure 2.1 STE-502C interfaces.

2.1 LED Indicators

2.1.1 LAN LED

Message	Description
Off	Ethernet Disconnected
Blinking with Green	Data is transmitting on Ethernet for 100Mbps
Blinking with Orange	Data is transmitting on Ethernet for 10Mbps
Table 1. LAN LED Message	

2.1.2 COM Port LED

Message	Description
Off	No data is transmitting on COM port
Blinking	Data is transmitting on COM port
Table 2. COM Port LED Message	

2.1.3 RUN LED

Message	Description
On	Jumper JP1 Pin1 and Pin2 are shorted to disable AP firmware running
Blinking (rate: 0.5 Sec)	AP firmware is running normally
Table 3. RUN LED Message	

2.2 Installation Procedures

Step 1: Connect STE-502C to power source using 5V DC Jack
(or 9~30V DC Terminal Block power source)

**Note : STE-502C provide two power inputs can be connected simultaneously to live DC power sources. Anyone of the power inputs fails, the other live source acts as a backup to support power needs automatically. The redundant dual DC power inputs give one extra assurance of non-stop operation**

Step 2: Connect STE-502C to ones Ethernet network. Use a standard straight-through Ethernet cable when one connect it to a hub/switch, one also can connect it to ones PC's Ethernet port via a cross-over Ethernet cable for easy set up. However, in this case one need to make sure ones PC is in the same network sub-net as STE-502C.

Step 3: Connect STE-502C's serial port to a serial device.

Step 4: Placement options. One can mount STE-502C to a wall/panel (Mounting screws included) or Din-Rail rack (Require optional item model: Din-Rail-Kit DK-25).

3. Software Setup

STE-502C Ethernet Serial Server is shipped with default settings shown in the following table:

Property	Default Value
IP Address	**10.0.50.100**
Gateway	**10.0.0.254**
Subnet Mask	**255.255.0.0**
Firmware 3.609 or Greater	
User Name	**admin**
Password	**default**
Firmware 3.605 or earlier	
User Name	**admin**
Password	**Null (leave blank)**
COM 1	9600, None, 8, 1, No flow control, buffer disabled, packet delimiter timer 2ms
Link 1	Type: TCP Server, Listen port 4660, Filter=0.0.0.0, Virtual COM disabled
SysName of SNMP	Name
SysLocation of SNMP	location
SysContact of SNMP	contact

3.1 Configuration by Monitor.exe Utility

3.1.1 Static IP

Use **monitor.exe** that comes with product CD to configure the network parameters of STE-502C. Please click "**Config**" button (ref Figure 3.1) then give it a static IP information. (ref Figure 3.2)
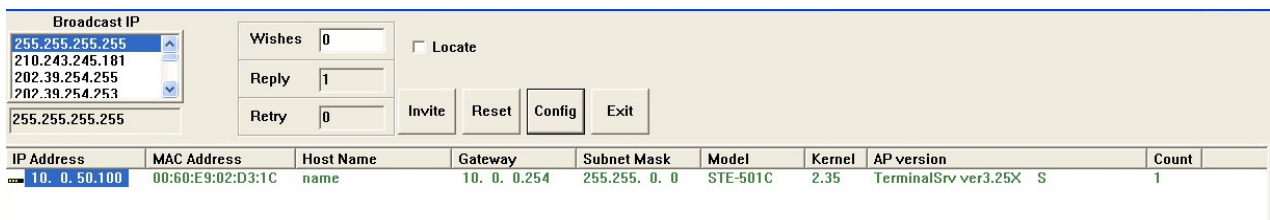
Figure 3.1 Configure by monitor.exe utility
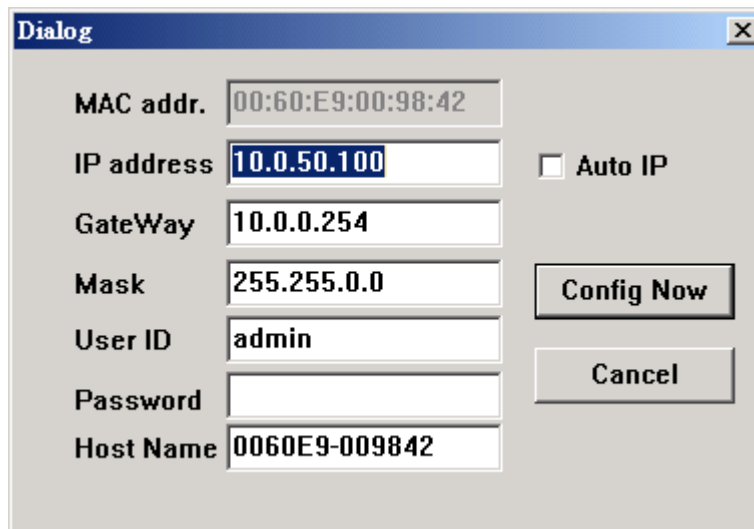
Figure 3.2 Static IP setup dialog window

3.1.2 Auto IP (Dynamic IP)

A DHCP server can automatically assign the IP address and network settings. STE-502C supports the DHCP function. By default, the DHCP function on STE-502C is disabled; one can use Monitor.exe software to search network information automatically by following steps：

->Execute Monitor.exe (Figure 3.1)

->Click on the IP address of STE-502C in monitor

->Click "**Config**" button (It will pop-up Dialog Window)

->Check "**Auto IP**" (Figure 3.3)

->Click " **Config Now**" button(The STE-502C will restart and get IP from DHCP server automatically)
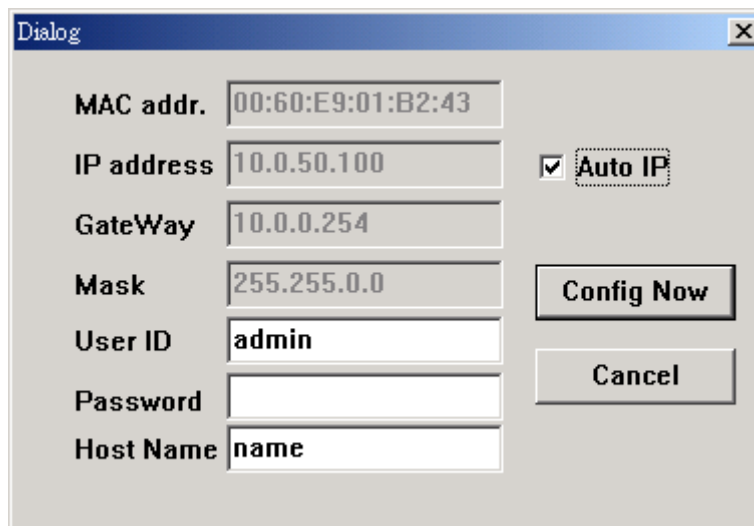
Figure 3.3 monitor.exe Auto IP Dialog Window

3.2 Configuration by Telnet Utility

One can use Telnet utility to change configuration settings of STE-502C by following steps：

3.2.1 Login to the System

->Open Ms-DOS command prompt window

->Telnet to STE-502C using command "**Telnet IP_address**". (For example：Input **Telnet 10.0.50.100** in Ms-DOS command prompt window). After telnet to STE-502C, system prompts for a password, the default password is default. (Figure 3.4)
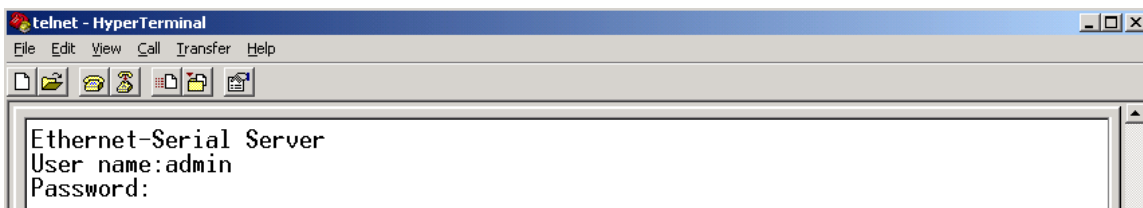
Figure 3.4 Login to the system

Note: One can press the default button of STE-502C to reset the password to the default value.

1. After verifying the password, the following terminal screen appears. (Figure 3.5)
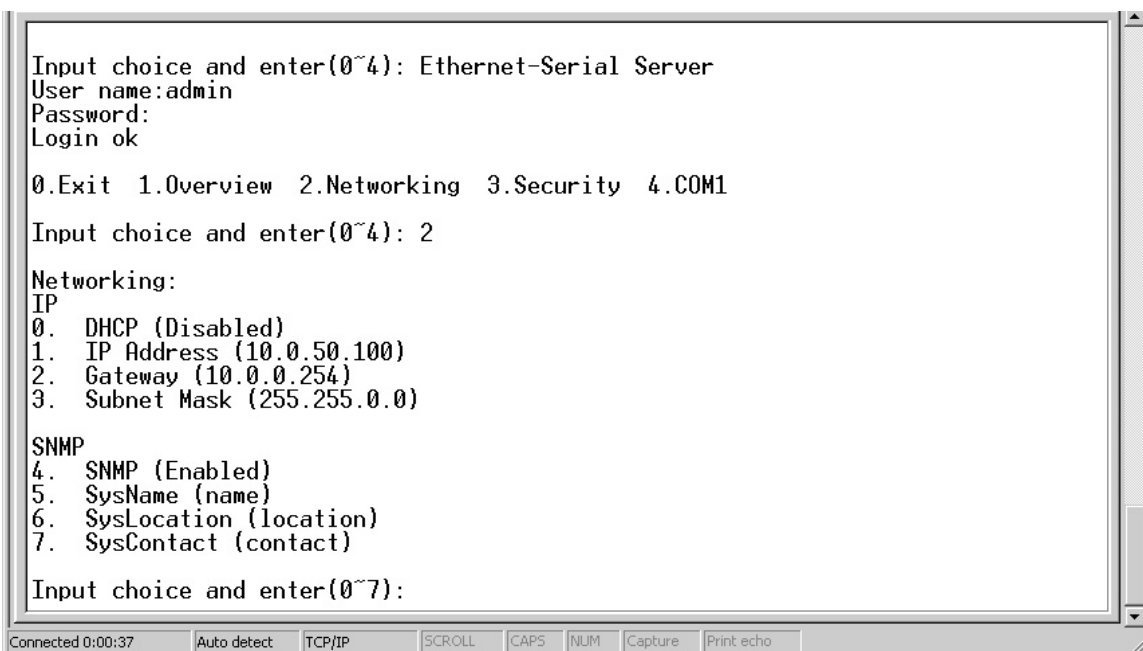
Figure 3.5 Main menu

Note:

1. If STE-502C does not receive any command within 1 **minute**, Telnet will be terminated automatically.

2. The changes of networking parameters will take effect only when one exit and restart STE-502C.

    ->Select "**1**" from "**Input choice and enter (0~4):**" to enter overview page as following:(Figure 3.6)
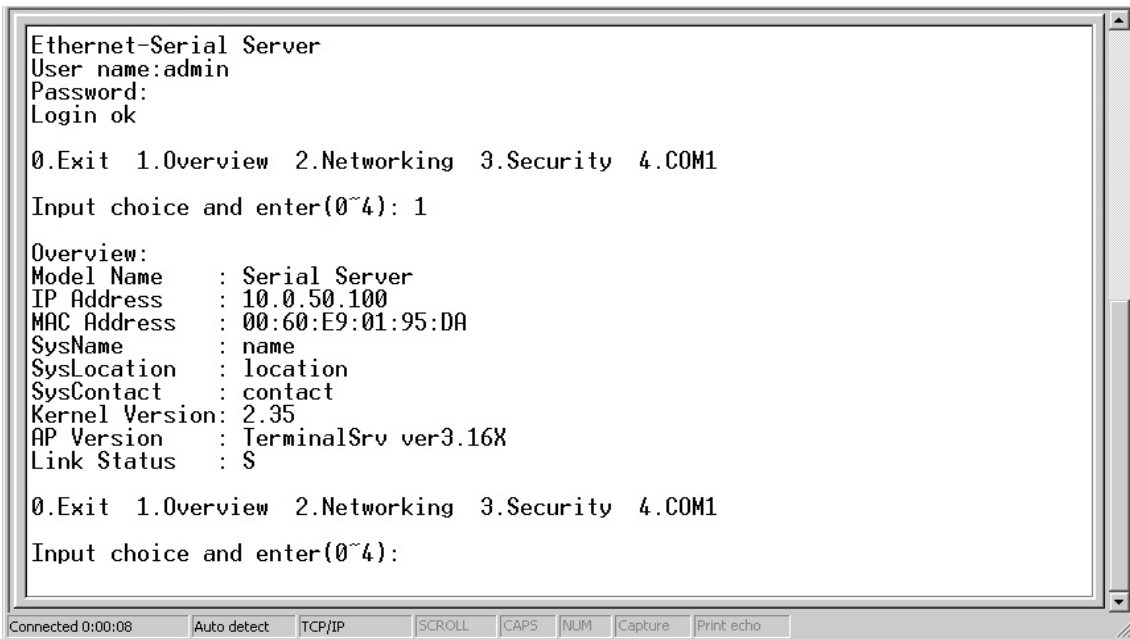
Figure 3.6 Overview

This page gives one the general information of STE-502C including IP and MAC address, SNMP information, kernel and AP version, and connection status of the device.

3.2.2 Networking

Select "**2**" from "**Input choice and enter (0~4)**:" to enter Networking page as following: (Figure 3.7)
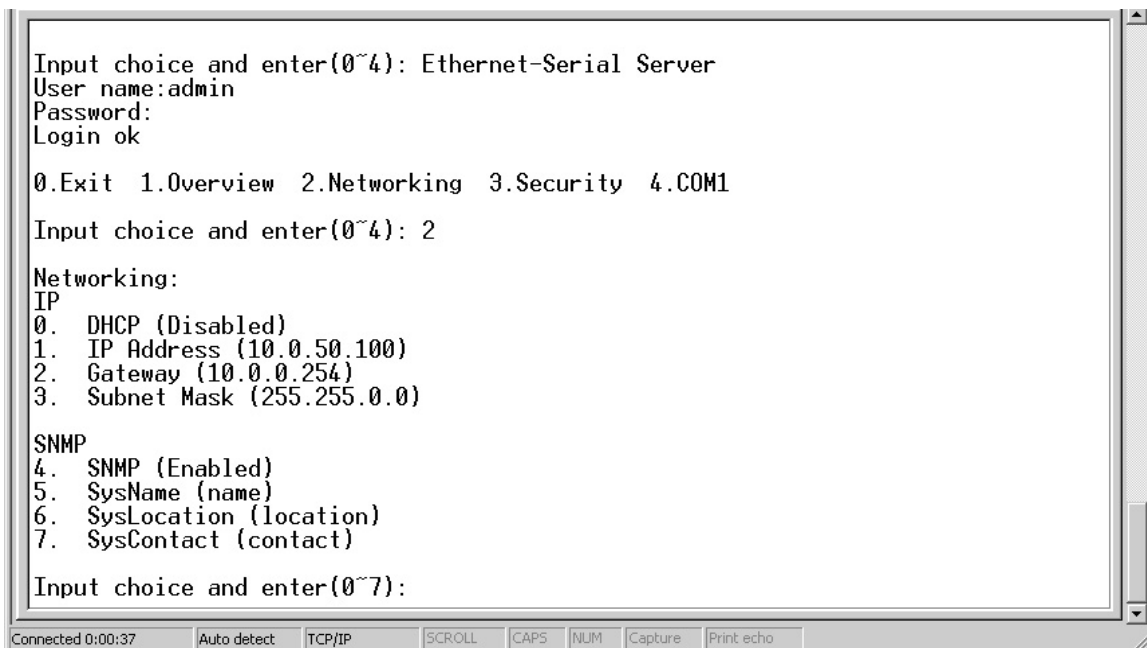
Figure 3.7 Network settings

This page allows one to change network settings of the device including IP address, subnet mask, gateway IP address and SNMP information of STE-502C. Please notice that any setting change made on

this page won't take effect until one restart the device.

Note: Press "**ESC**" key to return to the previous menu.

3.2.3 Change the Password

1. Select "*3*" from "**Input choice and enter (0~4):**" the following screen appears. (Figure 3.8)

```
Ethernet-Serial Server
User name:admin
Password:
Login ok

0.Exit  1.Overview  2.Networking  3.Security  4.COM1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 3

Do you want to change the password (y/n)?y
Please input old password:
Please input new password:*****
Please verify new password:*****
Password changed! Press enter to continue

0.Exit  1.Overview  2.Networking  3.Security  4.COM1

Input choice and enter(0~4):
```
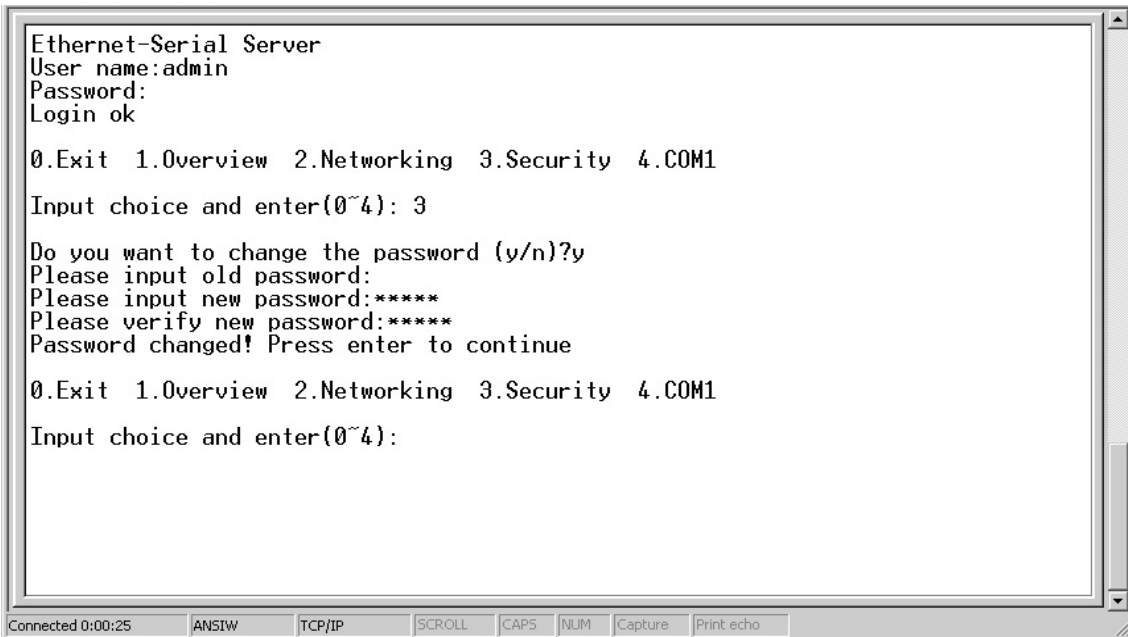
| Connected 0:00:25 | ANSIW | TCP/IP | SCROLL | CAPS | NUM | Capture | Print echo |
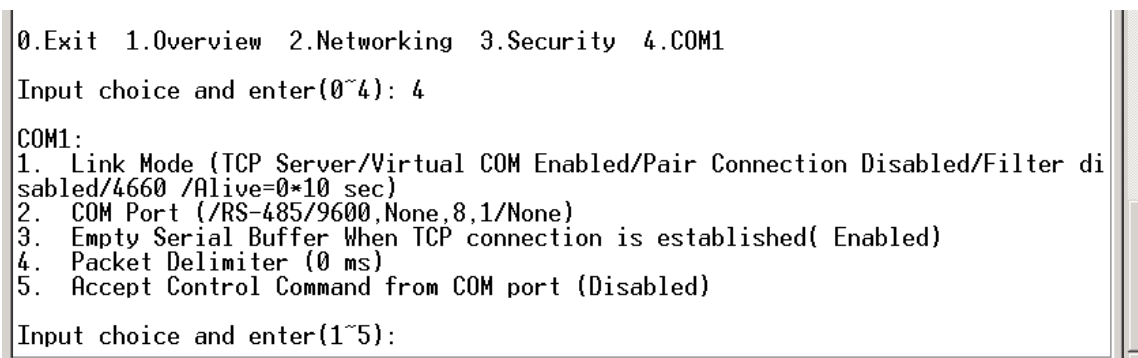
Figure 3.8 change the password

2. If one want to change the password, please type the old password in the "**Please input old password**" field, type the new password in the "**Please input new password**" and the "**Please verify new password**" fields.

Note: One can press the default key of product to reset password to the default value.

3.2.4 COM1 Setup

Select "**4**" from "***Input choice and enter (0~4):***" the following screen appears: (Figure 3.9)

```
0.Exit  1.Overview  2.Networking  3.Security  4.COM1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1.  Link Mode (TCP Server/Virtual COM Enabled/Pair Connection Disabled/Filter di
sabled/4660 /Alive=0*10 sec)
2.  COM Port (/RS-485/9600,None,8,1/None)
3.  Empty Serial Buffer When TCP connection is established( Enabled)
4.  Packet Delimiter (0 ms)
5.  Accept Control Command from COM port (Disabled)

Input choice and enter(1~5):
```

Figure 3.9 Com1 setup

The page gives one the opportunity to configure parameters of COM1 setting which include COM1 working mode, port parameters, enabling or disabling serial buffer's data and setting packet delimiter.

LINK Mode Setup **Configure STE-502C as TCP server**：(Figure 3.10)

➔ Type **1** from "**Input choice and enter (1~4):**" of COM1

➔ Type **1** in the "**Input choice (1~5) and enter**："

➔ Input local port in the "**Please input local port**：" 1.

If one want to enable IP filter：

➔ Input **y** in the "**Do one want to enable IP filter (y/n)?**"

➔ Input source IP in the "**Please input Filter_IP** ："

➔ Double click "**Enter**" key

2.If one don't want to enable IP filter：

➔ Input **n** in the "**Do one want to enable IP filter(y/n)?**"

➔ Double click "**Enter**" key

➔ Input idle time in "**Please input idle time to send TCP alive packet(4*10sec)**："(If one input **2**->the sending TCP keep alive packet period will be change to 2*10 sec)

Note:

1. IP filtering function is disabled if setting FILTER_IP to "0.0.0.0".

2. IP filter is disabled by default

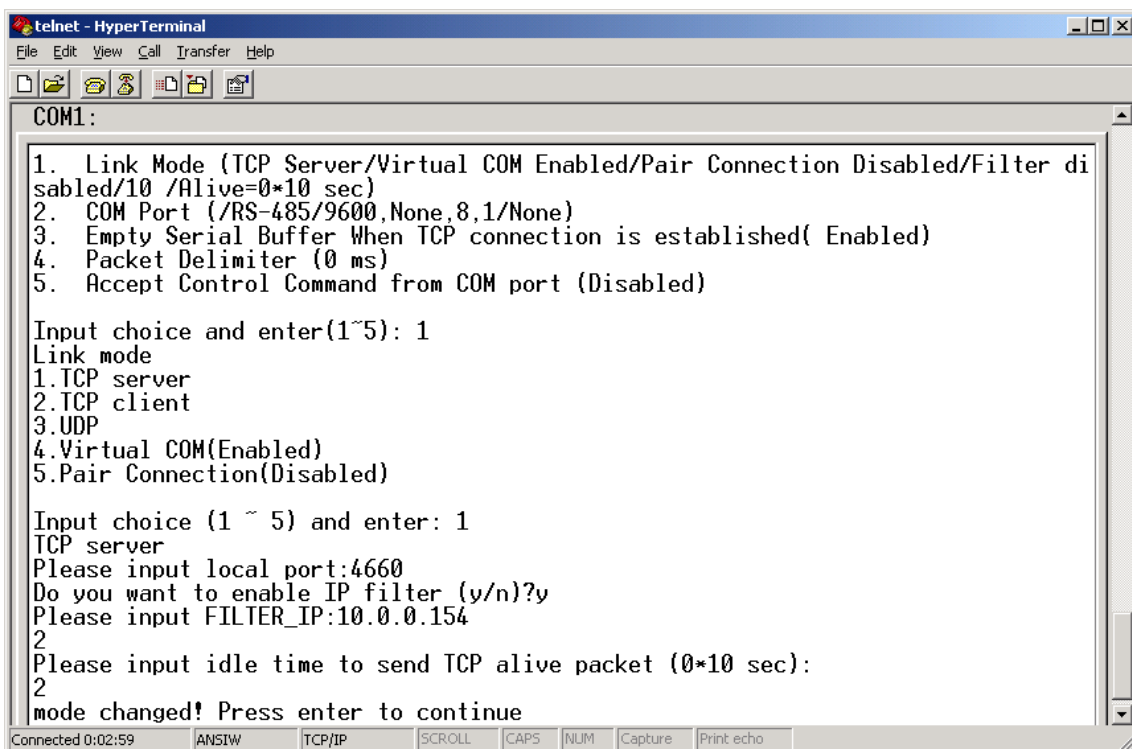3. If IP filter is enabled, only source IP assigned can connect to STE-502C.

Figure 3.10 Link Mode-TCP server setup

3.2.5 Configure STE-502C as TCP Client

➜ Type **2** in the "**Input choice (1~5) and enter**："(Figure 3.11)

➜ Input destination IP in the "**Please input Destination IP**："

➜ Input destination port in the "**Please input Destination port**："

1.Type **1** for Connected always：

➜ Double click "**Enter**" key

➜ Input idle time in "**Please input idle time to send TCP alive packet(4*10sec)**："(If one input **2**->the sending TCP keep alive packet period will be change to 2*10 sec)

2.Type **2** for Trigger by receiving COM port data：

➜ Input idle time to disconnect in the "**Please input idle time to disconnect (0sec , 1~255)**：" (If one input **0**->disable the function; if one input **2** ->the serial Inactivity beyond 2 sec will cause disconnect)

➜ Input error retrying time in "**Please input waiting time for error retrying (0 minute,1~255)**：" (If one input **0**->disable the function; if one input **2** ->the serial Inactivity beyond 2 sec will cause disconnect)

➜ Double click "**Enter**" key

➜ Input idle time in "**Please input idle time to send TCP alive packet (4*10sec)**："(If one input **2**->the sending TCP keep alive packet period will be change to 2*10 sec)
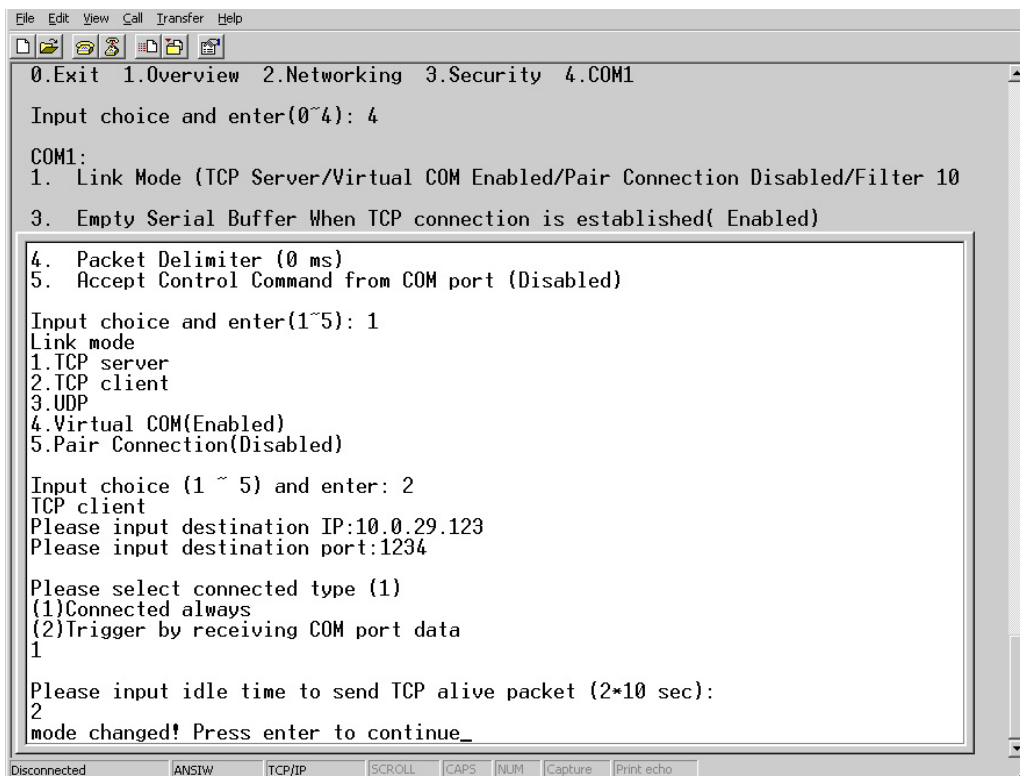

Figure 3.11 Link Mode-TCP client setup

3.2.6 Configure STE-502C as UDP Client

For example the local port is 4660, the destination IP is 10.0.29.254, destination port is 1234. (Figure 3.12)
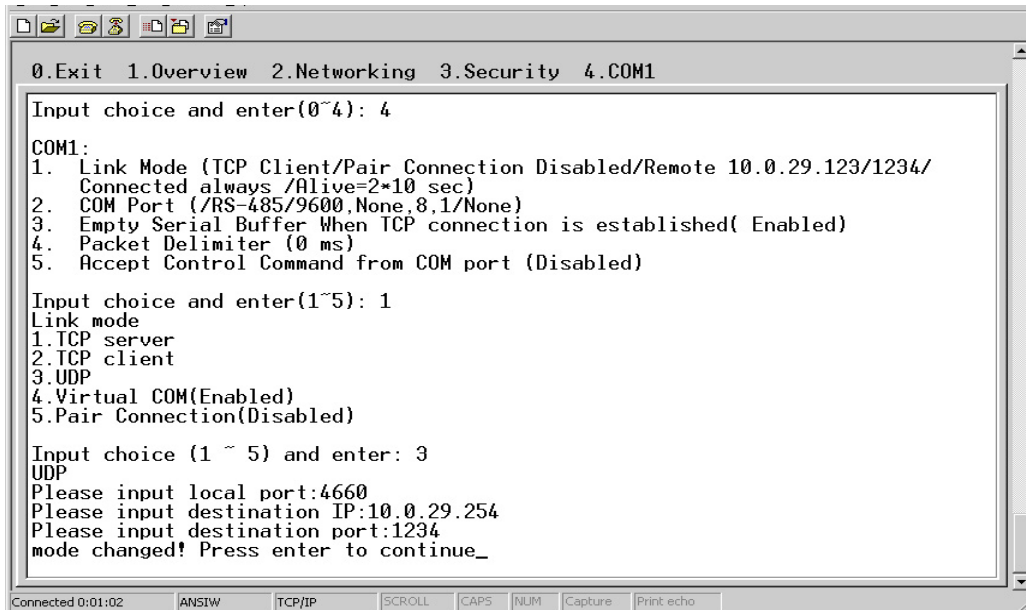
```
0.Exit  1.Overview  2.Networking  3.Security  4.COM1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1.  Link Mode (TCP Client/Pair Connection Disabled/Remote 10.0.29.123/1234/
    Connected always /Alive=2*10 sec)
2.  COM Port (/RS-485/9600,None,8,1/None)
3.  Empty Serial Buffer When TCP connection is established( Enabled)
4.  Packet Delimiter (0 ms)
5.  Accept Control Command from COM port (Disabled)

Input choice and enter(1~5): 1
Link mode
1.TCP server
2.TCP client
3.UDP
4.Virtual COM(Enabled)
5.Pair Connection(Disabled)

Input choice (1 ~ 5) and enter: 3
UDP
Please input local port:4660
Please input destination IP:10.0.29.254
Please input destination port:1234
mode changed! Press enter to continue_
```

```
Connected 0:01:02   ANSIW   TCP/IP   SCROLL  CAPS  NUM  Capture  Print echo
```

Figure 3.12 Link Mode-UDP client setup

3.2.7 COM Port Setting

Type **2** from "**Input choice and enter (1~4):**" of COM1, the following screen appears, one can then give the COM port alias name, set the baud rate and parity, determine number of data bit and stop bit, and decide if one want to use flow control and the type of flow control one want to use. (Figure 3.13)
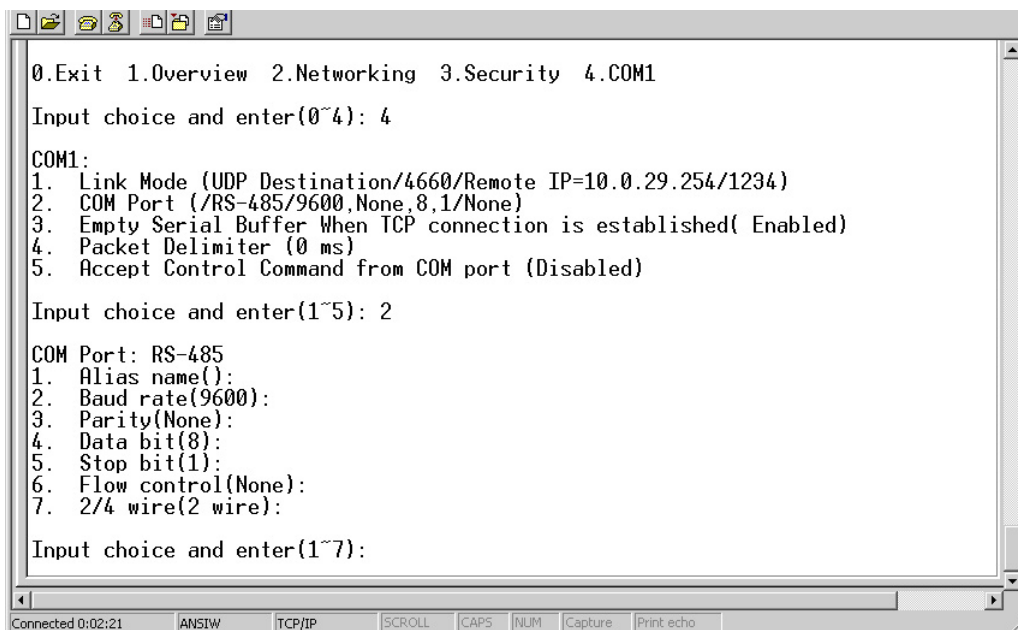
```
0.Exit  1.Overview  2.Networking  3.Security  4.COM1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1.  Link Mode (UDP Destination/4660/Remote IP=10.0.29.254/1234)
2.  COM Port (/RS-485/9600,None,8,1/None)
3.  Empty Serial Buffer When TCP connection is established( Enabled)
4.  Packet Delimiter (0 ms)
5.  Accept Control Command from COM port (Disabled)

Input choice and enter(1~5): 2

COM Port: RS-485
1.  Alias name():
2.  Baud rate(9600):
3.  Parity(None):
4.  Data bit(8):
5.  Stop bit(1):
6.  Flow control(None):
7.  2/4 wire(2 wire):

Input choice and enter(1~7):
```

```
Connected 0:02:21   ANSIW   TCP/IP   SCROLL  CAPS  NUM  Capture  Print echo
```

Figure 3.13 Com port setting

3.2.8 Enabling Serial Data Buffer

Type **3** from "**Input choice and enter (1~4):**" of COM1, by default COM port serial data buffer is enabled meaning that when TCP/IP Ethernet connection is broken, serial data collected from serial device will be empty in STE-502C once TCP/IP connection is resumed, the serial data will be sent through Ethernet connection, one can disable it if one wish. (Figure 3.14)

```
0.Exit  1.Overview  2.Networking  3.Security  4.COM1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1.   Link Mode (UDP Destination/4660/Remote IP=10.0.29.254/1234)
2.   COM Port (/RS-485/9600,None,8,1/None)
3.   Empty Serial Buffer When TCP connection is established( Enabled)
4.   Packet Delimiter (0 ms)
5.   Accept Control Command from COM port (Disabled)

Input choice and enter(1~5): 3

Empty Serial Buffer when TCP connection is established
(1)Enable (2)Disable
Please select the option:1
Option is changed! Press enter to continue
```

Figure 3.14 Com port-Enabling serial data buffer

3.2.9 Setting Packet Delimiter

Packet delimiter is a way of controlling packets within serial communication. It can prevent packets from being cut thus keep the packets complete. STE-502C provides two ways of parameter setting as inter character timer and terminator. By default packet delimiter timer is 1 ms, one can change timer shown in the following figure:(Figure 3.15)

```
0.Exit  1.Overview  2.Networking  3.Security  4.COM1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1.   Link Mode (UDP Destination/4660/Remote IP=10.0.29.254/1234)
2.   COM Port (/RS-485/9600,None,8,1/None)
3.   Empty Serial Buffer When TCP connection is established( Enabled)
4.   Packet Delimiter (0 ms)
5.   Accept Control Command from COM port (Disabled)

Input choice and enter(1~5): 4

Packet delimiter
(1)Timer   (2)Characters
Please select delimiter type:1
Please input timer(0 ~ 30000 ms):2
Delimiter changed! Press enter to continue_
```

Figure 3.15 Setting packet delimiter timer

One can also choose character pattern as the packet delimiter indicated in the following figure: (Figure 3.16)

```
0.Exit  1.Overview  2.Networking  3.Security  4.COM1

Input choice and enter(0~4): 4

COM1:
1.   Link Mode (UDP Destination/4660/Remote IP=10.0.29.254/1234)
2.   COM Port (/RS-485/9600,None,8,1/None)
3.   Empty Serial Buffer When TCP connection is established( Enabled)
4.   Packet Delimiter (2 ms)
5.   Accept Control Command from COM port (Disabled)

Input choice and enter(1~5): 4

Packet delimiter
(1)Timer  (2)Characters
Please select delimiter type:2
Please input pattern(max 2 bytes, ex:0x0d0a):
```

Figure 3.16 Setting packet delimiter-character pattern

3.2.10 Accept Control Command from COM port

STE-502C can also accept serial control commands directly over the network following RFC2217 format. For more detail about this function, please contact Technical Support for more information.

3.3 Configuration Using Web Browser

1. Make sure ones PC is located on the same network sub-net as STE-502C
2. Open a web browser, then type in the IP address of STE-502C to be configured. Default user name is **admin** and default password is **default**. (password is blank for firmware versions 3.605 or ealier)
3. STE-502C's network, link mode and COM ports settings can be configured in different web pages.
4. Click "**Save Configuration**" to save settings.
5. Click "**Restart**" button to make the change effective if necessary.

It is also possible to modify various settings through the web server interface. To do so, please follow the steps below.

3.3.1 Log in to the System

1. From web browser, type in the IP address of STE-502C in the URL.

    Example: http://10.0.50.100

2. The following authentication screen appears. (Figure 3.17) Please type in user name and password then click on OK. The user name is admin and password is default.

Figure 3.17 login the system via Web

3. The following overview page appears. (Figure 3.18)

Figure 3.18 Overview

3.3.2 Change the password

1. Click on the "**Security**" link and the following screen appears. (Figure 3.19)
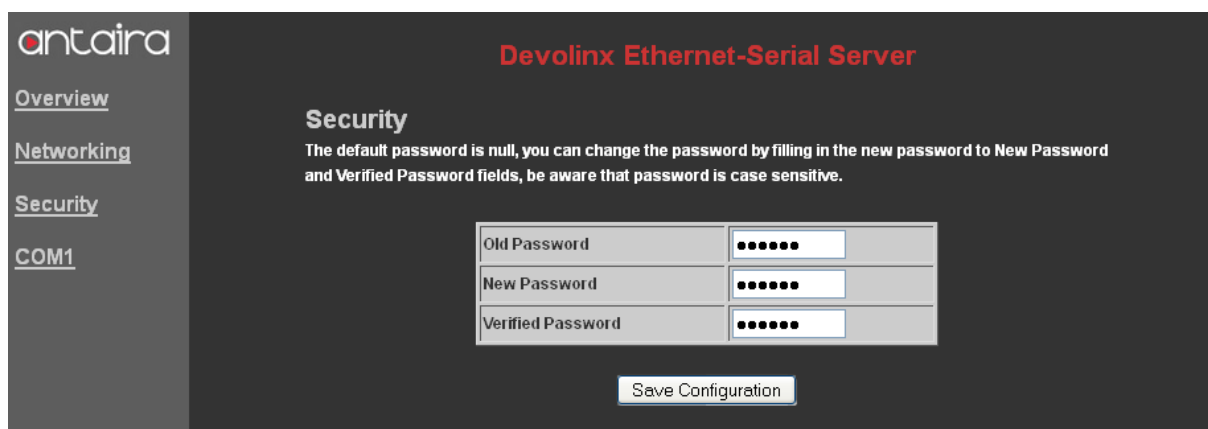
Figure 3.19 Change the password

2. Please input the old password in the "**Old Password**" field, input the new password in the "**New Password**" and the "**Verified Password**" fields, and then click on "**Save Configuration**" to update the password.

Note: One can press the default key of product to reset password to the default value.

3.3.3 Network Setup

Click on the *"Networking"* link and the following screen appears. Fill in IP information under TCP/IP field. Alternatively, one can do the configuration by clicking on DHCP to obtain auto IP address, gateway and subnet mask information.

Enable SNMP by checking "**Enable**", fill in network identification information under SNMP field and click on the "Save Configuration" button to save the changes, please notice that the setting will not become effective until one restart STE-502C. (Figure 3.20)

Figure 3.20 Network setup

3.3.4 Configure STE-502C as TCP Server

one can configure STE-502C as transparent mode by default (Figure 3.21)

➔ Click on the *"COM1"* link and the following screen appears.

➔ Configure STE-502C as TCP server

➔ Input local listening port "**4660**"

1. If one want to enable IP filter：

➔ Check "**IP filter**"

➔ Input source IP in the "**Source IP**"

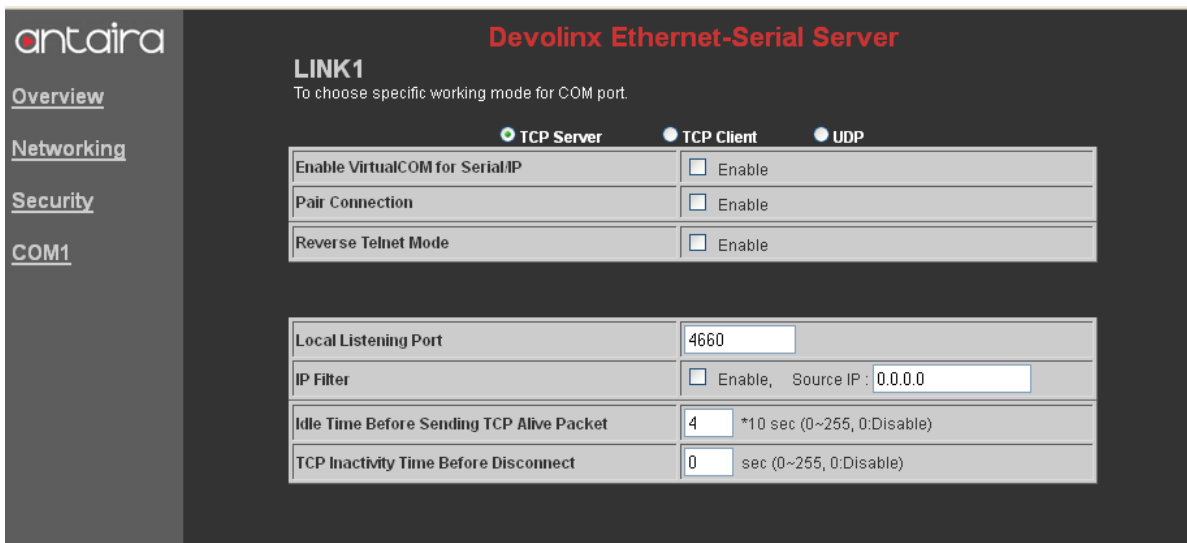**2. If one don't want to enable IP filter：**

➔ Don't check "**IP filter**"

➔ Input idle time in "**Please input idle time to send TCP alive packet(sec)：**"(If one input **2**->the sending TCP keep alive packet period will be change to 2*10 sec)
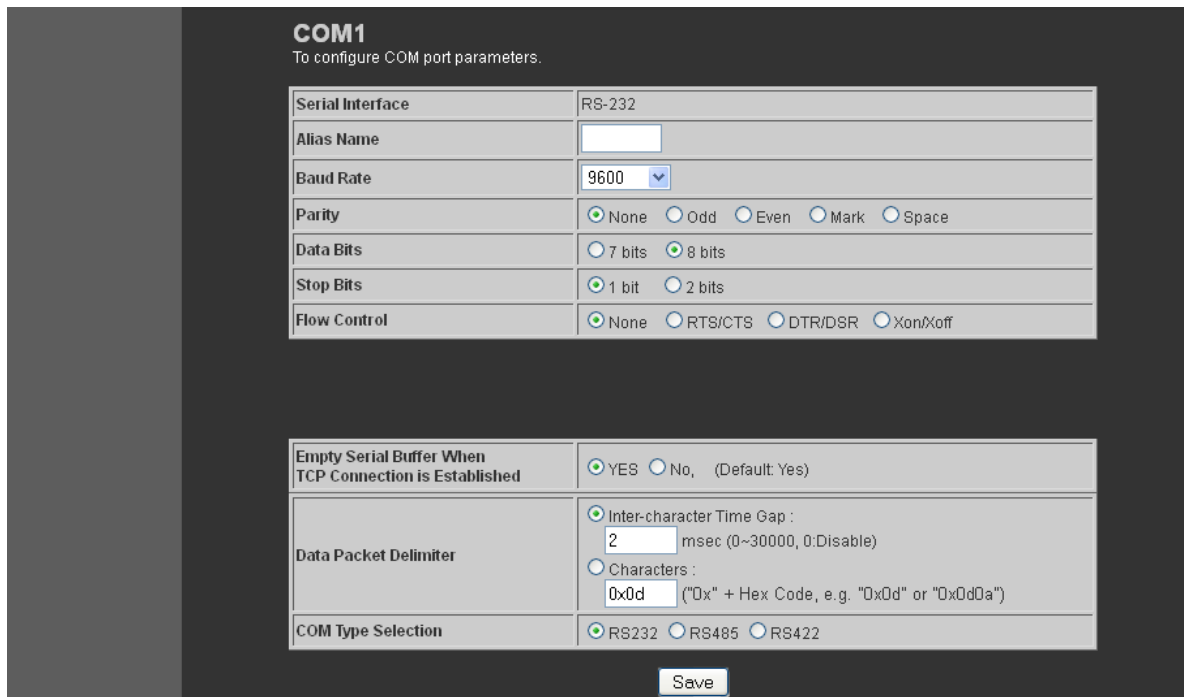
➔ Input TCP Inactivity time in "**TCP Inactivity Time Before Disconnect (sec)：**"(If one input **2**->TCP Inactivity beyond 2 sec will cause disconnect)

➔ Click on "**Save Configuration**" button to save the changes

Note:

1. IP filtering function is disabled if setting FILTER_IP to "0.0.0.0".
2. IP filter is disabled by default
3. If IP filter is enabled, only source IP assigned can connect to STE-502C.

Figure 3.21 Com1 setup-TCP server

Note:

1. Default Port number of STE-502C is 4660 and it is associated with serial port COM1 respectively. After ones application program connects to the TCP port 4660 of STE-502C, data being sent to this TCP connection from ones application program are transparent to the COM1 of STE-502C. Vice versa is also true.

2. The serial interface will show different port interface according to the model of the serial server.

3.3.5 Configure STE-502C as TCP Client

➔ Configure STE-502C as TCP client, for example the destination IP is 10.0.29.11, destination port is 4660. (Figure 3.22)

➔ Input destination IP "**10.0.29.11**"

➔ Input destination port in the "**4660**"

➔ Input idle time in "**Please input idle time to send TCP alive packet (sec)：**"(If one input **4**->the sending TCP keep alive packet period will be change to 4*10 sec)

1. Select "**TCP Connect On Power-on**"：to keep trying to establish TCP connection after Power on

2. Select "**TCP Connect On Any Serial Character**"：Any serial character will trigger to establish the TCP connection

➔ Input idle time to disconnect in the "**Serial Inactivity Time before disconnect (0sec, 1~255)：**" (If one input **0**->disable the function; if one input **2** ->the serial Inactivity beyond 2 sec will cause disconnect)

➔ Input error retrying time in "**Waiting Time Between Re-connect Attempts (0 minute,1~255)：**" (If one input **0**->disable the function; if one input **2** ->the serial Inactivity beyond 2 sec will cause disconnect)

➔ Click on "**Save Configuration**" button to save the changes
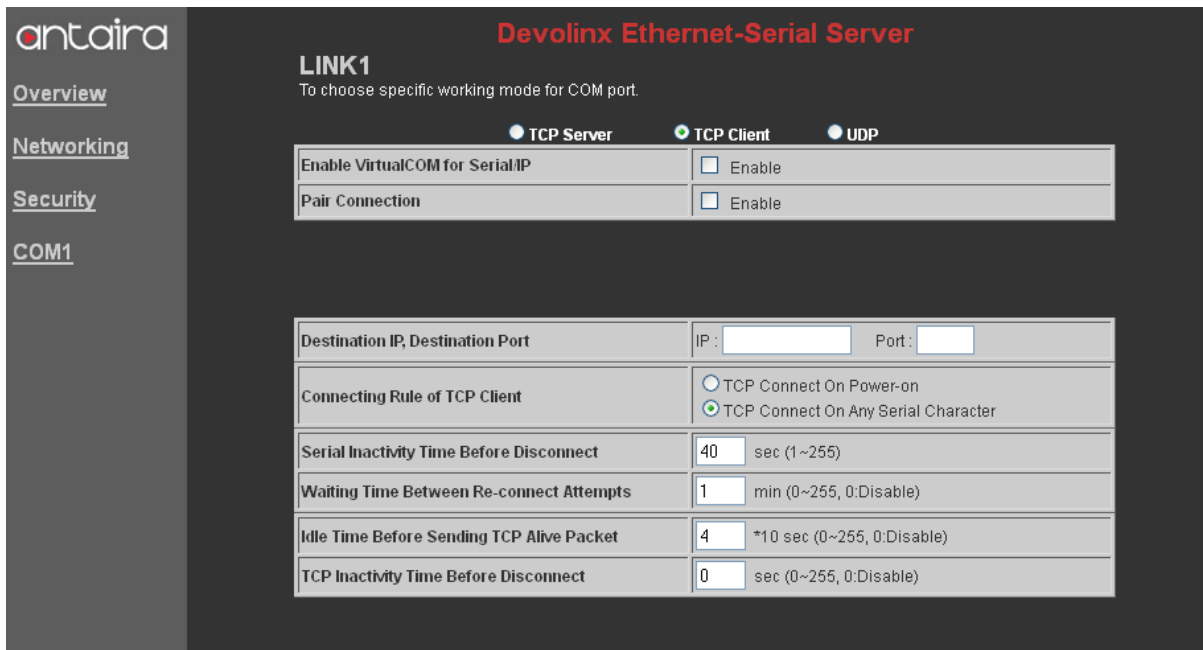
Figure 3.22 Com1 setup-TCP client

3.3.6 Pair Connection

In the case of the serial connection is established with two or more STE-502C to send data over Ethernet network, i.e. pair connection mode, one can choose "**pair connection**" which is indicated in the following figure to cope with any type of serial device. (Figure 3.23)

Figure 3.23 Com1 setup –pair connection

Configure STE-502C as UDP mode. Local port is 4660, destination IP is 10.0.29.254 and destination port is 1234. (Figure 3.24)

Figure 3.24 Com 1 setup –UDP mode

1. Click on "**Save Configuration**" to save the changes.

2. If the update is successful, the following screen appears. (Figure 3.25)

Figure 3.25 Configure success

3.4 Assign a New IP Address by ARP Command

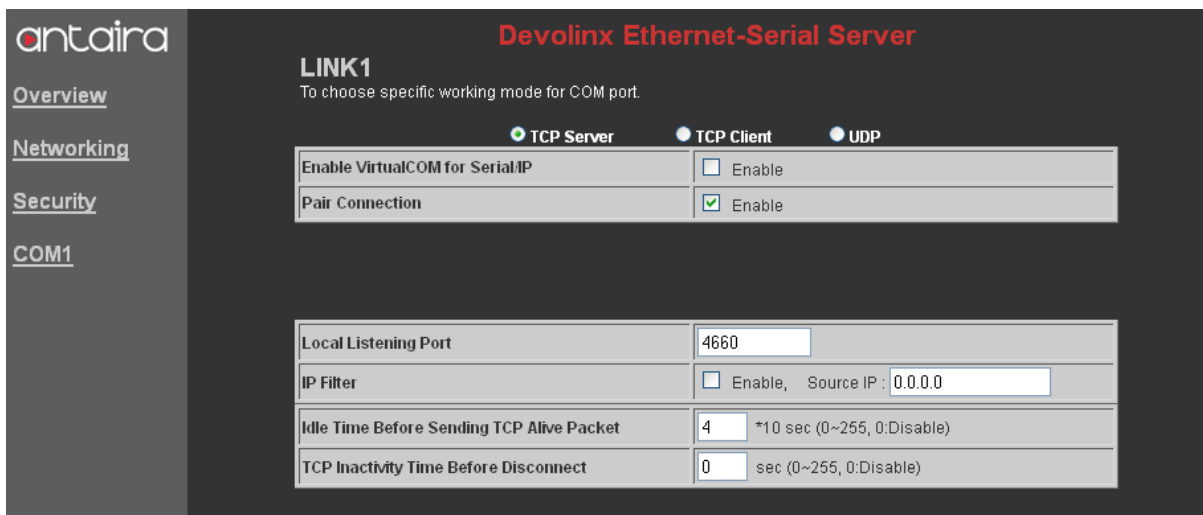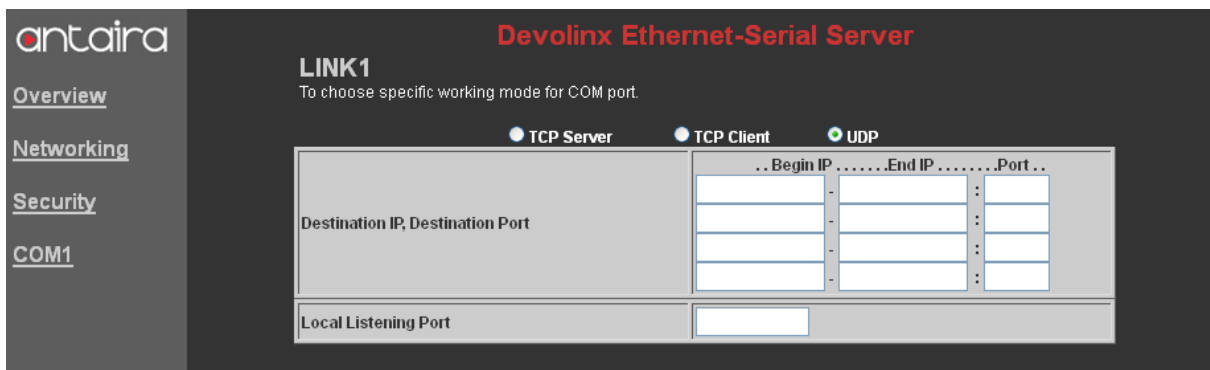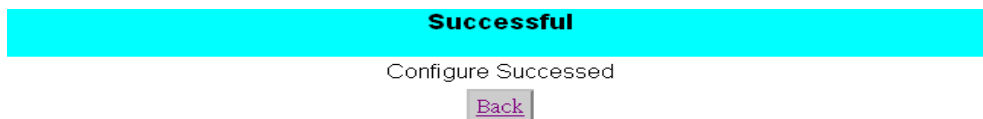Use ARP command to assign a static IP address of STE-502C using its hardware MAC address. The MAC address is printed on the rear side of device in the format of "0060E9-xxxxxx". The following example shows how it works within MS-DOS command prompt window.

(For example change IP from 10.0.50.100 to 10.0.50.101, and the MAC address of STE-502C is 00-60-e9-11-11-01)

Step1: Add the new host IP to ARP table

->Open Ms-DOS command prompt window

->Input **arp -s 10.0.50.101 00-60-E9-11-11-01** (Figure 3.26)

Figure 3.26. Ms-DOS command prompt window

Step2: Change to new IP via telnet port 1 (Figure 3.27)

->Input **telnet 10.0.50.101 1**
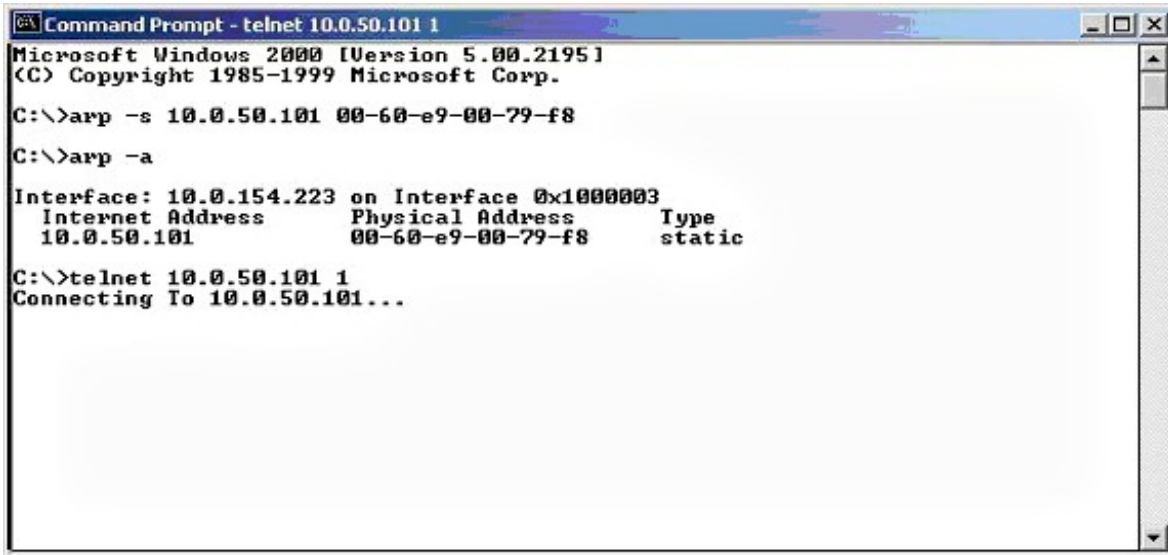
Note: The telnet will be fail and STE-502C will be restarted automatically, after restart the IP address should be change to 10.0.50.101

Step3: Using new IP to configure STE-502C via telnet

->Input **telnet 10.0.50.101**

Note 1: When using this method to change IP address, PC's IP address and STE-502C 's IP address must belong to the same subnet.

Note 2: The changed IP address must be legal, otherwise it will be changed back to the default value (10.0.50.100) after restart.

Figure 3.27. Assigning a new IP address by ARP command

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4. Using Virtual COM

Virtual COM driver mode for windows converts COM data to LAN data to control the RS-232 port on a STE-502C via the LAN. By creating virtual COM ports on the PC, the Virtual COM driver redirects the communications from the virtual COM ports to an IP address and port number on a STE-502C that connects the serial line device to the network. The following figure is Virtual COM connection diagram. (Figure 4.1)
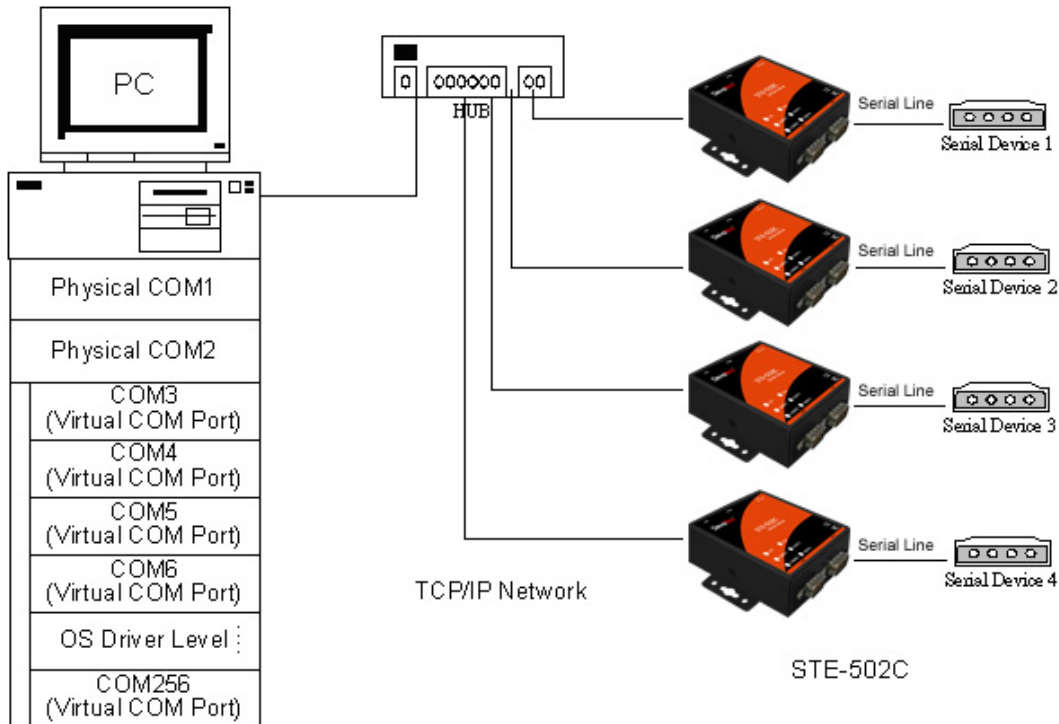
Figure 4.1 Virtual Com connection diagram

4.1 Setup of a Virtual COM Driver

4.1.1 Pre-installation Requirements

Please check the operation system on ones PC complied with the following requirements:

- Processor: Intel-compatible, Pentium class
- Operation system: Windows Server 2003, Windows XP, Windows 2000, Windows NT 4.0 SP5 or later, Windows Me, Windows 98, Windows 95, Microsoft NT/2000 Terminal Server, Citrix Meta Frame

4.1.2 Cautions on Use

The Virtual COM driver supports firmware AP v3.0 and later of STE-502C Serial-Ethernet Servers.

4.1.3 Limitation

The Virtual COM driver provides user to select up to 256 **COM ports** as Virtual COM ports in a monitoring PC. User can select them from a list of COM ports, which is from COM1 up to COM256.

4.1.4 Installation

Make sure one have turned off all anti-virus software before beginning the installation. Run the Virtual COM setup file included in the CD to install Virtual COM driver for ones operating system.

In the end of the installation, please select one or two COM ports to become the Virtual COM ports.

4.1.5 Uninstalling

1. From Windows Start menu select Setting, Control Panel, Add/Remove Programs.

2. Select **Serial IP** in the list of installed software.

3. Click the **Add/Remove** button to remove the program, or From Windows Start menu select Programs, Serial IP, **Uninstall Serial IP** to remove the program.

4.2 Virtual COM Communication

4.2.1 Enable Virtual COM on STE-502C

From web browser access to STE-502C by typing its IP address, click on COM1 link to access COM1 page, on the top half of the page click on "**TCP Server**" and enable Virtual COM by putting a check in front of the "Enable" button, then type in the local port number in the "**Local Port**" field as indicated in the following figure: (Figure 4.2)
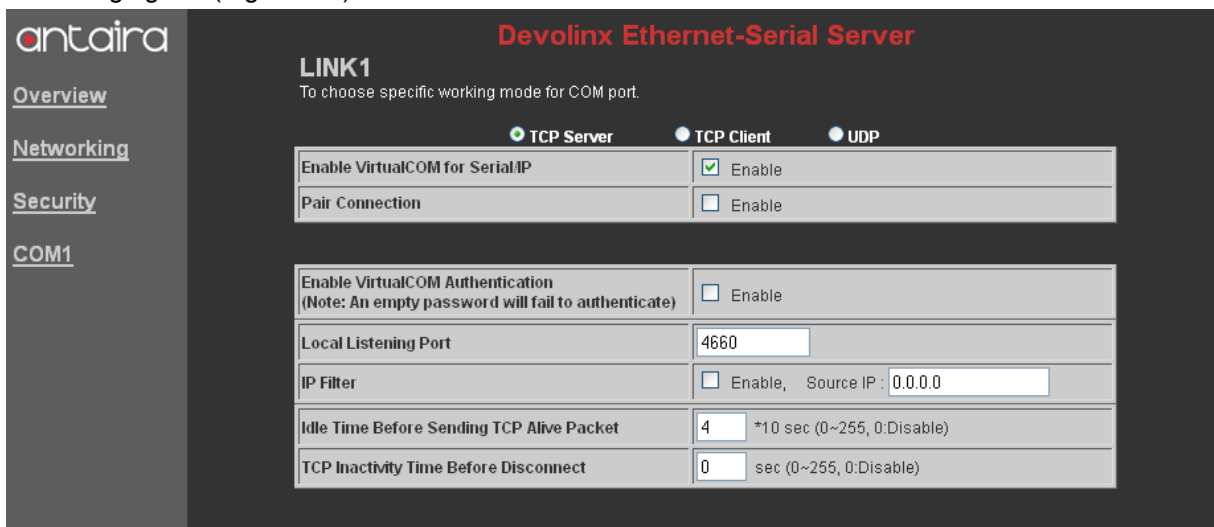

Figure 4.2 Enable Virtual Com

Or one can enable Virtual COM through telnet configuration by setting COM1 as TCP server, and type in the local port number for COM1, then enable virtual COM as shown in the following figure: (Figure 4.3)
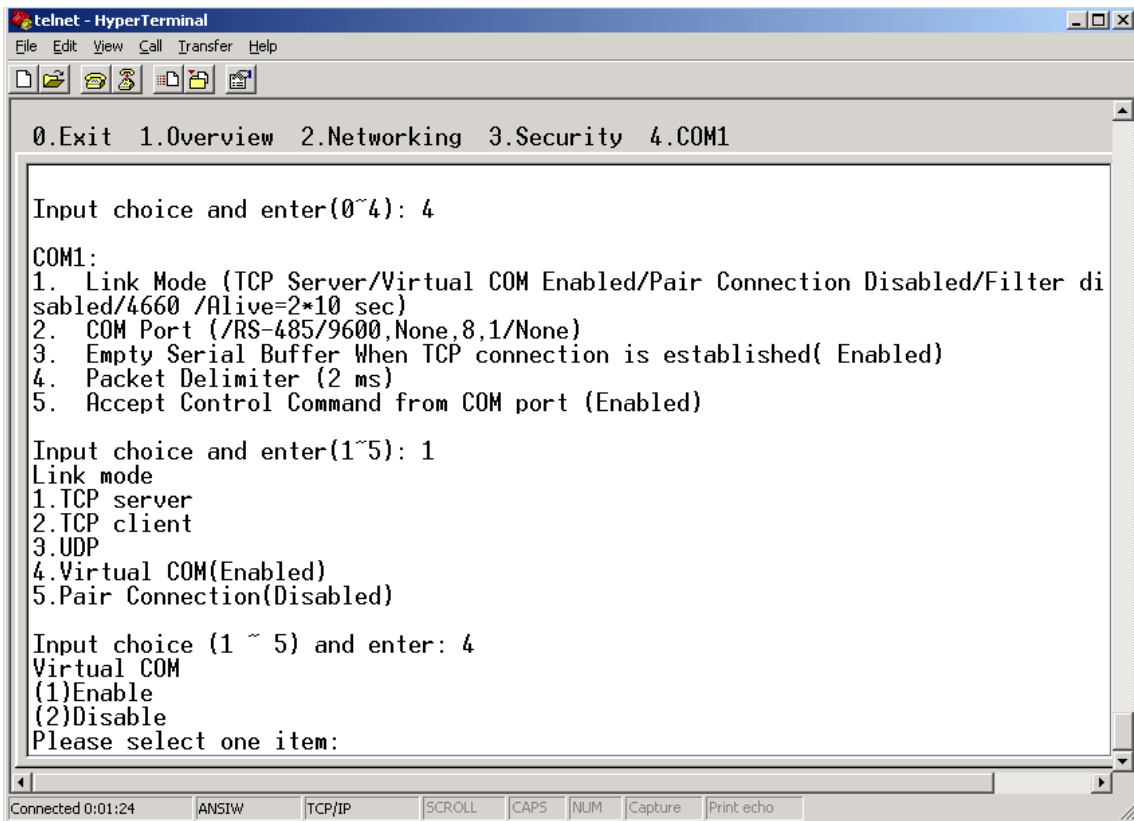
Figure 4.3 Enable Virtual Com via telnet

4.2.2 Run Serial/IP on Monitoring PC

In the Window Start Menu, go to "Programs", select "Serial/IP" and select "Control Panel". When "Select Port" windows pop-up, please select the serial port one want to configure. Then the configuration window will appear. (Figure 4.4)
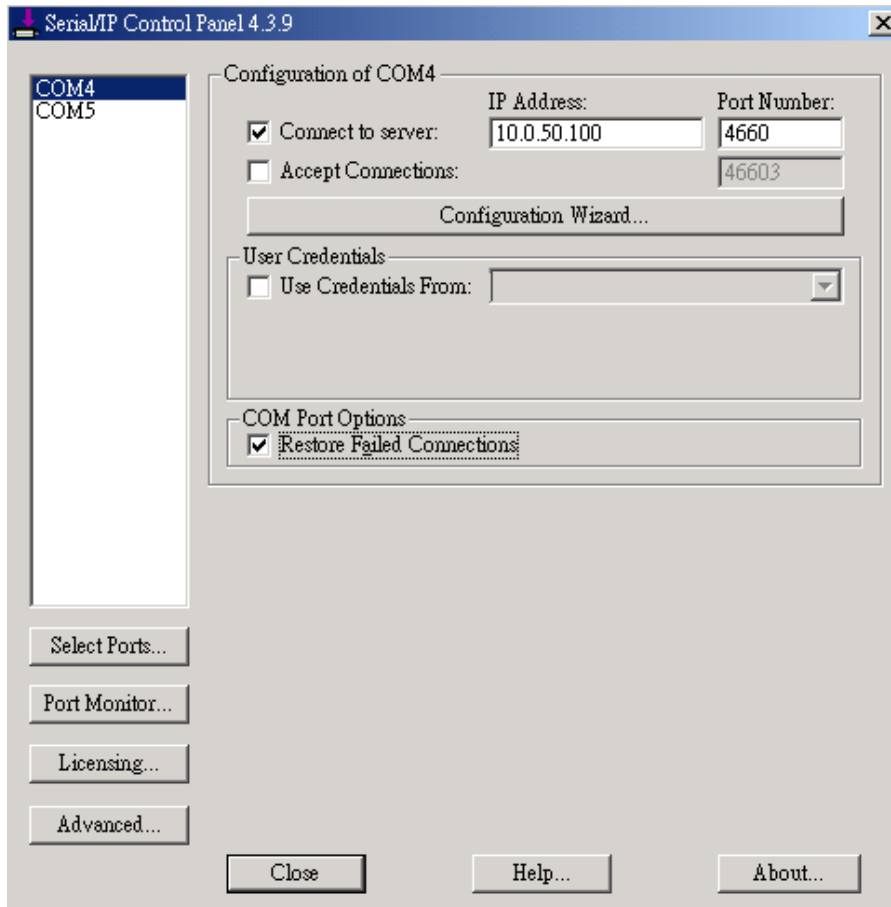
Figure 4.4 Serial/IP configuration

At the right side of Figure 4.4 is a sample Virtual COM Control Panel window. At the left side is the list of the COM ports that one have selected (in the Select Ports window) for use by the Virtual COM Redirector. If one wish to change which ports appear in this list, use the **Select Ports** button.

Each COM port has its own settings. When one click on a COM port, the Control Panel display changes to reflect the settings for that COM port.

Note: When one change settings for a COM port, the changes are effective immediately. There is no separate confirmation dialog to confirm or cancel ones changes.

4.3 Configuring Virtual COM Ports

One configure each Serial/IP COM port as follows: (Figure 4.5)

1. Select a COM port in the list.

2. For **IP Address of Server**, enter a numeric IP address for the serial server.

3. For **Port Number**, enter the TCP port number that the serial server uses to provide its serial ports to the network.

4. For **Server Credentials**, the default is **No Login Required**. If ones serial server does require a login by the Virtual COM Redirector, the Virtual COM Redirector needs to provide a username and/or password every time an application tries to use the serial server.

5. Click the **Configuration Wizard** button and then click the **Start** button that appears in the wizard window. This important step verifies that the Virtual COM Redirector can communicate with the serial server using the settings one have provided. If the **Log** display does not show errors, click the **Use Settings** button in the wizard, which makes the recommended settings effective and returns one to the Control Panel to continue with the following steps.(Figure 4.5)
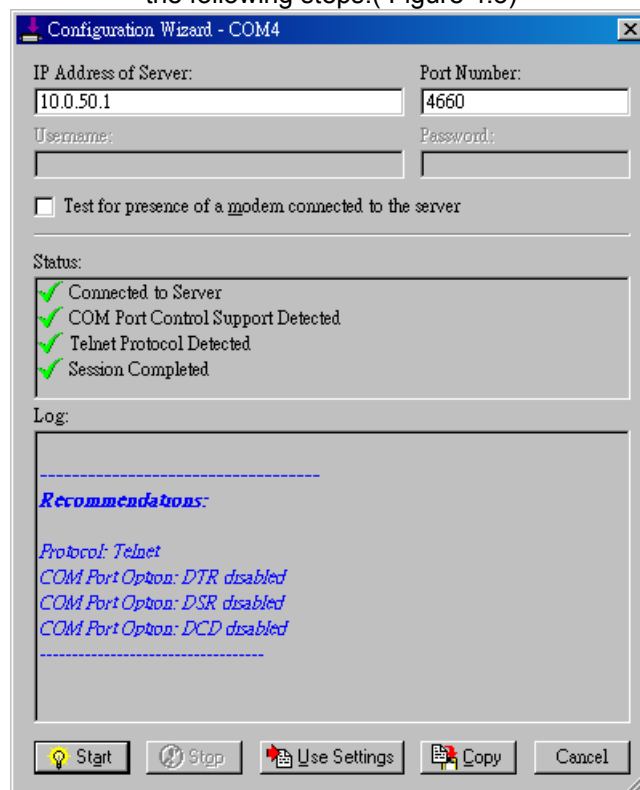
Figure 4.5 Configuration Wizard

6. For **Connection Protocol**, the setting must match the TCP/IP protocol that the serial server supports. The Configuration Wizard is usually able to determine the correct setting.

7. For **COM Port Options**, the settings must match the COM port behavior expected by the PC application that will use this COM port. The Configuration Wizard will recommend a combination of settings.

5. SNMP Setup

5.1 SNMP Network Management Platform

STE-502C is an SNMP device that allows many popular SNMP Network management platforms such as HP OpenView and SunNet Manager to conduct monitoring on the device.

Depending on the network management tools one are using, device STE-502C information can be collected from running the management tools including IP address, DNS name, system descriptions and NIC information etc.

6. Start Writing Ones Own Applications

Before one start writing ones host applications or programs to interact with STE-502C, please make sure one have done the following.

6.1 Preparing the System

1. Properly connect STE-502C hardware including power, Ethernet and serial cable

2. Properly configure the parameters of STE-502C including connection type, IP address, gateway IP address, and network mask accordingly (see chapter 3 **Hardware Installation** section).

3. Configure STE-502C as TCP Server using default TCP port number 4660.

4. The host (PC) application program must be configured as a TCP client and connects to STE-502C with designated TCP port number 4660 for COM1.

5. Make sure STE-502C is running by checking the running status through **monitor.exe** configuration utility.

6.2 Running the Sample Program

Sample programs written in VB and VC++ included in package are provided for oner reference, source codes are also included. Test program can be found in the product CD or diskette under the directory of **\sample\vb_ap** and **\sample\vc_ap** respectively.

There are two test programs, TCPTEST written in Visual Basic and TCPTEST2 written in Visual C++.

6.2.1 TCPTEST in Visual Basic

This sample program is written in Visual Basic 5.0 with Winsock Controls. It shows one how to send and receive data between host (PC) and STE-502C via Ethernet in two socket ports.

Run Visual Basic and open sample program tcptest.vbp, after the program is started successfully, one can start testing functions (Figure 6.1). For more information, please press **Help** in the program to get detail explanation.

Note: Please be sure the Microsoft visual studio family software is installed on the computer. Otherwise the sample program will not run.
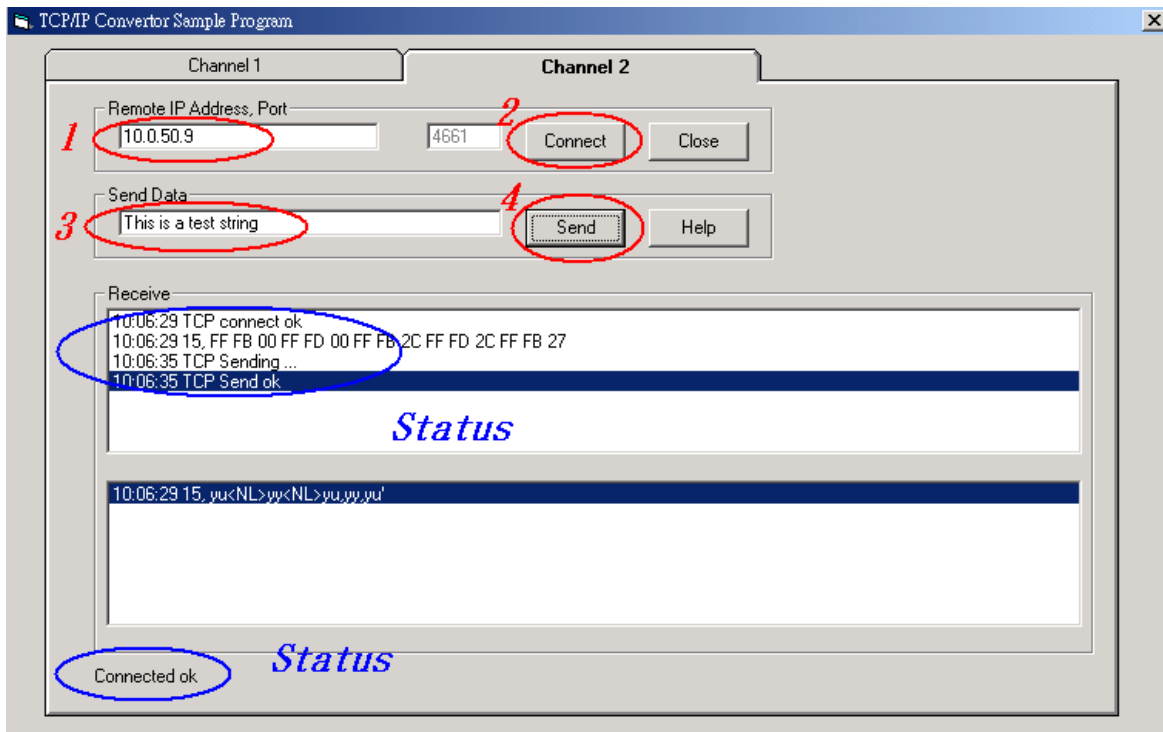
Figure 6.1 TCP test sample program in Visual Basic

6.2.2 TCPTEST2 in Visual C

To start the program, please type in the following command in the command line prompt (Figure 6.2):

TCPTEST2 IP_Address Port_Number

Figure 6.2 TCP test sample program in Visual C

The command *tcptest2 10.0.50.100 4660* brings one to connect to a TCP server of IP address *10.0.50.100* and port number *4660*, the received data is displayed on the screen and the data typed in is sent to the TCP server of the designated port number. One can also send binary data in hex format with a leading character "\". For example, "\00" and "\FF" representASCII code 0 and 255 respectively.

One can also use modem to connect to the serial server. Command "*AT\Od*" sends standard AT command to the modem which in return responds with "*OK\0D\0A*" message to the host application.

Always use '**=**' then Enter key to exit the program.

7. Diagnostics

There are several ways one can check on the status and availability of STE-502C.

7.1 Use Standard TCP/IP Utility Ping Command

From Windows **Start** menu, select **Run** and type in "**ping <TCP Server IP address>**".

If the connection is established, the Reply messages are displayed, otherwise it will indicate Request timed out (Figure 7.1).

```
C:\WINNT\system32\cmd.exe                                    _|□|×

C:\>ping 10.0.50.100

Pinging 10.0.50.100 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 10.0.50.100: bytes=32 time=10ms TTL=64
Reply from 10.0.50.100: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64
Reply from 10.0.50.100: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64
Reply from 10.0.50.100: bytes=32 time=10ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 10.0.50.100:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 0ms, Maximum =  10ms, Average =  5ms

C:\>ping 10.0.50.100

Pinging 10.0.50.100 with 32 bytes of data:

Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.

Ping statistics for 10.0.50.100:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),
```

Figure 7.1 Standard TCP/IP utility ping command

7.2 Use Monitor.exe Configuration Utility Program

Use monitor.exe configuration program that comes with the product CD or diskette to check on the status of STE-502C. The status can be read from "**AP version**" column of the tool.

Status	Descriptions
S	The system is configured as a TCP Server and Listing.
A	The TCP Server is connected.
C	The system is configured as a TCP Client and not yet connected.
C	The system is configured as a TCP Client and trying to Connect.
B	The TCP Client is connected.
U	The system is configured as an UDP Mode.

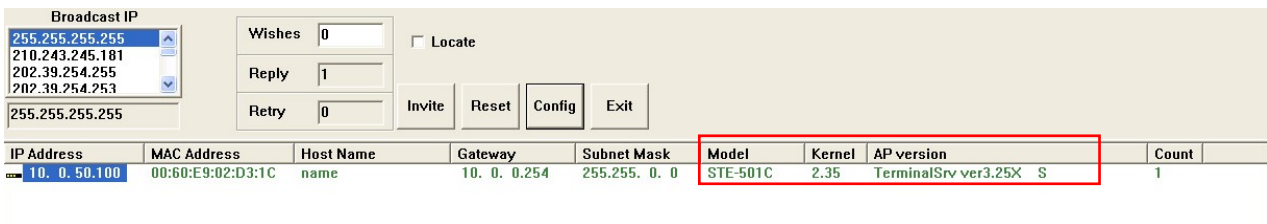For example, **'S'** means that COM1 is server mode and is not connected (Figure 7.2).

Figure 7.2 Monitor configuration Utility

7.3 Use TCPTEST.exe or TCPTEST2.exe Sample Program

Use sample programs TCPTEST.exe and TCPTEST2.exe that comes with the product CD to check on the status of STE-502C. Please refer to chapter 6.2 to run the sample programs.

Appendix A: Specifications

A.1 Hardware Specifications

	Specifications
CPU	▪ 16-bit Embedded CPU ▪ 100MHz
Flash Memory	▪ 512K Bytes
SDRAM	▪ 512K Bytes
EEPROM	▪ 512 Bytes
Host Communication	▪ IEEE802.3 base band ▪ TCP/IP, UDP, SNMP, HTTP, Telnet, ARP, BOOTP, DHCP, ICMP
Reset	▪ Built-in default key to restore factory default settings
Watch Dog Timer	▪ 1.34 second hardware auto reset ▪ Power failure threshold: 4.75V

SerialPort Communication	▪ One RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 selectable
	▪ RS-232: EIA-RS-232C standard, Full Duplex, DB9
	▪ RS-485: 2/4 wires, Half/Full duplex, Terminal Block
	▪ RS-422: 4 wires, Half/Full duplex, Terminal Block
	▪ Parameters
	  1) Baud-rate: 1200 bps ~ 230Kbps
	  2) Parity: None, Even, Odd, Mark, Space
	  3) Data bits: 7,8
	  4) Stop bits: 1,2
	  5) Packet Delimiter: by inter-character timeout, by characters delimiter
	  6) Flow Control: None, Hardware CTS/RTS, Software Xon/Xoff

LED indication	▪ RUN x 1 ▪ LAN x 1 ▪ COM port1
Power Requirement	▪ DC +9~30V
Temperature	▪ Operation: 0℃ to 60℃ ▪ Storage: -20℃ to 70℃
Humidity	▪ 20%~90% non-condensing
Housing	▪ 65mm(L) x 78mm(W) x 28mm(H)

A.2 Software Specifications

Item	Specifications
Protocol	▪ TCP/IP, UDP, HTTP, SNMP, ARP, Telnet, ICMP, BOOTP, DHCP, SMTP(Note)
Configuration	▪ Configuration information for both TCP/IP and serial ports is kept in the EEPROM. ▪ Configuration utilities of Windows 95/98/2000/NT/XP/2003 are provided for configuring settings.
Internal Buffer Size	▪ TCP receiving buffer size = 8K bytes ▪ TCP transmitting buffer size = 16K bytes ▪ RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 receiving buffer size = 4K bytes ▪ RS-232 or RS-485/RS-422 transmitting buffer size = 4K bytes

A.3 Panel Layout and Connector Pin Assignments

A.3.1 Panel Layout

A.3.1.1 DB9 for STE-502C
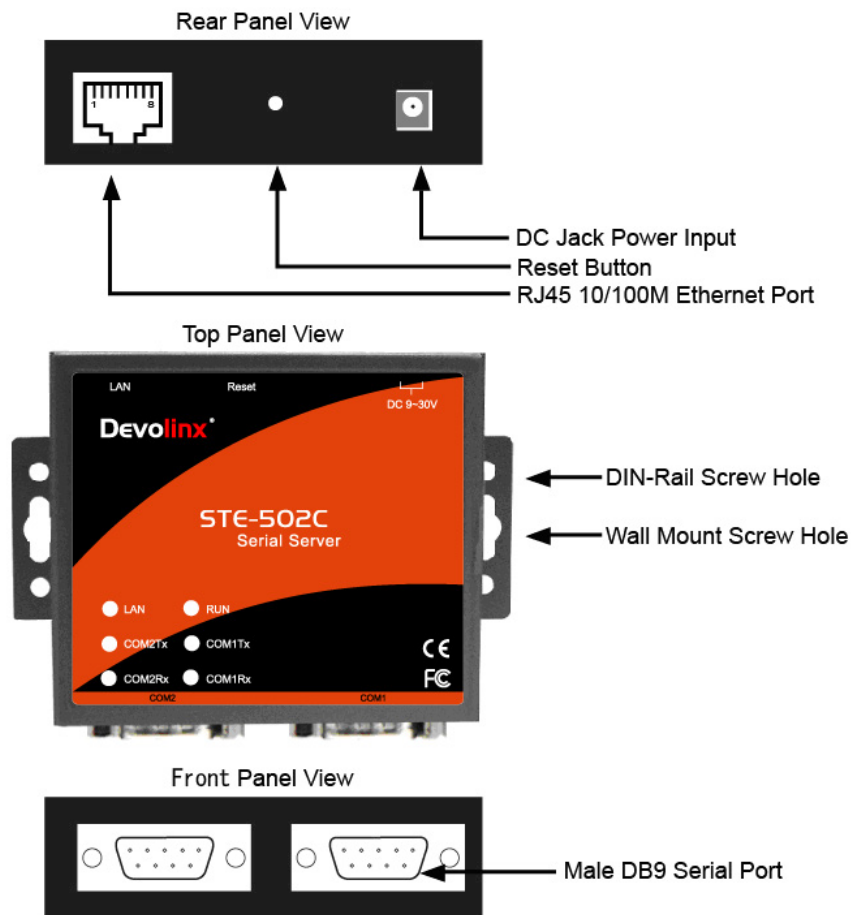
A.3.2 DB9 Pin Assignments

The pin assignments of DB9 connector on STE-502C is shown in the following table:

Pin#	RS-232 Full Duplex for STE-502C Model	RS-485 2-wire Half Duplex for STE-502C Model	RS-422/RS-485 4-wire Full Duplex for STE-502C Model
1	DCD	N/A	N/A
2	RXD	N/A	**TXD+**
3	TXD	**DATA+**	**RXD**+
4	DTR	N/A	N/A
5	SG (Signal Ground)	SG (Signal Ground)	SG (Signal Ground)
6	DSR	N/A	N/A
7	RTS	**DATA-**	**RXD-**
8	CTS	N/A	**TXD-**
9	N/A	N/A	N/A

A.3.3 Ethernet Port (RJ-45)

1. Category 5 UTP cable, 8 core wire.
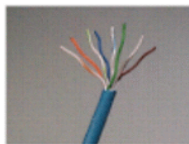
2. RJ45 Connector.

3. RJ45 Pin Assignment

Pin Assignment	**568A** Definition	**568B** Definition
Pin1	Green-White	Orange-White
Pin2	Green	Orange
Pin3	Orange-White	Green-White
Pin4	Blue	Blue
Pin5	Blue-White	Blue-White
Pin6	Orange	Green
Pin7	Brown-White	Brown-White
Pin8	Brown	Brown

One can choose either 568A or 568B definition. If one want to make a crossover cable, one should use 568A and 568B definition respectively in each terminal of a UTP cable.

A.3.4 Power Terminal Block Connector
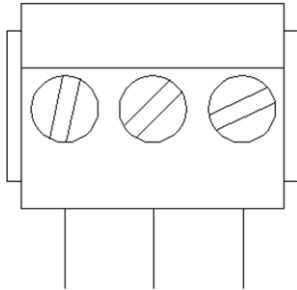
F.G.   VIN-   VIN+

Note: It could be reversed for the pin of VIN- and VIN+.

A.4 Buzzer/LED Message

A.4.1 Buzzer

" **^** ": Beep twice

" **=** ": Beep off

Message	Description
^===^===^===^===^===^===^... (1sec)	Watchdog problem, return service is required
^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^...	Memory problem, return service is required
^==^=======^^ (5sec)	Startup OK but AP firmware is disabled
^==^=======^^^ (5sec)	Startup OK and AP firmware is enabled
Table 1. Buzzer Message	

A.4.2 LAN LED

Message	Description
LED Off	Ethernet Disconnected
LED blinking with Green	Data is transmitting on Ethernet for 100Mbps
LED blinking with Orange	Data is transmitting on Ethernet for 10Mbps
Table 2. LAN LED Message	

A.4.3 COM Port LED

Message	Description
LED off	No data is transmitting on COM port
LED on blinking state	Data is transmitting on COM port
Table 3. COM Port LED Message	

A.4.4 RUN LED

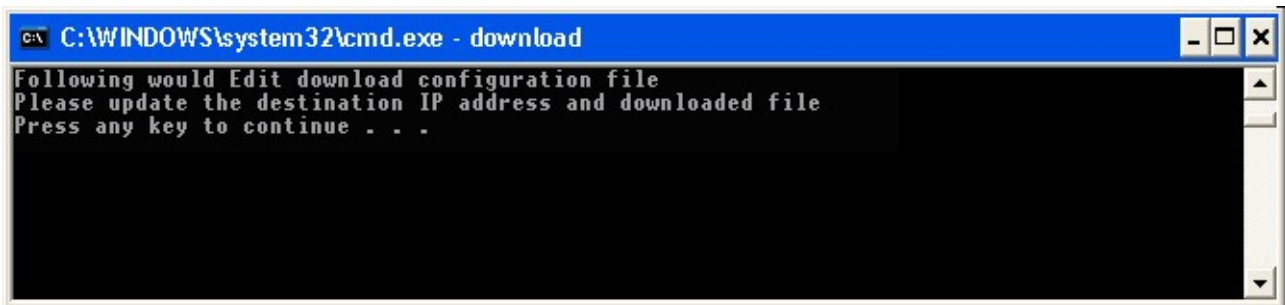| Message	Description
LED on	Jumper JP1 pin1 and pin2 are short to disable AP firmware in the flash memory.
LED blinking (rate: 0.5Sec)	AP firmware is running
Table 4. RUN LED Message	

Appendix B: Upgrade System Firmware

New version of firmware can be downloaded from www.antaira.com

B.1 Upgrade Procedures

When one get a new software version, please follow the sequences below to upgrade ones STE-502C.

1. Connect a PC (Windows 95/98/NT/2000/XP) and STE-502C one wish to upgrade the firmware in the same TCP/IP network. Use command **ping** or **monitor.exe** utility program to verify their availability.

2. Prepare the download tool and press any key to edit its configuration file **dapdl.cfg**. dapdl.cfg file can be found in the product CD.
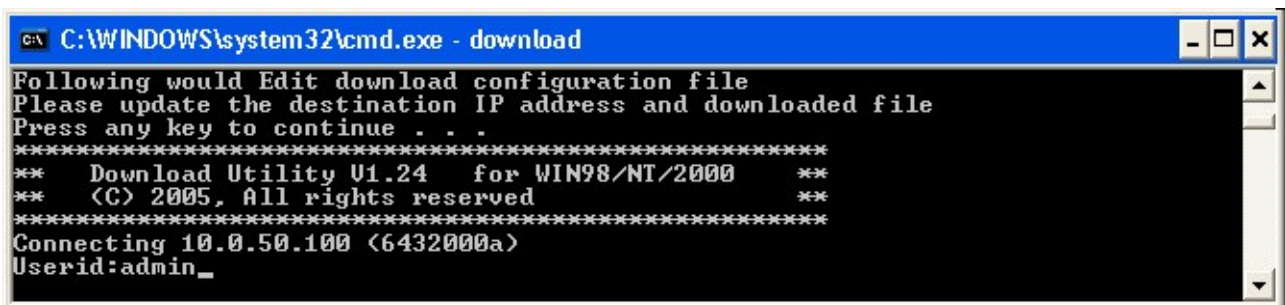

3. Edit the *"dapdl.cfg"* file to fit ones system need, the content of the file looks like as the following. Be sure to save ones modifications after the change is made.

**Remote_IP   10.0.50.100**

Load   U5001ap.hex

The first line identifies the IP address of STE-502C, the second line identifies the firmware (.Hex file) name to be downloaded.

4. Execute the utility program **download.bat,** it can be found in the product CD.

5. Input the user name and password credential, the new firmware will be downloaded.

6. STE-502C will automatically restart each time the firmware is successfully downloaded.
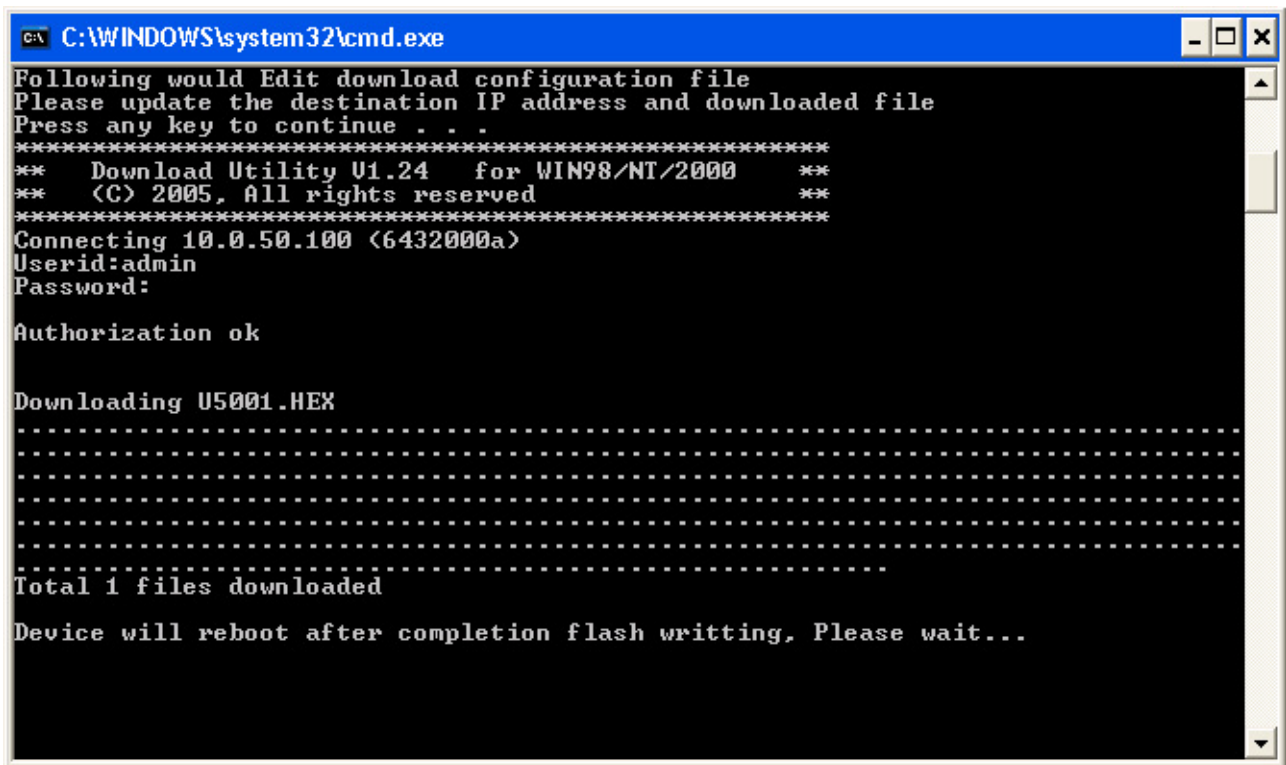
B.2 Critical Issues of Upgrading

1   One can always abort the upgrading process by pressing the **<Esc>** key from host PC during the upgrading process. STE-502C will restart automatically and the system remains intact.

2   If STE-502C does not receive any upgrading data within **30 seconds**, STE-502C will restart automatically and the system remains intact.

3   After the upgrading process finishes, STE-502C will program the flash memory and buzzer beeps 6 times then restarts. Normally, it takes around 10 seconds to complete the programming process. If an error occurs during the programming process, STE-502C will clear the corresponding memory and the system remains intact of what it was.

B.3 Error Messages

Firmware upgrade may not be successful if errors occur during the process.

Error Cause	Message	Comments
Illegal Hex file format	Hex File Text Error	
	Hex File Check-Sum Error	
	Hex File Format Error	
	Hex File End of Record Error	
STE-502C handshaking problem	STE-502C ACK Start Address Error	
	STE-502C ACK Length Error	
	STE-502C Response Command Error	
Configuration file	Remote IP not found	
	Open configuration file failure	

Appendix C: Disable System Firmware

The AP (application program) firmware of STE-502C can be disabled. This function is used in the situation that one downloaded a wrong version of firmware that caused the system crashed.

To disable the current version of firmware and prevent it from executing, please do the followings:

1. Turn the power off, open STE-502C case.

2. Short pin1 and pin2 of jumper JP1 on the right-top corner from the main board to disable AP firmware.

3. Power on STE-502C.

4. Download the correct AP firmware to STE-502C.

5. Remove the pin 1 and pin2 of jumper JP1 to enable AP firmware.

6. Close the case and continue ones operations.

Appendix D: Using Monitor.exe Utility

The configuration utility **monitor.exe** comes with the product CD or diskette is the main utility program to demonstrate and configure STE-502C's settings.

D.1 Run the utility

Start the program under Windows 95/98/NT/2000 environment and the following window appears (Figure D1).
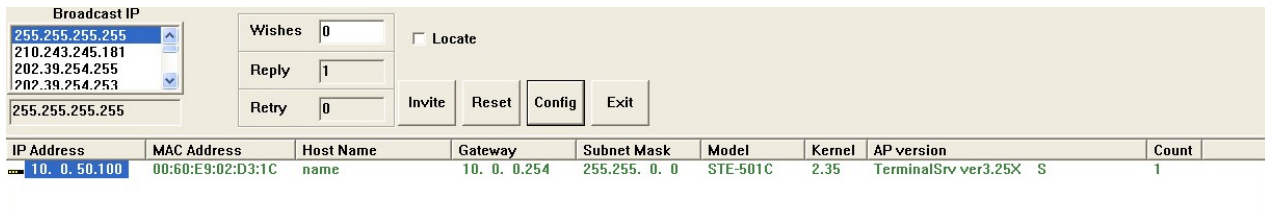

Figure D1. Main window of monitor.exe utility program

D.2 Detect Operational Devices

One may do the following steps to detect devices currently available on the network.

1. Start **monitor.exe** utility program.

2. Select an item from the **Broadcast IP** list.

3. Specify a number in the **Wishes** box.

4. Click on the **Invite** button. This will display all the devices information one have requested.

D.3 Configure Devices

One may use **monitor.exe** configuration utility to configure the settings of devices on the network. To do so, please follow the steps below.

1 Repeat the steps in the section of **D.2** to bring up the devices information.

2 Select the device one want to configure from the **IP Address** column, click on the **Config** button, a configuration window will popup as shown in Figure D2:
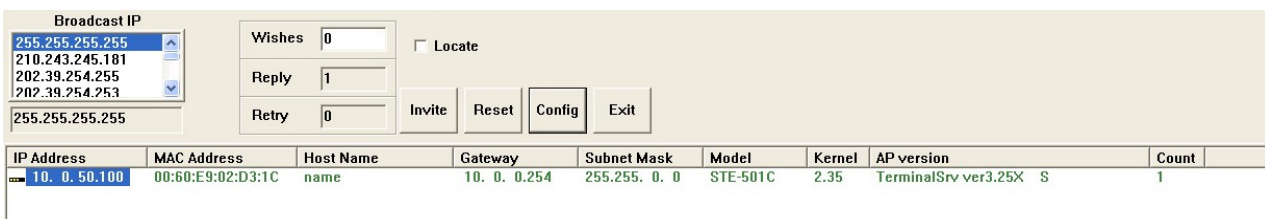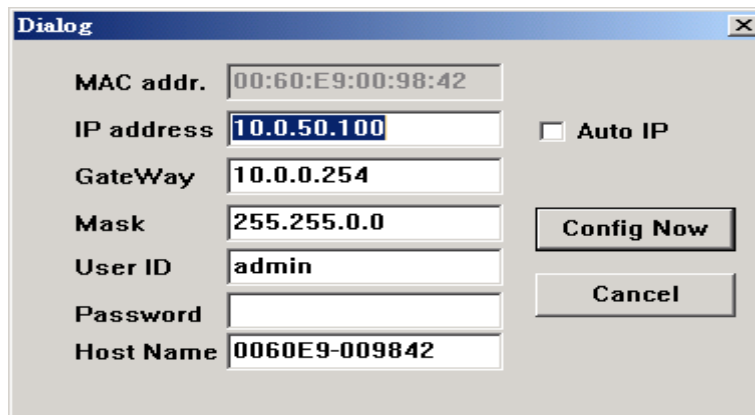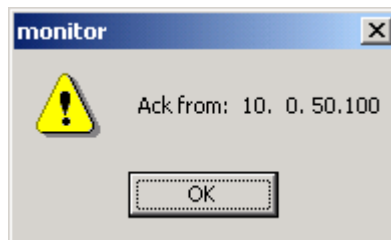
Figure D2. Configuration dialog box

3   After one click the "Configure Now" button, the target device will return an ACK message indicating the modification is successful as shown in the following:

The following table lists the functional descriptions for all the fields.

Field Name	Field Descriptions

Broadcast IP	Except for the default IP 255.255.255.255, other items (IPs) are read from the file "seg.cfg". This field specifies a detecting IP range. It may be a designated IP or a broadcast IP.
Wishes	Specifies minimum number of the devices one wish to get reply from after sending an **Invite** request. If there is not as many as devices responding to oner invitation, the system repeatedly sends invitation until oner request is fulfilled.
Reply	Indicates the actual number of devices this utility program detected.
Retry	Specify the number of times that an Invite request is re-sent.
Locate	Locate the specified device.
Reset	Reset the selected device.
Config	Configure the selected device.
Exit	Exit this utility.
IP Address	Indicate the IP address of the device that replied to ones request. • Leading tag "!" stands for IP address collision, possibly caused by duplicated IP addresses on the network. • Leading tag "?" stands for Mac address collision, possibly caused by duplicated Mac addresses on the network.
MAC Address	Indicates the MAC address of responding device.
Gateway	Indicates the IP address of the gateway.
Subnet Mask	Indicates the TCP/IP network mask.
OS	Indicates the OS version of the responding device.
AP Version	Indicates the AP version of the responding device.
Model	Indicates the model number of the responding device. This field is only available for monitor.exe version 2.0 and above.