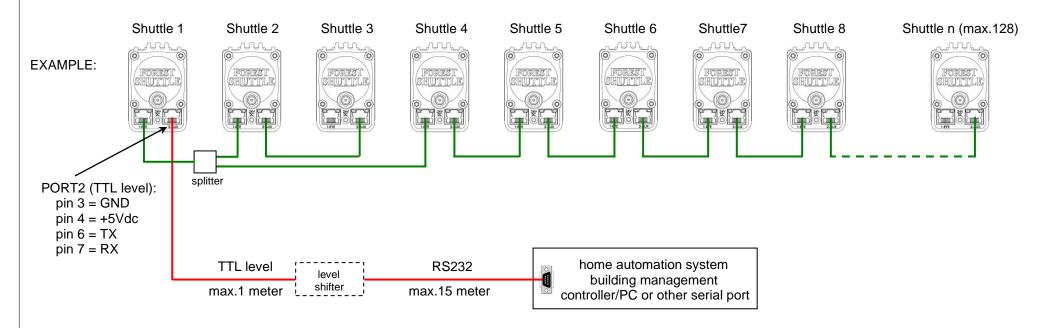


Connecting the FX-bus (RS232) of a Forest Shuttle S / L / M receiver to Home Automation

The Forest Shuttle **S, L or M receiver** can be controlled by FX bus (Forest eXtension bus). The 2 ports on the bottom of the Shuttle are FX ports. Shuttles are connected together to form a FX bus. Serial commands at TTL level can be send between the Shuttle motor and an outside Controller/PC. In case of a RS232 serial port, a level shifter is needed to connect the FX bus to interface with an outside Controller/PC utilizing an RS-232 serial communication link. Shuttles are connected to each other in a bus- or daisy chain-network and one Shuttle to a control device. Star network also possible but limited.

Total physical bus wiring length can be up to 500 meter (1640ft), with up to 128 Shuttles on a bus.

The FX gateway receives its power from a Shuttle and must be within 1 meter (3.3ft). of that Shuttle. Distance between FX gateway and serial communication port is maximum 15 meter (49ft).



All Shuttles have the address 'OWN' and can be changed before connecting to the FX-bus. Commands are addressed directly to a Shuttle or, in some cases, globally to the entire bus. In many cases, a Shuttle responds to a command by placing a response FX message onto the bus that is picked up by the FX gateway and transmitted over the Serial Communications uplink to the Home Automation system / Controller / PC.

ASCII strings are used to form FX messages. Downlink refers to messages from a Controller / PC to a Shuttle, while Uplink messages flow from an Shuttle to a Controller/PC. An FX message always begins with '#'.

There will always be an address (3 ASCII characters) and a command (1 ASCII character). In some cases a data field will contain a variable number of characters or even no data. A question mark ("?") in the data field signifies a request. For downlink messages, the "end character" can be either '; ' or <CR> (both are treated the same).

Many different commands and messages are possible, see table on next page.



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Table of commands/messages:

command character and description comm		command/message direction	number of characters and description		example	explanation
Α	acknowledge address change	from Shuttle	0	none	#SH1AOWN;	address changed of OWN to SH1
С	close	to Shuttle	0	none	#OWNc;	close device OWN (00%)
d	define a scene	to Shuttle	var.	scene *1, 00-99% or NS to not act on this scene	#OWNdA40;	define scene A to 40% of device OWN
		to Shuttle	1	- (minus sign) means clear all scenes	#OWNd-;	clear all scenes of device OWN
d	request scene setting	to Shuttle	2	scene *1, question mark	#OWNdA?	request scene A of device OWN
d	report scene setting	from Shuttle	3	scene *1, 00-99% or NS if not in scene	#OWNdA50;	scene A of device OWN defined at 50%
Е	an error occurred	from Shuttle	2	2 characters describing error	#OWNEbz;	error: device OWN is busy
				bz = busy, ro = read only, nc = not calibrated		
				ml = message lost either uplink or downlink		
g	execute scene	to Shuttle	1	scene *1	#OWNgA;	device OWN move to scene A
i	indentify using green LED 1	to Shuttle	0	none	#OWNi;	led on device OWN blinks for 20 sec.
m	move to position	to Shuttle	2	2 digits from 00 to 99 = destination position in % *2	#OWNm40;	device OWN move to 40%
N	assign a name	to Shuttle	var.	1-16 characters (name cannot be "?", "!" or ";")	#OWNNshuttle1;	name device OWN "shuttle1"
N	request the name	to Shuttle	1	question mark	#OWNN?	request name of device OWN
N	report name	from Shuttle	var.	1 - 16 characters	#OWNNshuttle1;	report: name device OWN is "shuttle1"
0	open	to Shuttle	0	none	#OWNo;	open device OWN (to 99%)
р	reset Shuttle	to Shuttle	2	2 characters, RD = "FX" default, R* = total reset *3	#OWNpRD;	reset device OWN to "FX" default
r	request current position	to Shuttle	1	question mark	#OWNr?	request position of device OWN
r	report current position	from Shuttle	2	2 digits from 00 to 99 = current position in % *2	#OWNr40;	device OWN at 40%
s	stop	to Shuttle	0	none	#OWNs;	stop device OWN
٧	request version	to Shuttle	1	question mark	#OWNv?	request version number of OWN
٧	report version	from Shuttle	3	3 characters	#OWNvT11;	version number of OWN is T11
<	moving from xx%	from Shuttle	2	2 digits from 00 to 99 = position now *2	#OWN>99;	device OWN is moving from 99% in dir. 1
>	moving from xx%	from Shuttle	2	2 digits from 00 to 99 = position now *2	#OWN<00;	device OWN is moving from 00% in dir. 2
@	re-address	to Shuttle	3	3 characters (0-9 or A-Z)	#OWN@SH1;	re-address OWN to SH1
~	randomize your address	to Shuttle	0	none	#OWN~;	randomize address of OWN

^{*1} means scene number 0 to 9, A to Z, a to z

^{*2 00} means at reference position (close position), 99 means at limit away from reference (open position), limits must be set before these messages happen.

^{*3} see reset table on next page

[&]quot;0" = zero, except for "o" (lower case "o")



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Reset table:

setting	"FX" default, e.g. #OWNpRD;	total reset, e.g. #OWNpR*;	
limits and current position	not changed	cleared	
touch impulse options	not changed	enabled with easy sensitivity	
open/close direction	set to original	set to original	
master or slave setting	not	not	
Z-wave positions	not changed	not changed	
FX scenes	cleared	cleared	
FX address	not changed	not changed	

Notes:

- ∘ The FX-bus is only for the Shuttle S, L and M receiver (no: 5232000000, 5232000001 and 5232000003)
- addressing ALL Shuttle motors: address 000
- address "OWN" on every single Shuttle can be re-addressed by means of the @-command

Connections:

- FX gateway is connected to PORT 2 of the first Shuttle. Port 2 serial communication: pin 3 = GND, pin 6 = TX, pin 7 = RX
- The cable between Shuttle motors can be UTP/FTP or flat cable. Daisy-chain and/or star configuration is allowed.

Serial Connection parameters:

- ∘ 9600 baud 8N1 (8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit). No sync characters. Case matters everywhere.
- Extended ASCII characters (0x80-0xFF) NOT allowed anywhere.
- Flow control: X-on / X-off.