

# User Manual

Revision 1.001  
English

## **DMX / MQTT - Converter**

(Order Code: HD67944-B2)

### **Benefits and Main Features:**

Very easy to configure

Power Supply 18...35V DC and 8...24 V AC

Temperature range: -40°C/+85°C (-40°F/+185°F)



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To ensure safe operation, the device must be operated according to the instructions in the manual. When using the device, legal and safety regulation are required for each individual application. The same applies also when using accessories.

**INTENDED USE**

Machines and systems must be designed so the faulty conditions do not lead to a dangerous situation for the operator (i.e. independent limit switches, mechanical interlocks, etc.).

**QUALIFIED PERSONNEL**

The device can be used only by qualified personnel, strictly in accordance with the specifications. Qualified personnel are persons who are familiar with the installation, assembly, commissioning and operation of this equipment and who have appropriate qualifications for their job.

**RESIDUAL RISKS**

The device is state-of-the-art and is safe. The instruments can represent a potential hazard if they are inappropriately installed and operated by untrained personnel. These instructions refer to residual risks with the following symbol:

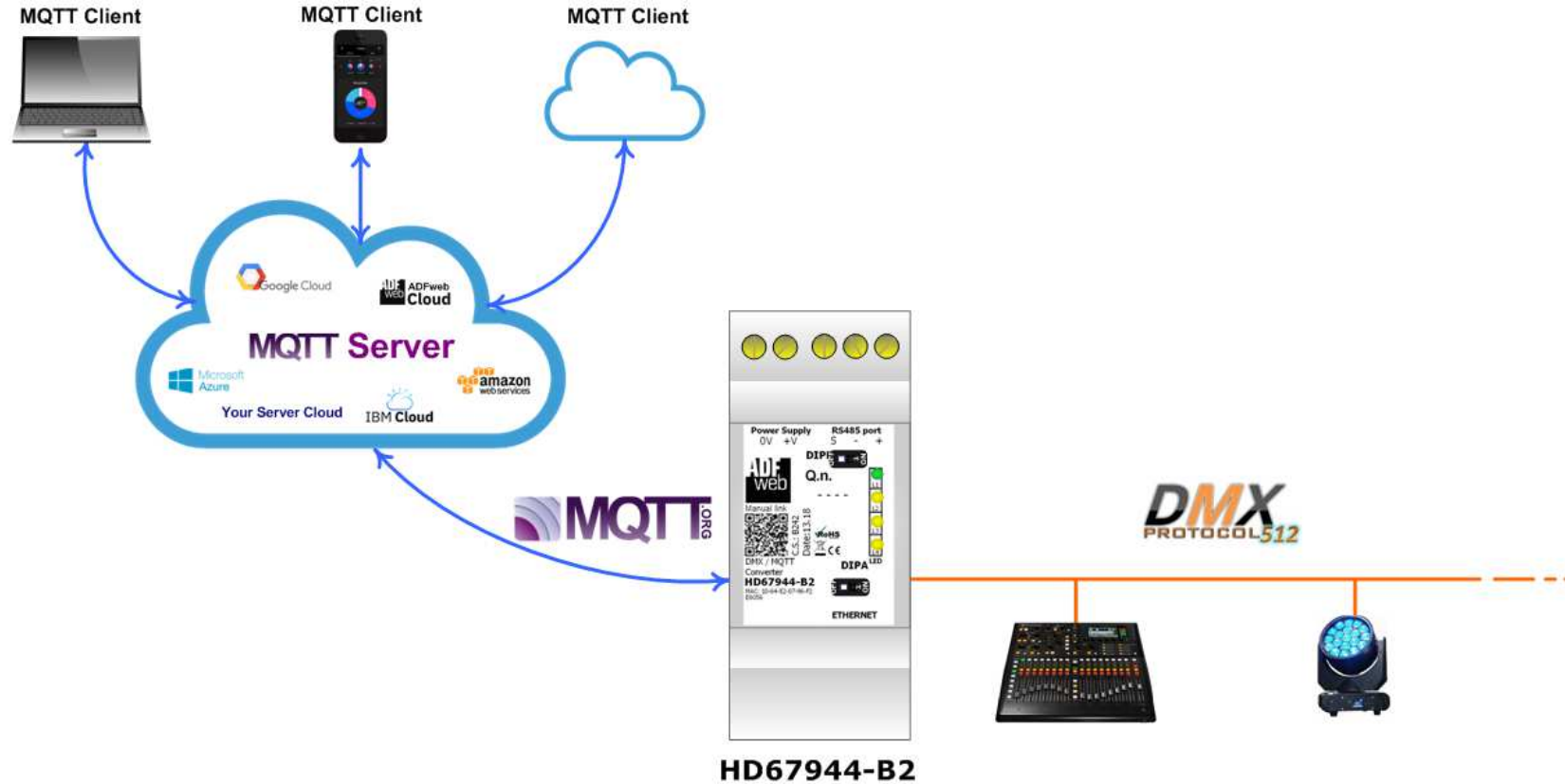


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**EXAMPLE OF CONNECTION:**



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 info@adfweb.com

**CONNECTION SCHEME:**

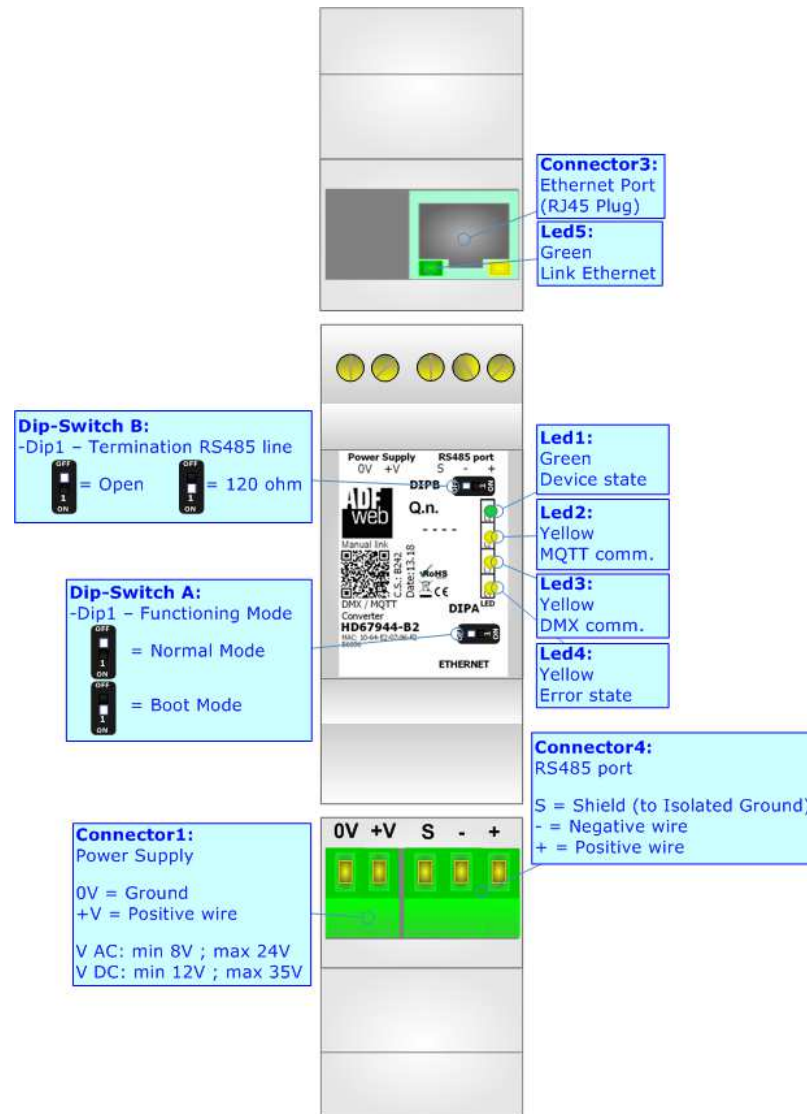


Figure 1: Connection scheme for HD67944-B2

**CHARACTERISTICS:**

The HD67944-B2 is a DMX / MQTT Converter.

It allows the following characteristics:

- Electrical isolation between Ethernet and DMX;
- Mountable on 35mm Rail DIN;
- Wide power supply input range: 18...35V DC and 8...24V AC;
- Wide temperature range: -40°C / 85°C [-40°F / +185°F].



**CONFIGURATION:**

You need Compositor SW67944 software on your PC in order to perform the following:

- Define the parameter of MQTT;
- Define the parameter of DMX line;
- Define the MQTT topics to be published/subscribed in the MQTT Server;
- Update the device.

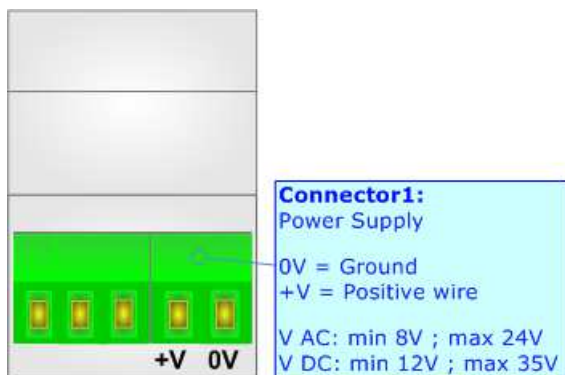
**POWER SUPPLY:**

The devices can be powered at 8...24V AC and 12...35V DC. For more details see the two tables below.

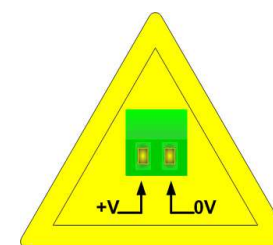
VAC 		VDC 	
Vmin	Vmax	Vmin	Vmax
8V	24V	12V	35V

Consumption at 24V DC:

Device	Consumption [W/VA]
HD67944-B2	3.5



**Caution: Not reverse the polarity power**



HD67944-B2

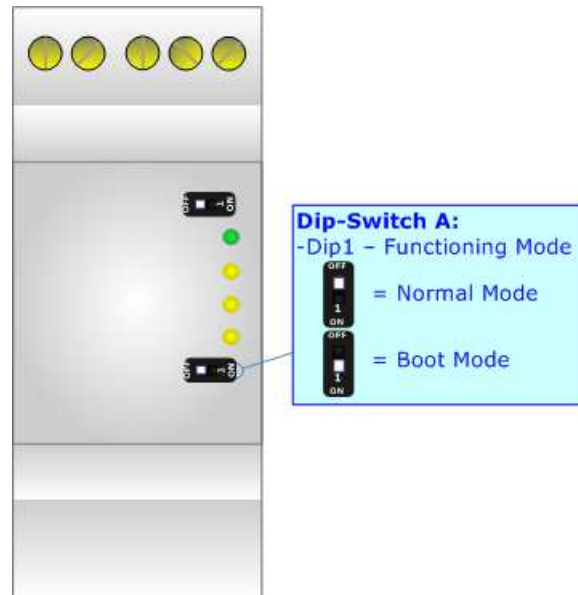
**FUNCTION MODES:**

The device has got two functions mode depending of the position of the 'Dip1 of Dip-Switch A':

- The first, with 'Dip1 of Dip-Switch A' at "OFF" position, is used for the normal working of the device.
- The second, with 'Dip1 of Dip-Switch A' at "ON" position, is used for upload the Project and/or Firmware.

For the operations to follow for the updating, see 'UPDATE DEVICE' section.

According to the functioning mode, the LEDs will have specifics functions, see 'LEDS' section.

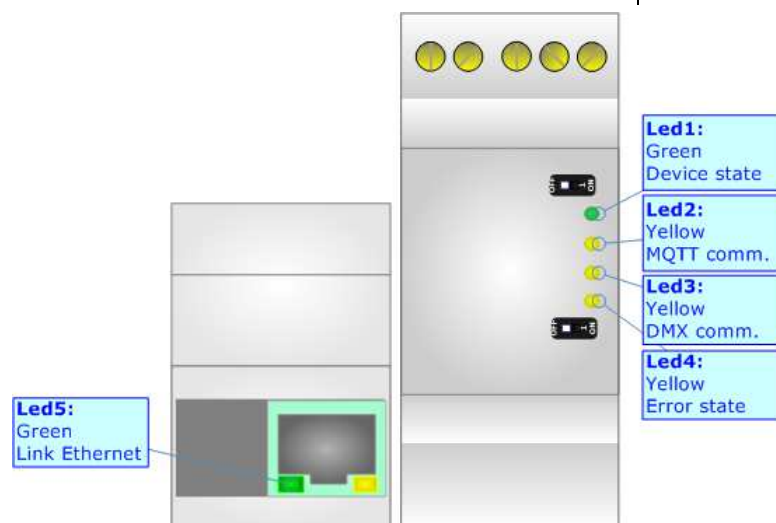




**LEDS:**

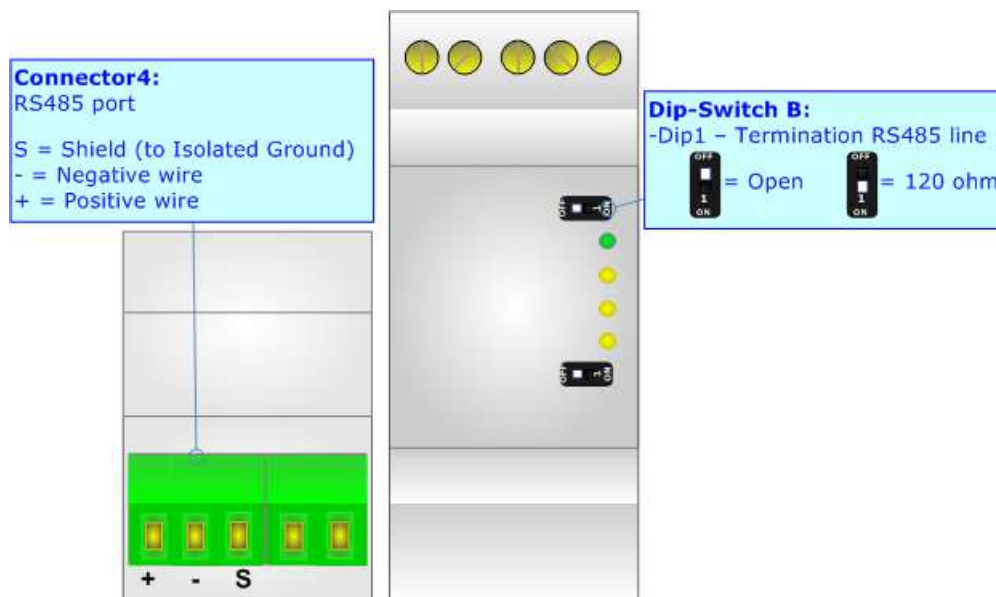
The device has got five LEDs that are used to give information of the functioning status. The various meanings of the LEDs are described in the table below.

LED	Normal Mode	Boot Mode
1: Device State (green)	Blinks slowly (~1Hz)	<b>Blinks quickly:</b> Boot state <b>Blinks very slowly (~0.5Hz):</b> update in progress
2: MQTT communication (yellow)	It blinks when MQTT communication is running	<b>Blinks quickly:</b> Boot state <b>Blinks very slowly (~0.5Hz):</b> update in progress
3: DMX communication (yellow)	Blinks when DMX communication is running	<b>Blinks quickly:</b> Boot state <b>Blinks very slowly (~0.5Hz):</b> update in progress
4: Error state (yellow)	<b>ON:</b> An error in the communication busses occurs <b>OFF:</b> No errors are present	<b>Blinks quickly:</b> Boot state <b>Blinks very slowly (~0.5Hz):</b> update in progress
5: Ethernet Link (green)	<b>ON:</b> Ethernet cable connected <b>OFF:</b> Ethernet cable disconnected	<b>ON:</b> Ethernet cable connected <b>OFF:</b> Ethernet cable disconnected



**RS485:**

For terminate the RS485 line with a 120Ω resistor it is necessary to put ON dip 1, like in figure.



The maximum length of the cable should be 1200m (4000 feet).

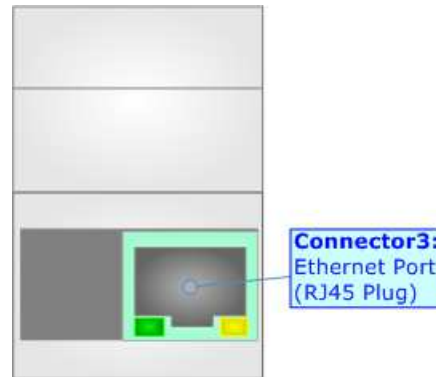
Here some codes of cables:

- Belden: p/n 8132 - 2x 28AWG stranded twisted pairs conductor + foil shield + braid shield;
- Belden p/n 82842 - 2x 24AWG stranded twisted pairs conductor + foil shield + braid shield;
- Tasker: p/n C521 - 1x 24AWG twisted pair conductor + foil shield + braid shield;
- Tasker: p/n C522 - 2x 24AWG twisted pairs conductor + foil shield + braid shield.

**ETHERNET:**

The Ethernet port is used for programming the device and for MQTT communication.

The Ethernet connection must be made using Connector2 of HD67944-B2 with at least a Category 5E cable. The maximum length of the cable should not exceed 100m. The cable has to conform to the T568 norms relative to connections in cat.5 up to 100 Mbps. To connect the device to an Hub/Switch is recommended the use of a straight cable, to connect the device to a PC is recommended the use of a cross cable.



### USE OF COMPOSITOR SW67944:

To configure the Converter, use the available software that runs with Windows called SW67944. It is downloadable on the site [www.adfweb.com](http://www.adfweb.com) and its operation is described in this document. The software works with MS Windows (XP, Vista, Seven, 8, 10; 32/64bit).

When launching the SW67944, the window below appears (Fig. 2).



**Note:**

It is necessary to have installed .Net Framework 4.

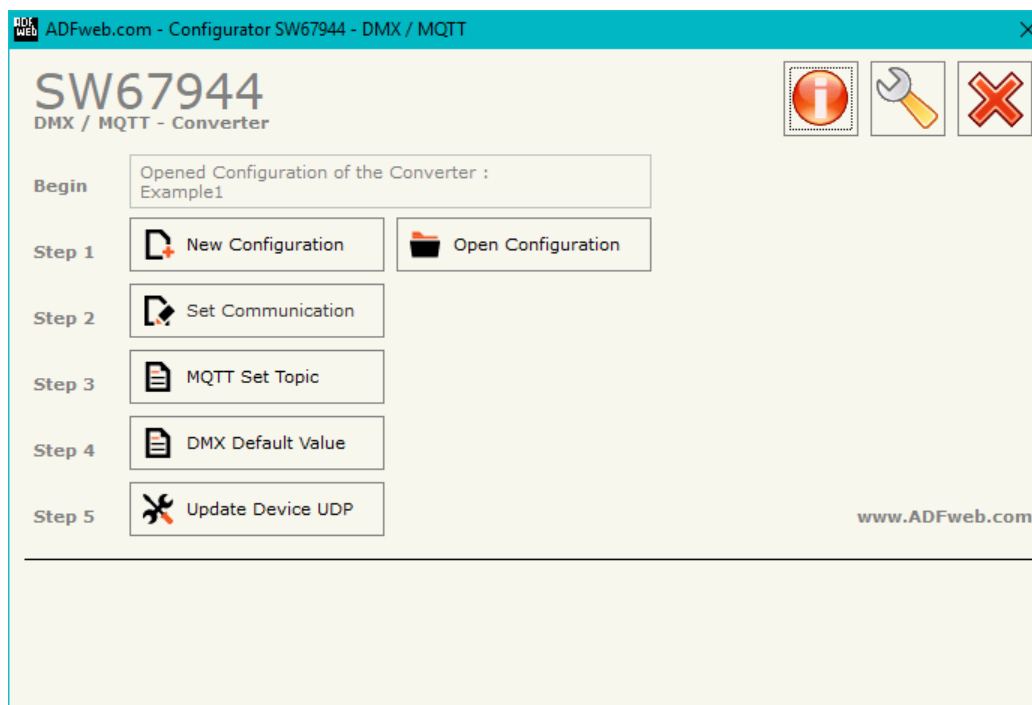
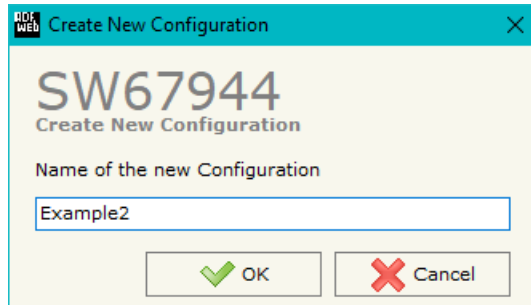


Figure 2: Main window for SW67944

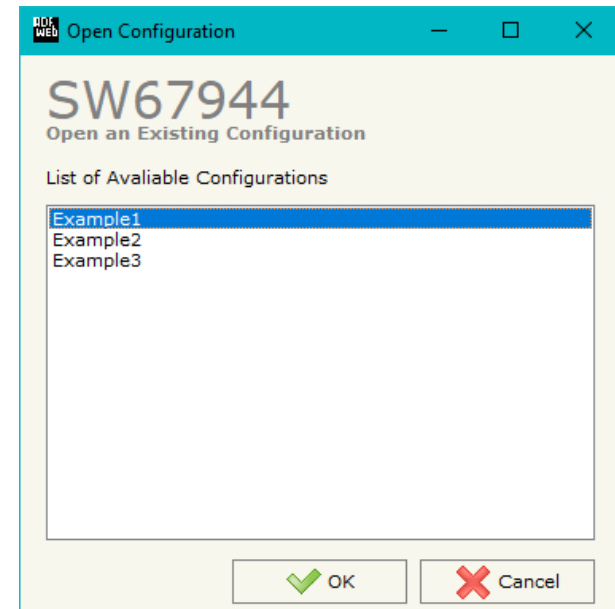
**NEW CONFIGURATION / OPEN CONFIGURATION:**

The “**New Configuration**” button creates the folder which contains the entire device’s configuration.




A device’s configuration can also be imported or exported:

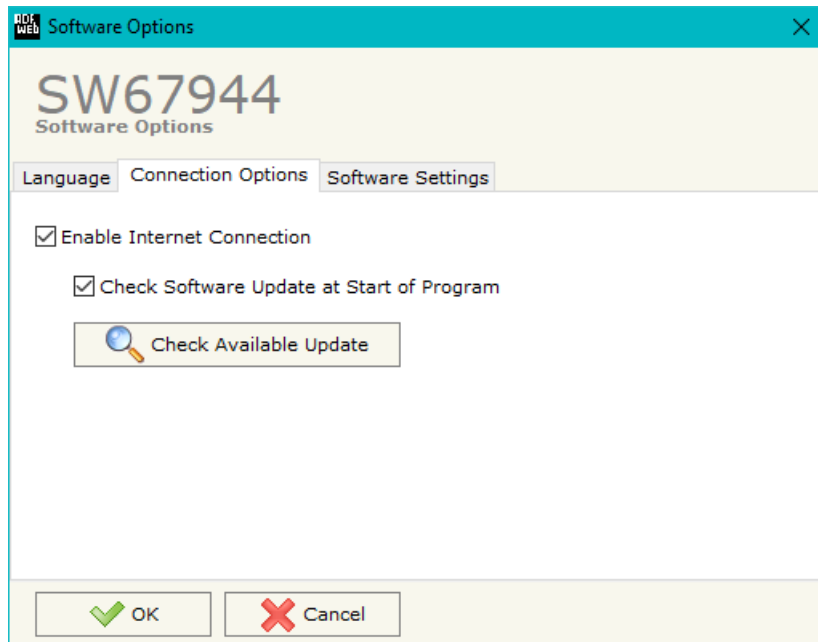
- To clone the configurations of a Programmable “DMX / MQTT - Converter” in order to configure another device in the same manner, it is necessary to maintain the folder and all its contents;
- To clone a project in order to obtain a different version of the project, it is sufficient to duplicate the project folder with another name and open the new folder with the button “**Open Configuration**”.



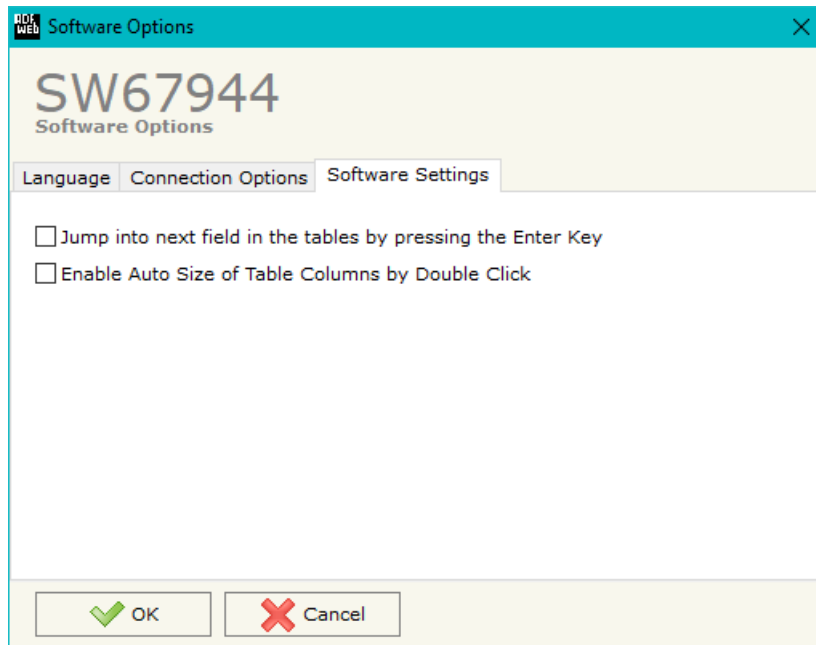
**SOFTWARE OPTIONS:**

By pressing the “**Settings**” () button there is the possibility to change the language of the software and check the updatings for the compositor.

In the section “Language” it is possible to change the language of the software.



In the section “Connection Options”, it is possible to check if there are some updatings of the software compositor in ADFweb.com website. Checking the option “**Check Software Update at Start of Program**”, the SW67944 check automatically if there are updatings when it is launched.



In the section "Software Settings", it is possible to enable/disable some keyboard's commands for an easier navigation inside the tables contained in the different sections of the software.

**SET COMMUNICATION:**

By Pressing the "**Set Communication**" button from the main window for SW67944 (Fig. 2) the window "Set Communication" appears (Fig. 3).

The window is divided in different sections in order to define the different parameters of the converter:

- ➔ DMX
- ➔ MQTT
- ➔ Ethernet
- ➔ Wi-Fi
- ➔ TLS (Transport Layer Security)
- ➔ NTP (Network Time Protocol)

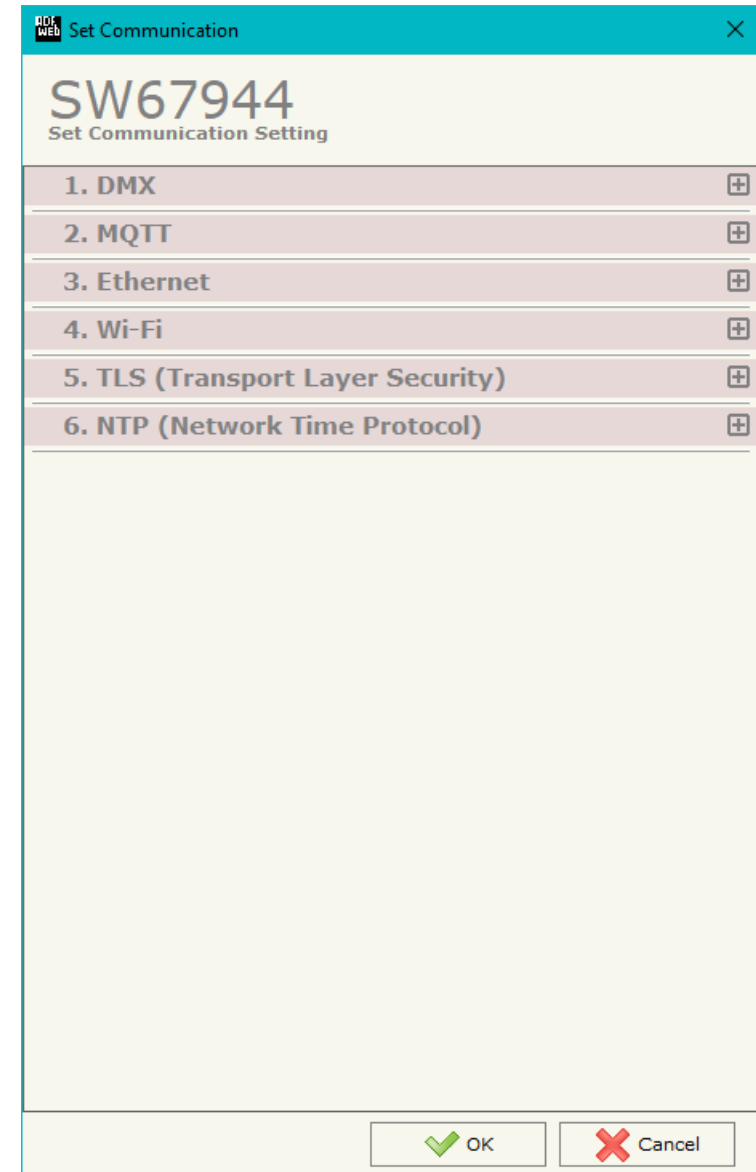


Figure 3a: "Set Communication" window



### **DMX:**

This section is used to define the main parameters of DMX line. The means of the fields are:

- In the field "**DMX**" the direction of DMX data is defined. If "IN", the converter will receive DMX commands, if "OUT" it will send DMX commands;
- In the field "**Channel Number**" the number of DMX channels is defined.

### **MQTT:**

This section is used to define the main parameters of MQTT line. The means of the fields are:

- In the field "**Server URL**" the URL or the IP Address of the MQTT Server is defined;
- In the field "**Server Port**" the port used for MQTT communication is defined;
- In the field "**Client ID**" the Client ID of the converter is defined (if ned);
- In the field "**Keep Alive (seconds)**" the delay with which the Keep Alive message is sent on MQTT is defined;
- If the field "**Clean Session**" is checked, the last MQTT messages are deleted by the Server and the Client in case of missing ACK. If unchecked, the Server and the Client hold the last MQTT messages and, in case of incorrect disconnection or missing ACK, they try to send again them since all the ACK messages are exchanged correctly (valid only for QoS 1 and QoS 2);
- If the field "**Will Flag**" is checked, the converter will publish the Will topic at the connection to the Server. With this feature, in case of incorrect disconnection, the Server will publish this topic to all the MQTT Clients that subscribed it;
- In the field "**Topic Name Will**" the topic used for Will message is defined;
- In the field "**Message Will**" the payload of the Will message is defined;
- In the field "**Retained Will**" the converter will send the Will message with Retain flag enabled. In this way, the Server will hold the last Will message;
- In the field "**QoS Will**" the QoS type for Will message is defined;

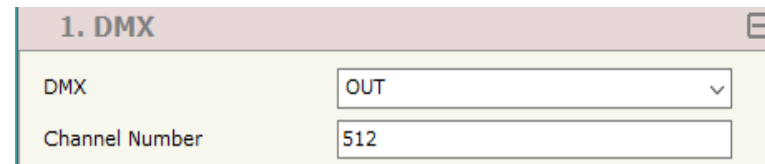


Figure 3b: "Set Communication → DMX" window

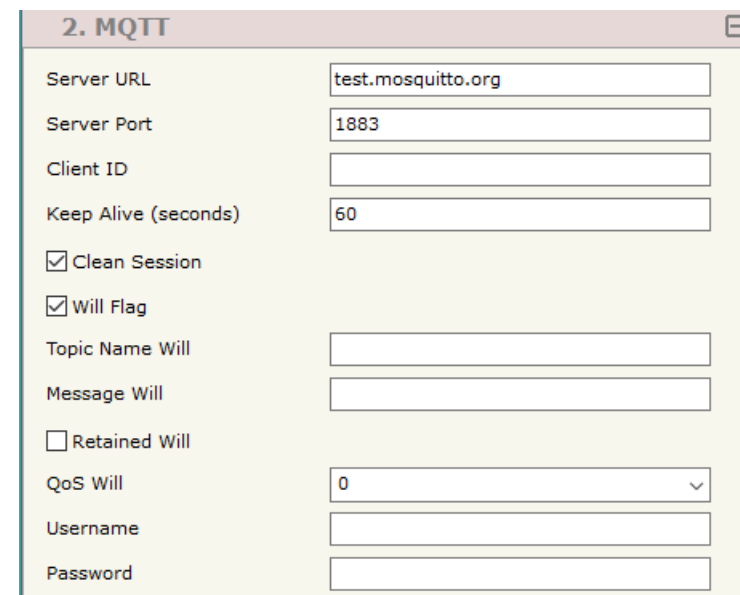


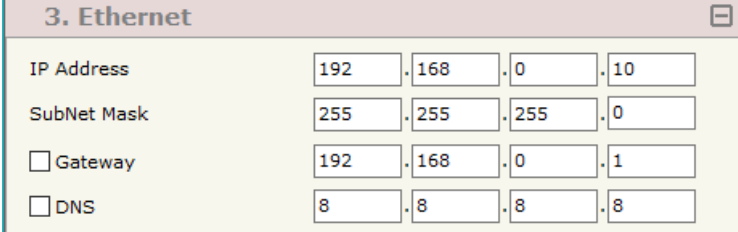
Figure 3c: "Set Communication → MQTT" window

- In the field "**Username**" the username for the connection to the MQTT server is defined;
- In the field "**Password**" the password for the connection to the MQTT server is defined;
- In the field "**Send Time (seconds)**" the delay with which the MQTT messages are published is defined.

### **ETHERNET:**

This section is used to define the general parameters of Ethernet. The means of the fields are:

- In the field "**Ip Address**" the IP address of the converter is defined;
- In the field "**SubNet Mask**" the Subnet Mask of the converter is defined;
- In the field "**Gateway**" the default gateway of the net is defined. This feature can be enabled or disabled pressing the Check Box field. This feature is used for going out of the net;
- In the field "**DNS**" the DNS address is defined. This field is required if the server address is define by URL and not IP Address.



The screenshot shows a configuration window titled "3. Ethernet". It contains four rows of input fields:

IP Address	192	. 168	. 0	. 10
SubNet Mask	255	. 255	. 255	. 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Gateway	192	. 168	. 0	. 1
<input type="checkbox"/> DNS	8	. 8	. 8	. 8

Figure 3d: "Set Communication → Ethernet" window

**Wi-Fi:**

This section is used to define the general parameters of Wi-Fi. It is possible to defined the type of Wi-Fi communication:

- Access Point;
- Client.

The means of the fields for Access Point configuration are:

- In the field "**IP Address**" the IP address of the converter is defined;
- In the field "**Subnet Mask**" the SubNet Mask of the converter is defined;
- In the field "**GATEWAY**" the default gateway of the net is defined. This feature can be enabled or disabled pressing the Check Box field. This feature is used for going out of the net;
- In the field "**DNS**" the DNS address is defined. This field is required if the server address is define by URL and not IP Address.
- In the field "**Port**" the port used for MQTT communication is defined;
- In the field "**SSID**" the name of the Wi-Fi network to create is defined;
- In the field "**Password**" the password used for Wi-Fi connection is defined;
- In the field "**Type**" the type of security protocol used by the Wi-Fi network is defined;
- If the field "**Enable DHCP**" is checked, the converter acts as DHCP Server for the Clients connected. If the option is enabled, in the fields "**DHCP First IP Address**" and "**DHCP SUBNET Mask**" the IP Addresses range used for DHCP is defined. In the field "**Lease Time (seconds)**" the required time for the renewing of the IP Address assigned to the Client is defined;
- In the field "**Max Client**" the maximum number of Wi-Fi Clients accepted is defined;
- In the field "**Channel**" the channel for Wi-Fi communication is defined.

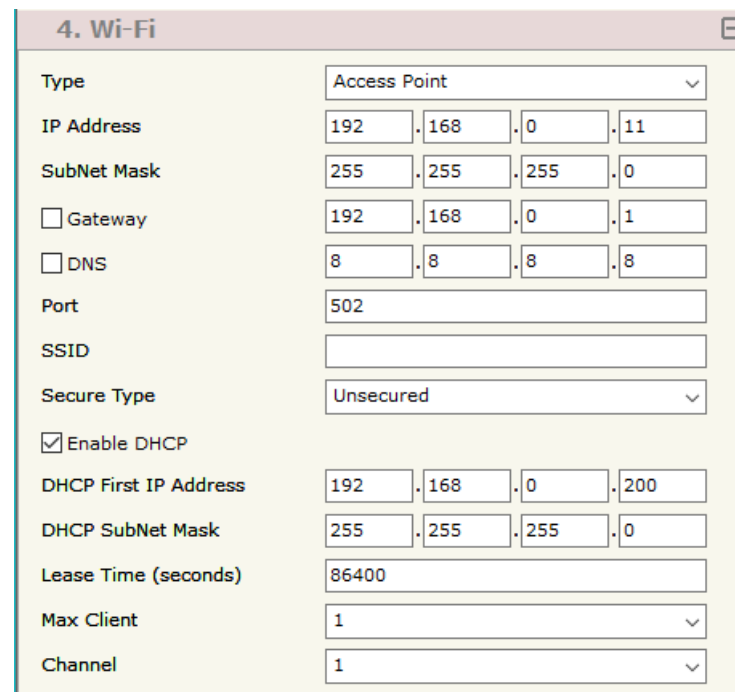


Figure 3e: "Set Communication → Wi-Fi" window

The means of the fields for Client configuration are:

- If the field "**Obtain an IP Address automatically**" is checked, the converter gets the IP Address using DHCP. Otherwise, the IP Address is defined as static;
- In the field "**IP Address**" the IP address of the converter is defined;
- In the field "**Subnet Mask**" the SubNet Mask of the converter is defined;
- In the field "**GATEWAY**" the default gateway of the net is defined. This feature can be enabled or disabled pressing the Check Box field. This feature is used for going out of the net;
- In the field "**DNS**" the DNS address is defined. This field is required if the server address is define by URL and not IP Address.
- In the field "**Port**" the port used for MQTT communication is defined;
- In the field "**SSID**" the name of the Wi-Fi network to connect is defined;
- In the field "**Password**" the password used to connect to the Wi-Fi network is defined.

**TLS (TRANSPORT LAYER SECURITY):**

This section is used to define the parameters of TLS protocol. The means of the fields are:

- If the field "**Enable TLS**" is checked, the TLS protocol for secure connection is enabled;
- If the field "**Server Authentication**" is checked, the authentication of the Server using TLS is enabled. If enabled, in the field "**Server Certificate**" the certificate from the Server is defined;
- If the field "**Client Authentication**" is checked, the authentication of the Client using TLS is enabled. If enabled:
  - in the field "**Client Certificate**" the certificate from the Client is defined;
  - in the field "**Client Key**" the private key of the Client is defined;
  - in the field "**Client Key Password**" the password for the private key of the Client is defined.

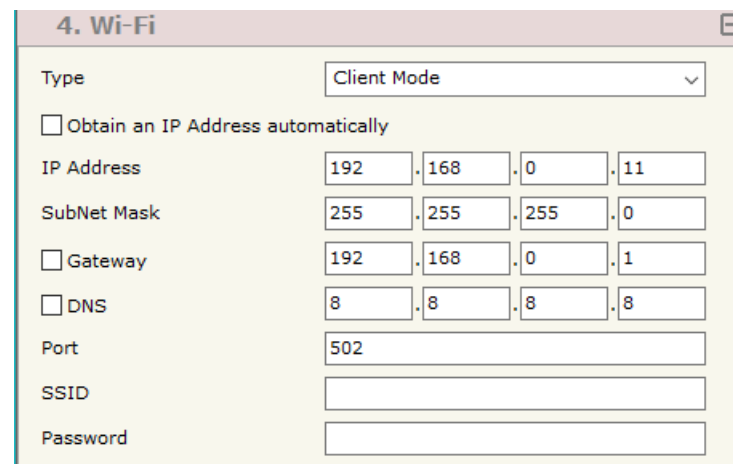


Figure 3f: "Set Communication → Wi-Fi" window

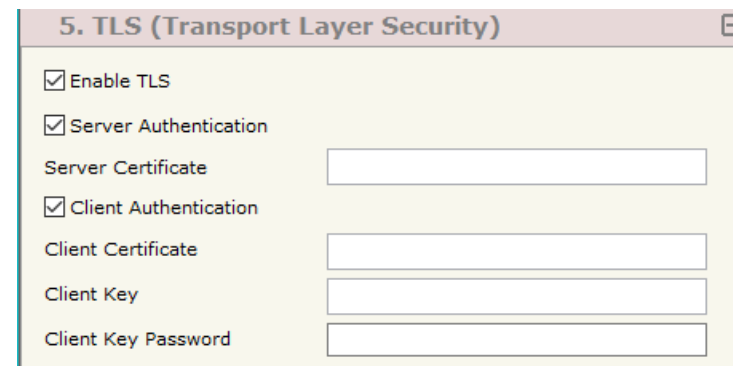


Figure 3g: "Set Communication → TLS" window

**NTP (NETWORK TIME PROTOCOL):**

This section is used to define the parameters of NTP protocol. The means of the fields are:

- In the field "**Server URL**" the URL or the IP Address of the NTP Server is defined;
- In the field "**Poll Time (seconds)**" the polling time for the time synchronization is defined.



6. NTP (Network Time Protocol)	
Server URL	<input type="text" value="pool.ntp.org"/>
Poll Time (seconds)	<input type="text" value="1000"/>

Figure 3h: "Set Communication → NTP" window

### MQTT SET TOPIC:

By Pressing the **"MQTT Set Topic"** button from the main window for SW67944 (Fig. 2) the window "Set MQTT Topics" appears (Fig. 4). This section is used to define the MQTT topics where the converter will publish the data from DMX and the topic that the converter will subscribes for writing the data to DMX.

### MQTT PUBLISH (IF "DMX IN" IS SET)

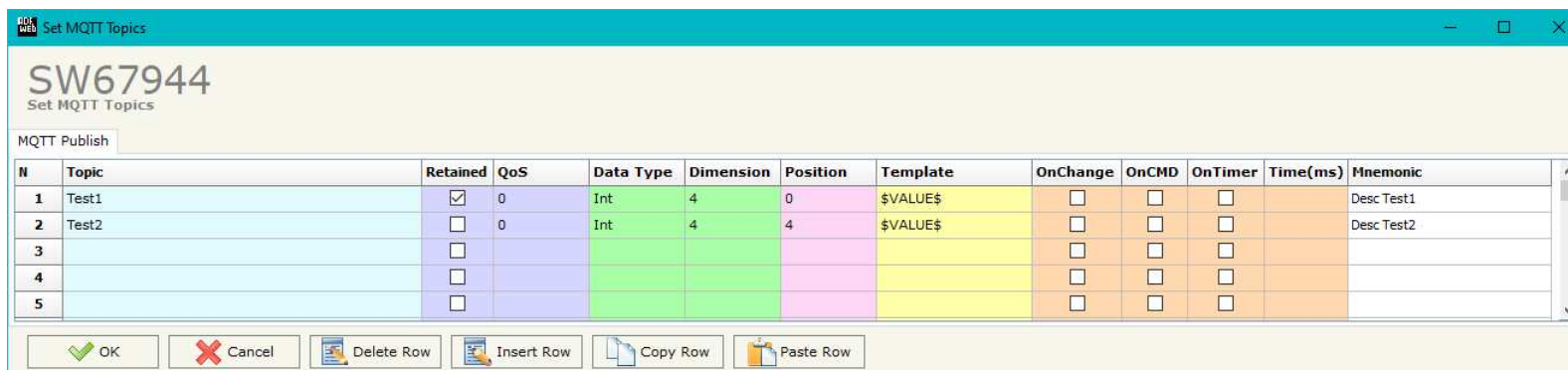


Figure 4a: "Set MQTT Topics → MQTT Publish" window

The means of the fields are:

- In the field **"Topic"** the MQTT topic is defined;
- If the field **"Retained"** is defined, the retained flag is enabled. The MQTT server will hold the last topic published;
- In the field **"QoS"** the QoS level is defined;
- In the field **"Data Type"** the type of data to use is defined;
- In the field **"Dimension"** the dimension in byte of the data is defined;
- In the field **"Position"** the starting byte of the DMX array where taking the data is defined;
- In the field **"Template"** the structure of the MQTT payload is defined. With a double click on it, it is possible to open a window for editing it;
- If the field **"On Change"** is checked, the converter publishes the topic when the data from DMX are changed;
- If the field **"On Timer"** is checked, the converter publishes the topic cyclically with the delay defined in the field **"Time (ms)";**
- In the field **"Mnemonic"** a description of the topic is defined.

**MQTT SUBSCRIBE (IF "DMX OUT" IS SET)**

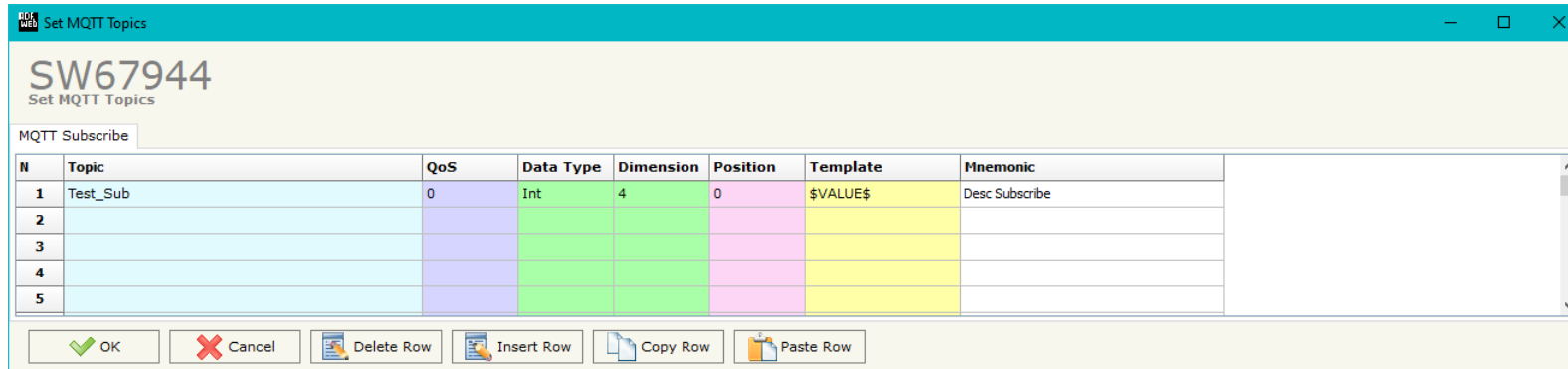


Figure 4b: "Set MQTT Topics → MQTT Subscribe" window

The means of the fields are:

- In the field "**Topic**" the MQTT topic is defined;
- In the field "**QoS**" the QoS level is defined;
- In the field "**Data Type**" the type of data to use is defined;
- In the field "**Dimension**" the dimension in byte of the data is defined;
- In the field "**Position**" the starting byte of the DMX array where placing the data is defined;
- In the field "**Template**" the structure of the MQTT payload is defined. With a double click on it, it is possible to open a window for editing it;
- In the field "**Mnemonic**" a description of the topic is defined.

**DMX DEFAULT VALUE:**

By pressing the “**DMX Default Value**” button from the main window for SW67944 (Fig. 2) the “DMX Default Value” window appears (Fig. 5). In this section it is possible to define the default value for each channel of the DMX array when the converter is turned ON.

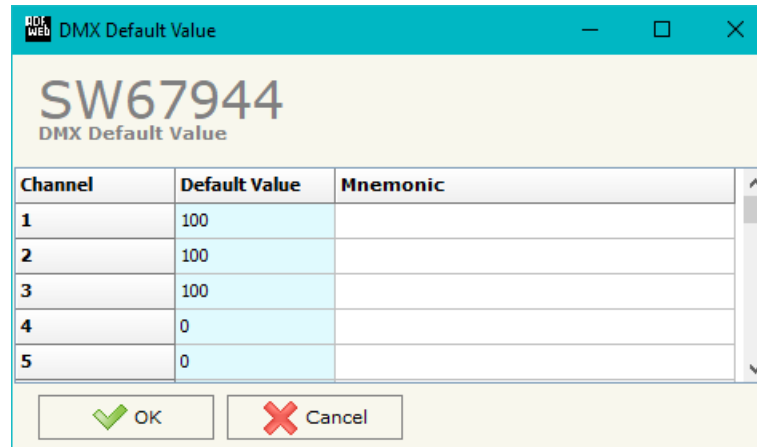


Figure 5: “DMX Default Value” window



### UPDATE DEVICE:

By pressing the **“Update Device”** button, it is possible to load the created Configuration into the device; and also the Firmware, if necessary. This by using the Ethernet port.

If you don't know the actual IP address of the device you have to use this procedure:

- Turn OFF the Device;
- Put Dip1 of 'Dip-Switch A' in ON position;
- Turn ON the device
- Connect the Ethernet cable;
- Insert the IP **“192.168.2.205”**;
- Select which operations you want to do;
- Press the **“Execute update firmware”** button to start the upload;
- When all the operations are “OK” turn OFF the Device;
- Put Dip1 of 'Dip-Switch A' in OFF position;
- Turn ON the device.

If you know the actual IP address of the device, you have to use this procedure:

- Turn ON the Device with the Ethernet cable inserted;
- Insert the actual IP of the Converter;
- Select which operations you want to do;
- Press the **“Execute update firmware”** button to start the upload;
- When all the operations are “OK” the device automatically goes at Normal Mode.

At this point the configuration/firmware on the device is correctly updated.

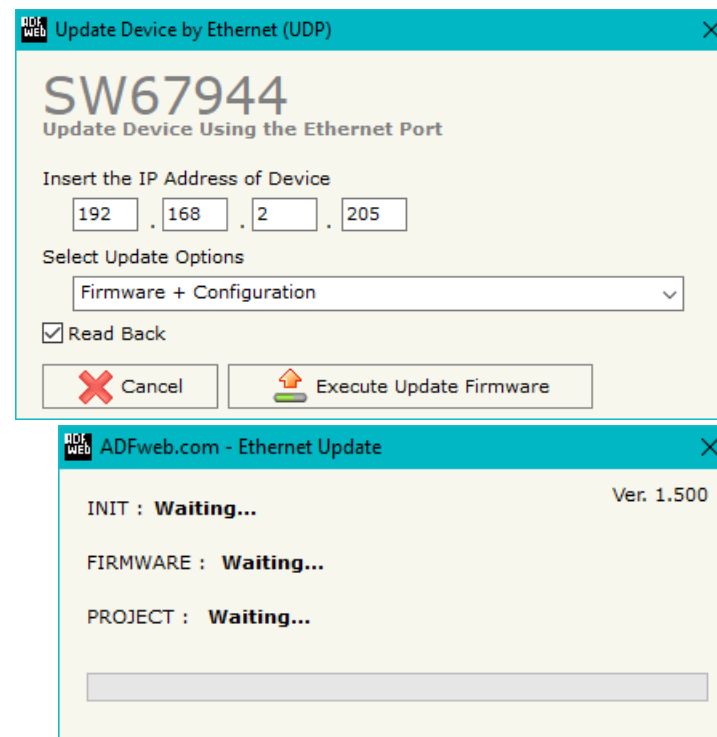


Figure 6: “Update device” windows

**Note:**

When you receive the device, for the first time, you also have to update the Firmware in the HD67944 device.

**Warning:**

If Fig. 7 appears when you try to do the Update try these points before seeking assistance:

- Try to repeat the operations for the updating;
- Try with another PC;
- Try to restart the PC;
- Check the LAN settings;
- If you are using the program inside a Virtual Machine, try to use in the main Operating System;
- If you are using Windows Seven, Vista, 8, 10 or 11 make sure that you have the administrator privileges;
- In case you have to program more than one device, using the "UDP Update", you have to cancel the ARP table every time you connect a new device on Ethernet. For do this you have to launch the "Command Prompt" and write the command "arp - d". Pay attention that with Windows Vista, Seven, 8, 10, 11 you have to launch the "Command Prompt" with Administrator Rights;
- Pay attention at Firewall lock.

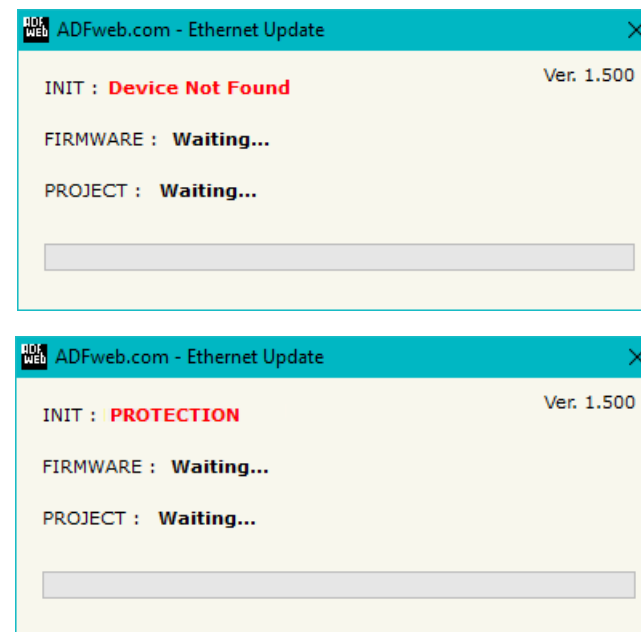


Figure 7: "Error" window

**Warning:**

In the case of HD67944 you have to use the software "SW67944": [www.adfweb.com/download/filefold/SW67944.zip](http://www.adfweb.com/download/filefold/SW67944.zip).

## TEMPLATE STRING: DEFINITION OF MQTT PAYLOAD

In the section "Set Communication" of the SW67944, it is possible to define a Template string for the MQTT messages. The template is necessary in order to define the structure of the payload of the MQTT message and the info contained. It is possible to have a simple text format or a JSON format.

The definition of the template can be done using Key words, used to link a specific information from/to DMX. The key words used and their meanings are:

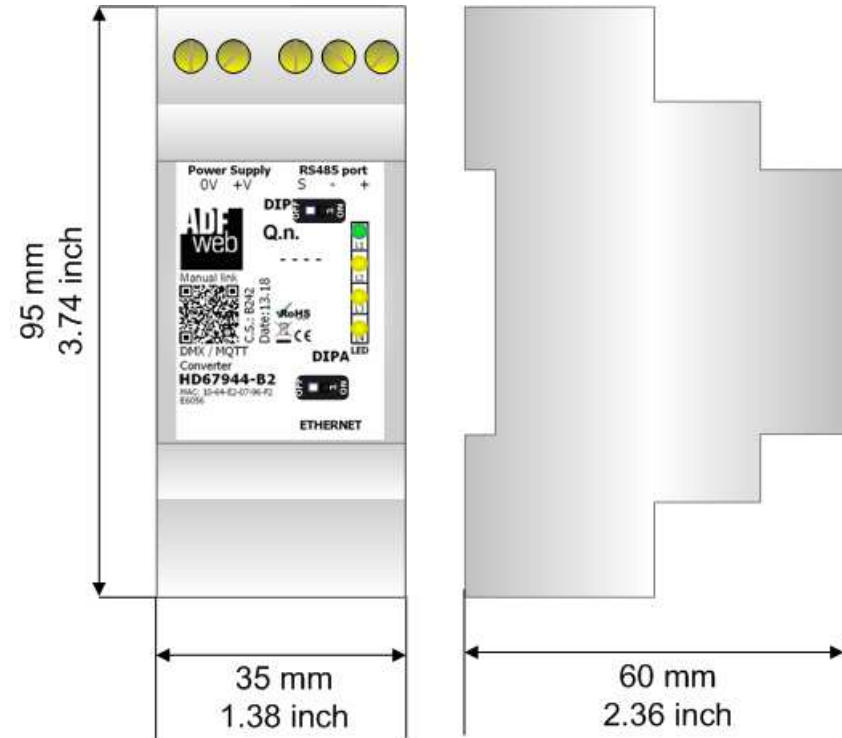
- VALUE: value of the DMX channels
- TIME: date and time of the MQTT message
- DESC: description of the message



### Warning:

The key words must be defined between "\$" chars in order to be recognized (Ex.: \$VALUE\$).

**MECHANICAL DIMENSIONS:**



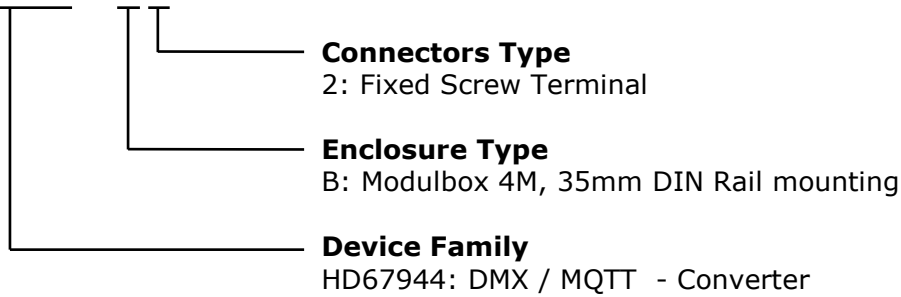
Housing: PVC  
 Weight: 200g  
 (Approx)

Figure 8: Mechanical dimensions scheme for HD67944-B2

**ORDERING INFORMATIONS:**

The ordering part number is formed by a valid combination of the following:

**HD67944 – B 2**



Order Code: **HD67944-B2** - DMX / MQTT – Converter

**ACCESSORIES:**

Order Code: **AC34011** - 35mm Rail DIN - Power Supply 220/240V AC 50/60Hz – 12 V DC

Order Code: **AC34012** - 35mm Rail DIN - Power Supply 220/240V AC 50/60Hz – 24 V DC

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- Send the product to the address provided with the PRN, having prepaid the shipping costs (shipment costs billed to us will not be accepted).

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