

# Host Master Example

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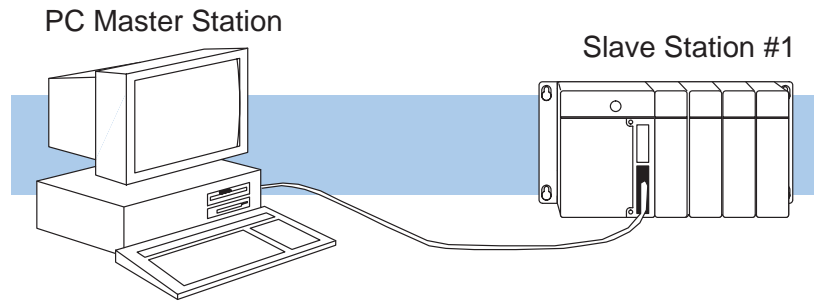
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## The Example

A hosted network utilizes an intelligent device, such as a personal computer, to act as the network master station. Slave stations can be DCMs or **Direct**LOGIC™ PLCs with built-in **Direct**Net ports. The host device initiates all communication requests and the slaves respond to the requests for data. This example is not intended to show you how to build **Direct**Link programs. You should review your programming language manuals and Chapter 6 of this manual before you attempt to build your own **Direct**Link programs.

### Example Equipment

This chapter provides an example that allows you to quickly and easily set up a hosted network.



### Master Station

You need a personal computer for the master station.

### Slave Station #1

The following equipment is needed slave station #1.

- DL405 Base (4, 6, or 8 slot)
- DL430 or DL440 CPU
- I/O modules, including at least one I/O simulator and one output module

## Install the Equipment

Normally, you can install the modules in any manner. However, we'd like to keep our examples consistent between the different configurations. Install the equipment in the following order.

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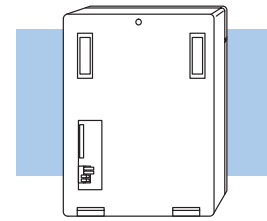
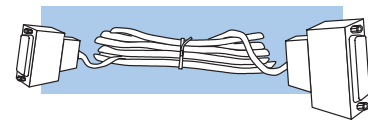
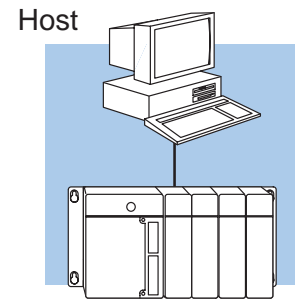
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1. Install the CPUs as described in the DL405 User's Manual. You can connect the power wiring now (if it's not already connected), but don't connect the source power yet.
2. Install the I/O Simulator in slot 0 of slave station #1, next to the CPU.
3. Install the Output module in slot 1 of slave station #1.

## Remember these Four Steps!

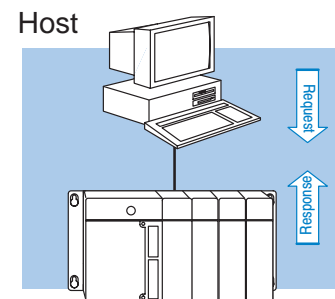
Use these steps to build your example network. The remainder of this chapter provides detailed explanations and examples of these steps.

1. Design the network by:
  - Selecting the configuration (this is a Host as Master configuration)
  - Building the communication cables.
  
2. Select the communication settings by:
  - Setting the station switches
  
3. Write the communication control program.
  - **DirectNET** program is used with Host master configurations.
  
4. Start the network operation.



```

      :
      :
130  NORMALS=CHR$(&H4E)
140  SLAVEADDR$=HEX$(SLAVEADDRESS)
150  IF LEN(SLAVEADDR$)<2
      THEN SLAVEADDR$="0"+SLAVEADDR$
160  OFFSETADDR$=CHR$(&H20+SLAVEADDRESS)
170  ENQ$=CHR$(&H5)
      :
      :
  
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## Step 1: Design the Network

### The Example Configuration

In this chapter we'll use the following example configuration to create a simple Host master network.

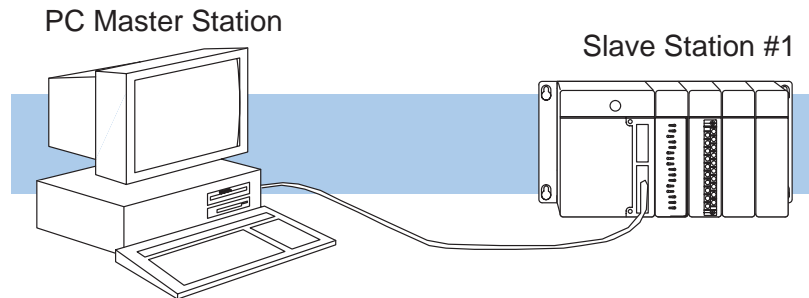
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**WARNING:** These examples are for illustration purposes only and are not intended for use in actual applications. This is because there may be many aspects of your system safety precautions that are not addressed in the examples. If you use these examples in actual applications, you are increasing the risk of personal injury and/or property damage.

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### Goal:

1. Read a bit pattern from an input module (X0 – X7) in Slave #1
2. Write a bit pattern to an output module (Y0 – Y7) in Slave #1.

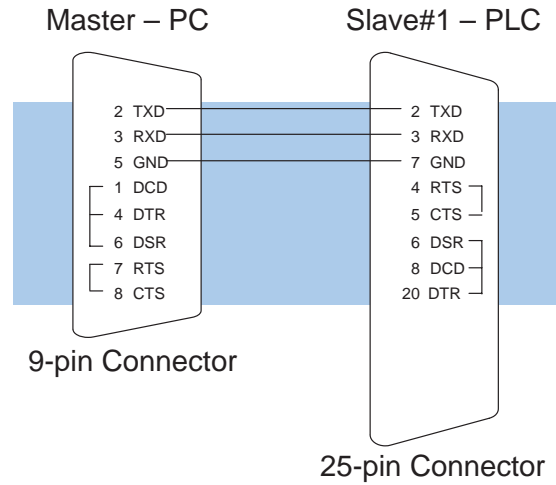


**The Example Cable** In our example configuration we have:

- A personal computer as the master station
- A DL440 PLC with a built-in **DirectNet** port as slave station #1

Since this is a simple point-to-point network, we can use RS232C communications.

RS232C



## Step 2: Select the Communication Settings

### Set the Personal Computer as the Master Station

The next step is to set the personal computer communication parameters (in the BASIC program). The parameters are typically set with software on the personal computer. The best place to find this information is in the documentation that came with your computer. It is important the communication settings for both the master and the slave(s) are the same. We will use the following settings in our example.

- Baud Rate — 9600 baud
- Parity — None

### Set the PLC Switches for the Slave Station

Slave station #1 is a DL405 PLC. If you look at the back of the DL405 CPU you will notice a small bank of switches. Switches 2, 3, and 4 are used to set the communication parameters for the bottom communication port.

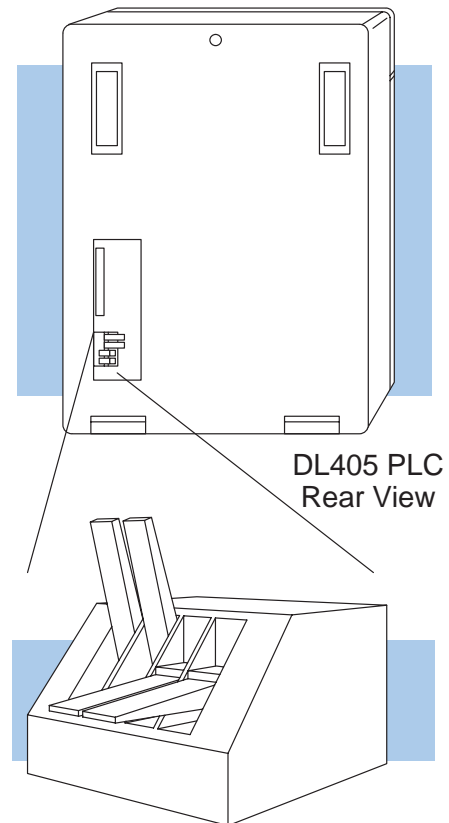
**Switch 2** — This switch selects the CPU slave address. If this switch is On, then an address of 1 is used. If the switch is Off, then you can use a programming device to set the address.

**Switch 3 & 4** — These switches select the baud rate for the bottom port.

Baud	3	4
300	OFF	OFF
1200	OFF	ON
9600	ON	OFF
19200	ON	ON

Set switch 2 to OFF – Address 1.  
Set switch 3 ON and 4 OFF – 9600 Baud

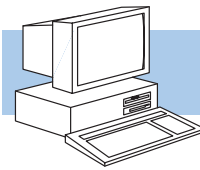
Switch 1 does not apply to the networking example. It is used to select the battery low indicator operation.



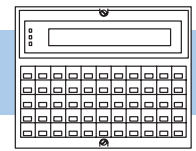
**Set the Station Address for the Slave Station**

With *DirectSOFT*, use AUX 56 from the Auxiliary functions menu to set the port parameters.

With the DL405 Handheld Programmer, use AUX 56 to set the port parameters. The following example shows how to use the handheld programmer to set the address.



*DirectSOFT*



DL405 Handheld Programmer

**NOTE:** The PLC port address is set in decimal, not hexadecimal.

**Select AUX 56**

CLR CLR AUX 5 6 ENT ENT

AUX 5\* CPU CFG  
AUX 56 CPU N/W ADDRESS

**Enter the Address (in decimal)**

0 1 ENT

AUX 56 CPU N/W ADDRESS  
N/W # 01

Set Address to 1 (decimal)

**Select HEX or ASCII**

To change the mode press ... →  
then press enter. ENT

AUX 56 CPU N/W ADDRESS  
HEX / ASCII

Select ASCII mode for data transfer.

**Select the Parity Option**

To change the parity press ... →  
then press enter. ENT

AUX 56 CPU N/W ADDRESS  
NONE / ODD

Set Parity to none.

**Clear the Display**

To clear the display press.... CLR

OK



## Step 3: Create the Communications Program

### DirectNET Programs

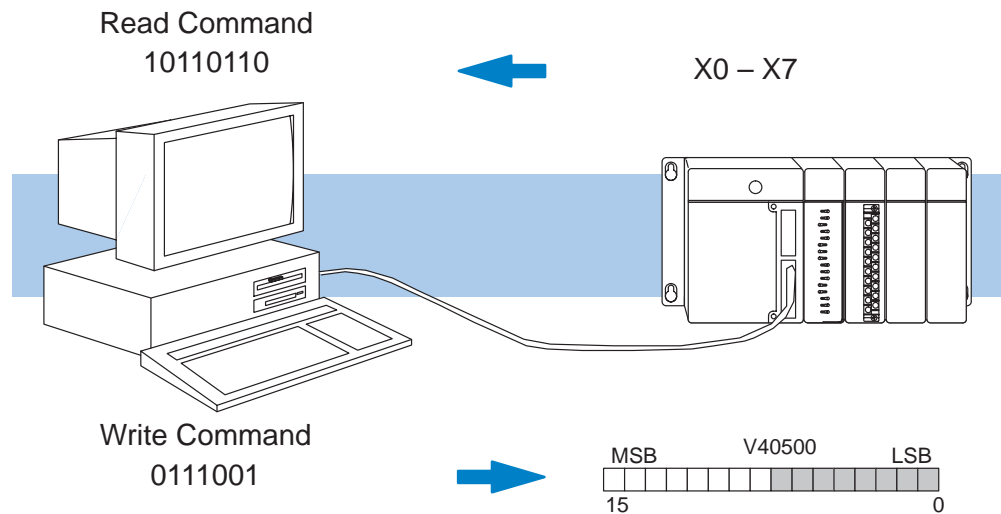
The communications program used with a hosted network is more complex than the simple RLL instructions used with the other configurations, but the concept is the same. The host is the **DirectNET** master and must use a **DirectNET** protocol communications program to initiate all network requests to read or write data. These communication programs can be written in many different languages, such as BASIC, C, etc. and must include the appropriate **DirectNET** protocol commands.

### Example Program

We've provided two host programs for this example. The programs are written in BASIC, which is provided with many personal computers.

#### Goal:

1. Read a bit pattern from an input module (X0 – X7).
2. Write a bit pattern to the first output module (Y0–Y7). (We'll actually use V40500, which is the V-memory location that corresponds to Y0–Y7).



### Entering the Program

You can use most any file editor to enter the program. Make sure your editor does not embed formatting codes. For example, most word processing packages and/or desktop publishing packages embed codes that describe the page layout. These types of packages are generally not suitable for entering programs.

### Slave Station Programs

The slave station does not require any programming in this example.

**NOTE:** The DL405 CPU must be in the ASCII mode for the following BASIC programs to work.

**Example Program** The following program will read X0–X7 from Slave Station #1.  
**to Read Data**

```

10  REM Program to read X0–X7 from a 405 PLC
20  REM
30  REM Define all variables
40  REM
50  REM Change the slave address in HEX at line 60 if required.
60  SLAVEADDRESS=&H1
70  DATATYPE$=CHR$(&H32)
80  DATAADDR$=CHR$(&H30)+CHR$(&H31)+CHR$(&H30)+CHR$(&H31)
90  COMPLETEBLK$=CHR$(&H30)+CHR$(&H30)
100 PARTBLK$=CHR$(&H30)+CHR$(&H32)
110 MASTERADDR$=CHR$(&H30)+CHR$(&H30)
120 NORMAL$=CHR$(&H4E)
130 SLAVEADDR$=HEX$(SLAVEADDRESS)
140 IF LEN(SLAVEADDR$)<2 THEN SLAVEADDR$="0"+SLAVEADDR$
150 OFFSETADDR$=CHR$(&H20+SLAVEADDRESS)
160 ENQ$=CHR$(&H5)
170 ACK$=CHR$(&H6)
180 SOH$=CHR$(&H1)
190 STX$=CHR$(&H2)
200 ETB$=CHR$(&H17)
210 NAK$=CHR$(&H15)
220 ETX$=CHR$(&H3)
230 EOT$=CHR$(&H4)
240 RED$=CHR$(&H30)
250 DATA$=""
260 REM
270 REM Build enquiry and header
280 REM
290 SLAVEENQ$=NORMAL$+OFFSETADDR$+ENQ$
300 HEADER$=SOH$+SLAVEADDR$+RED$+DATATYPE$+DATAADDR$
310 HEADER$=HEADER$+COMPLETEBLK$+PARTBLK$+MASTERADDR$+ETB$
320 REM
330 REM Begin active program
340 REM
350 CLS
360 OPEN "COM1:9600,N,8,1,RS,DS" AS #1
370 LRC=0
380 GOSUB 770
390 RETRY=0
400 REM      Do Enquiry
410 PRINT #1,SLAVEENQ$;
420 INPUT #1,ENQRES$:PRINT "Enquire Response = ";ENQRES$
430 IF MID$(ENQRES$,3,1)=ACK$ THEN GOTO 480
440 RETRY=RETRY+1
450 IF RETRY>2 THEN GOTO 760
460 GOTO 410

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470 REM          Do Header
480 RETRY=0
490 PRINT #1,HEADER$;LRC$;
500 INPUT #1,HEADERRESP$:PRINT "Header Response = ";HEADERRESP$
510 IF MID$(HEADERRESP$,1,1)=ACK$ THEN GOTO 560
520 RETRY=RETRY+1
530 IF RETRY>2 THEN GOTO 760
540 GOTO 490
550 REM          Get the data
560 RETRY=0
570 INPUT #1,DAT$
580 GOSUB 850
590 IF VALUELRC$=DATLRC$ THEN GOTO 640
600 PRINT #1,NAK$;
610 RETRY=RETRY+1
620 IF RETRY>2 THEN GOTO 760
630 GOTO 570
640 REM          Print the data to the screen
650 PRINT "Data = ";VALUE$
660 REM          Do the ACK
670 RETRY=0
680 PRINT #1,ACK$;
690 INPUT #1,ACKRESP$:PRINT "EOT = ";ACKRESP$
700 IF MID$(ACKRESP$,1,1)=EOT$ THEN GOTO 750
710 RETRY=RETRY+1
720 IF RETRY>2 THEN GOTO 760
730 GOTO 680
740 REM          Do the EOT
750 PRINT #1,EOT$;
760 CLEAR:CLOSE:END
770 REM
780 REM Routine to calculate LRC
790 REM
800 FOR I=2 TO (LEN(HEADER$)-1)
810 LRC=LRC XOR ASC(MID$(HEADER$,I,1))
820 NEXT I
830 LRC$=HEX$(LRC):IF LEN(LRC$)<2 THEN LRC$="0"+LRC$
840 RETURN
850 REM
860 REM Routine to remove data from data packet, Get LRC for check in main
870 REM
880 VALUELRC=0
890 DATLRC$=""
900 FOR I=2 TO (LEN(DAT$)-3)
910 VALUE$=VALUE$+MID$(DAT$,I,1)
920 VALUELRC=VALUELRC XOR ASC(MID$(DAT$,I,1))
930 NEXT I
940 DATLRC$=MID$(DAT$, (LEN(DAT$)-1),2)
950 VALUELRC$=HEX$(VALUELRC)
960 IF LEN(VALUELRC$)<2 THEN VALUELRC$=CHR$(&H30)+VALUELRC$
970 RETURN

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**Example Program to Write Data** The following program will write a value to Y0 – Y7 in Slave Station #1.

```
10  REM Program to write X0–X7 to a 405 PLC
20  REM
30  REM Define all variables
40  REM
50  REM Change the slave address in HEX at line 60 if required
60  SLAVEADDRESS=&H1
70  DATATYPE$=CHR$(&H33)
80  DATAADDR$=CHR$(&H30)+CHR$(&H31)+CHR$(&H30)+CHR$(&H31)
90  COMPLETEBLK$=CHR$(&H30)+CHR$(&H30)
100 PARTBLK$=CHR$(&H30)+CHR$(&H32)
110 MASTERADDR$=CHR$(&H30)+CHR$(&H30)
120 REM
130 NORMAL$=CHR$(&H4E)
140 SLAVEADDR$=HEX$(SLAVEADDRESS)
150 IF LEN(SLAVEADDR$)<2 THEN SLAVEADDR$="0"+SLAVEADDR$
160 OFFSETADDR$=CHR$(&H20+SLAVEADDRESS)
170 ENQ$=CHR$(&H5)
180 ACK$=CHR$(&H6)
190 SOH$=CHR$(&H1)
200 STX$=CHR$(&H2)
210 ETB$=CHR$(&H17)
220 NAK$=CHR$(&H15)
230 ETX$=CHR$(&H3)
240 EOT$=CHR$(&H4)
250 RITE$=CHR$(&H38)
260 DATA$=""
270 REM
280 REM Build enquiry and header
290 REM
300 SLAVEENQ$=NORMAL$+OFFSETADDR$+ENQ$
310 HEADER$=SOH$+SLAVEADDR$+RITE$+DATATYPE$+DATAADDR$
320 HEADER$=HEADER$+COMPLETEBLK$+PARTBLK$+MASTERADDR$+ETB$
330 REM
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```
340 REM Begin active program
350 REM
360 CLS
370 OPEN "COM1:9600,N,8,1,RS,DS" AS #1
380 LRC=0:DATLRC=0
390 INPUT "ENTER DATA STRING (2 DIGITS, 0-F) ", VALUE$
400 GOSUB 650
410 GOSUB 730
420 RETRY=0
430 PRINT #1,SLAVEENQ$;
435 INPUT #1,ENQRESP$:PRINT "Enquire Response = ";ENQRESP$
440 IF MID$(ENQRESP$,3,1)=ACK$ THEN GOTO 490
450 RETRY=RETRY+1
460 IF RETRY>2 THEN GOTO 640
470 GOTO 430
490 RETRY=0
500 PRINT #1,HEADER$;LRC$;
510 INPUT #1,HEADERRESP$:PRINT "Header Response = ";HEADERRESP$
520 IF MID$(HEADERRESP$,1,1)=ACK$ THEN GOTO 560
530 RETRY=RETRY+1
540 IF RETRY>2 THEN GOTO 640
550 GOTO 500
560 RETRY=0
570 PRINT #1,DAT$;DATLRC$;
580 INPUT #1,DATRESP$:PRINT "Data Response = "; DATRESP$
590 IF MID$(DATRESP$,1,1)=ACK$ THEN GOTO 630
600 RETRY=RETRY+1
610 IF RETRY>2 THEN GOTO 640
620 GOTO 570
630 PRINT #1,EOT$;
640 CLEAR:CLOSE:END
650 REM
660 REM Routine to calculate LRC
670 REM
680 FOR I=2 TO (LEN(HEADER$)-1)
690 LRC=LRC XOR ASC(MID$(HEADER$,I,1))
700 NEXT I
710 LRC$=HEX$(LRC):IF LEN(LRC$)<2 THEN LRC$="0"+LRC$
720 RETURN
730 REM
740 REM Routine to put data into packet and calculate data LRC
750 REM
760 DAT$=CHR$(&H2)+VALUE$+CHR$(&H3)
770 FOR I=2 TO (LEN(DAT$)-1)
780 DATLRC=DATLRC XOR ASC(MID$(DAT$,I,1))
790 NEXT I
800 DATLRC$=HEX$(DATLRC):IF LEN(DATLRC$)<2 THEN DATLRC$="0"+DATLRC$
810 RETURN
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## Step 4: Start the Network.

### Execute the PC Master Program

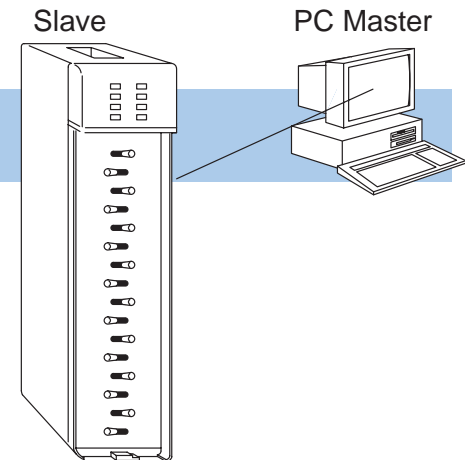
This program was designed to work with GWBasic. Complete the following steps to execute the example program.

1. Start GWBasic.
2. Load the file you used to create the read example program.

### Verify the Read Command

Now you can change the I/O simulator switch settings and verify the communications.

1. Set every other switch to the ON position .
2. Execute the program. Look at the screen to verify the data matches the I/O simulator switch settings.
3. Change the I/O simulator switch settings at random and execute the program again. Notice how the data changes.

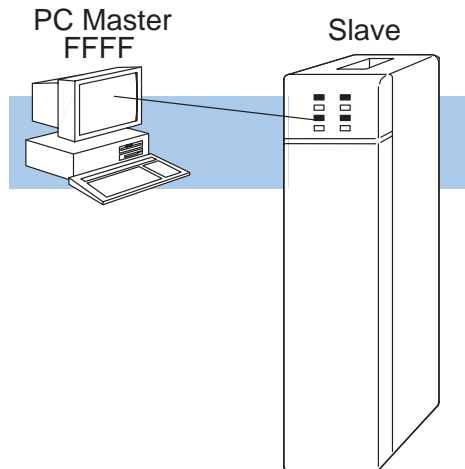


### Verify the Write Command

You can change the bit pattern for the output module to verify it is working correctly. For example, enter FFFF. This should turn on the first eight output points in slave station #2.

Notice the numbers are entered in hexadecimal format. Here's a cross reference for a few patterns.

- FFFF – all on
- 0000 – all off



## What should I do if it isn't working correctly?

### Troubleshooting Steps

If the network does not seem to be working correctly, check the following items.

1. Cable and connections. Incorrectly wired cables and loose connectors cause the majority of problems. Verify you've selected the proper cable configuration and check to see the cable is wired correctly.
2. Dipswitch settings. Make sure you've set the slave stations to match the communication parameters required by the master station (operator interface or personal computer).
3. Communications program. Verify the program has been entered as shown in the example.
4. If the network still doesn't work correctly go to Chapter 7, Network Operation and Troubleshooting, and use the troubleshooting charts.