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## SlotServer Start-Up Guide

### APPLICABILITY & EFFECTIVITY

This manual provides instructions for the following FieldServer products:

**Description**  
PS56-BAS-xxx  
PS56-FIR-xxx  
PS56-PRO-407

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## 1 EQUIPMENT SET-UP

### 1.1 Supplied equipment

**USB Flash Drive** loaded with:

- SlotServer Start-up Guide
- SlotServer Configuration Manual
- FieldServer Utilities Manual
- All FieldServer Driver Supplements
- Support Utilities
- Any additional folders related to special files configured for a specific FieldServer
- Additional components as required - See Driver Manual Supplement for details

**Accessories:**

- 2-way combi-comb connector for LonWorks port
- 7-ft Cat5 cable with RJ45 connectors at both ends (Part # FS-8915-10)

### 1.2 Third Party Components (Not Supplied by FieldServer Technologies)

The following components will need to be procured as a minimum for achieving ControlLogix integration. Ensure that these are available before commencing with commissioning

Part #	Description
1756-Ax	ControlLogix Rack
1756-L55/L61	ControlLogix CPU
1756-PA7x	ControlLogix PSU
9324-RLD300ENE	RSLOGIX 5000

### 1.3 Mounting

The SlotServer plugs directly into the AB1756 ControlLogix rack. Take note of the slot number used for the SlotServer as this will be needed when configuring the I/O in the RSLogix software.

### 1.4 SlotServer Ports and Displays

Note that there are several hardware ports available on the SlotServer card, but that this SlotServer model only makes use of a select few. The ports and displays of interest are as shown in the diagram below:

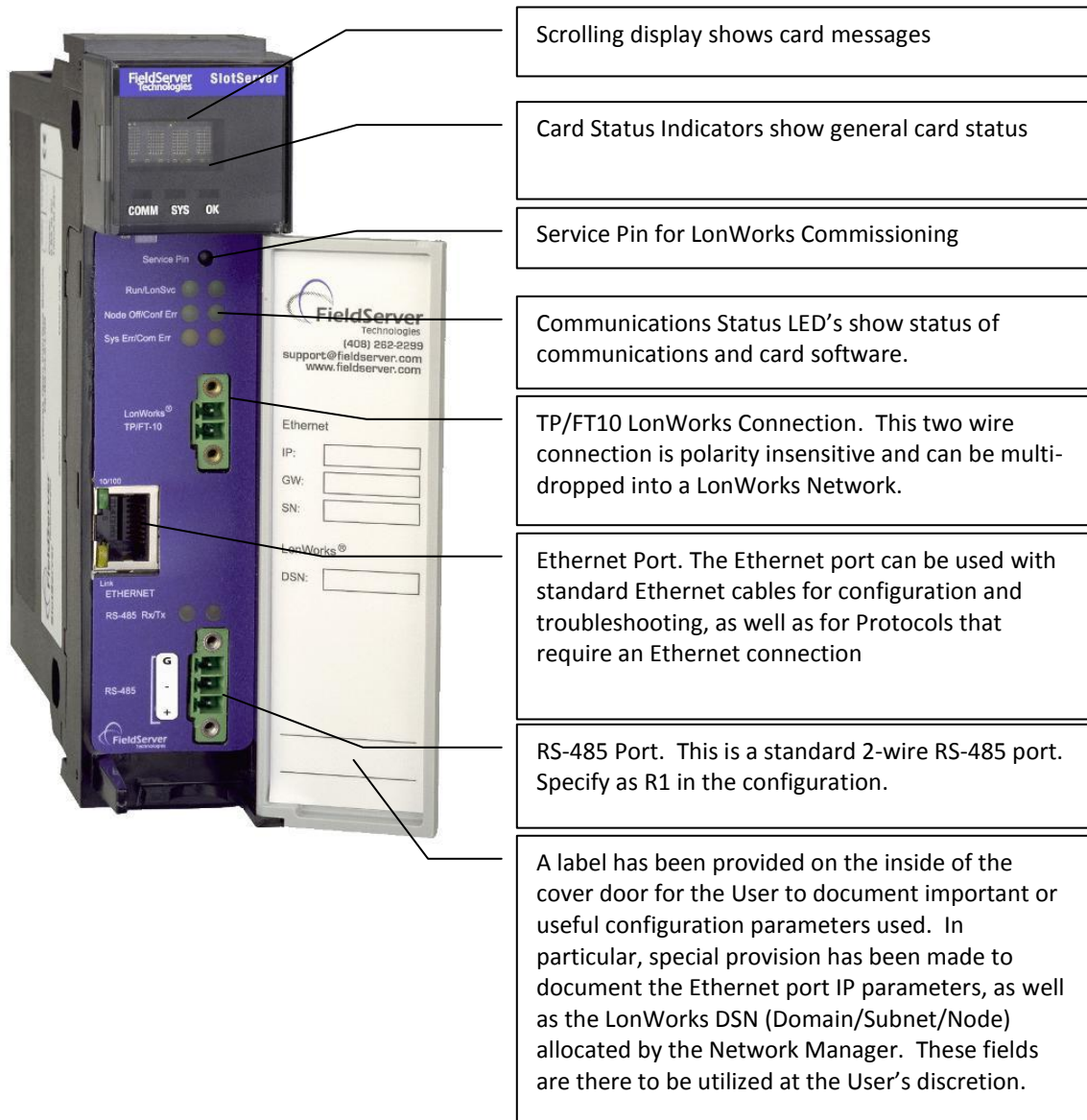


Figure 1: Diagram of SlotServer showing ports and displays

## 1.5 Technical Specifications

The following table presents the relevant technical specifications.

Slot width	1
Weight	0.6lb (272g)
BackPlane Current Load	0.6A
Operating Temperature	0-60°C (32-140°F)
Storage Temperature	-40 - 85°C (-40 - 185°F)
Humidity	5-95% (Non-Condensing)
Allen Bradley Platform:	ControlLogix 1756 Rack
LonWorks Connection type:	TP/FT-10
Ethernet port	10/100 MB/sec.
RS-485 port	2-wire, half duplex.
Approvals	UL 60950-1:2003 CAN/CSA-C22.2 No.60950-1-03

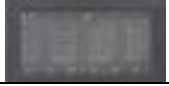

**Table 1: Product Specifications**

## 2 INSTALLATION

The SlotServer plugs directly into the AB1756 ControlLogix rack. Take note of the slot number used for the SlotServer as this will be needed when configuring the I/O in the RSLogix software.

### 2.1 Power up the device

Apply power to the device. Refer to the panel to ensure that the SlotServer has powered up successfully. The diagram in Section 1.4 indicates the location of each of these items on the SlotServer panel.

Scrolling Display 	This will Display an OK status when the SlotServer has powered up successfully.
Card Status Indicators: 	The Comm and OK lights will indicate green when the SlotServer has powered up successfully. The Sys indicator will indicate green if the external nodes are all communicating properly; and red otherwise.

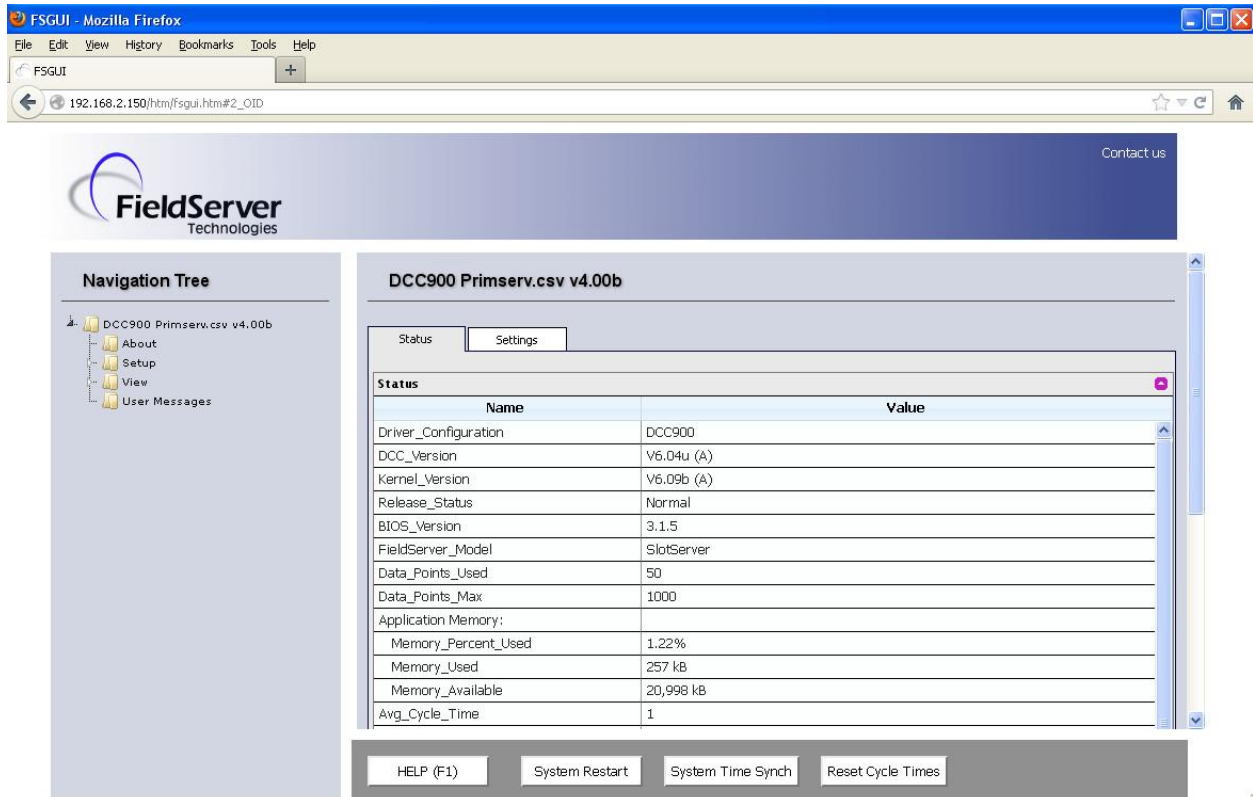
### 2.2 Connect the PC to the SlotServer over the Ethernet port.

- If connecting through a hub/switch, use the supplied Cat5 UTP Ethernet cable to connect between the Ethernet port of the SlotServer and the hub. Refer to Section 1.4 for more information.
- If it is necessary to connect the PC directly to the SlotServer, a cross-over cable is required (not supplied).
- Disable any wireless Ethernet adapters on the PC/Laptop,
- It is important that the PC/Laptop is on the same subnet as the SlotServer. The default IP address on the SlotServer Ethernet port is 192.168.2.X. Refer to the FieldServer Utilities Manual for information on how to change the SlotServer's IP address.

## 2.3 Use the FieldServer Web GUI to Connect to the SlotServer

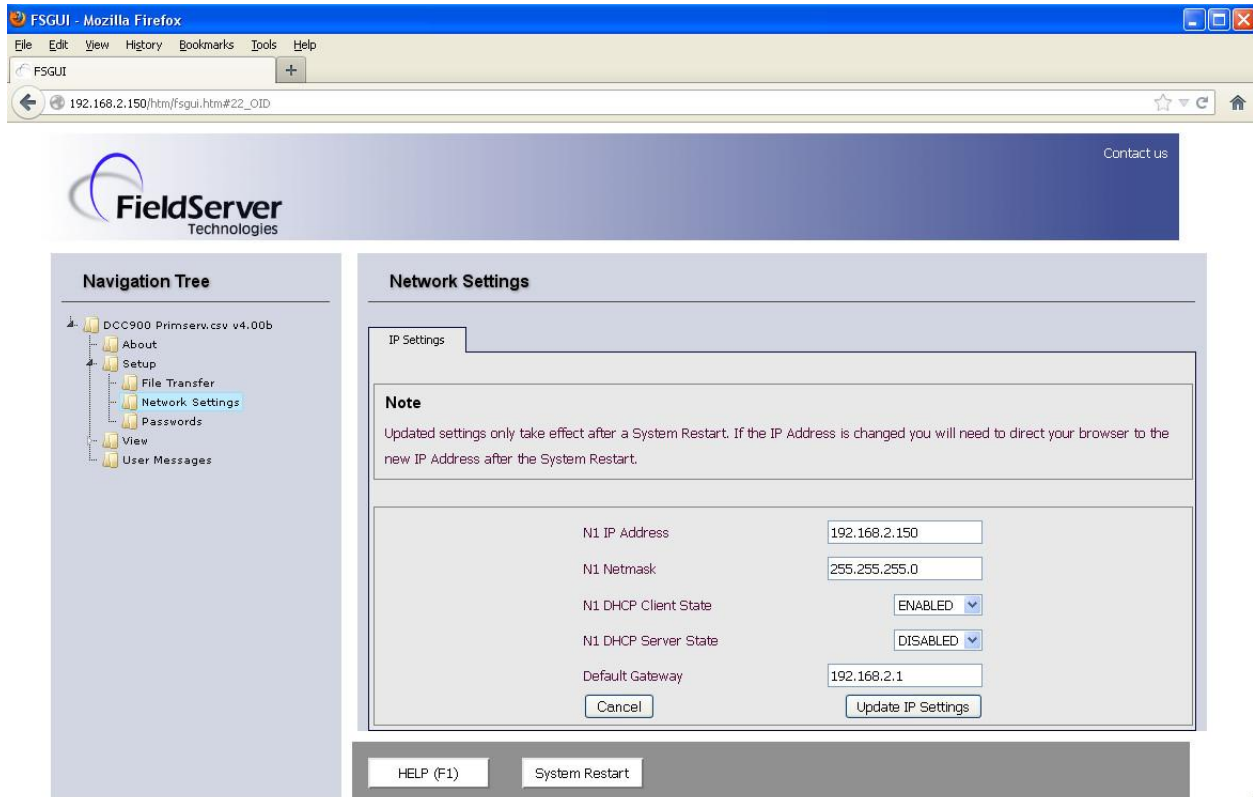
### 2.3.1 Using the Discovery Tool to Allocate the IP address:

- Install the Discovery tool from the USB drive or get it from our website <http://fieldserver.com/techsupport/utility/utility.php>
- Use the Discovery tool to find the SlotServer, and launch the Web GUI from the Discovery tool



## 2.4 Set IP Address of the SlotServer

- From the GUI main home page, click on setup and then Network Settings to enter the Edit IP Address Settings menu.
- Modify the IP address (N1 IP address field) of the SlotServer Ethernet port.
- If necessary, change the Netmask (N1 Netmask field).
- Type in a new Subnet Mask
- If necessary, change the IP Gateway (Default Gateway field)
- Type in a new IP Gateway
- Note: If the FieldServer is connected to a router, the IP Gateway of the FieldServer should be set to the IP address of the router that it is connected to
- Click Update IP Settings, then click on the System Restart to restart the Gateway and activate the new IP address. Note that the SlotServer will need to be pointed to the new IP address on the Web Browser before the GUI will be accessible again. Unplug Ethernet cable from PC and connect it to the network hub or router





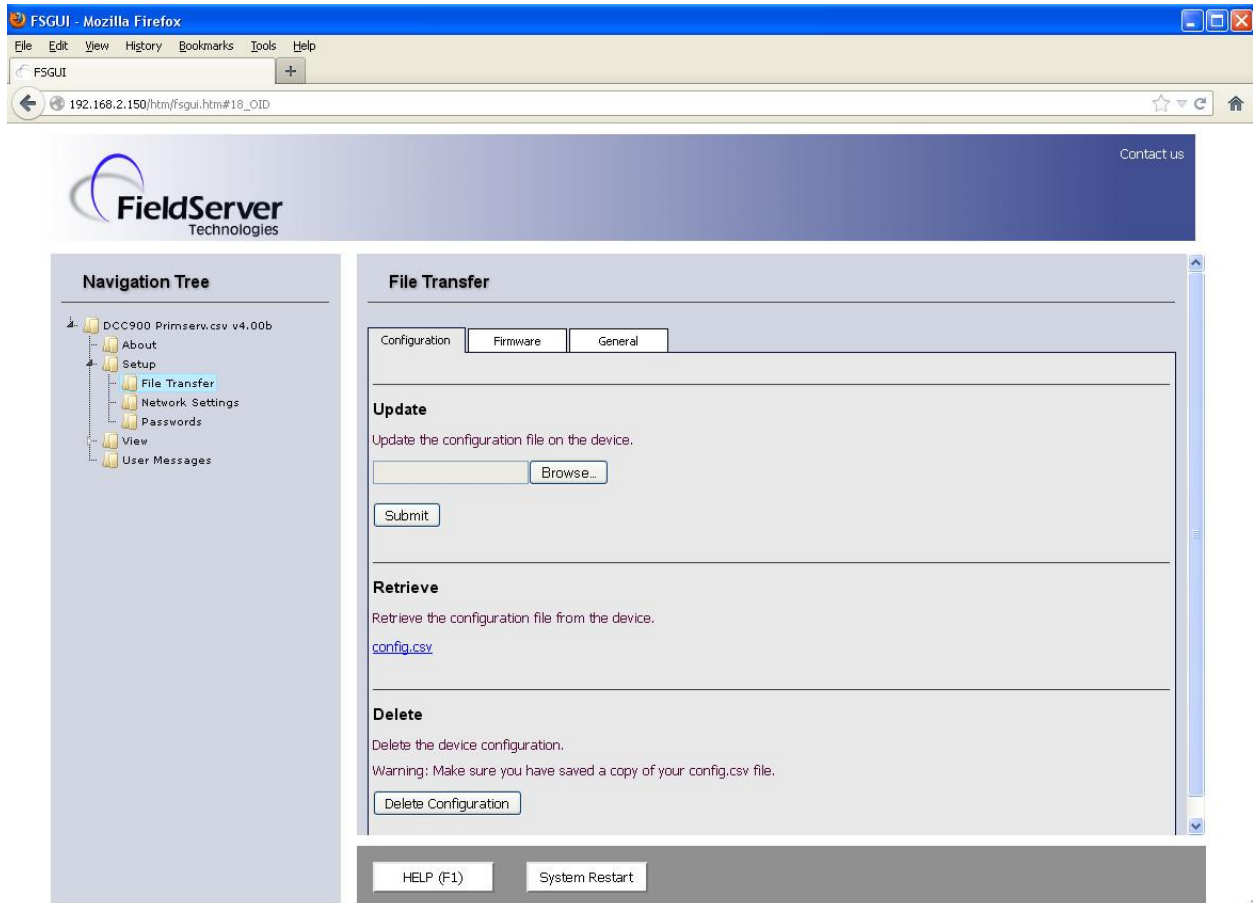
## 3 CONFIGURING THE SLOTSERVER

### 3.1 Retrieve the Sample Configuration File

The configuration of the SlotServer is provided to the SlotServer's operating system via a comma-delimited file called "CONFIG.CSV".

If a custom configuration was ordered, the SlotServer will be programmed with the relevant device registers in the Config.csv file for the first time start-up. If not, the product is shipped with a sample config.csv that shows an example of the drivers ordered.

- In the main menu of the FS-GUI screen, go to Setup, File Transfer, Retrieve.
- Click on config.csv, and open or save the file

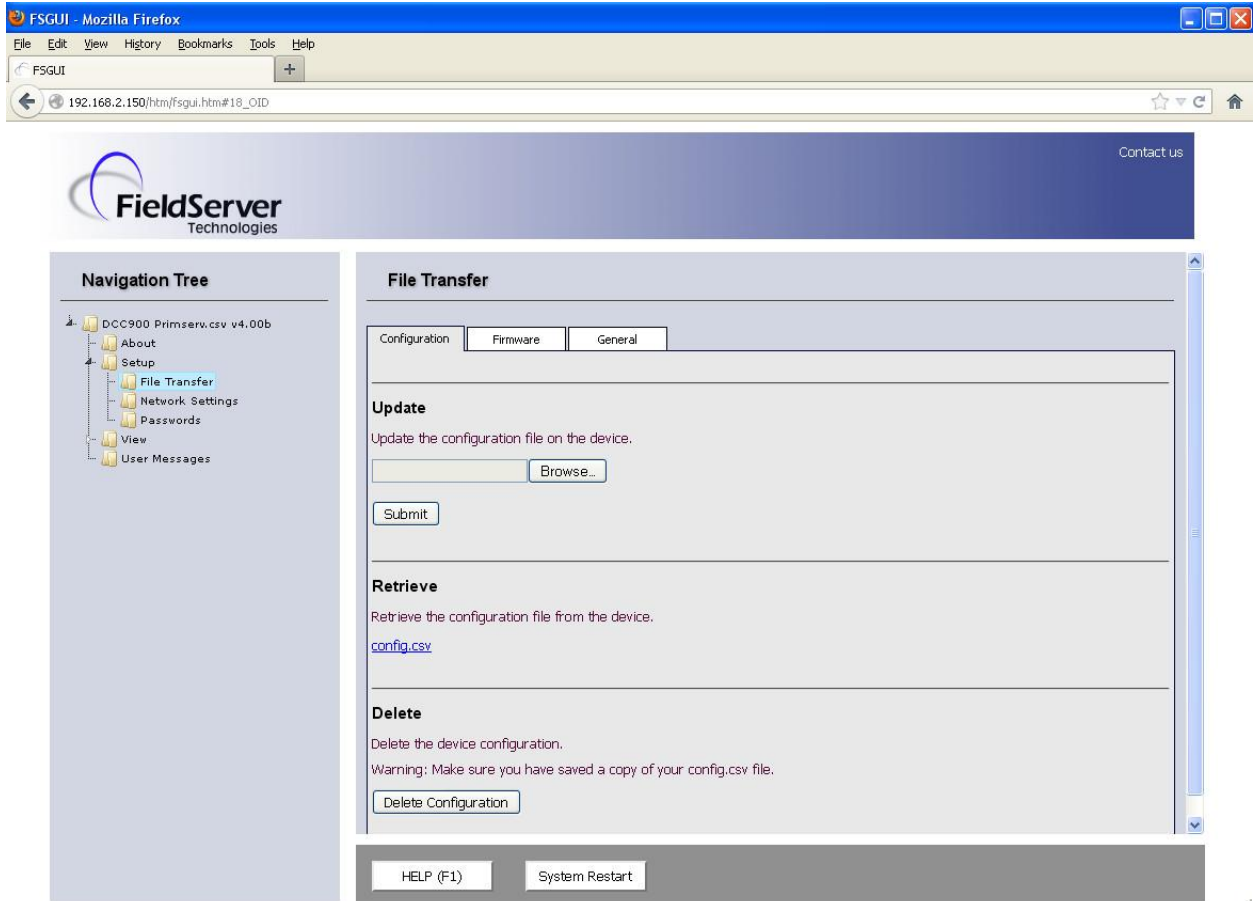


### 3.2 Change the Configuration File to Meet the Application

Refer to the FieldServer Configuration Manual in conjunction with the Driver supplements for information on configuring the SlotServer.

### 3.3 Load the Updated Configuration file

- In the main menu of the FS-GUI screen, go to Setup, File Transfer, Update
- Browse and select the .csv file, open, then click Submit



- Once download is complete, click the System Restart Button (or simply cycle power to the SlotServer) to put the new file into operation. Note that it is possible to do multiple downloads to the SlotServer before resetting it.

### 3.4 Test and Commission the SlotServer

- Connect the SlotServer to the third party device(s), and test the application.
- From the main menu of FS-GUI click on View, Connections to see the number of messages on each protocol.

The screenshot displays the FSGUI web interface. On the left, the 'Navigation Tree' shows a hierarchy starting with 'DCC900 Primserv.csv v4.00b', followed by 'About', 'Setup', 'View', 'Connections', 'Data Arrays', 'Nodes', 'Map Descriptors', and 'User Messages'. The 'Connections' section is active, showing a table with the following data:

Index	Name	Tx Msg	Rx Msg	Tx Char	Rx Char	Errors
0	R1 - MODBUS_RTU	25	0	692	0	25
1	CNet - -	368	368	29,440	29,440	365

At the bottom of the 'Connections' section, there are two buttons: 'HELP (F1)' and 'Reset Statistics'.

- For troubleshooting assistance refer to Appendix B, or any of the troubleshooting Appendices in the related Driver Supplements and Configuration Manual. FieldServer Technologies also offers a Technical support page on the FieldServer website at [www.FieldServer.com](http://www.FieldServer.com), which contains a significant number of resources and documentation that may be of assistance.

Appendix A. Useful Features

Refer to the Configuration Manual for useful configuration features.

The unit may be removed under power for convenient swapping of modules.

Appendix A.1. LED Functions

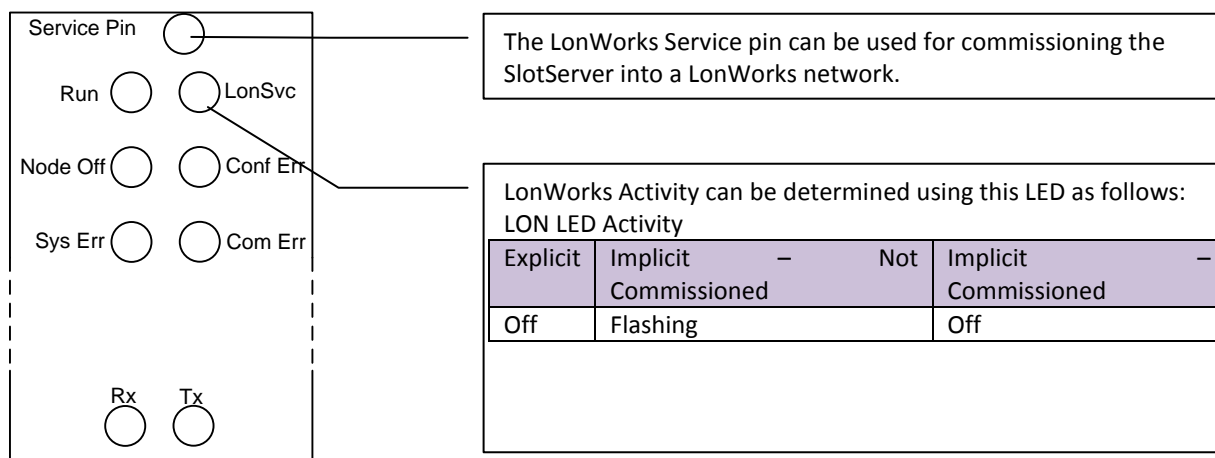


Figure 3: Diagram of SlotServer showing ports and displays

LED	Description
Run	When the SlotServer is powered up, this light will start flashing after approximately 2 minutes. If this light does not flash, it is an indication that the firmware is not running, and that the SlotServer will not be operating.
LonSvc	This LED indicates LonWorks activity. Refer to Figure 3.
NodeOff	This light indicates that a device bound to the SlotServer on the LonWorks network is not communicating. Use the LonWorks Network Manager to troubleshoot the problem.
Conf Err	This light indicates an error in the configuration of the card. Since this model is shipped pre-configured, this light should never come on unless the card configuration is tampered with
Sys Err	This light indicates that an unexpected operation state occurred. The light can be reset by cycling power to the card. If the error re-occurs persistently, then contact FieldServer Technical support for assistance with troubleshooting after setting up the trade port as shown in Appendix A.
Com Err	This light indicates that a communication error occurred. Use the LonWorks Network Manager to troubleshoot the problem, or refer to the SlotServer configuration Manual.
RS-485 (R1)	These lights are related to the RS-485 serial ports provided on the SlotServer. The Rx (Receive) light will flash red if the FieldServer is receiving data. The Tx (Transmit) light will flash red if the FieldServer is sending data. (Note that due to the nature of 2-wire RS-485 the Rx light will flash every time the Tx light flashes too). The frequency of the flashing is directly related to the frequency of data transfer.
Ethernet Lights	These lights are related to the Ethernet network ports provided on the SlotServer. The 10/100 light will be green if the physical connection to the network hub is running at 100 MBits/s. If the light is off, the connection is running at 10 MBits/s. The Act (Activity) light will indicate activity on the network. The frequency of flashing is directly related to the network activity. It does not necessarily mean data is being received by the FieldServer.

## Appendix A.2. Enhanced Network Security

For enhanced network security, one can disable RuiNet access to a FS-GUI capable FieldServer by use of the RUI\_Enable FieldServer parameter. Adding the following to the configuration file will disable RuiNet Access.

```
FieldServer
Title           , RUI_Enable
FieldServer Name , Disabled // Enabled -- is the default if not specified
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**Note:** In order to take a FieldServer Diagnostics log, RuiNet access has to be enabled again.

## Appendix B. Troubleshooting

### Appendix B.1. Things to check when communications fail.

- Check for loose cabling on the third party network
- Verify that the correct program is loaded to the CPU
- Verify that the correct data types for the tags have been used.

### Appendix B.2. Timeout Errors on SlotServer

The following remedial action is suggested if timeout errors are experienced:

- The PLC is not set to RUN mode - it may still be in PRG mode. Resolve by putting the PLC into RUN mode.
- The IO image connection has not been established successfully. The F screen should show some error messages also. Refer to the SlotServer Configuration Manual, and insert the correct size and RPI values when adding the SlotServer in RSLogix5000.

### Appendix B.3. Data Transfer

- It is important that the PLC is set to Run – data is only transferred on Run.
- The SlotServer's Logix connection will transfer data to the PLC regardless of the Node status of the Client Nodes. The Logix connection will not be broken if a Client Node goes offline. Node status can be confirmed by checking the Node Status bits.

### Appendix B.4. Using the Output Buffer

The ControlLogix CPU writes the contents of the output buffer into an output buffer image in the SlotServer at a continuous rate specified by the RPI (Request Packet Interval). This image is in turn transferred into the SlotServer "Out\_xx" Arrays at a continuous rate specified by the output buffer map descriptor. This has the following consequences:

- The Map descriptor has to transfer the output buffer image more often than it is updated (That is, more often than the RPI), so the scan interval in the output buffer map descriptor must be faster than the RPI.
- Out\_XX Arrays are written to very frequently. Care must be therefore taken not to attach write on change map descriptors to the Out\_XX Arrays (that is, arrays with functions using rdbr or wrbx), as the write queues for these writes could build up indefinitely and cause a memory overflow. Using wrbc in these instances is more sensible and matches the method of writing through the entire process.

## Appendix B.5. Technical Support

Before contacting Technical support to report an issue, go to Start|Programs|FieldServer utilities|Tools and browse to Serial Capture. Take a log (See ENotes 26 and 58 in the folder called Library on the USB Flash Drive). Send this log together with the configuration file to [support@fieldserver.com](mailto:support@fieldserver.com) for evaluation.

Note that while all necessary documentation is shipped with the FieldServer on the USB flash drive, these documents are constantly being updated. Newer versions may be available on the web at [www.fieldserver.com](http://www.fieldserver.com).

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**Appendix C. Vendor Information**

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**Appendix C.1. Installing SlotServer on a Remote Rack using CNB Cards<sup>1</sup>**

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**Appendix C.1.1. Hardware and Software requirements**

- Two 1756 racks, one containing the CPU and the other the SlotServer
- Two ControlNet CNB cards with connection cables to connect the racks to one other
- RSLinx
- RSLogix
- RSNetwork
- SlotServer EDS file (Available on SlotServer CD, or call Technical Support)

**Appendix C.1.2. Setup**

- Install the CPU and the first CNB card in the local rack.
- Install the second CNB card and the SlotServer in the remote rack.
- Connect the ControlNet Network
- Power up the racks
- Install the SlotServer EDS File using the RSLinx Hardware EDS Installation Tool.
- Make sure the SlotServer has a valid configuration loaded. The default configuration shipped with the SlotServer should suffice.

Refer to the SlotServer Configuration Manual for further information.

**Note:** When configured in remote rack applications, the SlotServer does not support the use of EN2T-A cards, but is compatible with EN2T-B cards.

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<sup>1</sup> The principles for connecting other 1756 bridging cards to the SlotServer are similar.



## Appendix D. Limited Warranty

FieldServer Technologies warrants its products to be free from defects in workmanship or material under normal use and service for two years after date of shipment. FieldServer Technologies will repair or replace without charge any equipment found to be defective during the warranty period. Final determination of the nature and responsibility for defective or damaged equipment will be made by FieldServer Technologies personnel.

All warranties hereunder are contingent upon proper use in the application for which the product was intended and do not cover products which have been modified or repaired without FieldServer Technologies approval or which have been subjected to accident, improper maintenance, installation or application, or on which original identification marks have been removed or altered. This Limited Warranty also will not apply to interconnecting cables or wires, consumables or to any damage resulting from battery leakage.

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