Auto-Configuration of the MiiNePort Series

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This document provides instructions for simultaneous multiple-unit configurations of MiiNePort Series embedded device servers through AutoCFG technology (a NetEZ feature), significantly reducing the time required to configure default device settings, directly on the production line.

AutoCFG Technology

AutoCFG provides a solution for MiiNePort Series to import a configuration file automatically. User can set up a TFTP server and put an exported configuration file on the server, all the MiiNePort in the same network will auto-download and import the configuration.

To implement AutoCFG, please follow these procedures:



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- 1. Export a configuration file from a MiiNePort
- 2. Set up a TFTP server
- 3. Power ON the MiiNePort(s) on the same network
- 4. The MiiNePort(s) will auto-load the configuration
- 5. Remove the MiiNePort(s)

These 5 steps are explained in detail below:

- Export a configuration file from a MiiNePort. The user should take one MiiNePort and do some modification as the default settings for others, for example to have a specified IP address or serial parameters.
 - 1.1. We recommend to Disable the AutoCFG function for this configuration file because there is no need for a MiiNePort to load the configuration file twice.

Maintenance -> Configuration Tool -> Auto Configuration, disable "AutoCFG"

| Main Menu Overview | Auto Configuration | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Basic Settings | Auto configuration | | |
| Advanced Settings | AutoCFG | Enable Disable | |
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1.2. When finish configuring, export the configuration file.

Maintenance -> Configuration Tool -> Configuration Export, click Download to export the configuration, the default name should be "MiiNePortE1.txt" (ModelName.txt, please do not change it.)

| Main Menu | Configuration Export |
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| 🗀 Console Settings | Download |
| 🖻 🔄 Configuration Tool | |
| - 🗀 Auto Configuration | |
| Configuration Import | |
| Configuration Export | |

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2. Setup a TFTP Server.

There are many free TFTP Server software on Internet, we use TFTPD32 as an example.

- 2.1. Change the IP address of the PC which runs TFTP Server to 169.254.a.b / 255.255.0.0 (a & b = 1 - 254).
 - 2.1.1. Copy the configuration file "MiiNePortE1.txt" to the home directory of the TFTP server, in this case it is C:\Program Files\Tftpd32\.
- 2.2. Execute the TFTP Server

| Tftpd32 by Ph. Jounin | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|----------|--|
| Current Direct | tory C:\Pro | 132 | ▼ B | rowse | | |
| Server interfa | ces 169.25 | i4.1.1 | 💽 Sh | iow Dir | | |
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- 3. Power ON the MiiNePort(s) on the same network.
- 4. The MiiNePort(s) will auto-load the configuration file from the TFTP server. When it finishes, LEDs will indicate the status:

| Model | LED Name | Color |
|---------------------|----------------|--|
| MiiNePort E1 Series | Fault / In-Use | Blinking, alternating with Green and Amber |
| MiiNePort E2 Series | Ready | Green, Blinking every 1 sec. |
| MiiNePort E3 Series | Ready | Green, Blinking every 1 sec. |

5. Remove the MiiNePort(s)

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- NetEZ technology makes integration incredibly easy
- Versatile choice of operation modes: Real COM, RFC2217, TCP, and UDP

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