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1. Introduction

The Intelligent Home and Building Automation are becoming the hot topics recently in the world. Many countries are devoted to development and promotion in this field. There are many kinds of consumer electronics and home appliances in the market applying the IR remote control function because of its mature technology and low cost. However, these appliances are usually equipped with their own remote controls using diverse IR protocols which are not unified to a standard. If these IR commands of different appliances can be collected and integrated to the control interfaces, it is possible to implement the automation application for a better living experience.

IR-712A is a universal IR learning remote module which can learn IR remote commands of diverse electronic devices. The learning commands (max. 224) can be stored in the module or saved to a file. IR-712A supplies 2 IR output channels for individual or simultaneous control on multiple devices. The accompanied RS-232 and RS-485 interfaces with Modbus/RTU protocol provide more flexible expansion and control on the module. Besides, IR-712A software utility provides users with easy configuration, learning, test and storage of IR commands. As a replacement of IR remote controls and a module that can be easily integrated with Modbus master devices (e.g. PAC, PLC, PC... etc.), IR-712A is well-suited for smart home and building automation.

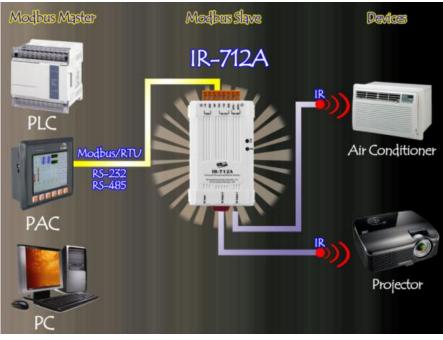


Fig. 1-1: IR-712A application architecture.

1.1 Features

[IR-712A]

- 2 IR output channels for controlling multiple devices.
- 1 IR learning input.
- Can learn and store 224 IR commands.
- Supports RS-232 and RS-485 serial interface.
- Supports Modbus/RTU protocol (FC06 and FC16).
- Assignable Modbus Network IDs: 1 ~ 247
- Baud rate settings: 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600 and 115200 bps.
- Configurable NONE / ODD / EVEN parity and 1 or 2 stop bits.
- Provides transmitting/learning and power indication LEDs.
- Built-in Watchdog.
- RoHS Compliance.

[Utility]

- Configuration of IR command quantity.
- IR commands learning and testing.
- Save IR learning commands to files.
- Get / Set IR learning commands from / to IR-712A.
- Reference to Modbus commands.
- Set / Reset basic settings of IR-712A.
- Supports Windows XP, Vista and Windows 7 with .NET framework 4.0.

1.2 Applications

- Home Entertainment Devices
- Video Conferencing System
- Surveillance System
- e-Classroom service
- Lighting Scenario Control
- Home and Building Automation

2. Hardware

2.1 Specifications

IR-712	
IR Interface	
IR Output Ch.	2 channels with 3.5 mm audio jack
IR Input Ch.	1 channel. Supports 6 IR carrier frequencies: 32.768, 36, 37.037, 38, 40, 56
	kHz. (can learn 224 IR remote commands)
UART Interface	
Connector	8-pin (RS-485, RS-232, power) screw terminal connector
COM1	RS-232 (TxD, RxD, GND)
COM2	RS-485 (DATA+, DATA-)
Baud Rate (bps)	9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200
Protocol	Modbus/RTU (slave)
LED Indicator	
LED	2 LEDs: TR (IR Transmitting)/LN (IR Learning) and PWR (Power)
Power	
Power Supply	+10 ~ +30 V _{DC}
Power Consumption	1.8 W Max (OP mode)
DIP Switch	FW (firmware update mode) / OP (firmware operation mode)
Mechanism	
Mechanism Installation	DIN-Rail
	DIN-Rail 52 mm x 93 mm x 27 mm (W x H x D)
Installation	
Installation Dimensions	
Installation Dimensions Environment	52 mm x 93 mm x 27 mm (W x H x D)

2.2 Appearance

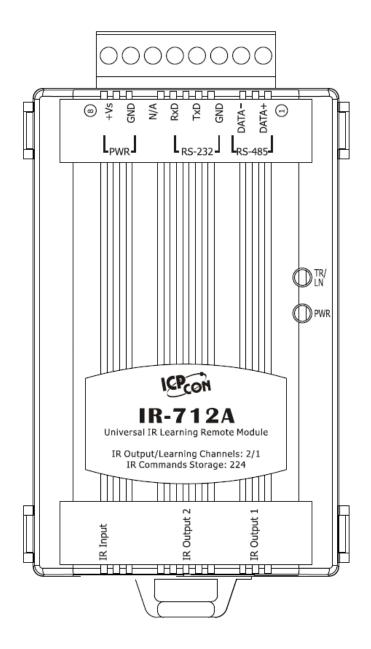
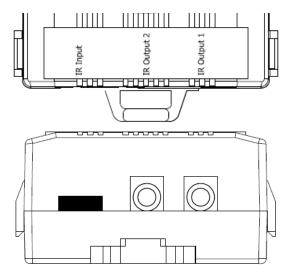


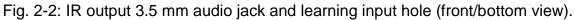
Fig. 2-1: The front view of the IR-712A.

2.3 Pin assignments

IR output channels and learning input

IR Output 1 ~ 2 : 3.5 mm audio jack

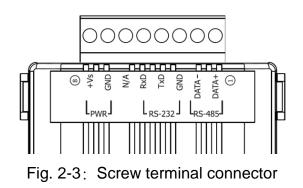




Communication terminal

Table 2-1: IR-712A terminal pin assignments

Screw terminal connecter				
Pin No.	Description	Interface		
1	DATA+	DO 405		
2	DATA-	RS-485		
3	GND (ground)			
4	TxD	RS-232		
5	RxD			
6	N/A	N/A		
7	GND (ground)			
8	+Vs	Power		



2.4 Wire connection

The IR-712A supports 2 serial communication interfaces: RS-232 and RS-485 ports. Only one interface can be used at the same time. The default interface is RS-232 port. 2 IR outputs at the bottom are 3.5 mm audio jacks.

Note: The IR-712A utility can help users to change the serial communication port (RS-232/RS-485). The TR/LN LED can indicate which port is used in the beginning 3 seconds after power-cycling the IR-712A.

2.4.1 RS-232 connection

The wire connection for IR-712A's RS-232 port is shown in Fig. 2-4.

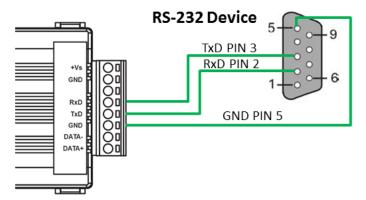


Fig. 2-4: RS-232 wire connection.

Please refer to Fig. 2-6 if the RS-232 connection cable (e.g. CA-0910, Fig. 2-5) is applied. If there is no DB9 serial port on the host PC, it is recommended to use USB to RS-232 converter (e.g. I-7560 or I-7561) to extend the serial port.



Fig. 2-5 RS-232 connection cable (CA-0910)

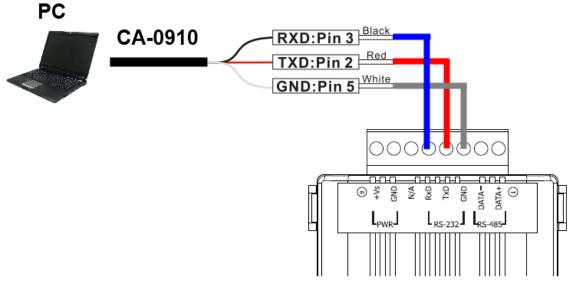


Fig. 2-6: Wire connection between PC and IR-712A using CA-0910.

2.4.2 RS-485 connection

The RS-485 wire connection between the IR-712A and RS-485 host device is depicted in Fig. 2-7.

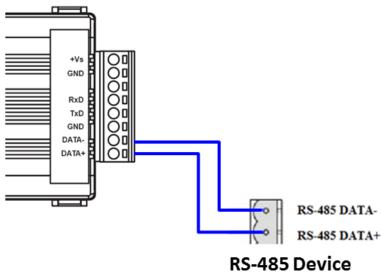
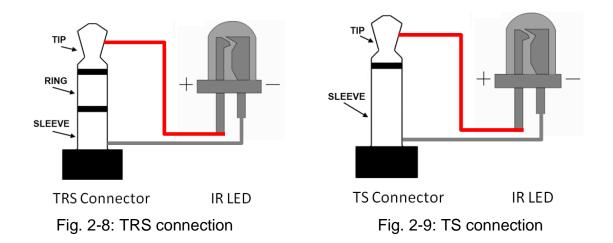


Fig. 2-7: RS-485 wire connection.

The USB to RS-485 converter (tM-7561 or I-7561) is recommended for the host PC to test and configure the IR-712A.

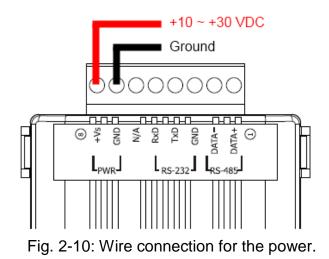
2.4.3 Jack Plug of IR Output Cable

It is necessary to use 3.5 mm audio jack plug for the IR output jack of IR-712A. IR-712A supports the jack plug of TRS and TS connectors as shown in Fig. 2-8 and Fig. 2-9. The wire connection between the connector and IR LED should be also considered.



2.4.4 Power Connection

IR-712 consumes the power of +10~+30 $V_{\text{DC}}.$ The wire connection for the power is shown in Fig. 2-10.



2.5 Watchdog Timer

Watchdog timer is a kind of timer to reset IR-712A while there is some error occurred in the system and the recovery is not possible within a short time (several milliseconds).

Users can open the case of IR-712A and adjust the <u>JP1</u> to enable or disable the watchdog timer as depicted in Fig. 2-11. The default setting to the watchdog timer is "Enable".

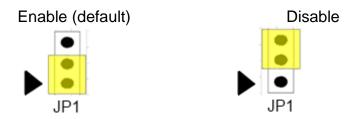


Figure 2-11: JP1 for the watchdog timer of IR-712A.

2.6 Firmware Update DIP Switch

There is a DIP switch at the lateral of the IR-712A's case. It is for the setting of the firmware update mode. The following explains how to use the DIP switch.

2.6.1 Update Firmware Mode

Push the DIP switch to the "FW" position as shown in Fig. 2-12. The IR-712A will be in the update firmware mode after cycling the power. Users have to update the firmware by the RS-232 port of the IR-712.

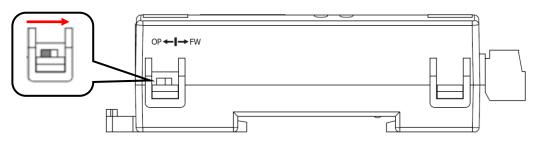


Fig. 2-12: DIP switch in "FW" position.

To update the firmware, users can click the menu [Tool] -> [Update Firmware to IR-712A] from the IR-712A Utility to launch the firmware update tool. Please follow the below steps to finish the update firmware procedure, which is also depicted in Fig. 2-13.

(1) Click "COM" radio button and select "COM Port" of the host PC connected to the RS-232 port of IR-712A.

- (2) Click "Browser" to find the firmware file, e.g. ir712A_vx_xx.fw.
- (3) Click "Firmware Update" button to start the update procedure.

The result of the update would be shown in "Firmware Update" section.

Note:

1. After updating the firmware, remember to push the switch to "OP" mode and power cycle the IR-712A to run in operation mode.

2. Updating Firmware would not change the serial communication settings and IR commands saved in the IR-712A.

C USB 1 COM4 ▼ COM Port:	立置(I): 📔 IR-712 FW 🚽 🗢 🖻 📸 🕶
2. Firmware Path E:\Temp\IR-712 FW\ir712_v1_00.fw	修改日期 類型 大小 712_v1_00.fw
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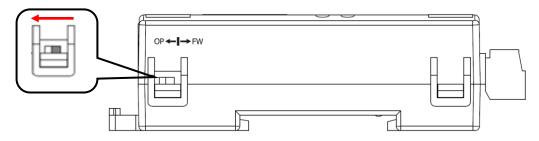
Fig. 2-13: Update firmware of IR-712A.

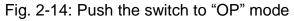
The firmware of IR-712A can be downloaded from: <u>ftp://ftp.icpdas.com/pub/cd/usbcd/napdos/ir-712A/firmware/</u>

The Firmware_Update_Tool can be downloaded from: <u>ftp://ftp.icpdas.com/pub/cd/usbcd/napdos/ir-712A/software/fw_update_tool/</u>

2.6.2 Firmware Operation Mode

Push the DIP switch to the position of "FW" as shown in Fig. 2-14, IR-712A will be set in the Firmware Operation Mode after cycling the power. In this mode (default), IR-712A can learn IR commands from remote controls as well as be configured by the utility and receive Modbus commands from the master devices.





2.7 LED Indicators

There are two LEDs in the IR-712A to show different operating states. The meanings of these states are described in Table 2-2.

LED	IR-712A Status	LED Status	
TR / LN	Use RS-232	Blinks 3 times after power-on	
	Use RS-485	Turned on for 3 seconds after po	ower-on
	Serial Communication	Weakly blinking	
	Emitting IR Commands	On (during emitting IR signal)	
	IR Learning Mode	On	
	IR Learning Finished	Off	
PWR	Power is normal	On	
	Power Failure	Off	
ALL LEDs	Firmware Operation	TR/LN => OFF; PWR => ON	OP ← → FW
	Mode	Note:	ΠΠ
		Push DIP switch to OP position	
		and restart IR-712A.	(Normal)
	Update Firmware Mode	TR/LN and PWR => blinking	OP ← → FW
		Note:	
		Push DIP switch to FW position	
		and restart IR-712A.	(Update firmware)

Table 2-2. Tl	he description	of LEDs for IR-712A

3. Software

3.1 The Configuration Tool– IR-712A Utility

IR-712A Utility is used for setting the IR-712A's parameters and learning IR commands. It is the program executed in the environment of .NET Framework 4 client profile on Microsoft OS. IR-712A Utility on the host PC can communicate with IR-712A via the RS-232 or RS-485 interface.

Users can download the IR-712A Utility from: ftp://ftp.icpdas.com/pub/cd/usbcd/napdos/ir-712A/software/Utility/

If the environment of .NET Framework 4 client profile is not available on the Microsoft OS, please download and install the redistributable packages as follows:

• Web Installer

http://www.microsoft.com/download/en/details.aspx?id=17113

• Standalone Installer

http://www.microsoft.com/download/en/details.aspx?id=24872

IR-712A Utility - COM3	
<u>File Download Setting Tool H</u> elp	
Open / Close COM port	Set IR Cmds Quantity
COM Port COM3 - 2 Parity None - Stop Bits 1 - Open Close	Set Device & IR Command Quantity
Baud Rate 115200 Data Bits 8 Net ID 1 Test and Save Learned IR Commands Device Name : IR Learning It is a second secon	
1_LDevice I_LCommand Learn C Run Command Save this Cmd Clear this Cmd Clear All Cmds Output Chan	
Test IR Commands in IR-712A IR Command No.: 1 Output Channel: 1 Transmit from IR-712A Modbus/RTU message (with CRC16) sent to IR-712A: Show Copy C	lear

Fig. 3-1: The main window of IR-712A utility.

3.2 IR-712A Utility

3.2.1 Menu

Table 3-1 lists the menu items in the IR-712A Utility.

	e 3-1: The items of menu.
Item	Sub Item
File	Load IR Commands from File
	Unload IR Commands
	Save IR Commands to File
	Exit
Download	Download IR Commands to IR-712A
	Load IR Commands from IR-712A
Setting	IR-712A Basic Settings
	Reset Basic Settings on IR-712A
Tool	Update Firmware to IR-712A
Help	About IR-712A Utility

Table 3-1: The items of menu.

(1) File

Load IR Command from File

The IR command file obtains the IR learning data. The filename extension is IRD. Click this item would pop up an Open File Dialog for users to find and load the IR command file.

Unload IR Commands

This function would clear all the IR learning commands temporarily buffered in the items of the "Device Name" and "Command Name" combo boxes in the section of the "Test and Save Learned IR Commands." The quantity and values of the devices and IR commands are reset to the default.

Save IR Commands to File

This item provides a Save File Dialog to save the IR learning commands to an IRD file.

• Exit

Exit and close the utility.

(2) Download

Download IR Commands to IR-712A

This item can download the IR learning commands in the utility to the flash memory of the IR-712A. The IR commands would be retained in the module even without power supply. Clicking this item will show a download progress window and close itself after the download is finished.

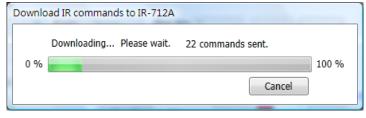


Fig. 3-2: Download the IR commands to the IR-712A.

Load IR Commands from IR-712A

This item provides the function to load all IR commands saved in the IR-712A to the utility. Clicking this item will show a loading progress window and close itself after the loading is finished.

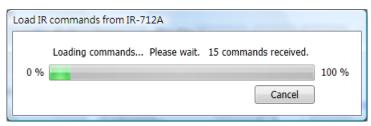


Fig. 3-3: Load the IR commands from the IR-712A.

(3) Setting

IR-712A Basic Settings

Click this item to open the window of basic parameter settings as shown in Fig. 3-4.

IR-712A Basic	Settings	-	-	×
- Basic Paramete	ers of IR-712A —			
COM Port	RS-232 -	Parity	None -	Get Setting
Baud Rate	115200 🔹	DataBits	8 🔹	Set Temporarily
Net ID	1 •	StopBits	1 •	Set Permanently
GapTime	36 (ms)			
MB Cmd R	esp Delay Time	0 •	(ms) Get set	ting successfully!

Fig. 3-4: The basic settings window for IR-712A.

These settings include:

[1] COM Port	: The COM port of IR-712A.
	(RS-232/RS-485, default: RS-232)
[2] Baud Rate	: The baud rate of the COM port
	(9600~115200 bps,default: 115200)
[3] Parity	: Parity bit
	(NONE / ODD / EVEN [,] default : NONE)
[4] Data Bits	: Data bit
	(This value is fixed in 8)
[5] Stop Bits	: Stop bit
	(1 / 2, default:1)
[6] Net ID	: Modbus Network ID
	(1~247, default: 1)
[7] GapTime	: The max space time in an IR protocol (Fig. 3-5). For example,
	GapTime should be set to the value greater than 40 ms to learn IR
	commands successfully for the Sharp remote control.
	(6 ~ 65 ms, default:36 ms)
	← GapTime —
F .	

Figure 3-5 A complete IR Command with a large Gap Time.

[8] MB Cmd Resp Delay Time: The delay time before the IR-712A responses each request from the Modbus master devices (Modbus command response delay time: 0 ~ 60 ms; default: 1 ms)

The "Get Setting" button will be executed once when the "Basic Settings" window is opened in the beginning. Three buttons located at the right side of the window are described in the Table 3-2.

Button Name	Description
Get Setting	Get the current basic parameter settings of IR-712A.
Set Temporarily	Set the settings of IR-712A to the parameters selected in the window temporarily. Cycling the power will restore IR-712A to previous settings.
Set Permanently	Set the settings of IR-712A to the parameters selected in the window. IR-712A will retain the settings after power cycling.

Table 3-2: Three buttons in the window of basic settings

Reset Basic Settings on IR-712A

If it is failed to communicate with IR-712A and the record of basic settings is lost, click this item to open the reset window as shown in Fig. 3-6. The steps of reset are as follows:

(1) Connect PC to the RS-232 port of IR-712A and click "Open" button in the utility to open the COM port of PC.

(2) Click Reset button within 3 seconds after cycling the power of IR-712A.

(3) A dialog as Fig. 3-7 shows that the resetting to default values is done. Notice that the parameters resetting is temporary. Please go to "IR-712A Basic Settings" interface and click "Set Permanently" button to retain the settings.

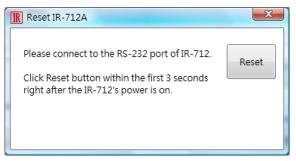


Fig. 3-6: IR-712A reset window

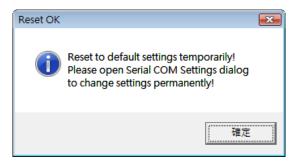


Fig. 3-7: Reset to default settings temporarily.

(4) Tool

Update Firmware to IR-712A

Launch the "Update Firmware Tool". Please refer to section 2.4.1 for more information.

(5) Help

About IR-712A Utility

This item will show a window which contains the version numbers of the utility and the IR-712A's firmware. The firmware version will be indicated when the utility can communicate with the IR-712A module.

3.2.2 Open/Close COM port

After the serial wire connection is established between IR-712A and host PC, users can click "Open" button to open COM port of the PC. The parameters of the serial communication on the utility should be the same as the settings in the IR-712A.

OM Port	COM3 •	💈 Parity	None 👻	StopBits	1	•	0	Charles
aud Rate	115200 -	DataBits	8 -	Net ID	1	•	Open	Close

Fig. 3-8: Open/Close COM section

The settings of the serial interface are described as follows:

[1] COM Port	: The COM port of IR-712A. (RS-232/RS-485, default: RS-232)
[2] Baud Rate	: The baud rate for the COM port (9600~115200 bps , default: 115200)
[3] Parity	: Parity bit (NONE / ODD / EVEN , default : NONE)
[4] Data Bits	: Data bit (This value is always 8)
[5] Stop Bits	: Stop bit (1 / 2, default:1)
[6] Net ID	: Modbus Network ID of IR-712A (1~247, default: 1)

3.2.3 Set Device & IR Command Quantity

The IR device & command quantity for learning can be configured in this section. Please click "Set Device & IR Command Quantity" button (Fig. 3-9) to set them up in three steps (Fig. 3-10 ~ Fig. 3-13).



Fig. 3-9: Configure IR command quantity for IR learning.

• Step 1: Set the IR device quantity

The max quantity of controlled devices is 11. This function is convenient for users to manage IR commands in groups as shown in Fig. 3-10.

Configure Device and	Command Quantit	у	
Step 1 Step 2	Step 3		_
Set Device Qu	antity		
Device Qu	antity 🚺 🔹	Set	
		Cancel	

Fig. 3-10: The quantity setting of the device (Step1).

• Step 2: Define the device names and set the IR commands quantity This step (Fig. 3-11) can set the names of the devices and the quantity of the IR command. The prefix number of each device name is the device serial number. The quantity of the IR command cannot exceed 224, or the utility would pop up an error message box and show the remaining quantity for configuration (Fig. 3-12).

Configure Device and Command C	Quantity 🛛		
Step 1 Step 2 Step 3			
Set Command Device Nat	me & Command Quantity		
Device Name	2_TATUNG TV 🔹		
Enter Device Name	TATUNG TV		
IR Command Quantity	12 •		
	Set		
Cancel 🔶 🔿			

Fig. 3-11: Define the name and the quantity of the IR commands (Step2).

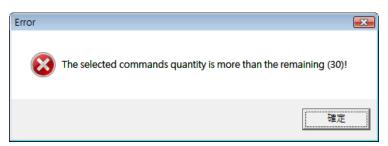


Fig. 3-12: Error message box for exceeding total IR commands Qty.

• Step 3 : Comment the IR command name

This step provides the interface to comment each IR command with a name. It is convenient to know the function of an IR command from the name. The prefix number of each IR command name means the serial number saved in the IR-712A and can be a reference in the Modbus command to the IR-712A.

Configure Device and Command Quantity	
Step 1 Step 2 Step 3	_
Set Command Name	
Device Name 1_PROTON TV	
IR Command Name 2_頻道+ ▼	
Enter IR Cmd Name 頻道+	
Cancel (Marcological Cancel OK	

Fig. 3-13: Comment the IR command name (Step3).

3.2.4 Test and Save Learned IR Commands

This section provides the function of enabling IR learning mode, saving IR commands temporarily and testing the learned IR commands as shown in Fig. 3-14.

Device Name :	Command Name :	IR Learning Mode :
2_TV	5_POWER	Learn On Learn Off

Fig 3-14: Test & save learned IR commands section.

IR Learning Mode

This interface (Fig.3-15) provides "Learn On" and "Learn Off" buttons. After clicking the "Learn On" button, the IR-712A would turn into IR learning mode and the TR/LN LED is turned on to wait for the remote control's IR signal. The "Learn Off" can exit the IR learning mode.



Fig. 3-15: Enable/Disable IR learning mode

> Test and Save Learned Commands

The functions of this section are described as follows:

2_TV - 5_POWEF	R ·

Fig. 3-16: Test & save IR commands section.

• "Device / Command Name" Combo Box

You can review the items in the "Device Name" and "Command Name" combo boxes after setting of device and IR command quantity. Users can do the IR learning according to these items.

• IR Command Learning State

The rectangle at the right side of the "Command Name" combo box in Fig. 3-17 shows the storage state for the current IR learning command. Three colors indicate three different states as follows:

Color	Description
Red	The IR learning command has been saved in the item of the
	"Command Name" combo box.
Yellow	The IR learning command has been saved temporarily in the item
	of the "Command Name" combo box. If the other item is selected,
	the data would disappear.
White	There is no IR learning command in this item.

Table 3-3.	The state of IR command storage
	The state of in commany storage

Command Name :		
1_LCommand		
Clear this Cmd	Clear All Cmds	

Fig. 3-17: The rectangle to show IR learning state

• "Run Command" Button

When learning an IR command is finished, users can test this IR command emitted from the IR-712A by clicking "Run Command" button. The "Output Channel" combo box specifies the IR output channels.

• "Save this Cmd" Button

This button can save the current learned IR command into the Utility. When finishing all the learned commands, click Menu [File]->[Save IR Commands to File] to save all IR commands to an backup file (*.ird).

• "Clear this Cmd" Button

Click "Clear this Cmd" button to remove the learned IR command data corresponding to the item in the "Command Name" combo box.

• "Clear All Cmds" Button

Click "Clear All Cmd" button to remove all the learned IR command data corresponding to all the items but not items themselves in the "Command Name" combo box. Please click Menu [File]->[Unload IR Commands] to clear all IR commands data as well as reset the names and quantity of the items to the default in "Command Name" combo box.

• "Output Channel" Combo Box

The "Output Channel" Combo Box specifies the IR output channels when clicking "Run Command" button to emit the learned IR command. Besides the single channel 1 and 2 for selection, simultaneous channel 1 and 2 is also provided.

3.2.5 Test IR commands in IR-712A

This section (Fig. 3-18) can help users to test the IR commands saved in IR-712A after downloading IR commands to it. Click the "Transmit from IR-712A" button to send a Modbus command to the IR-712A with a specified IR command serial number and IR output channel. Meanwhile, a Modbus/RTU command text for reference is shown underneath. Users can click "Copy" button to copy the Modbus command to the clipboard and use it in programming their applications.

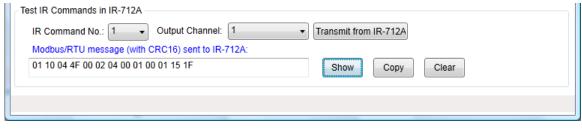


Fig. 3-18: Test IR commands saved in IR-712A.

4. Learning IR command Example

After the establishment of the RS-232/485 wire connection between the PC and the IR-712A, please follows the sections below to learn how to configure the IR-712A, learn IR commands from remote controls and save the IR commands in PC and IR-712A.

4.1 IR-712A Communication settings

The default serial communication parameters of the IR-712A are listed in Table 4-1:

Item	Default
COM port	RS-232
Baud rate	115200 bps
Parity	None
Data bits	8
Stop bits	1
Modbus ID	1

Table 4-1: Default settings for IR-712A serial communication.

In the section of "Open / Close COM port", select the serial communication parameters of the host PC in the six combo boxes. Then, click "Open" button to open the COM port of the host PC. Notice that the Baud Rate, Parity, Data Bits, Stop Bits and Net ID in the utility should be the same as those in the IR-712. Please click Menu [Setting]->[IR-712A Basic Settings] and refer to section 3.2.1 to change the serial communication settings in the IR-712A.



Fig. 4-1: Open the COM port of the Host PC.

4.2 Set the Devices and IR commands Quantity

Click the "Set Device & IR Command Quantity" button at top-right corner (Fig. 4-2) to open the configuration dialog. Follow three steps below to finish the configuration of the devices and IR commands quantity in advance of the next IR learning.

Step 1: Set the quantity of the IR-controlled devices as shown in Fig. 4-3.Step 2: Set the device name and the quantity of the IR commands as the Fig. 4-4.Step 3: Set the IR command names as depicted in Fig. 4-5.

The prefix numbers of these IR command names (e.g. 1_Play) represent the numbers of 224 IR commands saved in the IR-712A module. They will be used as IR command number in the Modbus command for communication with IR-712A.



Fig: 4-2: The button for configuration of IR command quantity.

Configure Device and Command Quantity	Configure Device and Command Quantity
Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Set Device Quantity Device Quantity Set Cancel Image: Cancel Image: Cancel	Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Set Command Device Name & Command Quantity Command Device Name 大纲冷氣 Command Quantity 8 Set Cancel Cancel

Fig. 4-3: Set device quantity.

Fig. 4-4: Set device names & IR cmd quantity.

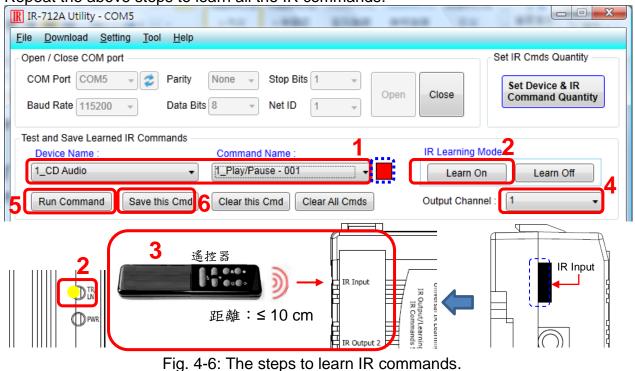
Configure Device and Command	Quantity	×
Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Set Command Name Command Device Command Item Command Name Command Name Command Name	1_大纲冷氣 1_LCommand	et
	Cancel C	DK

Fig. 4-5: Set names of IR commands.

4.3 Learn and Test IR Commands

Follow the steps below and Fig. 4-6 to learn and test IR commands:

- (1) Determine the IR command for learning by selecting the items in the "Device Name" and "Command Name" combo boxes.
- (2) Click the "Learn On" button to enable the IR learning mode on IR-712A. At the same time, the TR/LN LED is turned on to show the IR learning state.
- (3) Aim the IR emitter head of the device's remote control at the IR input of IR-712A. The distance less than 10 cm between the remote control and the IR-712A would be best. Then, press the button of the remote control which is to be learned in a short time. If the learning for the IR command is finished, the TR/LN LED will be turned off and the IR learning data will be sent back to the Utility.
- (4) Select the IR output channel. For example in Fig. 4-6, the IR output channel is 1.
- (5) Aim the head of the IR emitter cable plugged in the IR output 1 at the corresponding IR-controlled device. Click "Run Command" button to emit the IR command from the IR-712A. You can check if the learned IR command is OK by investigate the action of the appliance. If not, please repeat step 2 and step 3 again.
- (6) Click "Save this Cmd" button to save this IR learning command to the current item of the "Command Name" combo box, e.g. the item is "Play" in Fig. 4-6.



Repeat the above steps to learn all the IR commands.

When the IR learning process is finished, it is advised to save these learning data into a file for backup by clicking Menu [File]-[Save IR Commands to File]. Besides, it is necessary to download these learned IR commands to the IR-712A by selecting Menu [Download]->[Download IR Commands to IR-712A].

4.4 Saving the Learned IR Commands to a File

Click Menu [File]->[Save IR commands to file] to save the learned IR commands as a file. The extension of the file name is *.ird.

4.5 Download the IR Learning Commands to the IR-712A

After the learning IR command procedure or loading learning data from the file, it is necessary to download these learning data to the IR-712A by clicking Menu [Download]-> [Download IR Commands to IR-712A] in the menu and a progress window will pop up as shown in Fig. 4-7.

Downlo	oad IR commands to IR-712A		
0 %	Downloading Please wait.	22 commands sent.	100 %
		Cancel	

Fig. 4-7: Download the learned IR command to the IR-712A.

4.6 Test the IR commands saved in the IR-712A

The "Test IR Commands in IR-712A" section can help users to test the learned IR commands saved in the IR-712A as shown in Fig. 4-8. By clicking "Transmit from IR-712A" button, the specified IR command (the prefix no. mentioned in 4.2) would be emitted from the selected output channel of the IR-712A. You can check if the learned IR command is correct in this way.

At the same time, the Modbus RTU command (last two bytes are CRC16 code) sent to IR-712A is shown in the textbox underneath. This Modbus message is a reference for users to help program the application to control IR-712A. The "Show" button will show the Modbus RTU message in the textbox without sending the Modbus command.

Test IR Commands in IR-712A	
IR Command No.: 1 Output Channel: 1	▼ Transmit from IR-712A
Modbus/RTU message (with CRC16) sent to IR-712A:	
01 10 04 4F 00 02 04 00 01 00 01 15 1F	Show Copy

Fig. 4-8 Test the IR commands saved in the IR-712A

4.7 Load the IR Learning Commands from a File

Select Menu [File]->[Load IR Commands from File] in the menu to load IR learning data file (*.ird) into the IR-712A Utility.

4.8 Load IR Learning Commands from the IR-712A

Select Menu [Download]->[Load IR Commands from IR-712A] in the menu to load the IR commands from the IR-712A. A progress window will be popped up as shown in fig. 4-9.

Load IR	commands from IR-712A	
0 %	Loading commands Please wait. 15 commands received.	100 %
	Cancel	

Fig. 4-9: Load the IR commands from the IR-712A.

5. Modbus Registers for IR-712A

Table 5-1 is the description of the Modbus/RTU holding registers (4xxxx) for IR-712A. The Modbus master device can send Modbus commands to the IR-712A to emit the IR commands from the output channels. A reference to Modbus FC16 commands is also provided by the IR-712A Utility (section 3.2.5). The function codes (FC) to write data to Modbus registers are 6 and 16. Each Modbus address occupies 2 bytes.

Start Address [4xxxx]	Description		
1103 (0x44F) [41104]	The number of IR command : 1 ~ 224 (0X01 ~ 0XE0)		
1104 (0x450)	IR output channels		
[41105]	Settable value: 0x01 ~ 0x03 ${}_{\circ}$ The first bit (LSB) of the		
	value represents the 1 st channel. The 2 th bit represents		
the 2 th channel.			
Example :			
	 The 1st output channel: 0x01 == <u>0001</u> (binary) 		
	• The 1 st and 2 nd output channels: $0x03 == 0011$ (binary)		

Table 5-1: Modbus Holding Registers in the IR-712A

Table 5-2 is the example of Modbus FC16 command to emit IR signal from the IR-712A. (Modbus ID: 1, the IR command No.: 1, output channel: 1 & 2)

Net ID	FC*	Start Addr.	Word Count	-	IR Cmd No.	Output Ch.	CRC16
<u>01</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>04 4F</u>	<u>00 02</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>00 01</u>	<u>00 03</u>	<u>94 DE</u>

*FC is the abbreviation of Function Code.

Table 5-3 is an example of using Modbus FC6 commands, where [41104] and [41105] should be written sequentially. (Modbus ID: 1, IR cmd No.: 1, Output channel: 1 & 2)

Table 5-3	3: An exam	ple of Modbu	us FC6 Comi	mand for IR-	712A (Hex value)
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Net ID FC		Start Addr.	IR Cmd No.	CRC16
<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>04</u> <u>4F</u>	<u>00 01</u>	<u>78 ED</u>
Net ID	FC Start Addr.		IR Cmd No.	CRC16
<u>01</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>04 50</u>	<u>00 03</u>	<u>C8 EA</u>

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