

Introduction to MEP

Multi-purpose Expansion Port





Develco A/S

- Independent design house founded in 1989
- Electronic engineering and embedded software
- ~40 employees, mainly engineering personnel
- Main line of businesses:
 - Wireless
 - Automotive
 - Industrial
- Manufacturing via Develco Products A/S
- Several technology partners
- ISO 9001 & ISO 14001 certified





- The MEP port allows a connected smart device to access meter data, run meter procedures, and have limited write access to the meter.
- The device that connects to the meter using the MEP port is referred to as a MEP devise
- The MEP protocol is a session-less, two-way, single layer protocol providing access to meter data through the ANSI C12.19 specification for data representation.
- Authentication and (optional) encryption is built into all messages





- The MEP protocol is a request-response protocol. MEP device is the MASTER
- The exception to this model is an alert sequence that the meter initiates and sends to the MEP device to notify it that there is new information requested, or new data to be processed
- Downlink data transfer Data flow from the meter and NES to the MEP
 - Reading Non-Urgent Data
 - Reading and Processing Urgent Data
- Uplink data transfer Data flow from the meter and the MEP device to NES
 - Posting Non-Urgent Data
 - Posting Urgent Data and Alarms
- Firmware Downloads





- There are many different tasks you could accomplish with a MEP device. For example, you could connect a smart RF card that communicates with In Home Display devices that would reflect the current state of the meter, as the MEP device is able to read meter data in realtime.
- Alternatively, you could connect an auxiliary I/O device meant to deliver external alarm signals to the meter using the MEP port.
- Or you could connect to other meters like Gas, Water and Heat meters.





Hardware specification



- Bi-directional
 serial UART-interface
- Isolated power supply, 24VDC / 40mA
- MEP supply input, 5VDC
- Terminal connection





EnergiMidt - Mechanical interface



A mechanical and electrical solution has been developed for easy interface between the terminals and the MEP device

- Cost effective
- Assembled by robot



ESNA EnergiMidt

EnergiMidt - Mechanical interface



The MEP device mounted in the card holder

- The ZigBee unit is mounted with two screws
- Ready for end user







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MEP device inserted in the slot

• The card holder has snap-on fasteners



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The MEP device is mounted in the cover

- Easily inserted by end user.
- Simply replace the dummy cardholder with the ZigBee card



ESNA ZigBee gateway for PLC meter



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ZigBee benefits



Headlines:

- Open standard several vendors
- Real battery driven (up to 10 years)
- Wireless "There ain't no strings on me"
- Range: 50m indoor 1000m LOS
- 65.000 units in one net
- Routing facility
- Standardized profiles
- V1.0: 2004, V1.1: 2006
- Products: 2007





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