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Synergy Controller E-Mail Features

Introduction

The Synergy Controller’s e-mail feature sends alarm, test results plots, and log file e-mails automatically to desktop computers and mobile phones and tablets. This Synergy Controller application note describes these e-mail features and provides instructions and examples for setup. E-Mail is supported on the Synergy Micro, Synergy Micro 2, Synergy Quattro, and the ¼ DIN Synergy Nano with software application Version 3.0.7 Build 893B and newer. Contact the Tidal Engineering if you are interested in a software upgrade.

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Synergy Controller feature highlights include:

→ Color touch screen
→ Ethernet, RS-232 and GPIB communications
→ Built in Data logger with USB drive export support
→ Data Acquisition, up to 64 T-type thermocouples (Optional)
→ Built-in Web Server for remote control; WebTouch Remote™
→ Compatibility with Synergy Manager for PC based control, monitoring, programming.
→ Built-in FTP Server for factory automation and test and measurement applications
→ Network Printing and Plotting Features provide low cost chart recorder functionality

For additional controller information see www.tidaleng.com/synergy.htm.
Network Setup

To send e-mail, your controller must be connected to your network and configured for an SMTP mail server. As always, the IP address of each Synergy Controller can be assigned by a DHCP server on your network if available or statically entered on the controller touch screen. See Application note 7 for information concerning network setup.

To begin, open the Comm Screen and browse to the **Ethernet Network** folder.

Set the **IP Address Selection** and network properties as required.

Then setup the E-Mail configuration as shown in the next section.
### E-Mail Setup

Open the **Ethernet Network** Folder in the **Comm** screen and select the **E-Mail** folder.

Note that some screens have been reorganized in version 3.0.7 and may be a different on older versions.

Open the **Setup** Folder as shown at left.

Enable the **E-Mail Feature** and set the following parameters to identify your system:

- **From E-Mail Name**
- **From E-Mail Address**
- **SMTP Server Address**
- **E-Mail Alarms**

Note that these parameters don’t usually need to be actual names or e-mail addresses. They should be set so controller messages can be identified by the recipient.

Enable the **E-Mail Alarms** parameter if you want the controller to send notifications regarding alarm conditions to your e-mail or mobile phone (text messaging).
Enter the SMTP Server Address

This address can usually be provided by your e-mail administrator.

See appendix A for help using Outlook to determine your SMTP server address.

Enter the e-mail addresses.

Open the Addresses Folder.

Note that up to five E-Mail Addresses can be entered.

Note that each addressee can be set to receive Alarm messages and/or Test Data (Log Files) as required in the Alarm Recipients and Log File Recipients folders respectively.

Virtually all wireless carriers can forward e-mails to a mobile phone as a text message (SMS). The e-mail address formats for telephone numbers for two popular carriers are shown in the examples below:

at&t Wireless: txt.att.net
1112223333@txt.att.net

Verizon Wireless: vtext.com
1112223333@vtext.com

See Appendix B for a list of other wireless carriers in the US.
Set which addressees will receive Alarm messages and/or Test Data (Log Files).

Open the **Alarm Recipients** folder.

Set the parameter next to each e-mail address to Enable or Disable the address for alarms notifications.

Press the **E-Mail** button to send test e-mails to the enabled addresses.

Open the **E-Mail\Log File Recipients** folder and set which addresses should get the test results e-mails.

Press the **E-Mail** button to send test e-mails to the enabled addresses.
Setup for Automatic E-Mails

To E-Mail profile logs automatically, first set the Logging system to **Log Each Profile**.

Then select the Profile Name Format to set the naming convention for the profile log file.

Note: See Synergy Controller AppNote 90 - Synergy Controller Network Printing Feature for additional setup information.

Triggering Test Results E-Mails Manually

To trigger E-Mail deliveries manually, open the **Setup\Logging\Actions** folder, and pick **E-Mail Log** or **E-Mail PDF Plot** from the drop down selection list. Then choose the specific profile log from the list of logs and press the **Execute** button as shown at left.

Select **E-Mail Log** to deliver CSV log file test results.
If Network Printing is enabled, select **E-Mail PDF Plot** to deliver formatted plots of the test results.

See Application Note 90 for Network Printing setup.
E-mail Formats

The Log File and Plot File e-mails are formatted as shown in the screenshots below. Note that controller information is included in the body of both emails for diagnostic purposes. Log file attachments are in CSV file format and Plot attachments are in PDF format.
Alarm E-Mail message will include the Sensor and the Alarm Condition as well as diagnostic information concerning the Synergy Controller generating the alarm.

The Alarm Message can be sent to a PC or to a mobile phone as a txt message as shown below:
Troubleshooting the e-mail feature.

Open the E-Mail/E-Mail Debug Buffer screen to troubleshoot e-mail setup problems.

The E-Mail/E-Mail Debug Buffer screen records the transactions between the Synergy Controller and the SMTP server and can be helpful when troubleshooting e-mail setup problems.
Appendix A - Determine the SMTP server address from your Outlook setup

You may be able to look-up the name of your SMTP server in your e-mail program as shown below for Microsoft Outlook 2003.

Once you have the server name, you can look up the server IP address using the ping command as shown below. In this example the E-mail Server IP address is 206.67.176.111.
Appendix B - E-mail address formats for popular Wireless Carriers

Virtually all wireless carriers can forward an e-mail to a mobile phone as a text message (SMS). The e-mail address for text messaging is based on the mobile phone number. The formatting for some popular US carriers is listed in the table below:

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About Tidal Engineering
Headquartered in Randolph, NJ, Tidal Engineering Corporation has been designing and building award-winning embedded hardware and software for test and measurement and data acquisition applications since 1992. The company is recognized for technical expertise in such areas as environmental test chamber control, embedded IEEE 488, and turnkey SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) systems.

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