

## Implementing Modbus TCP over Wireless

### RLX-IHW Industrial Hotspot 802.11abg Wireless Modbus TCP Client/Server



#### Introduction

This document gives the details of the implementation of **Modbus TCP over wireless connection** between two devices (one client device and one Server device).

For the architecture example of this implementation, we use a Schneider Electric Modicon QUANTUM PLC as client device and a PC running Modsim32 simulator as server device.

The client device could be another PLC (Quantum, M340, Premium...) or any other device that supports Modbus TCP client communication.

The server device could be another PLC (Quantum, M340, Premium...) or any other device that supports Modbus TCP server communication.

To carry out the wireless communication, two ProSoft Technology modules RLX-IHW-E RadioLinx Industrial Hotspot 802.11abg are used.



### Architecture

MODICON QUANTUM PLC



CLIENT



SERVER



RLX-IHW  
Master mode



RLX-IHW  
Remote/Repeater mode

Software required for this architecture example:

- Unity Pro XL – From Schneider Electric
- RadioLinX Industrial Hotspot Browser – From ProSoft Technology
- ModSim32 – From WinTECH Software Design

### Procedure

Here are the basic steps needed to establish communications:

#### **A. Setting of the master radio.**

##### **A.1. Install RadioLinX IH browser:**

Download RLX-IH Browser from:

<http://www.prosoft-technology.com/content/download/12739/165690/file>

Then install the Browser on your PC.

##### **A.2. Plug the cables to the RLX-IHW:**



From left to right: Ethernet port, serial port and power connectors.

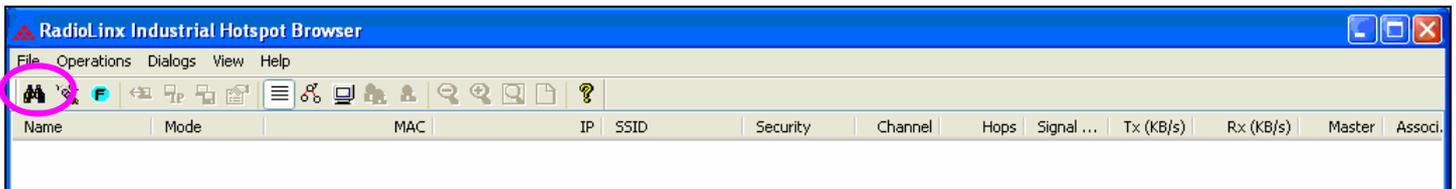
Plug the power cable.

For Ethernet connection:

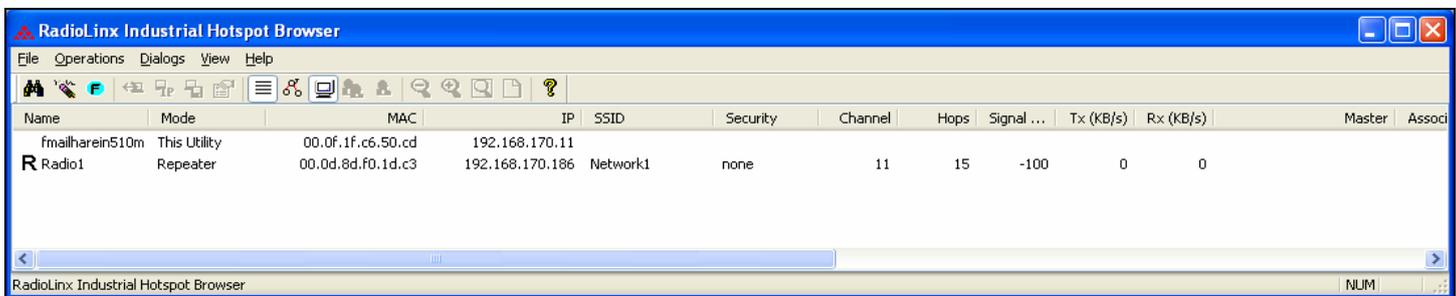
- If you are connecting to the radio through an Ethernet hub or switch, use the gray (straight-through) cable.
- If you are connecting to the radio directly from your PC without going through an Ethernet hub or switch, you must use the red (crossover) cable.

### A.3. Launch RadioLinx IH browser:

Click on the binocular:

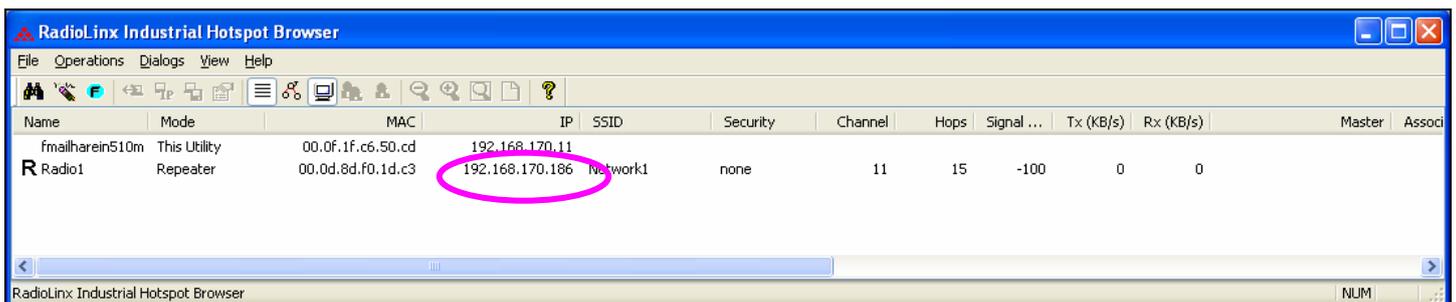


The radio appears:



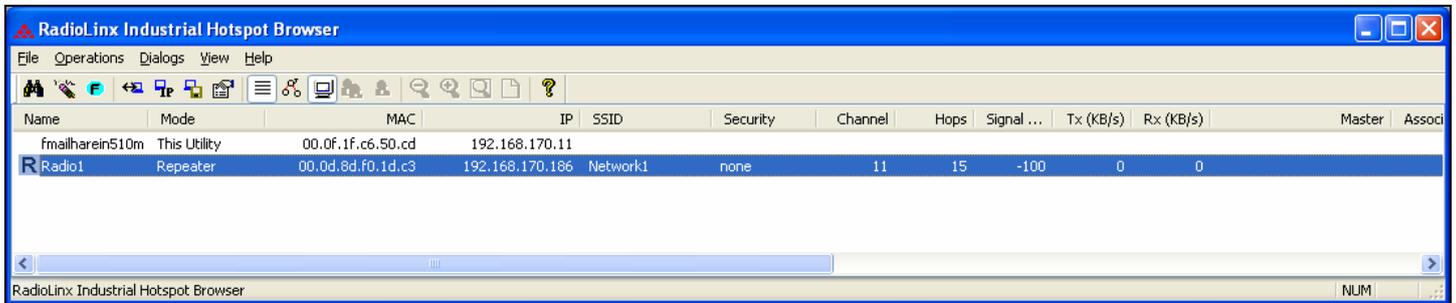
At this point the setting of the radio is the factory default.

If the radio is connected to a network with a DHCP server, the radio may already has an IP address assigned to it.



If no IP address appears:

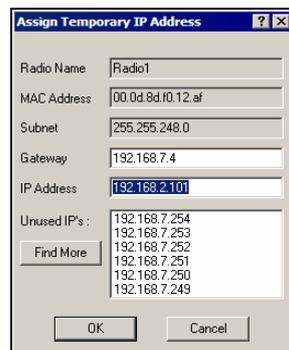
- Select the Radio on the list



- Then from Operations menu, select Assign IP



- The following window is displayed:

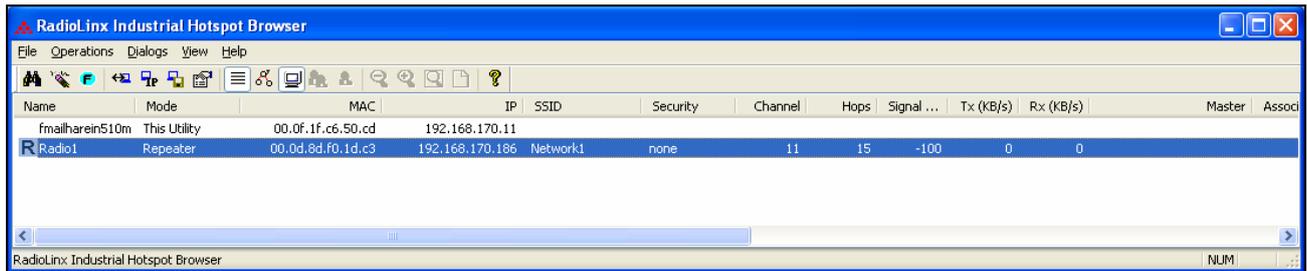


- Click OK to accept the temporary IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway.

**Now a temporary IP address is assigned to the RLX-IHW-E module.**

### A.4. Go online with the RLX-IHW-E for configuration:

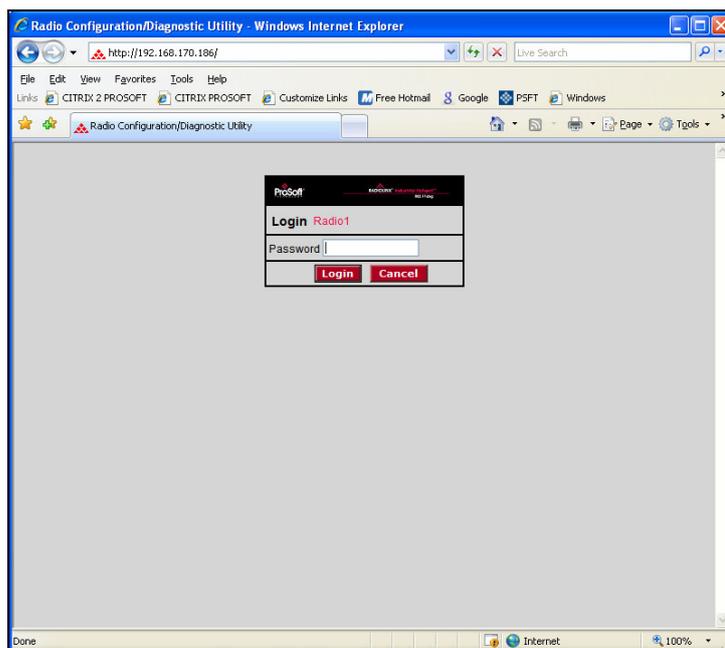
To go online to the RLX-IHW for configuration (or diagnostics), from the Browser select the Radio1:



Select the Connect option in Operation menu.

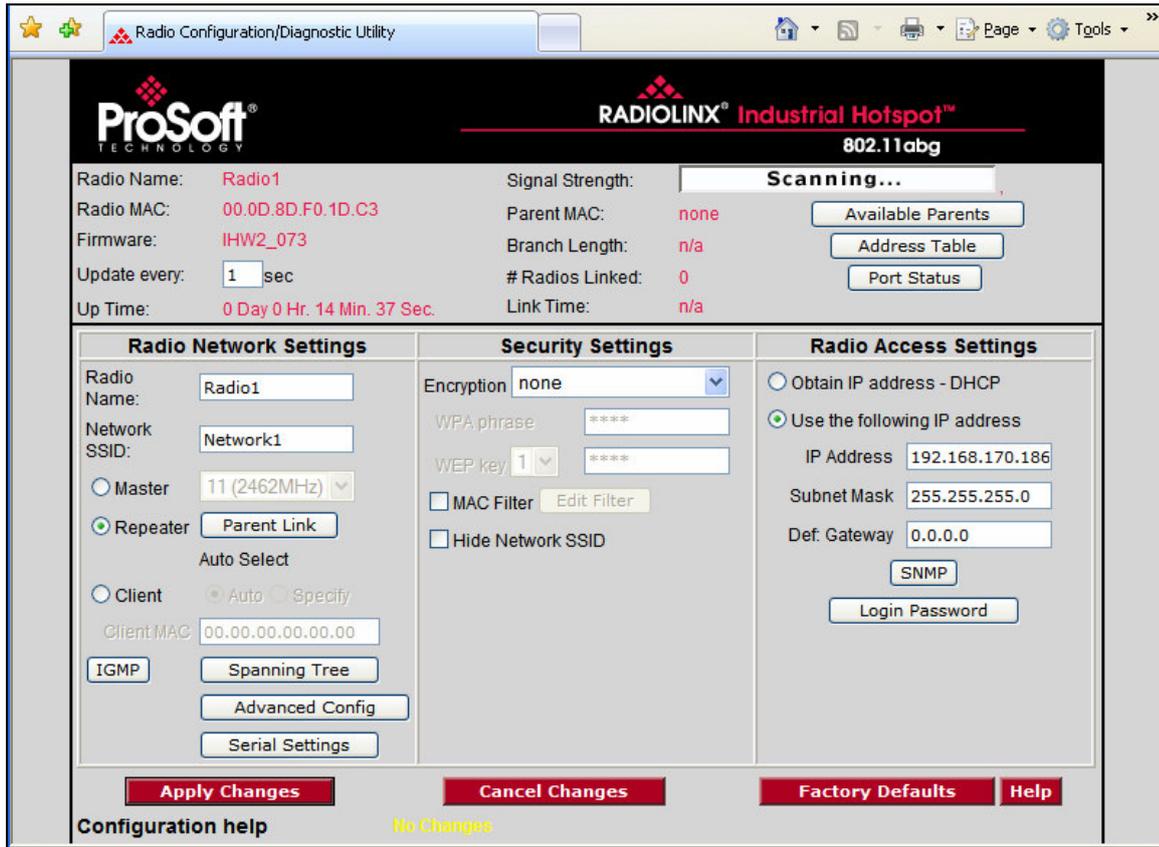


The following window is displayed:



Enter your password to log in to the radio and then press **Login**.

The RLW-IHW-E configuration is protected by a login password.  
 The default password is **password** (lower case).  
 To prevent unauthorized access to the radio configuration, you should change the default password when you have finished your configuration.  
 The following window is displayed:



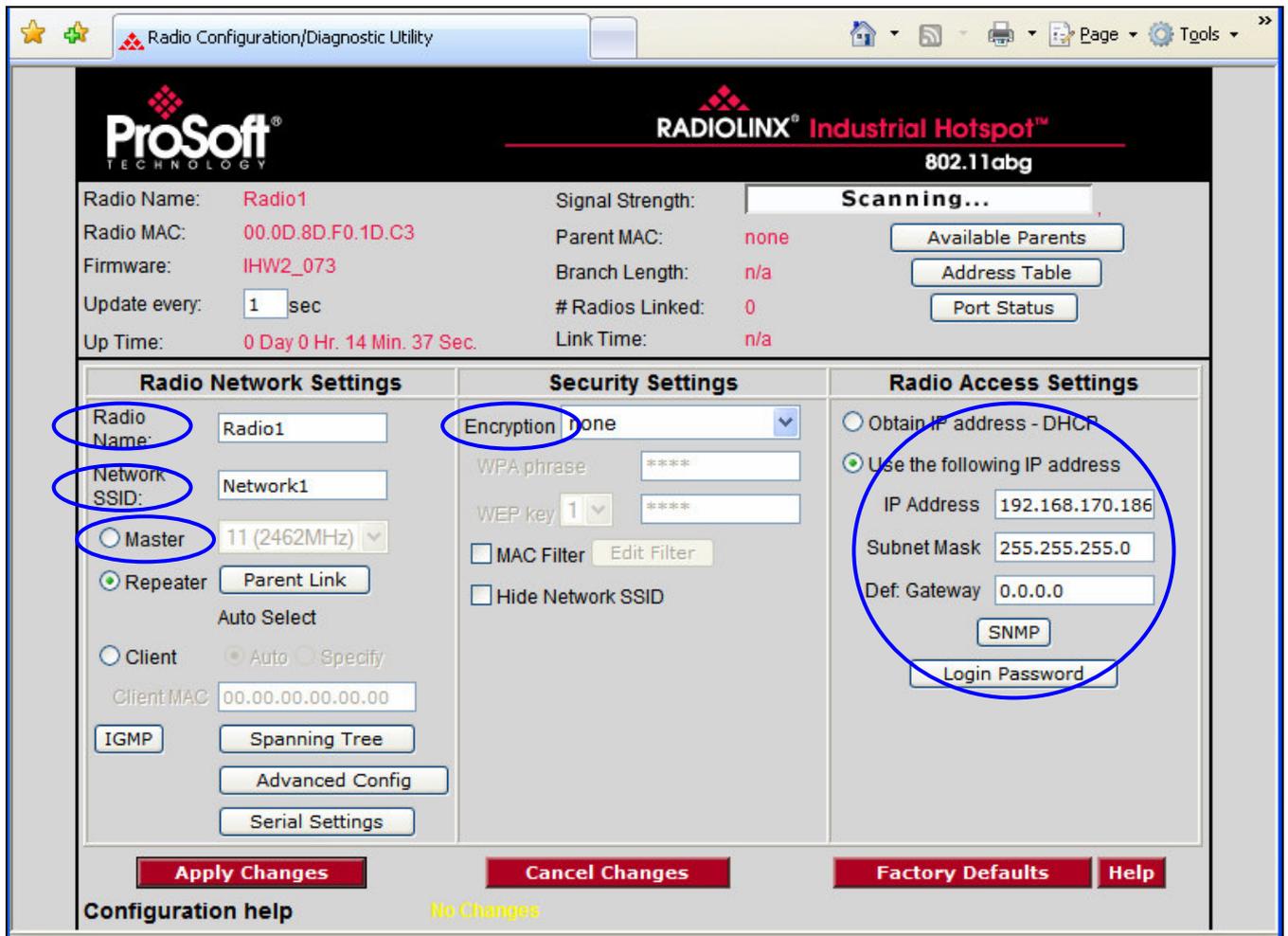
The screenshot shows the configuration utility interface for the RADIOLINX Industrial Hotspot 802.11abg. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Radio Information:**
  - Radio Name: Radio1
  - Radio MAC: 00.0D.8D.F0.1D.C3
  - Firmware: IHW2\_073
  - Update every: 1 sec
  - Up Time: 0 Day 0 Hr. 14 Min. 37 Sec.
  - Signal Strength: Scanning...
  - Parent MAC: none
  - Branch Length: n/a
  - # Radios Linked: 0
  - Link Time: n/a
- Radio Network Settings:**
  - Radio Name: Radio1
  - Network SSID: Network1
  - Mode: Repeater (selected), Parent Link
  - Client Mode: Auto
  - Client MAC: 00.00.00.00.00.00
  - Buttons: IGMP, Spanning Tree, Advanced Config, Serial Settings
- Security Settings:**
  - Encryption: none
  - WPA phrase: \*\*\*\*\*
  - WEP key: 1, \*\*\*\*\*
  - MAC Filter: Edit Filter
  - Hide Network SSID
- Radio Access Settings:**
  - Obtain IP address - DHCP: (unselected)
  - Use the following IP address: (selected)
  - IP Address: 192.168.170.186
  - Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
  - Def. Gateway: 0.0.0.0
  - Buttons: SNMP, Login Password

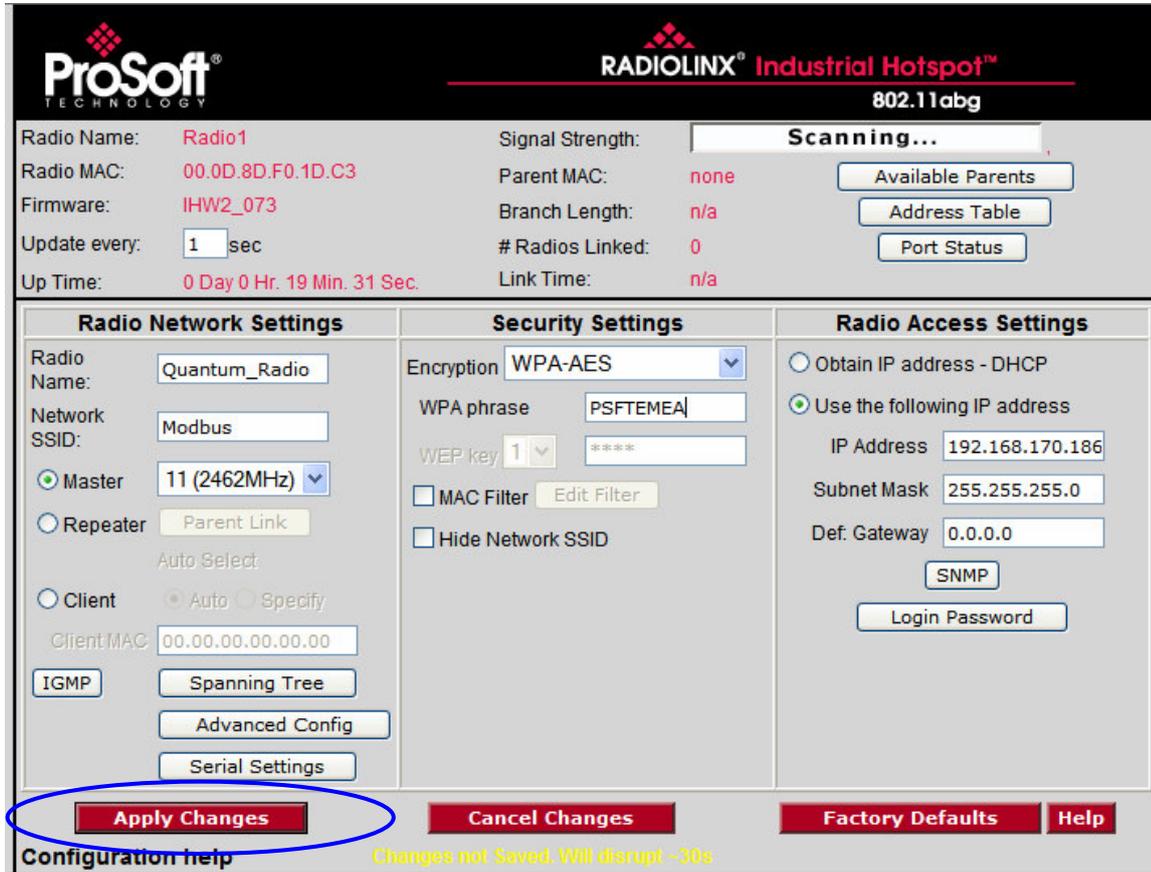
At the bottom of the interface, there are buttons for **Apply Changes**, **Cancel Changes**, **Factory Defaults**, and **Help**. A status bar at the bottom indicates **Configuration help** and **No Changes**.

### A.5. Set up the RLX-IHW-E – Master mode

The master is the "root" or top-level radio in a network. You must have at least one master radio per network. For redundancy, you can assign more than one master to the network. From the screen:



- ❖ Change the name of the radio from **Radio1** to **Quantum\_Radio**
- ❖ Change the SSID name from Network1 to Modbus
- ❖ Select **Master** and leave the channel per default (11)
- ❖ Encryption chose **WPA-AES** and enter your **WPA phrase**
- ❖ Enter a valid **IP address** and **Subnet Mask**



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Radio Name: Radio1      Signal Strength: Scanning...  
 Radio MAC: 00.0D.8D.F0.1D.C3      Parent MAC: none      Available Parents  
 Firmware: IHW2\_073      Branch Length: n/a      Address Table  
 Update every: 1 sec      # Radios Linked: 0      Port Status  
 Up Time: 0 Day 0 Hr. 19 Min. 31 Sec.      Link Time: n/a

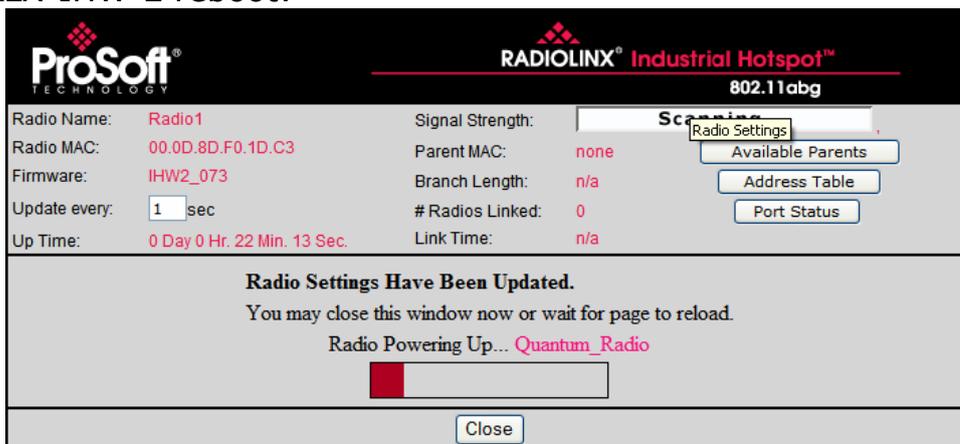
Radio Network Settings	Security Settings	Radio Access Settings
Radio Name: Quantum_Radio Network SSID: Modbus <input checked="" type="radio"/> Master 11 (2462MHz) <input type="radio"/> Repeater Parent Link Auto Select: <input type="radio"/> Client <input checked="" type="radio"/> Auto <input type="radio"/> Specify Client MAC: 00.00.00.00.00.00 <input type="button" value="IGMP"/> <input type="button" value="Spanning Tree"/> <input type="button" value="Advanced Config"/> <input type="button" value="Serial Settings"/>	Encryption: WPA-AES WPA phrase: PSFTEMEA WEP key: 1 ***** <input type="checkbox"/> MAC Filter Edit Filter <input type="checkbox"/> Hide Network SSID	<input type="radio"/> Obtain IP address - DHCP <input checked="" type="radio"/> Use the following IP address IP Address: 192.168.170.186 Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0 Def. Gateway: 0.0.0.0 <input type="button" value="SNMP"/> <input type="button" value="Login Password"/>

Configuration help      Changes not Saved. Will disrupt ~30s

Now the new settings are ready, press **Apply Changes** to valid them.

The RLX-IHW-E reboot:



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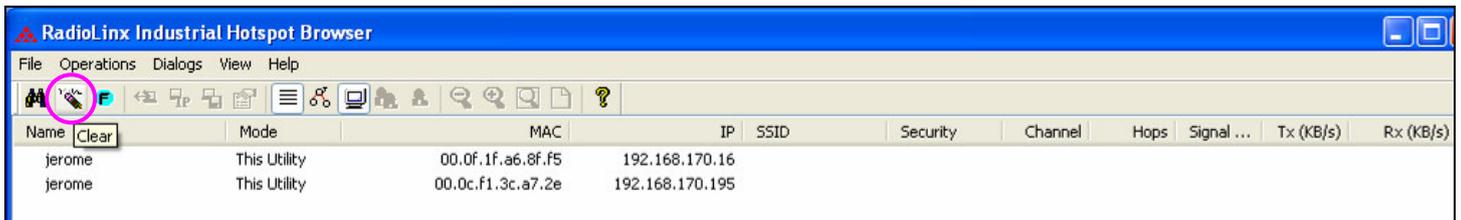
Radio Name: Radio1      Signal Strength: Scanning...  
 Radio MAC: 00.0D.8D.F0.1D.C3      Parent MAC: none      Available Parents  
 Firmware: IHW2\_073      Branch Length: n/a      Address Table  
 Update every: 1 sec      # Radios Linked: 0      Port Status  
 Up Time: 0 Day 0 Hr. 22 Min. 13 Sec.      Link Time: n/a

**Radio Settings Have Been Updated.**  
 You may close this window now or wait for page to reload.  
 Radio Powering Up... Quantum\_Radio

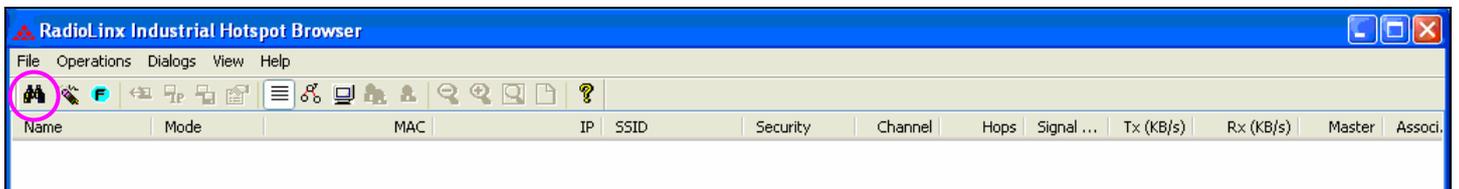
Press **Close** on this window.

### A.6. Settings verification:

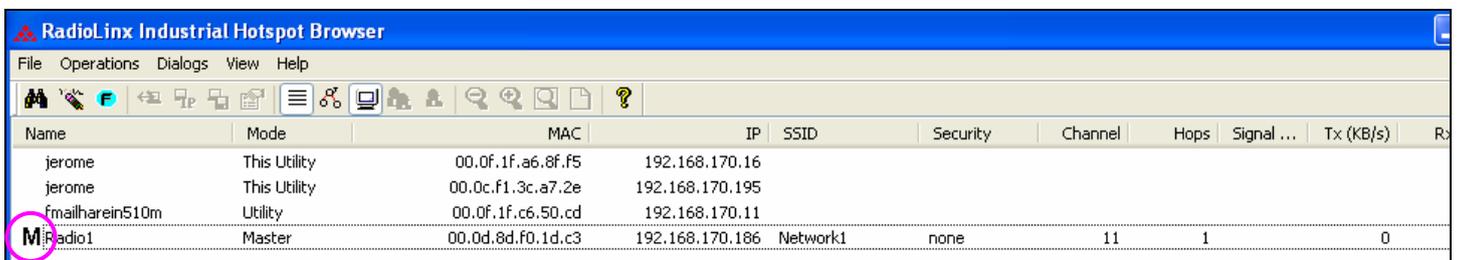
- Select **Clear** to delete the current radio list



- Select the **binocular** to refresh the screen and get an update radio list



- When configured the name of the radio is preceded by an M (for Master) in the RLX-IH Browser.



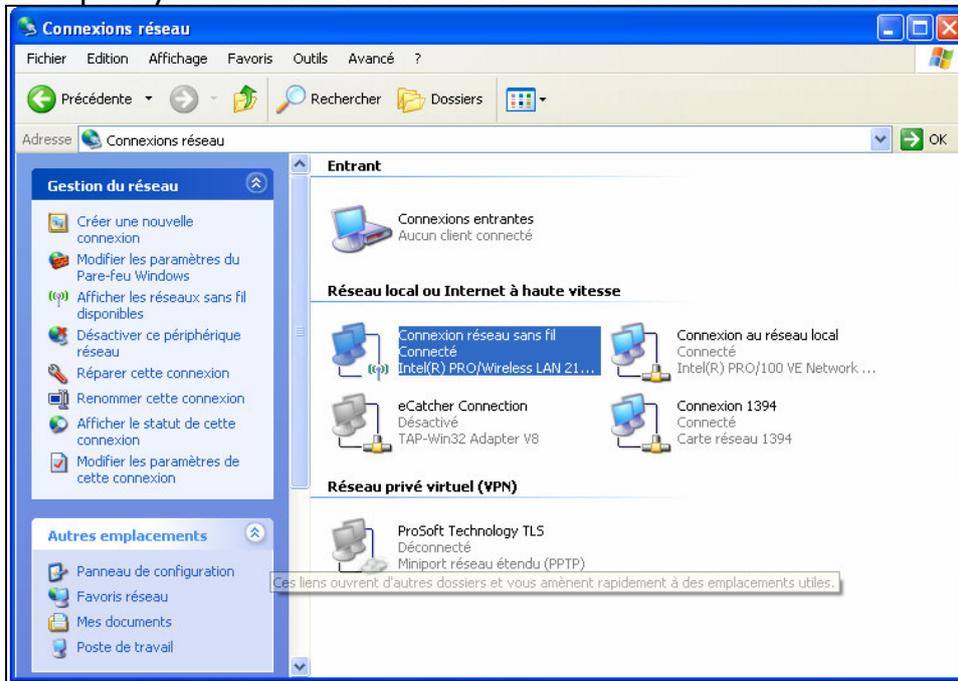
### The setting of the Master radio is finished.

- Disconnect the Ethernet cable from the radio.

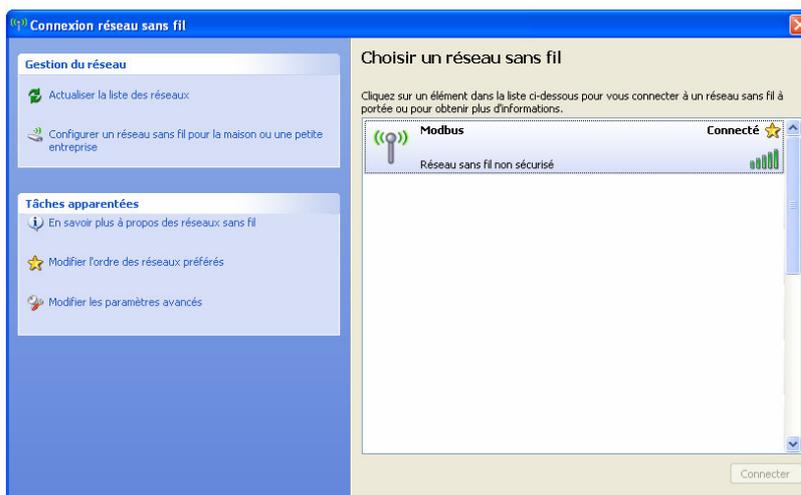


### A.7. RLX-IHW-E Access Point checking

- Open your PC network connection and select the wireless card.



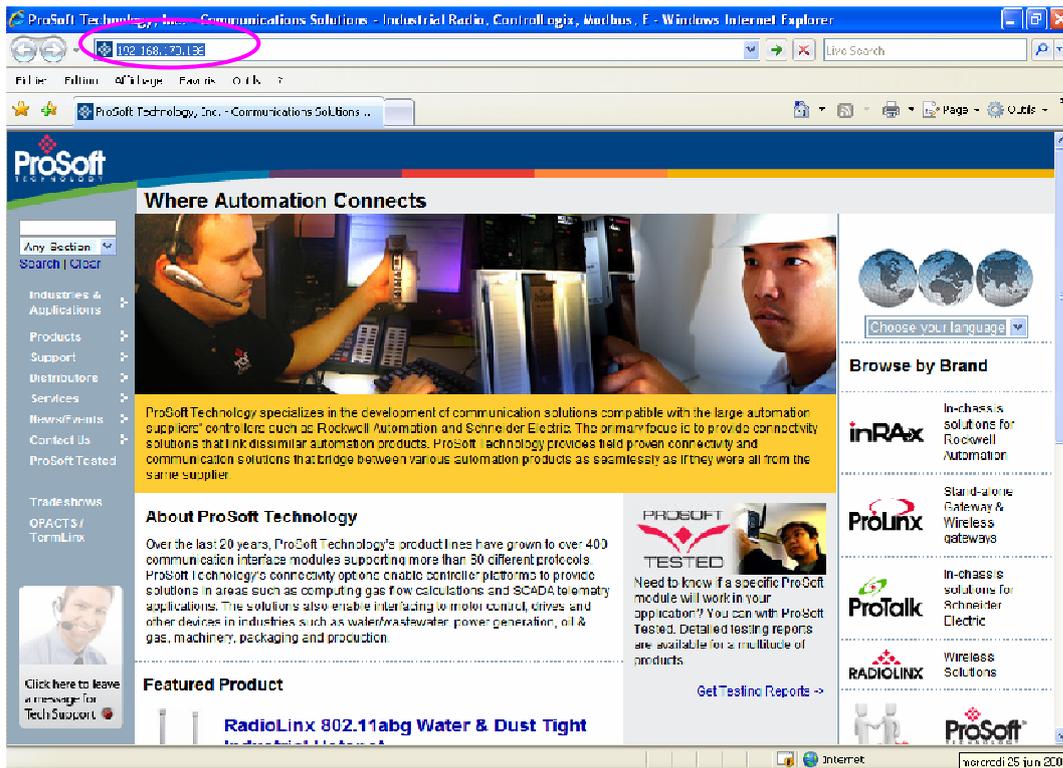
- Select to View Available Wireless Network



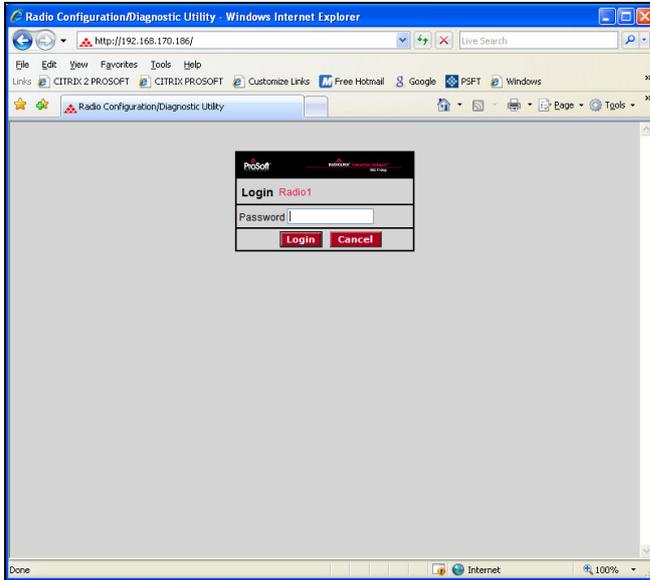
- Within the list of the Wireless network available you should see the **Modbus** network. This is the Network SSID you setup previously within the RLX-IHW-E Master mode.
- Choose the **Modbus** Wireless network.

Now you will be able to monitoring the radio with internet explorer via wireless network:

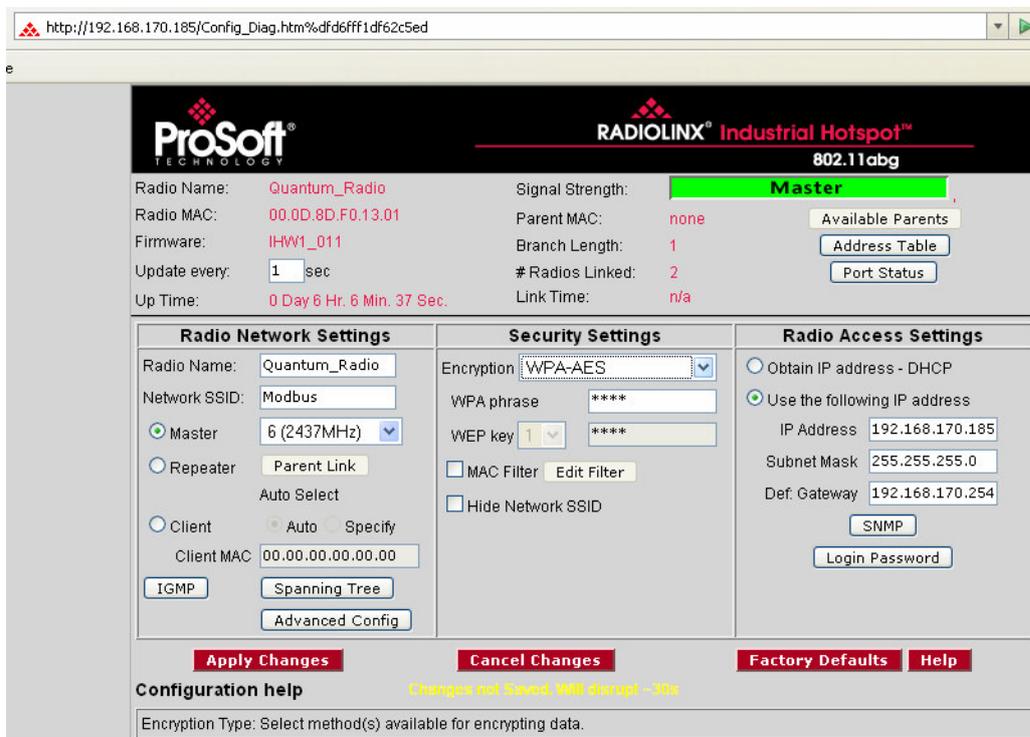
- Open Internet explorer.
- Enter the IP address of the RLX-IHW-E you want to access into the navigation bar.



- The following window is displayed.



Enter your password to log in to the radio and then press **Login**.  
The following window is displayed:



The RLX-IHW-E Master mode works fine.

### **B. Setting of the repeater radio**

#### **B.1. Plug the cables to the RLX-IHW**



From left to right: Ethernet port, serial port and power connector.

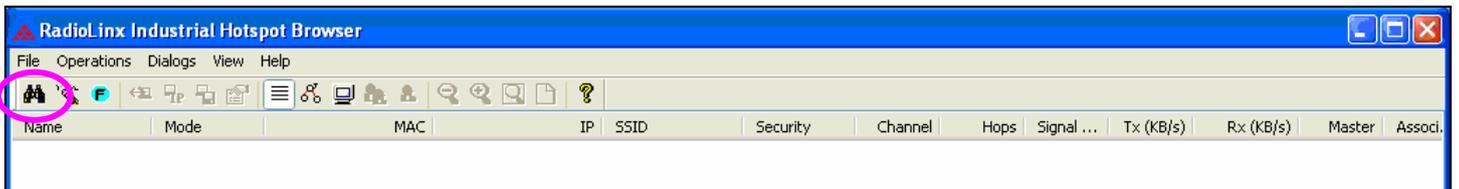
Plug the power cable.

For Ethernet connection:

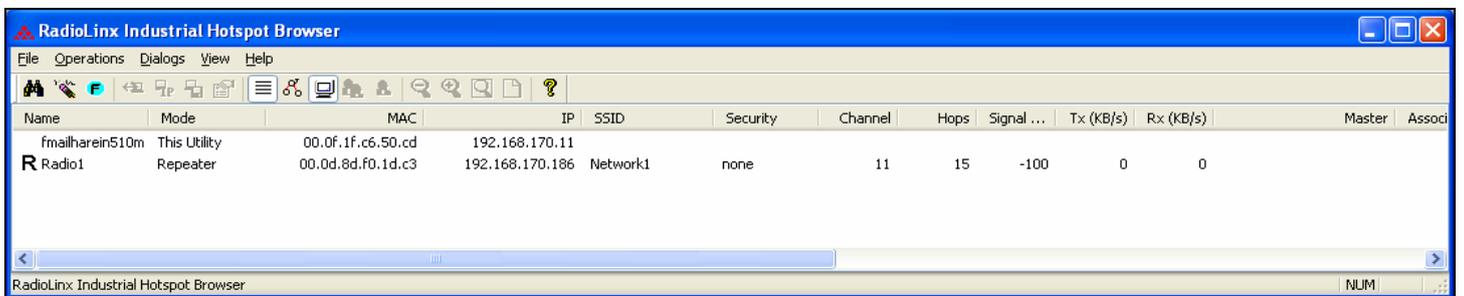
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### B.2. Launch RadioLinx IH browser

Click on the **binocular**

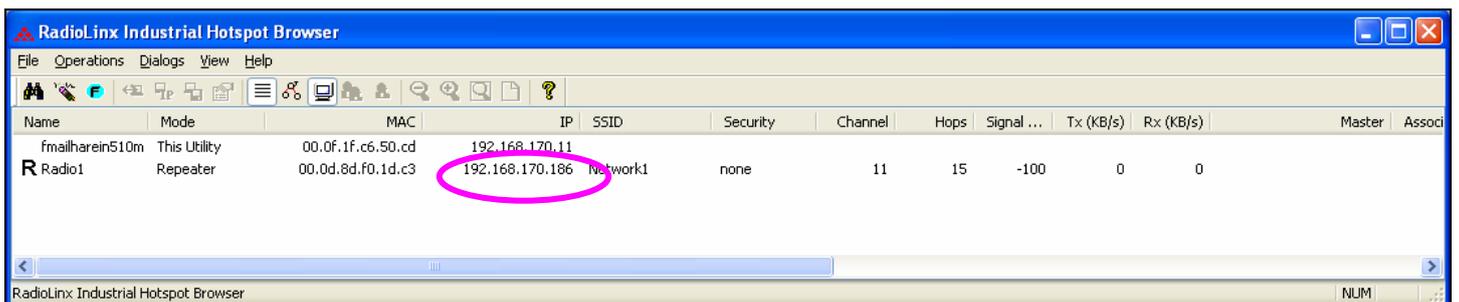


The radio appears:



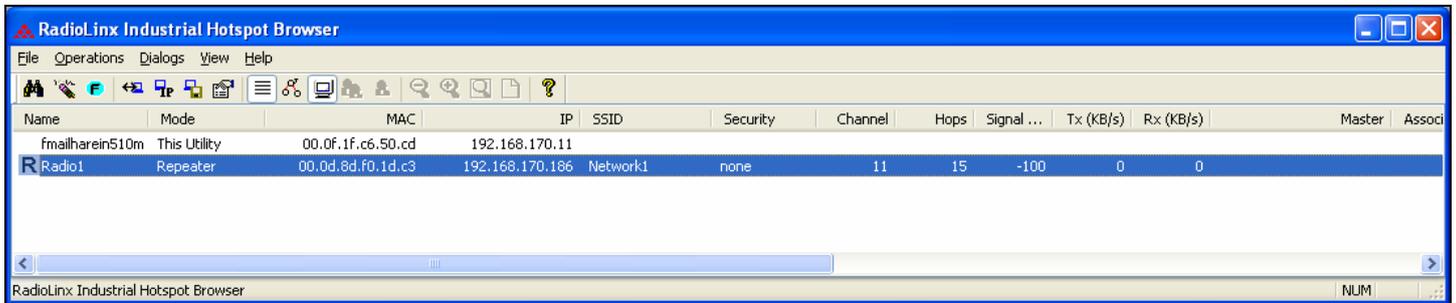
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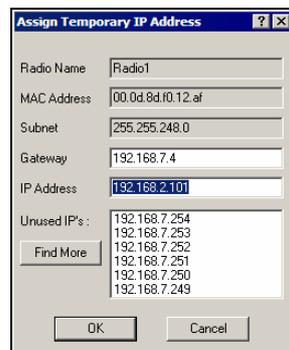
- Select the Radio on the list



- Then from Operations menu, select Assign IP



- The following window is displayed:

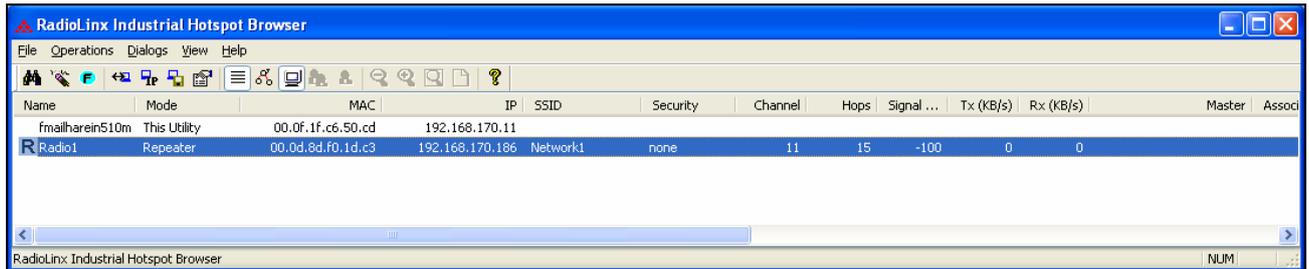


- Click OK to accept the temporary IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway.

**Now a temporary IP address is assigned to the RLX-IHW-E module.**

### B.3. Go online with the RLX-IHW-E for configuration

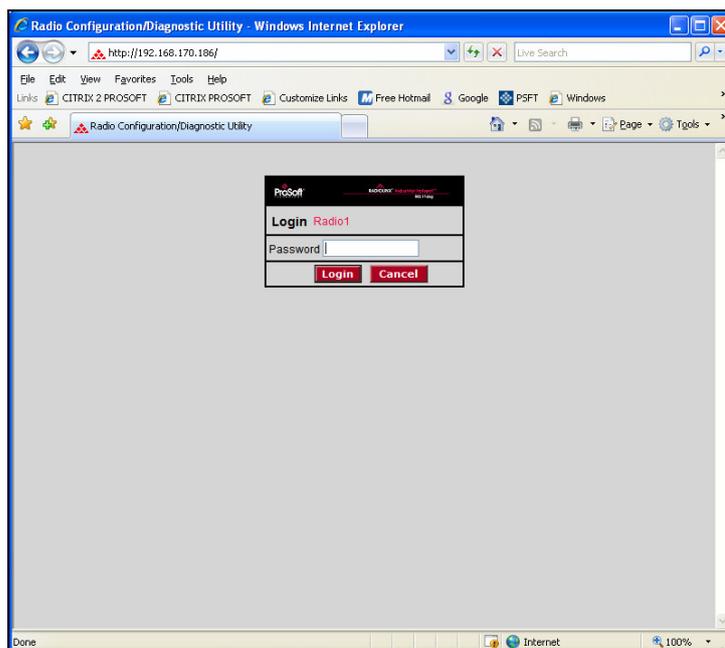
To go online to the RLX-IHW for configuration (or diagnostics), from the Browser select the Radio1:



Select the Connect option in Operation menu.

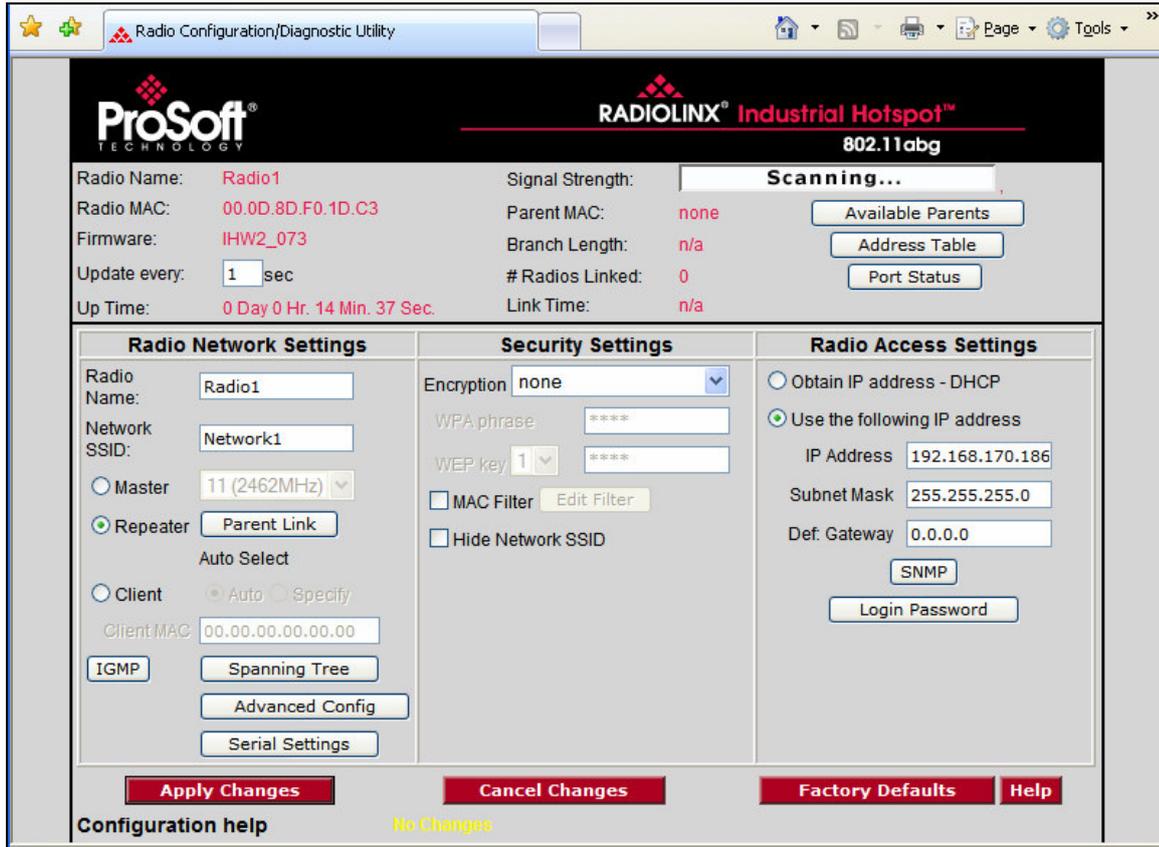


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Enter your password to log in to the radio and then press **Login**.

The RLW-IHW-E configuration is protected by a login password.  
 The default password is **password** (lower case).  
 To prevent unauthorized access to the radio configuration, you should change the password when you have finished the initial configuration.  
 The following window is displayed:



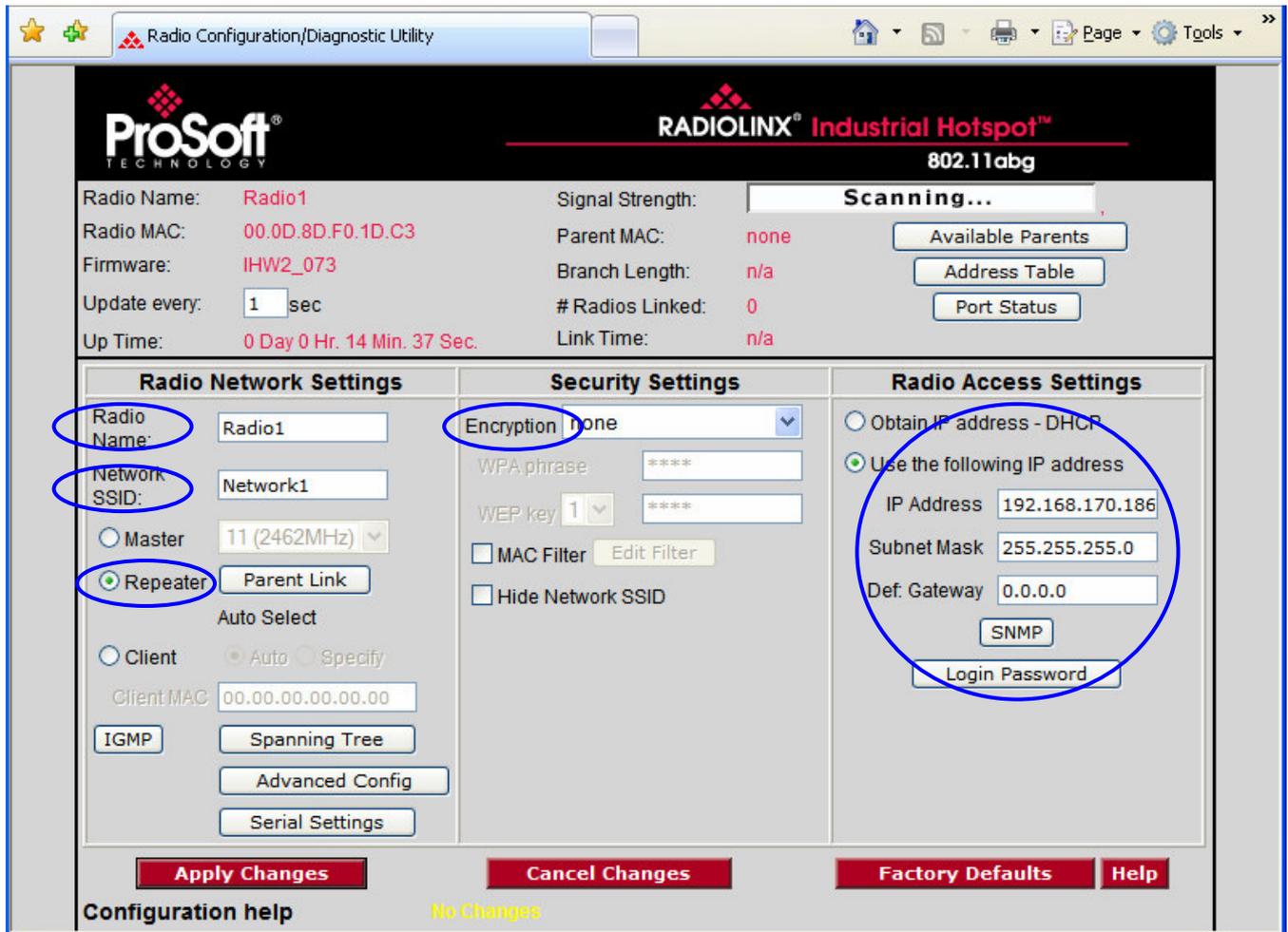
The screenshot shows the configuration utility for a RADIOLINX Industrial Hotspot 802.11abg. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Radio Information:** Radio Name: Radio1, Radio MAC: 00.0D.8D.F0.1D.C3, Firmware: IHW2\_073, Update every: 1 sec, Up Time: 0 Day 0 Hr. 14 Min. 37 Sec.
- Signal and Linking:** Signal Strength: Scanning..., Parent MAC: none, Branch Length: n/a, # Radios Linked: 0, Link Time: n/a.
- Radio Network Settings:** Radio Name: Radio1, Network SSID: Network1, Mode: Repeater (Parent Link), Client Mode: Auto.
- Security Settings:** Encryption: none, WPA phrase: \*\*\*\*, WEP key: 1 \*\*\*\*, MAC Filter: unchecked, Hide Network SSID: unchecked.
- Radio Access Settings:** Obtain IP address - DHCP: unchecked, Use the following IP address: checked. IP Address: 192.168.170.186, Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0, Def. Gateway: 0.0.0.0.

Buttons at the bottom include: Apply Changes, Cancel Changes, Factory Defaults, Help, Configuration help, and No Changes.

### B.4. Set up the RLX-IHW-E – Remote/Repeater mode

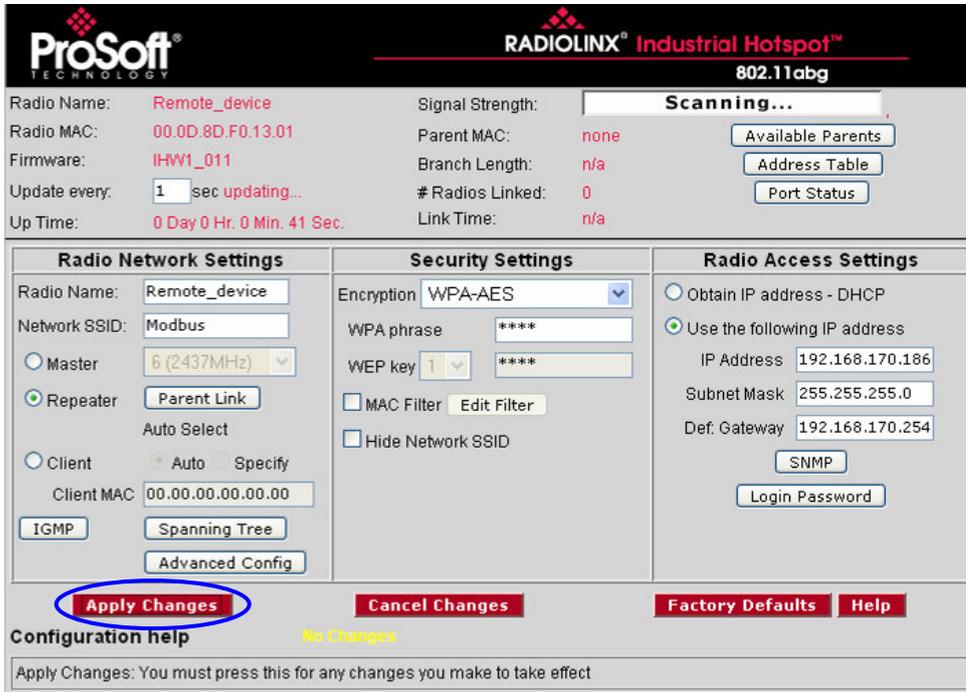
A RLX-IHW-E Remote/Repeater connects automatically to the best available parent radio on the network.



- ❖ Change the name of the radio from **Radio1** to **Remote\_device**
- ❖ Change the SSID name from **Network1** to **Modbus**
- ❖ Select **Repeater**
- ❖ Encryption chose **WPA-AES** and enter your **WPA phrase**
- ❖ Enter a valid **IP address** and **Subnet Mask**.

**Important:** The Network SSID and WPA phrase are case sensitive.

Use **exactly** the same combination of upper case and lower case letters you entered for the RLX-IHW-E Master mode, otherwise the Repeater radio will not be able to connect to the Master radio.



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Radio Name: Remote\_device Signal Strength: Scanning...  
 Radio MAC: 00.0D.8D.F0.13.01 Parent MAC: none Available Parents  
 Firmware: IHW1\_011 Branch Length: n/a Address Table  
 Update every: 1 sec updating... # Radios Linked: 0 Port Status  
 Up Time: 0 Day 0 Hr. 0 Min. 41 Sec. Link Time: n/a

Radio Network Settings	Security Settings	Radio Access Settings
Radio Name: Remote_device Network SSID: Modbus <input type="radio"/> Master 6 (2437MHz) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Repeater Parent Link Auto Select <input type="radio"/> Client Auto Specify Client MAC: 00.00.00.00.00.00 <input type="button" value="IGMP"/> <input type="button" value="Spanning Tree"/> <input type="button" value="Advanced Config"/>	Encryption: WPA-AES WPA phrase: **** WEP key: 1 **** <input type="checkbox"/> MAC Filter Edit Filter <input type="checkbox"/> Hide Network SSID	<input type="radio"/> Obtain IP address - DHCP <input checked="" type="radio"/> Use the following IP address IP Address: 192.168.170.186 Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0 Def. Gateway: 192.168.170.254 <input type="button" value="SNMP"/> <input type="button" value="Login Password"/>

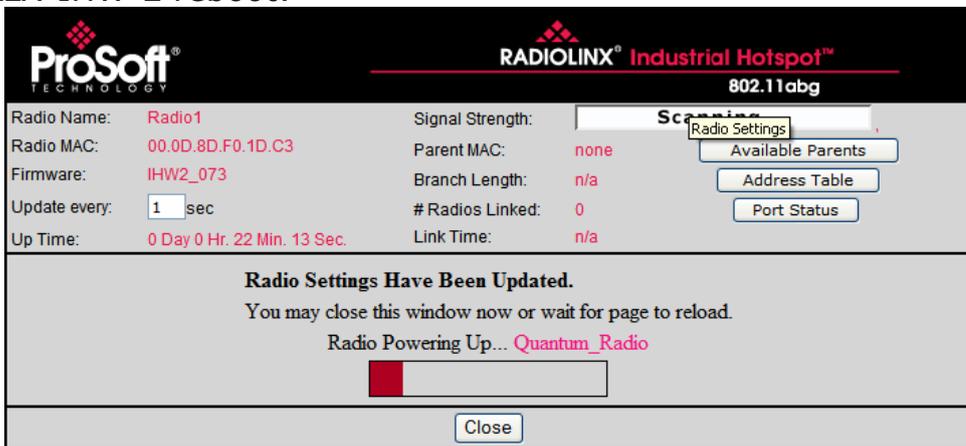
**Apply Changes** **Cancel Changes** **Factory Defaults** **Help**

Configuration help No Changes

Apply Changes: You must press this for any changes you make to take effect

Now the new settings are ready, press **Apply Changes** to valid them

The RLX-IHW-E reboot:



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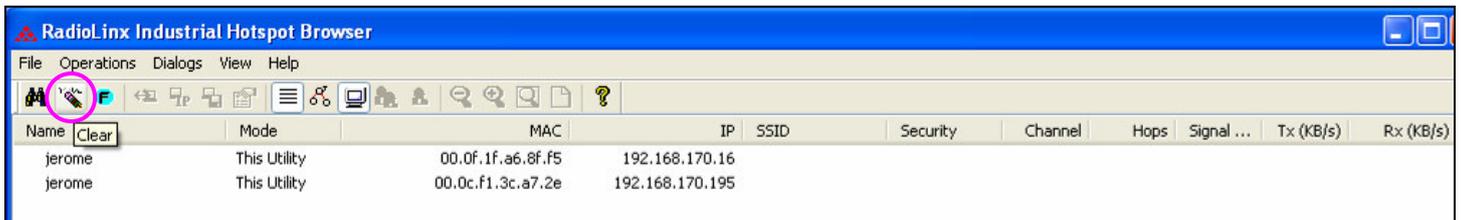
Radio Name: Radio1 Signal Strength: Scanning...  
 Radio MAC: 00.0D.8D.F0.1D.C3 Parent MAC: none Available Parents  
 Firmware: IHW2\_073 Branch Length: n/a Address Table  
 Update every: 1 sec # Radios Linked: 0 Port Status  
 Up Time: 0 Day 0 Hr. 22 Min. 13 Sec. Link Time: n/a

**Radio Settings Have Been Updated.**  
 You may close this window now or wait for page to reload.  
 Radio Powering Up... Quantum\_Radio

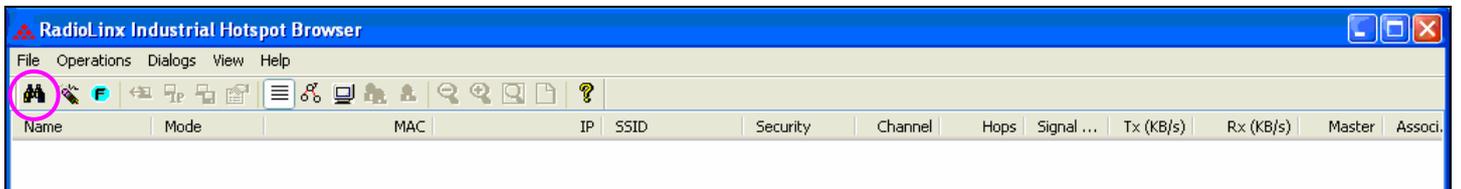
Press **Close** on this window.

### B.5. Settings verification

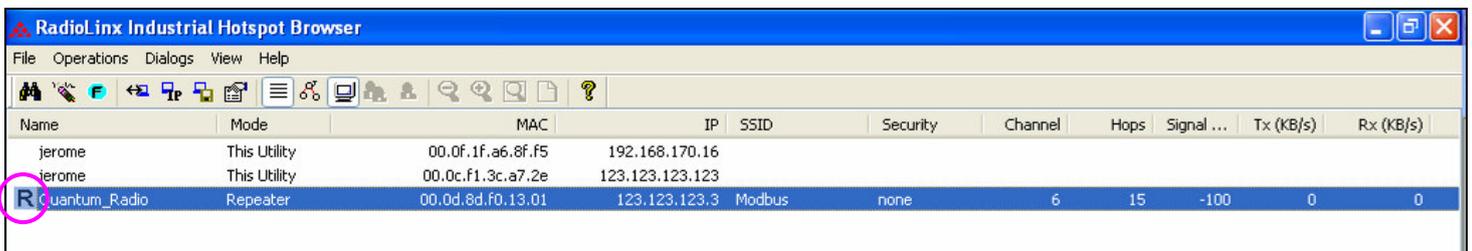
- Select **Clear** to delete the current radio list



- Select the **binocular** to refresh the screen and get an update radio list



- When configured the name of the radio is preceded by an R (for Repeater) in the RLX-IH Browser.



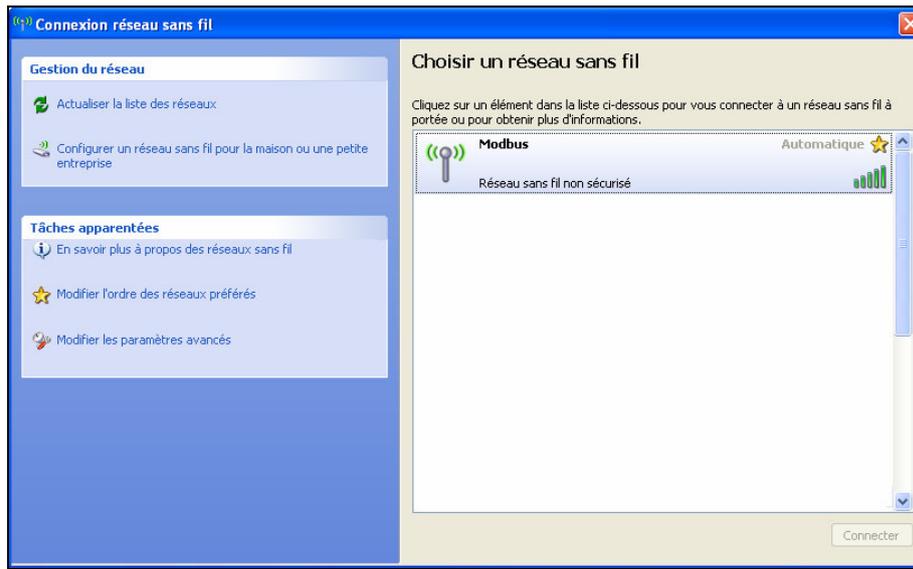
### The setting of the Repeater radio is finished.

- Disconnect the Ethernet cable from the radio.



### B.6. RLX-IHW-E Access Point checking

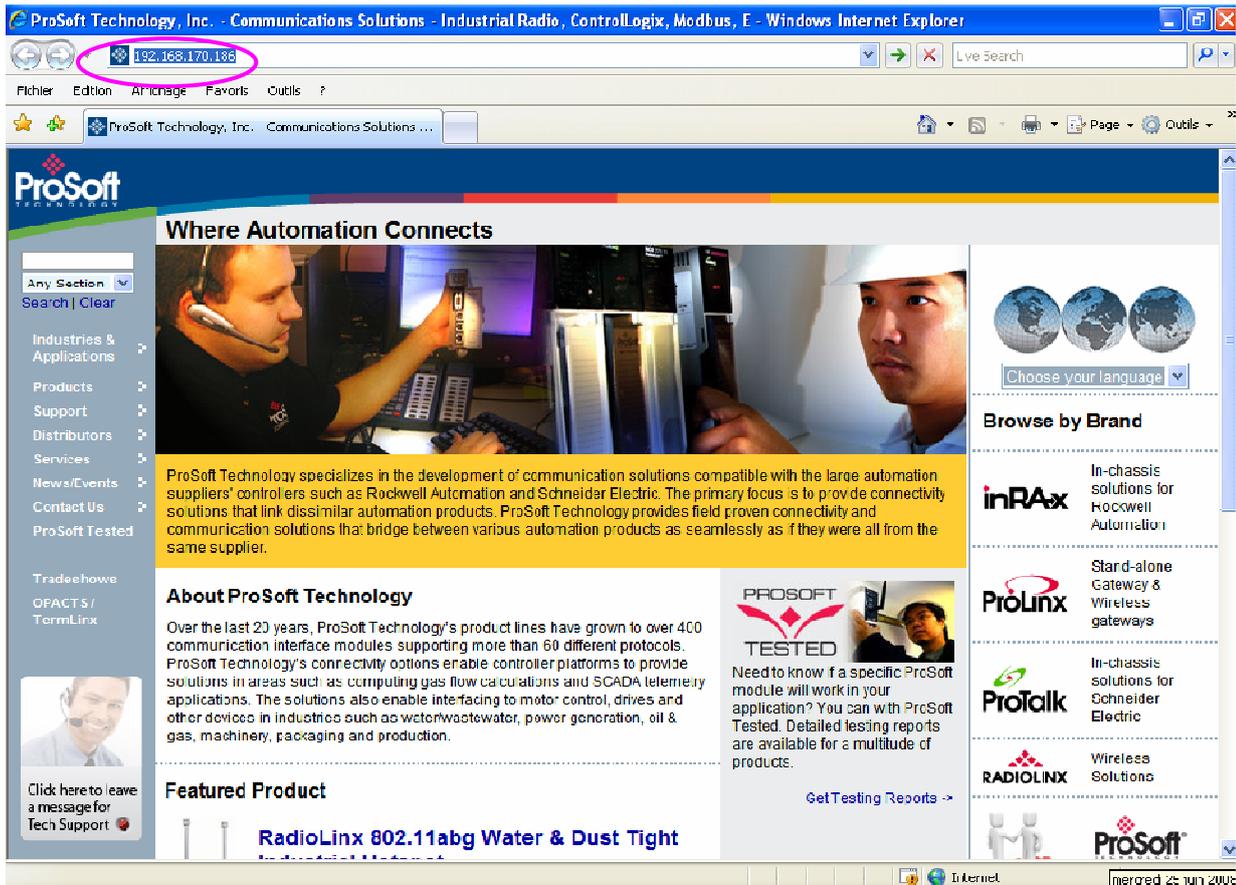
- With you PC wireless access enabled and from the Available Wireless Network list



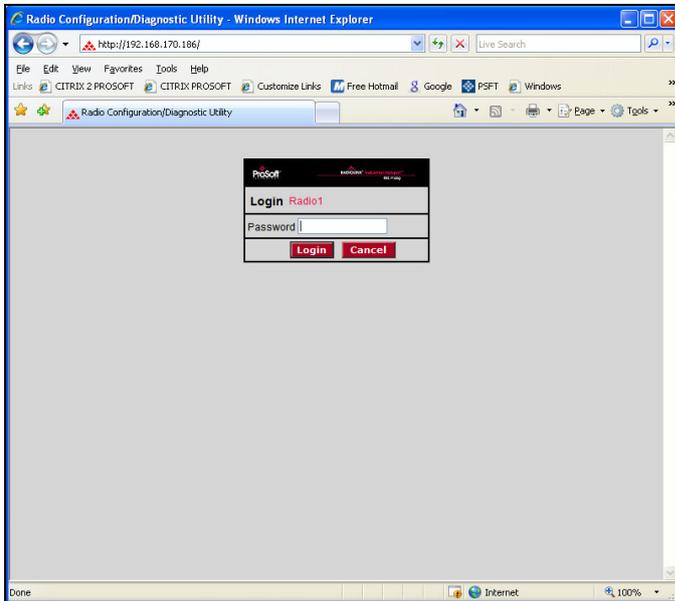
- Choose the **Modbus** network. This is the Network SSID you setup previously within the RLX-IHW-E Remote/Repeater mode.

Now you will be able to monitoring the radio with internet explorer via wireless network:

- Open internet explorer.
- Enter the IP address of the RLX-IHW-E you want to access into the navigation bar.

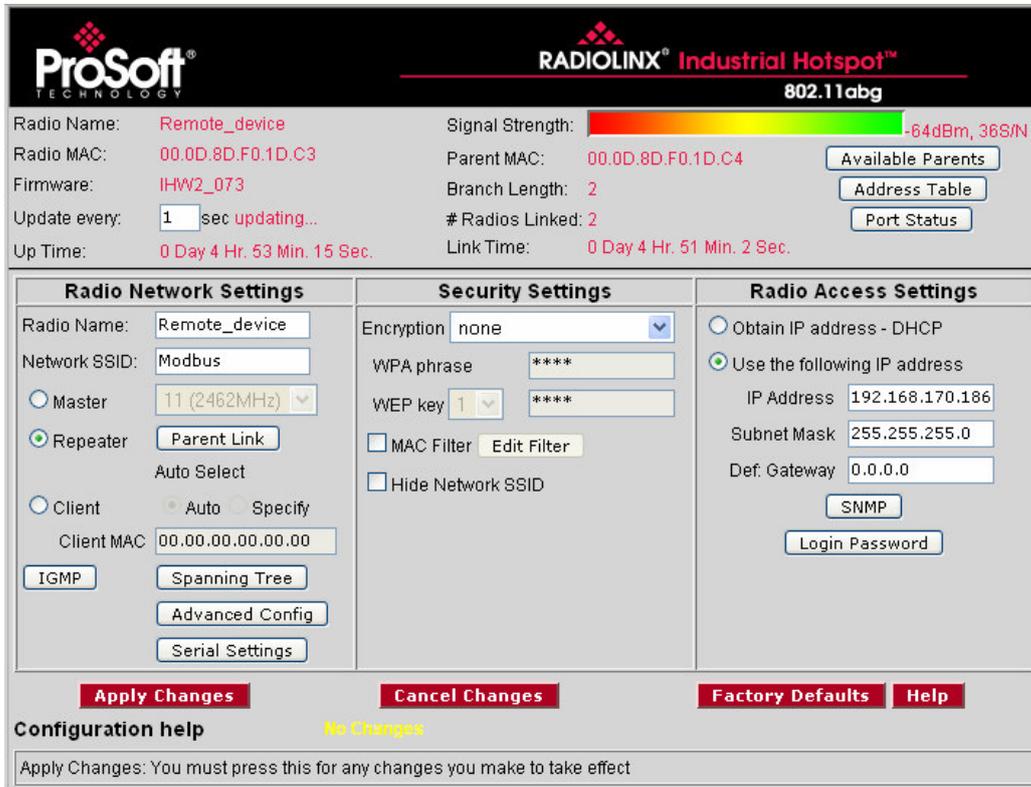


- The following window is displayed.



Enter your password to log in to the radio and then press **Login**.

The following window is displayed:



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Radio Name: Remote\_device      Signal Strength:  -64dBm, 36S/N  
 Radio MAC: 00.0D.8D.F0.1D.C3      Parent MAC: 00.0D.8D.F0.1D.C4      Available Parents  
 Firmware: IHW2\_073      Branch Length: 2      Address Table  
 Update every: 1 sec updating...      # Radios Linked: 2      Port Status  
 Up Time: 0 Day 4 Hr. 53 Min. 15 Sec.      Link Time: 0 Day 4 Hr. 51 Min. 2 Sec.

Radio Network Settings	Security Settings	Radio Access Settings
Radio Name: Remote_device	Encryption: none	<input type="radio"/> Obtain IP address - DHCP
Network SSID: Modbus	WPA phrase: ****	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Use the following IP address
<input type="radio"/> Master: T1 (2462MHz)	WEP key: 1, ****	IP Address: 192.168.170.186
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Repeater: Parent Link	<input type="checkbox"/> MAC Filter: Edit Filter	Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
Auto Select	<input type="checkbox"/> Hide Network SSID	Def. Gateway: 0.0.0.0
<input type="radio"/> Client: Auto Specify		<input type="button" value="SNMP"/>
Client MAC: 00.00.00.00.00.00		<input type="button" value="Login Password"/>
<input type="button" value="IGMP"/> <input type="button" value="Spanning Tree"/>		
<input type="button" value="Advanced Config"/>		
<input type="button" value="Serial Settings"/>		

**Configuration help**      No Changes

Apply Changes: You must press this for any changes you make to take effect

- Signal quality:

**Signal Strength** shows you the quality of the signal between the RLX-IHW-E Master mode and RLX-IHW-E Remote/Repeater mode radios.

Good Signal      Signal Strength:  -64dBm, 36S/N  
 Poor Signal      Signal Strength:  -81dBm, 16S/N

**Note:**

Signal quality depending of:

- Distance between the antennas.
- Free line of sight.
- Antennas correctly mounted.

To have further information about RLX-IHW-E please, download the User Manual from:

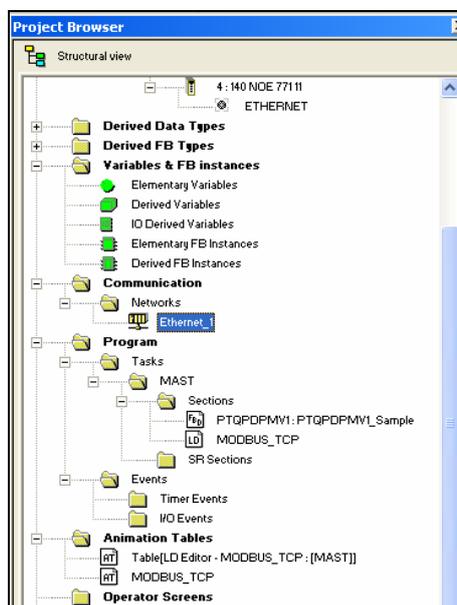
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### **C. Setting of the Modbus TCP Client device.**

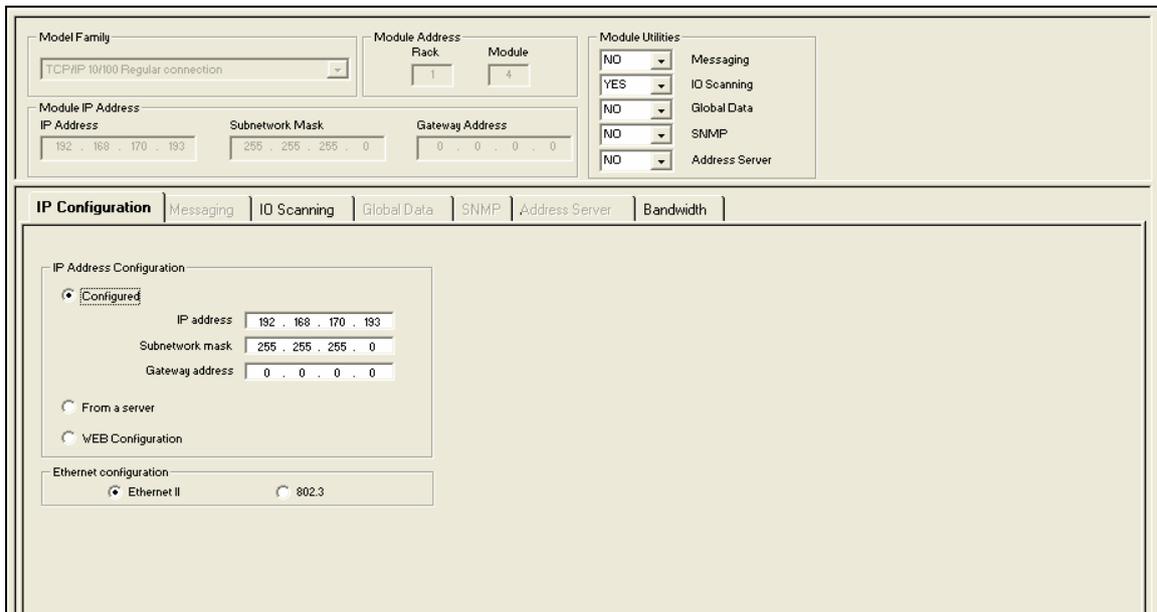
#### **C.1. Launch Unity Pro XL**

For this application we use a CPU 31110 and Ethernet Card NOE77111.

- After creating your material configuration select in the project browser ETHERNET\_1:



- In the displayed screen, enters the IP Address of the NOE77111 Card in the project browser:



The screenshot shows a configuration window with the following sections:

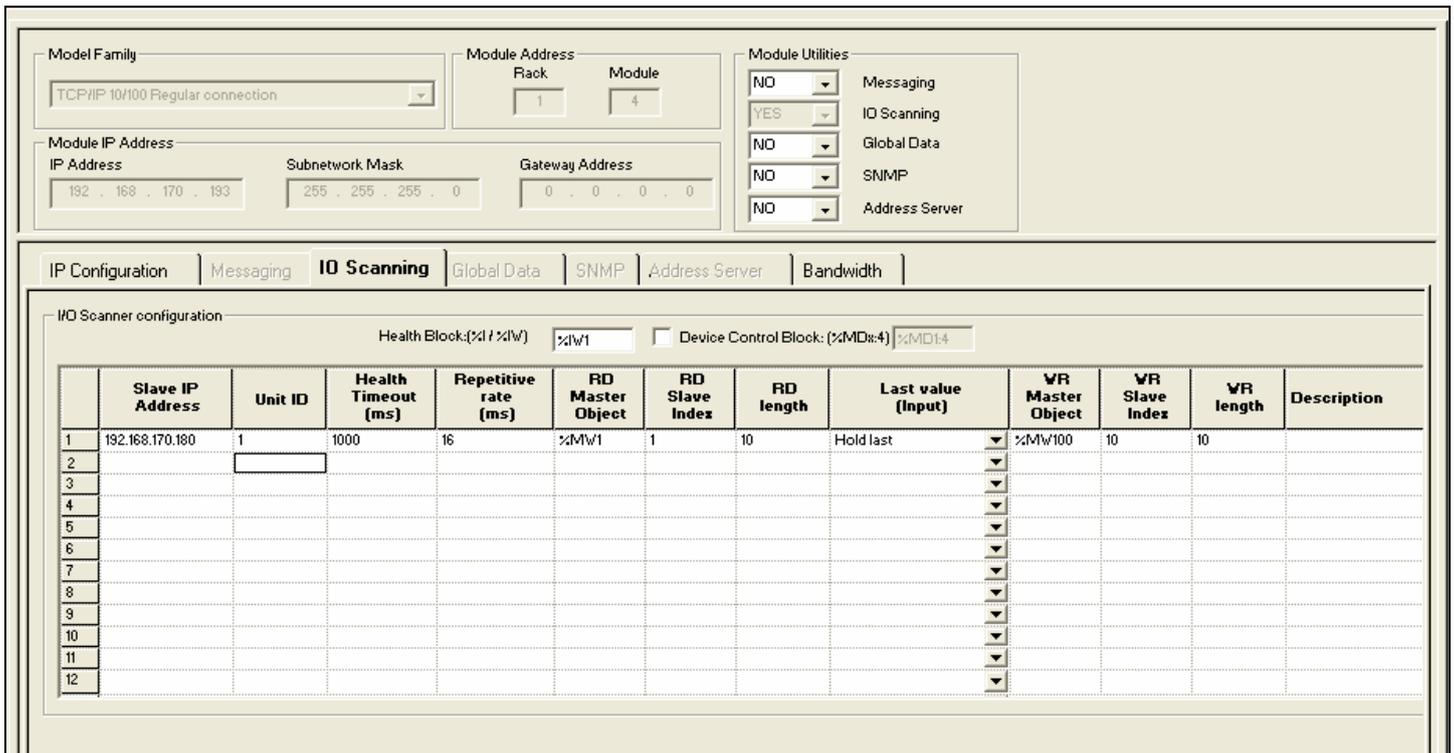
- Model Family:** TCP/IP 10/100 Regular connection
- Module Address:** Rack 1, Module 4
- Module IP Address:** IP Address: 192 . 168 . 170 . 193, Subnetwork Mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 0, Gateway Address: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0
- Module Utilities:** Messaging (NO), ID Scanning (YES), Global Data (NO), SNMP (NO), Address Server (NO)
- IP Configuration:** IP Address Configuration (Configured), IP address: 192 . 168 . 170 . 193, Subnetwork mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 0, Gateway address: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0. Options: From a server, WEB Configuration.
- Ethernet configuration:** Ethernet II (selected), 802.3

### Note:

- The IP address of NOE77111, Radio RLX-IHW and laptop must be at the same IP range and depending of your Subnet mask.

### C.2. IO Scanning setting:

- Select IO Scanning tab



The screenshot shows the configuration window for the IO Scanning module. The 'IO Scanning' tab is selected. The configuration includes:

- Model Family:** TCP/IP 10/100 Regular connection
- Module Address:** Rack: 1, Module: 4
- Module IP Address:** IP Address: 192.168.170.183, Subnetwork Mask: 255.255.255.0, Gateway Address: 0.0.0.0
- Module Utilities:** Messaging (NO), IO Scanning (YES), Global Data (NO), SNMP (NO), Address Server (NO)

The 'IO Scanner configuration' table is as follows:

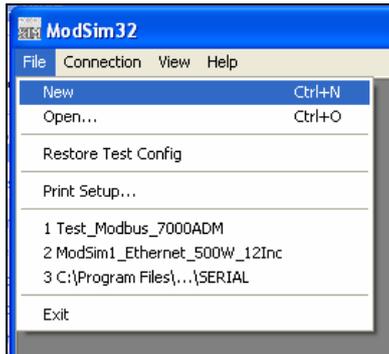
	Slave IP Address	Unit ID	Health Timeout (ms)	Repetitive rate (ms)	RD Master Object	RD Slave Index	RD length	Last value (Input)	VR Master Object	VR Slave Index	VR length	Description
1	192.168.170.180	1	1000	16	%MW1	1	10	Hold last	%MW100	10	10	
2												
3												
4												
5												
6												
7												
8												
9												
10												
11												
12												

- **Server IP Address:** Address IP of your Laptop (192.168.170.180).
- **Unit ID:** Modbus Address of the server (1).
- **Timeout (ms):** need to be set a 1 sec (1000).
- **RD Master Object:** Master Address where the data read are stocked (%MW1).
- **RD Slave Index:** Offset for the first data read in slave (1).
- **RD length:** Number of data read (10).
- **WR Master Object:** Master Address where write data reads are stocked (%MW100).
- **WR Slave Index:** Offset for the first data read in slave (10).
- **WR length:** Number of data read (10).

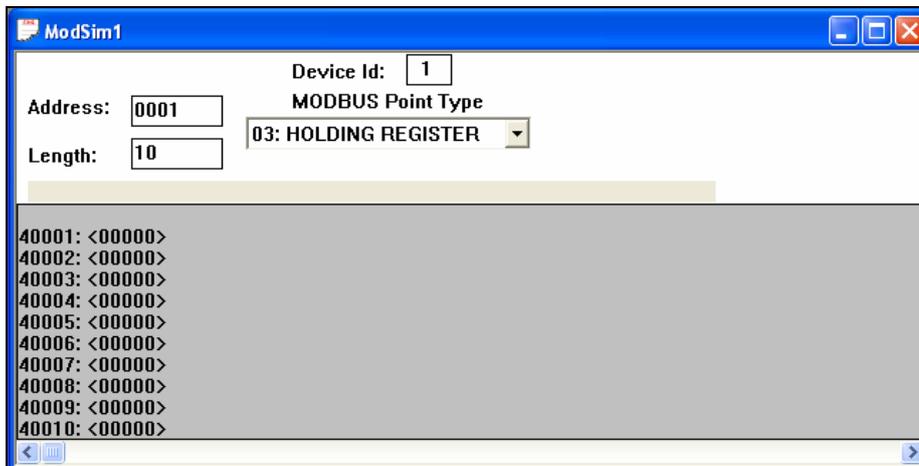
### D. Setting of the Modbus TCP Server device.

#### Modsim32:

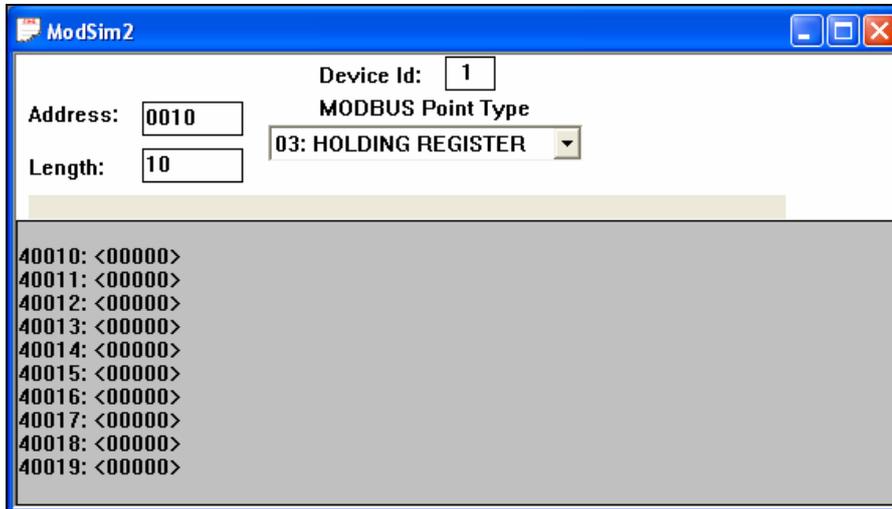
- Launch Modsim32.
- Create a new File.



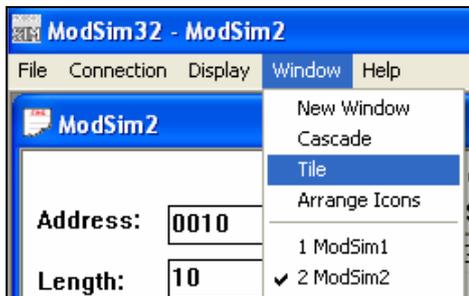
- Select the data Read area.



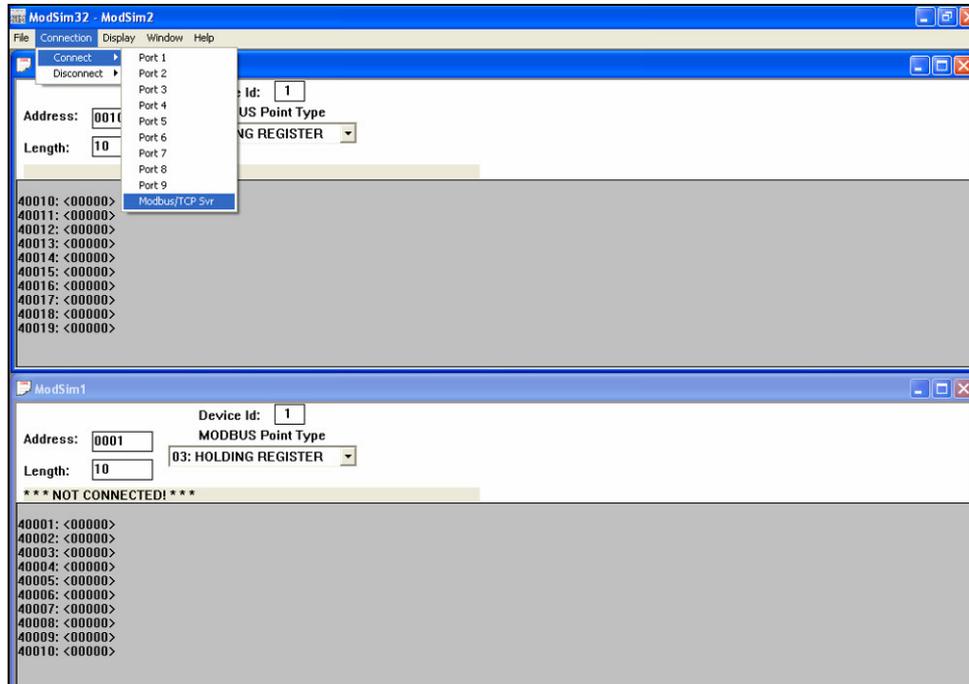
- Create a new File and select data write area.



- Select Tile in Window menu.



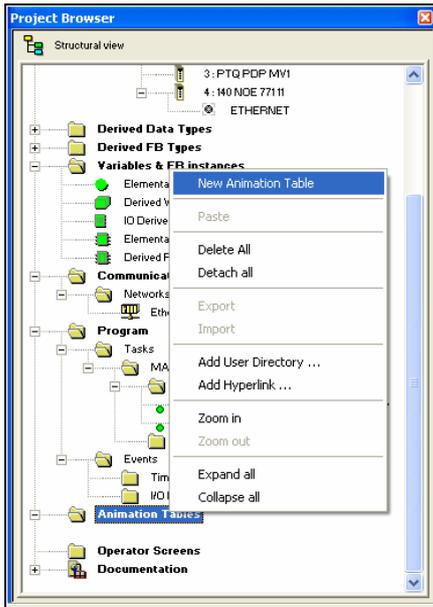
- Connect Modsim32 on Modbus TCP as shown below.



### E. Communication checking

Now the communication between the Client and the server is established.

- Create a new Modbus TCP animation table:



- ❖ The data mapping of the animation table must be the same that the area memory selected in IO Scanning.

Name	Value	Type	Comment
Modification Force [Icons] Extended Strings			
%MW2000:10		ARRAY[0..9] OF...	
• %MW2000[0]	13713	INT	
• %MW2000[1]	20968	INT	
• %MW2000[2]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[3]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[4]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[5]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[6]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[7]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[8]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[9]	0	INT	
%MW100:10		ARRAY[0..9] OF...	
• %MW100[0]	0	INT	
• %MW100[1]	12	INT	
• %MW100[2]	0	INT	
• %MW100[3]	0	INT	
• %MW100[4]	0	INT	
• %MW100[5]	0	INT	
• %MW100[6]	0	INT	
• %MW100[7]	0	INT	
• %MW100[8]	0	INT	
• %MW100[9]	0	INT	

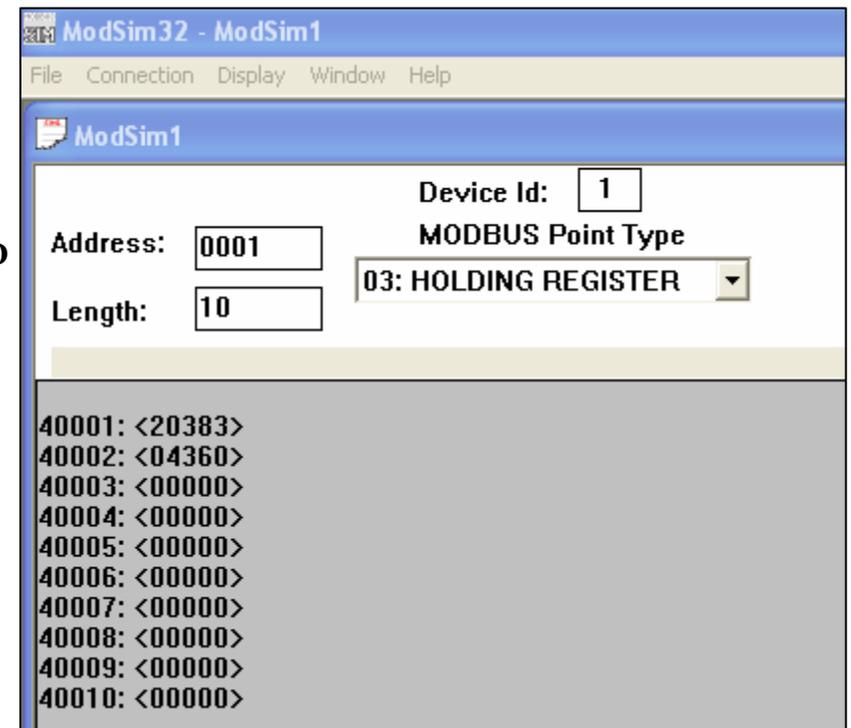
- Communication testing Reading data

The value of data which is changing in Modsim32 is updating in the Client PLC's memory.

### Client Memory

Name	Value	Type	Comment
%MW2000:10		ARRAY[0..9] OF...	
• %MW2000[0]	20383	INT	
• %MW2000[1]	4360	INT	
• %MW2000[2]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[3]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[4]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[5]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[6]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[7]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[8]	0	INT	
• %MW2000[9]	0	INT	

### Server Memory



ModSim32 - ModSim1

File Connection Display Window Help

ModSim1

Device Id:

Address:

Length:

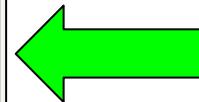
MODBUS Point Type:

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40001: <20383>
40002: <04360>
40003: <00000>
40004: <00000>
40005: <00000>
40006: <00000>
40007: <00000>
40008: <00000>
40009: <00000>
40010: <00000>

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DATA READ



Communication testing Writing of data  
The data value into the client PLC's memory is written into server's memory.

### Client Memory

Name	Value	Type	Comment
%MW2000:10		ARRAY[0..9] OF...	
%MW100:10		ARRAY[0..9] OF...	
%MW100[0]	0	INT	
%MW100[1]	12	INT	
%MW100[2]	0	INT	
%MW100[3]	0	INT	
%MW100[4]	0	INT	
%MW100[5]	0	INT	
%MW100[6]	0	INT	
%MW100[7]	0	INT	
%MW100[8]	0	INT	
%MW100[9]	0	INT	

**DATA WRITE**



### Server Memory

ModSim2

Device Id:

MODBUS Point Type:

Address:

Length:

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40010: <00000>  
 40011: <00000>  
 40012: <00012>  
 40013: <00000>  
 40014: <00000>  
 40015: <00000>  
 40016: <00000>  
 40017: <00000>  
 40018: <00000>  
 40019: <00000>

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