

3 Manual Operation

The previous section describes the Power Viewer program module supplied with the instrument. This module simplifies the most frequently used function of a power meter – measuring the average power of an RF signal of almost any modulation. Other program modules are also part of the supplied equipment and can be selected in the Start menu:

- **Power Viewer:** A detailed description of this virtual power meter module is provided in section 2.
- **Terminal:** Program module for sending commands and command sequences to the sensor and for displaying measurement results, status information and other data from the sensor
- **Firmware Update:** Program module for updating the sensor firmware
- **Update S-Parameters:** Program module for loading an s-parameter table into the sensor

Program module "Terminal"

Main control elements

With the USB terminal, commands and command sequences can be sent to the sensor in two different ways:

- Commands are entered in the **Input** field (Fig. 3-1). Consecutive commands can be entered as separate lines, one below the other. The buttons associated with the **Input** field are described in Table 3-1.
- Commands or command sequences are stored in *command files*. Command files are created with a text editor, for instance, and then stored. They can be called as often as required (Fig. 3-2). The buttons of the **Command File** field are described in Table 3-2.

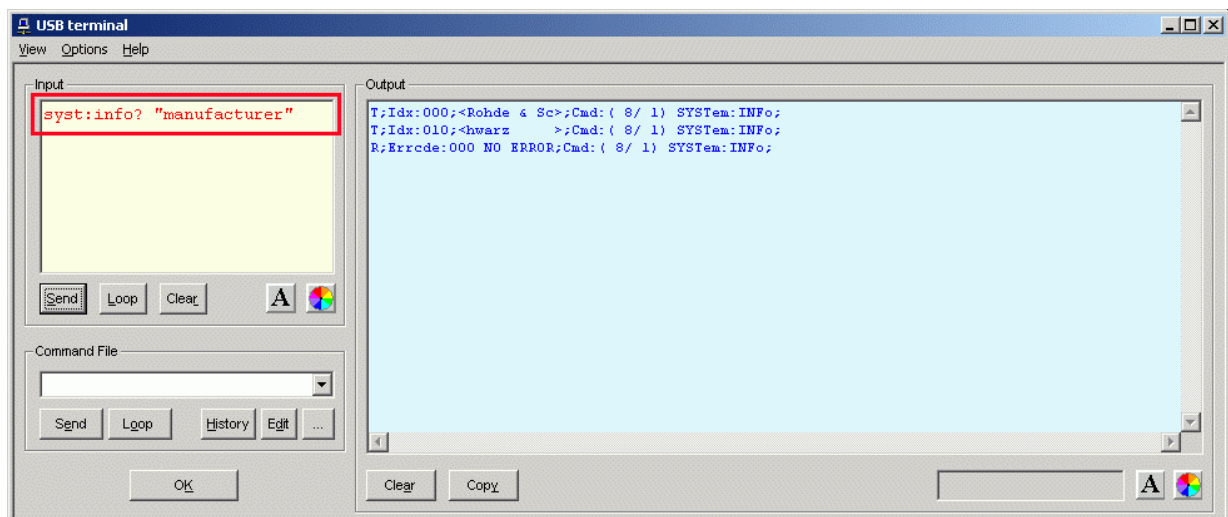


Fig. 3-1 Sending commands using the **Input** field

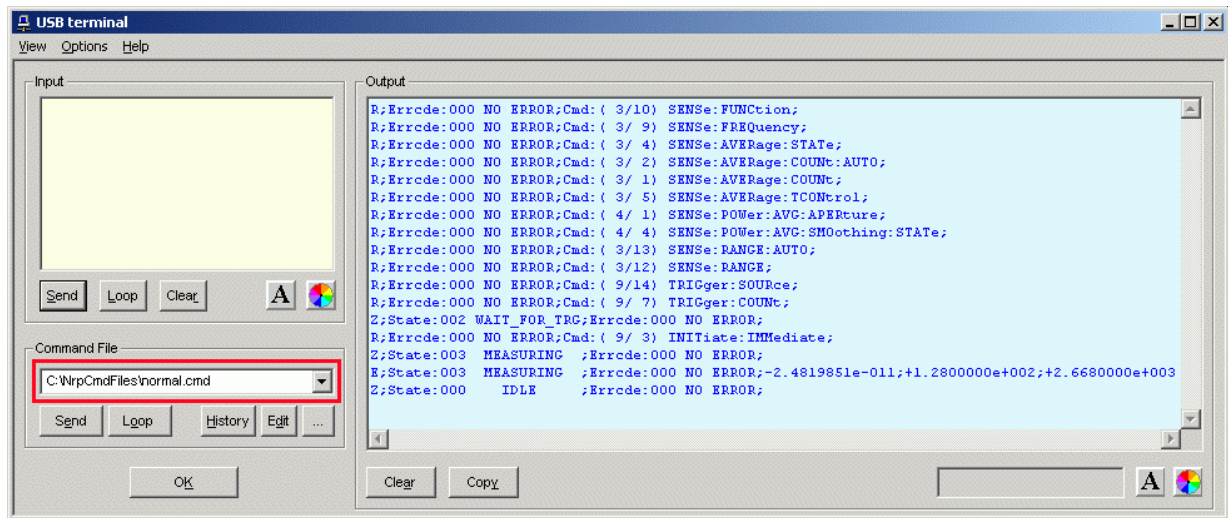


Fig. 3-2 Sending commands using command files

Table 3-1 Buttons assigned to the **Input** field

Button	Function	Key combination
Send	Sends the content of the Input entry field to the sensor.	Alt + S
Loop	With Loop the command or command sequence is cyclically sent. Pressing the button again terminates the cyclic transmission. The repetition rate is set in a dialog window that can be opened with View - Loop...	Alt + L
Clear	Clears the content of the Input field.	Alt + R
Font key	Opens a dialog window where the font for the Input field can be selected.	
Colour key	Opens a dialog window where the background colour of the Input field can be selected.	

Table 3-2 Buttons assigned to the **Command File** field

Button	Function	Key combination
Send	Sends the content of the command file to the sensor.	Alt + E
Loop	With Loop the command or command sequence is cyclically sent. Pressing the button again terminates the cyclic transmission. The repetition rate is set in a dialog window that can be opened with View - Loop...	Alt + O
History	Opens a window for editing the command file name in the Command File field.	Alt + H
Edit	Opens the selected command file in the Windows™ text editor.	Alt + D
...	Opens a file opening dialog for selecting the command file.	

A command line starting with a tab, a blank or a special character is considered a comment and not forwarded to the sensor.

Measurement results, parameters and status information returned by the sensor are displayed in the **Output** field.

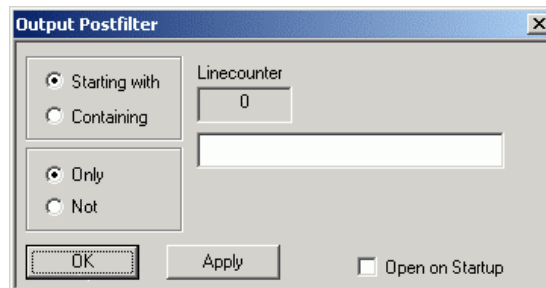
Table 3-3 Buttons assigned to the **Output** field

Button	Function	Key combination
Clear	Clears the content of the Output field	Alt + A
Copy	Copies the content of the Output field to the clipboard. (Another possibility: mark the desired information in the output window with the mouse cursor, press the right mouse key or Ctrl+C and then copy the selected text to the clipboard using the menu item Copy in the opened context menu.)	Alt + Y
Font button	Opens a dialog window where the font for the Output field can be selected.	
Colour button	Opens a dialog window where the background colour of the Output field can be selected.	

Close the USB terminal with OK.

Menus

View Post Filter ... Opens the **Output Postfilter** dialog window where the lines stored in the input buffer can be filtered according to different criteria.



Filter criteria:

Only + Starting with: Only lines starting with the entered character string are displayed.

Not + Starting with: Only lines not starting with the entered character string are displayed.

Only + Containing: Only lines containing the entered character string are displayed.

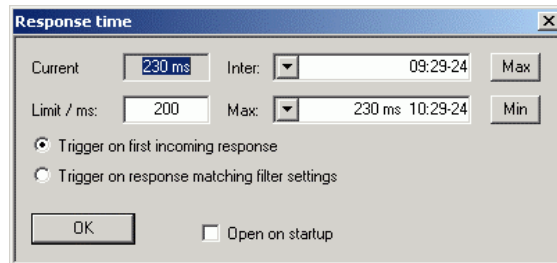
Not + Containing: Only lines not containing the entered character string are displayed.

Lines not matching the specific filter criterion are blanked but not cleared.

Filtering is started with **Apply**. The number of lines matching the filter criterion is displayed in the **Linecounter** field. If **Open on startup** is active, the **Output Postfilter** dialog is automatically opened when the terminal is started. The dialog window is closed with **OK**.

Response Time ...

Opens the **Response time** dialog window where the response time of the sensor can be set.



Current indicates the time elapsed between dispatch of the last command and receipt of an acknowledgement from the sensor. When the **Max** button is clicked, the response times exceeding the value in the **limit / ms** field are recorded. When the **Min** button is clicked, the response times within the value in the **limit / ms** field are recorded.

If **Trigger on first incoming response** is active, the time measurement is terminated as soon as the first response arrives after a command is sent. If **Trigger on response matching filter settings** is active, the time measurement is terminated as soon as the first response matching the filter criterion in the **Output Postfilter** dialog window is received.

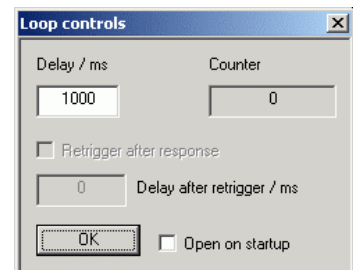
If **Open on startup** is active, the **Response Time** dialog is automatically displayed when the Terminal module is started. The dialog window is closed with **OK**.

Loop ...

Opens the **Loop controls** dialog window where the cyclic transfer of commands and command sequences can be controlled.

In the **Delay / ms** field, the time interval for the cyclic transfer is specified in milliseconds.

The number of completed transfer cycles is displayed in the **Counter** field. If **Open on startup** is active, the **Response time** dialog is automatically opened when the Terminal module is started. The dialog window is closed with **OK**.



Options	Protocol Mode	In this mode, a time stamp is added to each response block.
	Hex Mode	In this mode, the response blocks from the sensor are displayed in hexadecimal format.
	Auto Delete	With this option active, the Output field is automatically cleared when the Send button is pressed.
	Auto Scroll	With this option active, older items in the Output field are automatically shifted upward and off the display if space is required for new values.
	LF at EOT	With this option active, a line feed is appended to each response block from the sensor.
	Delete on Start	With this option active, the Output field is automatically cleared when the Terminal module is started.
	Send as Hex	With this option active, the text in the Input field is interpreted as a hexadecimal character sequence.
	Advanced ...	Opens a dialog window where the buffer size for the Output field can be set.
Help	Contents	Opens the table of contents for the online help.
	About	Displays information about the program version, etc.

