UHF_Middleware

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Introduction

UHF_Middleware helps you to save UHF tags' information which read by TS100/UHF880 to Database (DB).

System Requirements

UHF_Middleware is a Windows-based program, following is the requirements:

UHF_Middleware Version	.NET Framework	OS
Before V1.1R5	4.0	Windows XP or later version.
After V1.2R0*	4.8	Windows 7 or later version.

^{*} After **UHF_Middleware** V1.2R0, start to support PostgreSQL.

Preparation

Firstly, setting up the device to send tags' information to TCP Server via Wi-Fi.

According to your device which is, refer to the corresponding chapter.

TS100

Using **TS100 Utility** to configure TS100 as blow steps.

- 1. Open TS100 Utility program.
- 2. Plug in TS100 to your computer by USB.
- 3. Click [Connect] button to connect with TS100.
- 4. Select [General] tab and set up an Operating Mode.
- 5. Select [Hardware] tab / [Wi-Fi Settings] button to configure Wi-Fi settings to send tags' information to host via the internet.
- 6. Select [Output] tab:
 - 6.1. Set up [Data Type] to make TS100 sends different information to Middleware.

- 6.1.1. Select "Decoded Data" in general case.
- 6.1.2. Select "Raw Data" only when you need to retrieve "Remove Tag Event" and "EPC raw data".



6.2. Set [TCP Server Address] that is the IP and port used for Middleware to listen.

Tip: When you click [**Start**] button in the **UHF_Middleware**, it shows which IPs & port are listening. (As below)



- 6.3. Select [TCP Server (Wi-Fi)] to enable TS100 sends data to TCP Server.
- 7. Click [**Update**] button to save the modifications.
- 8. Close TS100 Utility.

Now, TS100 is ready to send tags' information to TCP Server via Wi-Fi.

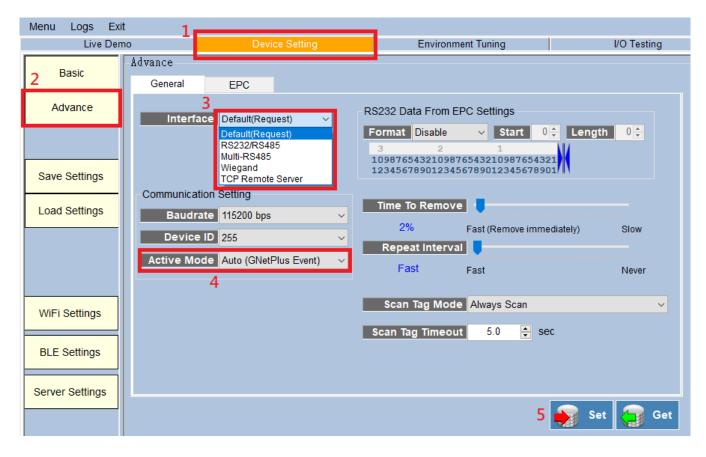
UHF880

Using **UHF Reader Utility (G)** to configure UHF880 as blow steps.

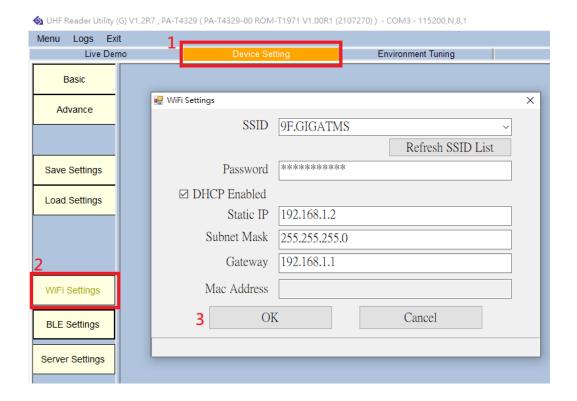
- 1. Open **UHF Reader Utility (G)** program and connect with UHF880.
- 2. Configure output interface and packet format:
 - 2.1. Click [**Device Setting**] tab.
 - 2.2. Click [Advance] button.
 - 2.3. Configure interface to [**Default(Request)**] or [**TCP Remote Server**].
 - 2.4. Configure Active Mode to [Auto (GNetPlus Event)].
 - 2.5. Click [Set] button.

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- 3. Configure Wi-Fi Settings:
 - 3.1. Click [Device Setting] tab.
 - 3.2. Click [WiFi Settings] button.
 - 3.3. Configure Wi-Fi settings and click [OK] button.

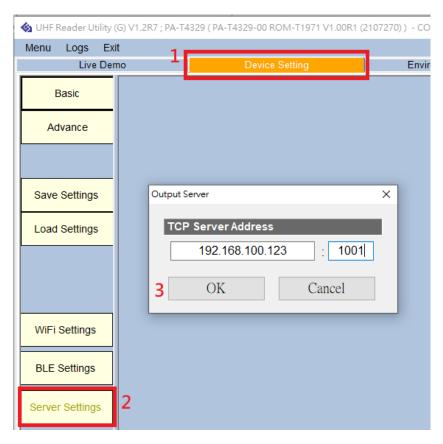


- 4. Configure TCP Server:
 - 4.1. Click [Server Settings] button.
 - 4.2. Set [TCP Server Address] that is the IP and port used for Middleware to listen.

Tip: When you click [**Start**] button in the **UHF_Middleware**, it shows which IPs & port are listening. (As below)



4.3. Click [**OK**] button.

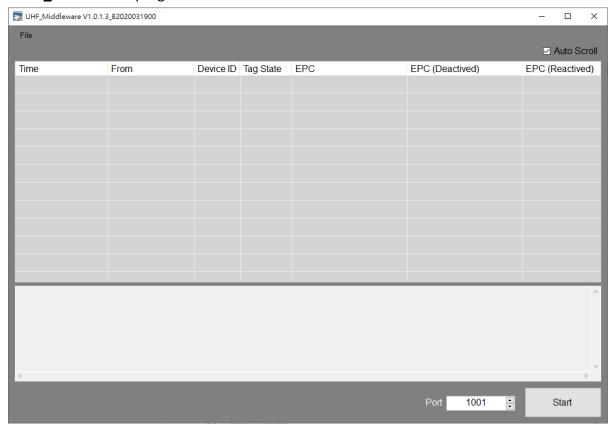


Now, UHF880 is ready to send tags' information to TCP Server via Wi-Fi.

Restart the UHF880 after closing **UHF Reader Utility (G)**, then UHF880 is running at Active Mode.

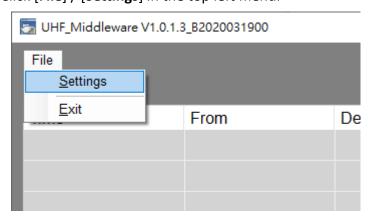
Using UHF_Middleware

Open UHF_Middleware program.

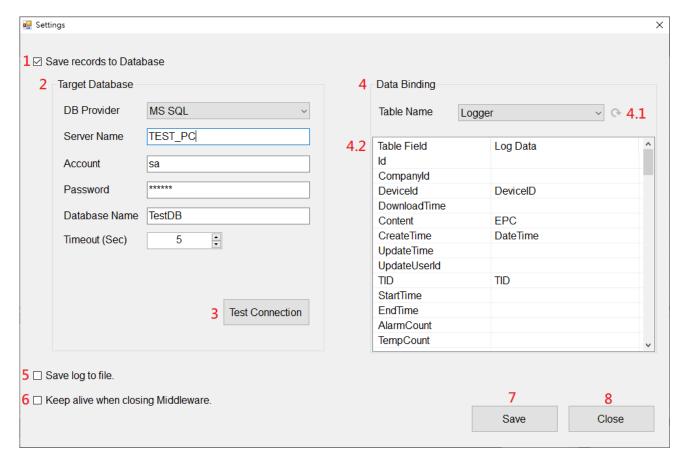


Configure DB parameters

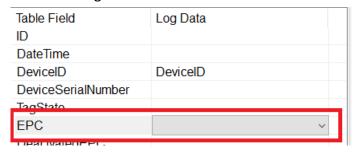
1. Click [File] / [Settings] in the top left menu.



It shows a window as below.



- 1. Select [Save records to Database] to save data to DB.
- 2. Fill up the [Target Database] form.
- 3. Click [Test Connection] button to make sure the settings are correct.
- 4. Binding data to the DB in the [Data Binding] block.
 - 4.1. Click [] button to update Table Name. And select the target table to store tag data.
 - 4.2. Mapping [Table Fields] with [Log Data]:
 - 4.2.1. Click empty fields under [Log Data] column. It shows a list in the field.
 - 4.2.2. Select a Log Data in the list to bind to the table field.



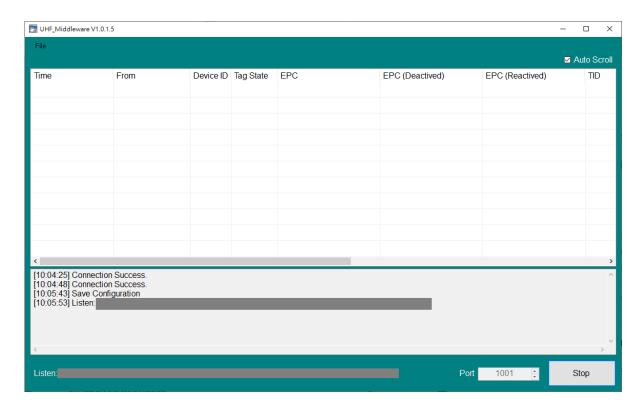
Note: Refer to <u>Log Data Table</u> for more information.

- 5. Select [Save log to file] will save logs to local files.
- 6. Select [**Keep alive when closing Middleware**] to make the middleware been running at the background after click [X] button.
 - 7. Click [Save] button to save current settings to registry.

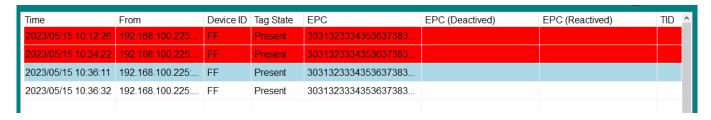
8. Click [Close] button to close the setting window.

Start the service

1. Click [**Start**] button to start the process of receiving tag data. Then the background color changes to green. (Default listening Port Number is **1001**)



- 2. You could view the received tag data and log:
 - 2.1. Select [Auto Scroll] to see the latest record in the below grid.
 - 2.2. The receiving tag data shows in the grid.



There are three types of background colors for records.

Background Color	Description
Red	Got an error when saving data to DB.
Turquoise	The record has saved to DB.
○ White	Not yet save to DB.



Log Data Table

Name	Type	Description
DateTime	datetime	Time of data retrieved.
FromIPAddress	string	IP address and port of TS100.
DeviceID	string	device id of TS100.
DeviceSerialNumber	string	device serial number of TS100.
TagState	byte	Enable "Remove Tag Event" to retrieve tags removing state. 0: Present, 1: Disappeared
TID	string	TID of the tag.
EPC	string	EPC of the tag. (raw data) * Retrieve the data when <i>Data Type</i> is "Raw Data" or <i>Decoded Data</i> contains "EPC"
DeactivatedEPC	string	Deactivated EPC of the tag. * Retrieve the data when TS100 in "Deactivated Mode".
ReactivatedEPC	string	Reactivated EPC of the tag. * Retrieve the data when TS100 in "Reactivated Mode".
DecodedData	string	Decoded data of EPC. * Retrieve the data when <i>Data Type</i> is " <i>Decoded Data</i> ".
TagSerialNumber	string	Serial number of UPC encoding. * Retrieve the data when 1. Data Type is "Decoded Data" 2. Decoded Data contains "EAN/UPC" or "EAN/UPC + EAS"
Ascii	string	EPC as ASCII. * Retrieve the data when 1. Data Type is "Decoded Data" 2. Decoded Data contains "ASCII (EPC)"

 $^{^{*}}$ The gray rows in the table indicate that data packets may not exist. It depends on the settings of TS100 and tags' data.

Appendix A - Sample SQL Schema

Using below sample schema to create a table for testing.

```
CREATE TABLE [dbo].[TagsInfo](
      [ID] [bigint] IDENTITY(1,1) NOT NULL,
      [DateTime] [datetime] NULL,
      [DeviceID] [varchar](10) NULL,
      [DeviceSerialNumber][varchar](20) NULL,
      [TagState] [tinyint] NULL,
      [EPC] [varchar](50) NULL,
      [DeactivatedEPC] [varchar](50) NULL,
      [ReactivatedEPC] [varchar](50) NULL,
      [TID] [varchar](50) NULL,
      [DataSource] [varchar](21) NULL,
      [DecodedData] [varchar](256) NULL,
      [TagSerialNumber] [varchar](10) NULL,
CONSTRAINT [PK_TagsInfo] PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED
(
      [ID] ASC
)WITH (PAD INDEX = OFF, STATISTICS NORECOMPUTE = OFF, IGNORE DUP KEY = OFF,
ALLOW_ROW_LOCKS = ON, ALLOW_PAGE_LOCKS = ON) ON [PRIMARY]
) ON [PRIMARY]
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In the UHF_Middleware, set data binding as below.

Appendix B - Install a database

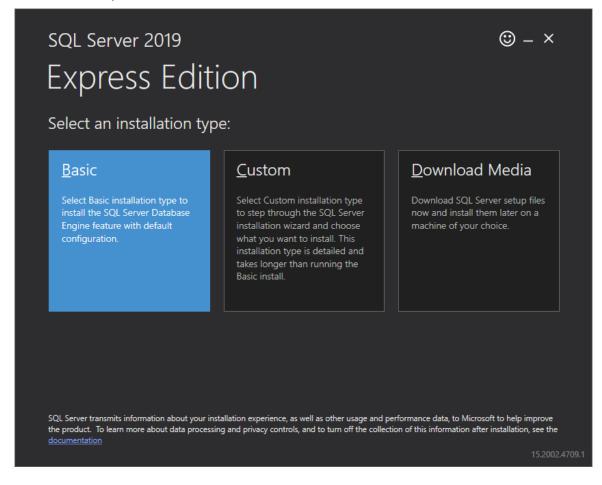
Following below steps to install a database for testing.

Install SQL Server 2019 Express

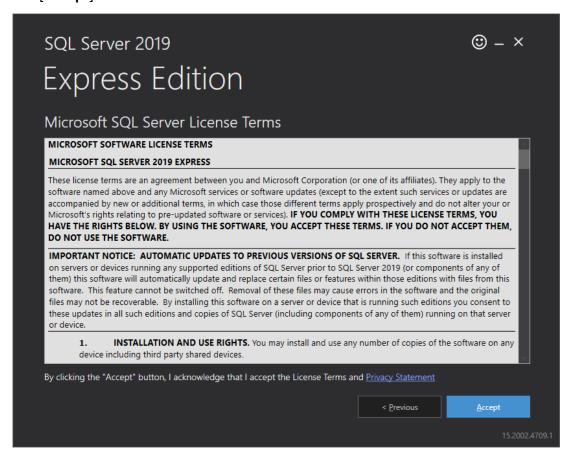
- Download SQL Server 2019 Express. https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=866658
- 2. Execute the installer.



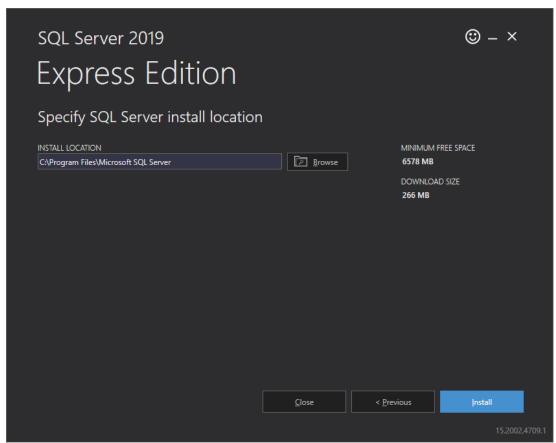
3. Select [Basic] option.



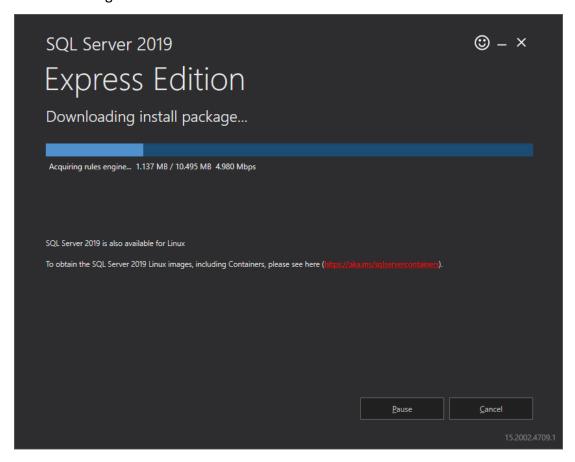
4. Click [Accept] button.



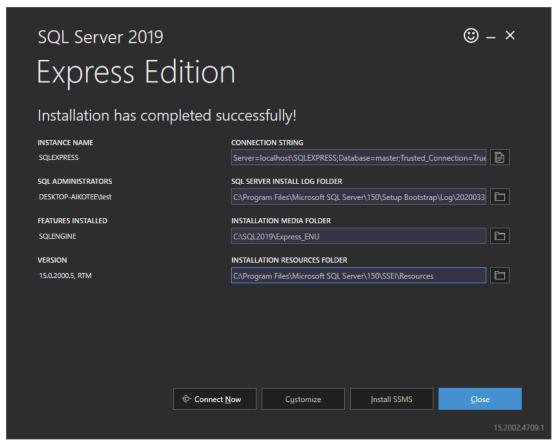
5. Click [Install] button.



6. Wait for installing.



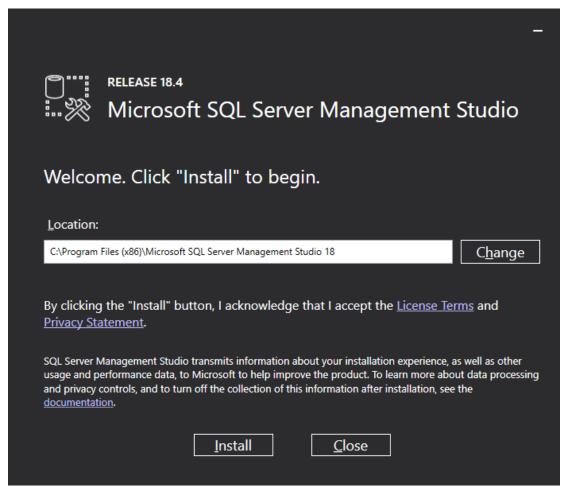
7. Click [Close] button.



Install SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS)

 Download SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) https://aka.ms/ssmsfullsetup

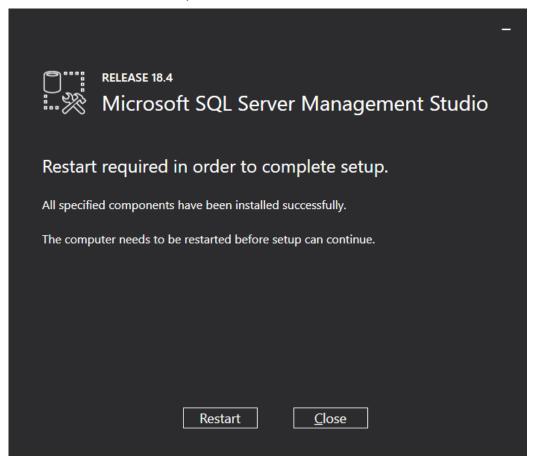
2. Execute the installer. Click [Install] button.



3. Wait for installing.



4. Click [Restart] button to restart your PC.



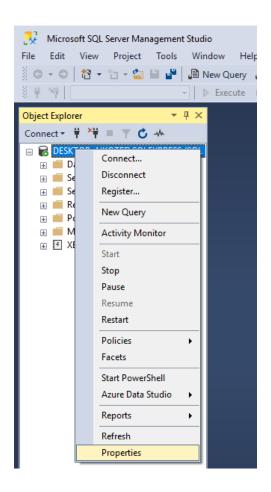
5. Execute SSMS.



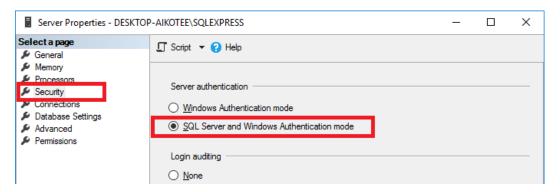
6. Click [Connect] button.

Configure the Database

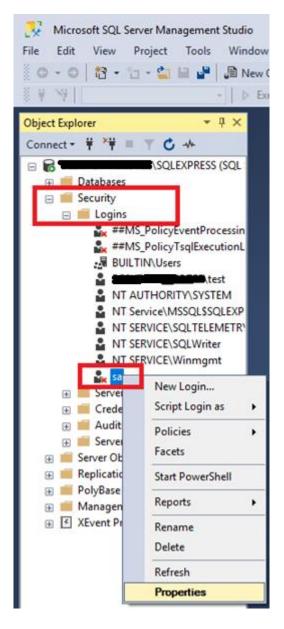
- 1. Change authentication mode with SSMS.
 - 1.1 Right click on [Object Explorer] / Database Node. Click [Properties] on pop-up menu.



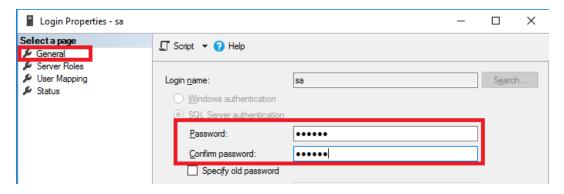
1.2. Select [Security] page and select [SQL Server and Windows Authentication mode]



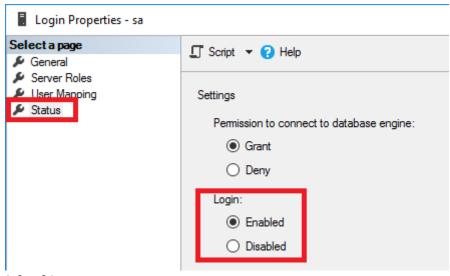
- 1.3. Click [OK] button.
- 2. Enable sa login
 - 2.1. Expand [**Object Explorer**] / [**Security**] / [**Logins**], right click [**sa**], and click [**Properties**] on pop-up menu.



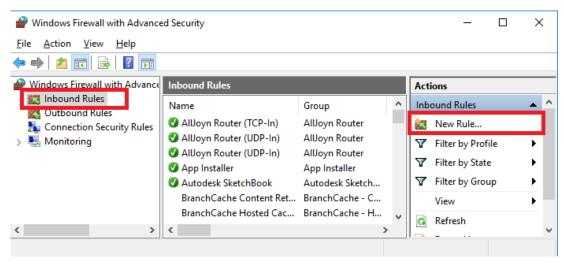
2.2. Set Password for the account sa in [General] page.



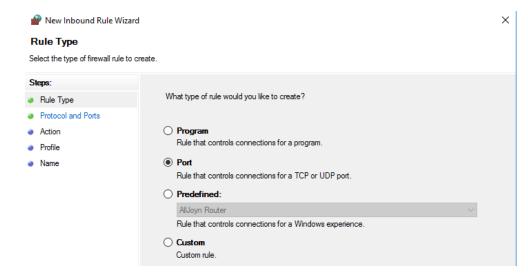
2.3. Set Login to [Enable] in [Status] page.



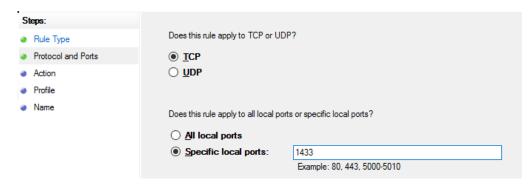
- 2.4. Click [OK] button.
- 3. Allow 1433 port through the firewall.
 - 3.1. Execute [WF.msc]. Click [New Rule] in [Inbound Rules] page.



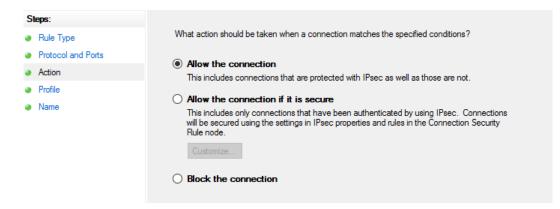
3.2. Select [Port] option. Then click [Next] button.



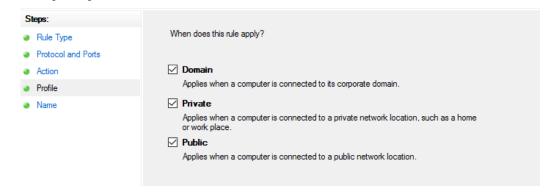
3.3. Select [Specific local ports] and enter 1433. Then click [Next] button.



3.4. Click [Next] button.



3.5. Click [Next] button.

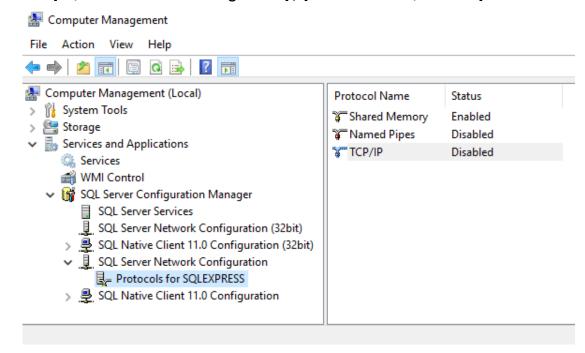


3.6. Enter the rule name. Then click [Finish] button.

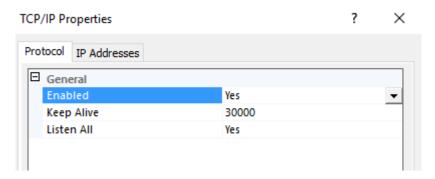


- 4. Enable SQL Server TCP/IP connection.
 - 4.1. Open [Computer Management].
 - 4.2. Select [Services and Applications] / [SQL Server Configuration Manager] /

[SQL Server Network Configuration] / [Protocols for SQLEXPRESS]

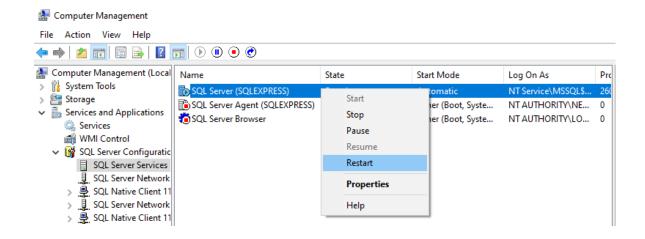


4.3. Double click [TCP/IP] item. Set [Enabled] item to [Yes] in [Protocol] page.

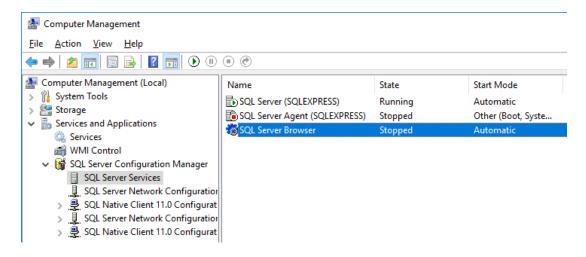


- 4.4. In [IP Addresses] page:
 - 4.4.1. Enter **1433** at [**TCP Port**]
 - 4.4.2. Set [Enabled] to [Yes]
 - 4.4.3. Clear [TCP Dynamic Ports] value
- 4.4. Then click [OK] button.
- 4.5. Select [SQL Server Services] item.

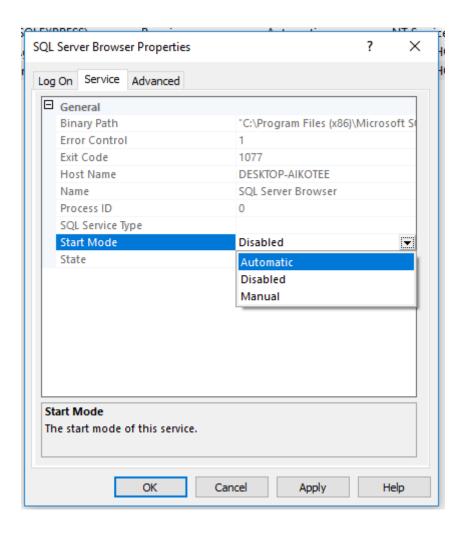
Right click [SQL Server (SQLEXPRESS)] and click [Restart] to apply new settings.



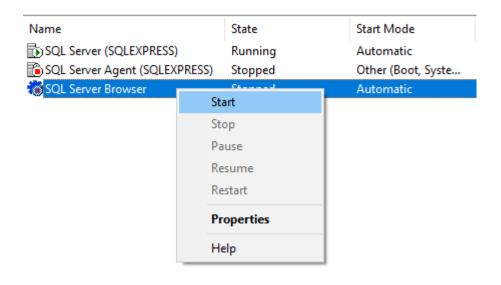
4.6. Double click [SQL Server Browser].



4.7. In [Service] page, change [Start Mode] to [Automatic]. Then click [OK] button.



4.8. Right click [SQL Server Browser] item and click [Start].

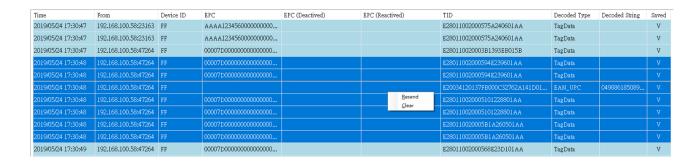


Appendix C - Q & A

Q1. How to clear the tag data records and log message showing in the UI?

A1.

- 1. Right-click the list, in the drop-down menu, click to select [**Clear**]. (If there is any unsaved record, then they cannot be clear.)
- 2. Double-click the Log text box to clear log message.
- 3. The log message will also be automatically clear if the record count reach to 2000.
- Q2. How to re-save the record to DB?
- A2. Select one or more than one records, right-click the list view, in the drop-down menu, click [Resend].



- Q3. Why are the settings disabled?
- A3. You should click [Stop] button to stop middleware firstly.

Update History

15MAY2023 release

- Version 1.0R9
- Update Preparation <u>UHF880</u> chapter.
- Update <u>Using UHF Middleware</u> chapter.

17NOV2021 release

- Version 1.0R8
- Update System Requirements.
- Modify <u>Preparation</u> description.
- Add Preparation <u>UHF880</u> chapter.

25MAR2020 release

- Version 1.0R7
- Update <u>Using UHF_Middleware</u>.

04DEC2019 release

- Version 1.0R6
- Update <u>Sample SQL Schema</u>.

22NOV2019 release

- Version 1.0R5
- Update <u>Sample SQL Schema</u>.
- Update Log Data Table.

16AUG2019 release

- Version 1.0R4
- Update Sample SQL Schema.
- Update the content according to UHF_Middleware (V1.1R1).
- Add <u>Log Data Table</u>.

2JUL2019 release

- Version 1.0R3
- Update <u>Sample SQL Schema</u>

11JUN2019 release

- Version 1.0R2
- Add <u>Sample SQL Schema</u>

3JUN2019 release

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