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Documen	t Revision H	istory Table	
Documen	t Number:	Name: Ins	tructions for CHT NB-IoT UDP Message
Protocol			
Number	Date of	Version	Revision Content
	Approval		
1.	3.20.2017	1.0	Initial document
2.	3.22.2017	1.1	(1) The Device Key in the request message of equipment is added.
			(2) The ping message name is changed to
			HeartBeat message, corresponding to the
			HeartBeat message of the IoT platform.
			(3) The period field of the HeartBeat is added
			to the response message for registration.
			(4) The Sense Period field name in the
			response message for registration is modified.
			(5) The definition of checksum calculation is
			modified.
			(6) The shutdown message is removed
			because no corresponding message is
			available on the IoT platform.
3.	3.23.2017	1.2	(1) The Length field is added to the Header
			to show the length of Payload.
4.	3.27.2017	1.3	(1) The encryption method is changed to
			undecided. It will be updated after the
			establishment of follow-up standards.
5.	3.28.2017	1.4	(1) The 3.4 message example is added.
6.	3.30.2017	1.5	(1) The name of registration message is
			changed to the time message. The message
			content is also changed.
			(2) The monitoring requests and control
			requests are modified.
7.	4.06.2017	1.51	(1) The notes for the monitoring request and
			HeartBeat request messages are added.
			(2) The report period field is added for the

			HeartBeat request message.
8.	05.04.2017	1.52	(1) The monitoring requests and control
			requests in the message example in 3.4 are
			modified.
9.	05.17.2017	1.53	(1) The data type of Device Id is changed to
			below 8 bytes to meet the scope of Device Id
			value assigned by the IoT platform.
			(2) The 3.4 message example is modified.
10.	05.18.2017	1.54	(1) The value is expanded to 8 bytes to
			correspond with the value of Device Id and
			modified to 3.4. Content of the message
			example
11.	07.18.2017	1.55	(1) The uplink and downlink services of the
			UDP adapter are separated. The Message
			Id=0xF0~0xFF section is reserved for the
			UDP adapter.
12.	07.24.2017	1.56	(1) The description about the example for the
			longitude and latitude carried by the sensor
			is added.
13.	07.26.2017	1.57	(1) The registration request and registration
			response message are added.
14.	10.20.2017	1.58	(1) The message modified must not be
			greater than 1000 bytes.
			(2) The Header Length is modified to 2 bytes.
			(3) The customized monitoring
			request/customized monitoring
			response/customized control
			request/customized control response message
			are added.
			(4) The content of message example is
			modified and added.

1. Background information

The NB-IoT module only supports UDP protocol for now. The message communication protocol for the UDP adapter of the terminal and IoT platform must be defined based on the UDP.

2. Application scenario

The demonstration of NB-IoT focuses on fish farm and environmental monitoring. Refer to the following diagram.

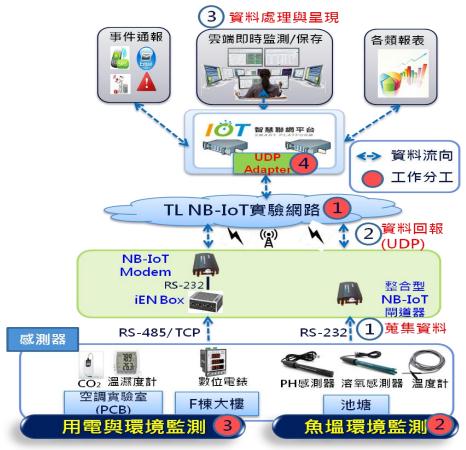


Fig. 1: NB-IoT application scenario diagram

3. Communication protocol

3.1 Message format: The binary package format is adopted. 1000 bytes is the upper limit for the message.

Message Id Device Id	SN	Length	Payload	Checksum
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- Message Id: It has 1 byte (type: byte). Message Id, namely OP Code, indicates the message category.
- Device Id: It has 8 bytes (type: Int64). It indicates the equipment code, which is the equipment number of IoT platform. Little Endian is adopted.
- SN: It has 1 byte (type: byte). It indicates the message serial number. The range is 0~127. The maximum byte (MSB) is used for differentiating message types Request(0x01) or Response(0x00).
- Length: The length is 2 bytes (type: word). It indicates the payload length.
- Payload: 0~987 byte
 - ◆ Non-customized type: The Jason format is adopted to meet the parameter setting relative to the IoT platform, such as the sensor Id. The device key is added for the UDP adapter to communicate with the Restful API or MQTT.
 - ◆ Customized type: Customers can define the payload themselves.

 This means that we help customers to transfer the data to the IoT platform or terminal equipment.
- Checksum: The length is 1 byte (type: byte). It indicates the checksum.
 The XOR calculation is conducted for the Hex value of Message Id,
 Device Id, SN, Length and Payload.

The types of field in the message are char, byte, word, int and Int64. The byte order is Little Endian.

3.2 Message category

Message Id	Message	Message	Message description
	category	type	
0x00	Registration	Request	The equipment submits the
	request		registration request.
0x00	Registration	Response	The platform replies the information
	response		on equipment registration.
0x01	Time request	Request	The equipment submits the time
			request.
0x01	Time response	Response	The platform replies the time

			information of equipment.
0x02	Monitoring	Request	The equipment reports the collected
	request (Note 1)	_	sensing data to the platform.
0x02	Monitoring	Response	The platform replies that it has
	response	_	received the sensing data.
0x03	Control request	Request	The platform sends the control
		_	command to the equipment to carry
			out the operation.
0x03	Control	Response	The equipment replies the platform
	response		that it has received the control
			command.
0x04	HeartBeat	Request	The equipment reports the HeartBeat
	request (Note 2)		regularly for the platform to
			understand the health status of
			equipment.
0x04	HeartBeat	Response	The platform replies that it has
	response		received the Heartbeat request from
			the equipment.
0xA2	Customized	Request	The equipment reports the sensing
	monitoring		data collected to the platform.
	request		(Customers can define the payload
			themselves.)
0xA2	Customized	Response	The platform replies that it has
	monitoring		received the sensing data. (Customers
	response		can define the payload themselves.)
0xA3	Customized	Request	The platform sends the customized
	control request		control request to the equipment to
			carry out the operation. (Customers
			can define the payload themselves.)
0xA3	Customized	Response	The equipment replies the platform
	control response		that it has received the customized
			control command. (Customers can
			define the payload themselves.)
0xF0~0xFF	Reserved for the	$0xF0\sim0x$	It is reserved for the UDP adapter.
	UDP adapter	FF	
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(Note 1) The default sending cycle for the monitoring request message is 30 seconds.

(Note 2) The HeartBeat request is an optional message. It is sent when necessary. The default sending cycle is 180 seconds.

3.3 Message description

(1) Registration request: The Payload contains the Device Info field.

Registration	Request	Length:	Note
request	(Equipment	N bytes	
(0x00)	request)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0x00	The equipment submits the
	category		registration request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of the IoT
			platform. The user can enter 0
			(default) when the terminal has no
			Device Id at the beginning.
SN	Message	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x01
	serial		
	number		
Length	Payload	word	
	length		
Device Info	Equipment	char[]	The Device Info adopts the Jason
	information		format and it includes the Product
			Code and Serial Id. The Product Code
			refers to the product code of the IoT
			platform. The user may enter a string
			containing English letters, numbers or
			underscore. The Serial Id refers to the
			product serial number of the IoT
			platform. IMEI can be used for the
			car head unit.
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(Note) The following is the instruction for the example of registration request: {"pid":"TLC500","sn":"358709050129802"}

(2) Registration response: The Payload contains the Status to Device Key fields.

Registration	Response	Length:	Note
response	(Response	32 bytes	
(0x00)	from the		
	platform)		

[&]quot;pid" refers to the product code and "sn" refers to the serial number of product.

Message Id	Message category	byte, 0x00	The platform responds to the time request.
Device Id	Equipment code	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. The IoT platform provides the Device Id to the equipment for storage. Therefore, it would be easier to send messages later on.
SN	Message serial number	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x00
Length	Payload length	word	
Status	Registration reply	byte	0: Registration fails; 1: Registration is completed successfully.
Device Key	Device key	byte[18]	This is a device key under the device management of the project for which the IoT platform belongs to.
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(3) Time request: The Payload contains the Cipher field.

Time	Request	Length:	Note
request	(Equipment	14 bytes	
(0x01)	request)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0x01	The equipment submits the time
	category		request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.
SN	Message	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x01
	serial		
	number		
Length	Payload	word	
	length		
Cipher	This field	byte	0x00: Not encrypted; 0x01:
	indicates		Encrypted.
	whether to		
	conduct the		
	encryption.		
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(4) Time response: The Payload contains the Status to Unix Time fields.

Time	Response	Length:	Note
response	(Response	18 bytes	
(0x01)	from the		
	platform)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0x01	The platform responds to the time
	category		request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.
SN	Message serial	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x00
	number		
Length	Payload length	word	
Status	Status	byte	0x00: The time request is successful
	response		(not encrypted).
			0x01: The time request is successful
			(encryption required).
			All payloads for sending messages
			later on are encrypted during
			transmission. (The encryption method
			is yet to be determined.)
			0x02~0xFF: This indicates a failure
			of the time requests.
Unix Time	Platform time	int	The length is 4 bytes. This indicates
			the total number of seconds from
			January 1st, 1970 at 0:0:0 until now
			(based on UTC).
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(5) Monitoring request: The Payload contains fields from the Device Key to Raw Data.

Monitoring	Request	Length:	Note
request	(Equipment	N bytes	
(0x02)	request)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0x02	The equipment submits the
	category		monitoring request.
	eategory		moments request:
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
Device Id		Int64	

	number		
Length	Payload	word	
	length		
Device Key	Device key	byte[18]	This is a device key under the device
			management of the project for which
			the IoT platform belongs to.
Sensor	This indicates	int	The length is 4 bytes. This indicates
Time	the time that		the total number of seconds from
	the sensing		January 1st, 1970 at 0:0:0 until now
	data is		(based on UTC).
	generated.		
Raw Data	Sensing data	char[]	It adopts the Jason format and
			contains the Sensor Id and Sensor
			Value. The Sensor Id refers to the
			sensor ID of IoT platform. The user
			may enter a string containing English
			letters, numbers or underscore. If
			more than 1 sensor value is available,
			the values must be separated by
			commas.
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(Note) The following explains the example for the longitude and latitude carried by the sensor:

{"id":"Speed","lat":"24.955838","lon":"121.167930","value":["0","60"]}

The user can add "lat" and "lon" attributes to carry the latitude and longitude information. The user can use the "value" attribute to carry multiple values separated by comma. The first parameter in this example is positioning status (1: Effective positioning, 0: Ineffective positioning, 9: Device error). The second parameter is GPS speed (km/hr).

(6) Monitoring response: No Payload.

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Monitoring	Response	Length:	Note
response	(Response	13 bytes	
(0x02)	from the		
	platform)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0x02	The platform responds to the
	category		monitoring request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.

SN	Message serial	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x00
	number		
Length	Payload length	word, 0x00	
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(7) Control request: The Payload contains the Cmd Data field.

Control	Request	Length:	Note
request	(Platform	N bytes	
(0x03)	request)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0x03	The platform submits the control
	category		request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.
SN	Message serial	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x01
	number		
Length	Payload length	word	
Cmd Data	Command	char[]	It adopts the Jason format and
	data		contains the Sensor Id and command
			parameter. The Sensor Id refers to the
			sensor ID of IoT platform. The user
			may enter a string containing English
			letters, numbers or underscore. If
			more than 1 parameter is available,
			the parameters must be separated by
			commas.
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(Note 1) UDP Adapter: Refer to the sensing data protocol (Rawdata) of the IoT platform website (https://iot.cht.com.tw/iot/developer/mqtt) to decipher the command and parameter before sending the data to the equipment end.

(8) Control response: No Payload.

Control	Response	Length:	Note
response	(Equipment	13 bytes	
(0x03)	response)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0x03	The equipment responds to the
	category		control request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.

SN	Message serial	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x00
	number		
Length	Payload length	word, 0x00	
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(9) HeartBeat request: The Payload contains the Device Key.

HeartBeat	Request	Length:	Note
request	(Equipment	33 bytes	
(0x04)	request)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0x04	The equipment submits the HeartBeat
	category		request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.
SN	Message serial	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x01
	number		
Length	Payload	word	
	length		
Device Key	Device key	byte[18]	This is a device key under the device
			management of the project for which
			the IoT platform belongs to.
Report	Report period	word	The length is 2 bytes. This refers to
Period			the Heartbeat report period (unit:
			second). It is set to 180 seconds by
			default.
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(10) HeartBeat Response: No Payload.

HeartBeat	Response	Length:	Note
response	(Response	13 bytes	
(0x04)	from the		
	platform)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0x04	The platform responds to the
	category		HeartBeat request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.
SN	Message serial	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x00
	number		
Length	Payload length	word, 0x00	

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(11) Customized monitoring request: Customers can define the payload themselves.

Monitoring	Request	Length:	Note
request	(Equipment	N bytes	
(0xA2)	request)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0xA2	The equipment submits the
	category		monitoring request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.
SN	Message serial	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x01
	number		
Length	Payload	word	
	length		
Device Key	Device key	byte[18]	This is a device key under the device
			management of the project for which
			the IoT platform belongs to.
Payload		byte[N]	Customers define this themselves.
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(12) Customized monitoring response: Customers can define the payload themselves.

Monitoring	Response	Length:	Note
response	(Response	N bytes	
(0xA2)	from the		
	platform)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0xA2	The platform responds to the
	category		monitoring request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.
SN	Message serial	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x00
	number		
Length	Payload length	word, 0x00	
Payload		byte[N]	Customers define this themselves.
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(13) Customized control request: Customers can define the payload themselves.

Control	Request	Length:	Note
request	(Platform	N bytes	
(0xA3)	request)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0xA3	The platform submits the control
	category		request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.
SN	Message serial	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x01
	number		
Length	Payload length	word	
Payload		byte[N]	Customers define this themselves.
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

(14) Customized control response: Customers can define the payload themselves.

Control	Response	Length:	Note
response	(Equipment	N bytes	
(0xA3)	response)		
Message Id	Message	byte, 0xA3	The equipment responds to the
	category		control request.
Device Id	Equipment	Int64	The length is 8 bytes. It is the
	code		equipment number of IoT platform.
SN	Message serial	byte	Serial number: 0~127, MSB:0x00
	number		
Length	Payload length	word, 0x00	
Payload		byte[N]	Customers define this themselves.
Checksum	Checksum	byte	

3.4 Message example

The following message is displayed by the Hex value. int adopts the Little Endian (low byte at the front and high byte at the back).

- I. Registration request (0x00):(1) Message Id: 0x00
- (2) Device Id:4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x80(MSB=1)
- (4) Length: 0x27,0x00 (payload length)
- (5) Device Info:

{"pid":"TLC500","sn":"358709050129802"}=0x7B,0x22,0x70,0x69,0x64, 0x22,0x3A,0x22,0x54,0x4C,0x43,0x35,0x30,0x30,0x22,0x2C,0x22,0x73,0x6E, 0x22,0x3A,0x22,0x33,0x35,0x38,0x37,0x30,0x39,0x30,0x35,0x30,0x31,0x32,0 x39,0x38,0x30,0x32,0x22,0x7D

- (6) Chksum: 0x05
- II. Registration response (0x00):
- (1) Message Id: 0x00
- (2) Device Id: 4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x00(MSB=0)
- (4) Length: 0x13,0x00 (payload length)
- (5) Status: 0x01
- (6) Device Key:

1234567890ABCDEFGH=0x31,0x32,0x33,0x34,0x35,0x36,0x37,0x38,0x39,0x

- 30,0x41,0x42,0x43,0x44,0x45,0x46,0x47,0x48
- (7) Chksum: 0xA8
- III. Time request (0x01):
- (1) Message Id: 0x01
- (2) Device Id: 4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x80(MSB=1)
- (4) Length: 0x01,0x00 (payload length)
- (5) Cipher:0x00
- (6) Chksum: 0x33
- IV. Time reply (0x01):
- (1) Message Id:0x01
- (2) Device Id:4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00

- (3) SN: 0x00(MSB=0)
- (4) Length: 0x05,0x00(payload length)
- (5) Staus: 0x00
- (6) Unix time: 1490602012=0x1C,0xC8,0xD8,0x58
- (7) Chksum: 0xE3
- V. Monitoring request (0x02):
- (1) Message Id: 0x02
- (2) Device Id: 4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x80(MSB=1)
- (4) Length: 0x35,0x00(payload length)
- (5) Device Key:
- 1234567890ABCDEFGH=0x31,0x32,0x33,0x34,0x35,0x36,0x37,0x38,0x39,0x
- 30,0x41,0x42,0x43,0x44,0x45,0x46,0x47,0x48
- (6) Sensor Time: 1493715588=0x84,0x4A,0x08,0x59
- (7) Raw Data:
- {"id":"SEN1","value":["25.68"]}=0x7B,0x22,0x69,0x64,0x22,0x3A,0x22,0x53, 0x45,0x4E,0x31,0x22,0x2C,0x22,0x76,0x61,0x6C,0x75,0x65,0x22,0x3A,0x5B, 0x22,0x32,0x35,0x2E,0x36,0x38,0x22,0x5D,0x7D
- (8) Chksum: 0x96
- VI. Monitoring response (0x02):
- (1) Message Id: 0x02
- (2) Device Id: 4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x00(MSB=0)
- (4) Length: 0x00,0x00(payload length)
- (5) Chksum: 0xB1
- VII. Control request (0x03):
- (1) Message Id: 0x03
- (2) Device Id:4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x80(MSB=1)
- (4) Length: 0x1F,0x00 (payload length)
- (5) Cmd Data:
- {"id":"SEN2","cmd":["10","30"]}=0x7B,0x22,0x69,0x64,0x22,0x3A,0x22,0x53,0x45,0x4E,0x32,0x22,0x2C,0x22,0x63,0x6D,0x64,0x22,0x3A,0x5B,0x22,0x31,0x30,0x22,0x2C,0x22,0x33,0x30,0x22,0x5D,0x7D
- (6) Chksum: 0x20

VIII. Control response (0x03):

- (1) Message Id: 0x03
- (2) Device Id: 4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x00(MSB=0)
- (4) Length: 0x00,0x00(payload length)
- (5) Chksum: 0xB0

IX. HeartBeat request (0x04):

- (1) Message Id: 0x04
- (2) Device Id: 4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x80(MSB=1)
- (4) Length: 0x14,0x00(payload length)
- (5) Device Key:
- 1234567890ABCDEFGH=0x31,0x32,0x33,0x34,0x35,0x36,0x37,0x38,0x39,0x
- 30,0x41,0x42,0x43,0x44,0x45,0x46,0x47,0x48
- (6) Report Period: 0xB4,0x00
- (7) Chksum: 0x9E
- X. HeartBeat response (0x04):
- (1) Message Id: 0x04
- (2) Device Id: 4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x00 (MSB=0)
- (4) Length: 0x00,0x00(payload length)
- (5) Chksum: 0xB7
- XI. Customized monitoring request (0xA2):
- (1) Message Id: 0xA2
- (2) Device Id:4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN:0x80(MSB=1)
- (4) Length:0x1C,0x00(payload length)
- (5) Device Key:
- 1234567890ABCDEFGH=
- 0x31,0x32,0x33,0x34,0x35,0x36,0x37,0x38,0x39,0x30,0x41,0x42,0x43,0x44,0x
- 45,0x46,0x47,0x48
- (6) Payload:
- 0123456789 = 0x30,0x31,0x32,0x33,0x34,0x35,0x36,0x37,0x38,0x39
- (7) Chksum: 0x85

- XII. Customized monitoring response (0xA2):
- (1) Message Id: 0xA2
- (2) Device Id:4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x00 (MSB=0)
- (4) Length: 0x0A,0x00(payload length)
- (5) Payload:
- 0123456789 = 0x30,0x31,0x32,0x33,0x34,0x35,0x36,0x37,0x38,0x39
- (6) Chksum: 0x1A
- XIII. Customized control request (0xA3):
- (1) Message Id: 0xA3
- (2) Device Id:4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x80(MSB=1)
- (4) Length: 0x0A,0x00 (payload length)
- (5) Payload:
- 0123456789 = 0x30,0x31,0x32,0x33,0x34,0x35,0x36,0x37,0x38,0x39
- (6) Chksum: 0x9B
- XIV. Customized control response (0xA3):
- (1) Message Id: 0xA3
- (2) Device Id:4387025529 = 0x79,0xB2,0x7C,0x05,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
- (3) SN: 0x00(MSB=0)
- (4) Length: 0x0A,0x00(payload length)
- (5) Payload:
- 0123456789 = 0x30,0x31,0x32,0x33,0x34,0x35,0x36,0x37,0x38,0x39
- (6) Chksum: 0x1B