

## Peryton-PLC - Single Channel PLC protocol Analyzer - Overview

Peryton-PLC is a full-featured, single-channel network and protocol analysis tool for Power Line Communications (PLC) protocols.

Using the Peryton-PLC, the user gets a quick and complete picture of the communication over local power line and activity of his network or networks. The user can view the network structure and members, easily identify erroneous or problematic messages, inspect messages content down to the bit level, and easily share scenarios of interest with colleagues, vendors, or customers using integrated built-in tools.



Data analysis is accomplished within the following analyzer sections:

**The Time View window** provides a unique two dimensional view of transmitted messages in the network. This is a time-line view that provides easy understanding of transactions and other time related processes. In a beacon network this view shows message transmission times relative to the beacon gridline verifying correct message timing. Messages can be sorted along the vertical axis by device ID or network (PAN) ID.

**The Message View window** allows to dive down to the bit level of message fields. The fields' content is shown numerically and textually, with text and hints showing the field name, description, and meaning of the current value. Data is displayed in an intuitive graphical structure allowing expansion or collapse of sub fields. Additionally fields deduced by the analyzer as well as data deciphered (for encrypted fields (when relevant) are clearly marked. These features greatly facilitate quick understanding, eliminating the need to refer to off-line documentation.

**The Network View window** shows the network topology and elements. Each device is drawn according to its type (e.g. coordinator, router, End device) with hints showing all known information for the device. Links between devices and routes are clearly displayed. Devices can be also drawn over a map or floor plan. This view displays information on devices received directly by the analyzer as well as information received indirectly through other devices such as routes, coordinator assignments, neighbor lists, tunneling, etc.

**Live Data Capture tool** allows capturing messages transmitted over the power line the analyzer is connected to.

**The Featured Toolbox** provides even deeper analysis of captured data, including charts summarizing properties of captured data, flexible data search tools, message compare utilities, and data export tools to allow further analysis with external tools such as Excel and Wireshark.

**Pack into Workspace** - The full analyzer state including current view in each window, bookmarks, selected messages with their exact expanded fields, message zoom status, and more can be easily saved and shared with colleagues for further inspection.

## Peryton-PLC main features

- Full analysis of PLC protocols
  - Use standard hardware or customers' proprietary hardware as front-end
- Smart Time View display
  - Shows message body and preamble, with color-coded message initiator and message content types
  - Displays beacon gridlines and beacon information (if applicable)
  - Plots message time-lines sorted by ID, PAN ID and channel
  - Related messages (e.g. message and its ack) are connected with lines (including related data on the line's screen tips) for easier understanding of processes and transactions
  - Supports time bookmarks, for easy browsing between annotated time instances
- Intuitive Network View display
  - Shows directly received devices as well as indirectly received devices
  - Shows network devices, their type (e.g. Coordinator, Router, End device) and all known properties
  - Shows neighbors, connections, and routes
  - Devices can be drawn over a floor plan or map according to their actual location
- Friendly Message View window
  - Shows directly received devices as well as indirectly received devices
  - Shows message payload and PHY, MAC<sup>1</sup> and payload
  - Shows field values, descriptions, and interpretation (including related data on the fields' screen tips).
  - Easy expansion/collapse of message sub-fields
  - Easy linking to messages in other windows
  - Automatic messages comparison

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<sup>1</sup> With the Peryton-SDK add-on, users proprietary protocol and application layers can be also displayed and analyzed

- Enhanced analysis tools and user settings
  - Flexible message searches from within any window by text, value, value range, screen-tip and field presence
  - Graphical summary of captured data properties
  - Exporting of detailed message analysis, including all fields and their interpretations, for processing by offline tools (e.g. Excel or WireShark)
  - The user can set the colors of different message types, connections (colors and line thickness), etc.
  - Use of Open Source Rules written for the analyzer (see following bullet)
- Customized Open Source Rules<sup>2</sup>
  - User defined statistics charts
  - Automatic setting of Time View message color and bookmarks
  - Automatic selection of relevant messages to Message View expanding the relevant fields
  - Automatic generation of events and e-mail notifications
  - Changing the device icons in the Network View
- Easy sharing
  - Full workspace state storage and recall for continued off-line analysis or sharing with colleagues, vendors or customers

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<sup>2</sup> With the Peryton-Monitor add-on installed