

# QUICK START GUIDE - AUTOMATE™ CONTROL4 INTEGRATION SUPPORT



## HUB OVERVIEW

Take your Automate experience to the next level by integrating Automate™ motorized shades into Control4's industry-leading smart home control systems. Automate's rich integration supports discrete shade control and features a two-way communication system offering real time shade position and battery level status.

The Pulse Hub supports plug 'n play RS485 or RS232 Serial integration through a RJ9 port conveniently located on the back of the hub. Each hub can support integration of up to 30 shades.

## CONTROL4 HUB DRIVER INSTALLATION

Overview	
Control4 Version Required	2.9.0 minimum
Developer	annex4
Initial Release Date	9/22/2017
Last Modified Date	9/22/2017

**Driver Installation**

- 1) Connect the Rollease Acmeda Pulse Bridge to Control4
- 2) Place the "Automate Pulse Hub" driver into the project
- 3) Navigate to the connections tab and bind proper serial connection binding to the driver
  - a) The driver will automatically find the hubs on the serial connection
  - b) If there is only 1 hub the driver will automatically select the hub and find all shades for the hub and create bindings for them
- 4) Select a hub from the "Hub Address" property
  - a) The driver will automatically find the shades available for the hub and create connections for them
- 5) The "Automate Pulse Hub" driver is now fully functioning.
- 6) For each shade that the "Automate Pulse Hub" has added to the connections add an "Automate Pulse Shade" driver to the project
- 7) Bind the "Automate Pulse Shade" drivers to the "Automate Pulse Hub".
  - a) You can use the "Jog" action to more easily identify shades
  - b) Once the connection has been bound the driver will automatically populate shade properties
- 8) Set the "Shade Movement Type" to "Move" or "Rotate" in order to determine what the driver should Control.
  - a) "Move" will control basic shade movement
  - b) "Rotate" will control the motor rotation
- 9) Run the "Calibrate" action on the shade, this will inform the driver of how long it takes for the shade to open and close
- 10) Refresh Navigators

**NOTE:** Grayed out sections are part of the motor driver installation

**Features**

1. Connect the Rollease Acmeda Pulse Bridge to an available Control4 serial port.
2. Download the Automate™ Pulse Hub Serial Driver (here).
3. In Composer software, place the Automate™ Pulse Hub driver into the project.
4. Navigate to the connections tab and bind proper serial connection binding to the driver.
  - a. The driver will automatically find the hubs on the serial connection.
  - b. If there is only 1 hub, the driver will automatically select the hub and find all shades for the hub and create bindings for them.
5. Select a hub from the 'Hub Address' property.
  - a. The driver will automatically find the shades available for the hub and create connections for them.
6. The "Automate Pulse Hub" driver is now fully functioning.

# CONTROL4 MOTOR DRIVER INSTALLATION

7. For each shade that the "Automate™ Pulse Hub" has added to the connections, add an "Automate™ Pulse Shade" driver to the project
8. Bind the "Automate™ Pulse Shade" drivers to the "Automate™ Pulse Hub"
  - a. You can use the "Jog" action to more easily identify shades
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  - a. 'Move' will control basic shade movement
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10. Run the 'Calibrate' action on the shade, this will inform the driver of how long it takes for the shade to open and close
11. Refresh Navigators

## AUTOMATE™ CONTROL4 DRIVER GUIDE

- Simple installation of the hub driver, connect the serial binding and select the hub
- Responsive serial communication
- Automatically calculates the travel time of the motors accurate to within 50ms

### PROPERTIES

Property	Description
Auto Update	Enables or disables real time updates of the driver For support of this property the annex4 LiNK driver is required
Driver Version	The current version of the driver
Properties	The server version of the driver For support of this property the annex4 LiNK driver is required
Debug Mode	Reports information to the log and Lua output window
	Modes
	Debug Reports the data being moved around
	Trace Reports the flow of the driver
	Info Reports important pieces of information
	Warning Reports any small issues that arise
	Error Reports any large issues that arise
	Fatal Reports issues that cause the driver to fail
Hub Address	The hub address that the driver is primarily communicating to If only 1 hub is on the serial connection it will be automatically selected when the serial connection is bound
Detected Shades	Lists the addresses of all shades discovered on the hub
Terminal	Allows the dealer to manually send commands to the automate hub Commands should be formatted with a starting ! and an ending ; Responses will show in the property after a couple hundred milliseconds

## ACTIONS

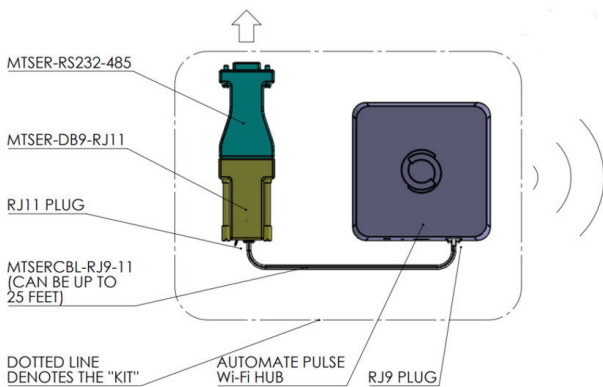
Action Name	Description
Retrieve Shades	Create bindings for paired shades on the serial connection
Clear Shades	Clear the bindings created for shades on the serial connection
Retrieve Hubs	Retrieves the available hubs on the serial connection
Calibrate All	Informs each motor endpoint to calibrate its motor travel times
Update Now	Updates the driver to the latest version
Open All	Opens all shades
Close All	Closes all shades

## CONNECTIONS

Control Name	Connection Type	Description
Serial RS-232	RS_232	The communication binding to the hub
<Shade Address>	AUTOMATE_SHADE	The communication binding to blind shade endpoint
LiNK Reveal	LINK_REVEAL	This connection is used for annex4's notification and display type devices. By using this binding you can get notifications on display type devices with minimal programming.

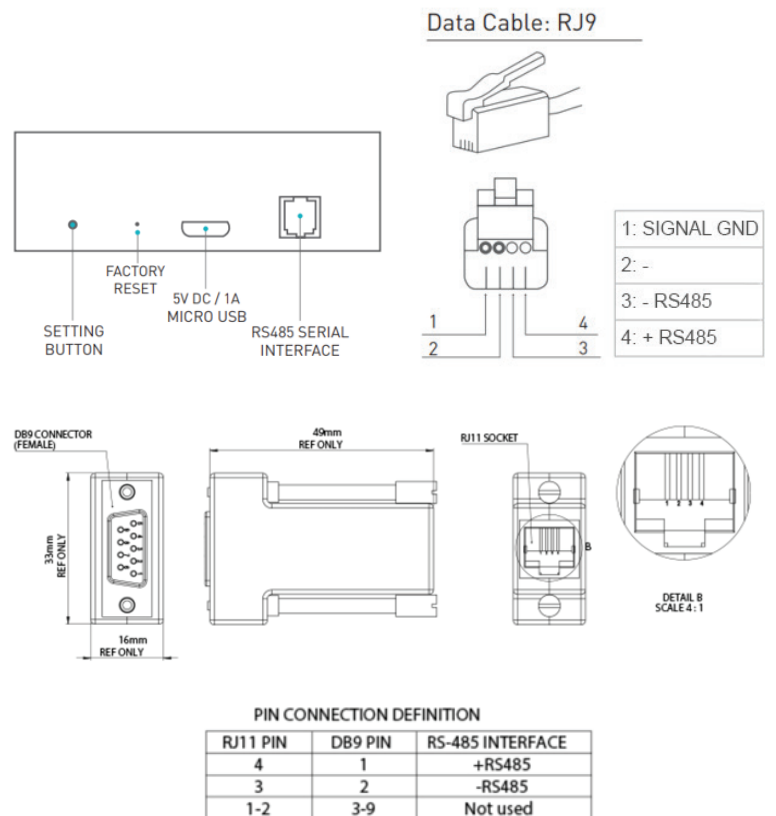
## INTEGRATION DIAGRAM

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SERIAL CONNECTION KIT PART #: MTSER-BASE-KIT

## PULSE HUB CONNECTIONS



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q** **No Pulse hub detected.**

**A** Make sure that your serial binding is assigned to the correct serial output of the Control4 controller. Confirm you are using a Rollease Acmeda approved RS232 adapter. Serial connection kit part number is: MTSER-BASE-KIT.

**Q** **Shade limits are not set properly.**

**A** Calibrate shade limits with your Rollease Acmeda remote before setting the appropriate open and close time within Control4.

**Q** **Shade is not moving at all.**

**A** Make sure the selected Pulse Hub is the correct Pulse Hub for the shade to be controlled. Confirm the correct bindings are set in the Control4 connections tab between the Pulse Hub and Shade drivers.

**Q** **I have multiple Pulse Hub's, what do I do?**

**A** Load two Pulse Hub drivers. After selecting "Retrieve Hubs" located in the driver actions tab , you will see different Pulse Hubs - select the desired one.

**Q** **I don't see any shade bindings in the Pulse Hub driver?**

**A** Select "Retrieve Shades" located in the driver actions tab.

**Q** **How do I scan for available Pulse Hubs?**

**A** Once the Pulse Hub is properly connected via the RS232 to RS485 adapter, navigate to the Pulse Hub Properties page within Composer. Select "Retrieve Hubs" located in the driver actions tab.