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Strobecom II 4140 and OSPOC: Getting Started

Information is provided on how to initially discover the 4140 and OSPOC on a network and re-configure it for custom network applications.

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1 Introduction

The Strobecom II 4140 and OSPOC are delivered in a default configuration. Prior to installation there are some steps that are necessary for proper operations. At a minimum, the real-time clock should be synchronized with the local time to enable accurate timestamps on log entries. If the Strobecom II 4140 or OSPOC is to be integrated into a network, the device should be properly configured to work within the network. The tools and procedures to perform these actions are described within this guide.

2 Networking Module

The Strobecom II 4140 and OSPOC contain the XPort Pro embedded Ethernet module from Lantronix. It provides a full featured TCP/IP stack with enterprise grade security features and management features. In the default condition, the network is configured as a DHCP client – dynamically obtaining an IP address. In order to configure the networking parameters, free tools from Lantronix are utilized.

The steps for configuring the Strobecom II 4140 or OSPOC are outlined as follows and discussed in more detail in subsequent sections.

- 1. Download and install the Device Installer software from Lantronix (www.lantronix.com).
- 2. Run Device Installer.
- 3. Select the appropriate network adapter under the Tools->Options menu.
- 4. Using Device Installer, search for connected Lantronix modules.
 - a. When found, the window will show the XPort Pro device, its MAC address, and its IP address.
- 5. Select the desired XPort Pro device and configure the networking parameters of the device.
 - a. If not configuring the device for a network installation, the IP address should be noted for use with OSPsoft.
 - b. If assigning a static IP address, use the 'Assign IP' link shown in the window.

Note: It is highly recommended that the user read the Lantronix document titled "Device Installer User Guide" or review this information via the help provided within the program. This provides more detailed information on the proper use of the program.

Note: By default, a Lantronix device is configured as a DHCP client, dynamically obtaining an IP address from a device such as a router or other DHCP server process. It is possible for an IP address to change after some period, depending upon the DHCP server settings.

Note: To ensure a device is always reachable at the same IP address, the user should assign a static IP address to each 4140 or OSPOC Lantronix module.

2.1 Network Discovery

Lantronix provides a free tool to discover, manage, and configure their Ethernet devices. The program is called Device Installer. It can be downloaded from their website at http://www.lantronix.com/device-networking/utilities-tools/device-installer.html.

Connect a Strobecom II 4140 or OSPOC to either your local network or directly to a computer. Start the Device Installer program. Before starting a search, it is recommended that the user verify that the proper network adapter is selected for the search process. This is done by selecting Tools->Options from the menu. An example of the network adapter selection process is shown for the case where the PC has two different network adapters. Only one network adapter can be selected at a time.

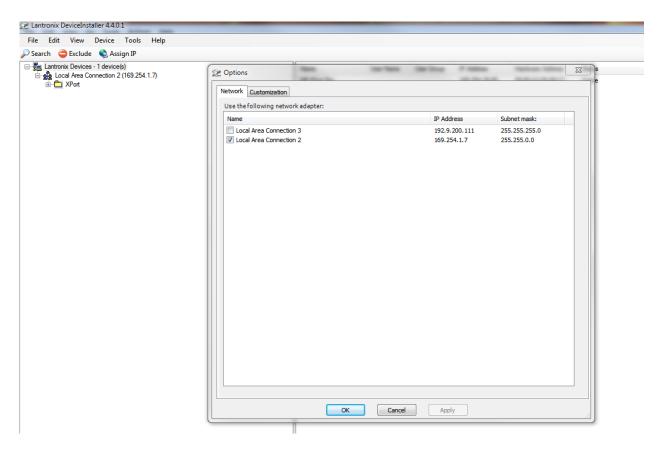


Figure 1: Example Window for Network Adapter Selection on PC with 2 Network Adapters

Note: Ensure the desired network adapter is configured for proper discovery of the Strobecom II 4140 or OSPOC. Use Tools->Options to verify that the desired network adapter has been selected.

Begin a search process by selecting the search button. The active search process will be shown via a progress bar at the bottom right of the program. When the Lantronix device on the Strobecom II 4140 or OSPOC is discovered, it should show in the window. An example of the Device Installer search result is shown in the following figure.

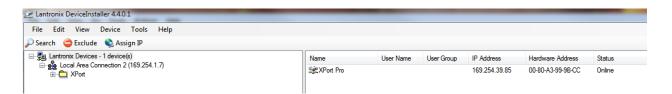


Figure 2: Example of a Search Result using Device Installer

Note: Device Installer will detect any Lantronix devices on the network. It is possible that your network may have other Lantronix devices connected that do not belong to the Strobecom II 4140 or OSPOC product line.

Note: The Strobecom II 4140 and OSPOC contain a Lantronix XPort Pro device. This should be listed within the Device Installer program search results.

Note: The MAC address (or hardware address) is unique to each Lantronix device and is included on the label affixed to the Lantronix device on the 4140 or OSPOC. This MAC address should be referenced to verify the correct IP address for the target 4140 or OSPOC.

2.1.1 Connecting Directly to a Computer

As noted previously, by default the Lantronix device is configured to dynamically obtain an IP address. When connecting directly to a PC or laptop, the PC or laptop typically will not assign the Lantronix an IP address. After a period, if the Lantronix device does not obtain an IP address it will assign itself an IP address in the range of 169.254.x.x.

To discover the Lantronix device who auto-assigned an IP address of 169.254.x.x, the user can set the IP address of the PC or laptop to an address on the same network (i.e. 169.254.1.100).

Note: If the user is frequently connecting directly between the Lantronix device and a laptop, a USB-to-Ethernet dongle is recommended. This can be configured once for the proper IP address and subnet mask, leaving the main laptop network adapter settings alone. The user could select this adapter from Device Installer (Tools->Options) and perform a search.

2.2 Network Configuration

Device Installer provides a simple process for assigning a static IP address to the StrobeCom II 4140 or OSPOC. Select the device to configure by clicking on it from the view in Device Installer (it will be highlighted). Click on the 'Assign IP' link in the window. The software will then guide the user in the process of assigning a static IP address to the device.

Note: In order to change the IP address, the user name and password must be known. Contact Tomar Electronics if the default user name and password have not been provided.

The Device Installer software provides a TCP/IP and Subnetting Tutorial. This should be referenced to resolve any problems experienced. A few key items from the Device Installer User Manual are shown below.

For Device Installer to assign an IP address to your Lantronix device successfully:

- Your PC's IP address and the address you want to assign to your Lantronix device must be on the same subnet.
- No routers or gateways can exist between your PC and your Lantronix device. Device Installer does not support assigning an IP address across a router or gateway.

Note: It is possible to assign an IP address in conflict with the previous two statements. However, once a static IP address has been assigned to a Lantronix device, unless it is on the same subnet as the network adapter it will become unreachable when performing another search. In order to reach the Lantronix device at this point, the network adapter settings must be configured such that it is on the same subnet on which the Lantronix device was configured.

It is possible that Device Installer will also detect Lantronix devices that are not configured for the current network. In this case, the device will be listed with red text and the status will be unreachable. An example of this is shown below. This may occur when performing a search right after configuring a Lantronix device onto a different network, but is not guaranteed.



Figure 3: Example of an Unreachable Lantronix Device

Note: Device Installer cannot be relied upon to detect all improperly configured and unreachable Lantronix devices. For more robust detection of such devices, see the section titled 'Recovering an Unknown Device'.

2.3 Connecting to the Strobecom II 4140 or OSPOC Using OSPsoft

When connecting to the Strobecom II 4140 or OSPOC using OSPsoft, the network configuration must be known. In particular, the IP address is needed. For communications via OSPsoft on the network, the port to use is 10001. This is shown in the figure.



Note: The IP Port must be 10001 for communications using OSPsoft

Note: The IP address shown is for illustration purposes only. The correct IP address should be obtained via the search results from Device Installer corresponding to the desired MAC address (hardware address) or a set of user configured static IP addresses.

3 Troubleshooting

When troubleshooting connection issues with a Lantronix device or the 4140 and OSPOC devices, it is recommended that the device is physically accessible. Attempting to troubleshoot a remotely located device has reduced potential. The table below provides some basic troubleshooting support.

Symptom	Description	Resolution	Notes
Green light on	The Lantronix unit is not	Ensure a working Ethernet	Physical
Lantronix device is off	connected to an Ethernet	cable is plugged into the	access to
		Lantronix device and the	device
		system routing device	required
Cannot communicate	OSPsoft shows a message	Using Device Installer, search	Remote
with 4140 or OSPOC	error "Took too long to	for devices. Verify the IP	access may be
using OSPsoft	establish	address of the desired unit	sufficient
	connection/Retry?"	using the MAC address on	
		the label of the 4140 or	
		OSPOC Lantronix module	
Network configuration	OSPsoft shows a message	Verify the IP port in OSPsoft	Remote
is good, but cannot	error "Took too long to	has been properly set to	access
communicate with	establish	10001	sufficient
4140 or OSPOC using	connection/Retry?"		
OSPsoft			
Network configuration	OSPsoft shows a message	Using Device Installer, verify	Remote
and IP port are good,	error "Took too long to	the desired Lantronix device	access
but cannot	establish	can be discovered, is	sufficient
communicate with	connection/Retry?"	reachable, and the status is	
4140 or OSPOC using		online.	
OSPsoft			
Cannot discover	The desired Lantronix	Verify the proper network	Remote
Lantronix device using	device does not show up	adapter has been selected	access
Device Installer	via a search within Device Installer	via Tools->Options	sufficient
Cannot discover	The desired Lantronix	Verify the network adapter	Remote
Lantronix device using	device does not show up	settings are properly	access
Device Installer and	via a search within Device	configured for the network	sufficient
proper network	Installer. The proper	on which the Lantronix	
adapter has been	network adapter has	device is installed.	
selected	been selected.		
Cannot discover	The Lantronix device may	Verify green light on	Physical
Lantronix device using	either be disconnected	Lantronix unit is on. If it is	access to
Device Installer and a	from the Ethernet or has	on, the device network	device
properly configured	an invalid network	configuration may be invalid.	required
network adapter has	configuration.	See 'Recovering an Unknown	
been selected		Device'.	

3.1 Recovering an Unknown Device

Recovering a Lantronix device with an unknown configuration cannot reliably be done via Device Installer. However, tools and methods are available that will help discover sufficient information to reach this device and configure it properly. A packet sniffer program such as Wireshark must be installed on the PC or laptop to perform this procedure.

Steps To Recover an Unknown Lantronix Configuration

- 1. Configure the network adapter to a static IP address and subnet mask.
 - a. An example would be 10.0.0.1 with a subnet mask of 255.255.255.0
- 2. Start a live capture via Wireshark using the network adapter configured in the previous step.
- 3. Power-up the 4140 or OSPOC.
 - a. Upon power-up, the Lantronix device will broadcast information, which usually includes a portion of the MAC address and the IP address.
- 4. Obtain the IP address from a broadcast issued via the Lantronix device.
 - a. An example of this is highlighted in the figure below. Note that the source column contains Lantroni_99:9b:cc. This identifies the Lantronix device along with the last few octets of the MAC address for this unit. The IP address can be seen under the info column to the right (Gratuitous ARP for 142.77.33.8).
- 5. Reconfigure the network adapter using the first two portions of the IP address and a subnet mask of 255.255.0.0.
 - a. In the example provided, the IP address was found to be 142.77.33.8.
 - b. Configure the network adapter to an IP address of 142.77.1.100 and a subnet mask of 255.255.0.0.
- 6. Start Device Installer and select the newly configured network adapter via Tools->Options.
- 7. Perform a search. The Lantronix device should now be reachable and ready for the IP address and network parameters to be properly configured.

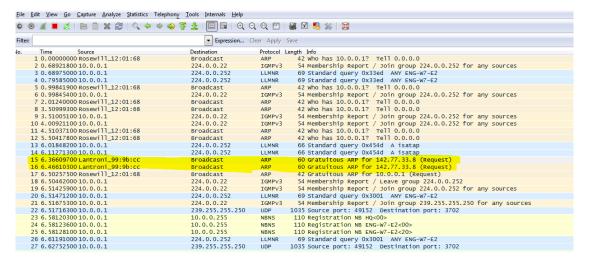


Figure 4: Example of Lantronix Recovery via Wireshark

4 Examples of Assigning a Static IP Address to a Lantronix Module

4.1 Preferred Methods of Assigning Static IP Addresses to Lantronix Devices

There are two preferred methods for assigning a static IP address to a Lantronix device. These are preferred since they allow the device to be fully reachable once the new configuration has been applied. Both involve a DHCP server process that is configured to the final network configuration.

One method of assigning an IP address to a Lantronix device is when using a router on the same subnet as the final configuration. In this case, upon power-up a default Lantronix unit will automatically obtain an IP address from the router since the router typically contains a DHCP server process. Using Device Installer with the appropriate network adapter, the search process should discover the Lantronix device. Once a static IP address and proper network parameters are assigned, since the Lantronix is configured for the same network as the router a search will bring up the device showing its newly set static IP address.

Note: The router will assign the Lantronix an IP address. The subnet mask and default gateway will also be set to a valid configuration for the current network. Assuming the subnet mask and default gateway match the final target configuration, the user needs only to set the desired static IP address.

If a router is not available, then a simple DHCP server program along with proper network adapter settings can be used. Configure the DHCP server and the network adapter to the same subnet as the final configuration. Upon power-up a default Lantronix unit will automatically obtain an IP address from the DHCP server program. Using Device Installer with the correct network adapter, the search process should discover the Lantronix device. Once a static IP address and proper network parameters are assigned, since the Lantronix is configured for the same network as the router a search will bring up the device showing its newly set static IP address.

Note: The DHCP server will assign the Lantronix an IP address. The subnet mask and default gateway will also be set to a valid configuration for the current network. Assuming the subnet mask and default gateway match the final target configuration, the user needs only to set the desired static IP address.

Note: When using a DHCP server program, a USB-to-Ethernet adapter is recommended as this allows the user to configure this with a static IP address and subnet mask, leaving the main PC or laptop network adapter alone.

4.2 Configuring the Static IP Address from a Direct Connection to a PC

When connecting directly to a PC or laptop, if the network adapter is configured to obtain an IP address automatically, as shown below, then a default Lantronix device should be discoverable. The reason is that both devices are waiting for an IP address. After a timeout period, both the PC and Lantronix device typically assign themselves an IP address in the range of 169.254.x.x.

Note: For a direct PC connection to a Lantronix device configured to automatically obtain an IP address, Lantronix recommends setting the network adapter to an IP address of 169.254.1.100 with a subnet mask of 255.255.0.0. This is the same subnet on which the Lantronix device will auto-assign itself an IP address.

Note: If the PC or laptop has been assigned a static IP address and does not have a DHCP server configured for the same subnet, then discovery of a Lantronix device may not be possible.

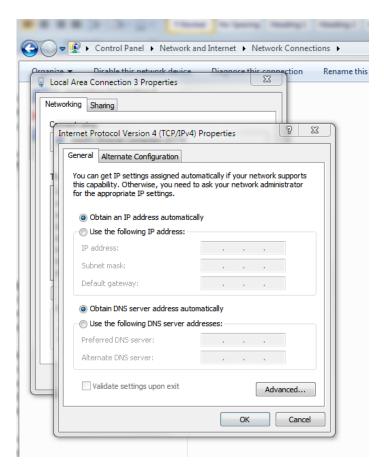


Figure 5: Network Adapter Set to Obtain IP Address Automatically

From a search process within Device Installer, the network adapter screen (Tools->Options) should look like the following figure. In this case, the Lantronix device should be both discoverable and reachable since both are on the same subnet (i.e. 169.254.x.x).

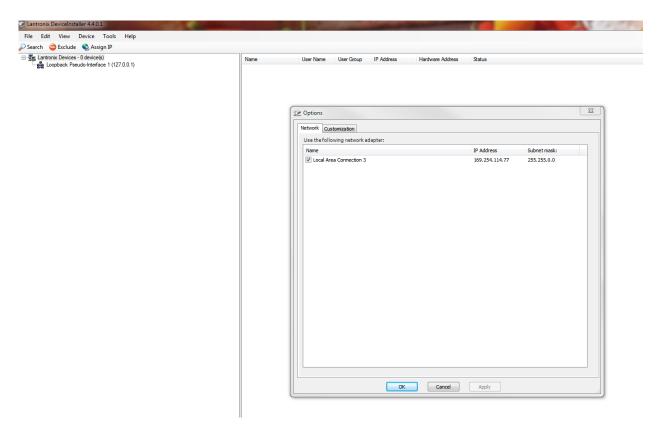


Figure 6: Network Adapter IP Address for PC Set to Automatically Obtain One

Since the Lantronix device is reachable, the IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway may be configured via Device Installer. An example is shown below for a random configuration.

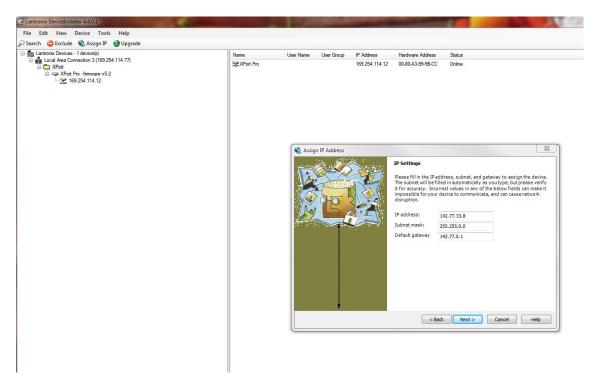


Figure 7: Example Random Lantronix Network Configuration

Select next to assign the network configuration to the Lantronix device. A warning will pop-up stating the desired address is not on the same subnet as the PC. This means the device will not be reachable from the PC using the current network adapter, but it is okay to continue assigning the static IP address.

Note: The user is responsible for ensuring that the network configuration assigned to the Lantronix device is valid. An invalid configuration may render the device unreachable.

Device Installer will assign the Lantronix the new IP address and network configuration, then begin a search process. Since the PC and Lantronix are no longer on the same subnet, the most likely outcome is that the Lantronix device will not be found.

To discover the Lantronix device, Device Installer must be connected to a network adapter configured to the same subnet. An example of this process is shown. The network adapter is first configured to the same subnet of the Lantronix device (or a superset of this), as shown in the following figure.

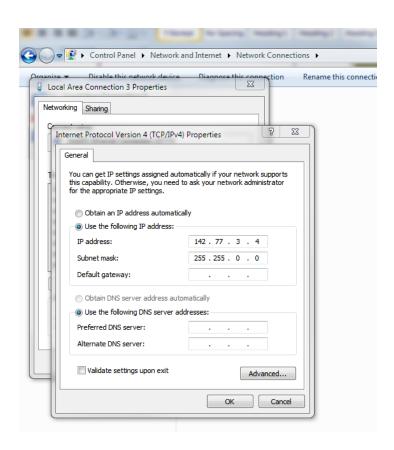


Figure 8: Configuring the Network Adapter to the Example Lantronix Subnet

Select the newly configured network adapter from the Tools->Options menu in Device Installer. Cycle power on the 4140 or OSPOC unit and perform a search via Device Installer. The Lantronix device should now be discovered.

Note: Setting a static IP address across a router will follow a similar process. However, after assigning the static IP address, the Lantronix device will not be discoverable across the router. The user must connect to either a properly configured router or directly to a network adapter configured properly.

5 References

The Lantronix website provides numerous support documents for the XPort Pro. A list of tools and documentation pertinent to this document are listed.

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Lantronix. (Dec 2008). Device Installer User Guide. In Lantronix. Retrieved January 2015, from http://www.lantronix.com/pdf/DeviceInstaller_UG.pdf.

A useful tool for monitoring Ethernet packets as well as recovering unknown device configurations is a program called Wireshark.

Wireshark. (December 29, 2015). Stable Release (2.0.1). Retrieved February 2016, from https://www.wireshark.org/.