

Re: Broken TCP/IP packets

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So your receive end simply must be written so as it keeps on reading from the TCP stream up until you have 20 bytes, and store excess bytes it may have read for the next call. This can easily be implemented with a ring buffer structure and as many calls to `recv()` as needed.

If you try to circumvent this, you are fighting against TCP and potential oddities/requirements of the underlying network along the communication path.

No converter will break up a 20 byte burst into multiple packets. If this is happening its the worst converter I have ever seen. If the packets were 2,000 bytes then maybe, but I have never seen a converter send while data is still being received. I suspect the user has set a setting wrong on the device to only allow 10 byte buffer or something. We have 300byte packets and have NEVER seen on broken out of hundreds of thousands (I programmed it to log these and it has never happened).

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