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## Abbreviations

10Base-T .................. 10 Mbps Ethernet network with RJ-45 plug
Aggregation .................. Collection of several CEA-709 packets into a single CEA-852 packet
BOOTP .................. Bootstrap Protocol, RFC 1497
CC .................. Configuration Client, also known as CEA-852 device
CN .................. Control Network
CN/IP .................. Control Network over IP
IP-852 channel .................. logical IP channels that tunnels CEA-709 packets according CEA-852
CN/IP packet .................. IP packet that tunnels one or multiple CEA-709 packet(s)
CR .................. Channel Routing
CS .................. Configuration Server that manages CEA-852 IP devices
DHCP .................. Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol, RFC 2131, RFC 2132
DNS .................. Domain Name Server, RFC 1034
CEA-709 .................. Protocol standard for control networks
CEA-852 .................. Protocol standard for tunneling CEA-709 packets over IP channels
IP .................. Internet Protocol
LSD Tool .................. LOYTEC System Diagnostics Tool
MAC .................. Media Access Control
MD5 .................. Message Digest 5, RFC 1321
NAT .................. Network Address Translation, RFC 1631
SL .................. Send List
SNTP .................. Simple Network Time Protocol
VNI .................. Virtual Network Interface
1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 L-IP

The L-IP is a high performance, reliable, and secure network infrastructure component for accessing CEA-709 network nodes over the Internet. It can be used to connect remote retail branches over the Internet, build high-speed backbone channels, or to act as a network interface for LNS-based network management tools. Its built-in configuration server manages up to 256 IP devices on one IP channel without the need for a dedicated management PC. The L-IP can be used behind NAT routers and firewalls, which allows seamless integration in already existing Intranet networks. It supports DHCP even with changing IP addresses in an Intranet environment. Easy to understand diagnostic LEDs allow installers and system integrators to install and troubleshoot this device without expert knowledge and dedicated troubleshooting tools. The L-IP can be used as a standard CEA-709 configured router or it can be used as a self-learning plug&play router based on the high-performance, well-proven routing core from our L-Switch plug&play multi-port router devices (“smart switch mode”). The self-learning router doesn’t need a network management tool for configuration but is a true plug&play and easy to use IP infrastructure component. Advanced built-in network statistics and network diagnostics capabilities allow fast network installation and guarantee reliable operation over the entire lifetime of the network. The automatic IP connection keep-alive functionality maintains IP connections during bus idle times. The multi-port version of the L-IP combines the functionality of two L-IPs in one device. This device is equipped with a 100-BasT Ethernet port (CEA-852) and up to four FT-10 ports (CEA-709).

The L-IP perfectly integrates with our L-Switch multi-port router devices to form a high performance, fully manageable, highly reliable network infrastructure for your CEA-709 networks. Its smart routing software automatically detects the bit-rates of the connected channels, learns the configuration of the network (domains, subnet/node addresses, group addresses) and forwards the packets between the different ports. Thus, using the L-IP together with L-Switch devices and structured wiring is an easy and cost effective way to avoid performance problems on the communication media.

Like the L-Switch the L-IP permanently collects statistics information from the attached network channels (channel load, CRC errors, forwarding statistics, etc.). Using this data the L-IP software is able to detect problems on these channels (overload, connections problems, etc.) and warns the system operator via LEDs (see Section 3.4.10). An intuitive user interface allows fast and easy network troubleshooting without any additional analysis tools and deep system knowledge. The LSD Tool can be used for a more detailed view of the collected statistics data. See Section 12 for more information on this powerful system diagnostics tool.
The built-in web server allows convenient device configuration through a standard web browser like Internet Explorer or Firefox. The web interface also allows backup and restoring the configuration of the configuration server and it provides statistics information for system installation and network troubleshooting.

Starting with firmware version 2.0 the L-IP supports remote LPA operation. Remote LPA is an advanced trouble shooting tool that streams the CEA-709 packets on the FT-10 or TP-1250 channel over the IP network to a protocol analyzer connected to the IP network. This allows remote troubleshooting of the local CEA-709 channels without actually being physically attached to this channel. Please consult our product literature for the LPA-IP to learn more about this IP protocol analyzer. This tool is a must for every system integrator using IP-852 channels.

Figure 1: L-IP application example behind and without firewalls and NAT routers

The L-IP is used for:

- Tunneling CEA-709 packets over IP channels (Intranet/Internet)
- Connecting CEA-709 networks over the Internet in a secure way
- Building high-performance backbone channels using existing IP infrastructure
- Connecting CEA-709 networks between different sites
- Configuration Server for IP-based devices
- Network interface for LNS based network management tools (LonMaker, NL-220)
- Isolation of local network traffic
- Structuring networks
- Extending channels in their physical dimension and/or number of nodes
- Connecting channels with different communication media types
- Network monitoring and network management
• Remote LPA functionality
• Connecting CEA-709 networks behind NAT routers

1.1.2 L-IP Redundant

The L-IP Redundant CEA-709/IP Router is a perfect solution for networks where a high reliability in the communication is required. It is a member of the L-IP family, based on the standard L-IP router and adds functionality which allows building redundant network infrastructure.

An L-IP Redundant CEA-709/IP Router can be used as a single device to achieve the redundancy on the CEA-709 (TP/FT-10) channel by building a ring structure. Full Redundancy on the IP-Channel\(^1\) and on the CEA-709 channel can be achieved with two devices installed in parallel. In this case device redundancy is ensured as well by mutual monitoring of paired L-IP Redundant devices.

In addition the L-IP Redundant CEA-709/IP Router monitors the nodes on the TP/FT-10 channel and creates an alarm if a node gets offline. Thereby a cable break on the TP/FT-10 channel can be easily located. The L-IP Redundant only supports the “Configured Router Mode”.

As an IP-Router the L-IP Redundant CEA-709/IP Router can tunnel CEA-709 packets back and forth through an arbitrary IP based network, such as a LAN, an Intranet, or even the Internet. The Router connects to the IP network via an Ethernet channel. The IP configuration can either be obtained via DHCP or entered manually. The user only needs to provide the IP address of an CEA-852 configuration server. If operated behind a router with network address translation (NAT or masquerading), the L-IP Redundant CEA-709/IP Router supports Auto-NAT to work with dynamic public IP addresses. When using the built in CEA-852 configuration server, the user can edit and backup the IP channel configuration through the built-in web server. The configuration is stored persistently and the device operates completely standalone. After installation, the L-IP Redundant CEA-709/IP Router is ready to route packets between the CEA-709 network (ring structure) and the IP network. Thus, all CEA-709 networks connected to L-IP Routers can exchange data over the IP-852 channel. If connected to untrusted networks, such as the Internet, all CEA-852 packets can be authenticated by an MD5 checksum and time stamps. Besides its primary router operation, the L-IP Router is a powerful network diagnostics device. Its simple and intuitive user interface provides an immediate overview over the network status. Both the IP-852 channel and CEA-709 network can be observed with status LEDs. For trouble-shooting, the Router supports the remote LPA (LOYTEC Protocol Analyzer) functionality so that the network can be analyzed from any PC connected to the Internet. With the L-IP Redundant CEA-709/IP Router, setting up a redundant network which is comfortable to maintain becomes an easy task.

The L-IP Redundant is used for:

• Creating redundant CEA-709 network infrastructure
• Monitoring a TP/FT-10 channel (ring structure) on cable break
• Ensuring communication on the TP/FT-10 channel in case of a single cable break
• Monitoring health state of nodes in a CEA-709 network
• Determine location of a cable break

\(^1\) Redundancy on the IP-Channel requires a redundant IP network infrastructure.
- Full redundancy with two L-IP Redundant CEA-709/IP Router in parallel for the IP-Cannel and the CEA-709 channel
- Device redundancy by mutual monitoring of paired Redundant L-IPs
- Messages and alarming via SNVTs and LonMark-Alarming via Node Object

Figure 2: Using L-IP Redundant with redundant ring structure and device redundancy

1.2 Scope

This document covers L-IP devices with firmware version 6.0. See Section 14 for differences between the different L-IP firmware versions.
2 Quick-Start Guide

This Chapter shows step-by-step instructions on how to configure the L-IP for a simple network architecture in a LAN environment.

2.1 Hardware Installation

2.1.1 L-IP

Connect power 12-35 VDC or 12-24 VAC, the CEA-709 network, and the Ethernet cable. More detailed instructions are shown in Chapter 3.

**Important:** Do not connect terminal 26 (LIP-xxxxECTB) or terminal 17 (LIP-xECTB and LIP-xxECTB) with ground!

![Figure 3: LIP-xECTB](image)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Connectors</th>
<th>Status LEDs</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CEA-709</td>
<td>B: Green flashing fast (Traffic on port 1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ethernet</td>
<td>C: Green flashing at 1 Hz (IP port is fully functional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POWER</td>
<td>Red permanent (C-EA-709 port damaged)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SERIAL</td>
<td>D: Red flashing fast (Traffic overload on port 1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>E: Yellow (IP port is non-functional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>F: Red (IP port is non-commissioned)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>G: Flashing at 1 Hz (IP port is not active)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Buttons**

- **INPUT**
- **RESET**
- **STATUS**
- Send service pin message

**Figure 3: LIP-xECTB**
Figure 4: LIP-xxECTB
2.1.2 L-IP Redundant

Connect power 12-35 VDC or 12-24 VAC, the Ethernet cable and the CEA-709 network depending on the desired redundancy mode as shown in Figure 7 to Figure 9. More detailed instructions are shown in Chapter 3.

**Important:** Do not connect terminal 17 to ground!

**Important:** When using shielded network cables connect the cable shield only to one port of the L-IP Redundant (terminal 1 or terminal 4)!
Figure 6: LIP-xxECRB

Figure 7: L-IP Redundant Standalone with Bus Loop Monitoring
2.2 IP Configuration for Client Device via Console

Use a PC terminal program with the communication settings set to 38,400 bps / 8 data bits / no parity / 1 stop bit / no handshake. To connect COM1 of the PC to the Console on the device, use a standard null-modem cable with full handshaking. Power up the device or press Return if the device is already running. The following menu should appear on the terminal:
Device Main Menu
=================
[1] Show device information
[2] Serial firmware upgrade
[3] System configuration
[4] CEA-709 configuration
[5] IP configuration
[6] CEA-852 device configuration
[8] Reset configuration (factory defaults)
[9] Device statistics
[8] CEA-852 server configuration
[0] Reset device

Please choose:

Figure 10: Device Main Menu

Select ‘5’ from the device main menu and enter the IP address, netmask, and gateway address. Note that you must use different IP addresses if you are using multiple IP devices in your setup.

IP Configuration Menu
======================
[1] DHCP : disabled
[3] IP Netmask : 255.255.255.0
[7] DNS Servers : <unset>
[8] MAC Address : 00:0A:B0:01:32:B2 (factory default)
[a] Connection Keep Alive : disabled
[b] Link Speed & Duplex : Auto Detect
[q] Quit without saving
[x] Exit and save

Please choose:

Figure 11: Enter basic IP settings.

Press x to save the IP settings and reset the L-IP with the main menu item 0 in order to let the new IP settings take effect.

| Important! | The default IP address 192.168.1.254 is only set for configuration access. It must be changed in order to make the device functional. |

You should now be able to add the L-IP to your IP-852 channel in the configuration server member list. More detailed instructions can be found in Section 4.5.1.

If the L-IP should also act as the configuration server please proceed to Section 7.

### 2.3 IP Configuration for Client Device via Web-Interface

Optionally to using the console interface one can also use the Web interface to configure the client device. In a Web browser enter the default IP address ‘192.168.1.254’ of the device. Note that if your PC has an IP address in a subnet other than 192.168.1.xxx, please open a command tool and enter the following route command to add a route to the device.

**To Add a Route to the Device**

1. Windows START → Run
2. Enter ‘cmd’ and click OK.
3. In the command window enter the command line
   
   `route add 192.168.1.254 %COMPUTERNAME%`

   In Windows7 replace `%COMPUTERNAME%` with the PC’s actual IP address.

4. Then open your Web browser and type in the default IP address 192.168.1.254.

![Device Info](image)

Figure 12: L-IP Start Screen.

5. Click on **Config** in the left menu. You will be asked to enter the administrator password in order to change the IP settings. Enter ‘loytec4u’ and select **Login**.

![Login](image)

Figure 13: Enter ‘loytec4u’ as the default administrator password.

6. The Config menu opens. Click on **Port Config** and change to the tab **Ethernet**. The TCP/IP settings are selected as shown in Figure 14. Enter the IP address, the IP netmask, and IP gateway for this device.
7. Press **Save Settings** and then reset the device by selecting **Reset** in the highlighted text. This changes the IP settings of the device.

### 2.4 Configuration Server Settings

If the L-IP should also act as the configuration server for the IP-852 channel go to the main menu item [s] and activate the CEA-852 configuration server menu. Enable the configuration server [1] and [y] and add the client devices with the menu item a. Client devices include all other L-IPs and all PCs, which should participate in the communication on the IP-852 channel.

Verify with the menu item l (lower case L) that the device(s) have been registered successfully.

Press x to save the new settings.

Optionally the configuration server settings can be set through the web interface by selecting the “CEA-852 Server” and the “CEA-852 Ch. List” menu item.

The CNIP-LED on all L-IP devices should be green and the SERVER-LED on the configuration server L-IP should be green as well.

Add the L-IP router to your network drawing and commission the L-IP. Note that we provide shapes for LonMaker. You should now be able to communicate via an IP-852 channel. For detailed instructions on how to configure the configuration server please refer to Section 4.8 and 5.2.8.
2.5 L-IP Redundant Configuration

The L-IP Redundant can only be used as Configured Router and thus requires to be commissioned with a network management tool (e.g. LonMaker). Smart Switch Mode, Repeater Mode and Bridge Mode are not supported.

The L-IP Redundant comes preconfigured to support bus loop monitoring (see Figure 7). For operating the device in twin router mode (device redundancy, see Figure 8) some additional steps have to be performed:

- Add one router shape for each L-IP Redundant. Connect both to the same IP-Channel on one side and to the same FT-10 Channel on the other side of the router.

- Add one L-IP Redundant built-in monitoring node “L-IP Redundant Diagnostic FT-10” device shape for each L-IP Redundant on the FT-10 channel. The corresponding device template will be installed with the L-IP Redundant Plug-In available from the LOYTEC webpage [http://www.loytec.com](http://www.loytec.com).

- Add a “Twin Router” functional block for each L-IP Redundant monitoring node.

- Connect `nvoRedRtr` of one L-IP Redundant with the `nviRedRtr` of its paired L-IP Redundant and vice versa.

If using LonMaker for Windows the resulting drawing should look like shown in Figure 15. Furthermore, the PRIM LED on one of the two L-IP Redundant devices should be green and should be off on the other one.

Figure 15: A pair of L-IP Redundant devices configured for twin router operation

For detailed instructions on how to configure the L-IP Redundant refer to Section 8.
3 Hardware Installation

3.1 Enclosure

3.1.1 L-IP

The small multi-port L-IP enclosure is 6 TE (1 TE = 17.5 mm) wide for DIN rail mounting, following DIN 43 880.

Figure 16: LIP-xECTB and LIP-xxECTB Dimensions (in mm [inch]).

The large multi-port L-IP enclosure is 9 TE (1 TE = 17.5 mm) wide for DIN rail mounting, following DIN 43 880.
3.1.2 L-IP Redundant

The L-IP Redundant enclosure is 6 TE (1 TE = 17.5 mm) wide for DIN rail mounting, following DIN 43 880.

3.2 Product Label

The product label on the side of the L-IP contains the following information:
- L-IP order number with bar-code (e.g. LIP-3ECTB, LIP-33ECTB, or LIP-33ECRB),
- serial number with bar-code (Ser#),
- unique node ID and virtual ID of each port (NIDx and VIDx) with bar-code,
- Ethernet MAC ID with bar-code (MAC1).

Unless stated otherwise, all bar codes are encoded using “Code 128”. An additional label is also supplied with the L-IP for documentation purposes. A virtual ID (VID) is a Node ID on the IP channel.

![LIP-xECTB Label](image1)

**Figure 19: LIP-xECTB Label**

![LIP-xxxxECTB Label](image2)

**Figure 20: LIP-xxxxECTB Label**

Internally the 2-Port (LIP-xxECTB) and the 4-Port (LIP-xxxxECTB) version of the L-IP use up to 5 individual routers which are connected over a TP/XP-1250 backbone (see Figure 21 and Figure 23).

On the attached label, only the external NIDs (number 1-3 or 1-5) are printed. Since the NIDs are organized in a continuous number block, the internal NIDs can be derived by incrementing the numbers printed on the label (number 4-6 or 6-10, see Figure 22 and Figure 24).
Figure 21: Internal assignment of NIDs on LIP-xxECTB.

Figure 22: Example of internal NID order on LIP-xxECTB.

Figure 23: Internal assignment of NIDs on LIP-xxxxECTB.

Figure 24: Example of internal NID order on LIP-xxxxECTB.
### 3.3 Mounting

The device comes prepared for mounting on DIN rails following DIN EN 50 022. The device can be mounted in any position. However, an installation place with proper airflow must be selected to ensure that the L-IP temperature does not exceed the specified range.

### 3.4 LED signals

#### 3.4.1 Power LED

The power LED lights up green when power is supplied to the power terminals.

#### 3.4.2 Status LED

The L-IP is equipped with a red status LED (see Figure 5). This LED is normally off. If the fall-back image is executed the status LED flashes red once every second.

#### 3.4.3 CEA-709 Activity LED

The CEA-709 port on the L-IP has a three color LED (green, red and orange, see Figure 5). Table 1 shows different LED patterns of the port and their meaning.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Behavior</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Comment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GREEN flashing fast</td>
<td>Traffic</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GREEN flashing at 1 Hz</td>
<td>Port unconfigured</td>
<td>Only if L-IP operated as configured CEA-709 router (see Section 6.1.1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RED permanent</td>
<td>Port damaged</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RED flashing fast</td>
<td>Traffic with high amount of errors L-IP redundant: Loop open (see Section 3.4.10)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RED flashing at 1 Hz</td>
<td>Firmware image corrupt</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Please upload new firmware</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORANGE permanent</td>
<td>Port disabled</td>
<td>e.g. using LSD Tool (see Section 12)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORANGE flashing fast</td>
<td>Traffic on port configured as management port</td>
<td>e.g. using LSD Tool (see Section 12)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORANGE flashing at 1 Hz</td>
<td>Bit-rate auto-detection</td>
<td>RS-485 ports only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORANGE permanent (all ports)</td>
<td>Status button pressed for more than 20 seconds L-IP forwarding tables will be reset once button is released</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 1: CEA-709 Activity LED patterns.

#### 3.4.4 Twin Router Status LED (L-IP Redundant only)

The L-IP Redundant has a three color LED (green, red and orange, see Figure 6) showing the twin router status of the device. This LED is labeled “PRIM”. Table 2 shows different LED patterns and their meaning.
Table 2: Twin Router Status LED patterns.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Behavior</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Comment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GREEN</td>
<td>Device is active</td>
<td>Standalone mode or primary device in twin router mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>Device is inactive</td>
<td>Secondary in twin router mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORANGE</td>
<td>Device is active, but problem with twin router detected</td>
<td>Primary: Secondary not reachable&lt;br&gt;Secondary: Primary failed, secondary has taken over and is active</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RED</td>
<td>Device is inactive due to error detected</td>
<td>Device is primary, but secondary has taken over</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Every time the L-IP Redundant contacts its twin router the LED is switched off shortly to signal this activity.

### 3.4.5 Ethernet Link LED

The Ethernet Link LED lights up green whenever an Ethernet cable is plugged-in and a physical connection with a switch, hub, or PC can be established.

### 3.4.6 Ethernet Activity LED

The Ethernet Activity LED lights up green for 6ms whenever a packet is transmitted or received or when a collision is detected on the network cable.

### 3.4.7 CEA-852 Status LED (CNIP LED)

The CNIP LED is a three color LED that indicates different operating states of the L-IP device.

- **Green**: The CEA-852 device is fully functional and all CEA-852 configuration data (channel routing info, channel membership list, send list) are up-to-date.

- **Green flicker**: If a valid CEA-709 packet is received or transmitted over the IP channel the CNIP LED turns off for 50 ms. Only valid CEA-709 IP packets sent to the IP address of the L-IP can be seen. Stale packets or packets not addressed to the device are not seen.

- **Yellow**: Device is functional but some configuration data is not up-to-date (device cannot contact configuration server but has configuration data saved in Flash memory)

- **Red**: Device is non-functional because it was rejected from the CEA-852 IP channel or shut-down itself due to an internal error condition.

- **Off**: Device is non-functional because the CEA-852 device has not started. This can be the case if the device uses DHCP and it has not received a valid IP configuration (address) from the DHCP server.

- **Flashing red at 1 Hz**: Device is non-functional because the CEA-852 device is started but has not been configured. Please add the device to a CEA-852 IP channel (register in configuration server).

- **Flashing green or orange at 1 Hz**: The device’s CEA-709 side of the gateway has not been commissioned yet. The color indicates the CEA-852 IP channel status as described above.

### 3.4.8 Configuration Server LED

The Configuration Server LED illuminates green whenever the configuration server is activated on the L-IP device.
3.4.9 Wink Action

If the L-IP receives a wink command on any of its network ports, it shows a blink pattern on the CNIP and the CEA-709 activity LEDs. The CEA-709 activity and the CNIP LED turn green/orange/red (each 0.15 s). This pattern is repeated six times. After that the CNIP LED flashes orange six times if the wink command was received on the IP channel or the CEA-709 activity LED flashes orange six times if the wink command was received on the CEA-709 channel. After that the L-IP LEDs return to their normal behavior.

3.4.10 Network Diagnostics

The L-IP provides simple network diagnostics via its CEA-709 activity LED:

- If the LED does not light up at all this port is not connected to any network segment or the connected network segment currently shows no traffic.
- If the LED is flashing green the network segment connected to this port is ok.
- If the LED is flashing red a potential problem exists on the network segment connected to this port. This state is referred to as overload condition.

A port overload condition occurs if

- the average bandwidth utilization of this port was higher than 70% or
- the collision rate was higher than 5% or
- more than 15% CRC errors have occurred on a port with a power-line transceiver or more than 5% on a port with a transceiver other than power-line or
- the L-IP was not able to process all available messages.
- the L-IP Redundant has detected an open loop (L-IP Redundant only, see Section 8).

For a deeper analysis of the reason of the overload condition it is recommended to use a protocol analyzer (e.g. LOYTEC’s LPA) or a similar tool. The exact reason of the overload condition can also be determined with the LSD Tool (see Section 12).

3.5 Status Button

The L-IP is equipped with a status button (see Figure 5). When pressing the status button shortly during normal operation of the L-IP it sends a “Service Pin Message” on all network ports. Note that every L-IP port has its own unique node ID (“Neuron ID”). As alternative to pressing the status button a service pin message can be sent via the web interface (see Section 5.1).

Pressing the status button longer than 2 seconds will allow you to select the port to sends out the “Service Pin Message” message: The port LED of the currently selected port will light up orange. After 2 seconds the next available port will be selected. When the status button is released the “Service Pin Message” is sent out on the currently selected port.

Pressing the status button during normal operation for more than 20 seconds resets the switching tables (see Section 3.5.1).

3.5.1 Resetting Forwarding Tables

In order to reset the forwarding tables, the status button needs to be pressed for at least 20 seconds during normal operation of the L-IP. Resetting forwarding tables defaults means:
• Clearing the group forwarding, the subnet/node forwarding and the router domain table when used in smart switch mode.

• Setting all ports to unconfigured.

• Clearing the L-IP status and statistic data.

• But does not clear the IP address and CEA-852 configuration settings.

All this is done when the button is released. Afterwards a reset is performed to let the changes take effect. Once the button is held down for more than 20 seconds the CEA-709 activity and the CNIP LED are switched to orange and stay orange until the button is released and the L-IP is reset. This indicates that the forwarding tables will be reset.

Alternatively to holding down the status button the forwarding tables can be reset by selecting the menu item “Reset to factory defaults” in the console menu (see Section 4.9).

Important: If the L-IP is operated in smart switch mode and is moved from one location to another or if major changes to the configuration of the network are made, it is recommended to reset the L-IP forwarding tables.

Important: Wait at least 30 seconds after power-up of the L-IP before pressing the Status Button to ensure that the L-IP has booted properly!

### 3.6 DIP Switch Settings

#### 3.6.1 L-IP

The L-IP has 7 switches to select the operating mode.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DIP Switch #</th>
<th>Function</th>
<th>Factory Default</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1, 2</td>
<td>ON, ON:  Smart switch mode</td>
<td>OFF, OFF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ON, OFF: Repeater mode</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>OFF, ON: Smart switch mode/ subnet learning</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>OFF, OFF: Configured CEA-709 router</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Bit-rate auto detection On/Off (RS-485 version only)</td>
<td>ON</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Must be OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
<td>OFF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
<td>OFF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
<td>OFF</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 3: DIP switch settings for L-IP.

#### 3.6.2 L-IP Redundant

The L-IP Redundant has 7 switches to select the operating mode.
### DIP Switch Settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DIP Switch #</th>
<th>Function</th>
<th>Factory Default</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
<td>OFF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
<td>OFF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Bit-rate auto detection On/Off (RS-485 version only)</td>
<td>ON</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Must be OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
<td>OFF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
<td>OFF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
<td>OFF</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4: DIP switch settings for L-IP Redundant

### 3.7 Power Supply

The L-IP can either be DC or AC powered. The small L-IP versions (LIP-xECTB and LIP-xxECTB) and L-IP Redundant (LIP-xECRB) as listed in Table 5, and the large multi-port L-IP (LIP-xxxxECTB) as listed in Table 6.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Terminal</th>
<th>Function</th>
<th>Note</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Main Earth Ground</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16, 17</td>
<td>Power Inputs</td>
<td>12-35 VDC or 12-24 VAC ± 10%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 5: Power Terminals on LIP-xxECTB, LIP-xECTB, and LIP-xxECRB

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Terminal</th>
<th>Function</th>
<th>Note</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>Main Earth Ground</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25, 26</td>
<td>Power Inputs</td>
<td>12-35 VDC or 12-24 VAC ± 10%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 6: Power Terminals on LIP-xxxxECTB

**Important:** Do not ground the power supply wire on terminal 26 (LIP-xxxxECTB) or terminal 17 (LIP-xECTB, LIP-xxECTB, and LIP-xxECRB)!

LOYTEC recommends using its LPOW-2415B power supply with the L-IP.

### 3.8 Terminal Layout

The L-IP provides screw terminals to connect to the network as well as to the power supply. The screw terminals can be used for wires having a maximum thickness of 1.5 mm²/AWG12.
### 3.8.1 LIP-3ECTB (1 x FT-10)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Terminal</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5, 6</td>
<td>CEA-709 A, B of FT-10 Channel Port 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Ethernet 100BaseT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Main Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16, 17</td>
<td>Power Supply (do not connect 17 to ground)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 7: L-IP Terminals LIP-3ECTB

### 3.8.2 LIP-33ECTB (2 x FT-10)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Terminal</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2, 3</td>
<td>CEA-709 A, B of FT-10 Channel Port 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5, 6</td>
<td>CEA-709 A, B of FT-10 Channel Port 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Ethernet 100BaseT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Main Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16, 17</td>
<td>Power Supply (do not connect 17 to ground)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 8: L-IP Terminals LIP-33ECTB

### 3.8.3 LIP-33ECRB (L-IP Redundant with FT-10)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Terminal</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Do not connect</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2, 3</td>
<td>CEA-709 A, B of FT-10 Loop Port 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5, 6</td>
<td>CEA-709 A, B of FT-10 Loop Port 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Ethernet 100BaseT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Main Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16, 17</td>
<td>Power Supply (do not connect 17 to ground)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 9: L-IP Terminals LIP-33ECRB

**Note:** The L-IP redundant LIP-33ECRB is compatible with link power.
### 3.8.4 LIP-3333ECTB (4 x FT-10)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Terminal</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5, 6</td>
<td>CEA-709 A, B of FT-10 Channel Port 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8, 9</td>
<td>CEA-709 A, B of FT-10 Channel Port 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11, 12</td>
<td>CEA-709 A, B of FT-10 Channel Port 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14, 15</td>
<td>CEA-709 A, B of FT-10 Channel Port 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Ethernet 100BaseT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>Main Earth Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25, 26</td>
<td>Power Supply (do not connect 26 to ground)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 10: L-IP Terminals LIP-3333ECTB

### 3.9 Wiring

#### 3.9.1 L-IP

Every network segment connected to the L-IP needs to be terminated according to the rules found in the specification of the transceiver (see Chapter 9).

**Important:** All used and unused ports must be properly terminated. LOYTEC recommends the use of the LOYTEC L-Term series network terminators (LT-13 or LT-33 respectively). For unused ports, it is recommended to use a 100 Ohm 0.25 W resistor between terminals A and B as termination.

**Important:** When using shielded network cables, only one side of the cable should be connected to earth ground. Thus, the shield must be connected to earth ground either at the L-IP terminals or somewhere else in the network (see Figure 25)!
3.9.2 L-IP Redundant

Every network segment connected to the L-IP needs to be terminated according to the rules found in the specification of the transceiver (see Chapter 9).

**Important:** All used and unused ports must be properly terminated. LOYTEC recommends the use of the LOYTEC L-Term series network terminators (LT-13 or LT-33 respectively). For unused ports, it is recommended to use a 100 Ohm 0.25 W resistor between terminals A and B as termination.

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**Important:** When using shielded network cables, only one side of the cable should be connected to earth ground. Thus, the shield must be connected to earth ground either at the L-IP terminal (loop port 1) or somewhere else in the network, but never at more than one place (see Figure 26)!

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**Important:** If operated with bus loop monitoring enabled (loop port 1 and loop port 2 connected), both sides of the loop must be terminated at the L-IP terminals (see Figure 26). In this case two terminators for bus topology must be used.

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**Important:** If operated with bus loop monitoring enabled, the loop must not contain any repeaters!
4 Console Interface

4.1 Console Connection

The L-IP is equipped with a serial interface to

- display the results of the self test,
- allow configuration via a console menu,
- upgrade the L-IP firmware.

To use the serial interface the console connector (see Figure 5) of the L-IP can be connected to the RS-232 port of a PC. For this connection a standard null-modem-cable with full handshaking must be used. Now, the PC can communicate with the L-IP using a standard terminal program with the communication settings set to 38,400 bps / 8 data bits / no parity / 1 stop bit.

4.2 Self Test

Whenever the L-IP comes out of reset it performs a self-test. If the self-test passed successfully, the CEA-709 activity LED turns green for 0.5 seconds. If a failure occurs during the self-test, the status LED is flashing red and the L-IP resets.

The console output of a successful boot sequence on an L-IP reads as follows:

```
LOYTEC electronics GmbH
www.loytec.com

Testing Board ID (1)                  Passed
Testing RAM                           Passed
Testing boot loader                   Passed
Testing fallback image               Passed
Testing primary image                 Passed
Testing Flash                         Passed

Loading primary image                Passed

Bootloader version 2
L-Switch/L-IP Primary Image loading...
Firmware version 6.0.0

Type bootshell to enter the boot shell...

Mounting file system (upgrading permissions)    Passed
Starting TCP/IP networking               Passed
Starting CEA-852 config. server 1         Disabled
Starting CEA-852 device                  Passed
Detecting CEA-709 port 1 (FT)             Passed
Detecting CEA-709 port 2 (FT)             Passed
Detecting CEA-709 port 3 (FT)             Passed
Detecting CEA-709 port 4 (FT)             Passed
Starting CEA-709 networking              Passed
Starting remote LPA                     Passed
Starting FTP server                     Passed
Starting Telnet server                  Passed
Starting Web server                     Passed

L-IP(c)
LOYTEC electronics GmbH
Tue Sep 25 08:54:38 2012 - V6.0.0
```

Figure 27: Console messages during the boot phase.
The duration of a successful boot sequence of an L-IP is typically 12 seconds.

### 4.3 L-IP Configuration Menu (Main Menu)

After booting completed the L-IP displays the following console menu:

```
Device Main Menu
=================
[1] Show device information
[2] Serial firmware upgrade
[3] System configuration
[4] CEA-709 configuration
[5] IP configuration
[6] CEA-852 device configuration
[8] Reset configuration (factory defaults)
[9] Device statistics
[0] CEA-852 server configuration
[99] Reset device
Please choose:
```

Figure 28: Device main menu.

The menu items are described below:

1 - **Show device information**

This menu item shows information about the L-IP and the current firmware version. The output should look like what is shown in Figure 29

```
Device Information
====================
Product: L-IP
Product code: LIP-3333ECTB
Firmware: L-Switch/L-IP Primary Image
Version: 6.0.0
Build date: Tue Sep 25 08:54:38 2012
Serial number: 008103-800000022E9F
Free memory: 11195K
Free flash: 6211K
RTMES heap: 649K
CPU load: 1.1%
System temp: 34.5C
Supply volt: 23.4V
```

CEA-709 router unique node IDs

```
Port 1: 80 00 00 02 2E 9F | 80 00 00 02 2E A4 (Offline)
Port 2: 80 00 00 02 2E A0 | 80 00 00 02 2E A5 (Offline)
Port 3: 80 00 00 02 2E A1 | 80 00 00 02 2E A6 (Offline)
Port 4: 80 00 00 02 2E A2 | 80 00 00 02 2E A7 (Offline)
IP: 80 00 00 02 2E A3 | 80 00 00 02 2E A8 (Offline)
```

Figure 29: Device information.

2 - **Serial firmware upgrade**

This menu item allows updating the L-IP firmware via the serial interface (console). See Section 10.2 for detailed instructions.

**Note:** If you select this option accidentally you can return to the main menu by sending a break signal. In case your terminal program does not offer an option to send a break signal the device has to be reset to return to the main menu.

3 - **System configuration**

Select this menu item to change system configuration settings. See Section 4.4 for details.
4 - CEA-709 configuration

Select this menu item to change the CEA-709 configuration settings. See Section 4.5 for details.

5 - IP configuration

Select this menu item to change the IP configuration settings like IP address, default gateway, DHCP, NAT address, MAC address, multi-cast address or to enable the automatic IP connection keep-alive feature. See Section 4.5.1 for details.

6 - CEA-852 client configuration

Select this menu item to change the CEA-852 client configuration settings like configuration server IP address, device name, SNTP server, escrow timeout, aggregation timeout, MD5 authentication secret. See Section 4.7 for details.

8 - Reset configuration (factory defaults)

This menu item resets the L-IP to factory defaults. See Section 3.5.1 for details on how to reset the forwarding tables by pressing the status button and Section 4.9 on how to load factory defaults through the console menu.

9 - Device statistics

Select this menu item to display advanced IP and CEA-852 device statistics information like number of packets sent and received, number of channel members, ... See Section 4.10 for details.

s - CEA-852 server configuration

Select this menu item to change the CEA-852 server configuration settings like the channel name, channel membership list, the SNTP time server, channel timeout, MD5 authentication. See Section 4.8 for details.

0 - Reset device

This menu item resets the L-IP.

4.4 System Configuration Menu

The system configuration menu allows setting basic device configuration options.

System Configuration Menu

============================================
[1] Configure date/time : Sat Jan 1 00:09:14 2000 (UTC+00:00)
[7] FTP server : enabled
[8] FTP server port : 21 (default)
[0] Web server port : 80 (default)
[a] Telnet server : enabled
[b] Telnet server port : 23 (default)
[q] Quit without saving
[x] Exit and save

Please choose:

Figure 30: System Configuration Menu in configured router mode.
1 – Configure date/time

This menu option allows setting the battery powered on-board real-time clock.

2 - Configure earth pos

This menu option allows configuring the longitude, latitude and elevation of the device.

3- Remote configuration

This menu option allows enabling/disabling the remote configuration functionality of the device (e.g. by the LOYTEC L-WEB system).

7 – FTP server

This menu item allows enabling and disabling the FTP server on the L-IP. You can disable the FTP server if you don’t want to give anybody access to the L-IP via the FTP protocol. This menu item toggles between enabled and disabled.

8 - FTP server port

This menu item allows the user to alter the FTP server port. The default is 21. Select this menu item and enter a non-default port.

9 – Web server

This menu item allows enabling and disabling the web server on the L-IP. You can disable the web server if you don’t want to give anybody access to the L-IP configuration via the web interface. This menu item toggles between enabled and disabled.

0 - Web server port

This menu item allows the user to alter the web server port. The default is 80. Select this menu item and enter a non-default port.

a – Telnet server

This menu item allows enabling and disabling the telnet server on the L-IP. You can disable the telnet server if you don’t want to give anybody access to the L-IP configuration via the telnet protocol. This menu item toggles between enabled and disabled.

b - Telnet server port

This menu item allows the user to alter the telnet server port. The default is 23. Select this menu item and enter a non-default port.

4.5 CEA-709 Configuration Menu

4.5.1 CEA-709 Configuration Menu

This menu allows changing the CEA-709 transceiver configuration, enabling the collisionless backbone mode for TP-1250 transceivers, enabling bit-rate auto-detection for RS-485 transceivers, and configuring the CEA-709 router mode.
CEA-709 Configuration Menu
==============================================

[1] Port 1 : XF/TP-1250 (1250 kBit)
Port 2 : FT
Port 3 : FT
Port 4 : FT
Port 5 : FT

[r] Router configuration : Configured Router (DIP)
[q] Quit without saving
[x] Exit and save

Please choose:

Figure 31 CEA-709 configuration menu.

1 to 5 - Change transceiver configuration for Port 1 – 5

This menu item allows setting the default transceiver configuration for port 1 to 5 if there are different possible transceiver configurations.

For TP-1250 transceivers it is possible to set the transceiver settings to collision-less backbone mode. Please contact LOYTEC if you think you might need this feature!

For RS-485 transceivers it is possible to manually set the bit-rate or choose bit-rate auto-detection. If auto-detection is enabled the detected bit-rate is shown. See Section 9.3 for an in-depth discussion of this feature.

9 - Bit-rate auto-detection configuration source (only if RS-485 port is present)

This menu item allows to set what decision element should be used to enable or disable the bit-rate auto-detection. If [1] DIP Switch is selected the value set on the DIP switch (see 3.6.1) is used to enable or disable the bit-rate auto-detection. If [2] Manual is selected the setting made with Option 1 – 5 is used to enable or disable the bit-rate auto-detection.

r - Router configuration

This menu item opens the CEA-709 router configuration menu as described in Section 4.5.2.

4.5.2 CEA-709 Router Configuration Menu

This menu allows configuring the CEA-709 router mode.

CEA-709 Router/Switch Menu
==============================================

[1] Router mode : Smart Switch
[2] Subnet/node learning : subnet/node
[6] Switch reset w. status button : enabled

[q] Quit without saving
[x] Exit and save

Please choose:

Figure 32 CEA-709 router configuration menu.

1 - Router Mode

The router mode menu allows setting the principal operating mode of the L-IP routing core. Normally the operating mode of the routing core is set with the DIP switches 1 and 2 but can be overridden in this menu.
Set router mode
===============

[1] Enable Configured Router Mode
[2] Enable Smart Switch Mode
[3] Set router configuration according to DIP switch

Please choose:

Figure 33 Router mode configuration menu

2 - Subnet/node learning

This menu option allows selecting the subnet/node learning mode (see Figure 34).

Set subnet/node learning mode
=============================  

[1] Subnet/node learning
[2] Subnet learning
[3] Disable
[4] Set router configuration according to DIP switch

Please choose:

Figure 34 Selecting subnet/node learning mode

If subnet/node learning is selected the L-IP will learn based on subnet/node addresses (see Section 6.1.2). Subnet broadcasts are flooded. This mode is plug&play.

If subnet learning is selected the L-IP will learn based on subnets. Subnet broadcasts are only forwarded to ports, which contain nodes with that subnet. Subnet learning should be enabled if group overloading is used in the case that more than 256 group addresses are needed. Subnet learning is not plug&play. Please use LonMaker, NL-220, or other network management tools to ensure that one subnet address is only used behind one L-IP port. This can be achieved by using our L-IP LonMaker shapes or by placing phantom routers in e.g. NL-220. Please contact LOYTEC support if you think you need this feature!

If the mode is changed via the console menu, it cannot changed via the corresponding DIP switch anymore (see Section 3.6.1). Choose “[4] Set router configuration according to DIP switch”, to return control to the DIP switch.

3 - Group learning

This menu option allows enabling or disabling learning of group addresses (see Section 6.1.2).

5 – Block unknown domains

The L-IP will learn up to four domains. If your network contains more than four domains please contact LOYTEC support for advice!

6 – Factory reset w. status button

In case the L-IP is in the mode repeater or smart switch, pressing the status button longer than 20 seconds resets the switching tables (see Section 3.5.1). This function can be disabled using this menu option.

4.6 IP Configuration Menu

The IP configuration menu holds relevant IP settings. Here are some general guidelines for setting IP addresses, port numbers, and time values:

- Enter 0.0.0.0 to clear an IP address.
• Enter 0 to select the default port number
• Enter 0 to disable a time setting.
• Press Return to keep the current setting.

The IP configuration menu when DHCP is disabled is shown in Figure 35.

IP Configuration Menu
=====================  
[1] DHCP : disabled  
[3] IP Netmask : 255.255.255.0  
[7] DNS Servers : <unset>  
[8] MAC Address : 00:0A:B0:01:32:B2 (factory default)  
[a] Connection Keep Alive : disabled  
[b] Link Speed & Duplex : Auto Detect  
[q] Quit without saving  
[x] Exit and save

Please choose:

Figure 35: IP configuration menu when DHCP is disabled.

The IP configuration menu when DHCP is enabled is shown in Figure 36.

IP Configuration Menu
=====================  
[1] DHCP : enabled  
[3] IP Netmask : 255.255.255.0  
[7] DNS Servers : <unset>  
[8] MAC Address : 00:0A:B0:01:32:B2 (factory default)  
[a] Connection Keep Alive : disabled  
[b] Link Speed & Duplex : Auto Detect  
[q] Quit without saving  
[x] Exit and save

Please choose:

Figure 36: IP configuration menu when DHCP is enabled.

1 - DHCP

Toggles between manual configuration of the IP address, netmask, and gateways address or automatic configuration from a DHCP server. If DHCP is disabled one must enter the following configuration data. If DHCP is enabled please skip menu items 2 through 7 (optionally a hostname can be entered).

DHCP should not be used on the configuration server, if the IP address might change over time. It is very important that the configuration server always has the same IP address assigned.

If DHCP is enabled on a client device and the IP address assigned to the L-IP by the DHCP server on the network might change over time it is important to activate the “Roaming Member” support on the configuration server for this IP-852 channel.
2 - IP Address, 3 - IP Netmask, 4 - IP Gateway

Please enter the IP address for the L-IP device, the netmask (e.g. 255.255.255.0), and the default gateway address.

5 - Hostname, 6 - Domainname

Hostname and domainname are optional entries and can be left empty. For some DHCP configurations it may be necessary to enter a hostname. Please contact your system administrator to get information about how to configure DHCP to acquire an IP address.

7 - DNS Servers

You can configure up to 3 Domain Name Servers.

9 - MAC Address

The L-IP comes configured with a unique MAC address. This address can be changed in order to clone the MAC address of another device. It can be dangerous to change the MAC address. Please contact your system administrator to avoid MAC address conflicts. After selecting menu item 9 the following message appears.

Override factory MAC address (y/n):

Enter “y” to input a new MAC address or enter “n” to clear the current MAC address and return to the factory default MAC address.

0 – NTP Servers

The device can be configured to synchronize its clock with NTP time. Enter the IP address or DNS name of a primary and, optionally, a secondary NTP server. The device will use NTP as a time source if the time sync source in the system configuration is set to NTP.

a - Connection Keep Alive

The L-IP allows to automatically ping other devices on the IP channel in order to maintain an IP connection that might be automatically disconnected after a specific period of time (e.g. DSL routers automatically disconnect if no activity is detected). The options to choose are:

Select connection keep alive mode
(0 - disabled, 1 - auto IP, 2 - custom IP):

Enter 0 to disable this feature, enter 1 for auto IP mode and 2 to specify one IP address that should receive the pings. If auto IP mode is selected and the L-IP works as a configuration server, a ping message is sent to all devices in the device list of the configuration server. If the configuration server is disabled on this L-IP a ping message is sent to the configuration server for the IP-852 channel.

Please refer to Section 4.10 on how to monitor the automatic keep-alive feature and to display the ping response times for the different devices on the IP-852 channel.

b - Link Speed & Duplex

If the L-IP is operated with an old 10Mbit/s-only hub the link speed should be switched from “Auto Detect” to “10Mbps/Half-Duplex”. With modern 100/10Mbit/s switches this setting can be left at its default.
4.7 CEA-852 Device Configuration Menu

This menu holds relevant information regarding the configuration of the CEA-852 device. Depending on the configuration method of the L-IP one can either input the configuration data in this menu and the L-IP then contacts the configuration server or the preferred method is to enter the information at the configuration server and the configuration server then contacts the device (L-IP) and fills in the relevant information in this menu. The device configuration menu is shown in Figure 37.

CEA-852 Device Configuration Menu
=================================
[2] Config server address : <unset>
[5] Device name :
  Channel mode :
  Pri. SNTP server :
  Sec. SNTP server :
  Channel timeout :
[6] Escrow timeout : on (64 ms)
[7] Aggregation timeout : on (16 ms)
[8] MD5 authentication : off
[9] MD5 secret : not displayed
[0] Location string : unknown
[a] NAT address : Auto (no NAT)
[b] Multicast address : <unset>
[r] Re-register at CS
[q] Quit without saving
[x] Exit and save

Please choose:

Figure 37: CEA-852 device configuration menu.

In case that the configuration server contacts the device (L-IP) only the MD 5 secret in menu item 8 must be entered if authenticated communication is required. In networks that communicate over the Internet one may also experiment with the escrow timeout in menu item 5.

If the L-IP serves as configuration server and as device some entries in the CEA-852 device configuration menu are set through the configuration server and cannot be set manually.

1 - Config server address, 2 - Config server port

Please enter the IP address and port of the configuration server, if the L-IP needs to contact the configuration server. Enter “0” for the configuration server port if you want to return to the default port setting.

3 - Config client port

If not more than one L-IP is used behind a NAT router, this field should be left at the default setting. If changed, it must not be the same as the config server port.

4 - Device name

You can enter a device name with up to 15 characters. It is recommended to use unique device names.

Channel Mode

This field reflects the current channel mode of the device. It is configured by the configuration server. If there are any two devices in the channel which use the same IP address but different ports (e.g. multiple L-IPs behind one NAT router) the channel
switches to “Extended NAT mode”. Please refer to Section 6.3.2 to learn more about the implications of this mode. Otherwise the mode is “Standard”.

**SNTP server, channel timeout**

The configuration server sets the SNTP server addresses and the channel timeout.

**5 - Escrow timeout**

Defines how long the L-IP waits for out-of-sequence CEA-852 packets before they are discarded. Please enter the time in ms or 0 to disable escrowing. The maximum time is 255 ms.

**6 - Aggregation Timeout**

Defines the time interval in which multiple CEA-709 packets are combined into a single CEA-852 data packet. Please enter the time in ms or 0 to disable aggregation. The maximum time is 255 ms. Note that disabling aggregation will negatively affect the performance of the L-IP device.

**7 - MD5 authentication**

This menu item enables or disables MD5 authentication.

*Note:* MD5 authentication cannot be used together with the i.LON 1000 since the i.LON 1000 is not fully compliant with the CEA-852 authentication method. MD5 can be used with the i.LON 600.

**8 - MD5 authentication, 9 - MD5 secret**

If authentication is required enable MD5 authentication and enter the 16-byte MD5 secret. Note that for security purposes the active MD5 secret is not displayed. Either enter the 16 bytes as one string or with spaces between each byte.

e.g. 00 11 22 33 44 55 66 77 88 99 AA BB CC DD EE FF

**0 - Location string**

Enter a location string with a maximum length of 255 characters. This is optional and for informational purposes only.

**a - NAT Address**

If the L-IP is used behind a NAT router the public IP address of the NAT router or firewall must be known. This address can either be entered manually or can be determined automatically. Automatic NAT router discovery allows operating the L-IP behind a NAT router or firewall, which has a dynamic public IP address, and determines the correct NAT address from the L-IP CS. This is the default setting.

*Enable automatic NAT router discovery (y/n):*

Figure 38: Enable/Disable automatic NAT router discovery

To enable/disable automatic NAT router discovery select this menu option. The question in Figure 38 will be prompted on the console. Choose ‘y’ to enable automatic NAT router discovery. To manually enter a NAT address, choose ‘n’ and enter the NAT address when requested to do so. To completely disable the NAT router support, choose ‘n’ and enter the IP address 0.0.0.0 when requested to enter the NAT address.
Important: Automatic NAT router discovery does not work if the local CEA-852 configuration server is enabled! If the configuration server is operated behind a NAT router or firewall enter the NAT address manually! The configuration server needs a fixed IP address! Automatic NAT router discovery only works with LOYTEC CEA-852 configuration servers!

If an L-IP uses automatic NAT router discovery and the NAT address is known beforehand then the L-IP can simply be added to the channel in the L-IP configuration server by specifying the NAT address and correct port. To add more than one L-IP behind a NAT refer to Section 6.3.2.

If the NAT address is not known, take the following steps to add the L-IP to an IP-852 channel in the configuration server:

- On the L-IP turn on automatic NAT router discovery (this is the default setting). The NAT address should show “Auto (no NAT)”.
- Enter the IP address of the configuration server in the CEA-852 device configuration menu. Exit and save but do not reboot.
- Go back to the main menu. Wait 15 seconds.
- Go to the CEA-852 device configuration menu. The NAT address should show the public IP address of the NAT router or firewall (e.g. “Auto (198.18.76.1)”.
- On the configuration server add the L-IP to the configuration server using this IP address.

**b - Multicast Address**

This menu option allows the user to add the L-IP into a multi-cast group for the IP-852 channel. Enter the channel’s IP multi-cast address here. On how to obtain a valid multi-cast address please contact your system administrator. To learn when it is beneficial to use multi-cast addresses in your channel please refer to Section 6.4.

### 4.8 CEA-852 Server Configuration Menu

This menu holds relevant information regarding the configuration of the CEA-852 configuration server.

If the built-in configuration server is used to manage the devices on the IP-852 channel, all CEA-852 devices on the IP-852 channel must be entered in the device list of the server. The CEA-852 devices themselves then only need to have a unique IP address, device name, and if operated behind a NAT router the NAT address assigned. The configuration server will contact all devices in the device list and update the relevant information in the client devices. The server configuration menu is shown in Figure 39. The device name can also be set by the configuration server.
CEA-852 Server Configuration Menu
=================================

[1] Config server status : enabled
[3] NAT address : <unset>
[4] Channel name : default
Channel members : 1
Channel mode : Standard
[6] Channel timeout : off
[7] Auto members support : off
[8] Roaming members support : on
[9] MD5 authentication : off
[0] MD5 secret : not displayed
[a] Add device
e] Edit device
d] Delete device
[n] Enable/Disable device
[s] Show device statistics
[l] List channel members
[r] Re-contact devices & list channel members
[q] Quit without saving
[x] Exit and save

Please choose:

Figure 39: Configuration Server Menu.

1 - Config server status

The menu item allows enabling and disabling the built-in configuration server. If the configuration server is enabled the green configuration server LED labeled “server” will be on, otherwise it will be off.

2 - Config server port

The menu item allows changing the port for the configuration server. It is recommended to keep the default port setting of 1629.

3 - NAT Address

If the L-IP is used behind a NAT router the public IP address of the NAT router or firewall must be entered. To completely disable the NAT router support, enter the IP address 0.0.0.0 when requested to enter the NAT address.

4 - Channel name

The menu item allows setting a channel name that can consist of up to 15 characters.

The number of channel members is shown below the channel name.

Channel Mode

This field reflects the current channel mode. The L-IP configuration server automatically determines this mode depending on if there are any two devices in the channel which use the same IP address but different ports (e.g. multiple L-IPs behind one NAT router). If all IP addresses are unique the mode is “Standard”, if some are not unique the mode is “Extended NAT mode”. Please refer to Section 6.3.2 to learn more about the implications of this mode.

5 - Primary SNTP server, 5 - Secondary SNTP server

The two menu items allow setting the IP address of the primary and secondary SNTP time server used for the CEA-852 communication. Please specify one or better 2 SNTP servers if
CEA-852 devices are communicating over the Internet rather than an Intranet. A list of available timeservers can be found at www.ntp.org.

6 - Channel Timeout

This menu item allows setting the channel timeout. The channel timeout is an IP-852 channel property and indicates how old a packet can be before it is discarded. The channel timeout is set in ms. To disable the channel timeout enter a value of 0. To select the proper value please consult Section 6.5. Setting a channel timeout other than 0 requires a valid SNTP server entry on the configuration server.

7 - Auto members support

This menu item allows members to be automatically added to the channel. If turned on, CEA-852 devices can register on the IP-852 channel without the device being explicitly added on the configuration server. This special feature is useful in combination with the LPA-IP since it can add itself to the configuration server during the debug session. Non-responding auto members are automatically removed from the channel. This feature is turned off by default and must be explicitly turned on.

Use this option with care because new CEA-852 devices can add themselves to the channel without knowledge of the system operator. This could cause a potential security hole.

8 - Roaming members support

This menu item allows tracking CEA-852 devices when their IP address changes. This feature must be turned on if DHCP is used and the DHCP server can assign different IP addresses to the same device (same Neuron-ID). In combination with Auto-NAT L-IPs can also be operated behind NAT routers, which change their IP address between connection setups. For more information on this topic refer to Section 6.3.1.

The roaming member feature is turned on by default. It is recommended to turn off this feature if DHCP is not used or if the DHCP server always assigns the same IP address to a given MAC address.

9 - MD5 authentication

This menu item allows enabling and disabling MD5 authentication. If MD5 authentication is enabled all devices on the IP-852 channel must have MD5 enabled and must use the same secret.

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Note: MD5 authentication cannot be used together with the i.LON 1000 since the i.LON 1000 is not fully compliant with the CEA-852 authentication method. MD5 can be used with the i.LON 600.
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0 - MD5 secret

Enter the 16-byte MD5 secret. Note that for security purposes the currently set MD5 secret is not displayed. Either enter the 16 bytes as one string or with spaces between each byte.

e.g. 00 11 22 33 44 55 66 77 88 99 AA BB CC DD EE FF

a - Add device

Select this menu item to add a CEA-852 device to the IP-852 channel. A new menu appears (see Figure 40).
CEA-852 Member Menu

[1] IP Address          : <unset>
[2] Port                : <unset>
[3] NAT Address         : <unset>
[4] Device name         :

[q] Quit without saving
[x] Exit and save

Please choose:

Figure 40: Add CEA-852 device.

Please enter the IP address and device name of the new CEA-852 device that should join the IP-852 channel. If the port is different from the default port 1628 you must also enter the port address otherwise the default port address will be entered automatically. If the device is behind a NAT router enter the local address in item 1 and the NAT routers address in item 3. Do not forget to set up a port forwarding rule in the NAT router for the port specified in item 2.

e - Edit device

Select this menu item to edit a CEA-852 device on the IP-852 channel. The L-IP prompts the device number which shall be edited. A list of available CEA-852 devices is displayed with the menu item [1]. A new menu appears.

CEA-852 Member Menu

[1] IP Address          : 192.168.1.251
[2] Port                : 1628
[3] NAT Address         : 80.81.82.83
[4] Device name         : lipnat1

[q] Quit without saving
[x] Exit and save

Please choose:

Figure 41: Edit CEA-852 device in channel member list.

You can now change the IP address, port, NAT address or device name of the CEA-852 device.

d - Delete device

Select this menu item to delete a CEA-852 device on the IP-852 channel. The L-IP prompts the device number which shall be deleted. A list of available CEA-852 devices is displayed with the menu item [1].

n - Enable/Disable device

Select this menu option to enable or disable a CEA-852 device on the IP-852 channel. An enabled device can be disabled and a disabled device can be enabled. The L-IP prompts the device number which shall be enabled/disabled. A list of available CEA-852 devices with their current status is displayed with the menu item [1]. Disabled members are temporarily removed from the IP-852 channel and do not receive messages.

s - Show device statistics

Select this menu item to display statistics information for the client devices. The L-IP prompts the device number which shall be examined. This number can be found in the Channel Member List. Please note that this feature allows extracting the statistics information from remote client devices over the IP-852 channel.
1 - List channel members

Select this menu item to list all IP-852 channel members.

List of channel members
--------------------------------
No | Name                  | IP Address                | Status            | Flags |
--------------------------------
000 | local                 | 80.125.123.100:1628       | registered        |       
+ 001 lipnat1                       | 10.0.2.3:1628             | registered        |       
+ 002 lipnat1                       | 10.0.2.4:1630             | registered        |       
+ 003 sony                         | 80.168.1.135:1628         | registered        |       
004 | lip2                  | 80.168.1.251:1628         | disabled          | X     
+ 005 lpa-IP                        | 80.168.1.215:1628         | registered        | A     
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Press <RETURN> to continue

Figure 42: List all IP-852 channel members.

The list shows the list entry number, the device name, the IP address and the current status of this device. Note that the first entry is always the local device, which is the CEA-852 device built into the configuration server. Devices behind a NAT router are listed in a tree view style. The A-flag indicates that this device is an auto member. The X-flag indicates that the device got disabled because it does not support the extended NAT mode (e.g. pre 3.0 L-IP or i.LON 1000). If the channel mode falls back to standard, these devices are enabled again.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>registered</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device has been successfully registered with the IP-852 channel and is fully functional.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unregistered</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device has never been registered with the IP-852 channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>not contacted</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device has not been contacted since the configuration server has started.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>not responding</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device has been registered but is not responding at the moment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>disabled</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device has been disabled on the channel (or rejected).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>internal error</td>
<td>The configuration server has detected an internal error. Please contact LOYTEC support in this case.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 11: Possible CEA-852 device states.

r - Recontact devices & list channel members

Select this menu item to contact all CEA-852 devices on the IP-852 channel and watch the state of the individual CEA-852 devices.

This menu item can also be used when a CEA-852 device (e.g. L-IP) is replaced and the CEA-852 configuration must be propagated to the new device without deleting the device in the configuration server and adding the device again.

This menu item can also be used to remove all auto members from the configuration server that are no longer responding.
4.9 Reset configuration (load factory defaults)

This menu item allows resetting the device into its factory default state. The following menu appears.

Reset Configuration Menu
-------------------------
[1] Reset everything to factory defaults
[2] Reset switch configuration to factory defaults
[3] Reset all passwords
[q] Quit

Please choose:

Figure 43: Reset to factory defaults menu.

1 - Reset everything to factory defaults

This option resets the complete device to factory defaults. This includes IP settings and the CEA-709 routing functionality according to the DIP-switch settings.

2 - Reset switch configuration to factory defaults

This option resets only the forwarding tables for the L-IP when used in smart switch mode (see Section 6.1.1). Use this menu item if you are moving CEA-709 network nodes between different CEA-709 channels.

3 - Reset all passwords

This option resets only the passwords used for access via the Web Interface and other IP services to their default values. See Section 5.1 for details on the standard accounts and their default passwords.

4.10 Device Statistics Menu

This menu holds relevant information regarding the device statistics of the L-IP. It also holds the menu item to monitor the connection keep-alive feature of the L-IP. The device statistics menu is shown in Figure 44. Use this menu for debugging purposes.

Statistics Menu
---------------
[1] Show CEA-852 statistics
[4] Show IP statistics
[6] Enhanced communications test
[q] Quit

Please choose:

Figure 44: Device Statistics Menu.
1 – CEA-852 device statistics

A sample console output is shown in Figure 45. Optionally the extended CEA-852 device statistics can be viewed and the CEA-852 statistic data can be cleared, by answering the corresponding questions with ‘y’.

CEA-852 Device Statistics
====================================
Seconds since cleared : 440283
Date/Time of clear (GMT) : Fri Sep 21 15:09:19 2012
No. of members : 23
LT Packets received : 1162563
LT Bytes received : <unknown>
LT Packets sent : 807024
LT Bytes sent : <unknown>
IP Packets sent : 6053064
IP Bytes sent : 200182471
IP Packets received : 807068
IP Bytes received : 26532696
IP Packets data sent : 0
IP Packets data received : 0
LT Stale packets : 0
RFC Packets sent : 60
RFC Packets received : 60
Avg. aggregation to IP : 1
Avg. aggregation from IP : 1
UDP Packets sent : 6053133
TCP Packets sent : 0
Multi-cast Packets sent : 0

Show extended CEA-852 device statistics (y/n)? y
Extended CEA-852 Device Statistics
====================================
Session ID : 0x7b80ad56
SNTP synchronized : no
Number of CR member infos : 22
Current channel routing mode : CR
Message alloc count : 0
Dropped failed authentication : 0
Dropped invalid frame : 0
Dropped out-of-sequence : 0
Dropped duplicates : 0
Dropped missing timestamp : 0
Active DC datetime : 0xd1a5f9aa
Active CM datetime : 0xd40c23f4
Active SL datetime : 0x00000000
Stale DC messages : 0
Stale CM messages : 0
Stale SL messages : 0
Stale CR messages : 0
Number of DC updates : 15
Number of CM updates : 14
Number of SL updates : 0
Number of CR updates : 11
CR packets sent to CS : 0

Clear CEA-852 device 1 statistics (y/n)? n

Figure 45: CEA-852 device statistics.

3 - Monitor Connection Keep Alive

This menu item allows monitoring of the automatic connection keep-alive feature in the L-IP. The console will display the ping delays to the different destination L-IP devices. If a device doesn’t respond the text “Timeout” will be displayed instead. Pressing “Return” terminates this output. A sample console output is shown in Figure 46.
Monitoring connection keep alive...
Press <RETURN> to return to menu

Sending ping to 192.168.1.64 ... 1 ms
Sending ping to 192.168.1.64 ... 1 ms
Sending ping to 192.168.1.64 ... 1 ms
Sending ping to 192.168.1.64 ... 2 ms
Sending ping to 192.168.1.64 ... 1 ms

Figure 46: Console output for the connection keep-alive monitor.

4 - IP statistics

A sample console output is shown in Figure 47.
********** INTERFACE STATISTICS **********

***** lo0 *****
Address:127.0.0.1   Net mask:255.0.0.0
Flags: Up Loopback Running Multicast
Send queue limit:50   length:0   Dropped:0

***** eth0 *****
Ethernet Address: 00:0A:B0:01:32:B2
Address:192.168.1.250   Broadcast Address:192.168.1.255   Net mask:255.255.255.0

Flags: Up Broadcast Running Simplex Multicast
Send queue limit:50   length:0   Dropped:0

MACB driver statistics (unit 0)
Interruptions: 507899    Single collisions: 0   Multiple collisions: 0
RX OK: 423562    FCS errors: 0   Alignment errors: 0
TX deferred: 0    Late collisions: 0   Excessive collisions: 0
TX underruns: 0    No carrier: 0   RX resource errors: 0
RX overruns: 0    RX symbol errors: 0   Excess length errors: 0
Receive jabbers: 0    Undersize frames: 0   SQE test errors: 0
RX length mismatch: 0    TXd pause frames: 0
RX No clusters: 0   RX latency reached: 0   TX latency reached: 0

Extended statistics:
INT Mdio done: 86919   INT RX ok: 420369   INT RX buf used: 0
INT TX buf used: 635   INT TX buf underrun: 0   INT TX retry limit: 0
INT TX buf exhaust: 0
INT RX overrun: 0   INT HRESP not ok: 0   INT Pause frame: 0
INT Pause time zero: 0   Packets delivered: 423562   TX no buffers: 0
RX enqueue err: 0   RX IO err: 0   RX dropped: 0

PHY
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
7 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 00001000 0000782d 00000016 0000f840 000001e1 000045e1 0000ffff 0000ffff
1 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff
2 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff
3 00000000 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff
4 00000000 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff
5 00000000 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff
6 00000000 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff
7 00000000 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff 0000ffff

********** MBUF STATISTICS **********
mbufs:1024    clusters: 128    free: 107
drops: 0   waits: 0   drains: 0
free:1002   data:22   header:0   socket:0
pcb:0     rtable:0   htable:0   atable:0
soname:0   soopts:0   ftable:0   rights:0
ifaddr:0  control:0   oobdata:0

********** IP Statistics **********
total packets received 303668
packets rcvd for unreachable dest 33741
unknown or unsupported protocol 17
datagrams delivered to upper level 269913
ip packets generated here 744

Destination Gateway/Mask/Hw Flags Refs Use Expire Interface
default 192.168.1.1 UGS 0 98 0 eth0
127.0.0.1 127.0.0.1 UH 0 32 0 lo0
192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0 U 0 0 7 eth0
192.168.1.1 00:14:6c:62:41:46 UHL 1 0 22924 eth0
192.168.1.250 00:0a:0b:10:32:b2 UHL 1 17 0 lo0
192.168.1.251 UHL 1 597 21698 eth0
255.255.255.255 255.255.255.255 U 0 0 0 eth0

********** TCP Statistics **********
total input packets 269914
no socket on port 17
of above, arrived as broadcast 269882
total output packets 727

********** UDP Statistics **********
total input packets 269914
no socket on port 17
of above, arrived as broadcast 269882

********** ICMP Statistics **********
calls to icmp_error() 17
type 3 sent 17
type 3 received 17

Figure 47: IP statistics.

Further, this statistics menu displays any IP address conflicts. If the L-IP’s IP address conflicts with another host on the network the banner shown in Figure 48 is displayed.
WARNING: Conflicting IP address detected!
IP address 10.125.123.95 also used by device with MAC address
00 04 5A CC 10 41!

Clear IP conflict history (y/n):

Figure 48: IP Address conflict.

As useful information the MAC address of the conflicting host is shown. If the information
about this conflict shall be cleared, hit ‘y’. If ‘n’ is selected, the conflict will show up again
the next time this menu is entered.

6 - Enhanced Communications Test

This menu item allows testing the communication path between L-IP devices. It tests the
CEA-852 data communication. This test can be used to determine if there is a working
TCP/IP connection as well as a working CEA-852 connection between the individual
devices.

A typical console output is shown in Figure 49.

Enhanced Communications Test
-------------------------------------------
Address                    Result  RTT(ms)  Comment
-------------------------------------------
10.101.18.100:1629 (CS)    OK      2
10.101.18.100:1628         OK      2
10.101.18.101:1628         OK      2
10.101.18.139:1628         OK      2
10.101.18.203:1628         OK      2
10.101.18.156:1628         OK      2
10.101.18.157:1628         OK      4
10.101.18.213:1628         FAILED n/a Peer not reachable
10.101.18.210:1628         OK      2
10.101.18.20:1628          OK      106
10.101.18.216:1628         OK      1
10.101.18.10:1628          OK      2
10.101.18.17:1628          OK      2
10.101.18.12:1628          OK      1
10.101.18.13:1628          OK      90
10.101.18.161:1628         OK      1
10.101.18.113:1628         OK      2
10.101.18.114:1628         OK      2
10.101.18.19:1628          OK      70
192.168.1.246:1628         OK      2
10.101.18.14:1628          OK      1
192.168.17.2:1628          FAILED n/a Peer not reachable
192.168.17.151:1628        FAILED n/a Peer not reachable

Figure 49: Enhanced communication test console output.

The round-trip value (RTT) is measured as the time a packet sent to the peer device needs
to be routed back to the L-IP. It is a measure for general network delay. If the test to a
specific member fails a text is displayed to describe the possible source of the problem. The
reasons for failure are summarized in Table 12.

A warning “Incorrect NAT configuration detected!” is displayed if the enhanced
communications test determines that the L-IP is operated behind a NAT router, but it has no
NAT address configured. In this case go to the IP configuration menu and configure the
correct NAT address or set it to Auto-NAT.
### Text displayed (Web icon) | Meaning
--- | ---
OK, Return path not tested (green checkmark) | Displayed for a device, which is reachable but which does not support the feature to test the return path (device sending to this L-IP). Therefore a potential NAT router configuration error cannot be detected. If the tested device is an L-IP it is recommended to upgrade this L-IP to the most recent firmware.

Not reachable/not supported (red exclamation) | Displayed for the CS if it is not reachable or the CS does not support this test. To remove this uncertainty it is recommended to upgrade the the most recent firmware.

Local NAT config. Error (red exclamation) | Displayed, if the L-IP is located behind a NAT router and the port-forwarding for the L-IP in the NAT-Router (usually 1628) is incorrect.

Peer not reachable (red exclamation) | Displayed for a device, if it is not reachable. No RTT is displayed. The device is either not online, not connected to the network, has no IP address, or is not reachable behind the NAT router. Execute this test on the suspicious device to determine any NAT configuration problem.

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Table 12: Possible communication problems.
5 Web Interface

The L-IP comes with a built-in Web server and a Web interface to configure the device and extract statistics information. The Web interface allows configuring the IP settings, CEA-709, CEA-852 and other configuration settings.

5.1 Start Screen and Account Management

In a Web browser, enter the default IP address 192.168.1.254 of the device. Note that if your PC has an IP address in a subnet other than 192.168.1.xxx, you must open a command tool and enter the following route command to add a route to the device.

To Add a Route to the Device

1. Windows START → Run
2. Enter ‘cmd’ and click OK.
3. In the command window enter the command line:
   route add 192.168.1.254 %COMPUTERNAME%
   In Windows 7 replace %COMPUTERNAME% with the PC’s actual IP address.
4. Then open your Web browser and type in the default IP address ‘192.168.1.254’.
5. The device information page should appear as shown in Figure 50.

The device information page shows information about the L-IP and the current firmware version. Below, it shows operational parameters, such as free memory, CPU load, system temperature and supply voltage.
The page also includes the unique node IDs ("Neuron IDs") of the CEA-709 network interfaces. The multi-port L-IP displays the external node IDs as well as the node IDs for the internal backbone in separate. This page can also be used to send the CEA-709 service pin messages. This is a useful feature when commissioning the device, since it is not necessary to be on-site to press the status button.

Click through the menus on the left hand side to become familiar with the different screens. If you click on Config in the left menu, you will be asked to enter the administrator password in order to make changes to the settings as shown in Figure 51. Enter the default administrator password ‘loytec4u’ and select Login. Note, that firmware versions previous to 4.0 used ‘admin’ as the default password.

![Figure 51: Enter ‘loytec4u’ as the default administrator password.](image)

The Config menu opens. Click on Passwords in the Config menu, which opens the password configuration page as shown in Figure 51. The device has three user accounts: (1) guest allows the user to view certain information only, e.g., the device info page. By default the guest user has no password. (2) operator is able to read more sensible information, but cannot change the device configuration. (3) admin has full access to the device and can make changes to its configuration. Note that the user accounts are also used to log on to the FTP and Telnet server.

![Figure 52: Password Configuration Screen.](image)
Please change the administrator password in order to protect yourself from unwanted configuration changes by anyone else. To do so, select the **admin** account in the drop-down box and enter the new password. If the administrator password is left empty, password protection is turned off and everyone can access the device without entering a password. Click on **Change password** to activate the change.

### 5.2 Device Configuration

The device configuration pages allow viewing and changing the device settings. Here are some general rules for setting IP addresses, port numbers, and time values:

- An empty IP address field disables the entry.
- An empty port number field sets the default port number.
- An empty time value field disables the time setting.

#### 5.2.1 System Configuration

The system configuration page is shown in Figure 53. This page allows configuring the device’s system time and other system settings. The **TCP/IP Configuration** link is a shortcut to the Ethernet port configuration. Follow that link to change the IP settings of the device.

![System Configuration Page](image)

The time sync source can be set to **auto**, **manual** or **NTP**. In the **auto** mode, the device switches to the first external time source that is discovered. The option **manual** allows setting the time manually in the fields **Local Time** and **Local Date**. In **manual** mode, the device does not switch to an external time source. Note, that if **NTP** is selected, the NTP servers have to be configured on the IP Configuration page (see Section 5.2.2).

The time zone offset must be defined independently of the time source. It is specified as the offset to GMT in hours and minutes (e.g., Vienna/Austria is +01:00, New York/USA is ...
-06:00). For setting the daylight saving time (DST) predefined choices are offered for Europe and USA/Canada. DST can be switched off completely by choosing none or set manually for other regions. In that case, start and end date of DST must be entered in the fields below.

5.2.2 Backup and Restore

A configuration backup of the device can be downloaded via the Web interface. Press the backup link as shown in Figure 54 to start the download. The device assembles a single file including all required files. A file requestor dialog allows specifying the location where the backup file shall be stored.

To restore the device settings, simply select a previously generated backup file in the Restore Configuration section of the page by clicking the button next to the Filename field. Then press the Restore button.

The backed up configuration data consists of:

- Device settings (Passwords, IP settings, etc.),
- CEA-709 commissioning information,
- CEA-852 device and configuration server information (if enabled),
- L-IP redundant configuration data (node list, parameters, etc).

![Backup/Restore page.](image)

**Note:** Backups created with firmware versions prior to version 6.0 cannot be restored on firmware versions 6.0 and up! Please make sure you re-create backups when upgrading the firmware!

5.2.3 Port Configuration

This menu allows configuring the device’s communications ports. For each communication port, which is available on the device and shown on the label (e.g., Port 1, Port 2 Ethernet), a corresponding configuration tab is provided by the Web UI. An example is shown in Figure 55. Each port tab contains a selection of available communication protocols. By selecting a checkbox or radio button the various protocols can be enabled or disabled on the communication port. Some ports allow exclusive protocol activation only, other ports (e.g., the Ethernet port) allow multiple protocols bound to that port.
When selecting a protocol on a communication port, the protocol’s communication parameters are displayed in a box on the right-hand side. To save the settings of the currently opened protocol, click the **Save Settings** button. Pressing **Get Settings** retrieves the current settings from the device.

### 5.2.4 IP Configuration

The TCP/IP configuration is done under the Ethernet port tab as shown in Figure 56. The mandatory IP settings, which are needed to operate the device, are marked with a red asterisk (IP address, netmask, gateway). The **Enable DHCP** checkbox switches between manual entry of the IP address, netmask, and gateway address, and automatic configuration from a DHCP server.

**Hostname** and **Domainname** are optional entries and can be left empty. For some DHCP configurations it may be necessary to enter a hostname. Please contact your system administrator on how to configure DHCP to acquire an IP address. Further, you can configure up to three Domain Name Servers.
The device comes configured with a unique MAC address. This address can be changed in order to clone the MAC address of another device. Please contact your system administrator to avoid MAC address conflicts.

The device can be configured to synchronize its clock with NTP time. Enter the IP address of a primary and, optionally, a secondary NTP server. The device will use NTP as a time source if the time sync source in the system configuration page is set to NTP (see Section 5.2.1). The field NTP status below the NTP server settings displays the current NTP synchronization status (out-of-sync, or in-sync).

If the device is operated with a 10 Mbit/s-only hub, the link speed should be switched from Auto Detect to 10Mbps/Half-Duplex. With modern 100/10 Mbit/s switches, this setting can be left at its default.

Other standard protocols that are bound to the Ethernet interface are FTP, Telnet, and HTTP (Web server). By deselecting the checkbox, those protocols can be individually disabled. The standard UDP/TCP ports can be changed in the respective protocol settings. An example for the FTP server is shown for FTP in Figure 57. The FTP server is used for instance to update the firmware. Note that HTTP for the Web server can only be disabled on the console interface.

Other standard protocols that are bound to the Ethernet interface are FTP, Telnet, and HTTP (Web server). By deselecting the checkbox, those protocols can be individually disabled. The standard UDP/TCP ports can be changed in the respective protocol settings. An example for the FTP server is shown for FTP in Figure 57. The FTP server is used for instance to update the firmware. Note that HTTP for the Web server can only be disabled on the console interface.

![Figure 57: FTP server configuration on the Ethernet port.](image)

5.2.5 CEA-709 Configuration

The CEA-709 protocol can be enabled on the device’s ports Port1, Port2, etc. if available. To enable it, click the CEA-709 radio button as shown in Figure 58. Note, that depending on the device model, other protocols on the same port will be disabled in this case. The protocol settings box on the right-hand side displays the current transceiver settings.

![Figure 58: CEA-709 Configuration Page.](image)

5.2.6 CEA-852 Device Configuration

The CEA-852 protocol is only available on the Ethernet port. To enable CEA-852 on the device, select the CEA-709 over IP (CEA-852) checkbox on the Ethernet tab of the port configuration page.

The CEA-852 protocol settings are displayed in the settings box on the right-hand side as shown in Figure 59. Typically, the device is added to an IP channel by entering the relevant information on a configuration server. The configuration server then contacts the CEA-852 device of the L-IP and sends its configuration.
The field **Config server address** and **Config server port** display the IP address and port of the configuration server, which manages the L-IP and the IP channel. The field **Config client port** represents the IP port of the device’s CEA-852 device. This setting should be left at its default (1628) unless there are more than one CEA-852 devices operating behind a single NAT router. Please refer to Section 6.3 to learn more about NAT configuration.

In the field **Device name** the user can enter a descriptive name for the L-IP, which will appear in the IP channel to identify this device. You can enter a device name with up to 15 characters. It is recommended to use unique device names throughout the IP channel.

The **Channel mode** field reflects the current channel mode of the CEA-852 device. It is configured by the configuration server. If there are any two devices in the channel which use the same IP address but different ports (e.g., multiple devices behind one NAT router) the channel switches to **Extended NAT mode**. Please refer to Section 6.3 to learn more about configuring the Extended NAT mode in the configuration server.

The configuration server sets the **SNTP server** addresses and the **Channel timeout**.

The field **Escrow timeout** defines how long the CEA-852 device on the L-IP waits for out-of-sequence CEA-852 data packets before they are discarded. Please enter the time in ms or ‘0’ to disable escrowing. The maximum time is 255 ms.

The field **Aggregation timeout** defines the time interval in which multiple CEA-709 packets are combined into a single CEA-852 data packet. Please enter the time in ms or ‘0’ to disable aggregation. The maximum time is 255 ms. Note that disabling aggregation will negatively affect the performance of the CEA-852 device of the L-IP.

The field **MD5 authentication** enables or disables MD5 authentication. In the following field **MD5 secret** enter the 16-byte MD5 secret. Note that for security purposes the active MD5 secret is not displayed. You may enter the 16 bytes as one string or with spaces between each byte, e.g., 00 11 22 33 44 55 66 77 88 99 AA BB CC DD EE FF.

**Note:** MD5 authentication cannot be used together with the Echelon’s i.LON 1000 since the i.LON 1000 is not fully compliant with the CEA-852 authentication method. MD5 can be used with the i.LON 600.
Also note that entering the MD5 secret on the Web interface may pose a security risk. Since the information is transmitted over the network it can be subject for eavesdroppers on the line. It is recommended to use a cross-over cable.

In the field Location string the user can enter a descriptive test which identifies the physical location of the device. A location string can have a maximum length of 255 characters. This is optional and for informational purposes only.

If the CEA-852 device on the L-IP is used behind a NAT router, the public IP address of the NAT router or firewall must be known. To automatically detect the NAT address leave the Auto-NAT checkmark enabled.

The Multicast Address field allows the user to add the CEA-852 device of the L-IP into a multi-cast group for the CEA-852 IP channel. Enter the channel’s IP multi-cast address here. Please contact your system administrator on how to obtain a valid multi-cast address. To learn when it is beneficial to use multi-cast addresses in your channel please refer to Section 6.4.

5.2.7 CEA-709 Router Configuration

The CEA-709 router configuration page allows configuring the built-in router mode. Available modes are Configured Router and Smart Switch. The device must be rebooted to let the changes on this page take effect.

Choose Configured Router mode if you want to use the L-IP as a standard configured CEA-709 router that can be commissioned and configured in a network management tool such as NL-200 or LonMaker.

The Smart Switch mode lets the device act as a self-learning router like the L-Switch. In this configuration the device’s router doesn’t need to be configured with a network management tool but is completely transparent in the network. Use this operating mode in a plug&play networking environment. The switch mode should only be used in LAN networks. In Smart Switch mode, this page has two more configuration fields: Subnet/node learning and Group learning.

Per default the router mode is set according to the DIP switches. See Section 6.1 for more information on the different router modes.

5.2.8 CEA-852 Server Configuration

On this configuration page the configuration server on the device can be enabled or disabled. In the drop-down box Config server status select enabled and click on Save Settings to activate the configuration server. Then the configuration server settings page appears as shown in Figure 61. If the configuration server is enabled the green configuration server LED labeled Server will be on, otherwise it will be off.
The configuration server port can be changed in the Config server port field. It is recommended to keep the default port setting of 1629. The field Channel name is informational only and can consist of up to 15 characters.

The field Channel members displays the current number of members on the IP-852 channel. The field Channel mode reflects the current channel mode. The L-IP configuration server automatically determines this mode. Depending on if there are any two devices in the channel which use the same IP address but different ports (e.g., multiple CEA-852 devices behind one NAT router). If all IP addresses are unique, the mode is Standard, if some are not unique the mode is Extended NAT mode. Please refer to Section 6.3.2 to learn more about the implications of this mode.

Enter NTP timer server address and ports in the fields Primary SNTP and Secondary SNTP. The L-IP will synchronize to NTP time if primary or primary and secondary NTP servers are specified. A list of available timeservers can be found at www.ntp.org.

The Channel timeout is an IP-852 channel property and indicates how old a packet can be before it is discarded. The channel timeout is set in ms. To disable the channel timeout enter a value of 0. To select the proper value please consult Section 6.5. Setting a channel timeout other than 0 requires a valid SNTP server entry on the configuration server.

The Auto members option allows members to be automatically added to the channel. If turned on, CEA-852 devices can register on the IP-852 channel without the device being explicitly added on the configuration server. This special feature is useful in combination with the LPA-IP since it can add itself to the configuration server during the debug session. Non-responding auto members are automatically removed from the channel. This feature is turned off by default and must be explicitly turned on. Use this option with care because new CEA-852 devices can add themselves to the channel without knowledge of the system operator. This could cause a potential security hole.

The Roaming members option allows tracking CEA-852 devices when their IP address changes. This feature must be turned on if DHCP is used and the DHCP server can assign different IP addresses to the same device (same Neuron-ID). In combination with Auto-NAT the device’s router can also be operated behind NAT routers, which change their IP address between connection setups. For more information on this topic refer to Section 6.3.1. The roaming member feature is turned on by default. It is recommended to turn off
this feature if DHCP is not used or if the DHCP server always assigns the same IP address to a given MAC address.

Use the drop-down box **MD5 authentication** to enable and disable MD5 authentication. If MD5 authentication is enabled, all devices on the IP-852 channel must have MD5 enabled and must use the same MD5 secret. The MD5 secret can be entered over the Web interface. You may enter the 16 bytes as one string or with spaces between each byte, e.g., 00 11 22 33 44 55 66 77 88 99 AA BB CC DD EE FF.

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**Note:** MD5 authentication cannot be used together with the Echelon’s i.LON 1000 since the i.LON 1000 is not fully compliant with the CEA-852 authentication method. MD5 can be used with the i.LON 600.

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It is recommended, however, to enter the secret locally and not over an Internet connection. It is best to use a cross-over Ethernet cable connected to the PC.

### 5.2.9 CEA-852 Channel List

If the configuration server is enabled on the device, the CEA-852 device list can be seen in the CEA-852 Channel list menu. An example is given in Figure 62.

The **Add Device** button is used to add another CEA-852 device to the IP-852 channel. The **Reload** button updates the Web page and the **Recontact** button contacts all devices to update their status. The **Execute** button executes the option selected in the adjacent drop-down box on the checked members. Each member can be selected for that action in an individual check-box in the **Sel** column. Actions available are: disable, enable, delete, assign to NAT, and remove from NAT. For more information on the actions on NAT routers refer to Section 6.3.2.

![Figure 62: IP-852 channel membership list.](image)

The device status information is indicated with descriptive icons of different colors. The description for the different status indicators is shown in Table 13. The **Flags** column indicates with an **A** that the device is an auto member.
Click on the **Edit** button to change the device name, IP address, and port number for this device. Click **Edit** on a NAT router to change the NAT router address. The **Stats** button retrieves the statistics summary page from the client device.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>✔</td>
<td>registered</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device has been successfully registered with the IP-852 channel and is fully functional.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>✗</td>
<td>unregistered</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device has never been registered with the IP-852 channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>?</td>
<td>not contacted</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device has not been contacted since the configuration server has started.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>!</td>
<td>not responding</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device has been registered but is not responding at the moment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>⏳</td>
<td>disabled</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device has been disabled on the channel (or rejected).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>🔄</td>
<td>No extended NAT</td>
<td>The CEA-852 device does not support the extended NAT mode. This device is disabled.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 13: Possible Communication Problems in the Configuration Server.

### 5.3 Device Statistics

The device statistics pages provide advanced statistics information about the CEA-852 device, the system log and the Ethernet interface.

#### 5.3.1 System Log

The System Log page prints all messages stored in the system log of the device. An example is shown in Figure 63. This log data is important for trouble-shooting. It contains log entries for reboots and abnormal operating conditions. When contacting LOYTEC support, have a copy of this log ready.

![System Log Page](image)

Figure 63: System Log Page.

#### 5.3.2 IP Statistics

Figure 64 shows the IP statistics page. It allows finding possible problems related to the IP communication. Specifically, any detected IP address conflicts are displayed (if the device’s IP address conflicts with a different host on the network).
5.3.3 CEA-852 Statistics

The CEA-852 statistics page displays the statistics data of the CEA-852 device on the device. The upper part of the CEA-852 statistics page is depicted in Figure 65. To update the statistics data, press the button Update all CEA-852 statistics. To reset all statistics counters to zero, click on the button Clear all CEA-852 statistics. The field Date/Time of clear will reflect the time of the last counter reset.
5.3.4 Enhanced Communications Test

The Enhanced Communications Test allows testing the CEA-852 communication path between the CEA-852 device on the L-IP and other CEA-852 devices as well as the configuration server. The test thoroughly diagnoses the paths between individual members of the IP channel and the configuration server in each direction. Port-forwarding problems are recognized. For older devices or devices by other manufacturers, which do not support the enhanced test features, the test passes as soon as a device is reachable, but adds a comment, that the return path could not be tested. A typical output is shown in Figure 66.

![CEA-852 Enh. Comm. Test](image)

Figure 66: Enhanced Communication Test Output.

The Round Trip Time (RTT) is measured as the time a packet sent to the peer device needs to be routed back to the device. It is a measure for general network delay. If the test to a specific member fails, a text is displayed to describe the possible source of the problem. The reasons for failure are summarized in Table 12.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Text displayed (Web icon)</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OK, Return path not tested (green checkmark)</td>
<td>Displayed for a device which is reachable but which does not support the feature to test the return path (device sending to this CEA-852 device). Therefore a potential NAT router configuration error cannot be detected. If the tested device is an L-IP, it is recommended to upgrade this L-IP to 3.0 or higher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not reachable/not supported (red exclamation)</td>
<td>This is displayed for the CS if it is not reachable or the CS does not support this test. To remove this uncertainty it is recommended to upgrade the L-IP to 3.0 or higher.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Local NAT config. Error (red exclamation)</td>
<td>This is displayed if the CEA-852 device is located behind a NAT router or firewall, and the port-forwarding in the NAT-Router (usually 1628) or the filter table of the firewall is incorrect.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peer not reachable (red exclamation)</td>
<td>Displayed for a device, if it is not reachable. No RTT is displayed. The device is either not online, not connected to the network, has no IP address, or is not reachable behind its NAT router. Execute this test on the suspicious device to determine any NAT configuration problem.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 14: Possible Communication Problems.

5.4 Reset, Contact, Logout

The menu item Reset allows rebooting the device from a remote location. The Contact item provides contact information and a link to the latest user manual and the latest firmware version. The Logout item closes the current session.
6 Operating Modes

The L-IP routes CEA-709 packets over IP (Internet/Intranet) networks. Depending on the use case the L-IP supports different operating modes how packets are routed between the CEA-709 side and the IP side. The L-IP can be used as a client device on the IP channel, as a configuration server on the IP channel, or as a client device and configuration server at the same time.

6.1 CEA-709 Router - Operating Modes

Depending on the DIP switch settings of DIP switch 1 and 2 the L-IP supports 4 different methods to route packets between the CEA-709 and the IP channel. The 4 operating modes are listed below and described in more detail in the subsequent sections.

- OFF-OFF: The L-IP acts like a standard CEA-709 configured router (i.LON 1000/600 alike)
- ON-ON: The L-IP acts as a self-learning plug&play router (“smart switch mode”)
- ON-OFF: The L-IP acts as a store-and-forward repeater
- OFF-ON: The L-IP learns the network topology but doesn’t flood subnet broadcasts

*Important:* The L-IP Redundant supports only Configured Router Mode!

6.1.1 Configured Router Mode

In this operating mode the L-IP acts like a standard configured router, which can be configured with standard network management tools like LonMaker or NL-220. This operating mode is compatible with the i.LON 1000 and the i.LON 600.

Figure 67 shows the proper DIP-switch settings for configured router mode, assuming all other DIP-switches remain in the factory default position. This DIP-switch setting is the factory default setting.

```
off    on
1 2 3 4 5 6 7
```

Figure 67: OFF-OFF: DIP-switch settings for configured router mode (factory default).

This operating mode uses the “channel routing” routing strategy on the IP channel. In this mode the device is fully compatible with i.LON 1000/600 devices. This operating mode should also be used in networks with more than 10 IP devices on one IP channel and heavy network traffic on the IP channel (more than 500 packets/s) since channel routing sends the IP packet only to the IP-852 device(s) that connect to the CEA-709 node(s) addressed in this IP packet and not to all IP-852 devices on the IP channel. This is the standard operating mode.

6.1.2 Smart Switch Mode

The router can be configured to act as a learning switch in a CEA-709 network. This operating mode is called smart switch mode. In this operating mode, the router decides if
the message has to be forwarded or not, based on the destination address of a message. Thus, it isolates local network traffic (e.g., in case of heavily loaded networks).

Figure 68 shows the proper DIP-switch setting to put the L-IP into smart switch mode.

![DIP-switch setting](image)

Figure 68: ON-ON: DIP-switch setting for smart switch mode.

**Important:** This operating mode doesn’t support network loops!

**Important:** Whenever a network is reconfigured, it is recommended to clear the forwarding tables in the device by pressing the status button for at least 20 seconds (see Section 3.5.1).

The router supports learning of up to 4 Domains.

**Note:** All messages, which are received on an unknown domain, are forwarded to all ports!

The subnet/node learning algorithm supports segmentation of the network traffic on a subnet/node basis. Thus, the user does NOT need to take care of any subnets spanning multiple physical channels. Even when a node is moved from one channel to another, the router keeps track and modifies its forwarding tables accordingly.

**Note:** All messages with a destination subnet/node address not yet learned are forwarded!

The router supports group learning. Groups can span multiple router ports.

**Note:** Group learning only works for messages using acknowledged or request/response service.

**Note:** All messages with a destination group address not yet learned are forwarded!

The router has no learning strategy for broadcast addresses. As a result, all subnet or domain wide broadcasts are always forwarded. If subnet wide broadcasts shall not be forwarded, please use the smart switch operating mode without subnet broadcast forwarding (see Section 6.1.4).

The router has no learning strategy for unique node ID addresses. Node ID addressed messages are always forwarded.

This operating mode uses the “channel routing” strategy on the IP channel to distribute IP packets. It uses flooding to send all packets on the IP channel to all IP devices on this IP channel. The advantage of this operating mode is that it is fully plug&play and no router configuration is required. The disadvantage is that this operating mode doesn’t scale very well with larger networks. We do not recommend this operating mode for IP channels with more than 10 IP-852 devices and packet rates of more than 500 packets/s. Please use the configured router mode from Section 6.1.1 for larger IP channel configurations.
Further, it is recommended to configure a multi-cast group for routers in the smart switch mode to reduce the traffic burden and improve scalability. Refer to Section 6.4 on how to configure the device to use multi-cast.

6.1.3 Store-and-Forward Repeater Mode

The L-IP can be configured to operate in a repeater mode, where all messages are forwarded regardless of the address format. To put the L-IP into repeater mode the following steps need to be performed:

- DIP-switch number 1 must be on, see Table 3.
- DIP-switch number 2 must be off, see Table 3.
- The forwarding tables must be reset by pressing the status button for at least 20 seconds (see Section 3.5.1).

Figure 69 shows the proper DIP-switch settings for repeater mode, assuming all other DIP switches remain in the factory default position.

![DIP-switch settings for repeater mode](image)

This operating mode uses the “channel routing” strategy on the IP channel to distribute IP packets. It uses flooding to send all packets on the IP channel to all IP devices on this IP channel. The advantage of this operating mode is that it is fully plug&play and no router configuration is required. The disadvantage is that this operating mode doesn’t scale very well with larger networks. We do not recommend this operating mode for IP channels with more than 10 L-IP devices and packet rates of more than 500 packets/s.

Further, it is recommended to configure a multi-cast group for routers in repeater mode to reduce the traffic burden and improve scalability. Refer to Section 6.4 on how to configure the device to use multi-cast.

6.1.4 Smart Switch Mode with No Subnet Broadcast Flooding

This operating is the same as the smart switch mode from Section 6.1.2 with the only difference that subnet wide broadcasts are not flooded in this mode. This operating mode can be used in large network installations where the network management tool uses group overloading to replace group addresses with subnet wide broadcasts. In this operating mode the network installer must ensure that one subnet address may only exist behind one and no more than one network port. This condition is met if nodes are installed, using an LNS based tool, on different channels that are separated either with a router shape or with an L-IP LonMaker shape provided by LOYTEC. Please download the L-IP LonMaker shapes from our website at [www.loytec.com](http://www.loytec.com).

Figure 70 shows the proper DIP switch settings for smart switch mode without subnet broadcast flooding, assuming all other DIP switches remain in the factory default position.

![DIP-switch settings for smart switch mode without subnet broadcast flooding](image)
This operating mode uses the “channel routing” strategy on the IP channel to distribute IP packets. It uses flooding to send all packets on the IP channel to all IP devices on this IP channel. The advantage of this operating mode is that it is fully plug&play and no router configuration is required. The disadvantage is that this operating mode doesn’t scale very well with larger networks. We do not recommend this operating mode for IP channels with more than 10 L-IP devices and packet rates of more than 500 packets/s.

Further, it is recommended to configure a multi-cast group for the router in the smart switch mode to reduce the traffic burden and improve scalability. Refer to Section 6.4 on how to configure the device to use multi-cast.

6.2 CEA-852 Operating Modes

Every logical IP-852 channel requires one configuration server that manages all CEA-852 devices (L-INX, L-IP, LOYTEC NIC852, i.LON 1000, i.LON 600, LonMaker, etc.) on this channel. A simple network from Figure 71 uses two L-IP devices to connect two CEA-709 channels. One L-IP acts as router and as configuration server for this IP channel. The second L-IP acts as a normal CEA-709 to IP router.

A configuration server keeps a list of all devices on a logical IP-852 channel and distributes the routing information between those devices. If a device wants to join an IP-852 channel, it needs to register itself at the configuration server. Traditionally, a dedicated Windows PC is used to act as the configuration server. The L-IP contains an embedded configuration server and can therefore replace the PC.

![Figure 71: IP channel that consists of two IP devices. The left L-IP with IP address 135.23.2.51 acts as router and as a configuration server for this IP channel. It manages both IP devices 135.23.2.51 and 135.23.2.52.](image)

6.2.1 CEA-852 Device

Every L-IP acts as a device on the IP channel. It either needs to contact a configuration server or a configuration server needs to contact the device in order to set up the proper routing tables. Before a device can become a member of the logical IP-852 channel it needs to have the following parameters:

- IP address/netmask/gateway (either via DHCP or manual entry), see Section 5.2.4
- Auto-NAT or manual NAT address if used behind a firewall/NAT router, see Section 5.2.6
- MD5 secret if authentication is required, see Section 5.2.6

Please consult Sections 5.2.4 and 5.2.6 on how to setup a CEA-852 device.

6.2.2 CEA-852 Configuration Server

Any CEA-709 device that is directly connected to an IP channel (Intranet, Internet) must be managed by a so-called configuration server (see Figure 72). A configuration server keeps a list of all devices on a logical IP-852 channel and distributes the routing information between those devices. If a device wants to join an IP-852 channel it needs to register itself at the configuration server.

The L-IP can be used together with the PC based i.LON Configuration Server utility or with the built-in configuration server. Please refer to the following sections on how to setup the device and the configuration server.

There are two different scenarios how a device can join an IP-852 channel. Either the device has a valid IP address of a configuration server stored and contacts the configuration server direct or the configuration server has a list of the IP addresses of the devices and the configuration server contacts the device.

![Figure 72: The configuration server manages the devices on an IP-852 channel.](image)

6.2.2.1 Configuration Server Contacts IP-852 Device

In this scenario, the IP-852 device needs the following parameters set in order for the configuration server to contact the device. The remaining parameters are retrieved from the configuration server.

- IP address/netmask/gateway (either via DHCP or manual entry), see Section 5.2.4
- Auto-NAT or manual NAT address if used behind a firewall/NAT router, see Section 5.2.6
- MD5 secret if authentication is required, see Section 5.2.6
If multiple CEA-852 devices behind one NAT router are added, the Auto-NAT setting in the L-IP is recommended to be used with the CEA-852 configuration server.

Note: If the built-in configuration server is used the configuration server always contacts the device as described in this Section.

6.2.2.2 IP-852 Device Contacts Configuration Server

In this scenario, the IP-852 device needs the following parameters set in order to contact the configuration server. The remaining parameters are retrieved from the configuration server.

- IP address/netmask/gateway (either via DHCP or manual entry), see Section 5.2.4
- Auto-NAT or manual NAT address if used behind a firewall/NAT router, see Section 5.2.6
- MD5 secret if authentication is required, see Section 5.2.6
- Configuration server IP address and port number, see Section 5.2.6

If the “Auto member” feature is enabled in the configuration server, the CEA-852 device can add itself to the IP-852 channel without explicitly adding the device at the configuration server. Note, that enabling auto member is a potential security hole since any device can add itself to the IP-852 channel.

6.2.2.3 Using the Built-In Configuration Server

The configuration server integrated in the L-IP can be enabled in the CEA-852 server configuration menu in Section 5.2.8. This configuration server can manage one IP-852 channel and up to 256 devices on this IP-852 channel. In order to setup the configuration server, one must specify the following parameters:

- IP address/netmask/gateway (either via DHCP or manual entry), see Section 5.2.4
- NAT address if used behind a firewall/NAT router, see Section 5.2.6
- MD5 secret if authentication is required, see Section 5.2.6
- Enable the configuration server, see Section 5.2.8 (server LED lights up green)
- A list of IP-852 channel members, see Section 5.2.9.

Note: If the L-IP is used as a configuration server it needs a fixed IP address.

For security purposes, the configuration server contacts each CEA-852 device on the IP-852 channel. Therefore, one must enter a list of all channel members in the CEA-852 Configuration Server menu (see Section 5.2.9). This ensures that no unwanted device can join the IP-852 channel.
Note that also i.LON 1000/600, VNI and LOYTEC NIC852 based network nodes (e.g., LonMaker or NL-220 applications) can join the IP-852 channel managed by the configuration server. Note that the built-in configuration server should be used if LOYTEC CEA-852 devices are communicating across firewalls/NAT routers.

For adding multiple devices behind a NAT router, the configuration server supports the extended NAT mode (see Section 6.3.2). The configuration server automatically switches the channel mode to extended NAT if needed. Note that the i.LON 600 must be configured with the i.LON CS to extended NAT mode before adding the i.LON 600 to the configuration server, because the i.LON 600 does not switch to that mode automatically.

6.2.2.4 Using the i.LON Configuration Server

The L-IP can be used with the i.LON Configuration Server utility. If the L-IPs are communicating across firewalls/NAT routers or if MD5 authentication is enabled on the L-IP, the i.LON Configuration Server utility version 2.00.24 and up must be used. The configuration server channel mode must be set to “Standard CEA-852”. Note that this mode does not support i.LON 1000 and LNS 3.0 VNI. However, LNS 3.0 applications (e.g., LonMaker) can use MD5 authentication and the NAT feature in standard mode when using the LOYTEC NIC852 legacy driver.

The i.LON configuration server utility version 2.00.24 and up also supports the extended NAT mode (see Section 6.3.2) to add more than one device behind a NAT router. The L-IP can be used with the i.LON configuration server in this mode. Note, that the i.LON configuration server channel mode needs to be manually switched to “Extended NAT” mode.

**Note:** If the L-IP is used behind a NAT router with the i.LON configuration server, the Auto-NAT feature must be disabled and the correct NAT address must be entered manually.

6.3 Firewall and NAT Router Configuration

The L-IP can be used behind a firewall and/or NAT (Network Address Translation) router as shown in Figure 73. Note, that in general, only one CEA-852 device can be used behind the NAT router. This mode of operation is referred to as “Standard” channel mode. It is fully compliant with CEA-852.

LOYTEC’s newer devices such as the L-IP and the L-INX family support more than one CEA-852 channel member behind a NAT router. This mode of operation is referred to as “Extended NAT” channel mode. This mode introduces extensions to the standard mode which need to be supported by all members. Other devices supporting the extended NAT mode are the i.LON 600. See Section 6.2.2.3 on compatibility with the i.LON 600.

6.3.1 Automatic NAT Configuration

In order to use the L-IP behind a firewall the public NAT address and the local IP address must be set in the IP configuration menu (see Section 4.5.1). By default the NAT address is determined automatically when adding the L-IP to the channel in the configuration server. Alternatively, the NAT address can be configured manually. Furthermore the NAT router must be configured to forward ports 1628 and 1629 for UDP and TCP packets to the private IP address of the L-IP (192.168.1.100 in Figure 73). In summary we can say the following parameters must be set in order to operate an L-IP behind a NAT router.

- Specify the IP address (private IP address: 192.168.1.100),
- Specify the gateway address (e.g. 192.168.1.1),
- Specify the NAT address (public IP address: 135.23.2.1) or use automatic NAT router discovery,
- Enable port forwarding for ports 1628 and 1629 in the NAT router for TCP and UDP,
- Enable the SNTP port 123 in the firewall if SNTP is used.

![Diagram](image)

Figure 73: Operating an L-IP behind a NAT router and firewall.

Note that an L-IP must be used as configuration server when the device is installed behind a firewall or NAT router. The L-IP with the configuration server can also be located behind a firewall.

### 6.3.2 Multiple L-IPs behind a NAT: Extended NAT Mode

When using more than one IP-852 device behind a single NAT router, the recommended method in the L-IP configuration server is to use the extended NAT mode. This mode requires that all devices support this feature. Currently these are L-IP, iLON 600, the NIC852 PC software and other CEA-852 capable devices from LOYTEC. If there are other devices in the channel, this method does not work. Incompatible devices are disabled from the channel in this case. Please refer to the classic method in Section 6.3.3 to setup this network.

When using multiple devices behind a NAT router, each device needs a separate port-forwarding rule in the NAT router. This implies that each device must use a unique client port (e.g., 1628, 1630, 1631, etc). The port-forwarding rules must be setup so that each port points to one of the IP-852 devices. In the L-IP, change the client port in the CEA-852 device configuration menu. Figure 74 shows an example configuration for three L-IP devices behind the NAT router 135.23.2.1.

![Diagram](image)

Figure 74: Example configuration for three L-IP devices behind a NAT router.

It is recommended that both ports 1628 and 1629 are forwarded to the same private address. It is then also possible to turn on the configuration server behind a NAT router. In this case, activate the CS on the L-IP which has port-forwarding to 1628 and 1629. In the example in Figure 74, the L-IP with private address 192.168.1.100 also acts as a configuration server.

If the CS is activated on a L-IP behind a NAT router, the NAT router must have a fixed public IP address. The L-IP with the CS also cannot use automatic NAT discovery. In this case, enter the NAT address of the NAT router manually in the IP configuration menu (Auto-NAT can no longer be enabled on a L-INX with a CS). To diagnose possible problems in the NAT configuration with port forwarding, use the enhanced communications test (see Section 5.3.4).
After the NAT router has been configured with the port-forwardings and the CS has been turned on, the channel members can be added. This can be done either on the console UI or through the Web interface of the CS.

In the Web UI, add the members with their private IP addresses and the client ports as defined by the port-forwarding. Then select the added member by checking the check box and select the action **Assign to NAT**. Enter the public NAT address of the NAT router. An example to add the two IP-852 devices in Figure 74 through the Web UI is depicted in Figure 75. To remove a device from a NAT router but not delete it, select it and choose **Remove from NAT** as the action.
6.3.3 Multiple L-IPs behind a NAT: Classic Method

If more than one L-IP must be used behind the NAT router and there are devices which do not support the extended NAT mode, we propose the setup from Figure 76.

![Diagram of multiple L-IP devices behind a NAT router firewall.]

Figure 76: Application that uses multiple L-IP devices behind a NAT router firewall.

The L-IP with IP address 192.168.1.100 is member of IP Channel 1 and can be accessed through the Internet. The L-IP devices with IP addresses 192.168.1.101 to 192.168.1.110 form another logical IP Channel 2 that communicates with the devices on the IP Channel 1 over the TP-1250 channel, which is used in high-speed backbone mode for optimum networking performance. Note that devices on both IP Channels 1 and 2 can of course connect to the same physical network wiring. Furthermore both IP Channels 1 and 2 must have a separate configuration server that manages the L-IP devices on the different channels. In the example in Figure 76 the L-IP with address 192.168.1.100 acts as the configuration server for IP Channel 1 and the L-IP with IP address 192.168.1.101 acts as the configuration server for IP Channel 2.

6.4 Multi-Cast Configuration

IP multi-casting is a feature of the IP protocol that allows one packet to be delivered to a group of IP hosts. To receive such multi-cast packets, each IP host must be member of a multi-cast group. This group is identified by a multi-cast address (e.g. 225.0.0.37) and a UDP port number.

The L-IP supports both unicast and multi-cast delivery of CNIP data packets. Using multi-cast is recommended when using L-IPs in the Smart Switch Mode. For those L-IPs configure a multi-cast address in the IP configuration menu. Please contact your system administrator to obtain a valid multi-cast address for your network. All L-IPs must be configured with the same multi-cast address and use the same client port (1628 is recommended). Also note, that multi-cast addresses cannot be routed on the Internet. They can only be used in a LAN or VPN environment.
If you configure multi-cast there may be some devices, which do not support this feature. In this case, the L-IP uses a hybrid scheme and sends unicast to those devices, which are not configured for multi-cast. Note, that the L-IP determines automatically, when to switch to the multi-cast mode depending what types of devices are in the channel and on the traffic burden for those devices. As a rule of thumb multi-cast is used when there are only switches/repeaters in the channel and it is not used when there are only configured routers.

To detect, if the L-IP utilizes the multi-cast feature to send to other devices, contact the Extended CEA-852 device statistics in the statistics menu (Section 5.3). The entry “Channel Routing Mode” reads SL (send list) if packets are routed to the multi-cast group. It reads CR (channel routing) if the normal unicast method is employed. Also the entry “Multi-cast packets sent” in the CEA-852 device statistics menu (Section 5.3) counts the number of multicast packets transmitted to the group. If this item remains zero, no multi-cast is used by the L-IP.

### 6.5 Internet Timing Aspects

If the L-IP is used over the Internet or in a large Intranet with unpredictable network delays, the user should become familiar with the following advanced timing aspects. Channel Timeout is set in the configuration server whereas escrowing and aggregation are set in the CEA-852 client device. The Channel Delay is a channel property of LNS and can be set in NL220, LonMaker or other network management tools.

Table 15 summarizes the timing values that must be set when operating the device under WAN conditions.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Timing Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Channel Timeout</td>
<td>Average ping delay + Aggregation Timeout</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Escrowing (Packet Reorder Timer)</td>
<td>The smaller value of: 0.25*Channel Timeout or 64ms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aggregation Timeout (Packet Bunching)</td>
<td>Typically 16 ms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Channel Delay in LonMaker</td>
<td>Average ping delay +10% + 2* Aggregation Timeout</td>
</tr>
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Table 15: Advanced IP-852 timing parameters.

Please use a PC to determine the average ping delay between the different CEA-852 devices in the network. If multiple devices are communicating with each other always use the largest measured average ping delay for the input value for the calculations in Table 15.

Escrowing should be disabled in a LAN (0 ms). The Channel Delay in LonMaker should be set to 2*Aggregation Timeout in a LAN if MD5 is disabled.

In LANs, Channel Timeout is only required if MD5 authentication is enabled. Set Channel Timeout to 200 ms and Channel Delay to 20 ms.

#### 6.5.1 Channel Timeout

The Channel Timeout is a property of the IP-852 channel. If a packet travels across this IP-852 channel for longer than what is specified in Channel Timeout in ms, the packet is discarded. The device always needs to synchronize with an SNTP timeserver when a Channel Timeout is set other than 0 ms.

Channel Timeout is highly recommended if MD5 authentication is enabled in order to prevent replay attacks. Set Channel Timeout to 200 ms and Channel Delay to 20 ms in a
LAN environment. Please refer to Section 5.2.8 on how to enable or disable the Channel Timeout.

If an LNS based network management tool like LonMaker or NL220 is used on a network that has channel timeout enabled, please install an NTP client program (e.g., achron4.exe) on this PC that synchronizes the PC clock to the NTP time. Otherwise the PC clock and the clock inside the CEA-852 device will drift apart and communication between the PC and the device will terminate.

### 6.5.2 Channel Delay

Channel Delay is an LNS channel property that specifies the expected round-trip time of a message and its response. This value is used by LNS to adjust the protocol timers in the CEA-709 nodes. Please consult the documentation for your network management tool about the Channel Delay details.

### 6.5.3 Escrowing Timer (Packet Reorder Timer)

The Escrowing Timer or Packet Reorder Timer is an IP-852 channel property that specifies the amount of time the device will wait for an out-of-sequence IP packet to arrive. This parameter is important in WANs like the Internet where packets pass many routers that can change the order in which packets arrive at the destination node. The default value is 64 ms.

Do not use the Escrowing Timer in LANs since the packet order is always guaranteed in a LAN. This will add unnecessary delays, which negatively impacts the performance of your CEA-852 devices if a packet is lost or destroyed.

If enabled or disabled, out-of-sequence packets are never sent to the CEA-709 channel. Please refer to Section 4.7 and 5.2.6 on how to enable or disable escrowing.

### 6.5.4 SNTP time server

Small IP networks like LANs have a small propagation delay for packets traveling in these networks. In this case it is not necessary to specify an SNTP server.

In larger IP-852 networks like the Internet with possibly long packet delays, one must specify an SNTP server to synchronize the local clocks of the CEA-852 devices. The local clocks must be synchronized to a common notion of time in order to make CEA-852 protocol features like Escrowing and Channel Timeout work properly.

The SNTP timeserver can be specified on the IP-852 channel level in the configuration server, which distributes the timeserver address to all CEA-852 devices on the IP-852 channel. A primary and a secondary SNTP server can be defined please refer to Section 5.2.6 and Section 5.2.8 on how to enable the SNTP server.

### 6.6 Advanced Topics

#### 6.6.1 Aggregation

Aggregation (or packet bunching) is a technique that collects multiple CEA-709 packets into a single larger IP packet. Aggregation improves overall system performance since one IP-852 packets, now carries multiple CEA-709 packets and with the same number of IP-852 transactions, more CEA-709 packets can be exchanged between CEA-852 devices thus reducing protocol overhead. The Aggregation Timeout defines the time period in ms in which the transmitting device collects the CEA-709 packets before it transmits the CEA-852 packet over the IP-852 channel. Please refer to Section 5.2.6 on how to enable aggregation. Note, that aggregation adds a delay to the transactions but dramatically improves the throughput of your IP-852 channel. Use aggregation if you have a high channel load but can tolerate some additional propagation delay given by the aggregation time value.
6.6.2 MD5 Authentication

MD5 authentication is a method of verifying the authenticity of the sending device. Only devices that have MD5 enabled and use the same MD5 secret can share information with each other. If the configuration server has MD5 enabled, only devices that have MD5 enabled and use the same MD5 secret as the configuration server can join the logical IP-852 channel. Please refer to Section 5.2.6 and 5.2.8 for details.

6.6.3 DHCP

When using DHCP the configuration server must always get the same IP address assigned. Client devices can get different IP addresses assigned as long as the “Roaming Member” function is activated on the configuration server. Do not use DHCP with dynamic IP addresses in applications with NAT routers.

6.6.4 Dynamic NAT Addresses

A common practice for Internet providers is to assign addresses on a per-session basis to a client. Each time a connection is established (e.g., an ADSL link is set up), the Internet provider may choose an IP address from a pool. Since this address will be the public address of a NAT router, the NAT address configured in the device would need to be updated. The Auto-NAT feature in the device permanently monitors the current NAT address. When the device detects a change in the NAT address it re-registers with the configuration server using this new address. This feature requires a LOYTEC configuration server (e.g., L-INX, L-IP) and “Roaming Members” enabled on that CS.

A consequence of this monitoring process is that the device contacts the CS every 45 seconds to probe for the NAT address. This causes a small amount of additional traffic on the Internet link. The Auto-NAT feature also causes any shut-down connection to be re-established. The NAT monitoring functions as a keep-alive for the connection. If neither the additional traffic nor the automatic initiation of a new connection is tolerable, the Auto-NAT feature must be disabled and the NAT address configured manually. In this case, the Internet service provider needs to assign a fixed public IP address to the NAT router.

6.7 Network Buffers

The L-IP can handle packets from the network with a maximum length of 256 bytes. There is no explicit limit in the network buffer counts.
7 The L-IP in a Network

The L-IP is based on LOYTEC’s powerful L-Core™ and L-Chip™ technology. It is designed to be very robust and reliable in real-life applications. The L-IP either behaves completely transparent in a network or can be configured to behave like a configured CEA-709 router.

Before the L-IP can start routing CEA-709 packets over IP channels, the L-IP must be added to an IP-852 channel. Please refer to Section 6.2.2 on how to add the L-IP to an IP-852 channel.

7.1 L-IP Acts as a Standard CEA-709 Configured Router

Installing and operating the L-IP works like for a standard CEA-709 router, when used in the factory default state:

- Configured CEA-709 router,
- Bit-rate auto detection disabled and
- Backbone mode for TP-1250 ports disabled.

After adding the device to an IP-852 channel, a network management tool like LonMaker or NL-220 must be used to add and commission the L-IP as a configured router. We provide LonMaker shapes for the different operating modes of the L-IP. You can download those shapes from our website at http://www.loytec.com.

The multi-port L-IP contains multiple standard CEA-709 routers, one for each port, and an internal TP-1250 backbone. The internal TP-1250 is neither visible nor accessible from the outside and its sole task is to connect the individual routers. Figure 77 shows an example for the multi-port L-IP (LIP-33ECTB).

![Figure 77: Internal structure of the multi-port L-IP in configured CEA-709 router mode.](image)
Each router must be commissioned separately, reflecting the structure of the internal TP-1250 channel. The port LEDs of unconfigured routers are flashing green with a frequency of 1 Hz (once per second).

Pressing the status button longer than 2 seconds will allow you to cycle through the ports and select the port, which shall send out the “Service Pin Message” message: The port LED of the currently selected port will light up orange. After 2 seconds the next available port will be selected. When the status button is released the “Service Pin Message” is sent out on the currently selected port/router.

If an LNS-based installation tool (e.g. LonMaker) is used, the individual routers of the L-IP must be commissioned separately. Refer to application note AN003E “Using the L-IP with LNS-based Installation Tools” for more details.

### 7.2 L-IP Acts as a Smart Switch

Installation and operation is plug&play if used in the smart switch mode, which can be set with the DIP switches. Please refer to Section 6.1.2 to set the L-IP into smart switch mode. After connecting the network cables, the L-IP can be powered up and it will start its switching application. Before the L-IP starts routing packets it must be added to an IP-852 channel.

When using a standard binding tool (e.g. LonMaker), bindings between nodes connected to different ports can be done without considering the L-IP. Further, an L-IP can be added anywhere to an already configured network without reconfiguring the nodes in the network.

Due to the plug and play installation capability of the L-IP, it does not support any CEA-709 Router network management commands. However, it accepts all other standard network management commands (e.g. to set the channel parameters on every port).

### 7.3 Using L-IP in LNS (LonMaker) Networks

We provide LonMaker shapes in order to add an L-IP to a LonMaker drawing. Please download the shapes from our homepage at [http://www.loytec.com](http://www.loytec.com).

Detailed instructions on how to use the L-IP together with LNS based network management tools can be found in Section 12.

### 7.4 Using the L-IP as the Network Interface for LNS Applications

The L-IP can be used as a local or remote network interface for LNS based applications like LonMaker to access CEA-709 networks. Therefore the CEA-852 network interface must be enabled on the PC where the LNS application program is installed and the IP address of the PC must be added to the configuration server:

1. Add the IP address of the PC to the configuration server’s list of devices (see Section 5.2.9).

![LonWorks Interfaces (32-Bit)](image)

Figure 78: Icon for LonWorks Interfaces in Windows 7 Control Panel.
2. Select the LonWorks Interfaces utility program from your Control Panel and select the **IP-852** tab.

![Figure 79](image1.png)

Figure 79: Add a new LNS IP interface to your PC.

3. Click on **Add**.

![Figure 80](image2.png)

Figure 80: Give the new interface a name.

4. And specify a name for the interface in the Name field. The IP Address field shows the IP address of your PC. Leave the IP port at 1628. Leave the MD5 authentication key field empty. Click **OK**.

![Figure 81](image3.png)

Figure 81: Disable the SNTP server if you have a local NTP client installed on your PC.

5. Click on **Properties** in the SNTP Client section. Do not enable the SNTP Client if the network interface is used in a local network like an Intranet. If the network interface is also accessed over a large network like the Internet one should specify
an address for a Time Server and enable the SNTP Client. If you already have an NTP client installed on your PC, which synchronizes your PC clock to an NTP timer server, you must not enable the SNTP Client otherwise it will compete with the NTP client already installed on your PC.

6. You can now start the LNS application and select the “L-IP Interface” as your interface to the CEA-709 network.

![Image](image_url)

Figure 82: Move the LNS Network Interface to the newly created IP Channel.

7. If the L-IP is used as a CEA-709 configured router one should add the L-IP in the LonMaker drawing. Create a new Channel with channel type IP-10L in an Intranet or IP-10W in an Internet environment. Move the LNS Network Interface to this newly created IP channel as shown in Figure 82 by selecting the LNS Network Interface and choosing “Change Channel” from the context menu.

![Image](image_url)

Figure 83: Drag the L-IP (Router) shape onto the drawing area and commission the device.
8. Now drag the L-IP (Router) shape from the “LoytecShapes” stencil onto the drawing area. Choose the existing channel “IP Channel” for the first router port and the existing channel “Channel 1” for the second port. Finally you must commission the new L-IP router. LonMaker can now use the L-IP as a local or remote network interface that connects directly to the Ethernet network as shown in Figure 83.

7.5 Remote LPA Operation

The L-IP supports remote LPA access. This means that a CEA-709 protocol analyzer connected to the Ethernet network can connect to the L-IP and record all packets on the CEA-709 channel (FT-10). Our LPA-IP supports this sophisticated feature. The functionality is shown in Figure 84.

The LPA-IP runs on a Windows PC that is connected to the Ethernet network. In a device selection window, one can e.g. select the L-IP with IP address 192.168.1.210 and display all packets on the FT-10 channel connected to the L-IP with IP address 192.168.1.210. For this operation, the LPA-IP does not need to be a member of the IP-852 channel. Note that this functionality is only available with LOYTEC CEA-852 devices.

![Figure 84: Remote LPA principle.](image-url)
8 L-IP Redundant

8.1 Redundancy and Fault Detection in CEA-709.1 Networks

8.1.1 Reasons for Communication Failures

Figure 85 shows typical reasons for communication failures in CEA-709 networks:

1. **Broken connection on the backbone**: The router is not connected to the backbone anymore. Therefore the nodes are unable to communicate with nodes in other segments or the building management system (A).

2. **Router device failure**: The router device fails due to power failure or device failure. Again the nodes are unable to communicate with nodes in other segments or the building management system across the router (A,B).

3. **Broken cable in the segment**: The nodes cannot communicate across the point of fracture. Thus, nodes behind the point of fracture cannot communicate with nodes before the point of fracture (C) and with the router (B) and therefore with nodes in other segments (A).

4. **Node device failure**: A node fails due to power failure or device failure. As a result the node cannot perform its function anymore and cannot be reached by its communication partners (A,B,C).

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8.1.2 Conventional Strategies for Redundancy

Although CEA-709.1 allows introducing redundancy by allowing for a pair of conventional CEA-709.1 routers (twin routers) to be identically configured and connected between the same two channels, this configuration increases the traffic between those two channels two-fold. The built-in duplicate detection mechanism in CEA-709.1 discards the duplicate packets at each receiving node. However, the extra traffic could tax available network bandwidth significantly and create other problems. Further, this addresses only some of the
above faults: “2. Router device failure” and to a limited extend “1. Broken connection on the backbone”².

Using CEA-709/IP Routers with a redundant IP infrastructure allows building a redundant backbone (“1. Broken connection on the backbone”). But still the connection to the router (switch, cable) remains a single point of failure.

8.2 L-IP Redundant Operating Modes

8.2.1 Bus Loop Monitoring

To achieve redundancy against “3. Broken cable in the segment” (see Section 8.1.1) the L-IP allows building a ring structure by connecting both ends of the bus cable to the L-IP Redundant (see Figure 86).

Now the L-IP Redundant is able to detect a cable fracture by permanently comparing the traffic on both sides of the bus: If the L-IP Redundant sees different traffic on its two terminals, the cable is deemed to be broken. In this case it starts to duplicate the traffic from loop port 1 to loop port 2 and vice versa. Further an alarm is issued (see Sections 8.5.5 and 8.6.3). Once messages are received on both sides again the ring is considered closed and the cable fracture is deemed gone.

The L-IP Redundant is shipped with bus loop monitoring enabled. If bus loop monitoring is not desired it must be switched off to avoid a permanent “Ring open” alarm. Bus loop

² Assuming a redundant backbone.
monitoring parameters can be configured using the L-IP Redundant plug-in (see Section 8.5.7) or the web interface (see Section 8.6.5).

The current bus loop monitoring state can be determined via network variables (see Section 8.7), in the L-IP Redundant plug-in (see Section 8.5.3), and in the web interface (see Section 8.6.1).

**Important:** To guarantee proper function of the bus loop monitoring algorithm it is required to keep average bandwidth utilization on the monitored segment below 50%! Bandwidth utilization can be monitored using the LOYTEC LPA or the built in diagnostic functions (see Sections 8.5.4 and 8.6.1).

### 8.2.2 Router Redundancy

If IP network redundancy is available, full redundancy on the IP-Channel (Backbone) can be achieved with two devices installed in parallel (see Figure 87). In this case router redundancy is ensured as well by mutual monitoring of paired L-IP Redundant routers. Since two L-IP Redundant routers are used in this scenario, this use case is sometimes also referred to as “twin router mode”.

![Figure 87: Router Redundancy with two paired L-IP Redundant routers](image)

During power-up the two L-IP Redundant routers automatically negotiate, which one becomes the active router (primary router) and which one the inactive standby router (secondary router)\(^3\). The active router forwards packets, performs bus loop monitoring, and has node monitoring enabled, while the inactive devices has all these functions disabled. After this initial startup-phase the devices periodically monitor each other on the CEA-709 and on the CEA-852 (IP) side. If the secondary router no longer reaches the primary router

\(^3\) The primary router is the device with the higher VID1.
on either side it becomes active and issues an alarm, if the primary router no longer reaches
the secondary router just an alarm is issued.

Further, the secondary device, even though it is inactive and does not forward packets, it
counts the number it would forward based on the packets it receives and on its routing
tables. Now the two devices periodically compare these numbers and if these numbers
significantly differ over multiple monitoring intervals an alarm is issued. This algorithm
ensures that the routing tables of both devices are consistent and the secondary router is
correctly configured and able to take over if the primary device fails. Further, if the primary
device does not forward any packets in one direction, while the secondary would forward
packets the secondary devices takes over and the primary device becomes inactive.

Router redundancy can be used with or without bus loop monitoring enabled (see Section
8.2.1).

To enable router redundancy both routers must be commissioned and added to the same
IP-852 channel. Further, the two routers must be linked by binding certain network
variables, which are used for communication between the two paired L-IP Redundant
routers. Please see Section 8.4.3.2 on how to configure the L-IP Redundant for router
redundancy.

Redundant router monitoring parameters can be configured using the L-IP Redundant plug-
in (see Section 8.5.7) or the web interface (see Section 8.6.5).

The current router state can be determined via network variables (see Section 8.7), in the
L-IP Redundant plug-in (see Section 8.5.3), and in the web interface (see Section 8.6.1).

8.2.3 Device and Network Monitoring

In addition to its redundancy functions the L-IP Redundant performs a couple of monitoring
tasks. First a couple of channel quality parameters (e.g. bandwidth utilization, CRC error
rate, etc.) are permanently monitored and their current values are provided as network
variable (see Section 8.7), in the L-IP Redundant plug-in (see Section 8.5.4), and in the web
interface (see Section 8.6.1).

Secondly the L-IP Redundant can be used to monitor other nodes in the network. For this
purpose a list of nodes can be entered using the L-IP Redundant plug-in (see Section 8.5.6)
or the web interface (see Section 8.6.4). If node monitoring is enabled, the L-IP Redundant
periodically pings the nodes in this list using a Query Status network diagnostic request. If a
node is not reachable or (soft) offline an alarm is issued. Further, the state of each node can
be determined via a network variable (see Section 8.7), in the L-IP Redundant plug-in (see
Section 8.5.3), and in the web interface (see Section 8.6.1). In addition the web interface
shows detailed statistic information for each node (e.g. number of CRC errors).

If bus loop monitoring is enabled (see Section 8.2.1) the L-IP Redundant also determines
from which loop port each node is reachable (both ports, loop port 1 only, or loop port 2
only). Thus, if the nodes were entered in the order they are connected to the bus this allows
the L-IP Redundant to determine the exact location of a cable fracture by finding the last
node reachable from port 1 and the last one reaching from port 2. This information is also
provided to the user via network variables, in the L-IP Redundant plug-in, and in the web
interface.

8.3 The L-IP Redundant in a Network

As shown in Figure 88 the L-IP Redundant internally consists of a standard CEA-709 router
and a diagnostic node. The router routes packets between the CEA-709 and the IP-852
channels, while the diagnostic node performs monitoring tasks (e.g. node monitoring) and
offers network variables to show the results of these diagnostics.
The router in the L-IP Redundant can only be used as Configured Router and thus requires to be commissioned with a network management tool (e.g. LonMaker) like any other router. Smart Switch Mode, Repeater Mode and Bridge Mode are not supported.

Since the diagnostic node resides on the CEA-709 side of the router, the router must be commissioned before the diagnostic node. To configure the diagnostic node with an LNS based network management tool, LOYTEC provides the “L-IP Redundant Plug-In” (see Section 8.5).

8.4 Installation

8.4.1 Installing the L-IP Redundant Plug-In

The L-IP Redundant Plug-In is used to configure the L-IP Redundant node monitoring (see Section 8.2.3), configure the various parameters influencing the behavior of the L-IP Redundant, download the L-IP Redundant Alarm Log, and view the current state of the L-IP Redundant. This configuration utility is installed as a plug-in tool for all LNS based network management tools.

System requirements:

- LNS 3, Service Pack 7 or higher
- Windows XP, Windows Vista or Windows 7.

The L-IP Redundant Plug-In can be downloaded from the LOYTEC website http://www.loytec.com. To install the configuration utility double click on Setup and follow the installation steps.
Figure 89: Be sure to be logged in as Administrator on Windows 2000/XP.

Figure 90: L-IP Redundant Plug-In welcome screen.

Figure 91: You have to agree to the Software License Agreement.
8.4.2 Registering the L-IP Redundant Plug-In

After successfully installing the L-IP Redundant Plug-In the program must be registered as a plug-in in your LNS based network management tool. In the following section the process is described for LonMaker for Windows 3.1. Refer to the documentation of your network management tool on how to register a plug-in.
Open LonMaker and create a new network. When the “Plug-in Registration” dialog window pops up select the **L-IP Redundant Configuration Plug-In** from the list of “Not Registered Plug-Ins” (see Figure 94). Click “Add” and “Finish” to register the plug-in. Device templates for the L-IP Redundant diagnostic node are added automatically and XIF files are copied into the LNS import directory.

**Note:** If you are using multiple databases (projects) make sure you have registered the plug-in in each project.

Under LonMaker => Network Properties => Plug-In Registration make sure that the **L-IP Redundant Configuration Plug-In** shows up under “Already Registered”.

![Network Wizard](image)
8.4.3 Adding the L-IP Redundant

The L-IP Redundant can be used standalone or with router redundancy. Depending on which operation scenario is selected, different steps have to be taken to add your L-IP Redundant router(s) to your network.

8.4.3.1 L-IP Redundant Standalone

For operating the L-IP Redundant in standalone mode (see Figure 86), the following steps have to be performed:

- Add a single router shape. Connect it to an IP-Channel on one side and to a FT-10 Channel on the other side of the router.

- Add one L-IP Redundant built-in diagnostic node “L-IP Redundant Diagnostic FT-10” device shapes on the FT-10 channel. The corresponding device template will be installed with the L-IP Redundant Plug-In (see Section 8.4.1).

- To get a service pin message for commissioning the diagnostic node, press the Status button on the L-IP Redundant (see Section 3.5) or use the Send Service Pin Msg button in the corresponding section of the Device Information Page in the Web interface (see Section 5.1).

If using LonMaker for Windows the resulting drawing should look like shown in Figure 96.

Figure 95: Double check that the L-IP Redundant Configuration Plug-In is properly registered
8.4.3.2 L-IP Redundant with Router Redundancy

For operating the L-IP Redundant in twin router mode (router redundancy, see Figure 87), the following steps have to be performed:

- Add two router shapes. Connect both to the same IP-Channel on one side and to the same FT-10 Channel on the other side of the router.

- Add two L-IP Redundant built-in diagnostic node “L-IP Redundant Diagnostic FT-10” device shapes on the FT-10 channel. The corresponding device template will be installed with the L-IP Redundant Plug-In (see Section 8.4.1).

- To get a service pin message for commissioning the diagnostic node, press the Status button on the L-IP Redundant (see Section 3.5) or use the Send Service Pin Msg button in the corresponding section of the Device Information Page in the Web interface (see Section 5.1).

- Add two “Twin Router” functional blocks, one for each L-IP Redundant diagnostic node.

- Connect nvoRedRtr of one L-IP Redundant with the nviRedRtr of its paired L-IP Redundant and vice versa.

If using LonMaker for Windows the resulting drawing should look like shown in Figure 97.
Be sure to commission both routers and both diagnostic nodes. Once both routers and both diagnostic nodes were successfully commissioned, the PRIM LED on one of the two L-IP Redundant devices should be green and should be off on the other one.

**Important:** If bus loop monitoring (see 8.2.1) is not used and thus the loop port 2 terminal of the L-IP Redundant routers is not connected be sure to first commission the router and the diagnostic node of one L-IP Redundant and switch off bus loop monitoring on this L-IP Redundant before connecting the second L-IP Redundant!

After the router and the diagnostic node have been configured, use the L-IP Redundant Plug-In (see Section 8.5) or the web interface (see Section 8.6) to enter a node list for node monitoring or to change the parameters for bus loop monitoring and twin router monitoring.

### 8.5 L-IP Redundant Plug-In

#### 8.5.1 Operation modes

The L-IP Redundant Configuration Plug-In can be used in on-line, off-line, and stand-alone mode. On-line and off-line mode refers to the two operating modes of your configuration tool.

**8.5.1.1 On-line mode**

This is the preferred method to use the configuration utility and allows using the full functionality of the plug-in. The network management tool is attached to the network and all network changes are directly propagated into the network. This mode must be used to commission the device, download and upload the node list, download and clear the alarm log, and get the current device state.
8.5.1.2 Off-line mode

The off-line mode can be used for all operations requiring LNS, that is, to add the device using the device templates, change the device properties, and create a node list including the automatic generation of a node list (LNS import). However, no communication with the device is possible (e.g. to download the node list).

8.5.1.3 Standalone mode

The L-IP Redundant Plug-In can also be executed as a standalone program. This operation mode offers least functionality. It allows creating and editing a node list or loading, altering and saving a configuration file.

8.5.2 Overview

Figure 98 shows the L-IP Redundant Configuration Plug-In. The window is separated in three main areas:

- The view selection allows selecting different configuration and diagnostic pages.
- Depending on the selected view the current view area contains different information (e.g. the node list).
- The log window shows different all actions performed by the plug-in and any errors or warnings messages that occurred.

At the top of the window the toolbar allows selecting different actions depending on the currently selected view. The standard commands “load”, “save” and “new” are always possible. “Save” allows storing all configuration data (node list, properties) and the alarm log to a file, while “load” will restore all this information from a file. The information shown in the status and in the channel statistics view are not stored.

The “Twin Router Selection” shows the name of the primary and – if present – the secondary router. The one currently selected is marked. By clicking on the other one the selection can be changed on the fly.
The “Plug-In Mode” shows the operation mode of the plug-in (see 8.5.1) and whether the device is accessible over the network.

### 8.5.3 Device Status

The device status view is used to view the current state of the L-IP Redundant. To access the device status view click on the “L-IP Red. Status” icon on the left side of the L-IP Redundant Plug-In window (see Figure 99).

**Note:** Most of the diagnostic information is only available if the plug-in is running in online mode and the device is accessible over the network.
The device status view has the following elements:

**Devices**

Shows the name and the subsystem of the primary and – if present – the secondary device. By clicking on the “Wink” button the corresponding L-IP Redundant can be winked (see 3.4.9). Further the device currently selected by the plug-in is shown (“selected”) and if the plug-in can communicate with the device (“ok”/“fail”). Finally the unique node ID of the monitoring node on the routers is given.

**Loop Monitor**

Shows whether the loop is open, closed or bus loop monitoring disabled.

**Twin Monitor**

Shows the twin router status of the device. This includes:

- Twin Router: Shows whether the device has a twin router installed.
- Status: Shows whether the device is primary, secondary, still negotiating or the secondary has temporary taken over since the primary failed.
- CEA-709/CEA-852 Communication: Shows whether its twin router is reachable via the CEA-709 and CEA-852 segment respectively.
- CEA-709/CEA-852 Forwarding: Shows whether the device forwards significantly lower amount of packets to its CEA-709 and CEA-852 side respectively (warning) or does not forward any packets anymore at all (error).

**Node Monitoring Status List**

This list shows all the nodes in the node list of the device with the current status. If a node is not reachable/offline or the ring is open and the node is only reachable via one loop port the
corresponding alarm is shown in the column “Node Alarm”. By selecting one or multiple nodes in the list and clicking on the “Wink selected node(s)” button the corresponding nodes can be winked using the CEA-709 wink network management command.

If the checkbox “automatically refresh data” is checked data in the device status view is refreshed every 15 seconds. The page can be refreshed manually by pressing the “refresh” button.

8.5.4 Channel Statistics

The channel statistics view is used to view statistic data accumulated by the L-IP Redundant for the two channels connected to the L-IP Redundant. To access the channel statistics view click on the “Channel Statistics” icon on the left side of the L-IP Redundant Plug-In window (see Figure 100).

Note: Most of the diagnostic information is only available if the plug-in runs in online mode and the device is accessible over the network.

Figure 100: The Channel Statistics View.

The channel statistics view has the following elements:

Device up-time

Shows the time elapsed since the L-IP was (re-)booted.

The following data is shown for each channel the L-IP Redundant is attached to (CEA-709/CEA-852):

Elapsed time

Shows the time since L-IP Redundant powered up or since the statistics for this port where reset.
**Bandwidth utilization**

Shows the current and the maximum value of the bandwidth utilization of the corresponding channel. The bar shows the current bandwidth utilization.

**CRC errors**

Shows the current and the maximum percentage as well as the total number of packets with CRC errors observed on the corresponding channel.

**Missed Packets**

Shows the current and the maximum percentage as well as the total number of packets, which could not be processed or received on the corresponding channel.

**Packets**

Shows the current and the maximum number of packets per second as well as the total number of packets on the corresponding channel.

**Missed Preambles**

Shows the current and the maximum number of missed preambles per second as well as the total number of missed preambles observed on the corresponding channel. A missed preamble is detected, whenever the link layer receives a preamble, which is shorter than the defined preamble length. A large number in this counter is usually due to noise on the channel.

**Overload**

Signals an overload condition of the channel during the last statistic interval. A channel can be overloaded due to one of the following conditions:

- The bandwidth utilization during the last statistic interval exceeded the limit defined by the parameter “Bandwidth Utilization Limit” (default 70%) OR
- The CRC Error Rate during the last statistic interval exceeded the limit defined by the parameter “CRC Error Limit” (default 5%) OR
- The Missed Packets Rate during the last statistic interval was not zero OR
- The Missed Preamble Rate during the last statistic interval exceeded the limit defined by the parameter “Missed Preamble Limit” (default switched off).

**Overload Ratio**

Ratio between statistic intervals during which the channel was in overload condition and intervals during which the channel was not in overload condition.

If the checkbox “automatically refresh data” is checked data in the channel statistics view is refreshed every 15 seconds. The page can be refreshed manually by pressing the “refresh” button. Finally all statistic data can be cleared by pressing the “clear statistics” button.

### 8.5.5 Alarm Log

Whenever an alarm occurs (e.g. “Ring open”) on the L-IP Redundant it is logged in the internal alarm log. The alarm log can hold up to 256 alarms.
The alarm log view is used to access the alarms logged in the L-IP Redundant. To access the alarm log click on the “Alarm Log” icon on the left side of the L-IP Redundant Plug-In window (see Figure 101).

![Figure 101: The Alarm Log View.](image_url)

If the plug-in is running in online mode you can download the alarm log from the L-IP Redundant either by double-clicking on the “click to upload alarm log” entry in the list, via “Upload Alarm Log” in the “Alarm Log” menu, or by clicking on the corresponding icon in the tool bar (see Figure 101). Similar the alarm log can be cleared.

Figure 102 shows a typical alarm log. For each alarm an description, a start time an end time and an alarm code is logged. All alarm times refer to the time set on the L-IP Redundant. Currently the following alarms are possible:

- "Ring open": Bus loop monitoring has detected an open loop (see Section 8.2.1).
- "Twin error CEA-709": Twin router is not reachable any more via the CEA-709 side (see Section 8.2.2).
- "Twin error IP": Twin router is not reachable any more via the CEA-852 side (see Section 8.2.2).
- "Fwd warning CEA-709": Packets forwarded from the CEA-709 to the CEA-852 side on the selected device is significantly lower than on the remote twin router (see Section 8.2.2).
- "Fwd warning IP": Packets forwarded from the CEA-852 to the CEA-709 side on the selected device is significantly lower than on the remote twin router (see Section 8.2.2).
- "Fwd error CEA-709": The selected device does not forward any packets from the CEA-709 to the CEA-852 side, while the remote twin router does.
- "Fwd error IP": The selected device does not forward any packets from the CEA-852 to the CEA-709 side, while the remote twin router does.
- "Side 1 disconnect”/”Side 2 disconnect”: The selected device does not reach its twin router via its port 1 or port 2 respectively. This error can only occur on the secondary (inactive) twin router.
- “Dev No <no> error” or “<desc> error”: Node with number <no> or description <desc> is either not reachable or not configured online.
The alarm log can be transferred to another application using Copy & Paste or by export to a CSV-file (see Figure 103).

### 8.5.6 Node List Config

The node list is used for node monitoring (see Section 8.2.3). It must contain all the nodes, which should be monitored by the L-IP Redundant. If bus loop monitoring is used the order of the nodes in the list should represent the order of the nodes along the bus to be able to detect the point of fracture in case of a cable break: The node with index 1 must be the node closest to loop port 1 while the last node in the list must be the node closest to loop port 2.
To create a new node list or edit an existing node list, go to the node list view by clicking on the “Node List Config” icon on the left side of the L-IP Redundant Plug-In window (see Figure 104).

Nodes can be added to the node list in different ways:

- Nodes can be added or edited manually
- Node can be imported from the LNS database
- Nodes can be imported from a CSV-file

Further, the order of the nodes in the node lists can be changed and a node list can be exported. Finally the node list can be downloaded to the device and an existing node list can be uploaded from the device.

### 8.5.6.1 Manually add and edit nodes

You can double click on “Create new node…” to open the new node dialog box (see Figure 105).
As you type the node address, it will be checked and the result of the syntax check is indicated by the dialog icon and the text field. Press the “Save” – Button to save the node address into the node list.

Existing nodes can be edited by double clicking on the row containing the node in the list.

![LOYTEC IP Redundant Configuration Plugin dialog](image)

Figure 106: Tried to save entry which is identical to an already existing one.

Note that the address is checked against double entries while saving and an error message will appear if you try to add a new entry or change the address of an existing entry into an address which already exists (see Figure 106). If you press OK here, entry number 2 will be deleted and entry number 1 updated.

### 8.5.6.2 Import node list from LNS database

Press ‘A’ on the keyboard or choose the entry in the “Node List” menu to open the “Automatically import nodes” – Dialog (see Figure 107).

You can choose to delete the current node list prior to import. If this option is not selected only nodes not present in the current node list are added. Further the address format used to contact the node can be selected. You can choose between the Subnet/Node address format and the Unique Node ID (“Neuron ID”) address format.

LNS import is only available in on-line and off-line operation mode, but not in standalone operation mode.

![Automatically import nodes dialog](image)

Figure 107: Import node list from LNS database.

### 8.5.6.3 Change order of node list

To change the order of the node list select the entries and move them up and down with the arrows in the toolbar (see Figure 108). To select multiple items press the CTRL-key while selecting.
8.5.6.4 Import/Export Node List

Entries in the node list can be selected and transferred to other applications using Copy & Paste (e.g. a spreadsheet application like Microsoft Excel). The fields copied are number, subnet address, node address OR unique node ID address, and description (see Figure 109).

Further, the node list can be exported and imported to/from a CSV-file. This allows using a spreadsheet application (e.g. Microsoft Excel) to create and edit the node list (see Figure 110).
8.5.6.5 Downloading and Uploading the Node List

If the L-IP Redundant Plug-In is running in Online-Mode the node list can be uploaded from the device and downloaded to the device (see Figure 111).

![Download Node List](image)

Download Node List  Upload Node List

Figure 111: Up- and Downloading the Node List.

If the router redundancy is used, a dialog will ask whether to copy the same node list to the twin router (see Figure 112) after the download to the selected device has finished. It is strongly recommended to answer this dialog with “Yes”.

![Download Node List to both routers?](image)

Figure 112: Download the Node List to both routers?

8.5.7 Parameters

The properties view is used to access the configuration properties used to define the behaviour of the L-IP Redundant. To access the properties view click on the “Parameters” icon on the left side of the L-IP Redundant Plug-In window (see Figure 113).

The following properties can be changed:

- **Max Status Send Time**

  This parameter influences the heart beat functionality in the node object of the diagnostic node (see Section 8.7.1). If set to 0 the heart beat functionality is disabled, any other value will enable heart beat functionality and `nvoStatus`, `nvoAlarm` and `nvoAlarm_2` will be sent out with the interval defined by this value.

- **Enable Loop Monitor**

  Deselecting this check box will disable bus loop monitoring (see Section 8.2.1).

- **Max Send Time**

  This parameter influences the heart beat functionality in the bus loop monitor object of the diagnostic node. If set to 0 the heart beat functionality is disabled, any other value will enable heart beat functionality and `nvoLoopOK` and `nvoLoopStatus` will be sent out with the interval defined by this value.

- **Enable Twin Router**

  Deselecting this check box will disable twin router monitoring (see Section 8.2.2). Note: If no twin router is present it is not required to turn off twin router monitoring.
Max Send Time

This parameter influences the heart beat functionality in the twin router object of the diagnostic node. If set to 0 the heart beat functionality is disabled, any other value will enable heart beat functionality and \textit{nvoTwinStatus} will be sent out with the interval defined by this value.

\textbf{Min Redundant Send Time}

This value defines the twin router monitoring interval. It must be identical on both twin routers.

\textbf{Max Retries}

This value defines the number of retries used by the twin router monitoring algorithm if the twin router does not respond. Thus, the maximum time it takes until a twin router failure will be detected calculates to:

\[ \text{TwinRouterFailureDetectionTime} \leq \text{Min RedundantSendTime} \times (\text{Max Retries} + 1) \]

\textbf{History Size}

This value defines the number of monitoring intervals used to compare the number of packets forwarded by both twin routers. It must be identical on both twin routers.

\textbf{Warning Limit}

This value defines the limit for issuing the “Forwarding Warnings” (see \textit{nvoTwinStatus}, Section 8.7.4 or alarm log, Section 8.6.3): If the number of packets forwarded by the local
router is less than <Warning Limit> % of the number of packets forwarded by the twin router an warning is triggered.

**Min Messages**

This value defines minimum number of packets to be forwarded on the twin router to issue a “Forwarding Error” (see `nvoTwinStatus`, Section 8.7.4 or alarm log, Section 8.6.3): If the number of packets forwarded by the local router is zero but the number of packets forwarded by the twin router is at least < Min Messages > the alarm is issued. Further, if the device is the primary router the secondary router will take over (standby mode).

**Enable Node Monitor**

Deselecting this check box will disable node monitoring (see 8.2.3).

**Max Send Time**

This parameter influences the heart beat functionality in the device monitor object of the diagnostic node. If set to 0 the heart beat functionality is disabled, any other value will enable heart beat functionality and `nvoNodeMonAlarm`, `nvoNodeMonStatus`, `nvoRingALastNode`, `nvoRingBLastNode`, `nvoRingAReceived` and `nvoRingAReceived` will be sent out with the interval defined by this value.

**Min Monitor Send Time**

This value defines the interval used to send query status messages to the nodes in the node list. Thus, the maximum delay until a node failure is detected and the duration of a complete scan pass calculates to:

\[
\text{MaxDetectionDelay} \leq \text{TotalScanTime} = \text{MinMonitorSendTime} \times \text{NodesInNodeList}
\]

**Channel Monitor Interval**

This value defines the interval which is used by the channel monitor objects to accumulate statistic data and to calculate the resulting average values.

**CEA-709 Ch. Monitor/CEA-852 Ch. Monitor**

Deselecting these check boxes will disable the corresponding channel monitor object (see Section 8.2.3).

**Bandwidth Utilization Limit**

This value defines the upper bandwidth utilization limit for the calculation of the overload condition. If the current bandwidth utilization exceeds this limit the corresponding channel is considered to be in overload state. Set this value to 0 to exclude the bandwidth utilization from the calculation of the overload state.

**CRC Error Limit**

This value defines the upper CRC error rate limit for the calculation of the overload condition. If the current CRC error rate exceeds this limit the corresponding channel is considered to be in overload state. Set this value to 0 to exclude the CRC error rate from the calculation of the overload state.

**Missed Preamble Limit**

This value defines the upper missed preamble rate limit for the calculation of the overload condition. If the current missed preamble rate exceeds this limit the corresponding channel
is considered to be in overload state. Set this value to 0 to exclude the missed preamble rate from the calculation of the overload state.

If the plug-in runs in online mode the changes can be saved in the LNS database and downloaded to the device by pressing the “Save Settings” button, if the plug-in is in offline mode changes are only saved in the LNS database and will be downloaded to the device the next time the network management tool is in online mode.

If router redundancy is used and a twin router is assigned the configuration can also be synchronized with the twin router. Simply click “Yes” in the dialog shown after the configuration was stored for the selected router (see Figure 114). It is strongly recommended to always keep the configuration properties in both routers identical to guarantee smooth operation.

Default settings can be restored by pressing the “Set Defaults” button. To copy the values currently used by the device to the LNS database press the button “Load from Device”.

8.6 Web Interface

On the L-IP Redundant an additional item “Redundant” is found in the main menu of the web interface (see Figure 115). This menu item offers the following submenus:

8.6.1 Status

Figure 115 shows the status page. This page offers similar information as the status view of the L-IP Redundant Plug-In (see Section 8.5.3).

Major differences compared to the plug-in interface are:

- When clicking on the “Send Service Pin Message” button a service pin message is sent by the L-IP Redundant Diagnostic node.
For each node in the “Node Monitor Details” table, which is responding over the network, a “Stats” button is present. This button allows viewing the node statistics of the remote node (see Figure 116).

Figure 115: The L-IP Redundant Web Interface – Status Page.

Figure 116: The L-IP Redundant Web Interface – Device Statistics Page.

### 8.6.2 Channel Statistics

Figure 117 shows the channel statistics page. This page offers similar information as the channel statistics view of the L-IP Redundant Plug-In (see Section 8.5.4).
8.6.3 Alarm Log

Figure 118 shows the alarm log page. This page offers similar information as the alarm log view of the L-IP Redundant Plug-In (see Section 8.5.5).

Major differences compared to the plug-in interface are:

A “Download” button allows downloading the alarm log as CSV-file.

8.6.4 Node List Configuration

Figure 119 shows the node list configuration page. This page offers similar information as the node list view of the L-IP Redundant Plug-In (see Section 8.5.6).
Figure 119: The L-IP Redundant Web Interface – Node List Config Page

Major differences compared to the plug-in interface are:

Clicking on the link “import” allows importing/uploading a node list from a CSV-file.

Multiple nodes can be selected by checking the check box at the end of each column. The drop down box “Action on Selected” allows choosing an action (Move up, Move down, Delete). Clicking on the “Execute” button executes the chosen action on the selected nodes list entries.

If router redundancy is used the node list can be copied to the twin router by clicking on the “Copy to Twin” button. It is strongly recommended to always copy the node list to the twin router if a node list has been created or edited.

Note that the node list is included in the backup and restore operation offered by the web interface (see Section 5.2.2).

8.6.5 Parameters

Figure 120 shows the parameters page. This page offers similar information as the parameters view of the L-IP Redundant Plug-In (see Section 8.5.7).
Major differences compared to the plug-in interface are:

If router redundancy is used, the button “Save & Copy to Twin” allows saving changes in the configuration to the local device and its twin router. It is strongly recommended to always copy the parameters to the twin router to guarantee smooth operation.

### 8.7 Network Interface

The following network variable interface is available for visualization, alarming and configuration. It follows the guidelines defined by the LonMark organization.

#### 8.7.1 Node Object

The Node Object functional block is shown in Figure 121. In addition to the mandatory functions defined in the LonMark Node Object functional profile the following optional and user defined functions are implemented:
- The Node Object accepts the following commands via `nviRequest`:
  - RQ_NORMAL
  - RQ_UPDATE_STATUS
  - RQ_REPORT_MASK
  - RQ_ENABLE
  - RQ_DISABLE
  - RQ_UPDATE_ALARM
  - RQ_CLEAR_ALARM

- LonMark alarming is supported via `nvoAlarm` (SNVT_alarm) and `nvoAlarm_2` (SNVT_alarm_2). This allows devices supporting the LonMark alarm notifier profile (e.g. i.LON 100) to receive alarms generated by the L-IP Redundant and react with a defined action (e.g. send an email). By supporting both alarm SNVTs, SNVT_alarm and SNVT_alarm_2, legacy and state-of-the-art alarm handling is supported.

- The network variable `nvoSupplyVolt` (SNVT_volt) holds the current supply voltage of the L-IP Redundant, while `nvoSystemTemp` (SNVT_temp) contains the current internal temperature. With these two network variables a simple health monitoring can be performed.

- The statistic counters of all Channel Monitor objects (see Section 8.7.5) can be reset by setting the network variable `nviClearStat` (SNVT_switch) to \{100, ON\} and back to \{0, OFF\}.

- The network variable `nvoUpTime` (SNVT_elapsed_tm) gives the time elapsed since the L-IP was (re-)booted.

### 8.7.2 Bus Loop Monitor Object

Figure 122 shows the Bus Loop Monitor Object functional block. This functional block is responsible for the bus loop monitoring (see Section 8.2.1). It has the following network variables:
**SNVT_switch nvoLoopOK**

This network variable represents the loop state. It can have the following values:

- `{100, ON}`: The loop is closed.
- `{0, OFF}`: The loop is open.
- `{0, INVAL}`: Bus loop monitoring is disabled.

**SNVT_state_64 nvoLoopStatus**

This network variable represents the current state of the loop object. Currently the following bits are used:

- `bit0`: 0 if bus loop monitoring is enabled, 1 if bus loop monitoring is disabled. Bus loop monitoring can be disabled either manually (e.g. by disabling the object) or because the L-IP is in twin router mode and the device is in standby mode and thus inactive.
- `bit1`: 0 if the loop is closed, 1 if the loop is open.

### 8.7.3 Device Monitor Object

Figure 123 shows the Device Monitor Object functional block. This functional block is responsible for the device monitoring (see Section 8.2.3). It has the following network variables:

**SNVT_state_64 nvoNodeMonStatus**

This network variable represents the current state of the device monitor object. Currently the following bits are used:

- `bit0`: 0 if device monitoring is enabled, 1 if device monitoring is disabled. Device monitoring can be disabled either manually (e.g. by disabling the object) or because the L-IP is in twin router mode and the device is in standby mode and thus inactive.
- `bit1`: 0 if all monitored nodes node is reachable and online or was not yet queried, 1 otherwise.
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- **nvoNodeMonStatus**
- **nvoNodeMonAlarm[2]**
- **nvoRingALastNode**
- **nvoRingBLastNode**
- **nvoRingAReceived[2]**
- **nvoRingBReceived[2]**

Figure 123: Device Monitor Object.

**SNVT_state_64 nvoNodeMonAlarm[2]**

Shows the state of the monitored nodes. Each bit corresponds to one node in the node list (e.g. bit0 -> index 1, bit1 -> index 2, etc.). Array element `nvoNodeMonAlarm[0]` represents nodes with index 1-64, while array element `nvoNodeMonAlarm[1]` represents nodes with index 65-128. If the bit is 0 the corresponding node is reachable and online or was not yet queried, if the bit is 1 the corresponding node is not reachable or not in configured online state.

**SNVT_count nvoRingALastNode**

**SNVT_count nvoRingBLastNode**

These two network variables allow detecting the point of fracture if the loop is interrupted by showing the two nodes closest to the fracture. `nvoRingALastNode` contains the index of the last node reachable from loop port 1, while `nvoRingBLastNode` contains the index of the last node reachable from loop port 2. The value is encoded as follows:

- **0**: All nodes are reachable from this port (loop closed).
- **1-128**: Loop interrupted. Value corresponds to index of last node reachable from this port.
- **0xFFFF**: Loop interrupted directly at loop port 1 (`nvoRingALastNode`) or loop port 2 (`nvoRingBLastNode`) respectively.

**Note:** Only valid if bus loop monitoring is enabled and the node list order corresponds to the order of the nodes within the loop (node closest to loop port 1 has index 1, node closest to loop port 2 has highest index). Otherwise the network variable is set to 0.
Shows on which port(s) the monitored nodes were responding to the last query status request sent by the device monitor object. Each bit corresponds to one node in the node list (e.g. bit0 -> index 1, bit1 -> index 2, etc.). Array element `nvoRingXReceived[0]` represents nodes with index 1-64, while array element `nvoRingXReceived[1]` represents nodes with index 65-128. If the corresponding bit in `nvoRingAReceived[X]` is set to 1 the node was responding on loop port 1, if it is set in `nvoRingBReceived[X]` the node was responding on loop port 2. This allows the combinations shown in Table 16.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>RingAReceived</th>
<th>RingBReceived</th>
<th>Significance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>No response received</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Node is responding from other subnet (i.e. across the router)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Bus loop monitoring disabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Node responds on port 1 only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Loop is open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Node responds on port 2 only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Loop is open</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Node responds on both ports</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Loop is closed</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 16: Significance of `nvoRingXReceived` bit combinations.

### 8.7.4 Twin Router Object

Figure 124 shows the Twin Router Object functional block. This functional block is responsible for the router redundancy (see Section 8.2.2). It has the following network variables:

**UNVT_red_rtr nviRedRtr**

**UNVT_red_rtr nvoRedRtr**

As already mentioned in Section 8.4.3.2 these two network variables are used to establish the connection between paired L-IP Redundant devices.

![Twin Router Object](image)

Figure 124: Twin Router Object.

**SNVT_state_64 nvoTwinStatus**

This network variable represents the current state of the twin router object. Currently the following bits are used:
• *bit0*: 0 if twin router monitoring is enabled, 1 if twin router monitoring is disabled. Twin router monitoring can be disabled only manually (e.g. by disabling the object).

• *bit1*: 0 if the device is the secondary router, 1 if the device is the primary router.

• *bit2*: 0 if the device is in normal operation mode (primary -> active, secondary -> inactive), 1 if the secondary router has taken over (primary -> inactive, secondary -> active).

• *bit3*: 0 if the device is in normal operation, 1 if the device is currently negotiating with its twin router to determine which one is primary and which secondary router.

• *bit4*: 0 if the twin router address is not known yet, 1 if the twin router address is known. If the twin router address is not yet known CEA-852 monitoring (bit9) and the forwarding warnings and errors (bit10-bit13) are not applicable.

• *bit8*: 1 if the twin router is not reachable via the CEA-709 segment (local segment), 0 otherwise.

• *bit9*: 1 if the twin router is not reachable via the IP-852 channel (IP backbone), 0 otherwise.

• *bit10*: 1 if the packets forwarded from the CEA-709 to the CEA-852 side on the local device is significantly lower than on the remote twin router. 0 if the router is working properly.

• *bit11*: 1 if the packets forwarded from the CEA-852 to the CEA-709 side on the local device is significantly lower than on the remote twin router. 0 if the router is working properly.

• *bit12*: 1 if the local device does not forward any packets from the CEA-709 to the CEA-852 side, while the remote twin router does. 0 if the router is working properly.

• *bit13*: 1 if the local device does not forward any packets from the CEA-852 to the CEA-709 side, while the remote twin router does. 0 if the router is working properly.

### 8.7.5 Channel Monitor Objects

Figure 125 shows the Channel Monitor Object functional block. This functional block is responsible for network monitoring (see Section 8.2.3). There is one object for each channel the L-IP Redundant is attached to: The channel monitor object with index 0 corresponds to the CEA-709 side of the L-IP Redundant, while the object with index 1 corresponds to the CEA-852/IP side of the L-IP Redundant. Each object has the following network variables:
Figure 125: Channel Monitor Object.

\textit{SNVT\_count nvoPort}

Index of port associated with this Channel Monitor Object instance. Port 1 corresponds to the CEA-709 side of the L-IP Redundant, while port 2 corresponds to the CEA-852/IP side of the L-IP Redundant. Polled only.
SNVT\_elapsed\_tm nvoElapsedTime

Time since L-IP Redundant powered up or since the statistics for this port where reset. The statistics can be reset using the web interface (see Section 8.6), the network variable nvoClearStat (see Section 8.7.1) or if the node is reset with a network management command (e.g. while the device is commissioned). Polled only.

SNVT\_count\_32 nvoAvgPackets

The average number of packets per second received or transmitted via the associated channel since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset.

SNVT\_lev\_cont nvoIvalBandUtil

Bandwidth utilization of associated channel during the last interval. For a smooth operation of the CEA-709 segment the bandwidth utilization must remain below 50%.

SNVT\_lev\_cont nvoIvalCrcError

Percentage of packets with CRC error received on the associated channel during the last interval.

SNVT\_lev\_cont nvoIvalMissPkt

Percentage of packets from the associated channel which could not be processed during the last interval.

SNVT\_count\_32 nvoIvalPackets

Number of packets received or transmitted via the associated channel during the last interval.

SNVT\_count\_32 nvoTotalCrcError

Total number of packets with CRC error received via the associated channel since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset.

SNVT\_count\_32 nvoTotalMissPkt

Total number of packets from the associated channel which could not be processed since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset.

SNVT\_count\_32 nvoTotalPackets

Total number of packets received or transmitted via the associated channel since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset.
**SNVT_lev_cont nvoMaxBandUtil**

Maximum value of nvoIvalBandUtil since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset. For a smooth operation of the CEA-709 segment the bandwidth utilization must remain below 50%.

**SNVT_lev_cont nvoMaxCrcError**

Maximum value of nvoIvalCrcError since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset.

**SNVT_lev_cont nvoMaxMissPkt**

Maximum value of nvoIvalMissPkt since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset.

**SNVT_count_32 nvoMaxPackets**

Maximum value of nvoIvalPackets since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset.

**SNVT_count_32 nvoIvalMissPrea**

Number of missed preambles per second on the associated channel measured during the last interval. A missed preamble is detected, whenever the link layer receives a preamble, which is shorter than the defined preamble length. A large number in this counter is usually due to noise on the channel.

**SNVT_count_32 nvoTotalMissPrea**

Total number of missed preambles per second on the associated channel measured since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset.

**SNVT_count_32 nvoMaxMissPrea**

Maximum value of nvoIvalMissPrea since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset.

**SNVT_switch nvoOverload**

Signals an overload condition of the channel during the last statistic interval. A channel can be overloaded due to one of the following conditions:

- The bandwidth utilization during the last statistic interval (nvoIvalBandUtil) exceeded the limit defined by the CP nciBandUtilLim (default 70%) OR
- The CRC Error Rate during the last statistic interval (nvoIvalCrcError) exceeded the limit defined by the CP nciCrcErrorLim (default 5%) OR
- The Missed Packets Rate during the last statistic interval (nvoIvalMissPkt) was not zero OR
- The Missed Preamble Rate during the last statistic interval (nvoIvalMissPrea) exceeded the limit defined by the CP nciMissPreaLim (default switched off).

If an overload is detected the network variable is set to {100, ON}, while if no error occurred it is set to {0, OFF}.
**SNVT_lev_cont nvoOverloadRatio**

Ratio between statistic intervals during which the channel was in overload condition and intervals during which the channel was not in overload condition since power-up or since the statistics for this port where reset.
9 Network Media

9.1 TP-1250

The TP-1250 uses transformers for galvanic isolation. The topology of a TP-1250 network is a bus. Thus, both ends of the bus cable need to be terminated. LOYTEC recommends using its L-TERM network terminators (LT-13) for network termination (see Figure 126).

If the collision-less backbone mode (recommended, default behavior) is disabled, the L-IP TP-1250 ports are fully compatible to the parameters specified by LONMARK for this channel (TP/XF-1250). If the collision-less backbone mode is enabled, proprietary channel parameters are used. In this case no Neuron Chip based nodes or other nodes with standard TP-1250 communication parameters are permitted on the same channel.

9.2 FT-10

The L-IP FT-10 ports are fully compatible to the parameters specified by LONMARK for this channel. FT-10 ports can also be used on Link Power (LP-10) channels. However, the L-IP does not provide the power supply for Link Power channels.

Figure 126: FT-10 Network Termination.

When using the Free Topology Segment feature of the FT-10, only one termination is required and can be placed anywhere on the free topology segment. In a double terminated
bus topology, two terminations are required. These terminations need to be placed at each end of the bus.

LOYTEC recommends using its L-TERM network terminators (LT-13, LT-33 or LT-03) for network termination (see Figure 126).

### 9.3 RS-485

The L-IP RS-485 ports are fully compatible with the parameters specified by TIA/EIA RS-485 for this channel. A maximum of 32 L-IP RS-485 ports can be connected to one channel.

The RS-485 ports support bit-rates between 300 kbps and 2.5 Mbps. When using bit-rate auto-detection the L-IP checks for the following bit-rates: 0.61 kbps, 1.221 kbps, 2.441 kbps, 4.883 kbps, 9.766 kbps, 19.531 kbps, 39.0625 kbps, 78.125 kbps, 156.25 kbps, 312.5 kbps, 625 kbps, 1,250 kbps and 2,500 kbps. Standard Neuron Chip compatible channel parameters with a channel priority of 4, but no node priority are used with these bit-rates. If bit-rate auto-detection is switched off, the channel parameters for the LONMARK TP-RS485-39 channel (39 kbps) are used.

RS-485 can only be used in a bus configuration and must be terminated on both ends. The maximum stub length between the main bus and a single node is 0.3 m.

LOYTEC recommends using its L-TERM network terminators (LT-04 or LT-B4) for network termination (see Figure 127).

![Figure 127: RS-485 Network Termination.](image)
The L-IP supports bit-rate auto-detection on RS-485 channels. The factory default DIP-switch setting enables bit-rate auto-detection on all RS-485 ports. Figure 128 shows the DIP-switch settings to disable bit-rate auto-detection, assuming all other DIP switches remain in the factory default position.

![DIP-switch diagram](image)

Figure 128: DIP-switch 3 disables bit-rate auto-detection

Alternatively the bit-rate auto-detection can be enabled/disabled via the console menu (see Section 4.5). Further the console menu allows restarting the bit-rate auto-detection on selected ports. While the port is auto-detecting the activity LED is flashing orange.
10 L-IP Firmware Update

The L-IP firmware supports remote upgrade over the network and the serial console.

To guarantee that the L-IP cannot be destroyed due to a failed firmware update the L-IP firmware consists of two images:

- Fall-back image
- L-IP application image

The fall-back image is write protected in flash memory and provides everything needed to talk to the L-IP platform over the network. The L-IP application image is designed to be updated over the network whenever there is a need to do so.

The fall-back image makes sure that the L-IP comes up in a status where the maintenance software can at least talk to the L-IP platform and can download a new L-IP application image.

When the L-IP boots up with the fall-back image, all port LEDs are flashing red. In this state it does not forward any messages.

10.1 Firmware Update via the CEA-709 Network

Basically firmware downloads can be performed on every L-IP port. However, since the L-IP is not based on a Neuron Chip a new firmware image cannot be downloaded with a standard tool. Rather, a designated tool, the LSD Tool (see Section 12), must be used. See the LSD Tool documentation for details on how to download a new L-IP firmware via the network.

10.2 Firmware Update via the Console

To download the firmware via the console the L-IP must be connected to the RS-232 port of a PC via its console interface as described in Section 4.1. You will need the LOYTEC serial upgrade tool (LSU Tool), which can be downloaded from our homepage at www.loytec.com.

Please make sure that the L-IP console shows the main menu otherwise navigate to the main menu or simply reset the L-IP.

Double click on the *.dlc file that comes with the new firmware package. This should start the LSU Tool and load the firmware image referenced in the dlc file. Please note that the dlc file and the dl file must be stored in the same folder. The start window of the LSU tool is shown in Figure 129.
If the L-IP is not connected to COM1 you can change the port to COM1, COM2, COM3, or COM4. Make sure that the product shown under “Product” matches the device you are upgrading. Note, that Figure 129 and Figure 130 do not necessarily show the proper product.

Press “Download” to start the download. A progress bar as shown in Figure 130 can be seen.

If the upgrade is successful the following window appears (Figure 131).

Double check that the new firmware is executed by selecting 1 and pressing Enter in the console window. This will bring up the device information, which shows the current firmware version.
10.3 Firmware Update via the IP Network

To download the firmware via the IP network the L-IP must have a valid IP configuration (see Section 2.2 or 2.3). You will need the LOYTEC L-852 Download Tool, which can be downloaded from our homepage at www.loytec.com.

When running the software the window shown in Figure 132 appears. Enter the IP Address of the L-IP you want to update, choose the firmware *.dll in the field Firmware File, optionally check the check-box Reboot device after download and press the button Start Download.

Figure 132: The L-852 Download Tool

If the upgrade is successful the following window appears (Figure 133).

Figure 133: Successful firmware upgrade.
# 11 Troubleshooting

## 11.1 When commissioning the L-IP LonMaker responds with an error

**Problem**

LonMaker reports an error when commissioning the L-IP as shown in Figure 134.

![Figure 134: LonMaker fails to commission the L-IP router.](image)

**Explanation**

The L-IP is not configured as a CEA-709 configured router.

**Solution**

Please make sure to set the DIP-switches according to Figure 67 as CEA-709 configured router and reboot the L-IP. If the L-IP is used in smart switch mode simply do not commission the L-IP.

If the problem still persists please contact LOYTEC support (see Section 11.8).
11.2 L-IP packet routing fails if Channel Timeout is activated

Problem

The L-IP stops routing packets if a Channel Timeout >0ms is specified.

Explanation

Most likely the local clocks are not synchronized and the stale packet detection might drop all packets received from other L-IPs.

Solution

Make sure that a proper Channel Timeout according Table 15 and that at least one SNTP server is specified for the IP-852 channel. If the L-IP is operated behind a firewall make sure that the firewall doesn’t block SNTP requests at port 123.

11.3 Default Gateway Address is wrong

Problem

The L-IP reports the error “Can’t set default route:” during the boot process.

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Testing Board ID (0E) Passed
Testing RAM Passed
Testing boot loader Passed
Testing fallback image Passed
Testing primary image Passed
Testing Flash Passed
Loading primary image Passed
Starting application Passed
Port 1 detected (FT-10) Passed
Can’t set default route: Network is unreachable Failed
Starting TCP/IP networking (Timeout)

Explanation

The default gateway address is set to a wrong address or to an address that doesn’t exist.

Solution

In the configuration menu “[5] IP configuration” select item “[4] IP Gateway” and enter a valid gateway address. Even if you don’t use a gateway enter the gateway address for this subnet e.g. IP address: 192.168.1.34 => Gateway Address: 192.168.1.1.

11.4 TP-1250 port does not work

Problem

Messages are not forwarded to or from the TP-1250 port(s). All other ports work properly.
Explanation

This problem might be due to mixing backbone mode and non-backbone mode devices on one channel.

Solution

If the TP-1250 channel is used in backbone mode make sure all devices on the network have backbone mode enabled, only L-IP or L-Switch devices are connected to this backbone and every L-IP/L-Switch has a unique station ID set.

If the TP-1250 channel is not used in backbone mode make sure that all L-IP and L-Switch devices on that channel have the backbone mode disabled.

11.5 CEA-709 Activity LED is flashing red

Problem

The CEA-709 activity LED is flashing red whenever there is traffic on the channel (instead of green).

Explanation

The L-IP has a built-in network analysis functionality (see Section 3.4.10): Whenever it detects a potential problem on one port, the activity LED will change its color to red.

Solution

Most likely this behavior is due to a wiring problem. Check the wiring and termination of the network connected to the affected port. If this does not solve your problem use a protocol analyzer (e.g. LOYTEC’s LPA) and/or a network diagnostics tool (e.g. LOYTEC’s LSD Tool or Echelon’s Nodeutil) to find the source of the problem.

11.6 The CEA-709 activity LED and the status LED are flashing red

Problem

The CEA-709 activity LED and the status LED are flashing red at a rate of approx. once per second and the L-IP does not forward any messages.

Explanation

Somehow the primary image was destroyed and the fall-back image was booted (see Section 5). This image does not support forwarding of messages. It only allows downloading a new firmware.

Solution

If this problem occurs because a firmware update was attempted (and failed somehow), simply retry downloading the new firmware image.

If no firmware update was attempted, please contact LOYTEC support (see Section 11.8).
11.7 IP-852 traffic may flood the entire switched IP network

Problem

In a setup where CNIP routers are used to send data in one direction only (unacknowledged services), the receiving CNIP router never sends out any data, therefore its position in the network becomes unknown after a while (due to the aging mechanism of Ethernet switches) and the traffic is then flooded to the entire network.

Explanation

Ethernet switches use an aging mechanism to store and manage Ethernet MAC addresses. After some time the switch forgets the MAC address and forwards the Ethernet packets with the forgotten MAC address to all ports.

Solution

Please activate the keep alive function on the configuration server to establish two-way communication with the CNIP router.

11.8 Technical Support

LOYTEC offers free telephone and e-mail support for our L-IP product series. If none of the above descriptions solves your specific problem please contact us at the following address:

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12 Application Notes

Please refer to the application notes listed in Table 17 for further information on using the L-IP in different application scenarios.

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<td>Further information on how to best utilize the high-speed collision-less backbone mode of the L-IP</td>
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Table 17: L-IP related application notes.
13 Security Hardening Guide

This guide contains security-relevant information for operating the product on IT networks. The information refers to the firmware version and the instructions found in the previous chapters of this User Manual.

13.1 Installation Instructions

Install the device over the Web interface:

- Set up the basic device functions and protocol settings as described in Section 2.3 and 5.2.
- Disable the FTP, and Telnet servers in the IP port configuration as described in Section 5.2.4.

Connect a serial console cable:

- Connect to the console as described in Section 4.1.
- Go to menu [3] system configuration.
- Disable the Web server in option [9].
- Save the settings by hitting [x] for exit and save.

13.2 Firmware

The device is equipped with one piece of software. This is the firmware image and its related firmware version. The firmware is distributed as a downloadable file. The device can be upgraded by placing the firmware image onto the device using the procedure described in Chapter 10.

There exists exactly one firmware image for all L-IP models. The firmware has built-in auto-detection of the fieldbus ports the device is equipped with. It adds virtual routers to an internal channel. For the function of the device on the IP side this makes absolutely no difference, as the IP connection is also tapped on to this internal channel.

13.3 Ports

This Section lists all ports, which may be used by the device. The ports are default settings for their respective services. If not stated otherwise, the ports can be changed.

Required Ports:

- 1628 udp/tcp: This is the data exchange port for CEA-852 (LON over IP). It is required for the primary function of the device to exchange control network data between routers over the IP network. Each device needs this port open. The port can be changed.
- 1629 udp/tcp: This is the configuration server port of CEA-852. Exactly one device in the system needs this port open. Other devices register with the configuration server to form the IP-852 channel list. The port can be changed.
Optional ports not necessary for the primary product function. They can be disabled as described in the installation instructions in Section 13.1:

- **80 tcp**: This port is opened by the Web server. It can be disabled.
- **21 tcp**: This port is opened by the FTP server. The port can be changed and disabled.
- **23 tcp**: This port is opened by the Telnet server. The port can be changed and disabled.

### 13.4 Services

Required services:

- **CEA-852 (LON over IP)**: Primary function of the device. This service is in accordance with the standard ANSI/CEA-852-B.

Optional services not necessary for the primary product function. They can be disabled as described in the installation instructions in Section 13.1:

- **HTTP**: Web server. It provides a Web-based configuration UI. The Web UI can be disabled after setting up the device.
- **FTP and Telnet**: The FTP and Telnet server is used for connection to the device for remote configuration (L-WEB), firmware upgrade, and access to the log file.

### 13.5 Logging and Auditing

The device contains a log file, which can be read out over FTP or the Web server. This log contains information when the device started and when crucial communication errors occur. Other information such as user log-on are not logged as they are not part of the primary services of this device.

Logged events:

- Time of the last power-on reset of the device.
- Time and version of the last firmware upgrade.
- Time when the device configuration has been cleared or the device was reset to factory defaults.
- Commission of the CEA-709 node/router.
- Static errors in the device and its configuration.
- System overload situations as one-time log messages since last power-on.
- Crucial communication errors as they occur.
## 14 Firmware Versions

Table 18 shows the most important features available only in certain firmware versions.

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Table 18: Available features depending on firmware version.
15 Specifications

15.1 LIP-xECTB, LIP-xxECTB, and LIP-xxECRB

Operating Voltage..............................................12-35 VDC or 12-24 VAC ±10%
Power Consumption...........................................typ. 3 W
In rush current..................................................up to 950 mA @ 24 VAC
Operating Temperature (ambient) .............0°C to +50°C
Storage Temperature.........................................-10°C to +85°C
Humidity (non condensing) operating ..........10 to 90% RH @ 50°C
Humidity (non condensing) storage............90% RH @ 50°C
Enclosure .......................................................Installation enclosure 6 TE, DIN 43 880
Environmental Protection .........................IP 40 (enclosure); IP 20 (screw terminals)
Installation .....................................................DIN rail mounting (EN 50 022) or wall mounting

15.2 LIP-xxxxECTB

Operating Voltage..............................................12-35 VDC or 12-24 VAC ±10%
Power Consumption...........................................typ. 3 W
In rush current..................................................up to 1100 mA @ 24 VAC
Operating Temperature (ambient) .............0°C to +50°C
Storage Temperature.........................................-10°C to +85°C
Humidity (non condensing) operating ..........10 to 90% RH @ 50°C
Humidity (non condensing) storage............90% RH @ 50°C
Enclosure .......................................................Installation enclosure 9 TE, DIN 43 880
Environmental Protection.................. IP 40 (enclosure); IP 20 (screw terminals)

Installation........................................DIN rail mounting (EN 50 022) or wall mounting
# 16 Revision History

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| 17-01-2003 | 1.1     | DL     | Added menu item 9 (device statistics) in Section 4.10  
Improved behavior of cnip LED in Section 3.4.7  
Added automatic IP connection keep-alive in Section 4.6.8 |
| 09-05-2003 | 2.0     | DL     | Add Section 2.3 IP Configuration for Client Device via Web-Interface  
Add Section 4.4.3 Option 8 – Webserver  
Add Section 4.4.4 Option 9 - Change Web server Password  
Changed menu in Section 4.5 EIA 709 Configuration Menu  
Rewrite Section 4.5.1 and Section 4.5.2.  
Add Section 4.7.10 Option 9 - Location string  
Add Section 4.8.7 Option 7 - Auto members support  
Add Section 4.8.8 Option 8 - Roaming members support  
Add Section 4.8.15 Option s - Show device statistics  
Add Section 4.8.17 Option r - Recontact devices & list channel members  
Add new device states to Table 14  
Add flags to Figure 35: List all CN/IP channel members.  
Add Chapter 5 Web Interface  
Add Section 4.4.2.3 Option 3 - Set router configuration according to DIP switch  
Add Section 7.9 Remote LPA Operation  
Rewrite Section 7.11.3 DHCP |
| 15-09-2003 | 2.1     | DL     | Added note about PC NTP client to Section 7.10.1  
Add Section 11.7 IP-852 traffic may flood the entire switched IP network  
Corrected information on controlling RS-485 bit-rate auto-detection with DIP switch, see Section 3.6  
Add route command starting with firmware version 2.1 in Section 2.3 and Section 5.1  
Add Section 4.10.6 Option 6 - Enhanced Communications Test  
Add Enhanced Communications Test to Section 5.4 |
| 15-04-2004 | 2.2     | JB     | Updated for L-IP 2.2 |
| 21-09-2004 | 3.0     | STS    | Added extended NAT, multi-cast, Auto-NAT, new enhanced communications test, new channel list in Web, i.LON 600.  
Corrected terminals 25, 26. |
| 19-04-2005 | 4.3     | STS    | Updated manual for multi-port L-IP. |
| 22-09-2005 | 4.4     | JB     | Updated manual for L-IP Redundant |
| 27-06-2006 | 4.5     | JB     | Updated manual for LIP-xxxxECTB |
| 28-09-2012 | 6.0     | JB     | Updated for firmware version 6.0  
Remove information on legacy L-IP products  
Updated images to show new enclosures  
Updated to new manual design  
Added Chapter “Security Hardening Guide”  
Minor corrections |