

# Tapioca, TpC-FS4W123

## Quick Start Guide

Portable Serial (RS-485) to Wi-Fi adapter for deported HMI apps on mobile devices

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## Hardware Description



## Package Contents

Tapioca NFC, BLE, Wi-Fi to RS-485 Serial fieldbus adapter includes:

- 1x **TpC-FS4W123**
- 1x **RS-485 cord** (RJ45-DB9, blue marker)
- 1x **Terminal Block Plug** (2-wire)



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## LED descriptions

LED functionality can be controlled from Tapioca's Duetware Java Virtual Machine. For more information refer to the online documentation.

LED	Available on Pin
Green	TGT_RST
Red	TGT_CLK

## Power Consumption Characteristics

Tapioca is a low power consumption device. Typical power consumption for **TpC-FS4W123** is **550 mW** (with possible peak at up to 1 W).

## Power Supply

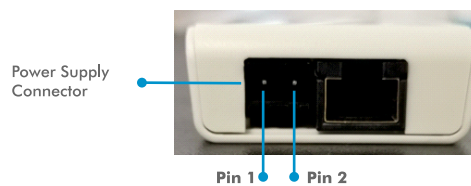
Connect an external power supply on the provided connector. The supported voltage range is 5V to 25V DV.

**\* WARNING \* AC power supply is not supported.**

It is recommended to use a power source of 5W (12V / 400mA or 24V / 200mA and connection wires of 2.5mm<sup>2</sup>).

To connect the power supply:

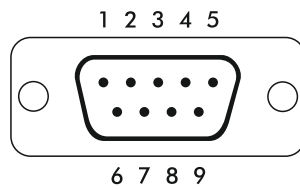
- Insert the provided terminal block plug (Molex 039530-0002) into the power supply connector on the bottom of the Tapioca.
- Insert the two wires from the power source and ensure the correct polarity (refer to the schematic below):
  - Pin 1 to GND
  - Pin 2 to V<sub>IN</sub>
- Tighten the 2 screws to secure the wires in place.



## 1. Connect to a Target

Connect Tapioca to the target system using the RJ45 to DB9 cord. Signals and corresponding pins are indicated below:

Pin	Signal
1	GND
2	V <sub>IN</sub>
3	-
4	-
5	B
6	-
7	-
8	-
9	A



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## 2. Connect to Your Mobile

Tapioca connects to Android and iOS mobiles via Wi-Fi, BLE, and Near Field Communication (NFC).

It is pre-configured for serial or Modbus communication with target systems using the **Tap Toolbox** app.

### Get Tap Toolbox

Go to **Google Play Store** or to the **App Store**. Download and install IoTize **Tap Toolbox**.



Note: For Android mobiles (with NFC) and iOS (iPhone XR/XS). Activate NFC and a data connection, then hold the mobile to the NFC indicator on Tapioca. Tap Toolbox will be proposed automatically for installation.

### Connect mobile to Tapioca

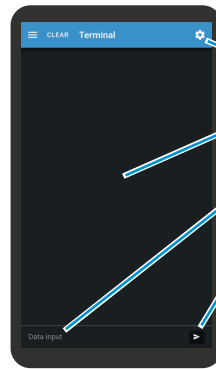
1. Activate the mobile's Bluetooth and Data connections.
2. Power the Tapioca.
3. Launch **Tap Toolbox** and select Scan to find your Tapioca.
4. Select you Tapioca from the list of Wi-Fi or BLE connections.

After you are connected, **Tap Toolbox** provides the utilities:

- **Terminal**: sends/receives characters via RS-485.
- **Modbus**: drive one or more Modbus (slave) devices. Only Modbus-RTU is supported.

## 3a. Terminal utility

Selecting **Terminal** opens this utility for sending text commands and visualizing responses.



**Settings**: set input format and visualization parameters

**Display**: visualization area for commands and responses.

**Data input**: click to access keyboard and type text commands.

**Send button**

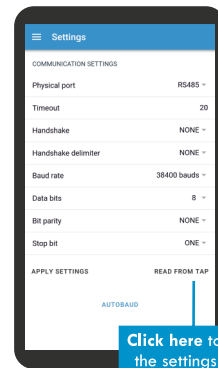
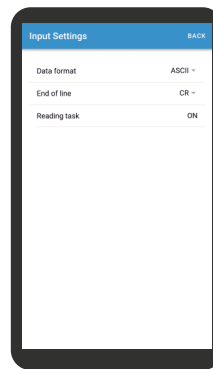
### UART settings

Click the menu icon on the left and select **Settings**.

These settings are common to **Terminal** and **Modbus** utilities.

### Input Settings

Click in the **Terminal** display. These settings are specific to the Terminal utility.



Click here to read the settings from TapNPass.

## 3b. Modbus utility

Selecting **Modbus** opens this utility for reading and writing Modbus (slave) registers.

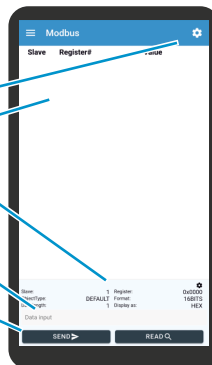
**Settings**: Set parameters that are specific to the Modbus communication with the target.

**Registers**: List of registers to monitor.

**Register definition**: Displays values of parameters of the selected register.

**Input field**: Enter the value to be written when using the write register command.

**Command buttons**: execute the read of write commands.



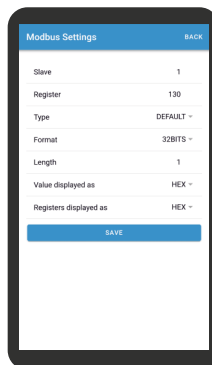
### Define a register to monitor

Click in the **Registers** area, then enter:

- **Slave id** (8-bit value)
- **Register address** (16-bit value)
- **Type** (default is 'holding register')
- **Format**: registers are 16-bit. They are truncated for 8-bit values. 32-bit values use 2 consecutive registers.
- **Length**: the number of consecutive registers to be accessed.
- **Display mode** (HEX or DEC)

Click on **Save** and then **Read**.

The register is listed in the **Register** display and the values are in the **Register definition** field.



### Save a register for later use

- Click on the register in the **Registers** area
- Swipe to the left
- Click on the **Save** button

This saves the register and related settings to a list of registers.

## 4. Advanced Configuration

Your Tapioca can be configured to:

- Require login for access to features or data.
- Open an HMI app that you created for your systems or your user.

The **IoTize Studio** configuration environment, detailed documentation, application notes and app development resources are available online at:

<http://docs.iotize.com/GettingStarted/Tapioca/>

## 5. Troubleshooting

### App won't display any register values

If Tap Toolbox utility does not display any values from your Modbus slave, verify that:

- Connection cord is plugged into Tapioca and the target.
- Connection cords pin out is correct for your target. The problem may be caused by inverted D0 and D1 signals.

If the provided cord does not work, you can also try an Ethernet cord with the standard pin out.

If neither cord works, you will have to verify the pin connection on the target and may have to adapt a cord to your target's pin out.

- The UART settings are appropriate for the target.
- The slave address is correct for the target.
- You have access to the Modbus features in the current Tapioca configuration. For a new Tapioca, the initial configuration allows access without login for Modbus and Terminal features. If the configuration has been changed, you will have to obtain the login from the configuration project or the user who configured the Tapioca.