

# EM500-SMT User Guide





## **Safety Precautions**

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- The device must not be remodeled in any way.
- Please clarify your application environment before deployment so that the device can function well.
- The device is not intended to be used as a reference sensor, and Ursalink will not should responsibility for any damage which may result from inaccurate readings.
- Do not place the device close to objects with naked flames.
- ❖ Do not place the device where the temperature is below/above the operating range.
- Make sure electronic components do not drop out of the enclosure while opening.
- ❖ When closing the lid, make sure the lid is fitted the right way, so that the enclosure is properly sealed.
- When installing the battery, please install it accurately, not reversely or with wrong model.
- The device must never be subjected to shocks or impacts.

## **Declaration of Conformity**

Ursalink EM500-SMT is in conformity with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of the CE, FCC, and RoHS.









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## 1. Overview

# 1.1 Description

EM500-SMT is an outdoor environment monitoring sensor mainly used to measure soil status. EM500-SMT device is battery powered and designed for multiple mounting ways. It is equipped with NFC (Near Field Communication) and can easily be configured by a smartphone or a PC software.

Sensor data are transmitted in real-time using standard LoRaWAN protocol. LoRaWAN enables encrypted radio transmissions over long distance while consuming very little power. The user can obtain sensor data and view the trend of data change through Ursalink Cloud or thr ough the user's own Network Server.

## 1.2 Features

- Suitable for multiple agricultural applications
- Up to 11km communication range
- Easy configuration via NFC
- Standard LoRaWAN support
- Ursalink Cloud compliant
- Low power consumption with 19000mAh replaceable battery

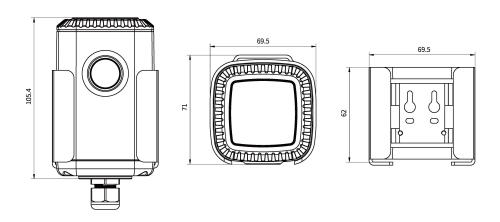
## 1.3 Specifications

LoRaWAN			
Frequency	EU433/CN470/IN865/RU864/EU868/US915/AU915/KR920/AS923		
Tx Power	20dBm		
Sensitivity	-147dBm @300bps		
Mode	OTAA/ABP Class A		
Antenna	Embedded Ceramic Antenna		
Measurement			
Moisture			
Range	0-100%		
Accuracy	± 2%		
Physical Characteristics			
Probe Length	3m		
Power Supply	19000 mAh Li-SoCl2 battery		
Battery Life	5.5 year (10 min interval, SF12)		



	>10 year (10 min interval, SF7)
Operating Temperature	-20°C to +70°C
Relative Humidity	0% to 100% (non-condensing)
Dimension	105 × 71 × 69.5 mm  (Waterproof connector and sensor are not included)
Mounting	Pole, wall, DIN rail

# 1.4 Dimensions(mm)



# 2. Hardware Introduction

# 2.1 Packing List



1 × DIN Rail (Optional)



If any of the above items is missing or damaged, please contact your Ursalink sales representative.

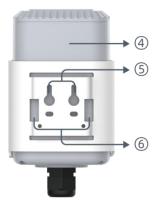


## 2.2 Product Overview



#### Front View:

- 1 LoRa Antenna (Internal)
- 2NFC Area
- (3) Water-proof Connector



#### **Back View:**

- 4 Battery (Internal)
- **5** Wall Mounting Holes
- 6 Pole Mounting Holes

## 3. Sensor Connection with EM500

Follow below to connect SMT sensor cable to EM500 device if they are separated.

- 1. Take off the mounting bracket, remove the cap, rubber seal and the screws on the bottom of the device, and then take off the enclosure cover.
- 2. Pass the cable through the cap, rubber seal and enclosure cover.





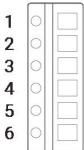


- 3. Pull out the motherboard, insert and lock the wires accordingly (see the label on the motherboard or following picture).
- 4. Put the motherboard back and restore everything in its due position.





#### **Pinouts:**



PIN	Color	Description
1	Bare wire	GND
2	Yellow	AIN
3		
4		
5		
6	Brown	VOUT=12V

## 4. Sensor Installation

## 4.1 Soil Sensor Installation

The sensor can be oriented in any direction. However, orienting the flat side perpendicular to the surface of the soil will minimize effects on downward water movement. There are two basic methods to accomplish a high-quality installation.

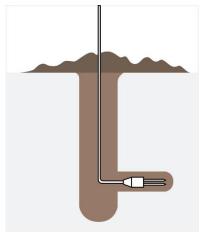
## 4.1.1 Horizontal Installation

- 1. Excavate a hole or trench a few centimeters deeper than the depth at which the sensor is to be installed.
- 2. At the installation depth, shave off some soil from the vertical soil surface exposing undisturbed soil.
- 3. Insert the sensor into the undisturbed soil surface until the entire sensor is inserted. The tip of each prong has been sharpened to make it easier to push the sensor into the soil. Be careful with the sharp tips!

**Note:** If there is difficulty inserting the sensor, loosen or wet the soil.

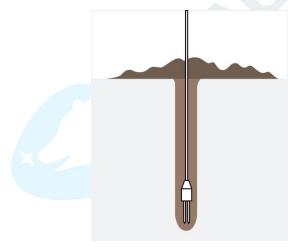


4. Backfill the trench taking care to pack the soil back to natural bulk density around the sensor body.



#### 4.1.2 Vertical Installation

- 1. Drill a 3-in hole to the depth at which the sensor is to be installed.
- 2. Insert the sensor into the undisturbed soil at the bottom of the drilled hole using a hand or any other implement that will guide the sensor into the soil at the bottom of the hole.
- 3. After inserting the sensor, backfill the hole, and take care to pack the soil back to natural bulk density while not damaging the overmolding of the sensor and the sensor cable in the process.



#### **Installation Note:**

- Abnormal data may show up if sensor prongs are exposed in the air.
- It is possible to get sticks, bark, roots or other material stuck between the sensor prongs, which will severely affect the sensor data readings. Any air gaps or excessive soil compaction around the sensor can also influence the readings.
- Do not install the sensor adjacent to large metal objects.
- Be careful when inserting the sensor into dense soil, as the prongs will break if excessive sideways force is used.
- ➤ When installing the sensor in a lightning prone area, please check your lightning protection.
- When removing the sensor from the soil, do not pull it out of the soil by the cable. Doing so may break internal connections and make the sensor unusable.



## 4.2 EM500 Installation

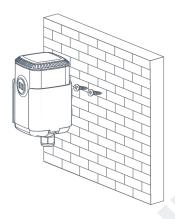
Ensure the location of EM500 is within the communication range of LoRaWAN gateway.

## 4.2.1 Wall Mounting

1. Attach the mounting bracket to the wall and drill. (Around 16mm)

Note: The connecting line of two holes must be a horizontal line.

2. Mount the device on the wall.

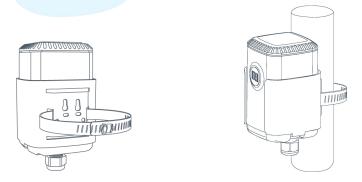


## 4.2.2 Pole Mounting

1. Loosen the hose clamp by turning the locking mechanism counter-clockwise.



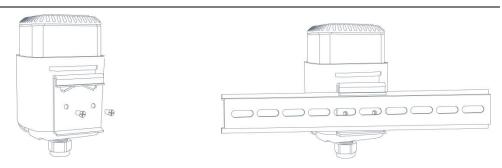
- 2. Straighten out the hose clamp and slide it through the rectangular holes in the mounting bracket, wrap the hose clamp around the pole.
- 3. Use a screwdriver to tighten the locking mechanism by turning it clockwise.



## 4.2.3 DIN Rail Mounting

Use 2 pieces of M3  $\times$  6 flat head Phillips screws to fix the DIN rail to the device, and then hang the DIN rail on the mounting bracket. It is necessary to choose a standard bracket.





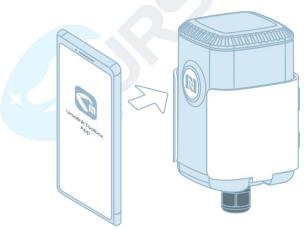
## 5.Turn ON/OFF the Sensor

EM500-SMT can be turned ON/OFF via smartphone or computer with NFC (Near Field Communication) or button. Select one of following methods to turn on/off the device.

## 5.1 Turn ON/OFF via Smartphone APP

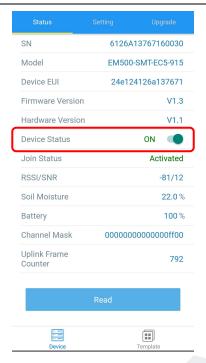
- 1. Download Ursalink configuration APP "Toolbox" and install it on your smartphone. The smartphone must support NFC.
- 2. Enable NFC on the smartphone and open the APP.
- 3. Attach the smartphone with NFC area to the device.

**Note:** Ensure the location of your smartphone NFC area and it is recommended to take off phone case before using NFC.



- 4. Device information will be shown on the APP.
- 5. Switch the button of Device Status to turn on or off the device.





6. Enter the correct password (default password: 123456) and wait a few seconds until APP shows "Operate Successful!".

**Note:** Keep the two devices close together and do not move them in order that you can get the best connectivity as possible when turning on or off via NFC. No response can be caused by long distance, wrong location or rapid movement.



## 5.2 Turn ON/OFF via PC Software

- 1. Download Ursalink configuration software "Toolbox" and open the software.
- 2. Connect NFC reader to computer and attach the device to NFC reader.
- 3. Select type as NFC and serial port of NFC reader, then click "save".





4. Device information will be shown on the software.



- 5. Click "Power On" to turn on the device or "Power Off" to turn off the device.
- 6. Enter password (default password:123456) and press Enter key to change device status.





## 5.3 Turn ON/OFF via Button

- 1. Remove screws on the bottom of EM500-SMT and take off the upper enclosure.
- 2. Find the button beside the battery.
- 3. Press the button until LED blinks to turn on or off the device. (about 3 seconds)

  Press the button until LED blinks rapidly to reset the device to factory default. (Over 10 seconds)



## 6.Sensor configuration

Ursalink EM500-SMT sensor can be monitored and configured via NFC technology. In order to protect the security of sensor, password validation is required when turning on/off the sensor or changing configuration. Select one of the following ways to configure EM500-SMT sensors.

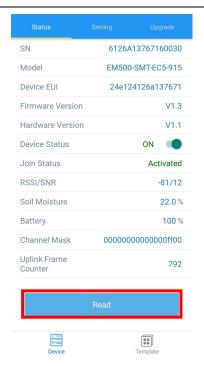
## **6.1 Configuration via Smartphone APP**

Make sure Ursalink Toolbox APP is downloaded and installed on your smartphone.

## 6.1.1 Read Configuration

1. Open APP "Toolbox" and click "Read" to read current information of device.

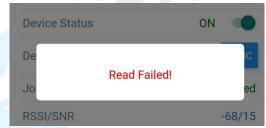




2. Attach the smartphone with NFC area to the device until the APP shows "Read Successful!".



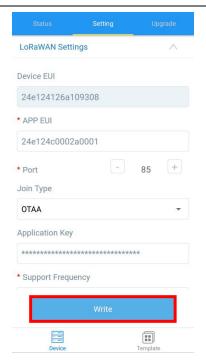
**Note:** Failing to read can be caused by long distance, wrong location, or rapid movement.



## **6.1.2 Write Configuration**

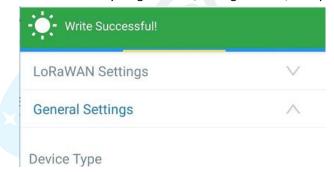
- 1. Open APP "Toolbox" and go to "Settings" page.
- 2. Change parameters as required and click "Write".





- 3. Enter password (default password: 123456).
- 4. Attach the smartphone with NFC area to the device and wait a few seconds until APP shows "Write Successful!". The device will automatically re-join the network if LoRaWAN paramters are changed.

**Note:** Failing to write can be caused by long distance, wrong location, or rapid movement.



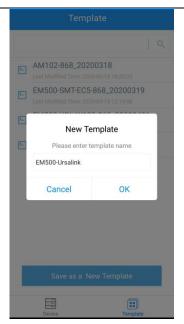
## **6.1.3 Template Settings**

Template settings are used for easy and quick device configuration in bulk.

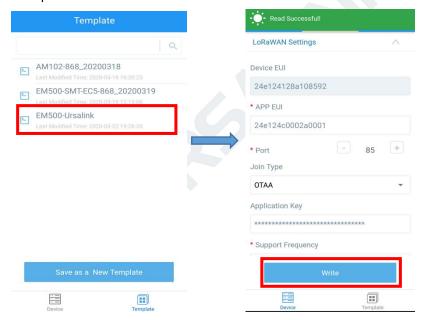
**Note:** Template function is allowed only for sensors with the same model and LoRa frequency band.

1. Go to "Template" page of APP and save current settings as a template.





- 2. Attach the smartphone with NFC area to another device.
- 3. Select the template file from Toolbox APP and click "Write".

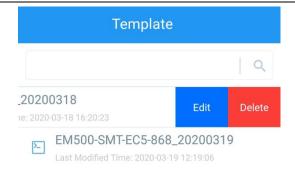


4. Enter password of this device and keep the two devices close until the APP shows "Write successful!".



5. Slide the template item left to edit or delete the template.





## 6.2 Configuration via PC

Make sure "Toolbox" is downloaded on your computer.

## **6.2.1 Read Configuration**

1. Open software "Toolbox" and click "Read" to read current information of device.



3. Attach the device to the NFC reader until Toolbox shows "success".



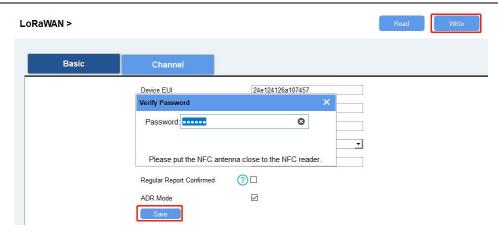
Note: Failing to read can be caused by long distance, wrong location, or rapid movement.

Fail Firmware Version: 01.01

## **6.2.2 Write Configuration**

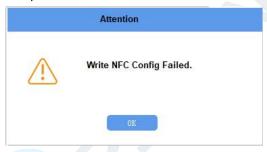
- 1. Go to "Settings" page to change parameters as requirements and click "save".
- 2. Click "Write" and enter the correct password (default password: 123456).





3.Press Enter key to write and attach the device close to NFC reader until "Write" button disappear. The device will automatically re-join the network if LoRaWAN paramters are changed.

**Note:** Keep the two devices close and don't move them in order that you can get the best connectivity as possible when writing data via NFC. Bad connection can be caused by long distance, wrong location, or rapid movement.



## 6.2.3 Upgrade

#### 6.2.3.1 Upgrade Locally

- 1. Download firmware to your computer.
- 2. Go to "Maintenance -> Upgrade" in Toolbox.
- 3. Click "Browse" and select the firmware from computer.
- 4. Click "Upgrade" and enter password of the device.
- 5. Press Enter key to start upgrade. Device will check if the firmware is correct. If it is correct, firmware will be imported to the device to upgrade.

**Note:** Keep the two devices close and don't move them in order that you can get the best connectivity as possible when upgrading. Failing to upgrade can be caused by long distance, wrong location, or rapid movement.



# Model: Verify Password Firmware Version Hardware Version FOTA: Please put the NFC antenna close to the NFC reader. Update Locally 東新&常用固件/T1/11T1.0080.0120.0127.bin Browse Upgrade

## **6.2.3.2** Online Upgrade

- 1. Make sure your computer can access the Internet.
- 2. Click "Check for Updates" to search for the latest firmware via computer Internet and upgrade.

**Note:** Keep the two devices close and don't move them in order that you can get the best connectivity as possible when upgrading. Failing to upgrade can be caused by long distance, wrong location, or rapid movement.

Upgrade >

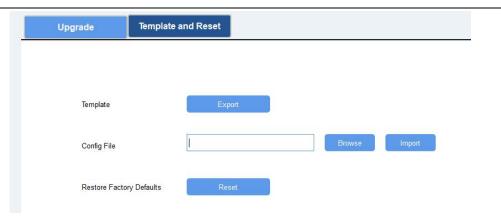
Model:	AM100-915		
Firmware Version:	01.02		
Hardware Version:	1.0		
FOTA:	Check for Updates		
Update Locally		Browse	Upgra

## 6.2.4 Template and Reset

## 6.2.4.1 Template Configuration

- 1. Go to "Maintenance -> Template and Reset" in Toolbox.
- 2. Click "Export" to save the current settings as a template.





- 3. Click "Browse" to select the correct template from computer.
- 4. Click "Import" to import the template to the device.

## 6.2.4.2 Reset

Click the "Reset" to reset the setting to factory default.

Upgrade	Template and Reset			
Template	Ехр	ort		
Config File			Browse	Import
Restore Facto	ry Defaults Res	et		



# 7. Sensor Parameters (for App and PC)

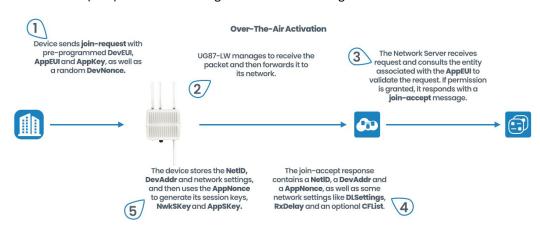
## 7.1 LoRa WAN Settings

## 7.1.1 Basic Settings-OTAA

#### Location:

Ursalink ToolBox(PC): LoRaWAN Settings → Basic

Ursalink ToolBox(APP): Device → Settings → LoRaWAN Settings



Basic Settings-OTAA			
Item	Description	Default	
App EUI	Enter the application EUI. The Network Server receives request and consults the entity associated with the APP EUI to validate the request. If permission is granted, it responds with a join-accept message.	24e124c000 2a0001	
Join Type	Select from: "OTAA" and "ABP".  OTAA:Over-the-Air Activation.  For over-the-air activation, end-devices must follow a join procedure prior to participating in data exchanges with the network server. An end-device has to go through a new join procedure every time it loses the session context information.  ABP: Activation by Personalization.  Under certain circumstances, end-devices can be activated by personalization. Activation by personalization directly ties an end-device to a specific network by-passing the join request - join accept procedure.	OTAA	
Application Key	Enter the application key. Whenever an end-device joins a network via over-the-air activation, the application key is used to derive the Application Session key.	5572404c69 6e6b4c6f526 1323031382 3	



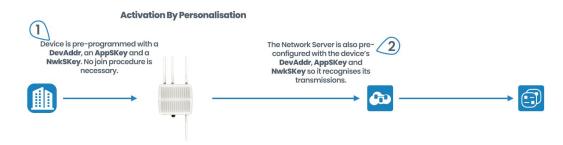
	After sending the attribute/data/battery packets to the network server, the device will resend these packets if it does not receive ACK bit from the Network Server.	
Confirmed Mode	<b>Note:</b> If the device doesn't receive ACK for a long time, the device will resend confirmed packets 3 times at most. However, the device will resend attribute package all the time.	Disabled
ADR	ADR: Adaptive Data Rate.  Enabled: The Network Server will adjust the datarate by MAC command.  Disabled: Whatever how the signal quality is, the Network Server will not adjust the datarate of the device.	Enabled

# 7.1.2 Basic Settings-ABP

## Location:

Ursalink ToolBox(PC): LoRaWAN Settings → Basic

Ursalink ToolBox(APP): Device → Settings → LoRaWAN Setting



Basic Settings-ABP			
Item	Description	Default	
	Enter the application EUI.The Network Server receives		
App EUI	request and consults the entity associated with the	24e124c0002	
Арр ЕОІ	APP EUI to validate the request.If permission is	a0001	
	granted, it responds with a join-accept message.		
	Select from: "OTAA" and "ABP".		
	OTAA:Over-the-Air Activation.		
	For over-the-air activation, end-devices must follow a		
	join procedure prior to participating in data exchanges		
Join Type	with the network server. An end-device has to go	OTAA	
	through a new join procedure every time it has lost	OTAA	
	the session context information.		
	ABP: Activation by Personalization.		
	Under certain circumstances, end-devices can be		



	activated by personalization. Activation by personalization directly ties an end-device to a specific network by-passing the join request - join accept procedure.	
Device Address	Enter the device address. The device address identifies the end-device within the current network.	The 5 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> digits number of SN
Network Session Key	Enter the network session key of the device. The network session key specific for the end-device. It is used by the end-device to calculate the MIC or part of the MIC (message integrity code) of all uplink data messages to ensure data integrity.	5572404c696 e6b4c6f5261 3230313823
Application Session Key	Enter the application session key of the device. The AppKey is an application session key specific for the end-device. It is used by both the application server and the end-device to encrypt and decrypt the payload field of application-specific data messages.	5572404c696 e6b4c6f5261 3230313823
Confirmed Mode	After sending the attribute/data/battery packets to the network server, the device will resend these packets if it does not receive ACK bit from the Network Server.  Note: If the device doesn't receive ACK for a long time, the device will resend confirmed packets 3 times at most. However, the device will resend attribute package all the time.	Disabled
ADR	ADR: Adaptive Data Rate. Enabled: The Network Server will adjust the datarate by MAC command. Disabled: Whatever how the signal quality is, the Network Server will not adjust the datarate of the device.	Enabled

# 7.1.3 Channel Settings

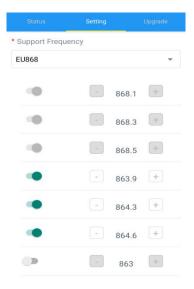
## Location:

 $Ursalink\ ToolBox(PC): LoRaWAN\ Settings \rightarrow Channel$ 

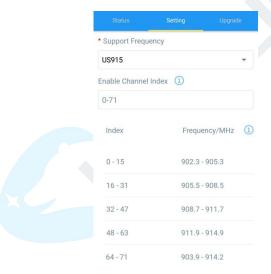
**Note:** Make sure the LoRa channel configuration of EM500-SMT matches the LoRaWAN gateway.



LoRa frequency configuration is as follows if the sensor LoRa frequency is one of EU433/EU868/RU864/IN865/AS923/KR920:



LoRa frequency configuration is as follows if the sensor LoRa frequency is one of CN470/US915/AU915:



Enter the index of the channel to be enabled in the input box, separated by commas.

#### **Example:**

1, 40: Enabling Channel 1 and Channel 40

1-40: Enabling Channel 1 to Channel 40

1-40, 60: Enabling Channel 1 to Channel 40 and Channel 60

All: Enabling all channels

Null: Indicates that all channels are disabled

#### Note:

#### For US915:

64 channels numbered 0 to 63 utilize LoRa 125 kHz BW starting at 902.3 MHz and incrementing linearly by 0.2 MHz to 914.9.



8 channels numbered 64 to 71 utilize LoRa 500 kHz BW starting at 903.0 MHz and incrementing linearly by 1.6 MHz to 914.2.

#### For AU915:

64 channels numbered 0 to 63 utilize LoRa 125 kHz BW starting at 915.2 MHz and incrementing linearly by 0.2 MHz to 927.8.

8 channels numbered 64 to 71 utilize LoRa 500 kHz BW starting at 915.9 MHz and incrementing linearly by 1.6 MHz to 927.1.

#### For CN470:

80 channels numbered 0 to 79 utilize LoRa 125 kHz BW starting at 470.3 MHz and incrementing linearly by 0.2 MHz to 486.1.

16 channels numbered 80 to 95 utilize LoRa 125 kHz BW starting at 486.3 MHz and incrementing linearly by 1.6 MHz to 489.3.

## 7.2 Device Settings

## 7.2.1 General

#### Location:

Ursalink ToolBox(PC): Device Settings → General

Ursalink ToolBox(APP): Device → Settings → General Settings

Device General Settings				
Item	Description	Default		
Device Type	Show the type of the device.	Null		
Reporting Interval	The sensor reports the sampling data at regular intervals.  Range: 5-30 (mins)	10		
Change Password	Change the password used for changing device status and writing configuration.	Disabled		

## 7.2.2 Data Calibration

#### Location:

Ursalink ToolBox(PC): Device Settings  $\rightarrow$  Data Calibration Settings Ursalink ToolBox(APP): Device  $\rightarrow$  Settings  $\rightarrow$  Data Calibration Settings

**Note**: It is recommended to do the calibration before using this product.

Data Calibration Settings				
Item	Description	Default		
Enable	Enable calibration.	Disabled		
Current Raw Value	The current value.	Null		
Soil Moisture Calibration	Enter the calibration value for soil moisture. <b>Note:</b> only integer is allowed.	Null		

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Final Value	Adjusted value.	Null
Abnormal Value Prevention	Enable abnormal value prevention.	Disabled
Set Value	Setting value=  A - B   / C * 100%.  ( A=current measured value; B=previous measured value; C=maximum range)  If the current measured value exceeds the set value after calculation by the previous formula, it is abnorm al and device will measure again.	Null

## 7.2.3 Threshold

#### Location:

Ursalink ToolBox(PC): Device Settings  $\rightarrow$  Threshold Settings Ursalink ToolBox(APP): Device  $\rightarrow$  Settings  $\rightarrow$  Threshold Settings

Threshold Settings				
Item	Description	Default		
Soil Moisture	Enable: The device will send the latest moisture value to network server if it goes above/below moisture thresholds.	Disabled		
Over	Enter the maximum moisture threshold.	Null		
Below	Enter the minimum moisture threshold.	Null		

**Example:** Set the "Lockout Time" for 10min, "Duration" for 5min.

The device will report the detected value immediately when the value reaches the threshold and last for 5mins. After that, the device will check the deteced value every 10 mins, and report the value again if it reaches the threshold and last for 5mins.

# 8. Sensor Management via Ursalink Cloud

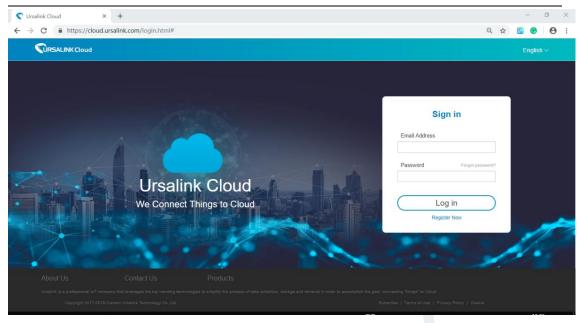
Ursalink cloud is a comprehensive platform that provides multiple services including device remote management and data visualization with the easiest operation procedures.

## 8.1 Ursalink Cloud Registration

Register and log in Ursalink Cloud.

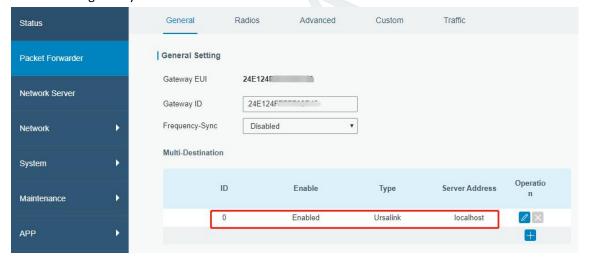
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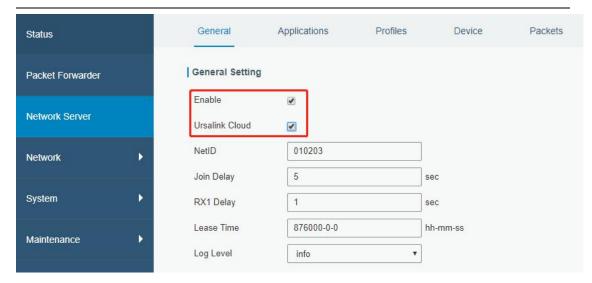


## 8.2 Add a Ursalink LoRaWAN Gateway

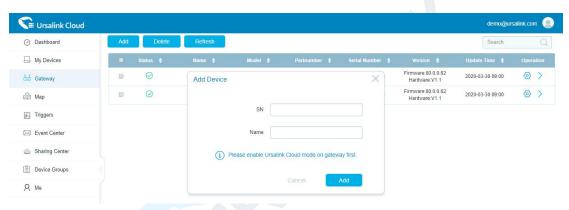
1. Enable "Ursalink" type network server and "Ursalink Cloud" mode in gateway web GUI. **Note:** Ensure gateway has accessed the Internet.







2.Go to "My Devices->Gateway" of Ursalink Cloud and click "Add" to add gateway to Ursalink Cloud via SN.



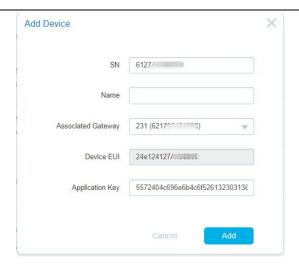
3. Check if gateway is online in Ursalink Cloud.



## 8.3 Add EM500-SMT to Cloud

1. Go to "Device->My Devices" and click "Add Device". Fill in the SN of EM500-SMT and select associated gateway.

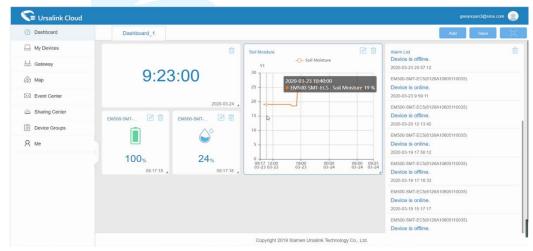




2.After EM500-SMT is connected to Ursalink Cloud, Click or "History Data" to check the data



3.Go to "Dashboard" page to add dashboard.



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