



This Plugin was born with the idea of communicating quickly and safely with Flexibowl through FANUC robots. The Plugin requires the "Fanuc User Socket Messaging" license for correct operation.







STEP 1:

CONFIGURING THE SOCKET MESSAGING OPTION Overview

In order to use Socket Messaging, you need to configure the following network hardware and software parameters:

• On the client,

- The IP address or name of your server
- The port on the server that you want to use for socket messaging.

Setting up a Client Tag

You need configure the client tags you want to use for socket messaging.

Note If the client tags you want to use are being used by a network protocol other than TCP/IP, you need to undefine the tags before they can be used for socket messaging.

Procedure To Setting up a ClientTag Conditions

• The tag you want to set up is not configured to be used by another device on your network.

Steps

1. Cold start the controller.

a. **On the teach pendant**, press and hold the SHIFT and RESET keys. Or, **on the operator panel**, press and hold RESET.

b. While still pressing SHIFT and RESET on the teach pendant (or RESET on the operator panel), turn on the power disconnect circuit breaker.

- c. Release all of the keys.
- **2.** On the teach pendant, press MENUS.
- **3.** Select SETUP.
- 4. Press F1, [TYPE].
- **5.** Select Host Comm.
- 6. Press F4, [SHOW].
- 7. Choose Clients.

8. Move the cursor to the tag you want set up for Socket Messaging, and press F3, DETAIL.

You will see screen similar to the following.

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SETUP Tags
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Tag C3:
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9. Move the cursor to the Protocol Name item, and press F4, [CHOICE]. **10.** Select SM.

11. Move the cursor to the Startup State item, press F4, [CHOICE], and choose DEFINE.

12. Move the cursor to the Server IP/Hostname item, and press ENTER.

13. Type in hostname or IP address the of the remote host server you want to use for socket messaging.

Note If you are not using DNS, you must add the remote host and its IP address into the host entry table.

14. Press F2, [ACTION], and select DEFINE.

15. Set the system variable:

a. Press MENUS.

b. Select NEXT.

c. Select SYSTEM, and press F1, [TYPE].

d. Select Variables.

e. Move the cursor to \$HOSTC_CFG, and press ENTER.

f. Move the cursor to the structure corresponding to the tag selected in Step 8. For example, if you are setting up tag C3, move the cursor structure element [3], as shown in the following screen.

SYSTEM	Variables	
\$HOSTC	CFG	
1	[1]	HOST_CFG_1
2	[2]	HOST_CFG_1
3	[3]	HOST_CFG_1
4	[4]	HOST_CFG_1
5	[5]	HOST_CFG_1
6	[6]	HOST_CFG_1
7	[7]	HOST_CFG_1
8	[8]	HOST_CFG_1

g. Press ENTER. You will see a screen similar to the following.

SYST	TEM Variables	
\$HOS	STC_CFG[3]	
1	\$COMMENT	*uninit*
2	\$PROTOCOL	' SM'
3	\$PORT	*uninit*
4	\$OPER	3
5	\$STATE	3
6	\$MODE	*uninit*
7	\$REMOTE	*uninit*
8	\$REPERRS	FALSE
9	\$TIMEOUT	15
10	\$PATH	*uninit*
11	\$STRT PATH	*uninit*
12	\$STRT REMOTE	*uninit*
13	\$USERNAME	*uninit*
14	\$PWRD TIMOUT	0
15	\$SERVER PORT	0
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h. Move the cursor to \$SERVER_PORT. Type in the name of the TCP/IP server port you want to use for socket messaging. The client tag is now ready to use from a KAREL program.



The following will indicate how to set the Client and the Karel code to communicate with the FlexiBowl. This script can be called to move the FlexiBowl or to put it in a parallel task, and to regulate the execution through a traffic light.

The code will receive a command to execute, and return a string with the response from the FlexiBowl.

STEP 2:

Host Client C7 configuration to communicate with the FlexiBowl address: 192.168.1.10















STEP 3:

System Variable configuration













STEP 4:

File Karel

Once the client is configured we insert the FLB_PLUGIN.PC file in the controller. To do this, copy the file into a USB stick and connect it to the pendant's USB port.

















STEP 5:

Run the commands from the Tp program

Once the client is configured, after importing the Flb_Plugin.pc file, it will be possible to move the FlexiBowl or make diagnostics from the Tp program, the FlexiBowl response will be inserted in the String [10], editable by Karel.





Example of KAREL code:

PROGRAM Flb_Plugin

STEP 6: Karel

VAR PingAddress:BOOLEAN return_string : STRING[128] status : INTEGER moving:INTEGER cmd_type: INTEGER cmd_int_val:INTEGER cmd_real_val:REAL cmd_str_val:STRING[128]

command_Str:STRING[128] file_var : FILE tmp_str : STRING[128] tmp_str1:STRING[128] tmp_str2:STRING[128] entry : INTEGER

ROUTINE Ping BEGIN

PingAddress=FALSE MSG_DISCO('C7:',status) MSG_CONNECT('C7:',status) IF(status=0) THEN PingAddress=TRUE else PingAddress=FALSE ENDIF MSG_DISCO('C7:',status)

END Ping

ROUTINE SendCommand(CommandExecute:STRING):STRING

BEGIN

return_string='FAIL'; command_Str=CommandExecute







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BEGIN
      GET TPE PRM(1,cmd type,cmd int val,cmd real val,cmd str val,S
TATUS)
      IF(STR_LEN(cmd_str_val)>0) THEN
             command_Str=cmd_str_val
      else
             return_string='FAIL'
             go to end_it2
      ENDIF
      --setto i parametri di connessione
      SET_FILE_ATR(file_var, ATR_IA)
      MSG_DISCO('C7:', status)
      MSG_CONNECT('C7:',status)
      IF(status <> 0) THEN
             return_string='FAIL'
             go to end_it2
      ENDIF
      OPEN FILE file_var ('RW','C7:')
      return string=SendCommand(command Str)
      IF((INDEX(return_string,'%')<>0)
                    AND (INDEX(command_Str,'Q')<>0)) THEN
             -----wait move
             moving=1
             WHILE (moving = 1) DO
                    command Str='RS'
                    return string=SendCommand(command Str)
                    IF(INDEX(return_string, 'F')>0) THEN
                           moving = 1
                    else
                           moving = 0
                    ENDIF
                    DELAY(50)
              ENDWHILE
              return_string='Done'
      else
              return_string=return_string
      ENDIF
end it2::
      CLOSE FILE file_var
      MSG_DISCO('C7:',status)
      --write the return on string 10
      SET STR REG(10, return string, status)
END Flb Plugin
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Lista dei comandi:

Action	Description
MOVE	Moves the feeder the current
	parameters.
MOVE-FLIP	Moves the feeder and activates Flip
	simultaneously
MOVE-BLOW-	Moves the feeder and activates Flip
FLIP	and blow simultaneously
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SHAKE	Shakes the feeder with the current
	parameters
LIGHT ON	Light on
LIGHT OFF	Light off
FLIP	Flip
BLOW	Blow
QUICK_EMPTING	Quick Emptying Option
RESET_ALARM	Reset Alarm and enable the motor

Commands	Description
QX2	Move
QX3	Move-Flip
QX4	Move-Flip-Blow
QX5	Move-Blow
QX6	Shake
QX7	Light on
QX8	Light off
QX9	Blow
QX10	Flip
QX11	Quick Emptying Option
QX12	Reset Alarm