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- **Master device:** Among the devices that are connected through [RS-485](#), the device that plays the role of a controller. It processes data by periodically monitoring the [slave device](#). It is also called a host device.
- **Matching timeout:** The time limit given to device matching or server matching. Matching fails if the matching does not get completed within the time limit.
- **Message timeout:** The duration of time a message is displayed when there is no user interaction.
- **Minutiae:** The specific details in the [ridges](#) of a fingerprint used to recognize the fingerprint.
- **Model number:** A generic number given to a [device](#) by the manufacturer in order to identify its type.
- **MSB (Most Significant Bit):** The bit at the highest position of binary data (the left-most bit) or its content. It is the opposite of the [Least Significant Bit \(LSB\)](#).
- **MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit):** The maximum amount of packets that can be transmitted through the network.
- **Muster Zone:** A zone designated for the gathering of members in case of an emergency such as a fire. This is used to monitor the number and roster of personnel in a certain zone, and to notify administrators via an alarm or alert if a user has remained in a particular zone for a certain period of time.

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