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Configuring a Digi XBee Wifi module for TCP Socket

1. Configure a Digi XBee Wifi module as a TCP Client to connect to a TCP Server for sending/receiving data in an Ad Hoc network.

Objective: Configure a TCP Socket connection between a Digi XBee Wifi module and a computer running a TCP Server connected in an Ad hoc network.

1.1 Software Requirements

- XCTU
- PuTTY or any Terminal application
- TCP Server such as netcat

1.2 Hardware Requirements

- Digi XBee Wifi module
- Computer with Wireless card

Setup Scenario

In this scenario we will configure a TCP Socket between a Digi XBee Wifi module and a computer in Adhoc running a TCP server application.





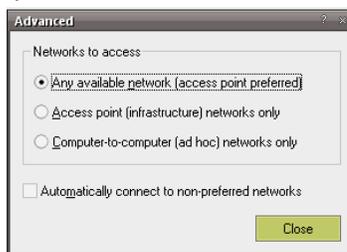
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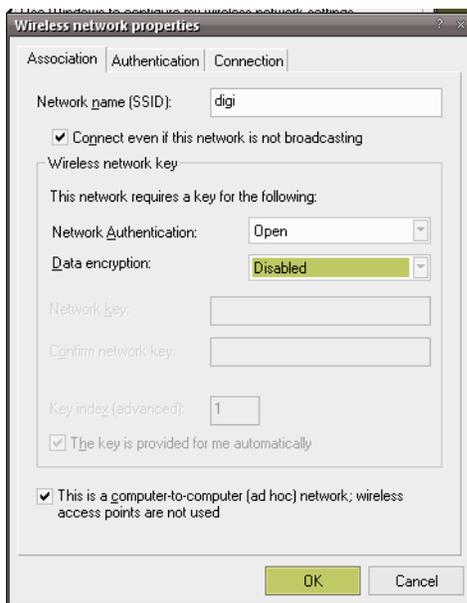
2. 2. Step by Step instructions

2.2.1 Configure Computer for Ad hoc and setup TCP Socket server

- Go to the Wireless Network connection settings (**Start > Connect To > Show all connections > Right click on Wireless Network Connection**)
- Scroll to the Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and click **“Properties”**
- Assign a fixed IP Address to your network card, in this example : **192.168.0.1** and a subnet of **255.255.255.0** and click **OK**
- Go to the **“Wireless Networks”** tab, click on **“Advanced”** and make sure that Networks to access is set to **“Any available network”**.



- In the **“Preferred networks”** section, click on **“Add...”**
- Enter a Network name (SSID) : **digi**, check the **“Connect even if this network is not broadcasting”** box.



- Network authentication : **Open** , Data Encryption : **Disabled**
- At the bottom of this window, check **“This is a computer-to-computer (ad hoc) network; wireless access points are not used”**



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- i) Go to the Connection tab and check the “**Connect when this network is in range**”



- j) Click **OK**
- k) Extract the netcat application to a folder on your computer such as c:\netcat
- l) Click on **Start>Run** and type “**CMD**” to start a command line window.
- m) Navigate to the netcat directory
- n) Start netcat in listening mode by issuing the following command :

nc.exe -l -p 9750

nc.exe is the netcat application

-l is for listening connections

-p 9750 is to specify the TCP port we will be using.



Netcat is now “listening” to incoming TCP socket connection

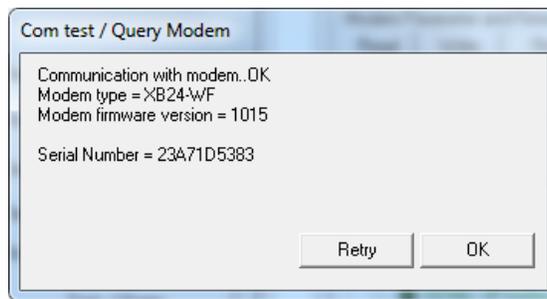
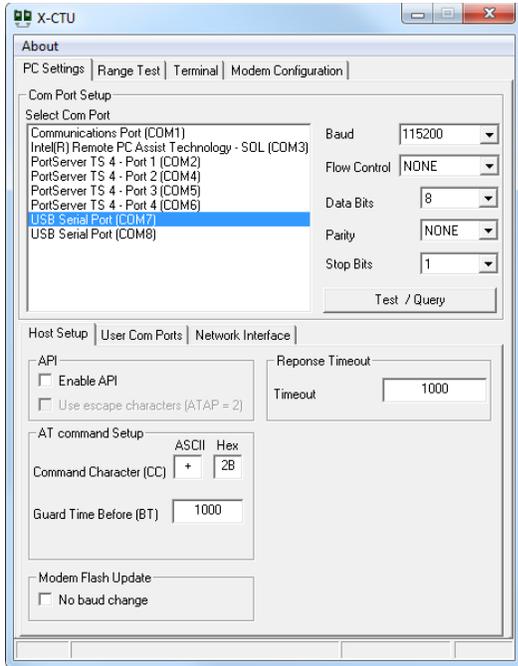


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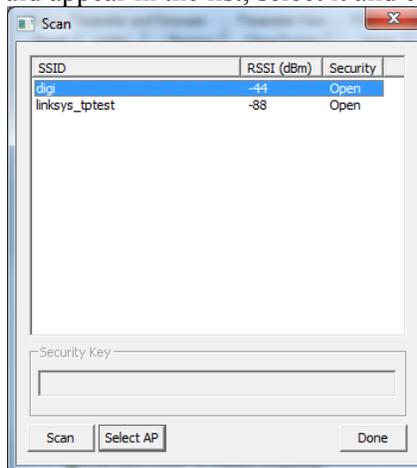
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2.2.2 Configure XBee Wifi module

- Insert the XBee module on the XBee development board and connect the USB cable to your computer.
- Open XCTU, in the PC Settings tab, select the “USB Serial Port” corresponding to your board, set the baud rate to **9600**, flow control to **none**, data bits to **8**, parity to **none** and stop bits to **1** (this should be default settings) and click the “**Test/Query**” button, which should prompt the modem information like below :



- Click on the “**Modem Configuration**” tab
- Under “Active Scan” click the “**Scan**” button to discover nearby networks, the previously created “digi” network should appear in the list, select it and click the “**Select AP**” button.





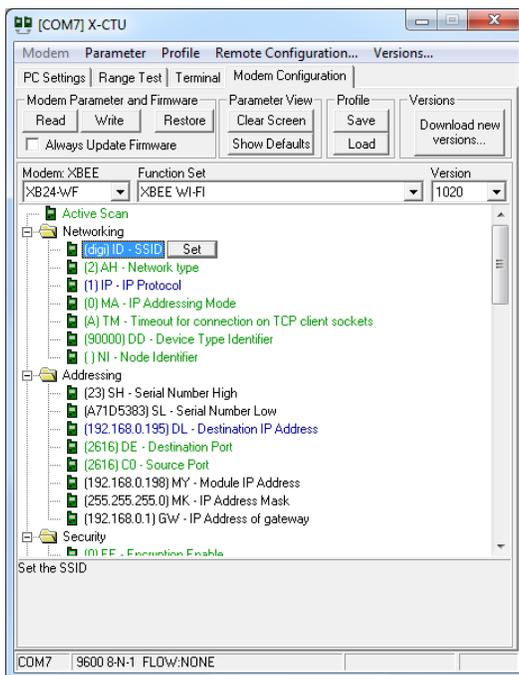
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- e) In the “**Networking**” section, set the Network type to **1 – IBSS Creator**, the IP Protocol to **1 – TCP**, and IP Addressing Mode to **1 - Static**
- f) In the “**Addressing**” section, set the Destination IP Address to the computer’s ip address : **192.168.0.1** and the Destination/ Source Port to **2616** (this value is in **HEX** format, which makes **9750** in decimal)
- g) Click the “**Write**” button at the top Window to write all modified parameters to the module.
- h) To set a static IP Address on the module, go to the “**Terminal**” tab and issue the following commands :

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+++ (wait for the OK to confirm that AT mode is active)
AT MY 192.168.0.2
ok
AT MK 255.255.255.0
ok
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- i) Go to the “**Modem Configuration**” tab and verify the settings by click on the “**Read**” button. Module IP Address and IP Address Mask should be filled.

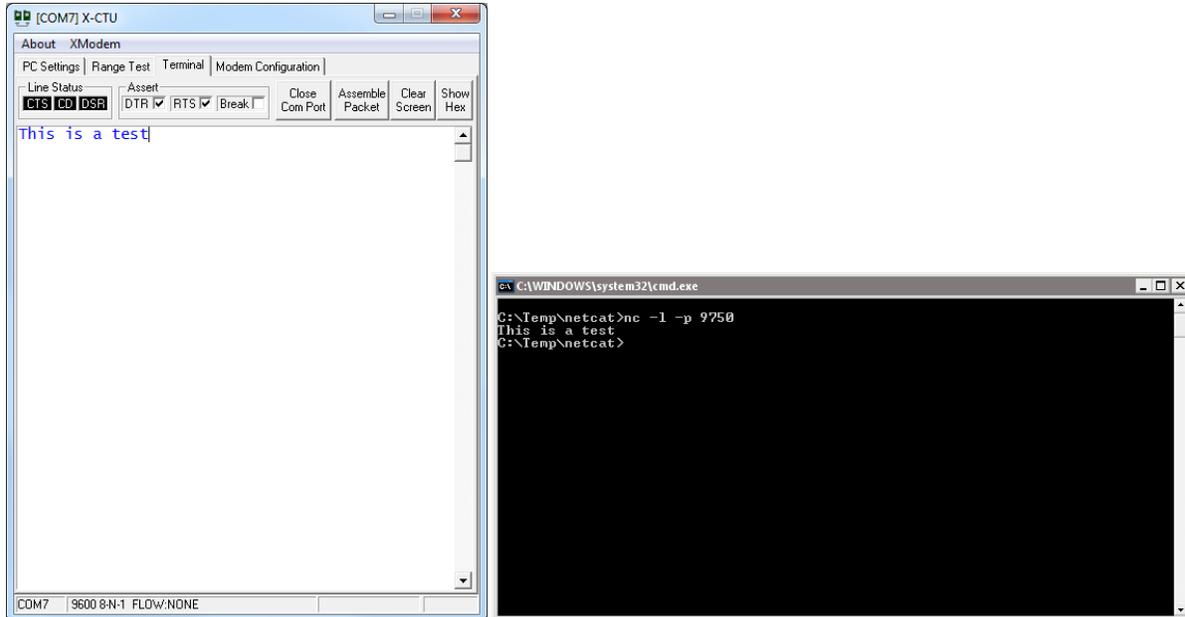




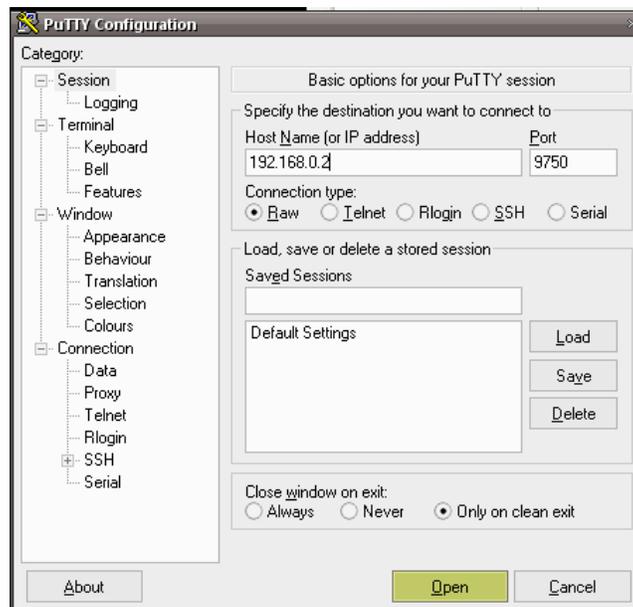
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- j) Go to the “**Terminal**” Tab, typed text in the Terminal window will appear in the command prompt window on the computer (TCP Server)



- k) It is also possible to open the TCP Socket directly to the module by using PuTTY, select “**Raw**”, port **9750** , IP Address of the XBee module **192.168.0.2**, in the “**Serial**” section, set Flow Control to “**None**” and click **Open**

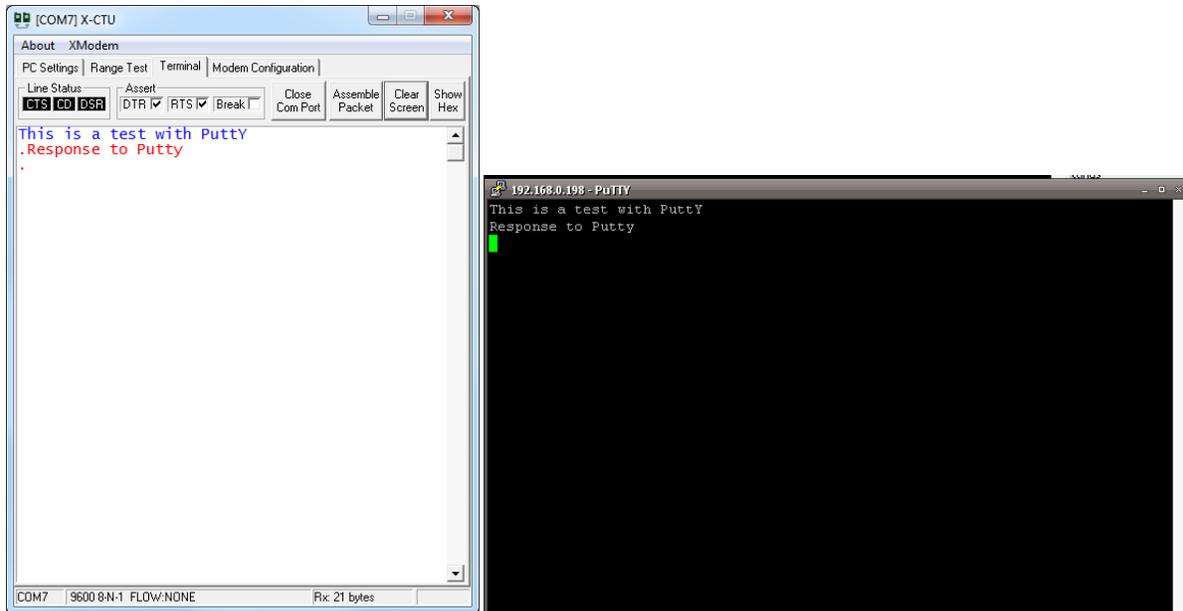




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- 1) Type text in the Terminal or in the Putty Window, it will appear on the opposite side : (Blue text is **sent**, red is **received**)



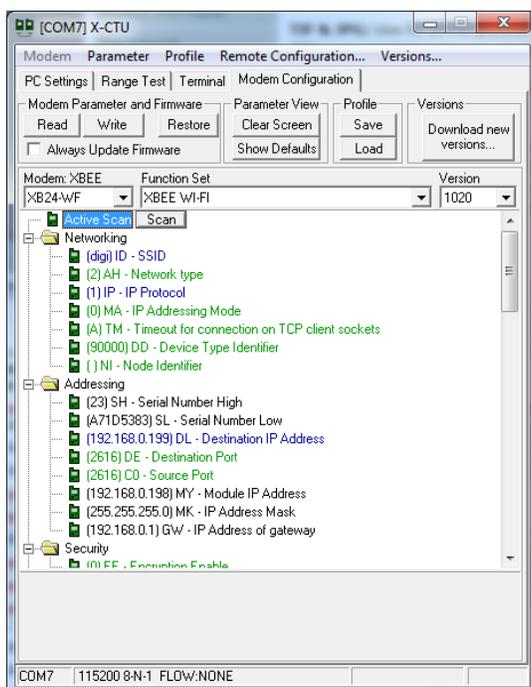


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2.2.3 Configure XBee Wifi module for Infrastructure and Serial bridge

- In the “**Networking**” section, set the Network type to **2 – Infrastructure** and IP Addressing Mode to **0 – DHCP**
- Under “Active Scan” click the “**Scan**” button to discover nearby networks, the infrastructure network of your router should appear in the list, select it and click the “**Select AP**” button
- Click on the “**Write**” button to save parameters to the module.
- In the Addressing section, check that your module has correct received an IP Address from the DHCP server, MY/MK/GW should be filled in :



- Repeat those steps for the second module.
- In the Addressing section, modify the Destination IP Address to be the other module’s IP.

Module IP Address = 192.168.0.198
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- Go to the “**Terminal**” tab, typed text will appear on the 2nd’s module terminal window. Sent text is Blue, received text is Red.



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