# OPC Router 4.18 User Guide



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OPC Router 4.18 OPC Router: Welcome

### **OPC Router: Welcome**

Dear reader,

inray's OPC Router is a software router for data routing between OPC Servers (and therefore any PLCs) and databases (and therefore almost any MES, ERP or other business administration software. Other plug-ins connect SAP systems and mail servers, print labels, update excel files (or create them), communicate with web services or process individual scripts for customized connections.

OPC Router's license per plug-in is unlimited regarding the number of connections, number and volume of data transfers. Data transfers are triggered by time, events, bits or scripts.

This manual will show you the basics of OPC Router configuration. Please refer also to manuals of systems connected to OPC Router, e. g. to grant OPC Router access to these systems.

We apologize for not providing the complete manual in English yet. Please contact us to obtain the latest translation.

inray Industriesoftware is always willing to provide training courses as well as configuring OPC Router according to your needs. Pleas contact us for further information and offers.

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## Security Guideline and Liability Limitations

OPC Router is being installed via a simple setup program. The GUI makes configuration and development (of Router projects) simple as can be. Nonetheless it is very important to read and follow these guidelines carefully to avoid data loss and resulting damages and ensure data and system integrity.

**Important:** Please consult your system administrator before installing or updating and follow your company's own policy or code of conduct concerning software. We strongly recommend that access to the computer with OPC Router installed is limited and for authorized staff only. Keep in mind that access data to connected systems have to be stored on this computer.

#### Knowledge assumed

Installation, configurations and administration (as well as understanding the manual) assumes the following knowledge: Administration of Windows operating systems, IT security, knowledge about 3rd party systems connected (e. g. database administration, OPC Servers, MES, ERP systems used in this context).

### **Installation and Update**

- 1. We recommend to backup your production system before installing or updating.
- 2. OPC Router Setup might update or install Windows components. Please exit all running programs before installing.
- 3. We strongly recommend to ensure that existing configuration is compatible with any update before updating your production system (e. g. update test within quality control environment)
- 4. If you change the installation path proposed by the setup routine, please remember your settings to simplify any support by inray.

#### **Development**

Router projects can be developed within your production system. However, we recommend to backup your system before installing new plug-ins or activate new transfers. If you are testing new transfers within your production system, please remember to backup your database and ensure data consistency. We recommend to test all Router projects thoroughly before going productive.

**DANGER:** Testing your Router projects within production environment might, dependent on your transfer configuration, result in changing your production facilities' configuration (via programmable logic controllers, PLCs) and result in loss of material or severe damage of machinery. Please be sure that only authorized and qualified staff activate such projects. inray takes no liability for such self-inflicted damages (see below).

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inray Industriesoftware advises you to double check Router projects carefully before going productive. inray does not guarantee that Router projects developed according to this manual are compatible with future versions. Limitations of liability and warranty included in the end user license agreement EULA and/or other agreements between inray and the licensee remain unaffected.

### **Errors Excepted**

This manual is adapted to the Router's development. However, inray Industriesoftware does not guarantee that the information in this manual is always consistent with the current version of OPC Router. The manual is therefore subject to errors, especially where 3rd party systems are concerned (Windows components, OPC configuration). Please check manuals of 3rd party systems regularly.

OPC Router 4.18 The Manual's Manual

## The Manual's Manual

This manual uses the following notations:

C:\Program files\inray\	File names and paths, URL
log_1.txt	
http://localhost/	
Datasource	Names of parameters and objects' properties.
<datasource></datasource>	Place holder to be filled during development.
	(Delete brackets < and >!)
Dim TextHandle TextHandle.SetCoord 10,10	Source code samples and templates
"Change"	Names of controls, tabs, buttons etc. within
	GUI.
File–New or File - New	Menu/Submenu entries.

### Terms used

(set of) access data	Technically speaking: instance of a plug-in, e. g. the access data to one specific OPC Server, a specific database server etc. as in OPC access data, database access data etc
element (of a transfer object)	Part of a transfer object, e. g. a table's column within a data- base transfer object or an OPC item within an OPC transfer object or a specific variable used. Elements (sometimes also called items) are connected during development to define a transfer.
item, transfer object item	see "element". Not to be mixed up with OPC item, so mostly element is used.
configuration	"Configuration" means (as a rule) the basic settings and the creation of access data within the OPC Router Configuration (GUI). Whereas "development" or "projection" means defining connections (also via OPC Router Configuration GUI).
plug-in	Plug-ins provide the Router's functions, e. g. connection to OPC, database or mail servers, to ERP systems, as well as use of intern variables etc. Most plug-ins have to be licensed separately. The manual uses the term for all sets of access data of a specific plug-in also.
plug-in instance	see "access data".

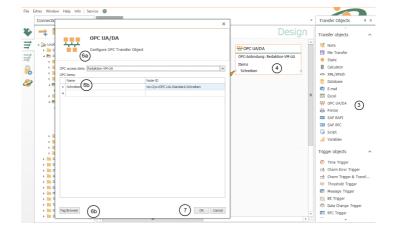
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development	see "projection".
projection	The process of defining connections (projection of transfers). i. e. the process of defining sources, destinations, triggers as well as (de-)activating. Also referred to as "development" in contrast to "configuration". However, OPC Router is both configured and projected via OPC Router Configuration (GUI).
snap-in	The dialogue left of the display
transfer	Data transfer during runtime. During projection the same as "connection".
transfer object	Source, destination or trigger of a transfer.
variable	As a rule, an instance of the variable plug-in, i. e. a variable to be used within transfers. Other variables carry special names like template variable or placeholder.
connection	Combination of at least one data source, one destination and one trigger. A connection defines how a transfer is executed: Which data is transferred under which condition to which destination.

### **Images**

Some of the screenshots present several numbered mouse pointers. The numbers refer to the instructions in the text. Therefore, numbers might have been left out. The following example shows steps 3 to 7 of the specific chapter.

Several pop-up dialogs might be shown side by side, even if they open one after another, just to show the results of mouse interaction:



OPC Router 4.18 Best Practice

### **Best Practice**

At the most places the projection with OPC router is intuitive. But there are some things that you should be aware. This will help prevent against data loss and helps to enhance the system's performance

### General project development

### Do not use more than five transfer steps for a connection

Troubleshooting and further development more easily, if the transfers remain clear. In the case of necessary repetitions you also avoid performance degradation. (e. g. erroneous transfers). With "transfer step", the number of arrows is not meant: To a single step may well include many individual transfers. "Transfer step" defines the timing of transfers, which you will see by sweeping the arrow with the mouse.

### Connection templates avoid labor

If you know by planning a project already that you require many (more than 10) similar connections, which differ e. g. only by an ID and some data point addresses, you should deal with the concept of connection templates. Place the connection template with variables in the snap-in "templates" and you can create similar compounds with button "Create instance".

### **OPC** transfers

### Datachange and threshold trigger for analog values.

Datachange and threshold trigger you have to use, if you want to transfer a single analog value. Trigger item and transfer item are identically. The transfer begins immediately after the occurrence of the trigger condition. If the transfer object includes one more to transmitted items, it can happen values will be transfer where the contents do not belong together.

### Bit and message trigger for OPC telegrams

Bit and message trigger you have to use for OPC telegrams, if you want to read a number of related items. The OPC router wait here another read cycle before the items will be read in OPC transfer object to make sure that the PLC can write the values. From PLC side the trigger should be written on the end anyway.

#### To record values of message trigger

Draw the value of the message trigger on. So you can track, if any records were not transferred or twice. PLC side is to be increased, the data point for the message trigger for new data by the value 1.

### Bit trigger always with reply bit

Use the bit trigger always with reply bit. If the data point at the PLC within a read cycle changes twice, the OPC router does not realize it. The PLC must react to the missing of response from the router. Standard practice: A bit can only be written by one side, that means the PLC sets the trigger data point back after receiving the response. The OPC router sets the response data point back even after a defined period of time.

### **Databases**

### Select always with filter

Use SQL Select only with filters (WHERE clause) to avoid loading the entire table into memory. In conjunction with transfer marks, you filter e.g. after <Transferflag>

### Mark transferred records

Mark transferred records. In your tables, keep columns in which the OPC router can mark transferred data records ("Transfer flag" not transferred, transferred, transfer error). The transfer flag columns should be set to the default value of 0 and should not be allowed to assume NULL, so that a correct assignment to the three statuses is always guaranteed.

#### Index transfer flag

To improve performance, the transferflag column should be indexed as follows:

If the OPC router is to filter for transferflag = 0:

```
CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX [IX_TransferTable_Transferflag] ON
  [dbo].[TransferTable]
(
  [Transferflag] ASC
)
WHERE ([Transferflag]=(0))
GO
```

If the OPC router is to filter for transfer flag <> 1:

```
CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX [IX_TransferTable_Transferflag] ON
  [dbo].[TransferTable]
(
   [Transferflag] ASC
)
WHERE ([Transferflag]<>(1))
```

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GO

#### Sort select results

Sort the table in ascending order after the transfer flag. So first the untransferred records are transferred; erroneous individual transfers are only attempted again at the end of the transfer. For performance optimization you can filter for the transfer flag column (transfer flag = 0 or = 2). A correspondingly filtered index can be created in the database for this purpose.

#### Database design

Database tables should be meaningfully indexed:

- Columns within which you search frequently should be indexed.
- When indexed columns of existing records are updated frequently, the index gradually becomes fragmented and needs to be rebuilt on a regular basis.
   Otherwise, performance losses would be the result.

Further information, including the use of diagnostic scripts, can be found in the incommissioning manual, which can be found on the installation source at Additionals/Doku.

#### Move database files on startup

It can be configured in which file folder the LocalDB service should move its .mdf and .ldf files at startup.

The OPC router folder contains the subfolder "SQLLocalDB" and in this folder there is the configuration file for the LocalDB service: inray.Data.SqlLocalDB.Service.exe.config

Here is an abridged version of the ex.confi file (content of the file is XML).

To change the folder, the "<value node>" at "DataDir" setting must be edited.

In the example, the "Data" folder is specified as a file folder. The path can be relative to the SqlLocalDB folder.

In this case %installDir%\SqlLocalDB\Data.

However, absolute paths can also be specified.

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When the database service starts (or when the server restarts), the client tries to move existing files to the specified location. It must be ensured that the user "NT SER-VICE\inray-LocalDB-OPCRouter4" has access to the specified file path.

### **Update the LocalDB version**

At inray.Data.LocalDB.Service.exe.config the configuration\app-licationSet-

tings\inray.Data.SqlLocalDB.Service.Properties.Settings\ as subnode can be defined

If this setting is set, the localDB is updated when the inray-LocalDB service is restarted.

OPC Router 4.18 Installation/Update

## Installation/Update

OPC Router Setup will install OPC Router including configuration GUI, Windows Service, OPC Router Status (runtime supervision) including all plug-ins in trial mode (2 hours runtime). After the license key has been entered, all plug-ins licensed will run unlimited while plug-ins not licensed will be deactivated.

OPC Router Setup will neither install database servers nor OPC servers to connect your PLCs. These components have to be installed separately. OPC Router's purpose is only to connect those components.

### System Requirements

- hardware: We strongly recommend to run server applications on adequate hardware (multi-core processor, 4 GB RAM min., Raid-5-HDD). Should the database server run on the same system, 8 GB RAM is minimum
- Operating system: We recommend Microsoft Windows Server operating systems. Client operating systems (64 bit) can also be used for test purposes.
   The following Windows versions are supported:
  - Windows Server 2008 x64
  - · Windows Server 2008 R2 x64
  - · Windows Server 2012 x64
  - · Windows Server 2012 R2 x64
  - · Windows Server 2016 x64
  - Windows Server 2019 x64
  - · Windows 7 x64
  - · Windows 8 x64
  - Windows 8.1 x64
  - · Windows 10 x64
  - Windows 10 IoT x64

**Attention:** Productive operation with client operating systems: Due to technical limitations, inray explicitly recommends operation with server operating systems.

Client operating systems, such as Windows 10, may experience unwanted behavior, unplanned reboots, and incomplete records due to unforeseen forced and forced upgrades. Other technical limitations, such as the limited number of incoming TCP / IP connections, especially in large projects, lead to downtime of connections.

Please inform yourself before installation, if an operation of the OPC router on a client operating system meets their requirements and is compatible with the license right of Microsoft.

- .NET 4.7.2 will be possibly installed automatically. We recommend that you download and install Microsoft manually in Microsoft .NET 4.7.2 before the update. Background are .NET updates required by Windows, which were not always offered automatically, and need sometimes longer time and may need several restarts. This is not within the control of inray. Downtime is kept as low as possible if you uninstall the old versions after a successful installation of .NET 4.7.2. Preinstalled on Windows Server 2016 and Windows 10.
- accessible OPC Server to communicate with PLCs (OPC DA 4.0, UA, XML)
- accessible database server (MS SQL, Oracle, MySQL and all others via ODBC.
   MS Access and writing/reading XML files supported as well)
- for connection to Oracle databases: installed Oracle instant client (ODAC)
- SAP plug-in supports SAP systems 4.0b or newer, log-on-pad has to be installed.

### Update from OPC Router 3.x

OPC Router versions 3 and 4 may run on the same computer and connect the same components without problems. Projects of version 3.x (.ort files) can be opened in Router 3 configuration GUI and thus be converted into the new format (.rcf).

**Important:** After conversion, the connections are present in both router 3 and router 4. Then both services can not run simultaneously on the productive system, because each transfer would be duplicated, including all SPS handshakes.

**Note:** The converter has been developed very carefully. However, due to the countless possibilities of OPC Router projects, we can't take any warranty for converted projects being able to run under OPC Router 3. We recommend to treat converted projects like new projects and test them carefully.

### Installation, Environment

- 1. Backup your system.
- 2. Install OPC Router 4 according to the manual. If at hand, use your deployment or QA system.
- 3. Configure the OPC Router service according to your old system. This refers especially to the user context, under which the Router service is running. Thus you ensure, that OPC Router service is granted access rights to distributed systems. In your computer's service administration, you find Router 3.x as in-rayOPCRouter and Router 4.x as OPCRouter4Service. A manual might be found in chapter network settings.

#### Conversion

The OPC router 4 configuration is stored in a provide database. The converter reads the data from the RCF file (OPC router 3 configuration) and and saves it in the database.

- 1. Copy your Router-3-project (.rcf file) and work with this copy.
- 2. Open Router 4 configuration. Chose "File" and "Import OPC router 4 project".
- 3. To open the converter, press "OK".
- 4. In the converter, select the RCF file. You have the following options:

Ignore existing objects	Objects already created in the OPC router 4 remain unaffected. If objects in the RCF file have the same name but other properties (e.g. credentials), they are not applied
Overwrite existing oblects	Overwrites any existing objects that have the same name in the RCF file and router 4
Delete all objects before converting	Deletes all objects present in the Router 4 database
Rebuild the database before converting	Restores the entire router 4 database. An existing router 4 configuration is thus completely deleted

5. Then, select "Start Convert".

When reinstalling the user context remains.

### **Test and Deploy Project**

- · Check whether the converter has generated errors or warnings.
- For OPC-UA, DB and SAP access data, use the button "Check connection" within the plug-in configuration.
- Take a look at the single connections to see whether they seen "right".
- In the Router's Settings you can enforce logging for all transfers and adjust the log level to "Warning" and "Error". Add "Trace" if an error occurs (for short time only, as log files will be huge)

· Save and build the project.

Start OPC Router and test the project within your QA environment. The Status Window delivers a quick overview on the transfers.

If you haven't got any deployment or QA environment and thus are forced to convert directly into your productive system, please consider suitable tests. If you follow the steps above, Router 3 is still working. Please note, that data transfers will be executed twice if both Router versions are running. Stop Router 3 before starting Router 4. Monitor Router 4 carefully via Status Window. If errors occur, stop Router 4 and restart Router 3 to keep your productive system working (while you remove the cause for the error).

### Installation

**Important:** Before installing, check whether all system requirements are met. Read the security guidelines and follow the manual carefully.

OPC Router Setup installs all components needed and configures as follows:

Windows Service, starting automatically, meaning the runtime service executing
data transfers will be started with the startup of the system. Immediately after
the installation, the router service does not run because no configuration has yet
been carried out. After the configuration (and after each update), start the service once manually via the button in the router configuration.

### Installation

**Attention:** Do not remove your OPC Router 3.x. Please read the update manual from OPC router 3 to 4

- Backup your system.
- 2. OPC Router Setup might update or install Windows components. Therefore, quit all running programs.
- 3. Check whether system requirements are met.
- 4. Execute setup.exe on your instal

**Attention:** If .NET 4.7.2 installation is performed, Windows will require a reboot. You may, however, install .NET 4.7.2 prior to installing OPC Router manually. OPC Router installation on a computer with .NET 4.7.2 already running will *not* require a reboot.

lation source.

5. Follow the setup routine.

After setup is completed you can configure OPC Router.

### **Update**

Updating from a 4.x to a newer 4.x version means removing the old version and install the new version. Your project files remain unaffected.

We recommend to test a new version within your deployment or QA environment. Thus you ensure that your project file is compatible with the new version. As a rule, OPC Router 4 automatically adjusts project files to new versions (not for updates from version 3 to 4).

**Attention:** Do not remove your OPC Router 3.x. Please read the update manual from OPC router 3 to 4

- 1. Backup your system.
- 2. OPC Router Setup might update or install Windows components. Therefore, quit all running programs.
- 3. Check under which user the OPC Router service runs, and remember.
- 4. Remove OPC Router 4.x via control panel. Project files remain unaffected
- 5. Check whether system requirements are met.
- 6. Execute setup.exe on your installation source.
- 7. Follow the setup routine.
- 8. Check the user context of the service. If necessary, reconfigure according to step 3.
- 9. Open the OPC Router configuration.
- 10. Turn the project productively.
- 11. Restart OPC Router Service.

### Update OPC Router to .NET 4.7.2

The OPC Router versions require the installation of .NET Framework 4.7.2 on the server. .NET 4.7.2 is a Windows component and requires some Windows updates, which unfortunately are not always offered automatically by Microsoft. Some of these updates are quite extensive and can take several hours. There are several restarts of the server necessary:

The following updates are needed in this order:

- KB2919442
- · clearcompressionflag.exe
- KB2919355

- KB2932046
- KB2959977
- KB2937592
- KB2938439
- KB2934018

If the installation of .NET 4.7.2 fails, it may have other causes. However, the absence of KB2919355 and the following updates was the only one that was manifested in our tests. We recommend the following procedure:

- 1. From the control panel, verify that the above updates are installed.
  - If so, install .NET 4.7.2 manually. If the installation fails, follow the help link suggested in the installer.
  - If not, search support.microsoft.com for the update KB2919355. You
    will find detailed instructions there. Remember to run KB2919442 and
    clearcompressionflag.exe before.
- 2. Then install your OPC router version.

**Note:** If an error with the content "The File 'createconnections.exe ... is not marked for installation." occurs during the installation, there is a conflict with a preinstalled Heidenhain x86 component - this should be uninstalled before istalling the OPC Router.

## **OPC Router Configuration**

The OPC router 4 configuration contains the configuration, the possibility of productive switching and the status display at runtime.

You will also find there

- OPC router converter, which converts OPC router 3 projects
- OPC router service Status, which executes the data transfers as a run-time component.

Configuration is being started via start menu (Programs – inray – OPC Router).

OPC Router Configuration executes all steps of bringing OPC Router into service, including licensing:

- Configuration of plug-ins needed, e. g. access data of accessible OPC and database servers, definition of variables (Chose plug-in in project configuration tree, left-hand side, then edit on corresponding tab).
- 2. *Projection (of connections):* Which data is to be transferred when wherefrom where? (Create and open connections in left-hand side project configuration, chose transfer objects on right-hand side toolbox, edit on corresponding tab)
- 3. Productive switching of the whole project or individual connections.
- 4. Start service if service has been running (default), restart is executed automatically (button).
- 5. Monitoring and error diagnostics left over the snap-in directory on button "Status".

The following chapters describe the steps in detail. Please note that only licensed plugins are accessible.

The entire project is stored in local databases (MS SQL Local-DB), including the transfer protocol.

**Remember:** Project backup: If the entire computer (VM, disk backup) is not backed up, the program directory of the router where the database files are located should be backed up.

*OPC Router Service* is the runtime component, working in the background as a Windows service and executing the data transfers. The service must be restarted after changes to plug-in configurations, individual connections can also be productive without restarting. Individual configuration regular is only necessary for use in systems with windows authentication.

OPC Router 4.18 Run on 64-bit environments

## Run on 64-bit environments

The OPC router setup will automatically set up the service for the 64-bit architecture.

**Important:** If you provide 64-bit drivers for connection of external systems (e. g. SAP systems, OLE-DB driver) only in a 32-bit version, you must configure the router service manually.

- 1. Go to "Service" in the top menu bar.
- 2. Under menu "Service", select "Registry".
- 3. Force the entry to "Register with: 32 bits".
- 4. Restart the OPC router.

OPC Router 4.18 Licensing

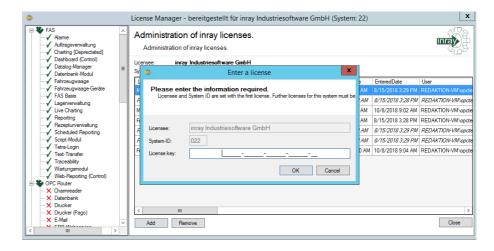
## Licensing

Without license each inray software is executable for two hours after installation. You can test all standard modules in trial mode. After entering the license key the licensed modules a usable only.

If you need a longer demo license, this can be issued by our sales department, e.g. for a 30-day demo license. Please contact our sales department.

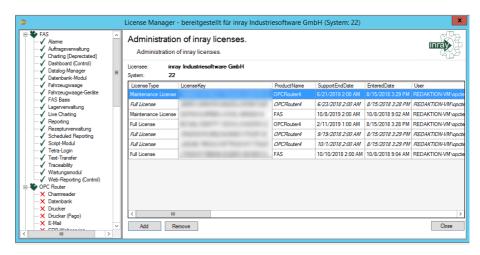
The licensing occurs by a particular program, the inray license manager. You start the license manager either via the Start menu (program - inray) or with corresponding buttons in the programs (FAS configuration, OPC router with "Options" – "Licensing", FAS-inMOVE assistant). The license manager shows all inray licenses at these system. Have the necessary data ready for licensing.

- 1. Open the license manager.
- 2. Choose "Add" to enter a new license.
- 3. Enter the company name, system ID and license key you got from inray or your reseller. Input fields are case sensitive. If you enter a second or further license, the key has to be issued for exactly the same name and system ID:



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4. Save with "OK". The license manager will be shown the successful licensing in the overview:



5. Restart your software.

Future system extensions are licensed for your specific customer name and system ID. Then simply enter the new license key.

We recommend the additional conclusion of a Maintenance License in order to be able to use the support of the company inray Industriesoftware GmbH optimally. We offer you support during normal business hours or, if booked accordingly, a round-the-clock service. If you have signed a Maintenance License for your licensed modules (Full License), then the SupportEndDate shows the date, how long you can use the support. During this time, upgrades to a new major version are also possible. (If a Maintenance License is concluded, a major upgrade from FAS 3.8x to FAS 3.9x, for example, is possible if the upgrade has appeared before the expiry of your contract. The release date applies.) Without the Maintenace License only upgrades within one version are possible (e.g. FAS v3.8.5001.52 to FAS v 3.8.5007.60) or bugfixes can be loaded, if the SupportEndDate has been reached.

OPC Router 4.18 OPC Router Settings

## **OPC Router Settings**

The following options can be set by opening "Settings" in the project configuration:

### Runtime

Cycle time	Internal cycle time in milliseconds. This interval is used e. g. to check whether trigger conditions apply. Set a shorter interval if necessary for your project.
Maximum number of threads	Select the maximum number of threads.
Size of ring buffer	Select the needed size of ring buffer.
Transfer break in case of errors	Transfer pause in seconds in case of error.
Connection time-out	Time (in s) that the connection may take before a connection error is returned.

### Notification Manager

Storage time for events	Time range in which the data are kept.
Storage time for transfered values	Time range in which the data are kept in case of faults.
Log transferred values	Activate if transferred values are to be recorded
Size of ring buffer	Select the needed size of ring buffer.
Maximum log size for transferred values (GB)	Specification of the maximum log size for transferred values in GB. Setting how far the OPC router is allowed to fill the status databases. We recommend 8 or 9 GB for a LocalDB database.
Maximum log size for events (GB)	Specify the maximum log size for events in GB.
Maximum log size at escalation level 1 (bytes / min)	Specification of the log size at escalation level 1 in bytes / min. Setting when connections are considered too data intensive. If connections transmit more bytes per minute than set, they will be identified as the "spam connection" and will be disabled first in case of memory problems. For this purpose, the number of transfers is not directly relevant, but the amount of data transferred.

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### Log output

Log all transfers	Writes all transfers to log file. This option overrides deactivation of logging in single connections.
Zip log files	This setting affects only the log files of the service. At the change of the day, the service automatically compresses the log file of the last day into a zip file. The associated text file will be deleted afterwards. Depending on the project, the required hard disk space can be significantly reduced.
Error	Logs errors. Recommended during normal operation.
Warning	Logs warnings. Recommend during normal operation.
Trace	Detailed logging to trace errors. Should be deactivated during normal operation.
Debug	Logs debug information for developers. Should be deactivated during normal operation.
Log folder	Folder for log files (default: <opc folder="" router-program="">\LogDir).</opc>

You can log the Router's activities in several levels. During normal operations, we recommend to log warnings and errors. The log file remains small, and if an error occurs, you have got detailed information. If an error occurs, activated "Trace" to log more information to find the error's cause. Open the log file with right-click on the router's tray icon, then "Open log file".

Every time an OPC Router process is started, it issues a message with its current version.

### **Language of Configuration**

Use menu "Extras – Select language" to switch the language. You have to restart OPC router Configuration to complete switching.

### Resetting the database to factory defaults

In the expert mode: At "File - Database settings" you have the possibility to reset the database to the delivery state at the tab "Delete database" content. In this area you can still select whether you want to delete all connections, all plug-ins or all router settings. If you select Delete all connections, all templates will be deleted!

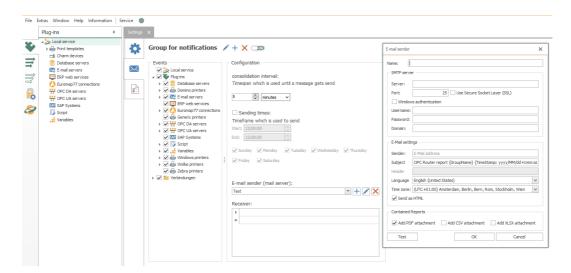
## Settings notifications (alarm-mail)

Via the menu item "Extras - Settings" you will find the notification area at the button for the basic settings.

The mail can be used for the following scenarios:

- · transfer error
- · plug-in error, plug-in again responsive
- · connection error (plug-in / trigger error)
- · service was stopped / started

At this point, enter all the shipping information and select the areas to which the notification applies in the list of events. You can also give a name for the notification via the settings. Click on the pen button. To rename an existing notification, click the plus sign. With the On / Off-ToggleSwitch you activate the notification or deactivate it.



### Settings

consolidation interval	The amount of time before a message is sent.
Tiemspan which is used	The length of time in which you can send. Events outside of
until a message gets	this range are collected and sent later. Enter a start time and
send	an end time and, if necessary, activate a weekday by acti-
	vating an appropriate checkbox.
E-Mail sender (mail	Select a mail server as sender from the drop-down menu. To
server)	add a mail server click on the button with the plus sign and
	make the settings. To edit or delete a mail server, select the
	appropriate buttons.
Receiver	At this point, enter the recipients who should receive this no-
	tification.

### E-mail sender name

Name
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### SMTP-Server

Server	Name of the server.
Port	Port on the server, which is used for the mail traffic.
Use Secure Socket Layer benutzen (SSL)	Uses SSL encryption. The server must support this, the appropriate port must be set.
Windows authentifica- tion	Alternatively, uses the user under which the router service is running (default: "system").
Username	User name for logging on to the server (SMTP or NT authentication).
Password	Password to log in to the server (SMTP or NT authentication).
Domain	Domain to which the $user$ is registered. (For login to the server via NT authentication)

### E-Mail settings

Sender	Enter the sender e-mail address. The sender must have the format of a mail address (name@domain.xx).
Subject	Enter a subject for your notification. Max 255 characters are possible.
Header	Extended entry of a header possible.
Language	Select a language from the drop-down menu.
Time zone	Select a time zone from the drop-down menu.
Send as HTML	Activate the checkbox if you want to send the notification in HTML format.

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Add PDF attachment	Activate the checkbox if you want to send a PDF file.
Add CSV attachment	Activate the checkbox if you want to send a CSV file.
Add XLSX attachment	Activate the checkbox if you want to send a XLSX file

The "Test" button allows you to verify that the server connection is working. Confirm your entries with "OK".

## Settings Certificate management

Via the menu item Extras–Settings you will find the certificate management area next to the button for the basic settings. In this area you can import certificates, create your own certificates or view existing certificates.

The following buttons are available:

**Import**: With this button you have the possibility to import certificates from your PC into the OPC Router certificate administration. They will be available later in the drop-down menus of the individual applications.

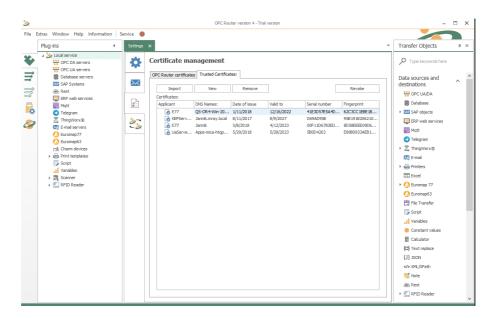
**View**: Select a certificate in the list and click the "View" button to display the details and the path for the certificate.

**Add private key**: The private key is the secret key that will later be used to sign the encrypted connection. The private key is created by you and should not be made public. A private key can only be added for OPC Router certificates and not for trusted certificates.

**Remove**: Select a certificate and click the "Remove" button to delete this certificate from the list.

**Create**: With this button you can create your own certificates. Enter the appropriate properties and confirm your entries with "Create". You can only create OPC Router certificates and not trusted certificates.

**Revoke**: Trusted certificates can be invalidated using the "Revoke" button. You can then only re-import it to use it as a valid trusted certificate again.

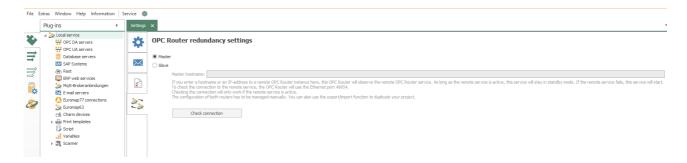


OPC Router 4.18 Settings redundancy

## Settings redundancy

Via the menu item Extras - Settings you will find the redundancy area at button for the basic settings. This way, the OPC router can be protected against failures.

You can configure a master host name in this area and test the connection. There is a "master" and a "slave". The slave starts in standby mode and monitors the master. Each OPC router is automatically a master. Here only the port in the firewall must be released. For a slave only IP / DNS of the master has to be configured. If the connection leaves from the client to the master, the connections are switched to active and begin to transfer. This is shown in green in the status display. If the client can reconnect to the master, the connections switch back to standby. This is shown in blue in the status display.



The state changes due to the redundancy are logged. A log entry is created when the redundancy becomes active (master has failed) or becomes inactive again (master is reachable again).

**Attention:** SAP® triggers and ThingWorx® triggers can be problematic in redundancy operation with identical user data. There are problems because the plug-ins are also initialized in the secondary system and want to access the same user data, which can lead to errors in the assignment of sessions with SAP® and Thing-Worx® connections.

OPC Router 4.18 Plug-in Configuration

## Plug-in Configuration

## OPC Classic Plug-in

OPC plug-in connects OPC Router to all accessible OPC Servers.

If an OPC Server runs on a different computer, ...

• ... DCOM configuration has to be adjusted for *OPC Classic* connections.

### Operation is standard:

- 1. Open plug-in by double-click "OPC Classic servers". The list of created OPC connections is displayed.
- 2. Chose "Add" or double-click an existing entry to edit.
- 3. Specify access data. (chapter "Properties of OPC access data").
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

The OPC server can now be used to define a connection.

### Properties of OPC Classic access data

The following properties have to be specified for each set of OPC access data:

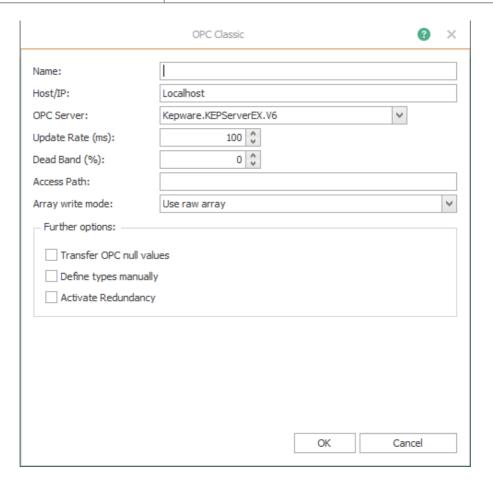
#### **OPC DA Access Data**

Name	This set's name. The name will be shown in projection. Select a name you will recognize!
Host/IP	IP or host name of OPC Server's computer.
OPC Server	OPC Servers accessible on computer specified under <code>Host/IP</code> . Select by drop-down
Update rate	The update rate is the rate where the OPC server updates its data. Most OPC servers have an internal data memory and use the update rate to update the values in this memory. However, it depends on the OPC server which update rate is used. In the KepServer there is for example the setting Scan Mode. In the properties of the device you can set which scan rate should be used by the server and to what extent the update rate of the client is taken into account.
Dead band	The Dead Band property ensures that no transfer takes place from the OPC server to the client as long as the value does not exceed a certain threshold. This can be used to reli-

	eve the network. This function is optional and does not have
	to be implemented by all OPC servers.
Access path	Access path on OPC Server

### **Extended Properties**

Transfer OPC null va- lues	Invalid OPC values will be transferred as well, e. g. as NULL into databases.
Define types manually	Define data types of OPC items manually to notify the OPC Server what type is expected.
Activate Redundancy	The redundancy is activated if the primary server is not available and (optional) if the primary server's life can not be read or assumes the value.



Use  $Access\ Path$  to simplify projection: If an access path is specified, you only have to enter the OPC Items' names later on.

Just define a set of access data for each PLC to connect. In your OPC Server, define an access path to each PLC. This access path has to be entered here.

If you want to connect different PLCs with identical items, you can use this alternative in combination with templates. Just define the OPC access data as variable within

your template. Specify the set of access data when creating the connection from the template.

### OPC UA Plug-in

OPC plug-in connects OPC Router to all accessible OPC Servers.

If an OPC Server runs on a different computer, ...

• ... for OPC UA the router have to be approve as "Trusted Client", if an appropriate safety level is set on the OPC server

### Operation is standard:

- 1. Open plug-in by double-click "OPC UA servers". The list of created OPC connections is displayed.
- 2. Chose "Add new set as access data" or double-click an existing entry to edit.
- 3. Specify access data. (chapter "Properties of OPC access data").
- 4. Use the "Check connection" button to initialize a connection. If a corresponding safety level is set on the OPC server, the connection will fail. You must then release the OPC router on the OPC server as a trustworthy client. Reinitialize your OPC server, if necessary. Test again to verify successful connection setup.
- 5. Confirm with "OK".

The OPC server can now be used to define a connection.

### Properties of OPC UA access data

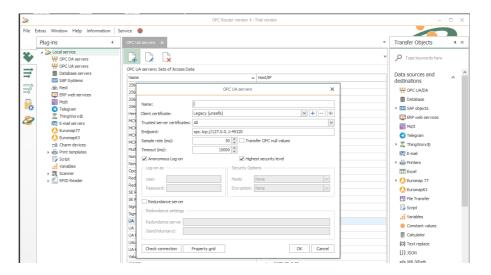
The following properties have to be specified for each set of OPC access data:

#### **OPC UA Access Data**

Name	This set's name. The name will be shown in projection. Select a name you will recognize!
Client certificate	Select a client certificate from the drop-down menu. Using the plus sign, you can add another certificate, using the minus sign to remove one. Another button allows you to display the properties of an existing certificate.
Trusted server certi- ficates	Select which server certificates to accept.
Endpoint	OPC-Server's address (protocol: opc.tcp, http or https)

	Note: If encryption is used, the endpoint must be specified exactly as it is stored in the server's certificate. For example, if the certificate contains "Server.domain.local", the endpoint must also be addressed in this way, and not, for example, via the IP. Then the certificate is rejected by the OPC server.
Sample Rate	Sample rate (ms) used by OPC Server to refresh values. Set "0" to use smallest update rate.
Timeout	Time (ms) allowed to establish before a connection error is thrown.
Array write mode	Decide how to handle incomplete arrays
	<b>Use raw array</b> : Send the incomplete, raw array exactly as it is.
	Fill missing values with recent values: Use the value of
	the most recent value for all missing values.
	Fill missing values with standard values: The standard value will be used for missing values. (e.g. NULL for INT)
Item identification	Node ID: Data points are addressed directly by the node ID.
	<b>Browse Path:</b> Data points are addressed by the OPC server path.
	Important: If you use the browse path option, you may have some benefits by using the templates. The browse path option may need some more time in initializing, especially in huge projects.
Transfer OPC null values	Invalid OPC values will be transferred as well, e. g. as NULL into databases.
Anonymous log-on	Activate if your OPC Server allows anonymous connections.  If not, deactivate and provide user credentials.
User	User name to log on OPC Server (not: Windows Server)
Password	Password to log on OPC Server (not: Windows Server)
Highest security level	Activate to use highest security level provided by your OPC Server. If connection problems occur, deactivate and set security options manually.
Mode	"None", "Sign" or "SignAndEncrypt".
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Encryption	Encryption process. Use highest encryption provided by your OPC Server.
Redundance server	Activate to specify a redundancy OPC server. Redundancy is activated if the primary server cannot be reached and (optionally) if the life item of the primary server cannot be read or assumes the value "0". Then enter the redundancy server and, if required, an object (item) on the selected redundancy server.



Property Access Path is not available with OPC UA. If you want to connect several PLCs with identical data points, project a connection template and define "Access Path" as template variable. This might be a real path if your OPC Server provides strings as node IDs or the namespace's ID. You'll have to configure an individuals namespace for each PLC. The data point IDs have to be identical.

Use the "Check connection" button to check in advance if your data connections are working.

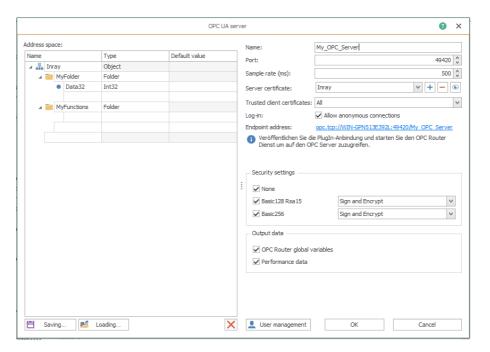
### OPC-UA-Server Plug-in

The OPC-UA-Server Plug-in publishes a OPC-UA-Server.

### Properties of the integrated OPC-UA-Server

Set the following properties of the OPC UA server:

### **OPC-UA-Server properties**



Name	Enter a unique name for your OPC-UA server plug-in
Port	Specify a network port for your OPC server.
Sample rate	Sample rate (ms) used by OPC Server to refresh values.
Server certifikate	Select a server certificate for your OPC server.
Trusted client certi- fikates	Select the certificate store to use for user authentication.
Log-in	Activate to allow annonymous connections.
Endpoint address	Shows the address to connect to your OPC server.

### Security settings:

None	Allows unencrypted connectios.
Basic128RSA15	Clients need Basic128RSA15 encryption to connect.
Basic256	Clients need Basic256 encryption to connect.

### Output data:

Global variables	Activate to output the OPC Routers variables
Performance data	Activate to output some of the OPC Routers poerformance
	counters

### User management:

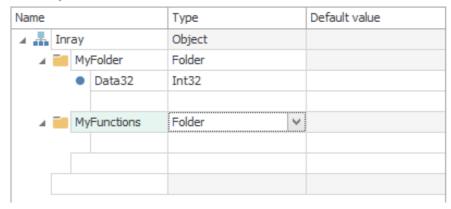
Use the "User management" to define some users and specify rules for read and write permissions.

Address space:

Define the data point for your OPC-UA server.

Use the Column "Name" for a random name. Also you can define folders an objects. Additionally you can define default values.

#### Address space:



Note: A server always starts with an object.

### Heidenhain Plug-in

Heidenhain plug-in connects OPC Router to all accessible Heidenhain controls. Operation is standard:

- 1. Open plug-in by double-click "Heidenhain". The list of created Heidenhain connections is displayed.
- 2. Chose "Add new set as access data" or double-click an existing entry to edit.
- 3. Specify access data. (chapter "Properties of Heidenhain access data").
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

The Heidenhain server can now be used to define a connection.

### Properties of Heidenhain access data

The following properties have to be specified for each set of Heidenhain access data:

#### **Heidenhain Access Data**

General

Name	This set's name. The name will be shown in projection. Select a name you will recognize!
Host/IP	Heidenhain-Server's address
Туре	Heidenhain CNC type.
DNC Protocol	Select DNC Protocol
Port	Select Ethernet port.
Update rate	Select values update rate in milliseconds
Timeout	Select the connections timeout in milliseconds
Transfer OPCNULL va-	Check if NULL values should get transferred,
lues	

### Security

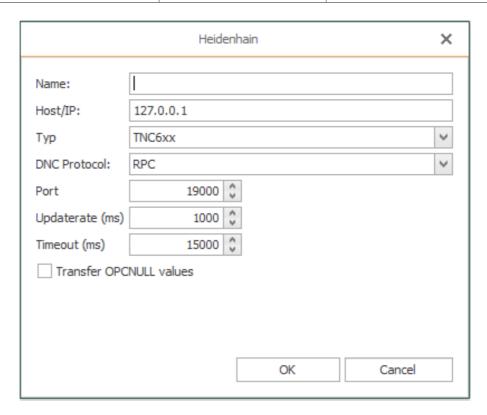
CFGDATAACCESS	If the password is set, the checkbox must be activated and the valid password entered in order to be able to access the configuration.
PCLDATAACCESS	If the password is specified, the checkbox must be activated and the valid password entered in order to be able to access the data of the PLC program and the properties of the PLC runtime.
TABLEDATAACCESS	If the password is set, the checkbox must be activated and the valid password entered in order to able to access II tables, including that of the tool.

Following control systems are supported:

**Important:** The machines need an Ethernet interface an the option DNC / option 18 needs to be enabled.

Control system	from NC Version	from DNC Version
iTNC 530	340420-06, 340422-01	1.6.1
iTNC 530	340480-01	1.6.1
iTNC 530	34049x-03, 60642x-01	1.6.1
NCK based		
TNC 128	771841-01	1.5.1
TNC 320	340551-03, 771851-01	1.5.1
TNC 620	34056x-01, 73498x-01, 81760x-01	1.5.1

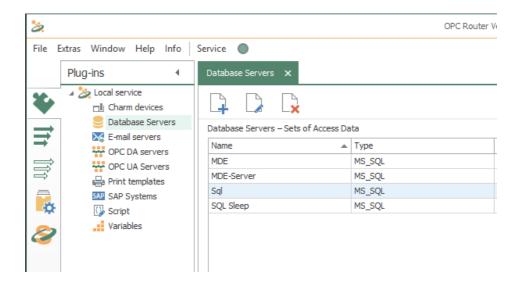
TNC 640	34059x-01	1.5.1
MANUALplus 620	548328-05, 54843x-01	1.5.1
CNC PILOT 620	688945-01	1.5.1
CNC PILOT 640	688946-01, 688947-01	1.3.1
MillPlusIT V6x0	53895x-03, 73738x-01	1.5.1
GrindPlusIT	510060-04	1.5.1
GrindPlus 640	73502x-01	1.5.1



# Database-Plug-in

The database plug-in connects OPC Router to as many database servers as you can reach. The database specific clients are required on the OPC Router's computer and

have to be installed manually (e. g. MS SQL Server Native Client, MySQL ODBC driver etc).



#### Defining access data:

- Open plug-in by clicking "Database Servers" in the project configuration's plugin list.
- 2. Chose "Add" or double-click an existing entry to edit.
- 3. Specify access data. (chapter "Properties of DB access data").
- 4. Click on button "Check connection" to verify the OPC Router is getting access to database server and if access data are correct. This is to exclude one typical source of errors.
- 5. Confirm with "OK".

The database server can now be used to define a connection.

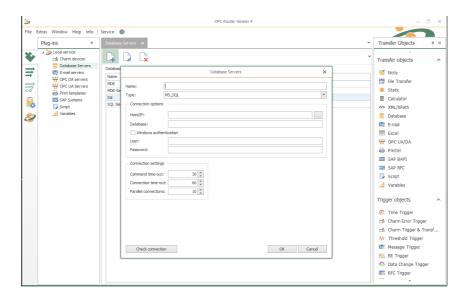
## **Properties of Database Access Data**

The following properties have to be specified for each set of database access data:

Name	This set's name. The name will be shown in projection. Select a name you will recognize!
Туре	Type of database server, select via drop-down:
	MS SQL Server
	XML_File
	• My SQL
	• My SQL 5
	MS Access
	Oracle
	• OLE_DB
	• ODBC

- dBASE
- · SQLite

OLE DB or ODBC drivers for other database servers will be available at the server's manufacturer or vendor. Install according to manufacturer's manual. OLE DB drivers are recommended if available.



Properties not applicable for a specific type of server are deactivated. Please refer to database server's manual for server-side configuration. Please contact your database administrator to get the correct setting for the properties. The picture shows connection to MS SQL Server after a successful test.

## **Options for MS SQL Servers**

Host/IP	Name of MS SQL Server (named pipe or <ip>:<port>, specifying a port number enforces communication via TCP/ IP.</port></ip>
Port	Selection of the port for the database connection. If necessary, the port can be changed.
Database	Database on server to be used.
Windows authentication	Activate to use Windows authentication instead of <i>User name</i> and <i>Password</i> . Local accounts, DCOM users an Windows domain users (NT authentication) are supported. To use <i>Windows authentication</i> , the user under which the OPC Router service is running needs access rights to the database server. By default, this is the system user. To be able to define connection, the user under which OPC Router Configuration is running, needs those rights (by default:

	User logged-on the Windows System). In this case, "Check connection" is valid only for the configuration. Observer carefully if transfers are executed correctly!
User	User name to log on MS SQL Server
Password	Password to log on MS SQL Server
Command time-out	Time (seconds) that the Router waits for an SQL command to terminate. Increase if your projects involve commands of long duration (e. g. stored procedures). Note that you also need to increase the value for the individual connections that trigger long queries.
Connection time-out	Time (seconds) that the Router may need to establish connection.
Parallel connections	Number of connections that the Router may establish parallely. The more connections the faster the Router the slower probably the database. Ask your database administrator how many connections the Router may establish. This depends on your project's scale, of course.
Polling interval	Distance at which the database is queried.

# **Options for XML files**

The XML file must exist.

File Select file via ""
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Please note that the file's structure must be readable, e. g.:

```
<measurement>
 <temperature>
   <ID>1</ID>
   <time>2012-01-31T12:00:00</time>
   <value>5</value>
  </temperature>
  <temperature>
   <ID>2</ID>
   <time>2012-01-31T12:05:00</time>
   <value>4</value>
  </temperature>
  >
   <ID>1</ID>
   <time>2012-01-31T12:00:00</time>
   <value>1200</value>
  </pressure>
  <ID>2</ID>
   <time>2012-01-31T12:05:00</time>
   <value>4</value>
  </pressure>
</measurement>
```

Speaking in database terms, this means, we have got a database measurement containing tables temperature and pressure, each containing columns ID, time and value. Each table in this file has got two records. The XML elements must not contain attributes!

From this file, you will be able to read data. Pleas note that a column ID has to be part of each table.

To write data to an XML file, each table needs a primary key. This can be realized with an XML schema (XSD = XML Schema Definition). This XSD file is referenced in the root element of your XML file. The following example shows the reference to an XSD file stored in the same location as the XML file.

```
<measurement xmlns="measurement.xsd">
    ...
</measurement>
```

The referenced file measurement.xsd contains the definition:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<xs:schema id="measurement" targetNamespace="measurement.xsd"</pre>
xmlns:mstns="measurement.xsd" xmlns="measurement.xsd"
xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:msdata="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:xml-msdata"
 xmlns:msprop="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:xml-msprop"
attributeFormDefault="qualified" elementFormDefault="qualified">
  <xs:element name="temperature"</pre>
msprop:Generator_UserTableName="temperature">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="ID" msdata:ReadOnly="true"</pre>
msdata:AutoIncrement="true" type="xs:int" />
        <xs:element name="time" msdata:Caption="Zeit"</pre>
 type="xs:dateTime" minOccurs="0" />
        <xs:element name="value" msdata:Caption="Wert" type="xs:int"</pre>
minOccurs="0" />
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
 <xs:element name="pressure"</pre>
msprop:Generator_UserTableName="pressure">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:sequence>
        <xs:element name="ID" msdata:ReadOnly="true"</pre>
msdata:AutoIncrement="true" type="xs:int" />
        <xs:element name="time" msdata:Caption="Zeit"</pre>
 type="xs:dateTime" minOccurs="0" />
        <xs:element name="value" msdata:Caption="Wert" type="xs:int"</pre>
minOccurs="0" />
      </xs:sequence>
    </xs:complexType>
  </xs:element>
  <xs:element name="indexes" msdata:IsDataSet="true">
    <xs:complexType>
      <xs:choice maxOccurs="unbounded">
        <xs:element ref="temperature"</pre>
        <xs:element ref="pressure" />
      </xs:choice>
    </xs:complexType>
    <xs:key msdata:PrimaryKey="true"</pre>
msdata:ConstraintName="temperatureID" name="temperatureID">
      <xs:selector xpath=".//temperature" />
      <xs:field xpath="ID" />
```

The first two elements define the tables' layout, the third element the indexes. Relations could be realized as well. Please not that each table has to have at least one record with a valid ID so that the auto increment function works correctly (IDs of new records are set automatically.

**Important:** In the Router's plug-in configuration, you specify the XML file, not the schema (XSD). The XSD file is only referenced from the XML file as shown above.

## Options for MySQL/MySQL-5 Servers

Host/IP	IP address of MySQL server.
Port	Selection of the port for the database connection. If necessary, the port can be changed.
Database	Database on server to be used.
User	User name to log on MySQL
Password	Password to log on MySQL
Command time-out	Time (seconds) that the Router waits for an SQL command to terminate. Increase if your projects involve commands of long duration (e. g. stored procedures). Note that you also need to increase the value for the individual connections that trigger long queries.
Parallel connections	Number of connections that the Router may establish paral- lely. The more connections the faster the Router the slower probably the database. Ask your database administrator how many connections the Router may establish. This depends on your project's scale, of course.
Polling interval	Distance at which the database is queried.

## **Options for MS Access**

File	Choose Access file via button "" In addition to the .mdb
	format .accdb files are also supported.

DB data source	Name of "database" to be used
User	User name (if file is protected)
Password	Password (if file is protected)

# **Options for Oracle**

To connect to Oracle servers, the Oracle client has to be installed.

TNS name	TNS name of Oracle configuration
Port	Selection of the port for the database connection. If necessary, the port can be changed.
Schema	Oracle schema
Windows authentication	Activate to use Windows authentication instead of <i>User name</i> and <i>Password</i> . Local accounts, DCOM users an Windows domain users (NT authentication) are supported.  To use <i>Windows authentication</i> , the user under which the OPC Router service is running needs access rights to the database server. By default, this is the system user. To be able to define connection, the user under which OPC Router Configuration is running, needs those rights (by default: User logged-on the Windows System). In this case, "Check connection" is valid only for the configuration. Observer carefully if transfers are executed correctly!
User	User name to log on Oracle
Password	Password to log on Oracle
Command time-out	Time (seconds) that the Router waits for an SQL command to terminate. Increase if your projects involve commands of long duration (e. g. stored procedures). Note that you also need to increase the value for the individual connections that trigger long queries.
Parallel connections	Number of connections that the Router may establish parallely. The more connections the faster the Router the slower probably the database. Ask your database administrator how many connections the Router may establish. This depends on your project's scale, of course.

# **Options for OLE DB Providers**

OLE DB connections need a connection string. The OLE DB provider needed has to be installed and must be active.

Connection string	Select a connection string from the drop-down menu.
Command time-out	Time (seconds) that the Router waits for an SQL command to terminate. Increase if your projects involve commands of long duration (e. g. stored procedures). Note that you also need to increase the value for the individual connections that trigger long queries.
Parallel Connections	Number of connections that the Router may establish parallely. The more connections the faster the Router the slower probably the database. Ask your database administrator how many connections the Router may establish. This depends on your project's scale, of course.
Polling interval	Distance at which the database is queried.

# **Options for ODBC drivers**

The ODBC driver needed must be installed and active.

ODBC entry	Select configured ODBC driver.
User	User name to log on database
Password	Password to log on database
Command time-out	Time (seconds) that the Router waits for an SQL command to terminate. Increase if your projects involve commands of long duration (e. g. stored procedures). Note that you also need to increase the value for the individual connections that trigger long queries.
Parallel connections	Number of connections that the Router may establish paral- lely. The more connections the faster the Router the slower probably the database. Ask your database administrator how many connections the Router may establish. This depends on your project's scale, of course.
Polling interval	Distance at which the database is queried.

# Options for dBASE

Directory	Select an appropriate directory from the drop-down menu.
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Command time-out	Time (seconds) that the Router waits for an SQL command
	to terminate. Increase if your projects involve commands of
	long duration (e. g. stored procedures). Note that you also
	need to increase the value for the individual connections that
	trigger long queries.
Parallel connections	Number of connections that the Router may establish paral-
	lely. The more connections the faster the Router the slower
	probably the database. Ask your database administrator how
	many connections the Router may establish. This depends
	on your project's scale, of course.
Polling interval	Distance at which the database is queried.

### **Options for SQLite**

File	Select an appropriate file.
	Note: If you want to use a network storage, you have to use an additional backslash. (\\\Server\Folder)
Password	Password to log on database
DB access data	Select the DA access data from your SQLite file.

# Plug-in for SAP® Systems

SAP® plug-in connects OPC router to all reachable SAP® systems (4.0b or higher) via IDoc, BAPI or RFC. Supported are all current SAP® systems (e. g. NetWeaver, ECC 6, R/3 ab 4.0b ...). Prerequisite are either the SAP® log-on pad or library librfc32.dll installed on the computer hosting OPC router. The library has to be stored at \windows\System32. If the program is to run in 32-bit mode on 64 bit OS, the 32-version of the DLL has to be in. \windows\Syswow64.

To use Netweaver, the SAP® NetWeaver RFC SDK must be installed. SAP® files have not be delivered by inray Industriesoftware GmbH. Therefore you need a current SAP® account (status 2018). The following link will help you: https://help.theobald-software.com/en/erpconnect/sap-connection/netweaver-dll.

The following SAP® authorizations are required by the OPC Router:

The following objects are needed at least to establish a connection:

```
S_RFC RFC_TYPE=FUGR ;RFC_NAME=SYST ;ACTVT=16 ;
S_RFC RFC_TYPE=FUGR ;RFC_NAME=RFC1 ;ACTVT=16 ;
```

Look up tables and table meta data:

```
S_RFC RFC_TYPE=FUGR ;RFC_NAME=SDTX ;ACTVT=16 ;
S_RFC RFC_TYPE=FUGR ;RFC_NAME=SDIFRUNTIME ;ACTVT=16 ;
S_TABU_DIS ACTVT=03 ;DICBERCLS=&NC& ;
```

Look up table for IDOCs: EDBAS or use the following separate authority check for each table to read:

```
S_RFC RFC_TYPE=FUGR ;RFC_NAME=SDTX ;ACTVT=16 ;
S_RFC RFC_TYPE=FUGR ;RFC_NAME=SDIFRUNTIME ;ACTVT=16;
S_TABU_DIS ACTVT=03 ;DICBERCLS=XXXX ;
S_TABU_NAM ACTVT = 03; TABLE = DD02V
```

XXXX is the Authority Group for the table. To find out, which authority group belongs to which table look at table TDDAT (e.g. with SE16). If the table is not listed there the authority group is &NC&. For authorizing specific tables please use authorization object S\_TABU\_NAM instead of S\_TABU\_DIS.

```
If Custom functions like Z_XTRACT_IS_TABLE_COMPRESSION, Z_XTRACT_IS_TABLE or Z_XTRACT_IS_TABLE_JOIN are used
```

```
S_RFC RFC_TYPE=FUGR ;RFC_NAME=XXXX ;ACTVT=16 ;
```

XXXX is here the name of the function group where the custom function module are located.

SAP Query: Look up and executing a query:

```
S_RFC RFC_TYPE=FUGR ; RFC_NAME=AQRC ; ACTVT=16 ;
```

Defining access data:

- 1. Open plug-in by clicking "SAP® systems" in the project configuration's plug-in list.
- 2. Chose "Add" or double-click an existing entry to edit.
- 3. Specify access data. (chapter Properties of SAP® access data).
- Click on button "Check connection" to verify the OPC Router is getting access to the server and if access data are correct. This is to exclude one typical source of errors.
- 5. Confirm with "OK".

The SAP® server can now be used to define a connection.

**Note:** In any case, use the switchboard "Test" to check the connection and prevent runtime errors. Note that changes are accepted only after confirmation with "OK".

## Properties of SAP® Access Data

The following properties have to be specified for each set of SAP® access data:

Name	This set's name. The name will be shown in projection. Select a name you will recognize!
Login method	Select the desired login method.

 User
 User name to log onto SAP® system.

 Password
 Password to log onto SAP® system.

 Client
 SAP® client (company code).

 Language
 Enter the language you want to use here. For example, "de" for German, "en" for English etc.

 Client Protocol
 Select the client protocol from the drop-down menu. Must be set when setting up an R3 connection and when creating an RFC server.

# Direct log-in

Host/IP	Server (Name or IP) with SAP® system. Explicit log-on is re-
	quired (no load balancing).
System number	Number of SAP® system.

## Load balancing

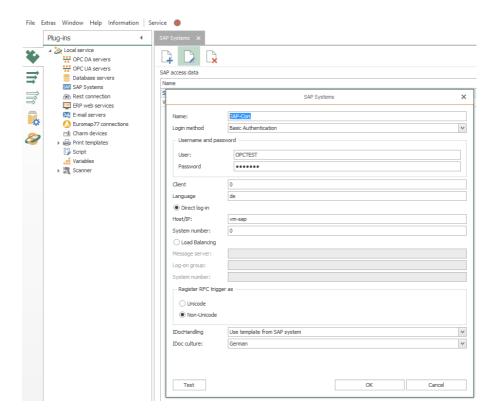
Message server	Name or IP of SAP® message server
Log-on group	Log-on group (of SAP® system)
System number	Number of SAP® system

## Register RFC Trigger as

Unicode	Register RFC triggers as unicode
Non-Unicode	Register RFC triggers as non-unicode

## **IDocHandling**

IDocHandling	Select when you want to create an empty IDoc or use a template from the SAP® system.
IDoc culture	Selection of the IDoc language (Culture) German or English to prevent a crash if an instance in the SAP® plug-in contains an invalid IDoc language. The date notation for example is different: First February in German 01.02.2018, in English 02.01.2018



You can use the button "Test" to check whether your connection is successful.

If you have selected Secure Network Communications (SNC) at Login method, please make the SNC settings below:

### SNC Einstellungen

Name of SNC partner	Entry the SNC partner.
Security level	Selection of the security level from the drop-down menu e.g. Maximum or Standard.
Authentication method	Selection between NTLM Authentification or Kerberos5 Authentication.
Security certificate	Select a security certificate from the drop-down list. The plus sign allows you to add another certificate, the minus sign removes one. Another button allows you to display the properties of an existing certificate.

### **Configuring the Port**

By default, OPC Router uses port "33 < System-Nummer>" to communicate with the SAP® server, e. g.. "3301", if System-No = 01. If your SAPO system uses a different port and SAP® GUI is not installed, you have to adjust the port:

1. Backup file C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\services.

- 2. Open file C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\services with a text editor (not the backup).
- 3. Add (or change) "sapgw00", whereas the port has to have format "XX00" e. g. "3600".

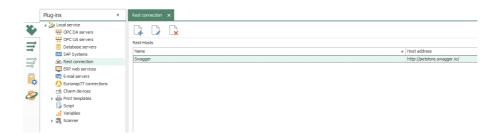
```
sapgw00 <Portnummer>/tcp
```

4. Save the file.

OPC Router will use that specific port.

# Plug-in for Rest connection

The Rest plug-in allows you to submit queries from web services and generate mappings from them.



The operation is standard:

- 1. Open the plug-in by double-click on "Rest connection" at menu "Plug-ins"
- 2. Choose "Add new set of access data" or double-click an existing entry.
- 3. Make the necessary settings (see section "Properties of Rest connection").
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

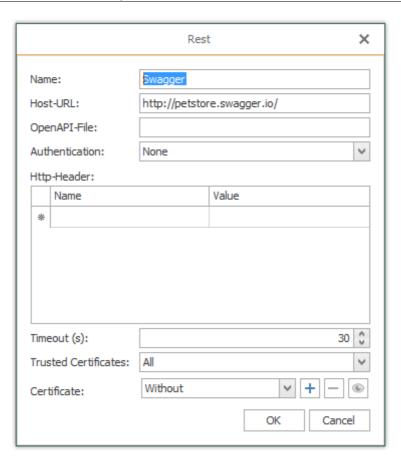
The remaining connection is now available for configuring a connection. With button "Test" you can check the connection.

## Properties of Rest connections

You can set the following properties in the configuration of the Rest plug-in

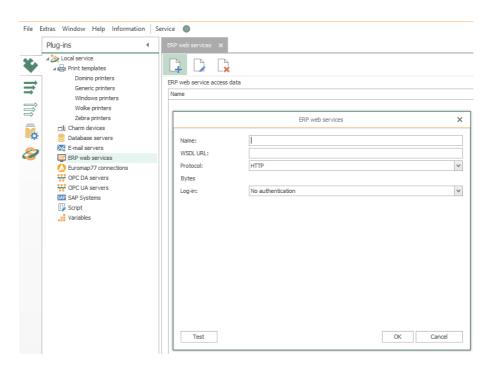
Name	Any name where this connection appears in the connection configuration.
Host-URL	URL the web service to be connected.
OpenAPI-Path	URL, the programming interface API. The API transfer object sends the response data by means of the remaining trigger.
Authentification	If you need to log in to the web service, select the desired type here. You will receive this information from the administrator of the web service.

Http-Header	Fields for transferring the important htttp parameters.
Timeout (s)	Time (in seconds) that the connection may take before a connection error is returned.
Trusted Certificates	Selection which certificates of the OPC router the user should trust.  • All: Every certificate is accepted.  • Router: Connection is allowed if the certificate is at the router certificate management and trusted.  • Windows: Connection is allowed if the certificate is found in the Windows certificate store.
Certificate	Selection of a client certificate from the drop-down list sent by the OPC router. You can use the plus sign to add another certificate and the minus sign to remove one. Another button allows you to display the properties of an existing certificate.



# **ERP Webservice Plug-in**

Via ERP plug-in, you connect to all systems providing a webservice (WSDL) interface.



### Defining access data:

- 1. Open plug-in by clicking "ERP web services" at the plug-in-menu.
- 2. Chose "Add new set of access data" or double-click an existing entry to edit.
- 3. Specify access data. (chapter "Properties of ERP access data").
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

This set of access data can now be used to define a connection.

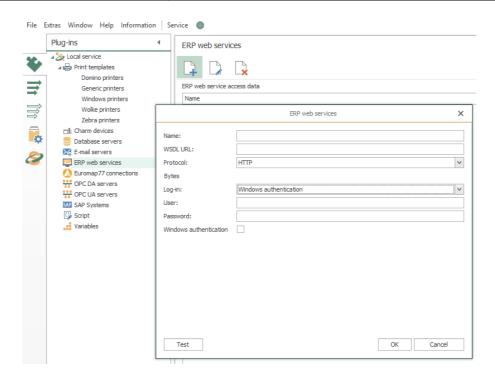
With the button "Test" you can check your connection.

# Properties of ERP access data

Set the following properties in the ERP plug-in configuration:

Name	Any name under which this web service appears in the connection configuration. Select a name you will recognize!
	Confidence of the configuration. Coloct a flame you will recognize:
WSDL-URL	URL of the WSDL file.
Endpoint (optional)	If required, enter an endpoint for your connection.
Protocol	Selection of a transmission protocol from the drop-down me-
	nu.
Log-in	If you need to log in to the web service, select the desired ty-
	pe here. The details are available from the administrator of

the web service / ERP system. Depending on this property, you can make additional settings: · No authentication: no authentication required, web service freely accessible. · Basic authentication: Login with username / password. • in web service method: login via a web service method. Selection and setting via the button "Log-in parameters" · Windows authentication: Login with Windows (domain) users. When using Integrated Security, make sure that the user context under which the service is running is authorized. The computer with the web service must be a member of the domain, not necessarily at the computer with the OPC router. User name to log on web service (at basic and NTLM au-User thentication) Password Password to log on web service (at basic and NTLM authentication) Windows authentication When enabled, the user data where the router service is run-



## **Authentication in Method**

If you use the policy "in web service method", please set log-in parameters via button "Log-in parameters".

# Mqtt Connectivity Plug-in

The Mqtt machine-to-machine messaging protocol allows telemetry data to be transferred between devices.

You can use the Mqtt plug-in to generate queries from message log connections. This operation is standard:

- 1. Open the plug-in by double-clicking on "Mqtt" at the Plug-ins menu.
- 2. Choose "Add new set of access data "or double-click on an existing entry.
- 3. Make the necessary settings (see section "Properties of Mqtt conections").
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

The Mqtt connection is now available for configuring a connection.

Use the "Test connection" button to check your connection.

# **Properties of Mqtt Connections**

You set the following properties in the configuration of the Mqtt plug-in:

Name	Assign a unique name to the Mqtt connection.
Brokeranbindung	Enter the address of the broker.
Port	Port on the server used for the Mqtt connection
SSL	Uses SSL encryption. The server must support this, the corresponding <i>Port</i> must be set.
Continuous session	Activate if a persistent connection is desired. Missed messages are sent afterwards.
Client ID	Display of the Client ID. The button "Create new Client ID" creates a new ID.
Create new Client ID	Creates a new Client ID that is displayed in the Client ID field.
Username	User name for logging in to the server.
Password	Password for logging in to the server.
Certificate	Selection of a client certificate from the drop-down list, which the OPC Router also sends.
Accepted Certificates	Select which certificates to accept. For example, all certificates, Windows certificates only, or router certificates only.
MQTT version	Select the Mqtt protocol version from the drop-down menu.
Quality of Service ty-	Selection the Standard Quality of Service:
pe	<ul><li>0 = at most once</li><li>1 = at least once</li></ul>

	• 2 = exactly one	
Wait for transfer	Activate if you want to wait for the transfer by default.	

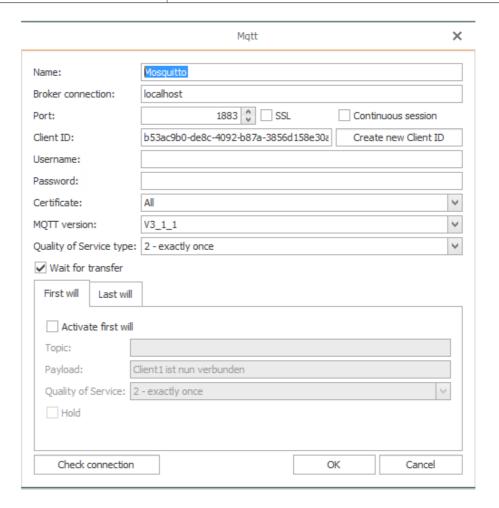
# Tab: First will

Activate first will	Activate checkbox to activate the "First will" checkbox. Activity when establishing a connection.
Topic	Specifies which topic the first will to look at.
Payload	Specifies which user data is to be transmitted during communication.
Quality of Service	Selection the Quality of Service:  • 0 = at most once  • 1 = at least once  • 2 = exactly one
Hold	Activate if you want the broker has to hold the data.

# Tab: Last will

Activate last will	Activate checkbox to activate the last will. Activity before a connection termination.
Topic	Specifies which topic the load should look at.
Payload	Specifies which user data has to be transmitted during communication.
Quality of Service	Selection the Quality of Service:  • 0 = at most once  • 1 = at least once  • 2 = exactly one
Hold	Activate if you want the broker has to hold the data.

Send last will when Activate if the last will to be sent even when the connection is terminated.



# Apache Kafka Connectivity Plug-in

The Apache Kafka messaging protocol allows data to be transferred between devices. You can use the Apache Kafka plug-in to generate queries from message log connections.

This operation is standard:

- 1. Open the plug-in by double-clicking on "Apache Kafka" at the Plug-ins menu.
- 2. Choose "Add new set of access data "or double-click on an existing entry.
- 3. Make the necessary settings (see section "Properties of Apache Kafka conections").
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

The Apache Kafka connection is now available for configuring a connection.

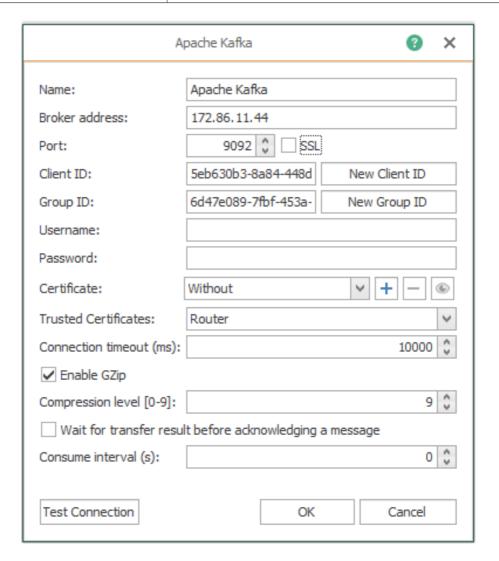
Use the "Test connection" button to check your connection.

# Properties of Apache Kafka Connections

You set the following properties in the configuration of the Apache Kafka plug-in:

Name	Assign a unique name to the Apache Kafka connection.
Broker address	Enter the address of the broker.
Port	Uses SSL encryption. The server must support this, the corresponding <i>Port</i> must be set.
SSL	Verwendet SSL-Verschlüsselung. Der Server muss dies unterstützen, der entsprechende Port eingestellt sein.
Client ID	Display of the Client ID. The button »New Client ID« creates a new ID.
Geoup ID	Display of the Group ID. The button »New Group ID« creates a new ID.
Username	User name for logging in to the server.
Passwort	Password for logging in to the server.
Certificate	Selection of a client certificate from the drop-down list, which the OPC Router also sends.
Trusted Certificates	Select which certificates to accept. For example, all certificates, Windows certificates only, or router certificates only.
Connection timeout	Timeout in millisecond befor the transfer gets cancelled.
Enable GZip	Enables zipping the messages. You can also define the compression level.
Wait for transfer re- sult before acknowled- ging message	Only acknowlegde the message to the broker, if the wohle transfer was ok.
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Consume interval (s) Interval for the trigger to check for changed values of the topic.



# MongoDB Plug-in

The regular handling:

- 1. Open the plug-in via doubleclicking on "MongoDB" at the plug-in-menu.
- 2. Choose "Add new set of access data" or double click on the existing entry.
- 3. Do the needed settings (see part "Properties of MongoDB-connections").
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

# Properties of MongoDB-Connections

You can set the following properties in the configuration of the MongoDB plug-in:

Name	Enter a unique name for you MongoDB plug-in
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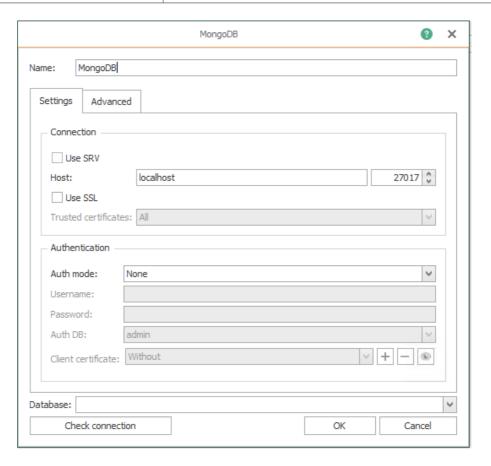
Use SRV Activate to use the databases SRV mode Host Enter the IP or DNS name of the MongoDB server Use SSL Activate to encrypt the network connection to the server Select the authentification metho you need Auth mode User name Enter a user name Password Enter the users password AuthDB Select a user database for your MongoDB Client certificate Select a client certificate to authenticate

Tab: First will

Database

Timeout(s)	Select a timeout in seconds
Use Replica-Set	Select if you want to use a replica set
Replica-Set name:	Name of the replica set
Read Preference	Select your read preference settings

Select a Mongo database



# Telegram Bot-Plug-in

The operation is standard:

- 1. Open the plug-in by double-clicking on "Telegram Bot" in the "Plug-ins" menu.
- 2. Choose "Add" or double-click an existing entry.
- 3. Make the necessary settings (see section "Properties of Telegram Bots").
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

You can now set up telegram bots.

# **Properties of Telegram Bot Connections**

You set the following properties in the configuration of the Telegram Bot plug-in:

Name	Assign an free unique name for your connection.
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## Part: Plug in

Bot access token	The Access Token is provided by the "BotFather":
	Go to the Telegram program and select BotFather from the contacts.
	2. Ask for a new bot with the command /newbot.
	The BotFather will now ask you for a name for your bot. This name can be defined by you
	The BotFather then asks for a user name. This must always end with _bot. e. g. Temperature_bot
	<ol><li>If the name is not yet occupied, the BotFather will send you a confirmation and the AccessToken, which you can copy into the properties at the Plug in area.</li></ol>
	6. Enter the other properties and confirm your entries with "OK".
Maximum file size	The maximum file size indicates (in MB) how large received
	files may be before the transfer is aborted automatically.

The BotFather was made to administrate your Telegram bots. With the BotFather you can create, edit or delete bots. If you already created a bot, the BotFather can tell you the AccessToken. You can ask the BotFather for your AccessToken whenever you want. The account, which has created the bot, is the inalienable owner of the bot. This section is for information, you do not need to enter anything in this area.

#### Part: BotFather

Help text	If you want to show users automatic suggestions of possible
	commands, proceed as follows:

- Send "/setcommands" by the botholder to the BotFather.
- 2. Send @BotUsername to the BotFather.
- 3. Copy the help text from the "BotFather" section in the Telegram plug-in of your OPC router and send it to the BotFather.
- 4. Repeat the process after adding, deleting or changing telegram triggers.

Telegram Bots are always displayed publicly and can be accessed by any Telegram user. Internal authentication filters out unauthenticated users before triggers are initiated.

Users can be authenticated manually after writing to the bot (/start) or by authenticating themselves with a previously generated confirmation code.

Authentication method

Select the desired authentication method:

- Authentication method "None": Telegram bots are always public and everyone can send request to the bot. No further settings need to be made.
- Authentication method "Intern": The internal user authentication filters unauthorized users before they uses any trigger. Users can get authorized manually after a request (/start) or they can send an authorization code which was already generated.

**Note:** Messages can only be sent to users who have already sent at least one message to the bot. Messages to be sent to all will be sent to all registered users (even those who are not authenticated). However, a maximum of 30 messages per second may be sent (Limit Telegram API).

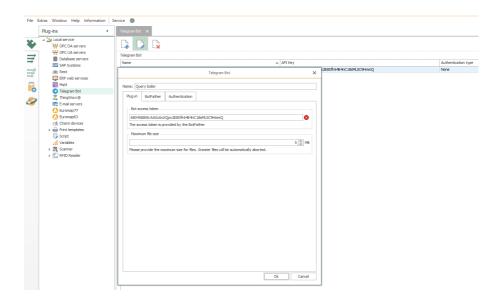
## Part: Known users

List of known users. You can remove a user from the list using the "Delete user" button. You can use the "Deny permission" or "Allow permission" buttons to deny or allow permissions to known users.

## Abschnitt Bestätigungsschlüssel für Authentifizierungsmethode Intern

Displays the known registration keys. Use the "Delete registration code" and "Create validation code" buttons to remove registration keys from the list or add new ones.

## Confirm your entries with "OK".



### Folgende Edit Bots sind hilfreich:

- · /setname change a bot's name
- · /setdescription change bot description
- · /setabouttext change bot about info
- · /setuserpic change bot profile photo
- · /setcommands change the list of commands
- · /deletebot delete a bot
- /setjoingroups the bot may be added in groups
- /setprivacy the bot may see/read messages in groups

# Plug-in Thingworx®

Only active "Things" are displayed in the OPC Router Tree. Inactive things, on the other hand, are not browser-enabled and would cause internal server errors.

The data types INFOTABLE and LONG are not supported by the plug-in.

This operation is standard:

- 1. Open the plug-in by double-clicking on "Thingworx®" in the "Plug-ins" menu.
- 2. Choose "Add" or double-click an existing entry.
- 3. Make the necessary settings (see section "Properties of Thingworx® connections").

# 4. Confirm with "OK".

You can now make connections to your Thingworx® system.

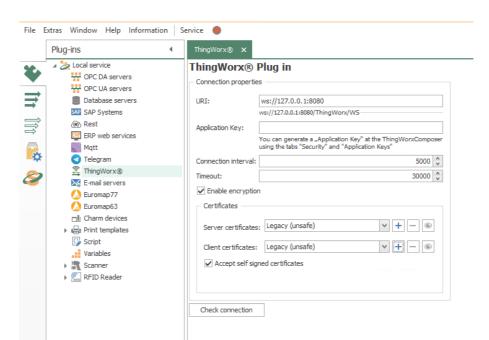
# Properties of ThingWorx® connections

You set the following properties in the configuration of the ThingWorx® plug-in:

URI	Enter the URI for recognizing the ThingWorx® resource, e.g. ws://127.0.0.1:8080/ThingWorx/WS.
Application Key	An "Application Key" can be created via the ThingWorxComposer at the tabs "Security" and "Application Keys".
Connection interval	Enter an interval in which the connection is to take place.
Timeout	Time that the connection setup may take before a connection error is returned.
Enable encryption	Activate if the connection is to be encrypted.

## Certificates

Server certificates	Select a server certificate from the drop-down menu. Only connections to servers with this certificate are established.  The plus sign allows you to add another certificate, the minus sign removes one. Another button allows you to display the properties of an existing certificate.
CLient certificates	Select a client certificate from the drop-down menu, which the OPC Router will send as well. The plus sign allows you to add another certificate, the minus sign removes one. Another button allows you to display the properties of an existing certificate.
Accept self signed certificates	Activate the checkbox if self-signed certificates should be allowed.



Click the "Check connection" button to check if your connection is successful.

# Mail server plug-in

The e-mail plug-in connects the OPC router to a random number of accessible mail server. You just have to state the login information for the mail (outbox) server. Details to mailing are projected later in the connection.

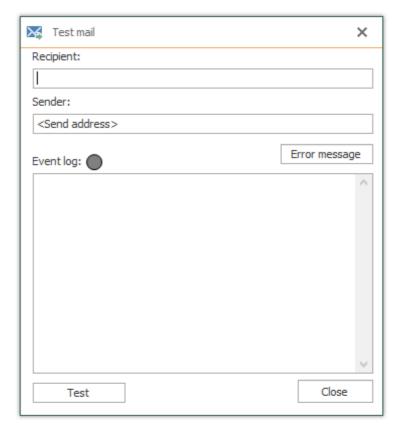
As far as a firewall is between the OPC router and the mail server, please check fthe authorization.

The mail server plug-in regularly supports SMTP- and NT athentification, SSL is optional.

The regular handling:

- 1. Open the plug-in via doubleclicking on "E-mail servers" at the plug-in-menu.
- 2. Choose "Add new set of access data" or double click on the existing entry.
- 3. Do the needed settings (see part "Properties of the Mailserver Link").
- 4. With "Sen test mail" you can send a mail, to test the settings. Another window pops up. Fill in an email address and click "Test". The process log is shown in

the dialouge, if sending fails, you can gain further information from the "Error Message". Confirm with "OK".



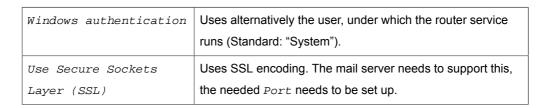
# 5. Confirm with "OK".

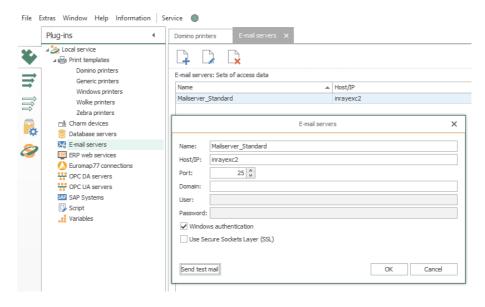
The Mail server is ready to be used in connection projection.

# Properties of Mail-Server-Links

The following properties are to be set in the configuration of the E-Mail-Plug-in:

Name	Random name, under which this mail-server is shown in the connection projection.
Host/IP	IP-address or hostname of the mail-server
Port	Port on the server, which is used for the mail traffic (standard: 25, for SSL: 465 ).
Domain	Domain, on which the <i>User</i> is registrated (for logging in on a mailserver with NT-authentification).
User	Username for logging in to the mail server (SMTP- or NT-authentification).
Password	Password for logging in to the mail server (SMTP-or NT-authentification).





With the button "Send test mail" you can check your entries.

# Euromap-77-plug-in

The Euromap 77 is a standard for injection molding machines based on the OPC standard. Injection molding machines that support this standard can be connected with the OPC router.

### **Creating the Euromap connection**

- 1. Open the plug-in "Euromap 77 connections" by double click at the plug-in menu.
- 2. Please select "Create new profile" or double click on an available entry to change the connection.
- Please define the settings now (see section "Properties of Euromap connections"). Select an available command or create a new command set with the buttons. If you change a command set, the changes apply to all existing connections using this set.
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

The Euromap connection will be available for projection of connections now.

## Properties of Euromap-77 connections

Please define the following properties to configure set of Euromap-77 connections:

Any name where this connection appears in the connection

Name

configuration. Choose a name that is clearly recognizable for you! Client certificate Select a client certificate from the drop-down menu. You can use the plus sign to add another certificate and the minus sign to remove one. Another button allows you to display the properties of an existing certificate. Select authentication from the identity verification drop-down Authentication menu. Enter an endpoint for your connection. Endpoint Select a machine name from the drop-down menu. Machine name Activate the checkbox if you want to use the highest safety Use highest security level and make the entries accordingly level

MessageSecurityMode

cation, entries are required in this area.

security settings will be required in this area:

SecurityPolicy

If unencrypted communication is required, the client certificate "Without" and MessageSecurityMode "None" must be selected.

If you have selected "Username and password" at authenti-

If you have not enabled the highest levels of security, then

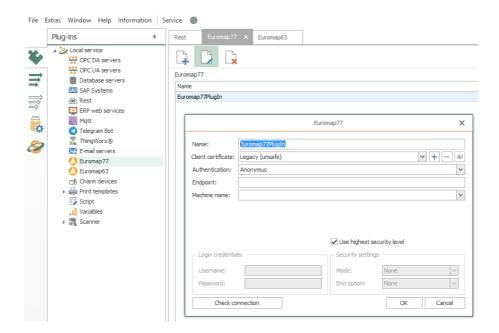
#### Create certificate

Login credentials

Security settings

Application name	Assign an application name for the certificate.
Organization	Enter an organization as needed.
Organization unit	If necessary, enter an addition to the organization. For example, a place or hall of the organization.
Application URI	Enter the application URI.
DNS name	Enter the DNS name of your server.
Applicant	Enter the applicant.
Expires in (Months)	Specify the validity period of the certificate in months.

Confirm your entries with "Create". You can now select the client certificate in the profile properties.



# Euromap 63 Plug-in

Euromap 63 is a standard for injection molding machines. Injection molding machines that support this standard can be connected in the OPC router.

### **Creating the Euromap connection**

- 1. Open the plug-in by double-clicking on "Euromap 63" at the Plug-ins menu.
- 2. Choose the "Add new instance" button or double-click on an existing entry to change a connection.
- 3. Make the necessary settings (see section "Properties of Euromap63 connections"). Select an existing entry for editing or create a new one with the buttons. If you change an entry, this change applies OPC router-wide.
- 4. Confirm with "OK"

The Euromap connection is now available for project planning a connection.

## Properties of Euromap 63 connections

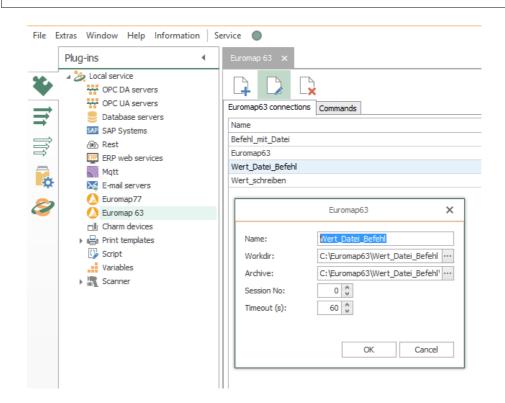
You can set the following profile properties in the configuration of the Euromap 63 connection:

Name	Any name where this connection appears in the connecti-
	on project planning. Choose a name that you can recognize
	clearly!

Workdir	Select the path of your Euromap63 connection from the file
	explorer. The working path is the path in which the OPC rou-
	ter finds or stores the files that are exchanged during a trans-
	fer. This is the file path in which the OPC Router and the Eu-
	romap machine exchange their data.
Archive	Select the archive area for your Euromapp63 connection
	from the file explorer. The completed queries are stored in
	the archive.
Session No	Assign a session number.
Timeout (s)	Time (in s) that the connection setup may take before a
	connection error is returned.

Confirm your entries with "OK".

Note: The request file is deleted by the machine software after processing.



Use the tab "Commands" to define the procedure for your Euromap63 connection. Enter a unique name here as well.

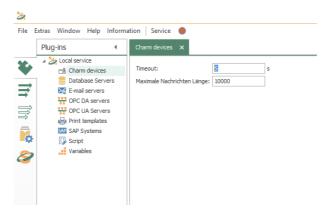
# Charm Plug-in

Charm devices send results to a defined port on the computer using the OPC router. The OPC router monitors this port and accepts the messages (results of measurements (inhibitor, microtoxins, etc.).

No connections are configured in this plug-in. The port to which the Charm device sends is set directly in the trigger.

Basically, a separate port must be created for each Charm device type. Recommended procedure: All charm devices of one type are sent to the same port. In the OPC router a single connection is created. In addition to the results, the OPC router also transmits information about the sending Charm device to the database. The logic of how the results are processed is in the database (or another transfer destination).

However, if you want to create a separate connection for each Charm device, a separate port must also be available for each device.



Timeout	When a Charm device establishes a connection, it has the time entered in milliseconds to send all data to the OPC router. Requires the Charm device longer, the connection is disconnected from the OPC router.
Maximal message length	When connecting the Charm device to the OPC router, data is sent. If more than the allowed characters are transferred, the OPC router disconnects the connection and sees the message as faulty.

## Properties of Charm access data

The following properties are set in the Charm plug-in configuration for each set of Charm access data

Name	This set's name. The name will be shown in projection. Se-
	lect a name you will recognize!

Port	Port on this computer (hosting OPC Router) to which the
	specific Charm devices will send data.

# Windows Printer Plug-In

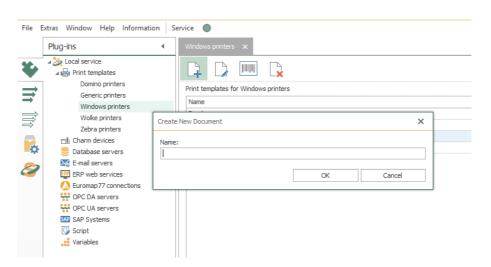
With the printer plug-in you can compile document templates within the OPC router, which are filled with values during run time and which can be printed with a printer installed on the local compter or in network. The following steps are to be done:

- · Create the document template in the plug-in configuration
- Selection of the printer and filling in the values to the template variables in the connection projection

### Creating the document template

- 1. Open the plug-in via double cklicking on "Print templates" at the plug-in-menu.
- 2. Choose "Add document template" or double click on the existing headword, to change a template.
- 3. Fill in a name for the document template.
- 4. Create the template with the integrated designer (see part "The designer for document templates").
- 5. Close the editor with the button "Close Window" on the windows title bar. Confirm the save request.

The document template can be used for projecting a connection now.



### **Interactive Printers**

The OPC router runs? as Windows application non stop in the background of the server. An interaction with the user is not planed. That means, that printers, which need user

feed (e. g. PDF output, XPS output with "Save As... -Dialouge" can't be used: In this case the user would have to make the feed with every print initialised by the router.

Depending on the Windows version state displays of the printer (status of ink/ toner) react differently as well, when called by a service. Test your projecting carefully. If necessary allow interaction between service and desktop in the service administration, to make user feeds possible. This is explicit recommended just for testing, not for producing:

- Open the service administration with "System Control Administration Services".
- 2. Open the OPC router via double click.
- 3. Activate the property "Allow Data Transfer Between Service And Desktop" on the tab "Log In".
- 4. Confirm with "OK".
- 5. Restart the service.

If you should test your label design e. g. with Windows XPS Writer, you shouldn't save the XPS data in the suggested directory, but choose one directly on the root (e. g. C: Label Testing), this avoids access conflicts.

# The document template designer

You will find the Template Designer at the top of the printer plug-in menu next to the buttons for creating and editing new labelsWith the template designer

- · you define the size of a document,
- you define the template variables with standard values,
- you place the elements "Text", "Image", "Rectangle" and "Barcode". Elements from the type "Text" and "Barcode" can be seized with template variables.

#### Define document size

You can define the document size in the menu at "Settings - Document Size" or select the sizes available on the printer of your choice.. The second option is especially usefull, when you allready know what printer you`ll use. On the other hand, you don't fix on a printer by choosing the second option, to e. g. set up a DIN standard with Microsofts XPS printer. Stating the size is in millimeters.

- 1. So choose the option "User Defined Size" or "Supported Size".
  - User-defined size: Fill in the document size.
  - Supported size: Choose a printer and document size.
- 2. Confirm with "OK".
- 3. If necessary, select "Landscape" by "Settings".

**Define Template Variables** 

Template variables are filled during run time, e. g. from the controlling or batch- and task data from the data base. At this point, you define the needed placeholder and state standard values, if wanted. The values can be printed as text or barcodes.

- 1. Choose the button "New placeholder".
- 2. Assign a name and confirm with "OK".
- 3. The template variable is shown in the list. Assign a standard value, if wanted.
- 4. Repeat the steps 1 to 3 for all needed placeholders.
- 5. If you want to remove a variable, click on the name in the list and delete or rename it.

#### **Place Elements**

From the following elements can be chosen:

- Text: Free text and placeholder in combination. Size and position of the frame, font -type, -size and -colour are to be setted.
- Rectangle: A frame of free size and position. Frame colour, -type and -width are to be setted as well as the fill in colour.
- Barcode: Free definable Barcode. Size and position, encryption, content (text, numbers and placeholders) are to be setted. The alignment can also be configured for a barcode and/or a barcode text.
- Image: Image data in free position and size, to be chosen from the data system.
- 1. Choose the button "New Element" and the type in the opening list.
- The element will be placed in the upper left corner. Slide it to the desired position with the mouse or state the coordinates exactly in the propertiy menu or simply by drag and drop.
- 3. Define the size of the element. To do this, click on the element frame and drag it to the desired size, or state the size exactly in the property menu.
- 4. Define the other properties.

**Tip:** With "Insert placeholder" (Text and Barcode) you fill in a defined template variable to the relevant place. Don't change the syntax.

**Tip:** In the colour definition you can assign besides the value for red, green and blue, the value "alpha", to set up lucency (0 = invisible, 255 = not translucent, for text and frames).

### Test print, save and close

• Use the button "Print (test)", to print a test on a configured printer.

- A memory query appears if you want to close your input window via the window button.
- Use the button "Close", to close the designer and go back to the router configuration.

### **Changing existing templates**

Via double cklicking an entry in the plug-in configuration you can change the chosen template at all times.

**Attention:** Don't change variable names and don't delete template variables, which allready are used in the connection projection. The router can't use placeholders manipulated like that and gives out a defective label (e. g. with standard value).

# Printer Plug-Ins

With the printer plug-in you can compile document templates within the OPC router, which are filled with values during run time and which can be printed with a printer installed on the local compter or in network.

The following printer plug-ins are available next to the Windows printer plug-in:

- · Domino printer plug-in
- · Plug-in for generic printers
- · Wolke printer plug-in
- · Zebra printer plug-in
- · Videojet printer plug-in

The following steps are to be done:

- · Create the document template in the plug-in configuration
- Selection of the printer and filling in the values to the template variables in the connection projection

#### Creating the document template

- 1. Open the corresponding printer plug-in (Domino, Zebra, Wolke, generic printer) in the area "Print templates" uin the plug-in-menu.
- 2. Choose "Add new label" or double click on the existing headword, to change a template.
- 3. Enter a name for the print template and enter a comment if necessary. To submit a cloud printer label, you must also enter the label name.
- 4. Determine the data for the print template.

#### 5. Confirm your entries with "OK".

The document template can be used for projecting a connection now.

Domino and Zebra Printer Plug-in: The fields replace the strings in the {} before the label is sent to the printer. Either the default value from the table is specified or a connection e.g. read out via a script.

Plug-in generic printer: When configuring, either the default value from the table is specified or a connection is made. E.g. read out via a script

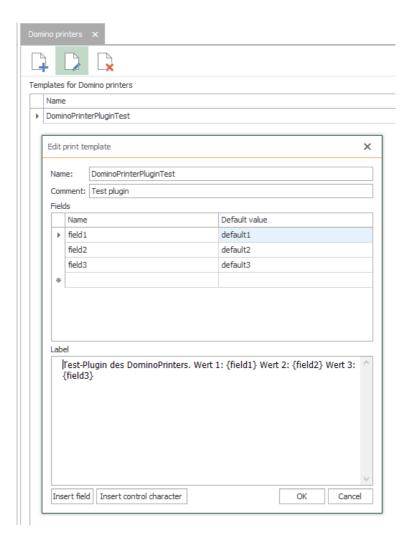
Plug-in Videojet printer: No print template is defined here, only the default values for various labels that can be sent to the print template available in the printer. In the "Videojet Update Printer" transfer object, you can select a label from the drop-down menu in the "Label" corresponding field.

#### **Define printer templates**

Template variables become dynamic or static at run-time with values, e.g. from the PLC or batch and order data from the database filled. At this point, you define the required placeholders and, if desired, assign default values.

- 1. Assign names in the table for the label fields. Simply click on the next free line. To delete fields, go to the corresponding line and right-click to delete a line.
- 2. If necessary, give your label fields a default value.
- 3. Define your label printing by the fields in the print template. Here you have the option to drag & drop individual fields into the print template. You can also right-click the boxes and select "Add label field" or select the field, place your cursor in the correct place in your print template and click the "Insert Field" button.

#### 4. Confirm your entry with "OK".



To delete a print template, select it in the list and go to the button "Delete Label" at the top.

In order to give a new print name a new name, mark it in the list and click on the "Rename Label" button at the top.

With button "Insert control character" you can also insert control characters for Domino-, Zebra and generic printers in the label description. The control characters are highlighted in black.

# Script Plug-in

The script plug-in allows you to freely define transfer and trigger objects with your own C # code. In this respect, the plug-in configuration differs from the other plug-ins: After assigning the name and type, open a code editor to edit the script.

At code-editor

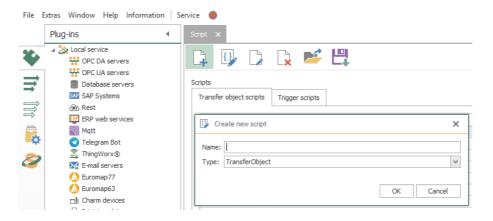
- · create assembly references
- · define input and output parameters

- · you already find the basic methods you can program
- · there are tools for OPC access and writing log messages

The script plug-in allows you to describe complex issues in the transfer object and triggers; For example, to perform conversions or to trigger complex database queries.

At the top of the menu bar you will find the "Rename script" button (blank sheet with pen) to change the previous name of your script.

**Note:** In larger application scenarios, the router will be part of an overall strategy, eg. For example, where code carrying business logic is deposited. Even with smaller projects, it makes sense to consider whether z. B. Conversions in the router or stored procedures in the database are made.



- 1. Open the plug-in by double-clicking "Script" at the plug-in menu. You receive the list of transfer object scripts and trigger scripts on two tabs.
- 2. Choose "Add script" to create a new script and specify name and type. When you create a new script, the script opens automatically in the script editor. Or double-click on an existing entry to open the script in the script editor.
- 3. Program your script (see below). Remember to compile and save.

Transfer objects and triggers are then available for connection configuration.

# Transfer Object Script

When you create a new script of type transfer object, there are three predefined methods available:

## Methods in the transfer object

Method	Description	
Initialize	The method is called once when the OPC router is started.	
Write	The method is called after another transfer object has written data to this	
	transfer object. So it is the code that is executed when this object serves	
	as the destination of a data transfer.	

Read	The method is called before another transfer object reads data from this	
	transfer object. So it's the code that gets executed when that object serves	
	as the source of a data transfer.	

You use the "Settings - Edit parameters" menu to create the parameters and variables. You can set the following properties for the parameters:

## Properties of parameters

Name	Name of parameter
Array	Yes   No
	Determines if the parameter is an array. You can use an array as output
	parameter for B. as a source for an SQL insert.
Type of pa-	Data type
rameter	
Direction of	Input: Input parameters. In connection configuration, this parameter can
parameter	serve as the destination of a data transfer.
	Output: Output parameters. In connection configuration, this parameter can serve as the source of a data transfer.
	Both: The parameter is both input and output parameters.
	None: Variable that is not visible to the connection designer and is used only within the script.

When you create a new script, the editor automatically opens for editing.

# Trigger Script

When you create a new script of type "Trigger", there are three predefined methods available:

## Methods in the trigger object

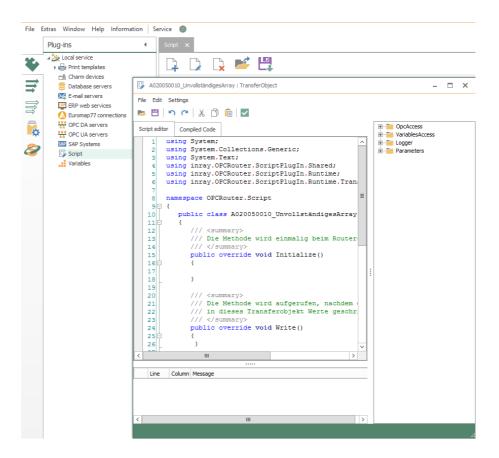
Method	Description
Initialize	The method is called once when the OPC router is started. Here you spe-
	cify at least the "query interval", the interval in which it is checked whether
	the trigger condition is correct.
CheckTrigger	Method in which the trigger condition is stored. It is called cyclically in the
	"query interval" (see above). The method returns back true or false. At
	true the data transfer is triggered.
ResetTrigger	The method is called after successful data transfer. The parameter is auto-
	matically transferred (bool transferError) (true = transfer error). In
	this method, an error handling can also be programmed.

Use the "Settings - Edit parameters" menu to set the parameters. The script trigger only knows input parameters, so you can not specify a direction here.

The parameter value is defined in the connection configuration. It is not dynamic at runtime. If you need actual values at runtime, you would need to program corresponding OPC accesses or database queries in the trigger. The input parameters make it possible to use the same script in different connections, which basically require different properties (table names, access paths, etc.).

When you create a new script, the editor automatically opens for editing.

# The Script Editor



In addition to standard operating functions (copy, paste, cut, undo, save), the editor offers some special functions:

- Menu "File Save externally": Saves the script as an XML file with header data, code, and parameter definitions. Opening such XML files and thus importing scripts is also possible.
- Menu "Settings Assembly references": Enter here used assemblies.
- Menu "Settings Edit parameter": Here you create required parameters and variables (s. Transferobjekte und Trigger).
- Menu "Settings Edit comment": The comment is displayed in the script list of the plug-in.
- "F6" key compiles and tests the program for errors.

The right-hand part of the window contains a graphic programming aid for OPC access, variables from the OPC router configuration, log messages and parameters.

• Double-click an entry and the prepared line of code will be inserted. Entries can be written as a string (in quotation marks) or as a predefined variable.

#### OpcAccess.Read

Reads the value of an OPC item.

```
Object <myValue> = OpcAccess.Read("<ItemPath>", "<OPCServerName>")
```

- · Return: Object
- ItemPath: Access path and name of the item
- OPCServerName: Name of the OPC connection in the router project

## OpcAccess.ReadMultiple

Reads out the value of several OPC items.

```
List<string> <lItemNames> = new List<string> ();

<lItemNames>.Add ("<ItemPath.ItemName1>");
<lItemNames>.Add ("<ItemPath.ItemName2>");
...

Dictionary<string,object> <MyValues> =
   OpcAccess.ReadMultiple(<IItemNames>, "<OPCServerName>");
```

- · Return: Dictionary <string>
- 1ItemNames: Access paths and names of the items as a list
- OPCServerName: Name of the OPC connection in the router project

#### **OpcAccess.Write**

Writes a value to an OPC item.

```
OpcAccess.Write ("<ItemPath>", <objValue>, "<OPCServerName>")
```

- · Return: none
- ItemPath: Access path and name of the item
- objValue: value to be written
- OPCServerName: Name of the OPC connection in the router project

#### **OpcAccess.WriteMultiple**

Writes several values into several OPC items.

```
Dictionary<string,object> <dicItemsToWrite> = new
Dictionary<string,object> ();
<dicItemsToWrite>.Add("<ItemPath.ItemName1>", <Value1>);
<dicItemsToWrite>.Add("<ItemPath.ItemName2>", <Value2>);
...
OpcAccess.WriteMultiple(<dicItemsToWrite>, "<OPCServerName>")
```

- · Return: none
- dicItemsToWrite: Dictionary with items and values
- OPCServerName: Name of the OPC connection in the router project

#### **OpcAccess.Browse**

Offers the possibility to perform a browse (object search) for OPC DA and UA connections.

ItemPath: Access path and name of the item

ServerName: Name of the OPC connection in the router project

Various queries are at your disposal:

```
OpcAccess.Browse(ItemPath, ServerName).Select(e =>
e.DisplayName).ToArray()
```

· Return: Specifies the names of the tags from this OPC path.

```
OpcAccess.Browse(ItemPath, ServerName).Select(e =>
e.NodeKind.ToString()).ToArray()
```

Return: The type of tags from this OPC path.

```
OpcAccess.Browse(ItemPath, ServerName).Select(e =>
e.Identifier).ToArray()
```

Return: The name of the tags with full path.

```
OpcAccess.Browse(ItemPath, ServerName).Select(e =>
e.HasChildren).ToArray()
```

Return: If the tags still have child objects.

#### VariablesAccess.Read

Reads out the value of a variable of the OPC router project. What is meant here are only variables created via the variable plug-in, ie no placeholders in templates, mail objects or similar. If the variable does not exist, NULL is returned.

```
Object <myValue> = VariablesAccess.Read("<VariableName>")
```

- · Return: Object
- VariableName: Variable name in the OPC router project

#### VariablesAccess.Write

Assigns a value to a tag of the OPC router project. What is meant here are only variables created via the variable plug-in, ie no placeholders in templates, mail objects or similar. If the variable does not exist, it will be recreated.

```
VariablesAccess.Write("<VariableName>", Value)
```

· Return: none

• VariableName: Variable name in the OPC router project

· Value: Value assigned, Object

#### Log

Schreibt eine Nachricht in die Logdatei

Log("<strMessage>", MessageType.<LogLevel>)

· Return: none

• strMessage: message to be written

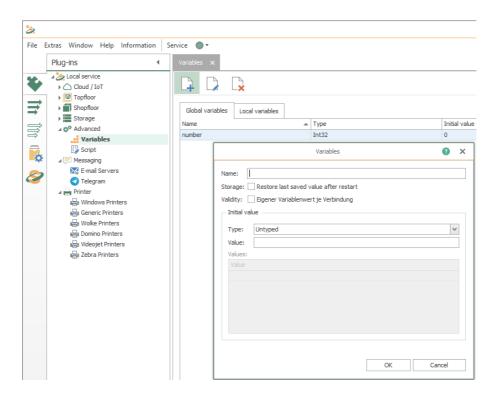
• LogLeve1: to be written log level. If the corresponding log level is deactivated, it will not be recorded either. MessageType.All logs in any case, regardless of the router configuration.

# Variable plug-in

With the variable plug-in you can define any number of variables with name, type, and initial value. Of course, at runtime you can write values in the variables and trigger them again. In addition, some system variables are available that you can use in your configuration.

The use of variables thus lends itself to fixed, repeatedly required values that are not stored in a database or also to cache values that can not or should not be stored

in a database. In complex projects, variables can also be used to provide values in



The operation is standard:

multiple connections.

- 1. Open the plug-in by double-clicking on "Variables" at the plug-in menu
- 2. Select "Add new variable" or double-click an existing entry.
- 3. Make the necessary settings in the dialog:

Name	Name of the variable, appears in the configuration. The variable name must be unique.
Storage	If active, the last value of the variable will get stored and after a restart of the OPC Router it is loaded again.  Otherwise the initial value is loaded after OPC Router restart.
Validity	Activate if you want to use a local variable. Local variables are only availabile in one connection. Other connections or the integrated OPC UA Server cannot access the value of local variables.
Type	Select the appropriate data type. The data type is important to know the type beyond doubt, e.g. to distinguish a 1 as a number from a 1 as a byte. Typeless is also possible, the variable can then be filled arbitrarily.
Value	Initial value of the variable. In connection configuration, you can read out this value and of course change it. You

can also enter the value DB-NULL to output NULL values in the transfer object.

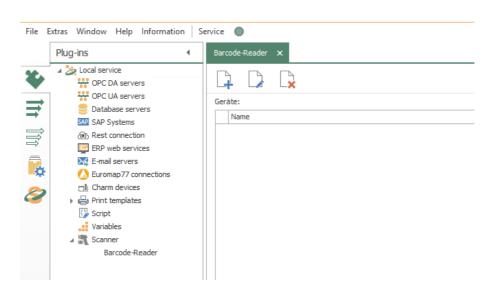
4. Confirm with "OK".

The variable is now available for configuring a connection.

# Scanner-Plug-in

The following scanner devices can currently be connected:

· Barcode-Reader



# Properties of scanner connections

You can set the following properties in the configuration of the scanner plug-in for a barcode reader:

Name	Any name where this device appears in the connection configuration.
COM Port	Enter the COM port for communication with the barcode reader.

### Connection settings serial Barcode reader

Baud rate	Select a baud rate. Specifies how often a signal in a commu-
	nication channel changes state.
Data bits	Specify how many bits of data to transfer.
Parity	Select a parity from the drop-down menu. For example,
	Even, Mark, Space.

Stop bits	Specify how many stop bits are needed.
Flow control	Select how the data flow should be controlled. Eg. software,
	hardware

#### Connection settings Tcp Barcode reader

IP	Enter the IP of your Tcp barcode scanner.
Port	Enter the port of your Tcp barcode scanner.



# Plug-in RFID Reader

This operation is standard:

- 1. Open the plug-in by double-clicking on "RFID Reader" in the "Plug-ins" menu.
- 2. Choose "Add" or double-click an existing entry.
- Make the necessary settings (see section "Properties of RFID Reader connections").
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

You can now make connections with your RFID reader.

## Properties of RFID Reader connections

The following properties are set in the configuration of the RFID Reader plug-in:

Name	Any name where this connection appears in the connection project planning. Choose a name that you can recognize uniquely!
Client certificate	Select a client certificate from the drop-down menu. Using the plus sign, you can add another certificate, using the minus sign to remove one. Another button allows you to display the properties of an existing certificate.
Authentication process	Select an authentication from the Identity Verification drop- down menu. If you select Username, you must enter Userna- me and Password at Registration information.
Endpoint	Enter an endpoint for your connection opc.tpc://
RFID-Reader name	Select your RFID Reader from the drop-down menu.
Scan mode	Selection of scan mode between "Scan manually", "Scan in regular interval" or "Scan in background".
Scan interval (ms)	Enter the scan interval in milliseconds.
Trigger if minimum si- gnal strength is rea- ched	Only trigger the scan if the signal strength is sufficient.
Signal strength (RSSI)	Tags with a lower signal strength during scanning are ignored by the OPC router.
Trigger if an RFID tag was not captured for a defined time.	Specifies how long a tag must be outside the reading field before the OPC Router triggers another transfer for this tag.
Hibernation interval (ms)	Period where a RFID tag is not to be recorded.
Highest security level	Activate if the highest security level has to be used.

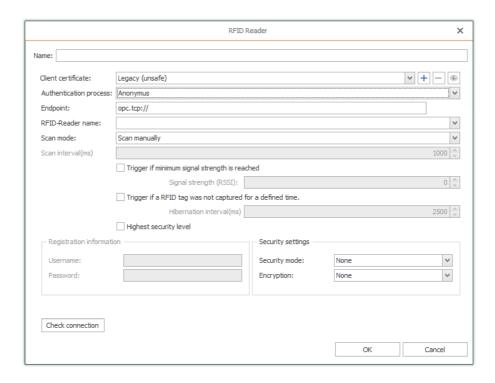
# Registration information

Username	Enter a username to authenticate yourself.
Password	Enter a password to authenticate yourself.

# Security settings

Security mode	No Security = "None", Signing = "Sign", Signing and Encrypting with "SignAndEncrypt".
Encryption	Encryption methods to choose from. Set the highest method available on the OPC server.

Use the "Check connection" button to check whether your connection to the RFID Reader is successful.



# InfluxDB Plug-in

### Defining access data:

- 1. Open plug-in by clicking "InfluxDB" in the project configuration's plugin list.
- 2. Chose "Add" or double-click an existing entry to edit.
- 3. Specify access data. (chapter "Properties of InfluxDB access data").
- 4. Confirm with "OK".

The InfluxDB server can now be used to define a connection.

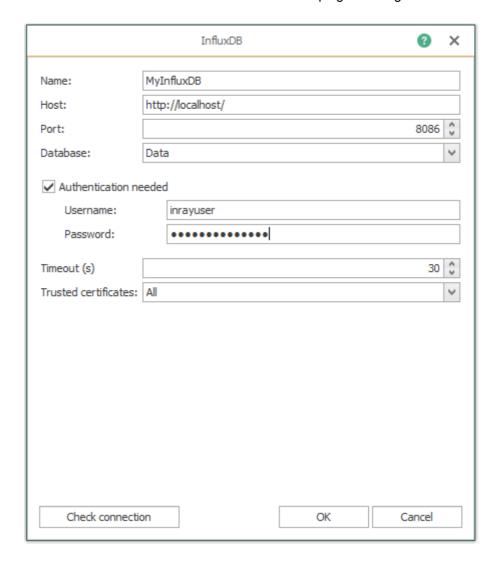
## Properties of von InfluxDB

The following properties are set in the configuration of the InfluxDB plug-in:

Name	Any name where this connection appears in the connection project planning. Choose a name that you can recognize uniquely!
Host	Host address of the InfluxDB server with http:// prefix and port.
Database	Name of the database to use.

Authentication	Activate this option if you need username and password for your InfluxDB server
Timeout(s)	Provide the timeout in seconds
Trusted certificates	Select the certificate store.

You can use the button "Check connection" to test the plug-in settings.



# FTP Plug-in

## Operation is standard:

- 1. Open plug-in by double-click "FTP". The list of created FTP connections is displayed.
- 2. Chose "Add new set as access data" or double-click an existing entry to edit.
- 3. Specify access data. (chapter "Properties of FTP").
- 4. Use the "Check connection" button to initialize a connection.

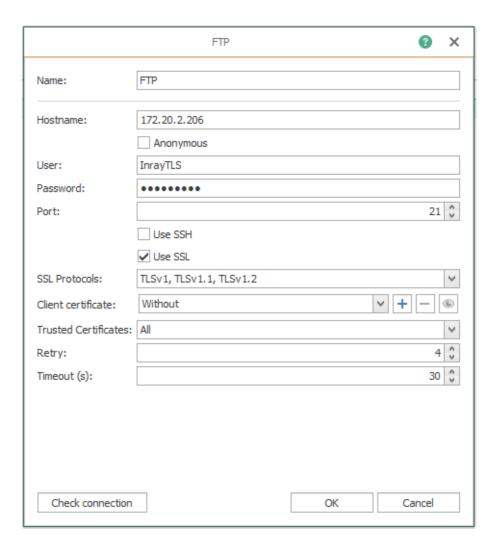
## 5. Confirm with "OK".

The FTP server can now be used to define a connection.

# Properties of FTP-connections

Set up following properties to connect to FTP servers:

Name	This set's name. The name will be shown in projection. Select a name you will recognize!
	, ,
Host	IP or DNS of the FTP server.
Port	TCP/IP port of the FTP server.
Anonymous	Activate if you want to connect without user data.
User	Enter a username for the FTP server.
Password	Enter a password for the FTP server.
Use SSH	Activate to use the SSH protocol.
Use SSL	Activate to use SSL protocols.
SSL Protocols	Select SSL protocols you want to use. It need to match with
	the server protocols.
Client certificate	Select a client certificate if needed.
Trusted certificates	Select server certificates you want to trust.
Retries	Retrie before a connections throws an error.
Timeout (s)	Timeout for your FTP-server plug-in.



# SMB Plug-in

#### Operation is standard:

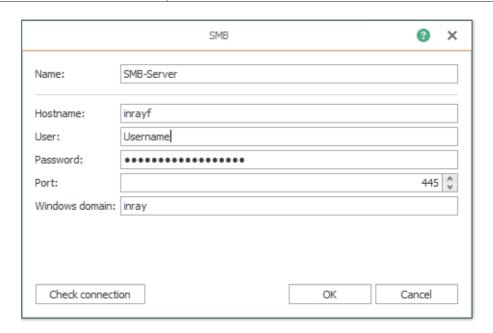
- 1. Open plug-in by double-click "SMB". The list of created SMB connections is displayed.
- 2. Chose "Add new set as access data" or double-click an existing entry to edit.
- 3. Specify access data. (chapter "Properties of SMB").
- 4. Use the "Check connection" button to initialize a connection.
- 5. Confirm with "OK".

The SMB server can now be used to define a connection.

## Properties of SMB connections

Set up following properties to connect to SMB servers:

Name	This set's name. The name will be shown in projection. Select a name you will recognize!
Hostname	IP or DNS of the FTP server.
Port	TCP/IP port of the FTP server.
User	Enter a username for the FTP server.
Password	Enter a password for the FTP server.
Windows domain	Enter a windows domain.



# **Defining Connections (Projecting)**

After having configured all plug-ins needed, you can start defining connections. As only one Router project can be loaded as runtime configuration, you want to project all connections within one single project file. You may, however, sort the connections into different folders (=connection group) (similar to Windows Explorer). Every single connection or connection group can be activated or deactivated so that it is executed (or not executed) during runtime.

**Important:** We recommend to backup a productive configuration before editing. Thus, you can revert to a running project should any error occur after editing.

**Tip:** You can move the drawing area in all areas with the middle mouse button held down.

# **Creating and Managing Connections**

To create a connection, go to the Snap-in area and select the connections snap-in:

- 1. Go to the "New Connections" button.
- 2. Insert a name. The name has to be unique within the project.
- 3. Confirm with "Enter".

The connection has been created and opened in main window. Existing connections can be opened by double-click in the project configuration tree. The currently called element is displayed in bold in the directory tree.

**Note:** Right-clicking on Local Service will also bring you to the Settings area.

#### **Creating Connection Groups**

A connection group combines several connections. Groups can be nested as required, e. g. like folders in Windows Explorer. (De)activation of a group (de)activates every single connection of that particular group. You can, however, e. g. deactivate a group and reactivate single connections within that group afterward.

To create a connection group, go to the connection snap-in

- 1. Go to the connection button "New folder".
- 2. Insert a name. The name has to be unique within the project.
- 3. Confirm with "Enter".

#### **Manage Connections and Connection Groups**

You can copy, paste, move, rename or delete connections and connection groups, similar to Windows Explorer. However, only one object can be edited at once. Selection of multiple elements is not possible.

- 1. Select the connection (group) to be edited.
- 2. Choose the desired action
  - · from the menu "Connections"
  - from the connection's context menu (right mouse click)
- 3. The following actions are possible:
  - Copy: You can create connection groups, connections, template instances, templates with the right mouse button "Copy" and "Paste".
  - Delete: After selecting the right mouse click on the connection, go to the action "Delete" and confirm with "Enter".
  - Rename: After having selected "Rename" enter a new name and confirm with "Enter".
  - Move: Move by copying the element and delete the original afterward or drag & drop with mouse.

If you right-click a parent folder in the tree structure and select "Expand All" or "Collapse All" from the menu, all subfolders and their connections are displayed or hidden.

#### Pop-up-Menu

Above the connections area you will find another pop-up menu:



- The "Set connection productive" button activates the selected connection.
- Use the "Trigger shortcut" button to select whether the links in your connection should be AND or OR links.
- With the "Connection properties" button you can select the form in which the transferred values are to be recorded. You can also define a timeout: Time (in ms) that the connection setup may take before a connection error is returned.
- With the "Zoom" button you can enlarge or reduce the size of your connection.
- With the "Export View" button, you can export your connection as an image file
  or copy it to the clipboard as an image or XML. The images can be saved as Bitmap, PNG, JPEG or GIF.
- With the "Connection arrow add mode" button you can create single or multiple connection arrows. Arrows are used to connect the source and target objects. If

several arrows are to be created at the same time, an attempt is made to link all data points of the target and source objects using their data point names. The icon changes depending on which mode you have selected.

- a. "Create a single connection": This is the default selection. You only need to draw a single connecting arrow. If you hold down the Ctrl key in this mode and drag a connection arrow, several connection arrows will be created once.
- b. "Create multiple connection arrows": In this mode several connection arrows are drawn. While dragging an arrow, only one arrow is displayed. As soon as the arrowhead is placed on a transfer object, the other arrows are created automatically. If the arrowhead points to an Input Transfer Object Item and either the original Transfer Object Item or the target Transfer Object Item does not get an automatic arrow, this arrow is also added, even if the objects do not match. This can be prevented by dragging the arrow onto the header of a transfer object.
- c. "Create multiple connection arrows once": Behaves like the "Create multiple connection arrows" mode. After dragging an arrow, the system returns to the "Create a single connection" mode.
- With the "Item sorter" button you can activate automatic sorting of the connection arrows. This causes the system try to arrange the connection arrows so that they do not overlap. This is only a display option. The items are not "really" moved, but only displayed in a different position. The option can therefore be activated and deactivated without hesitation. This option has no effect on how the connection is processed.

## **Activate/Deactivate Connections**

It is required to save all connections in one single project file. You can, however, deactivate connections or connection groups within this file.

#### **Activate/Deactivate Connections**

- 1. Go to the Snap-in bar "Go productive".
- 2. Select all connections and / or connection groups that you want to activate by selecting a checkmark next to the connections / connection groups.
- 3. Click on button "Go productive". .

#### **Activate/Deactivate Connection Groups**

- 1. Go to the Snap-in bar "Connections".
- 2. Right-click on the connections you want to activate / deactivate.

This command de/activates all connections and subgroups of this group. You can open the connection group and reactivate single connections or subgroups if necessary. If you right-click on the folder of your connections, you can activate or deactivate all connections in your folder at once via the menu with the properties "Activate all connections" or "Deactivate all connections".

# **Project Connections**

A connection contains three transfer objects at least: a source, a destination and a trigger that triggers the transfer should its conditions occur. You can define a free number of sources and destinations which can be accessed in multiple steps. You can define several triggers as will. Triggers might be linked with AND or OR, triggering either if all conditions occur or if at least one condition occurs.

The transfer objects may be found in the right-hand toolbox.

Right mouse-click on a transfer objects with in project allows editing, copying, pasting, cutting, deleting.

**Note:** To project a connection, all plug-ins needed have to be configured.

- 1. Create a new connection.
- 2. Give your connection a suitable name.
- Choose the transfer object you want to define as source from the toolbox "Transfer Objects" (e. g. "OPC UA/DA"if you want to read data from an OPC Server).
- 4. Place the source in the connection (main window) per drag and drop.
- 5. Open the transfer object with double-click.
- 6. Set the properties. The properties of the transfer objects are explained in the next chapters.
  - a. Selection of the OPC connection.
  - b. Alternatively: Enter data points' name or open the tag browser.
  - c. Transfer data points to the transfer object by double-clicking.
- 7. Confirm with "OK".

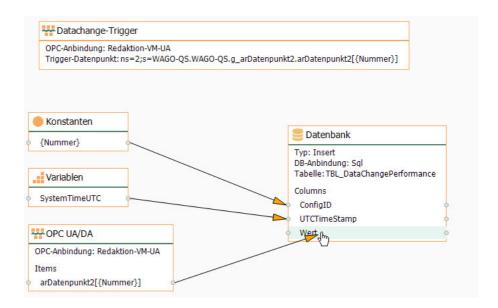


- 8. Project a destination, e. g. a database transfer object.
  - a. Choose the DB transfer object from toolbox "Transfer Objects".
  - b. Place it within projection area.

- c. Open transfer object with double-click.
- d. Choose a set of DB access data.
- e. Choose a type for this transfer object. If database servers as destination, that would be either INSERT or UPDATE. Choose INSERT in this case.
- f. Choose the table you want to write to.
- g. Choose the columns you want to write to. Sort with "Up" and "Down" to keep the overview in the configuration.
- h. Confirm with "OK".

**Tip:** Copy/Paste is possible in the projection of the transfer objects.

9. Drag connections arrows between transfer object items of the source and of the destination. Click onto the source's item, hold mouse button down, drag over destination item. Drop by releasing mouse button. Finished!



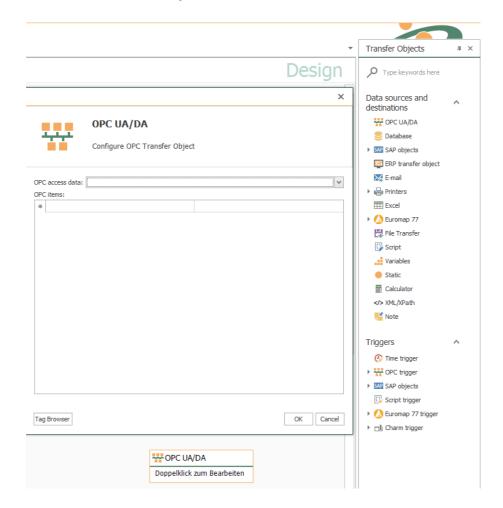
You can delete a connection arrow by right-clicking the arrow and clicking "Delete". At this point you also have the possibility to delete several connection arrows at once. To do this, go to the entry "Delete several" and select an option.

- 10. Configure a trigger:
  - a. Choose a trigger from the toolbox.
  - b. Place it within projection area.
  - c. Open with double-click.
  - d. Configure the trigger.

# Sources and Destinations

# Transfer Object "OPC" (DA/UA)

OPC servers and thus PLCs are available both as source and destination of data transfers. The OCP server's set of access data has to be specified within plug-in configuration. Create a OPC transfer object as described above..



Double-click on transfer object to assign the properties:

OPC access data Select a set of OPC access data. Dependent on plug-in configuration, OPC Router will recognize DA/UA connections.

	CAUTION: If you are using FAS-inMOVE and if you are configuring OPC Router manually as well, do not select an OPC set of access data with prefix [FiMx] when projecting manually. These access data belong to FAS-inMOVE and might be changed or deleted from there. Create a new set of access data within plug-in configuration instead.
OPC items	Enter OPC items needed. Use the Tag Browser to browse items.  Note: IF within OPC access data Define types
	manually is activated, use the drop-down to specify the data type that is expected.
Node ID	Enter Node ID of UA items needed. Use the Tag Browser to browse items.
Quality string	OPC quality as string will be available as transfer element
Quality ID	OPC quality as integer will be available as transfer element.

Within the item's list, select several items by holding mouse button down ("Ctrl + a" will select all). Selected items can be copied to clipboard and inserted ("Ctrl + c", "Ctrl + v").

**Note:** OPC DA: You may either enter tags/aliases from OPC server or address data blocks in PLC directly. Just keep in mind to specify the correct <code>Access Path</code> in your Plug-in Configuration .

# **Using the Tag Browser**

Using the button "Tag Browser", you will open another dialog to browse and select OPC items. The dialog is not modal, you can switch between transfer object and browser.

Enter a search string (OPC DA only) to hide the tree view and show all items matching the search term.

- 1. Select the row for the new item.
- 2. Open the Tag Browser
- 3. Assign Item by double-click.

## **Read Quality Values**

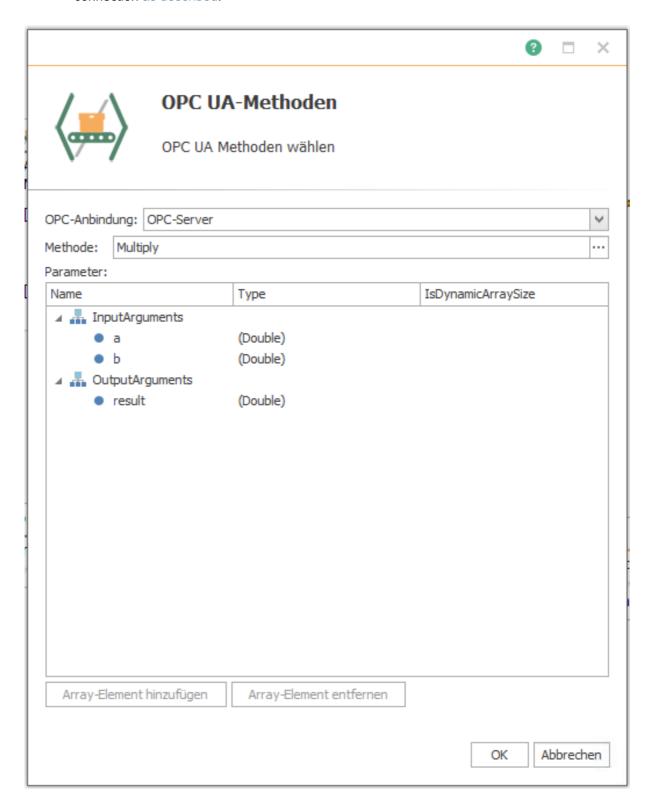
With properties Quality string and Quality ID, the OPC quality values are available and can e. g. be transferred and stored together with the value.

String	ID/Integer
Timeout	-3
NotInitialized	-2
NotSpecified	-1
bad	0
badConfigurationError	4
badNotConnected	8
badDeviceFailure	12
badSensorFailure	16
badLastKnownValue	20
badCommFailure	24
badOutOfService	28
badWaitingForInitialData	32
uncertain	64
uncertainLastUsableValue	68
uncertainSensorNotAccurate	80
uncertainEUExceeded	84
uncertainSubNormal	88
good	192
goodLocalOverride	216

## Transfer object »OPC Methods«

OPC Methods are provided by some OPC servers. Usually OPC Methods have an input, a output and they are calculating values. The required OPC server has to bis

configured as plug-in instance. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as described.

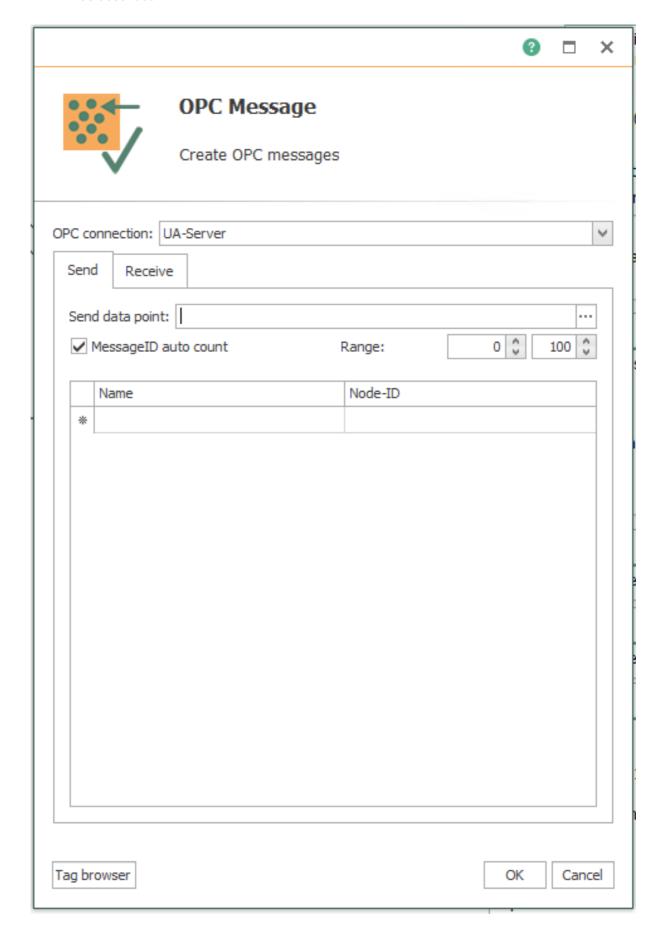


Use double cllick to set up properties:

OPC-access data	Select a set of OPC access data. Dependent on plug-in configuration, OPC Router will recognize UA connections.
Methods	Select the method you want to use. Use the Tag Browser to browse the provided methods.
Parameters	Shows the needed input parameters and the result set.

# Transfer object "OPC Message"

Collect data in a request and send it to a controller. The controller can write the answer to another data point. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as described.



# Configure the object's properties by double click:

OPC-Connection	Select a set of OPC access data. Dependent on plug-in con-
	figuration, OPC Router will recognize DA/UA connections.
Send-Data point	Enter the address of the OPC item to increment. Use the Tag
	Browser to browse items.
MessageID automatisch	Activate if the OPC Router increments the OPC item with
hochzählen	every transfer.

In the lower table you can define the data points to write.

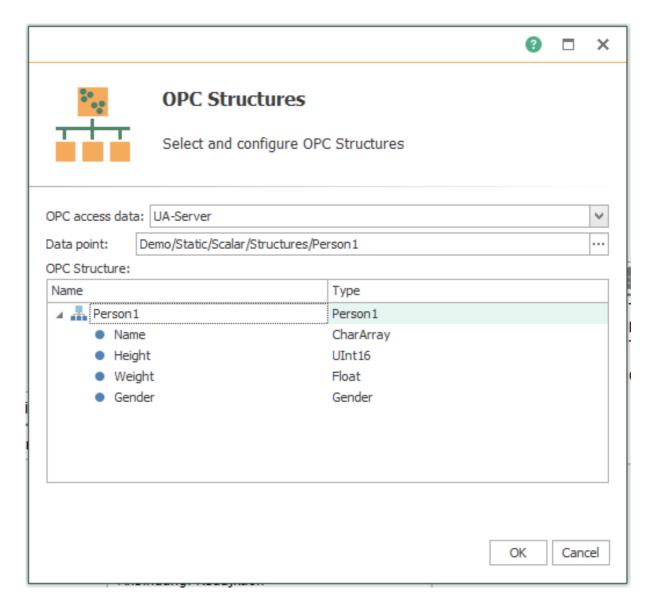
## Tab Receive:

Wait for answer	Active if the transfer should hold until a answer was received.
Response-data point	Enter the OPC address of the OPC item which returns the counter of the response. Use the Tag Browser to browse items.
Response Timeout	Amount of seconds until the transfer is canceled.
Mismatch handling	Select the handling if counters are not equal.

In the lower table you can define the data points for your response.

## Transfer object "OPC Structures"

OPC Structures are provided by some OPC servers. The required OPC server has to bis configured as plug-in instance. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as described.



After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

OPC-access data	Select a set of OPC access data. Dependent on plug-in con-
	figuration, OPC Router will recognize UA connections.
Datenpunkt	Enter OPC items needed. Use the Tag Browser to browse items.
OPC Structure	Preview of the structure from the selected OPC item.

# **Using the Tag Browser**

Using the button "Tag Browser", you will open another dialog to browse and select OPC items. The dialog is not modal, you can switch between transfer object and browser.

Enter a search string (OPC DA only) to hide the tree view and show all items matching the search term.

- 1. Select the row for the new item.
- 2. Open the Tag Browser
- 3. Assign Item by double-click.

# Transfer Object "Database"

Databases are available both as source and destination of data transfers. The database set of access data has to be specified within plug-in configuration. Create a DB transfer object as described above.

## Configure the object's properties by double click:

DB access data	Select one of the configured sets of access data
Туре	Select: Queries one or more rows from a table or a view.
	You have to define filter and sorting criteria as well. Thus, the
	transfer object will work as datasource.
	Insert: Inserts a new row into a table. Thus, the transfer ob-
	ject will work as destination. For a database insert, incomple-
	te arrays are padded. For example: If a single entry from a ti-
	mestamp and several entries from an array should be read
	into a database, so the time stamp for the individual varia-
	bles of the array can be done. The timestamp is therefore
	automatically used multiple times, until all variables have be-
	en read. Therefore, applies: An insert always determines the
	highest InsertCount. Entrys with smaller count are then ex-
	panded by a factor of X, so that the values in the table are fil-
	led up. Also selectable for views.
	Update: Updates one or several rows within a table. You ha-
	ve to define filter criteria as well. Thus, the transfer object will
	work as destination. Also selectable for views.
	<b>Delete:</b> Deletes one or several rows within a table. You have
	to define filter criteria as well. Also selectable for views.
	Stored procedure: Executes a stored procedure as soon as
	trigger conditions are met. Define parameter values (as de-
	stination) and use return values as source.

**Important:** If Type is set to "Stored Procedure", OPC Router will execute this Procedure immediately, submitting default parameters (string = NULL, int = 0 etc.). Thus, OPC Router detects the structure of the result set. Procedure will be rolled back. This means, that the Stored Procedure called must be transaction safe and must not return errors on default parameters.

### Tab General (all types)

Table (View, Stored	Table, View or Stored Procedure this object refers to.
Procedure)	
	Note: Table has to have a primary key. Tables without primary key are not supported.
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Available columns/Co-	(View/Table operations)
lumns used	Available columns: Columns available in table or view, but
	not assigned to this object yet.
	Columns used: Columns assigned to this object and thus
	shown as items within this objects (to be used as source or
	destination).
	This distinction is made to keep the layout well-arranged, e.
	g. imagine you only need one out of 30 columns. So only this
	one column is shown in the connection layout.
	Move columns by double click onto their names or by the
	buttons provided (after having selected the columns). But-
	tons "Up" and "Down" will sort the columns (again, this is to
	keep the layout well-arranged)
	Stored Procedure: The lists show input and return parame-
	ters.

## Tab Filter (Select, Update, Delete)

Filter	Shows filters and filter groups. From this tree, the SQL state-
	ment is constructed. Filter values can be inserted dynami-
	cally during runtime. Use Variables/Constant values to insert
	constant filter criteria.
	Use Add-buttons to add filters or groups. Delete will remove
	the selected entry.
	Filter types:
	EQUAL: Compares if values are equal.
	GREATER: Compares if value is greater.
	GREATER_OR_EQUAL: Compares if value is grea-
	ter or equal.

	SMALER: Compares if value is smaler.
	SMALER_OR_EQUAL: Compares if value is smaler
	or equal.
	NOT_EQUAL: Compares if values are not equal.
	LIKE: Compares strings.
	LIKE_WILDCARD: Equal to LIKE %WERT%.
	LIKE_WILDCARD_END: Equal to LIKE WERT%.
	IN: Compares multiple values. Value input is an array.
	NOT_LIKE: Compares if strings are not equal.
	NOT_LIKE_WILDCARD: Equal to
	LIKE_WILDCARD but negated.
	NOT_IN: Compares if multiple values are not equal.
	Value input is an array.
Edit filter/filter	Entries are shown dependent on selected entry.
group	<b>Junction:</b> Defines whether filters are linked with AND or OR.
	Column: Column to be filtered
	Relational operator to compare values
Preview	Preview of SQL Statement, e. g. WHERE (UtcTimeStamp
	> ?) AND (Value = ?).
	Here, all rows would be selected with a TimeStamp newer
	Here, all rows would be selected with a TimeStamp newer than the filter and with a value equal to the filter.
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	than the filter and with a value equal to the filter.
	than the filter and with a value equal to the filter.  The values of the filter criteria have to be inserted during
	than the filter and with a value equal to the filter.  The values of the filter criteria have to be inserted during runtime. Thus you can provide e. g. values of OPC items or

After confirming with "OK", you will see filter criteria as elements (items) of this transfer objects. Draw connection arrows from any source to assign values during runtime. With time filters, relative filter criteria like "-1d" (=yesterday) are allowed.

## Tab Query (Select)

Sorting order	Ascending/Descending
Sorting by column	Column with sorting criteria.
Do not change records	Transferred records will not be changed.
Mark records after	(only with select from table)
successful transfer	In the column specified below, for every row transferred suc-
	cessfully, a "1" is inserted, a "2" if an error occurred.

	Note: In the table concerned, a simple primary key to the numerical column "ID" is required.
Column to mark	(only with select from table)  Column to mark transferred rows. Default value set by database should be "0"
Delete records after successful transfer	only with select from table) Transferred rows will be deleted.
	CAUTION: Rows in database table will be deleted without recover possibility.
Abort transfer (with empty result)	If the result set is empty, the transfer is canceled.
Return read error (with empty result)	If the result set is empty, the transfer is canceled and an error is logged in log file and status monitor.
Limit number of re- cords	Transfers only the specified number of rows/records. Be sure to have you result set sorted correctly.  Example: If only the newest record is to be transferred, then sorting column should be e. g. a "UtcTimeStamp" with Sorting order "Descending", the number of records limited to "1".

**Note:** If  $T_{YP}e$  is set to "Update", the transfer object will provide the number of rows updated as source.

#### Select always with filter

Use SQLSelect only with filters (WHERE clause) so as not to load the whole table into memory. In conjunction with transfer marks, you filter z. B. after <Transferflg> <> 1

#### Mark transferred records

Mark transferred records. In your tables, keep columns in which the OPC router can mark transferred data records ("Transfer flag" not transferred, transferred, transfer error). The transfer flag columns should be set to the default value of "0" and should not be allowed to assume NULL, so that a correct assignment to the three status are always guaranteed.

#### Index transfer flag

To improve performance, the transfer flag column should be indexed as follows:

• If the OPC router should filter after transfer flag = 0:

```
CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX [IX_TransferTable_Transferflag] ON
  [dbo].[TransferTable]
(
  [Transferflag] ASC
)
WHERE ([Transferflag]=(0))
GO
```

If the OPC router should filter aftre transfer flag <>1:

```
CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX [IX_TransferTable_Transferflag] ON
  [dbo].[TransferTable]
(
  [Transferflag] ASC
)
WHERE ([Transferflag]<>(1))
GO
```

#### Sort select results

Sort the table in ascending order after the transfer flag. This way, the untransferred records are transferred first; erroneous individual transfers are only attempted again at the end of the transfer. For performance optimization, filtering can be done after the transfer flag column (transfer flag = 0 or = 2). A correspondingly filtered index can be created in the database for this purpose.

# Transfer Object "SAP-RFC"

SAP RFC can be used both as source or destination. A set of SAP access data has to be specified within the plug-in configuration. The transfer object is created as describe above.

Open transfer object by double click and configure as follows:

#### Tab General

SAP access data	Select SAP set of access data.
Function Group	Select one of the function groups available.
Function Group/Search	Enter a search string (*=place holder) and click "Filter" to
Function Group/Selec-	show only those groups matching you search term. Select
tion	here!
Function	Select one of the functions available in your Function
	Group.
Function/Search	Enter a search string (*=place holder) and click "Filter" to
Function/Selection	show only those functions matching you search term. Se-
	lect here!

### Registerkarte: Parameter

Parameters available	Select the required parameters by setting the checkmarks
	accordingly. You can also take whole categories (see below).

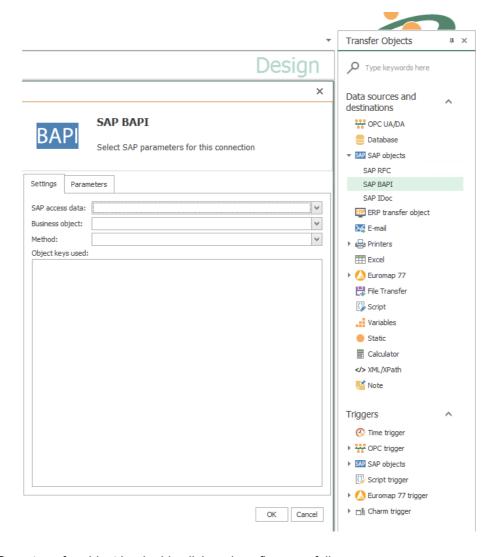
### Parameters are categorized:

- · Import: Data transfer into SAP system
- · Export: Data transfer from SAP system
- · Change: Data transfer into SAP system and return of changed values .

Categories may contain sub-categories, e. g. "Table" containing data tables.

# Transfer Object "SAP-BAPI"

SAP BAPI can be used both as source or destination. A set of SAP access data has to be specified within the plug-in configuration. The transfer object is created as described above.



Open transfer object by double click and configure as follows:

## Tab Settings

SAP access data	Select SAP set of access data.
Business Object	Select Business Object.
Method	Select one of Business Object's methods.
Object keys used	Object keys define an object positively and are added automatically. Required if method depends on instance.

### Registerkarte: Parameters

Please specify a func-	Select the required parameters by setting the appropriate
tion	check mark. You can also take whole categories if you place
	the checkmark accordingly.
	Note: The specified table must have a primary key.  Tables without primary keys are not supported.

## Parameters are categorized:

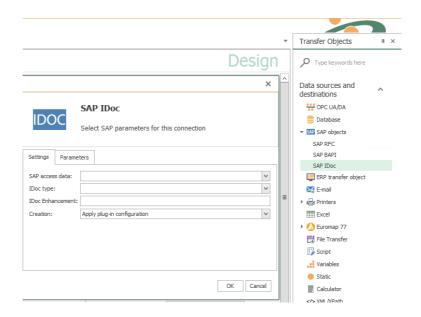
- · Import: Data transfer into SAP system
- · Export: Data transfer from SAP system
- · Change: Data transfer into SAP system and return of changed values .

Categories may contain sub-categories, e. g. "Table" containing data tables.

# Transfer Object "SAP-IDoc"

SAP-IDocs (Intermediate Documents) can be used both as source or destination. A set of SAP access data has to be specified within the plug-in configuration. The transfer

object is created as described above. The transfer object can send Idocs, the Idoc trigger can receive Idocs.



Open transfer object by double click and configure as follows:

Tab: Settings

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SAP access data	Select SAP set of access data.
IDoc Type	Select an IDoc type provided by your SAP system
IDoc Enhancement	Class enhancement of IDoc.
Creation	<ul> <li>Apply plug-in configuration: It selects what was selected in the SAP-plug-in by IDoc handling.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Create empty IDoc: When an IDoc is loaded from SAP, the IDoc is sent, but the existing ele- ments are emptied and only their own changes are sent.</li> </ul>
	Use template from SAP system: The loaded IDoc from SAP is used but edited with its own values.

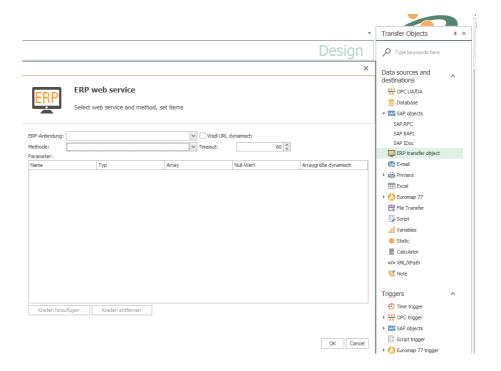
### Registerkarte: Parameters

	Please mark the segments you want to read or write.
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You might write several records at once to the IDoc; the segments needed will be created as required. The other way round, the IDoc might deliver several records at once.

## Transfer Object "ERP Webservice"

Webservices are both available as destination (input parameters) or source (output parameters). Create an ERP object as described above.



Double-click on transfer object to set the following properties:

ERP access data	Select one of the configured web service sets of access da-
	ta.
Method	Select the method to be called.
Wsdl URL dynamical	Enable to pass the URL dynamically at runtime. However,
	the method and the parameters must be identical.
Timeout	Time (in ms) that the connection may take before a connecti-
	on error is returned.

All input and output parameters of the webservice can be used.

### Parameter of Type "Array"

Parameters of type "Array" offer two possibilities:

- Activate the property Size of array dynamic to read all elements within the array.
- Limit the number of elements read by defining an number of nodes. The number of nodes corresponds to the number of elements reads. Attention: The webservice, not the OPC Router defines which elements are delivered.
  - a. Leave property Size of array dynamic deactivated.

- b. Select the array.
- c. Click on "Add node". These nodes appear within the array.
- d. Add as many nodes as desired.

Remove a node by selecting it and click on "Remove node".

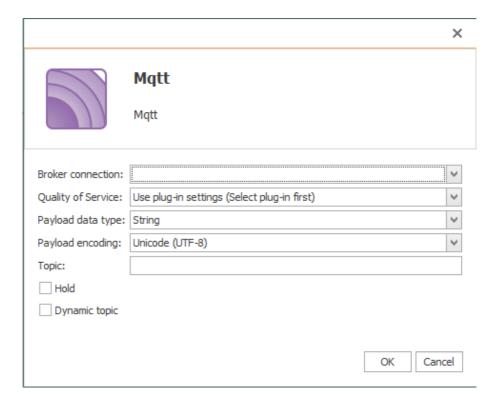
Nested classes with parameters do not support dynamic parameters. Do you still want to use nested classes so must be defined before how many elements the array has since all nodes have to be created by themselves.

#### Data type "Integer"

The type "integer" represents by XSD-standard an infinite number that can only be stored as a string. If an integer has to be passed, the web service must use the "int" data type, which is read out correctly.

# Transfer Object "Mqtt"

To enable a connection proceed as follows.



After double-clicking the transfer object, set the following properties:

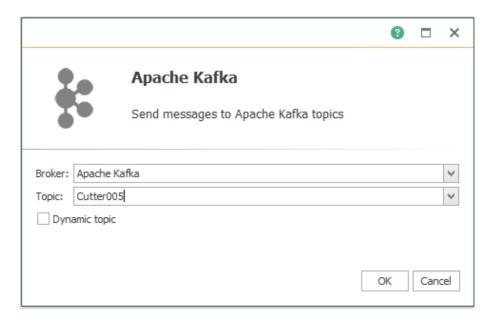
Broker connection	Select a configured broker connection from the drop-down menu.
Quality of Service	Selection how often the query should be executed.
Payload data type	Selection of the data type Byte Array or String.

Payload encoding	Selection of the encoding for the Mqtt query.
Topic	Enter the topic.
Hold	When activated, the query result remains visible until a new one is generated.
Dynamic topic	Activate if different topics are required. Topic can be defined variably via Input.

Confirm your entries with "OK".

# Transfer Object »Apache Kafka«

To enable a connection proceed as follows.



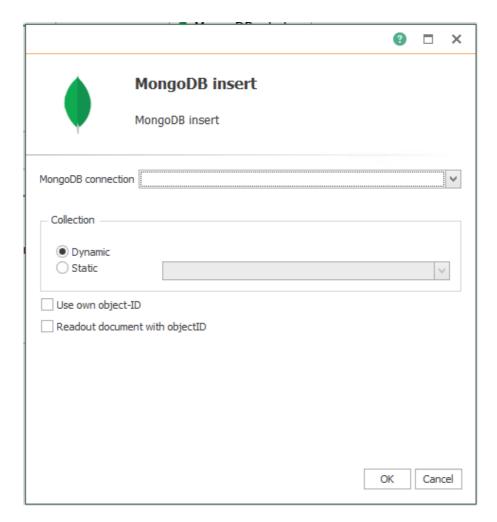
After double-clicking the transfer object, set the following properties:

Broker	Select a configured broker connection from the drop-down menu.
Topic	Enter the topic.
Dynamic topic	Activate if different topics are required. Topic can be defined variably via Input.

Confirm your entries with »OK«.

# Transfer object "MongoDB Insert"

You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as described.



## Configure the object's properties by double click:

MongoDB connection	Select one of the configured sets of access data.
Collection Dynamic	Activate this option if you want to change the MongoDB collection by an arrow.
Collection Static	Activate this option if you want to use a static MongoDB collection.
Use own objectID	Use this option if you want to set the object ID. If not checked the OPC Router will create a random number.
Readout document with objectID	Returns the inserted document and object ID (JSON)

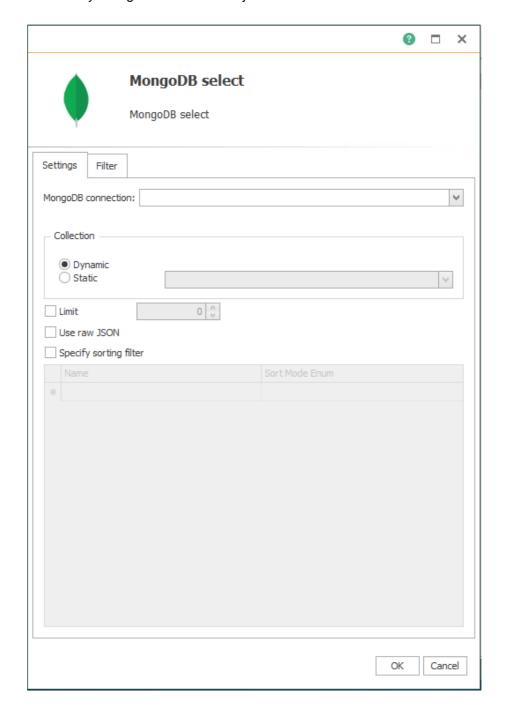
Apply your settings by clicking "OK".

The runtime needs the data in JSON.

If the data is not send in JSON, the data will get inserted with additional "data" tag.

# Transfer object "MongoDB Select "

You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as described.



# Configure the object's properties by double click:

MongoDB connection	Select one of the configured sets of access data.
Collection Dynamic	Activate this option if you want to change the MongoDB col-
	lection by an arrow.

Collection Static	Activate this option if you want to use a static MongoDB col-
	lection.
Limit	Set maximum of selected documents.
Use raw JSON	Activate this otion if you want to use a raw JSON string as in-
	put. In this case the filter tab is not availabile.
Specify sorting filter	Here you can define sorting filters.Select the data field and
	descending or ascending.

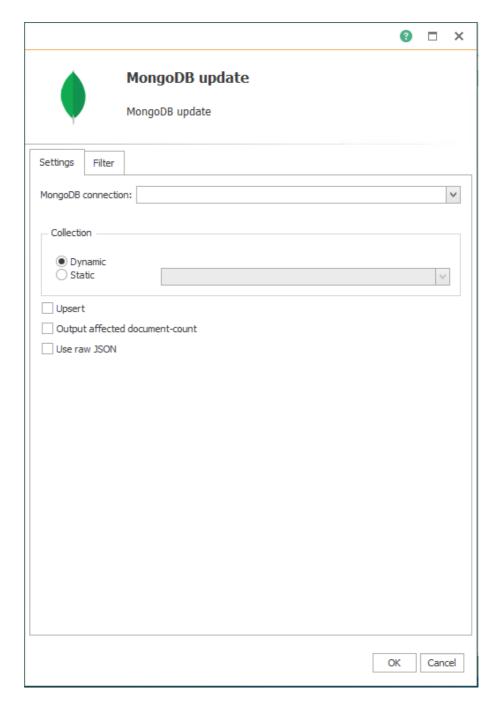
# Registerkarte: Filter (Abfragen, Aktualisieren, Löschen)

Filter	Shows filters and filter groups. Filter values can be inserted dynamically during runtime. Use Variables/Constant values to insert constant filter criteria.  Use Add-buttons to add filters or groups. Delete will remove the selected entry.
Edit Filter/Filter group	Entries are shown dependent on selected entry.  Junction: Defines whether filters are linked with AND or OR.  Column: Column to be filtered  Relational operator to compare values
Preview	Preview of the JSON-String, eg{"Date": {\$gte: "?"} In this case all documents which date is greater than the timestamp you have used are selected. Values for the filters can be changed during runtime.

Apply your settings by clicking "OK".

# Transfer object "MongoDB Update"

You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as described.



# Configure the object's properties by double click:

MongoDB connection	Select one of the configured sets of access data.
Collection Dynamic	Activate this option if you want to change the MongoDB collection by an arrow.

 Collection Static
 Activate this option if you want to use a static MongoDB collection.

 Upsert
 If Upsert is activated, the OPC Router will insert a document if there is no dosument to update

 Output affected document affected document in the number of updated documents.
 Returns the number of updated documents.

 Use raw JSON
 Activate this otion if you want to use a raw JSON string as input. In this case the filter tab is not availabile.

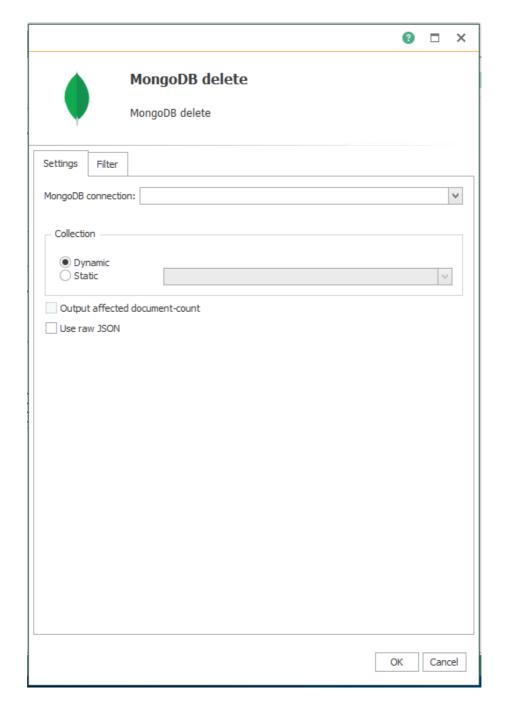
### Registerkarte: Filter (Abfragen, Aktualisieren, Löschen)

Filter	Shows filters and filter groups. Filter values can be inserted
	dynamically during runtime. Use Variables/Constant values
	to insert constant filter criteria.
	Use Add-buttons to add filters or groups. Delete will remove
	the selected entry.
Edit Filter/Filter	Entries are shown dependent on selected entry.
group	<b>Junction:</b> Defines whether filters are linked with AND or OR.
	Column: Column to be filtered
	Relational operator to compare values
Preview	Preview of the JSON-String, eg{"Date": {\$gte: "?"}
	In this case all documents which date is greater than
	the timestamp you have used are updated.
	Values for the filters can be changed during runtime.

Apply your settings by clicking "OK".

# Transfer object "MongoDB Delete"

You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as described.



Configure the object's properties by double click:

MongoDB connection	Select one of the configured sets of access data.
Collection Dynamic	Activate this option if you want to change the MongoDB collection by an arrow.

Collection Static	Activate this option if you want to use a static MongoDB collection.
Output affected docu- ment-count	Returns the number of the deleted documents.
Use raw JSON	Activate this otion if you want to use a raw JSON string as input. In this case the filter tab is not availabile.

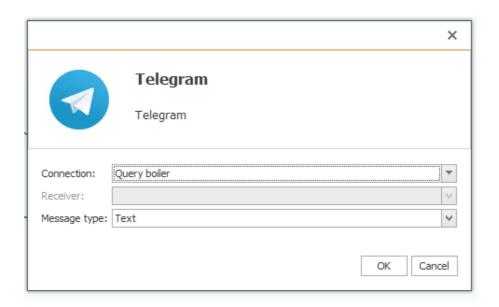
## Registerkarte: Filter (Abfragen, Aktualisieren, Löschen)

Filter	Shows filters and filter groups. Filter values can be inserted
	dynamically during runtime. Use Variables/Constant values
	to insert constant filter criteria.
	Use Add-buttons to add filters or groups. Delete will remove
	the selected entry.
Edit Filter/Filter	Entries are shown dependent on selected entry.
group	<b>Junction:</b> Defines whether filters are linked with AND or OR.
	Column: Column to be filtered
	Relational operator to compare values
Preview	Preview of the JSON-String, eg{"Date": {\$gte: "?"}
	In this case all documents which date is greater than
	the timestamp you have used are deleted.
	Values for the filters can be changed during runtime.

Apply your settings by clicking "OK".

# Transfer Object "Telegram"

Create a telegram object within the connection as described.

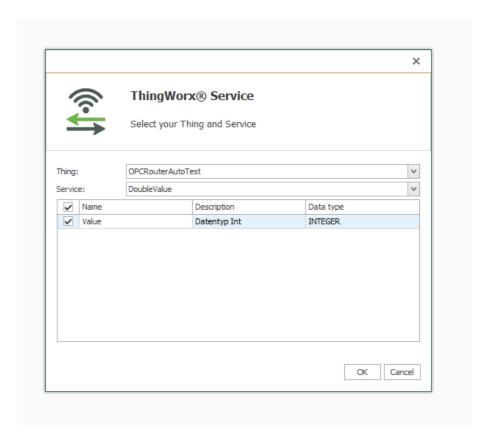


Set the following properties after double-clicking the object:

Connection	Select your telegram connection from the drop-down menu.
Receiver	Select the receiver for receiving the telegram from the drop-down menu.
Message type	Select the message type with which the message of the telegram is to be transmitted, e.g. text message or voice message.

# Transfer Object "ThingWorx®"

Create a ThingWorx® transfer object within the connection as described. You can create a ThingWorx® Service Transfer Object or a ThingWorx® Property Transfer Object. You can use the Service Transfer Object to have a service run by a Thing.

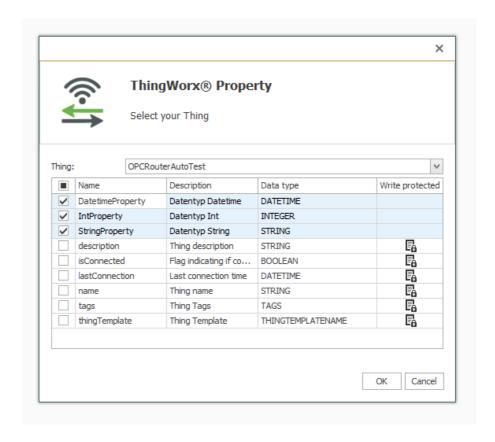


After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties and confirm your entries with "OK":

Thing	Select your Thing from the drop-down menu.
Service	Select the ThingWorx® service from the drop-down menu.

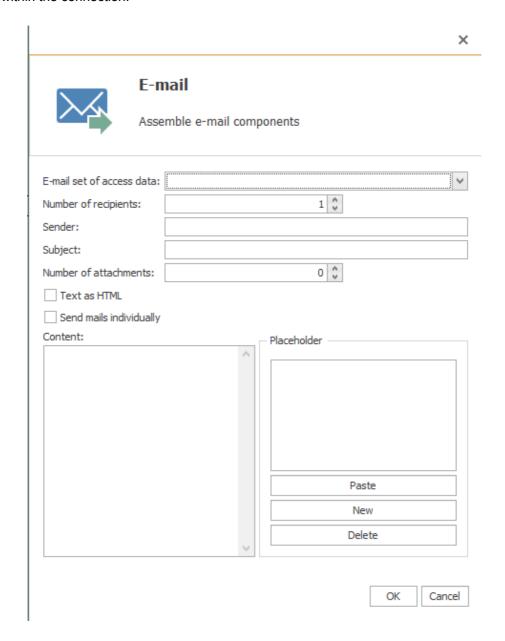
With the property transfer object properties of a thing can be addressed. For example, values can be written into a Thing. Select your Thing and select the required properties.

Only properties that are not write-protected can be selected. Confirm your selection with "OK".



# Transfer Object "E-Mail"

An e-mail object is a possible transfer destination. The needed e-mail (SMTP) server has to be configured as plug in instance. Create a mail transfer object as explained within the connection.



Set up the following properties after double clicking the transfer object:

E-mail set of access	Here the SMTP server are available as configured instances
data	of the OPC plug in.
Number of recipients	Enter the number of receivers here. The transfer object will
	create that number of elements, which are filled from you du-
	ring run time with e mail adresses e. g. from variables or a

	data base table. With a dynamic data base filter you can figure the receivers flexible.
Sender	Adresser of the e-mail, has to be in format of an e mail adress (name@domain.xx).
Subject	Subject line in the e mail. You can also create placeholders for a dynamic subject line in the subject. Create a new placeholder and then add [%PlaceholderName%] to the subject of the email.
Number of attachments	Provides a corresponding number of file path / name elements in the transfer object, which you can either dynamically fill via a constant object or at runtime. This file(s) will then be sent as attachments
Text as HTML	Gives out the mail in HTML format.
Send mails individual-	An e-mail is sent to each recipient individually, so that the individual recipient cannot see to whom the e-mail was still sent. Even if an e-mail address does not work, all other recipients can still receive their message.
Content	Text in the e-mail. Fill in Placeholders via drag & drop, which are filled from you during runtime.
Placeholder	Define any variables, which are filled from you during runtime, e. g. with process values or messages. Create a new placeholder with "New". Mark a placeholder and add it to the text with "Add". You can also add via double click or drag & drop.

# Transfer Object "Printer"

The print starts with triggering. The template is set up in the transfer object; printer and variable content are to be set up during runtime. Create a printer transfer object within the connection as explained.

## **Domino printer**

Set the following properties after double clicking the transfer object for Domino printer:

Labe l	Document template, created in the Plug in Configuration
Static printer selection	<ul> <li>activated: The printer is set up during creating time and is not be changed during run time.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>deactivated: The printers name has to be defined du- ring run time (from variable, data base or similar).</li> </ul>
IP	Enter the IP address of your static printer.

Port	Enter the port of your static printer.
Timeout	Time (in ms) that the connection setup may take before a connection error is returned.

The transfer object gives you all placeholders from the document template. Are these template variables not be filled in the transfer object, the router uses the standard value from the template.

Should you call the printer dynamically, please pay attention to the correct spelling of the printers name- it has to be equal to name given in Windows.

### **Generic printer**

Set the following properties after double clicking the transfer object for generic printer:

Label	Document template, created in the Plug in Configuration
Static printer selection	<ul> <li>activated: The printer is set up during creating time and is not be changed during run time.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>deactivated: The printers name has to be defined du- ring run time (from variable, data base or similar).</li> </ul>
IP	Enter the IP address of your static printer.
Port	Enter the port of your static printer.
Timeout	Time (in ms) that the connection setup may take before a connection error is returned.

The transfer object gives you all placeholders from the document template. Are these template variables not be filled in the transfer object, the router uses the standard value from the template.

Should you call the printer dynamically, please pay attention to the correct spelling of the printers name- it has to be equal to name given in Windows.

### Windows printer

Set the following properties after double clicking the transfer object for generic printer:

Document	Document template, created in the Plug in Configuration
Specify number of co- pies	It can now be set to request multiple copies for one-sided documents. Only 1 (!) print job is sent for this! Whether the document is printed single-sided or double-sided must be specified in the printer driver. So labels can be printed on the front and back side if necessary.
Static printer	activated: The printer is set up during creating time and is not be changed during run time.

	deactivated: The printers name has to be defined during run time (from variable, data base or similar).
Parallel printing	Activate this option if you want to print on different printers parallel.
Printer	Enter the port of your static printer.

The transfer object gives you all placeholders from the document template. Are these template variables not be filled in the transfer object, the router uses the standard value from the template.

Should you call the printer dynamically, please pay attention to the correct spelling of the printers name- it has to be equal to name given in Windows.

### Wolke printer

Set the following properties after double clicking the transfer object for Wolke printer:

Labe l	Document template, created in the Plug in Configuration
Static printer selection	<ul> <li>activated: The printer is set up during creating time and is not be changed during run time.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>deactivated: The printers name has to be defined du- ring run time (from variable, data base or similar).</li> </ul>
IP	Enter the IP address of your static printer.
Port	Enter the port of your static printer.
Timeout	Time (in ms) that the connection setup may take before a connection error is returned.

The transfer object gives you all placeholders from the document template. Are these template variables not be filled in the transfer object, the router uses the standard value from the template.

Should you call the printer dynamically, please pay attention to the correct spelling of the printers name- it has to be equal to name given in Windows.

#### Zebra printer

Set the following properties after double clicking the transfer object for Zebra printer:

Label	Document template, created in the Plug in Configuration
Static printer selection	<ul> <li>activated: The printer is set up during creating time and is not be changed during run time.</li> <li>deactivated: The printers name has to be defined during run time (from variable, data base or similar).</li> </ul>
IP	Enter the IP address of your static printer.
Port	Enter the port of your static printer.

Time (in ms) that the connection setup may take before a connection error is returned.

The transfer object gives you all placeholders from the document template. Are these template variables not be filled in the transfer object, the router uses the standard value from the template.

Should you call the printer dynamically, please pay attention to the correct spelling of the printers name- it has to be equal to name given in Windows.

#### Videojet message printer

The transfer object for the Videojet message printer overwrites the currently selected label and refills it with the transferred text elements.

After double-clicking the Videojet message Printer transfer object, set the following properties:

Static printer	<ul> <li>activated: The printer is set up during creating time and is not be changed during run time.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>deactivated: The printers name has to be defined du- ring run time (from variable, data base or similar).</li> </ul>
IP	Enter the IP address of your static printer.
Port	Enter the port of your static printer.
Timeout	Time (in ms) that the connection setup may take before a connection error is returned.

This command will overwrite the selected message on the Videojet printer.

In this transfer object, you can enter values corresponding to the predefined fields:

- · FONT NUM to specify the font size of the text element.
- HORC for horizontal alignment of the text element.
- · VERC for vertical alignment of the text element.
- ATTRIB for selecting various printer-specific attributes.
- MESSAGE TEXT to enter your freely selectable text on the label.
- Label = Name of the label to be overwritten.

How the individual entries must be made is described in the documentation of your Videojet printer in the MESSAGE DATA Field Format section.

Array input also allows you to create several text elements.

#### Videojet update printer

The Videojet update printer transfer object selects an existing label in the printer and fills the specified printer variables with values.

After double-clicking the Videojet update printer transfer object, set the following properties:

Etikett	Select a label from the drop-down menu. If you do not assign any values to the transfer object, the default values that you specified for this label in the Videojet printer plug-in will be used.
Statischer Drucker	<ul> <li>activated: The printer is set up during creating time and is not be changed during run time.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>deactivated: The printers name has to be defined du- ring run time (from variable, data base or similar).</li> </ul>
IP	Enter the IP address of your static printer.
Port	Enter the port of your static printer.
Timeout	Time (in ms) that the connection setup may take before a connection error is returned.

You can assign values to the fields of the transfer object and trigger the printer using the "Label" area.

# Transfer Object "Excel"

Excel transfer objects can be used as source and destination. You can write data in defined boxes or read the out. You can also write several data sets from the data base into several lines in the Excel table. A plug in configuration is not necessary, you can project the transfer object as explaineddirectly in the connection.

Set the following properties after double clicking the transfer object:

#### Section: File

File	Dynamic   Static
	You can define the file to be worked on at this point. Then
	choose the option "Static" and use the button"", to select
	the file.
	If the filename is to be found dynamically during runtime (e.
	g. from a data base, a variable or a script), choose "Dyna-
	mic" here. This way, you can connect a data source to the fi-
	lename within the connection.
	Note in any case, that the filepath is to be processed in the
	Windows system. With the button "" you gain the correct
	path!(e.g.C:\Documents and Settings\ <user>\Own</user>
	files instead of \Own files)
Action	Edit File   Create File
	"Edit File" refreshes an existing file. Is the file not existing,
	you can either create it new or abort the transfer. The option
	"Throw Error" includes breaking up the transfer.
	"Create new File" creates a new file in any case. This one
	can be empty or basing on a template (XLT respectively XL-

TX). For selecting the template please note the same as mentioned under File.

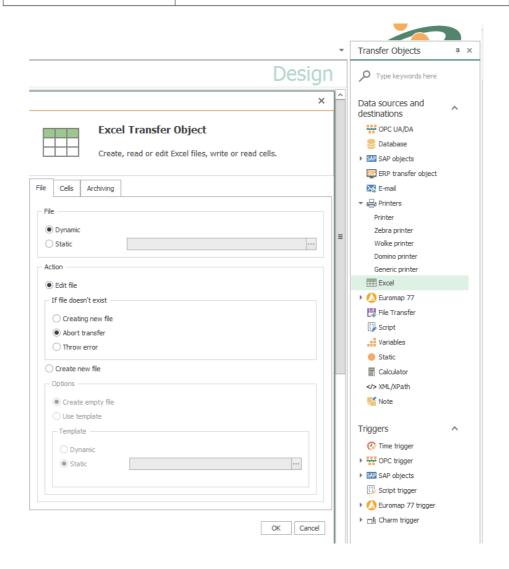
# Section: Cells

Spread Sheet	Dynamic   Static
	The name of the spread sheet can also be found either the
	dynamic or the static way. If no name for the table is given,
	the OPC Router writes the data into Table1. State "Dyna-
	mic", to connect a data source to the tables name within the
	connection.
Cells	Here state the cells in the usual format "Column/Line", e. g.
	A1.
	The following writing modes are available
	Update Cell: Overwrites the chosen cell with a new value.
	Insert Cell: Adds a new cell to the chosen position. All other
	cells are moved down.
	Append Cell: Finds the first empty cell under the chosen po-
	sition and fills in the content. This option can be used to, e. g.
	write the result of an SQL Select (means several data sets)
	into the table.

# Section: Archiving

Archiving	Activate, to save the Excel file in the state is has before
	transferring. Note: If transfers are triggered every second, an
	archive file is created every second, too. This option is ob-
	viously smarter used, if for example a daily statistic is nee-
	ded. The archive files name includes date and time of the ar-
	chiving (not: the creation of the original file).
Archive Folder	Dynamic   Static

The notes given under File are to be mentioned here, too – but here you just state one folder, no filename.



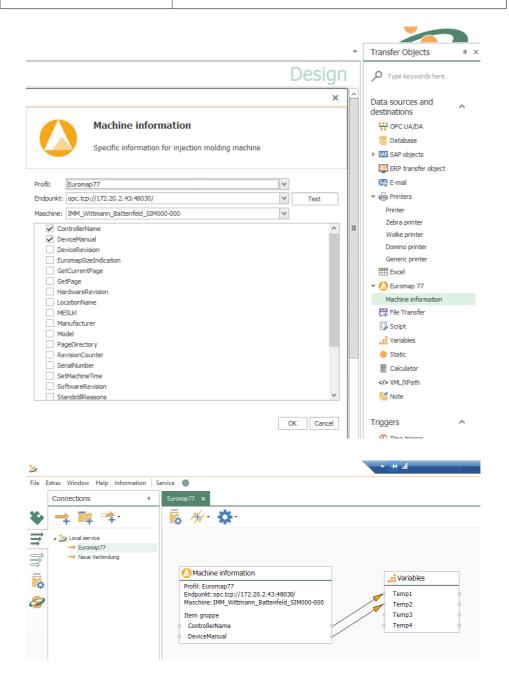
# Transfer Object "Euromap 77"

An Euromap object is available to you as transfer source and destination The required profile must be configured as a plug-in instance. Create a transfer object within the connection as axplained.

After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Profil	Here the profiles are available as configured instances of the Euromap77 plug-in. Select a profile from the drop-down list.
Endpoint	Select an endpoint from the drop-down list. With the button "Test" you can check if your connection works
Machine	Select a machine from the drop-down list. In the list below you will now get a selection list with all possible information of this machine. Activate the areas that are necessary for

your configuration. Now you can use this selected information as transfer information.



## Transfer Object "Euromap 63"

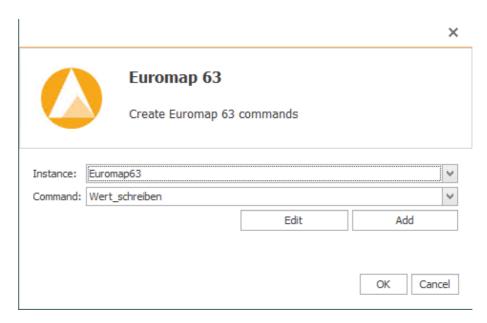
An Euromap object is available as a transfer source and destination. The required profile must be configured as a plug-in instance. Create a transfer object within the connection as described.

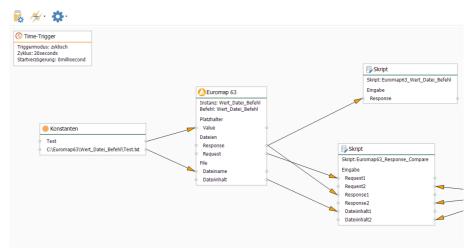
Set the following properties after double-clicking on the transfer object:

Instance	Select the desired Euromap63 instance from the drop-down
	menu.

Select the required command for your instance. Use the "Edit" and "Add" buttons to edit the command selection.

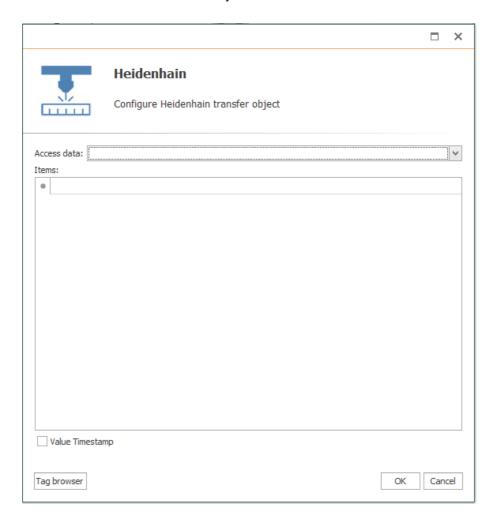
## Confirm your selection with "OK".





# Transfer Object "Heidenhain"

The Heidenhain server's set of access data has to be specified within plug-in configuration. Create a Heidenhain transfer object as described above..



### Double-click on transfer object to assign the properties:

Access data	Select a set of Heidenhain access data. Dependent on plug- in configuration.
Items	Enter Heidenhain items needed. Use the Tag Browser to browse items.
Value Timestamp	Returns the timestamp of the transferred value.

Within the item's list, select several items by holding mouse button down ("Ctrl + a" will select all). Selected items can be copied to clipboard and inserted ("Ctrl + c", "Ctrl + v").

### **Using the Tag Browser**

Using the button "Tag Browser", you will open another dialog to browse and select Heidenhain items. The dialog is not modal, you can switch between transfer object and browser.

Enter a search string to hide the tree view and show all items matching the search term.

- 1. Select the row for the new item.
- 2. Open the Tag Browser
- 3. Assign Item by double-click.

# Transfer Object "File Read"

File Read transfer objects can move files and make file contents available. File paths can be selected from a database or as a constant. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as explained.

After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Tab: Source

Dynamic or static	File source static or dynamic path. Dynamic paths can get defined by an connection arrow and it can change through the runtime.
Abort if file not found	Activate to abort the transfer if the file was not found.
Read binary	Select this option if you want to read a binary file like *.doc, *.jpg, * .xlsx,
Read Text, Encoding	Select if you want to read a simple text file and select the files encoding.

### Tab: Target

Move file after trans-	Activate this property and select a folder to save the file in
fer	the state before the transfer operation. Attention: If trans-
	fers are triggered every second, a new archive file is crea-
	ted every second. This option is therefore more suitable if,
	for example, daily statistics are created. The file name of
	the archive file contains the date and time of archiving (not
	the creation date of the original application file). Format:
	yyMMdd_hhhmmss_fileName.
Dynamic or static	Dynamic or static target path. For static target path, select
	the file name to read the file content.

## Transfer Object »File Write«

File Write transfer object can read and manipulate files. File paths can be selected from a database or as a constant. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as explained .

After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

#### Tab: Output path

Dynamisch oder Statisch	File target static or dynamic path. Dynamic paths can get de-
	fined by an connection arrow and it can change through the
	runtime.

### Tab: Existing file

Action	Overwrite: Will overwrite existing files.
	Throw error: Creates an error if the file is existing.
	Append: For simple text files, the contend can get appended
	to the existing contend.
	Move existing: Moves existing files to an target folder.

#### Tab: File settings

Dynamic or static fi- lename	Select an static or dynamic file name. Dynamic file names can get defined by an connection arrow and it can change through the runtime.
Prepend UTC Timestamp	Activate if you want to prepend the UTC timestamp to the file. For example the file »test.txt« gets renamend to »20191204_095646_test.txt«.
Write binary	Select this option if you want to write a binary file like *.doc, *.jpg, * .xlsx,
Write text	Select if you want to write a simple text file and select the files encoding.

## Transfer Object "File Delete"

File Delete transfer object can delete files. File name patterns can be selected from a database or as a constant. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as explained .

After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Path	Select the path where the OPC Router should delete files
Name pattern	Select an static or dynamic file name pattern. Dynamic file
	name pattern can get defined by an connection arrow and it

	can change through the runtime. You can use placeholders like *.
Include subdirectories	Aktivate if the OPC Router also have to delete files inside the subdirectories.

Delete unrestricted	Deletes all the files for the name pattern.
Files older tha	Only delete files older than selected timespan.

# Transfer Object "Network File Access-File Read"

Network File Access-File Read transfer object can read files. File paths can be selected from a database or as a constant. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as explained .

After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Tab: Source

Dynamic or static	File source static or dynamic path. Dynamic paths can get defined by an connection arrow and it can change through the runtime.
Abort if file not found	Activate to abort the transfer if the file was not found.
Read binary	Select this option if you want to read a binary file like *.doc, *.jpg, * .xlsx,
Read Text, Encoding	Select if you want to read a simple text file and select the files encoding. Select if you want to read a simple text file and select the files encoding.

## Transfer Object »Network File Access-File Write«

Network File Access-File Write transfer object can read and manipulate files. File paths can be selected from a database or as a constant. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as explained.

After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Tab: Output path

Dynamic or static	File target static or dynamic path. Dynamic paths can get de-
	fined by an connection arrow and it can change through the
	runtime.

### Tab: Existing files

II	file	already	exists	Overwrite: Will overwrite existing files.
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Throw error: Creates an error if the file is existing.	
Ignore: No action if file already exists.	

## Tab: File settings

Dynamic or static fi- lename	Select an static or dynamic file name. Dynamic file names can get defined by an connection arrow and it can change through the runtime.
Prepend UTC Timestamp	Activate if you want to prepend the UTC timestamp to the file. For example the file »test.txt« gets renamend to »20191204_095646_test.txt«.
Write binary	Select this option if you want to write a binary file like *.doc, *.jpg, * .xlsx,
Write text	Select if you want to write a simple text file and select the files encoding.

# Transfer Object "Network File Access-File Delete"

Network File Access-File Delete transfer object can delete files. File paths can be selected from a database or as a constant. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as explained .

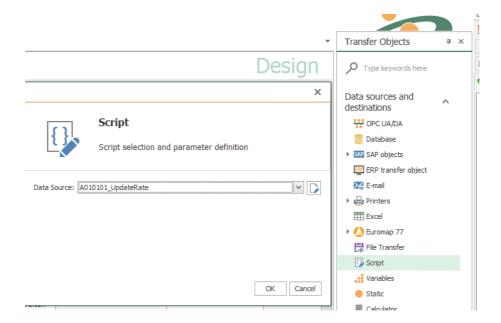
After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Path	Select the path where the OPC Router should delete files
Name pattern	Select an static or dynamic file name pattern. Dynamic file name pattern can get defined by an connection arrow and it can change through the runtime. You can use placeholders like *.
Include subdirectories	Aktivate if the OPC Router also have to delete files inside the subdirectories.

Delete unrestricted	Deletes all the files for the name pattern.
Files older than	Only delete files older than selected timespan.

## Transfer Object "Skript"

You use the self-programmed scripts in the data transfer with the transfer object "script". The scripts must be of the transfer object type in the Plug-in-configuration.



Create a script transfer object within the connection as explained.

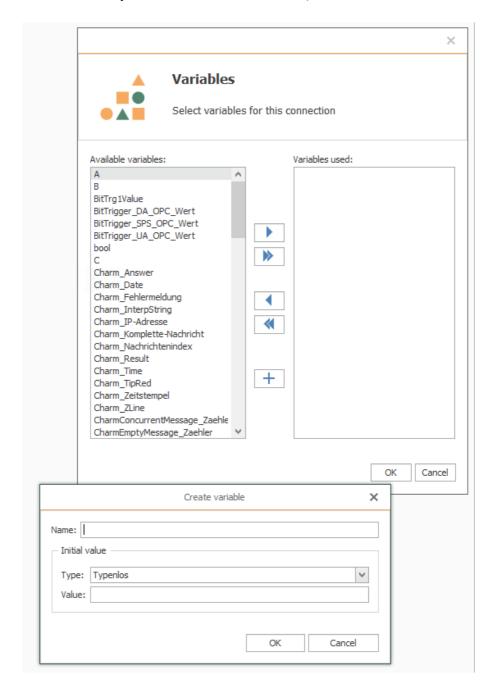
After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:



The input and output parameters of the script are now available to you as elements of the transfer object.

## Transfer Object "Variables"

Self-defined variables are available to you both as sources and as targets, system variables as source. The required variables must be configured as plug-in instances. Create a variable transfer object within the connection as ecplained.



After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Tab: General (all types)

Available varia-	Available variables: existing, not yet used variables.
bles/Variables used	

**Columns used:** Variables that are displayed as elements (items) of the transfer object and are therefore available for transfers.

This distinction primarily serves the overview in the configuration area – for example, if only one variable of 30 existing is needed for the connection.

Move the columns by double-clicking on the column name or via the button "<" and ">" (after marking the column). "<<" and ">>" move all columns.

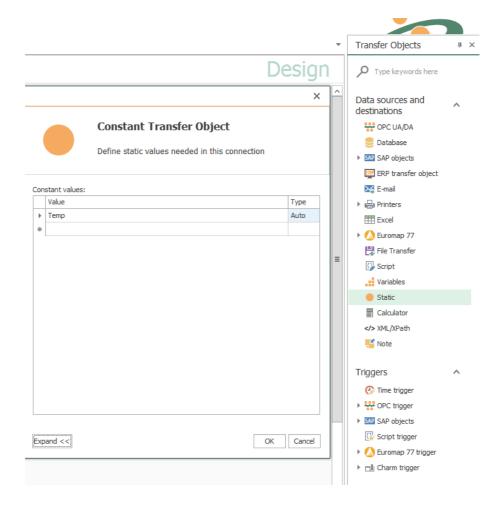
You can also use the "+" button to create new variables directly in the transfer object. The newly created variables are then immediately moved to the "Variables used" area.

## Transfer Object "Static"

Constants are available as a data source for fast configuration of "static" values. In contrast to variables, constant objects only apply within the connection in which they are configured. Constant objects can only be set at design time, not changed at runtime.

If a value is too long, you will be asked if you want to cut off this value. If you click "Yes", the value is truncated to the maximum length of 255 characters. If you click "No", the dialog remains open and you can select a new value.

Create a constant transfer object within the connection as explained.

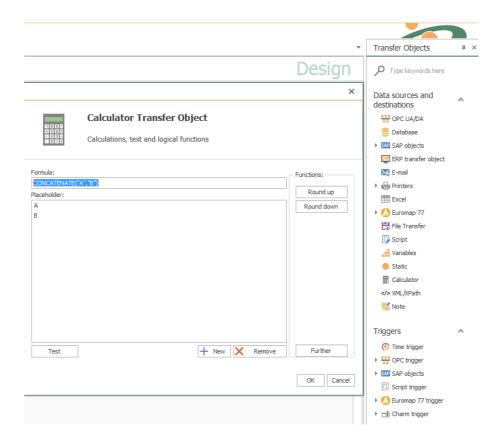


After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Value	Any value
Type (after click on "Expand")	(ptional) Data type

### Transfer Object "Calculator"

You can use all available (numerical) values as input for calculations. You then use the results as a data source in the further transfer. Create a computer transfer object within the connection as explained.



After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

- 1. Use the button "New" to add as many placeholders as your formula requires. These placeholders are filled later with values of OPC items, from database tables, from variables ...
- 2. Compose the formula.
  - The placeholders are simply entered or accepted by double-clicking.
  - Use the normal mathematical symbols for connection (+-\*/()).
  - Functions apply to the immediately following placeholder, otherwise please set brackets (e.g. sqrt(A+B) = Square root of the sum of A and B).
  - Rounding functions: Via the "Round up" or "Round down" button (rounds up to whole numbers)
  - Concatenate function = concatenate strings: The values must be marked with "" in the formula e.g. CONCATENATE("A","B").
  - · Additional functions via the button "Further".
- 3. Use the "Test" button to open another dialog. Enter values for the placeholders here and check the formula.
- 4. If all right, confirm both dialogues with "OK".

The computer transfer object is now available in the connection. Connect variables, OPC items, database fields, etc. with the placeholders and use the result as a data source.

# Transfer Object "Text replace"

The "Text replace" transfer object is used to transfer texts using connections in order to combine values and texts.

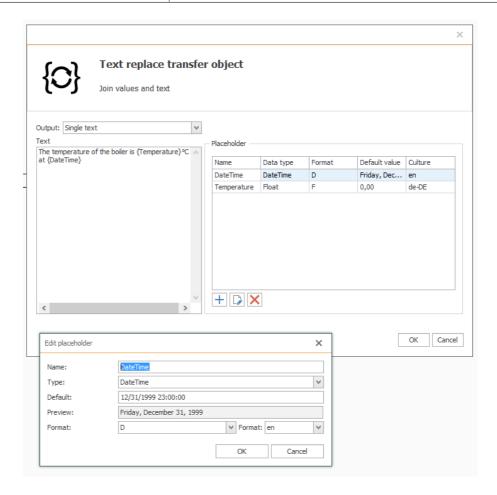
After double-clicking the transfer object, set the following properties:

Output	Choose between SingleText and Array:
	Output "Array": Depending on the length of the largest input array, the same number of strings is created in the output array.
	<ul> <li>Output "SingleText": Regardless of the amount of da- ta entered, only 1 string is output at a time. The data is summarized accordingly.</li> </ul>
Text	Enter your text here. You can enter placeholders by dou-
	ble-clicking on the corresponding entry in the placeholder list
	to the right.
Placeholder	At this point, enter a new placeholder using the plus sign or
	edit a selected placeholder using the corresponding button.
	Use the red cross to remove a placeholder.

#### Define placeholder

Name	Enter a unique name for the placeholder.
Data type	Specify the data type of the placeholder, for example, String, DateTime.
Default Value	Enter a default value if required.
Preview	The preview shows you the form in which a value will be displayed.
Format	Selection of a format for the data types Int64, Float or Date- Time,

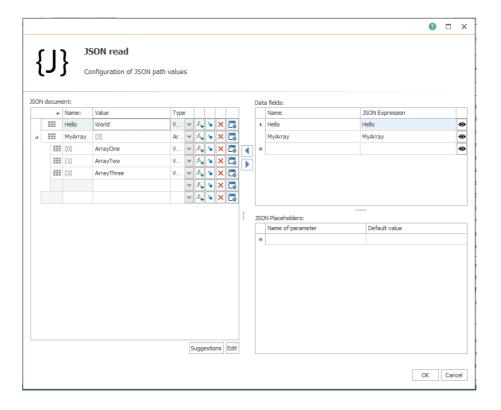
Select the culture to get the corresponding spelling. For example, commas or dots are set differently depending on the selected culture.



# Transfer Object "JSON read"

With the JSON transfer object as a simple data exchange format, you can evaluate, change or create formatted texts or data in JSON. Create a JSON transfer object within the connection as described. A plug-in configuration is not necessary. You can configure

the transfer object directly within the connection as described. The JSON expression is "JMESPath".



After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

JSON document	In this area you can define the JSON to read. The button
	"Edit" is for editing the raw/source data of the JSON. The
	button "suggestions" searches the connection for already
	executed sessions and JSON files. If a JSON document was
	found, you can take it as template.
Data fields	You can add data fields to read data of the JSON
	elements through the runtime. Click a value of the JSON
	document and use the "right arrow" or the "F+" button to
	add a field from the JSON.
JSON placeholders	JSON placeholders are made to add variables inside the
	JSON document. Inside of the JMES path expression, the
	variables are written in curly brackets. For example: {MyPla-
	ceholder}

A tree structure is defined in the editor of the JSON tree as follows:

```
{
  "key":"value",
  "some":[
  {"name":"one","value":1},
  {"name":"two","value":2},
  {"name":"three","value":3}
```

}

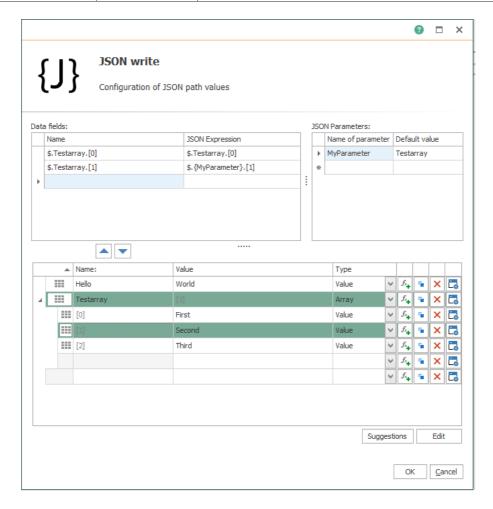
# Transfer Object "JSON write"

With the JSON transfer object as a simple data exchange format, you can evaluate, change or create formatted texts or data in JSON. Create a JSON transfer object within the connection as described. A plug-in configuration is not necessary. You can configure the transfer object directly within the connection as described. The JSON expression is "JSONPath".

Here you will find an overview of the most important JSONPath syntax elements compared to the XPath elements:

XPath	JSONPath	Description
1	\$	The parent object/element
	@	Element in current context
1	.or []	Specification for child elements
//		Recursive descent
*	*	Placeholder. All objects/elements regardless of their name are selected.
	0	Subscript operator for element collections.

[] ?() Executes a filter (script) expression.



After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Data fields	Enter the JSON items directly or select entries from the JSON tree and use the "arrow up" or "F+" button to add. The names of the items can be freely assigned and serve as help during project planning. The items can be written and read during a transfer.
JSON Parameters	If necessary, enter additional parameters for default values here. During the transfer, the placeholder "{parameter}" is replaced by the given value (\$.some[0].value). If nothing was passed, the default value is used.
JSON	The JSON Tree is the standard JSON document during a transfer. This can be read and written to. You can click on the "Edit" button and enter your tree structure or you can create the JSON structure through the UI. The button "suggestions" searches the connection for already executed sessions and

JSON files. If a JSON document was found, you can take it as template.

A tree structure is defined in the editor of the JSON tree as follows:

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{
"key":"value",
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{"name":"one","value":1},
{"name":"two","value":2},
{"name":"three","value":3}
]
}
```

## Transfer Object "XML" (XPath queries)

XML transfer objects are available as sources and destinations. XPath queries allow elements to be extracted from XML files or written to XML files. A plug-in configuration is not necessary, you can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as described.

After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

#### Section: X-Path Elements

Name	Name where the query appears in the transfer object.
X-Path Expression	Valid X-Path query, in the simplest case the path to the node (see below).
XML Mode	Indicates if only the content of the query result or the enclosing tag will be output (e.g. Heinrich Mann or <author>Heinrich Mann</author> . When writing to the object (Create XML), only content must always be specified because the structure is already established. By writing at the object (create XML), only content must always be specified because the structure is already established.

#### Section: Namespaces and Prefixes

Prefixes	Unique prefix
Namespace	Namespace

When importing the XML code at design time, all existing namespaces are entered. Use the checkbox to mark the namespace that should be used as the default for the XPath queries. If a standard is defined, formulate the X-Path queries without a prefix, this will be added automatically. In the source code, you have to specify the prefixes always,.

#### Section: XML Code

The multiline field is for entering XML code. At design time
you can use it to check your X-Path expressions. Then you

can delete the code if you dynamically pass the XML code at runtime (transfer object as source) or first generate (transfer object as destination). Of course, you can also leave static code here if that meets your requirement.

#### XML documents as source

As a transfer source, the XML object extracts content from XML code based on the configured X-Path queries.

- The XML code is either set statically at design time or submit at run time to the element "XML".
- · The results are read from the X-Path query elements.

For example, the following code is supplied from a file:

Then two X-Path expressions would supply the author and title of the books:

- Name: "Author", X-Path expression "/catalog/book/author"
- Name: "Title", X-Path expression "/catalog/book/title"

On the Internet you will find different documentations about the possibilities of X-Path, these are just the simplest (e.g. by http://www.w3schools.com/xsl/xpath\_syntax.asp; Restriction: Any nodes must be initiated with "//").

💾 File Transfer Static Input C:\User\inray\Documents\books.xml Filepath and name Output File content </>XML/XPath Excel XPath Items File: C:\User\inray\Documents\books.xml Author Edit file With missing file: Title Creating new file XML-Doc Spread sheet: Table1 XML Cells A1

For this example, the configuration looks like this:

- The path and name of the file are transferred from a constant object to the file transfer object. The name could also be determined dynamically from a database.
- The file transfer object transfers the contents of the XML file to the XML element in the XML object. At design time no code was deposited here, only the two described X-Path expressions.
- The query results are written to an Excel file. Every other data destination is just conceivable (e.g. database INSERTS). Since several lines are expected, the write mode is "attache rows" in the Excel object.

### XML document as destination

As a transfer target, the XML object creates XML code based on the configured X-Path queries.

 The XML code can be transferred further, e.g. to a database. To create an XML file, a script would be required.

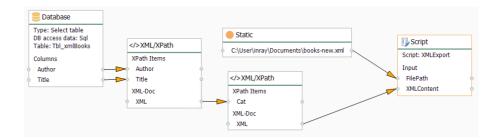
For example, it comes from a table:

Author	Title
J.R.R. Tolkien	The Hobbit
Joanne K. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

From this, an XML file with the known structure is to be generated.

- Name: "Author", X-Path expression "/catalog/book/author"
- Name: "Title", X-Path expression "/catalog/book/title"

For this example, you need two staggered XML objects. The first one will transform the result set into individual XML elements, the second will group the elements into one document:



- 1. The data records have to be written by query from a database and transferred to the X-Path elements of the first XML transfer object.
- 2. The XML object generates the XML code. The XML object contains the well-known X-Path expressions:
  - · Name: "Author", X-Path expression "book/author"
  - · Name: "Title", X-Path expression "book/title"

as well as the basic structure

```
<book>
    <author></author>
    <title></title>
</book>
```

Important is the property XML output = "Multiple XML documents", so that each record from the database becomes its own element.

The structure could also be passed dynamically at runtime. E.g. from a text file or from a database.

3. The code is passed from the XML element to the X-Path element of the second XML transfer object. This object contains only the XML declaration and the root element:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<catalog>
</catalog>
```

With the X-Path query / catalog and the property  ${\it XML}$   ${\it output}$  "One XML document"

4. The code can be transferred further. Here, a script transfer object is used to create a file. File path (type: string) and XML content (type: array, string) are passed as input parameters:

```
public override void Write()
{
    StringBuilder stb = new StringBuilder();
    stb.AppendLine("<?xml version=\"1.0\"?>");
    foreach(string xml in XMLContent)
    {
        stb.AppendLine(xml.Substring(xml.IndexOf("?>")+2));
    }
    System.IO.File.WriteAllText(FilePath, stb.ToString());
```

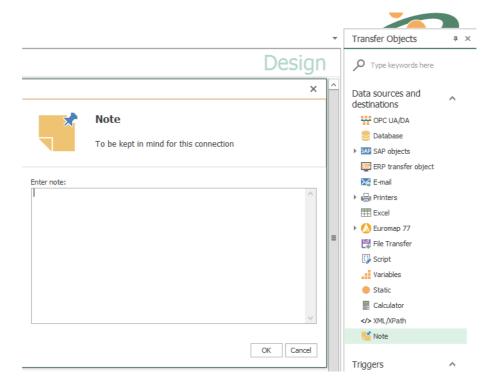
## Transfer Object "Note"

In extensive projects, especially when several colleagues work together, the comment on the connection is quickly no longer sufficient to keep track.

Use the object "Note" to attach one or more detailed comments to a connection, e.g. a documentation for the configuration. To view or edit the note, double-click on your note transfer object. In this way, you also provide extensive comments clearly.

Times are given in the e-mail and in the PDF file as system time, but in CSV as UTC. The note can not be used as a data source or destination.

Create a Note object within the connection as explained.



After double-clicking on the object, set the following properties:



# Transfer Object "Rest"

Web service components can be combined with the remainder transfer object. Create a remainder transfer object within the connection as described.



After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Connection	Hostname of the web service.
Define dynamic host	Enable if hostname changes. You can also use the Test but-
URL	ton to check the dynamic host.

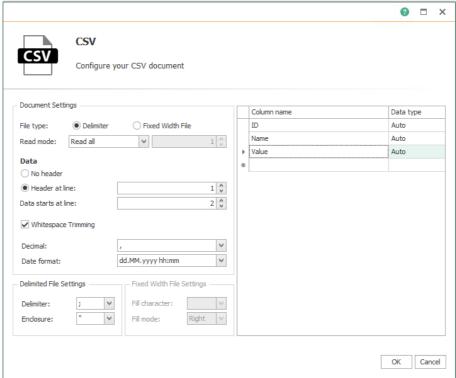
URL-Endpoint	Enter the address for the endpoint. In the first field, select the URL without an addition, and in the second field, select the corresponding sub-item. See sample image above. You can add variables for the URL by placing placeholders within the URL. For example: {URLPlaceholder1}. This placeholder will automatically be added to the request parameter section as UrlSegment and you can fill it through the OPC Router runtime.
Method	Select a method for the connection from the drop-down list.
Format	Select the format for the connection from the drop-down list. e.g. Json or Xml
Request parameters	Determine the parameters for the request of the connection.
Response parameters	Determine the parameters for the response of the connection.
Test	About button "Test" determine if the connection is made. If you have checked the "Dynamic host" checkbox, this button opens a text field in which you can further define the URL endpoint in the "Host address" field. Check your entry with "Send".

**Attention:** Please take care when entering the URL on uppercase and lowercase letters. The URLs are Case sensitive!

# Transfer Object "CSV"

CSV transfer objects can read, analyse and write strings. There is no plug in configuration required. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as described.

After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:



**Attention:** The CSV transfer object can only read and write CSV strings. To read and write CSV files you need to use the File Read and File Write transfer object additionally to the CSV transfer object.

File type  Select Delimiter if your data is seperated by a defined ter like a semicolon.  Select Fixed Width File if the columns has a defined,	
width.	
Read mode  Select which part of the CSV string you want to read Read all: Reads the whole document Read first n: Reads the first rows of the CSV document lect the amount of rows) Read last n: Reads the last rows of the CSV document lect the amount of rows)	`
Header Select if the document has got a header. Also select to number of the header	ne line
Data starts at Select the number of the row where the data starts.	
Decimal Select the sign which is used in decimal digits.	
Date format Select the date format. You can also create your own	format.

Delimiter	Select the delimiter of you CSV string.
Enclosure	Select the enclosure of your CSV document.
Fill character	Select the sill character. This character is user if you have selected Fixed Width File and it is the character which is used for unused space.
Fill mode	Select where the fill character should fill up the empty spaces.

On the right side you can define the data fields of the CSV string.

The names of the data fields need to match to the header names. You don't need to define every value of the header. If you have a CSV string with fixed file width, the field size need to match the field size of the csv string.

## Transfer Object "RFID Reader"

RFID reader transfer objects can synchronize scans, read tags, write, lock, destroy or create passwords. You can directly configure the transfer object within the connection as described.

After double-clicking the transfer object, select an instance from the drop-down menu.



## Transfer Object "InfluxDB"

Create a InfluxDB transfer object within your connection.

Double click the transfer object, configure the options and confirm by clicking "OK":

InfluxDB connection	Select a InfluxDB instance from the dropdown menu.
Measurement	Select dynamic or a static. You can change a dynamic measurement by a input arrow through the runtime. A static measurement can only be configured in this dialog.
Timestamp	Select the source of the timestamp. If you select InfluxDB, the timestamps of the InfluxDB server will be used, if you se-

	lect OPC-Router the timestamp of the server where the OPC Router is installed will be used. If you select Dynamic you can define the timestamp by your own through an input arrow. All of the times will be stored in UTC.
Tag keys	Tags for the value
Field keys	Field of the value

Now you can use the transfer object.

**Note:** If possible, inserts are made in batches. Incorrect data records do not prevent the insertion of valid data thas has been transmitted at the same time. The transfer object shows a corresponding error

# **Trigger Objects**

So-called trigger objects, triggers for short, execute the data transfer if their conditions are met. Each connection needs at least one trigger. Each trigger contains one condition that has to be met to execute the transfer of that specific connection. Complex conditions can be programmed with a script trigger (C#).

Trigger objects are projected as described above, but not connected with arrows.

# Trigger Object "Database"

The database trigger monitors query results and triggers the transfer on change. The trigger defines a select query. If the result of this query changes, the trigger triggers a transfer.



#### The individual properties are:

DB-Connection	The configured instances of the DB plug-in are available he-	
	re.	

### Registerkarte: Allgemein (alle Typen)

Table being monitored.	
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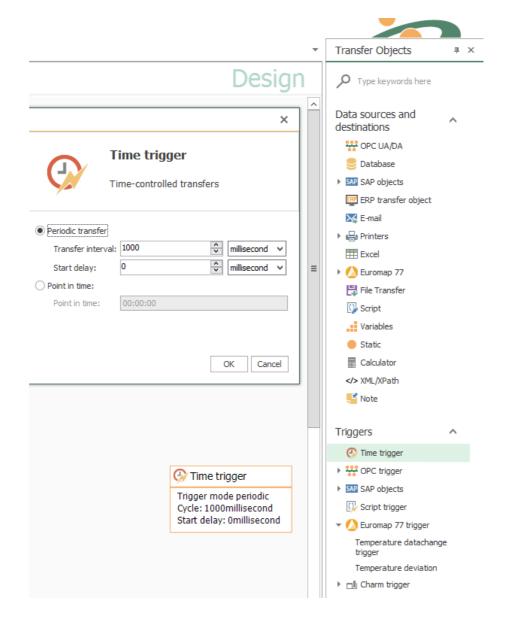
	Note: The specified table must have a primary key.  Tables without a primary key are not supported.
Available columns	All available columns that have not yet been selected for the panel "Used fields". Select the columns to monitor.
Used fields	All already selected fields. Use the arrows between "Available columns" and "Used fields" to add or remove fields.
Triggern at OPC Router start	At router start it will be trigger.

# Registerkarte: Filter (Abfragen, Aktualisieren, Löschen)

	,
Filter	Displays filters and filter groups graphically. The SQL state-
	ment is constructed from this tree at runtime. You must enter
	the values here, unlike the DB transfer object.
	Use the buttons to add filter criteria ("Add filter") and grouped
	filter criteria ("Add filter group") to individual filter criteria. "De-
	lete" deletes the selected criterion.
	Important: The filter set here must clearly specify a
	data record in the "table", which is then monitored.
	data record in the table , which is then monitored.
Edit filter	The possible entries change depending on which element is
	selected at "Filter".
	Column: Column to filter on.
	Relational operator for the comparison of values.
	Value, after being filtered.
Preview	Preview the SQL statement.

## Trigger Object "Time"

The time trigger triggers data transfers at variably intervals in a time-controlled interval. If a transfer is to be carried out once a day, you can also specify a fixed time.



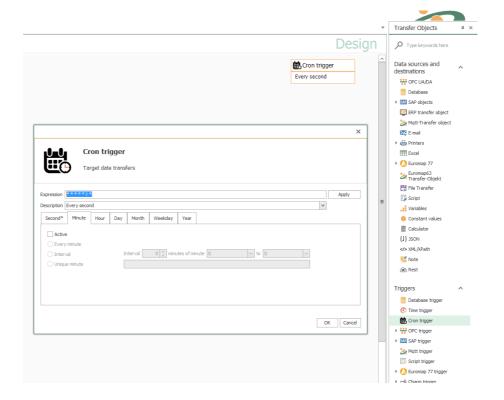
#### The individual properties are:

Option: Periodic transfer	The transfer will be triggered at the specified interval.
Transfer interval	The interval at which the transfer is triggered. If $start de-1ay = 0$ , the first transfer after router start will not be triggered until the interval has elapsed. Default always as an integer, no decimal places. As units therefore milliseconds, seconds, minutes or hours are to be selected. The router always calculates the new interval after the end of the last

	transfer, so that at setting "1 s" a transfer will not be triggered every second, but 1 second after the end of the previous transfer.
Start delay	Start delay after which the interval count starts after the router has started. The first transfer thus takes place after elapse of start delay + transmission interval. Default always as an integer, no decimal places. As units therefore milliseconds, seconds, minutes or hours are to be selected.
Option: Point in time	The transfer will be triggered once a day at the set time.
Point in time	Time at which the transfer is triggered.

## Trigger Object "Cron"

The cron trigger triggers scheduled transfers. In the property mask, you can arrange the appointments as needed. For advanced users, however, a manual input is also possible.



### The individual properties are:

Expression	Display of timed transfers after selection of properties. Here
	is also the possibility of manual input. After entering, confirm
	with the "Apply" button.
Description	Display of the expression in text form. The display changes
	automatically when the selection and entries are changed.

	Here you can choose between different expression proposals.
Active	After selecting an area (second, minute, hour, day, month, weekday, year), activate the checkbox to activate the trigger. Which areas are activated is shown in the tab by an asterisk *. You can define specific details by simply entering a number. For example, if 5 is entered for specific hours, then the transfer will only be triggered directly at 5 o'clock. Several specific inputs can be separated by a comma.

# Transfer object "Multi data change"

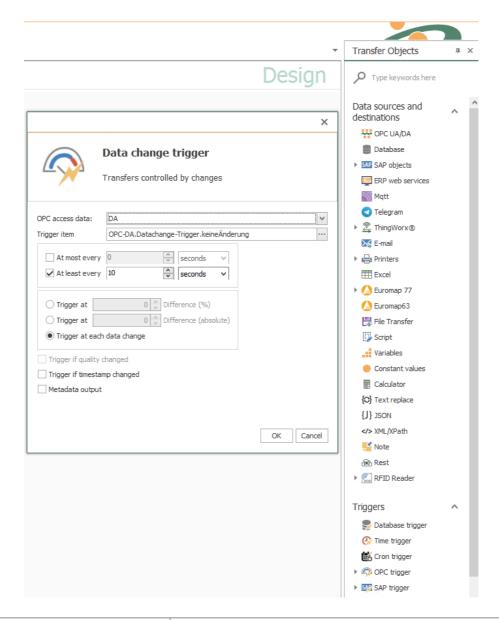
Data change trigger executes transfers with a changing OPC value inside a OPC Group.

## Die einzelnen Eigenschaften sind:

OPC access data	Select a set of OPC access data. Dependent on plug-in configuration, OPC Router will recognize DA/UA connections.
OPC Address	Item group to execute the transfer. Browse item groups with tag browser ("" button). OPC UA node IDs are registered in background.
Refresh interval	This value is to check for new items within the OPC group. You don't need to publish the connection again, if data points are changed. This value does not affect transfer executions by opc item value changes.
Sample Rate from plug	Use the sample rate defined in the plug in settings.
Configure sample rate (ms)	Select this Value to use another sample rate than defined in the plug in.

## Trigger Object "Data Change"

Data change trigger executes transfers with a changing OPC value. You might specify tolerances and time intervals as to optimize the number of transfers – forced transfer, even if no change is made, or limitation of transfers with many data changes.



OPC access data	Select a set of OPC access data. Dependent on plug-in configuration, OPC Router will recognize DA/UA connections.
Trigger item	Item whose change will execute the transfer. Browse items with tag browser ("" button). OPC UA node IDs are registered in background.

Use the extended button to define further properties

At most every	Minimum interval in which transfer will be executed even if no data change has occurred. Integers only, unit from milliseconds to hours.
At least every	If data change frequently the number of transfers can be limit. An entry means, e. g. Transfer every second maximum even if data changes more frequently. Integers only. Units from milliseconds to hours.
Trigger at difference (%)	Transfer will only execute if data changes by this difference.
Trigger at difference (absolute)	Transfer will only execute if data changes by this difference.
Trigger at each data change	Default. Overrides tolerance settings.
Trigger if quality changed	Activate the checkbox if you want to trigger at quality change.
Trigger if timestamp changed	Activate the checkbox if you want to trigger when the timestamp is changed.
Metadata output	Activate the checkbox if you want the metadata to be output.

**Tip:** To set conditions for relative and absolute tolerance, project two data change triggers linked with AND or OR.

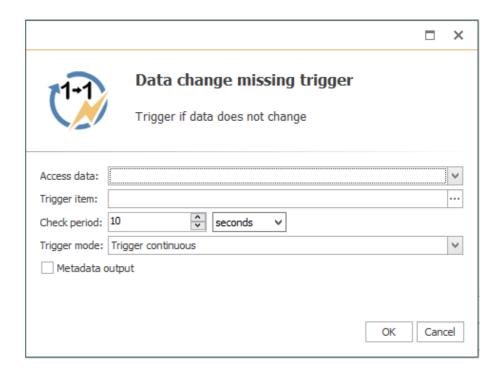
### Data length and limit value triggers for analog values

You can set the data length and limit value triggers if you want to transmit a single analog value. Trigger item and transfer item are identical. The transfer starts immediately after the trigger condition has occurred.

Enter a search string (OPC DA only) to hide the tree view and show all items matchingthe search term. Contains the OPC transfer object other items to be transferred, values can be transferred which do not belong together.

# Trigger Object "Datachange Missing"

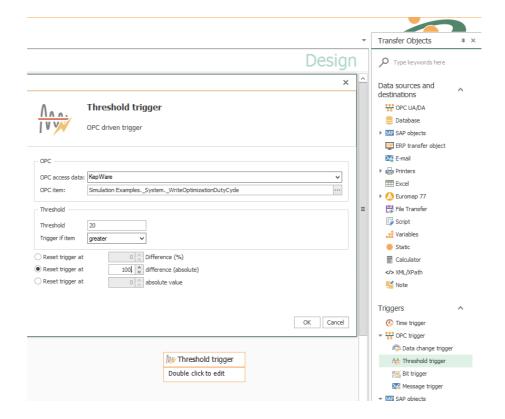
The Data-Change-Missing-Trigger triggers if a value does not change its value for a specified time.



Access data	Select a set of Heidenhain access data.
Trigger item	Item which should get observed. Browse items with tag browser ("" button).
Check period	If the data point does not change its value within this time, the trigger triggers.
Trigger mode	Select if the trigger should trigger once or continuous. (Continuous means the selected check period)
Metadata output	Activate this if you want to send the last known data of the data point. It includes the quality ID, the quality string, the timestamp and the name of the data point.

# Trigger Object "Threshold Trigger"

Threshold trigger executes a data transfer with off-limit condition (of OPC value)



### The properties are:

OPC access data	Select a set of OPC access data. Dependent on plug-in con-
	figuration, OPC Router will recognize DA/UA connections.
OPC item	Item whose off-limit condition will execute the transfer. Brow-
	se items with tag browser ("" button). OPC UA node IDs
	are registered in background.
Threshold	Absolute value.
Trigger if item	Set if threshold has to be under- or overrun.
Hysteresis	If the trigger has executed the transfer once, it might be re-
	quired that the trigger is re-released only if the OPC item's
	value is clearly different from threshold value. If this is the
	case, please specify the difference between OPC item and
	threshold with which the trigger is set active again.
	Example: The threshold is 20 °C, to be triggered when over-
	run. Temperature varies between 19 and 21 degrees, but on-
	ly the first overrun has to be transferred. Hysteresis could be
	set to 18 degrees absolute value. Thus, the trigger will only

release after the temperature has fallen below 18 (after having overrun 20).

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#### Data length and limit value triggers for analog values

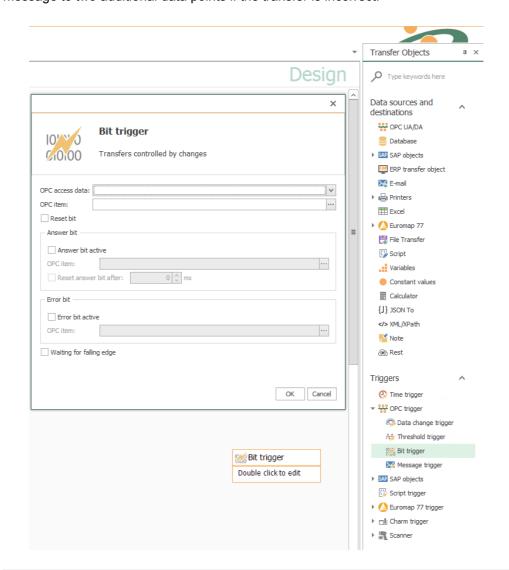
You can set the data length and limit value triggers if you want to transmit a single analog value. Trigger item and transfer item are identical. The transfer starts immediately after the trigger condition has occurred.

Enter a search string (OPC DA only) to hide the tree view and show all items matching the search term. Contains the OPC transfer object other items to be transferred, values can be transferred which do not belong together.

### Trigger Object "Bit"

The bit trigger triggers the data transfer when the assigned logical data point takes a value 1. If the assigned data point is not a logical data point, the trigger triggers when

the data point takes a different value as NULL. You can also send a reply and a fault message to two additional data points if the transfer is incorrect.



OPC access data	OPC connection which the relevant data point is reached.
OPC item	OPC data point that triggers the transfer as soon as it assumes a value other than 0. Use the button " " to open the tag browser (see below) for the interactive selection of an item. For OPC UA connections, the node ID is managed in the background.
Reset bit	Resets the OPC item to zero after the transfer. Should usually be disabled because a bit should only be written from one side. Instead, use the <code>answer bit</code> to tell the controller that the transfer has completed.
Answer bit active	Sends one bit to another data point in response that the transfer has completed.

OPC item	OPC data point to which the response is sent. It must be a logical (bit) data point that has state "0" or "1". Use the button "" to open the tag browser (see below) for the interactive selection of an item.
Reset answer bit after	After the set time, the response bit is reset.
Error bit active	Sends a bit to another data point if the data transfer was faulty.
OPC item	OPC item (bit) that is set with transfer errors. It must be a logical (bit) data point that has state "0" or "1". Use the button "" to open the tag browser (see below) for the interactive selection of an item.
Waiting for failing edge	If you don't want the OPC router to trigger continuously when the bit is active, activate this checkbox. This causes the OPC Router to trigger only once when the bit is active and then wait for a "falling edge" before triggering again.

### Bit and message triggers for OPC telegrams

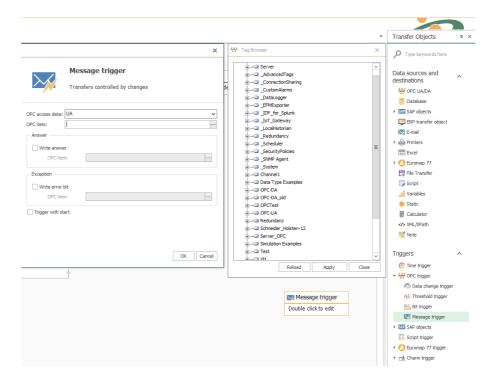
Bit and message triggers are used for OPC telegrams if you want to read several related items. The OPC router waits for another read cycle before the items are read out in the OPC transfer object to ensure that the PLC could write all values. On the SPS side the trigger should be written to the end.

### Bit trigger always with response bit

Always use the bit trigger with response bit. If the data point in the PLC changes twice within a read cycle, the OPC router does not notice this. The PLC must react accordingly to the missing response of the router. Standard praxis: A bit may only written from one side, the PLC resets the trigger data point after receiving the response. The OPC router resets the response data point after a set time period.

# Trigger Object "Message"

The message trigger triggers the data transfer if the assigned numeric data point is 1 higher. You can also send an answer and, if the transfer is incorrect, an error message to two other data points.



OPC access data	Select a set of OPC access data. Dependent on plug-in configuration, OPC Router will recognize DA/UA connections.
OPC item	Item whose increase will execute the transfer. Browse items with tag browser ("" button). OPC UA node IDs are registered in background.
Write answer	Will transfer OPC item's value (or set a bit) to another item as confirmation that the transfer executes.
OPC item	OPC item the answer is send to. It must be a logical (bit) data point that has state "0" or "1". Use the button "" to open the tag browser (see below) for the interactive selection of an item.
Write error bit	Activate to set a bit with transfer errors.
OPC item	OPC item (bit) that is set with transfer errors. It must be a logical (bit) data point that has state "0" or "1". Use the button "" to open the tag browser (see below) for the interactive selection of an item.
Trigger with start	Release trigger once with OPC Router start.

### Bit and message triggers for OPC telegrams

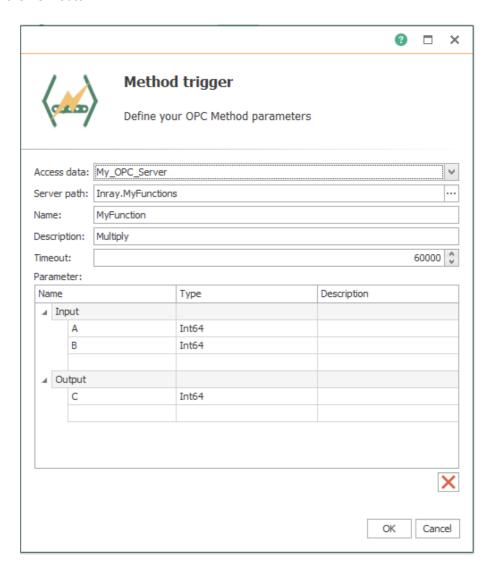
Bit and message triggers are used for OPC telegrams if you want to read several related items. The OPC router waits for another read cycle before the items are read out in the OPC transfer object to ensure that the PLC could write all values. On the SPS side the trigger should be written to the end.

#### Message trigger values

Record the value of the message trigger. This allows you to track whether records have not been transferred or duplicated. On the PLC side, the data point for the message trigger for new data is to be increased by the value 1.

## Trigger Object "OPC Methods"

By the OPC Methods trigger, users can use the OPC Router to execute functions on the OPC Router.



Die einzelnen Eigenschaften sind:

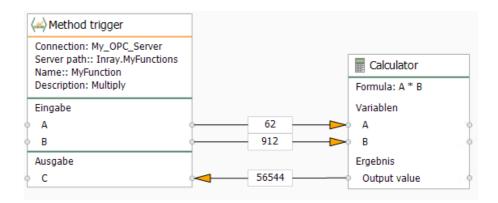
Access data	Select the OPC UA server instance you want to use.
Server path	Select the path on the server. You can use the tag browser.
Name	Select a name for your funtion.
Description	Enter a description for your function.
Timeout	After reaching the timeout (ms) the transfer will get canceled.

#### **Parameter**

### Input und Output Parameter

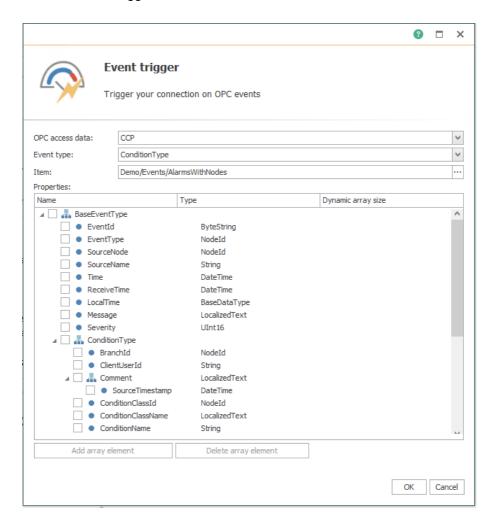
Input	Define some input parameters. Set the data types and if you want a description for them.
Output	Define some output parameters. Set the data types and if you want a description for them.

In this simple method, two values are multiplied and the result is the response for the client.



# Trigger Object »OPC Events«

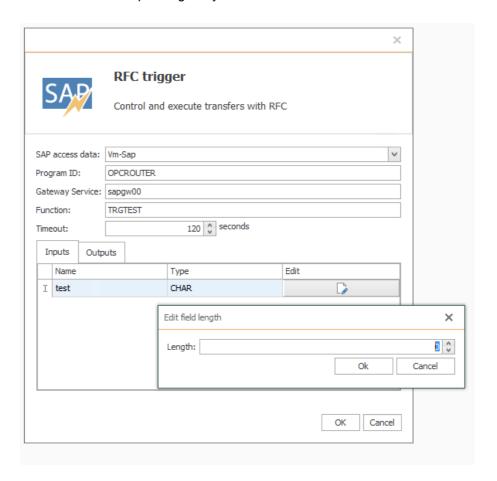
Use the OPC Event trigger to execute connections on OPC events.



Access data	Select a set of OPC access data.
Event type	Select the type of the OPC event.
Event-Datapoint	Select a datapoint for your OPC event.
Properties	Select the data you want to output if an event excecuted.

# Trigger Object "RFC"

With RFC trigger, SAP systems can trigger data transfers. Within SAP system, in transaction SM59 the corresponding entry has to be made.



### Properties are:

SAP access data	Set of SAP access data.
Program ID	Program ID used by SAP system to call destination, identical with program ID of transaction SM59.
Gateway Service	Gateway Service of SAP system
Function	Function defined within SAP system that triggers this connection.
Time-out	Time span after which OPC Router will send time-out to SAP system if task has not been finished

The expected length for sent and received CHAR and NUM fields must be configured via the Edit button. The default length is 0. If you have not changed the length of a parameter, you get information about it when you close the dialog.

### return parameters

TRANSFER_OK	1 = OK: Successful transfer of the connection
	<ul> <li>2 = Aborted: The transfer was aborted from a type transfer object, for example, if no data was contained in a table for a database transfer object.</li> </ul>
	3 = Error: An error occurred during the execution of the transfer. The request must be resent later and must not be marked as closed by the connected system.

#### Important:

Program ID and function have to be written in CAPITALS. SAP call is set:

Call function '<FUNCTION>' destination '<SAP-DESTINATION>'.

The combination of host, gateway and program ID has to be unique. The program ID itself can be used multiple times - but only with different gateways / hosts.

You can also use the RFC trigger to create ITAB or STRUCTURE as parameters. Create the inputs and outputs accordingly by selecting the respective type, assigning a name, and choosing Edit to access the editor for the individual fields. Nesting is not possible.

### **Example**

#### RFC-Trigger Properties:

SAP access data	<sap access="" data=""></sap>
Program ID	INRAYTRIGGER
Gateway Service	Gateway Service of SAP system, e. g. 3302
Function	TRIGGERFUNCTION

#### Corresponding SAP properties, SM59:

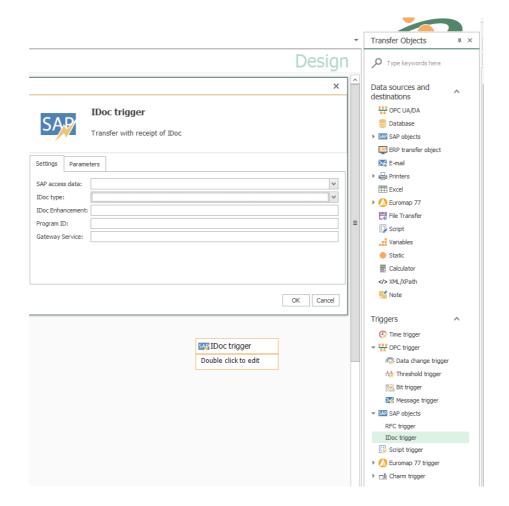
Destination	OPCROUTER
Connection Type	T TCP/IP
Activation Type	Registered Server Program
Program ID	INRAYTRIGGER
Gateway-Host	(no entry!)
Gateway-Service	(no entry!)

By calling this function from within SAP system, SAP system will trigger OPC Router:

Call function 'TRIGGERFUNCTION' destination 'OPCROUTER'.

# Trigger Object "IDoc"

The IDoc trigger will be used if the OPC Router should receive an IDoc from the SAP system. SAP system will trigger the transfer through this object. SAP configuration is described as overview. Please consult you SAP manual.



## Properties are:

SAP access data	Set of SAP access data.
IDoc type	Type of IDoc the Trigger listens. Must be the same as in corresponding tranfer object.
IDoc Enhancement	Class extension of the IDocs.
Program ID	Program ID used by SAP system to call destination, identical with program ID of transaction SM59.
Gateway Service	Gateway Service of SAP system

#### Important:

Program ID and function have to be written in CAPITALS. The combination of host, gateway and program ID has to be unique. From version 3.1.1.5 you can use the program ID several times provided gateway-service and/or hosts differ.

### **Example**

### IDoc Trigger Settings:

SAP access data	<sap access="" data=""></sap>
IDoc Type	PROCESSORDER
Program ID	INRAYTRIGGER
Gateway Service	Gateway Service of SAP system, e. g. 3302

### Logical System within SAP transaction BD54:

LogSystem	OPCRIDOC01
Description	OPC Router with IDoc listener

### Corresponding SAP Settings, SM59:

Destination	OPCROUTER
Connection Type	T TCP/IP
Activation Type	Registered Server Program
Program ID	INRAYTRIGGER
Gateway host	(no entry!)
Gateway service	(no entry!)

#### Communication Port in transaction WE21:

(Type)	Transactional RFC
Port	e.g. IDOCPORT
Version	(select appropriated IDoc version)
RFC destination	OPCROUTER

### Partner profile in transaction WE20

(Partner type)	LS (Logical System)
Partner no.	OPCRIDOC01

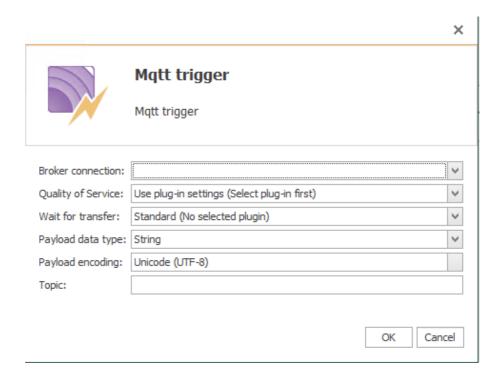
### Outbound parameters in WE20:

Receiver Port	IDOCPORT
Outpout mode	Transfer IDoc immed.
IDoc Type/Basic type	PROCESSORDER
Cancel processing af-	(activated)
ter syntax error	

For testing, via WE19 an IDoc can be send manually providing partner no. and Port. Errors might be found in WE07. Function to call is IDOC\_INBOUND\_ASYNCHRONOS (as of 4.0), resp. INBOUND\_IDOC\_PROCESS (before 3.x).

# Trigger Object "Mqtt-Trigger"

In the property mask you can set the binding parameters for your Mqtt query:

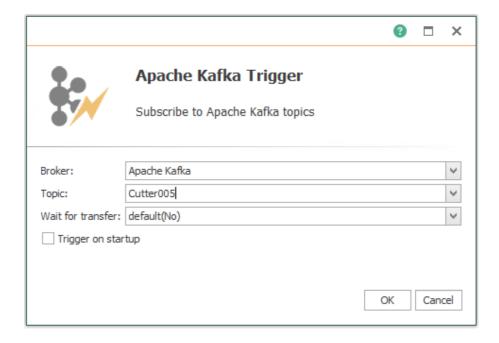


### The individual properties are:

Broker connection	Select a configured broker connection from the drop-down
	menu.
Quality of Service	Selection how often the query should be executed.
Wait for transfer	Select whether and in what form to wait for the transfer.
Payload data type	Selection of the data type Byte Array or String.
Payload encoding	Selection of the encoding for the Mqtt query.
Topic	Enter the topic.

# Trigger Object »Apache Kafka«

This trigger trigges if the Apache Kafka topic changes. Returns the payload and the key.

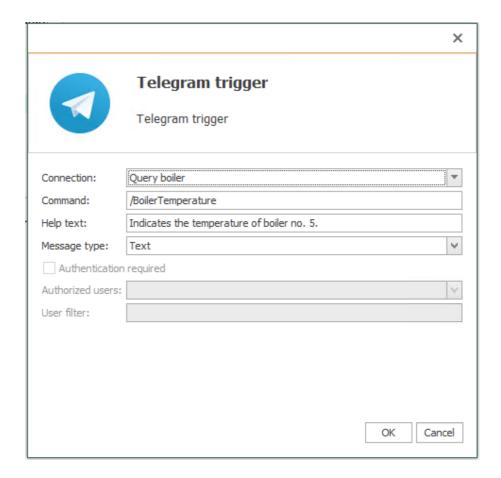


### The individual properties are:

Broker	Select a configured broker connection from the drop-down
	menu.
Topic	Enter the topic.
Wait for transfer	Select whether and in what form to wait for the transfer.
Trigger on startup	Activate if the Router should trigger this topic if the OPRRou-
	ter-service gets started.

# Trigger Object "Telegram"

With the telegram trigger it is possible to query messages via a command.



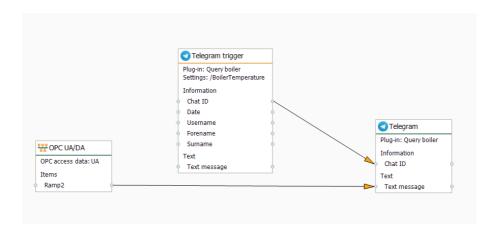
### Set the following properties after double-clicking the trigger object:

Connection	Select a connection from the drop-down menu.
Command	Type a command <command/>
Help text	Here you can enter a help text for the command, which will be displayed later in the notification.
Message type	Select a message type from the drop-down menu, e.g. Text message, Voice messageThe message type "Any file" can be sent any file format (text, images, videos, etc.).
Authentication requi- red	Activate the checkbox if you want to allow only authorized users to receive the messages.
Authorized users	Select allowed users from the drop-down menu.
User filter	Here you have the possibility to enter a filter to select specific users.

You can receive any form of a file with the Telegram trigger. To send a file from the OPC Router to Telegram, you need the Telegram Transfer Object. To send a file to the OPC Router, e.g. an image, you have to enter the trigger command as description. However, the file name of the image is not sent and you have to give the file a new name if you want to save the file.

### **Example Telegram Connection**

In our small example the boiler temperature is queried. The data is collected by the OPC router and can be queried via telegram.

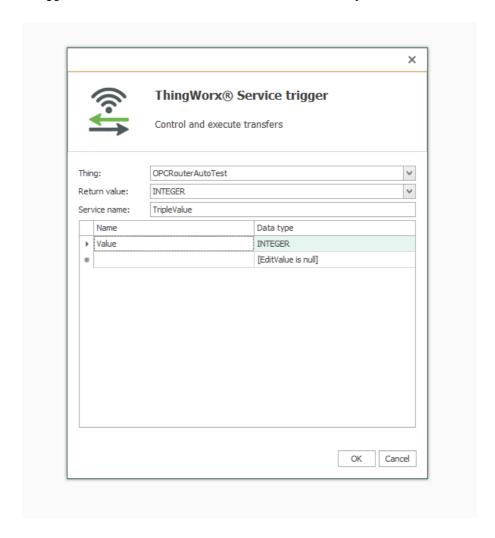


To display the boiler temperature on a remote web-enabled device, proceed as follows:

- 1. Go to the link of your bot that you received together with the AccessToken from BotFather.
- 2. Enter the command /start.
- 3. If you click on /help, the BotFather gives you all possible commands.
- 4. Select the command /BoilerTemperature.
- 5. The boiler temperature and the help text will then be displayed on your device.

## Trigger Object "ThingWorx®"

With the ThingWorx®-Service-Trigger it is possible to create own services in the OPC Router. If this service is accessed via a service transfer object, for example, the connection is triggered and returns a result to the service transfer object.



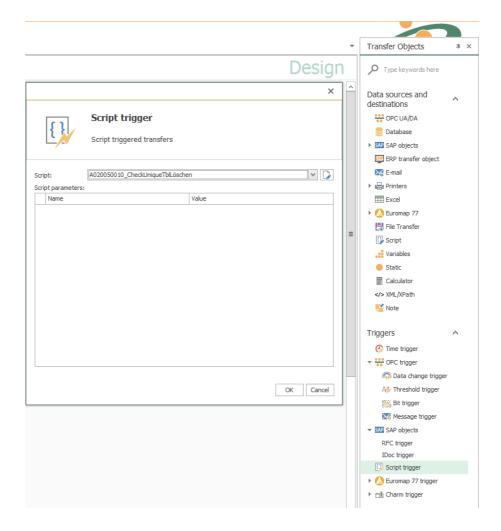
Set the following properties after double-clicking the trigger object:

Thing	Select your Thing from the drop-down menu.
Return value	Select the data type for the return value from the drop-down menu.
Service name	Select the ThingWorx® service from the drop-down menu.

## Trigger Object "Script"

The script trigger triggers a data transfer if the CheckTrigger method returns true. In the script trigger, the programmer can define input parameters that must be set here, in the connection configuration (with value or template variable). They can not be filled dynamically at runtime. Meintest du Benötigt der Script-Trigger dynamische Werte, so

sind diese im Trigger selbst zu ermitteln? If the script trigger requires dynamic values, these must be determined in the trigger itself (e.g. with OpcAccess.Read). Script triggers can also be used with variables in templates and transferred to instances. Attention: No values can be output in the initialization area. The parameters are reset there before the transfer. Conversion from the OPC Router 3.x can be carried out including variables and values.



### The individual properties are:

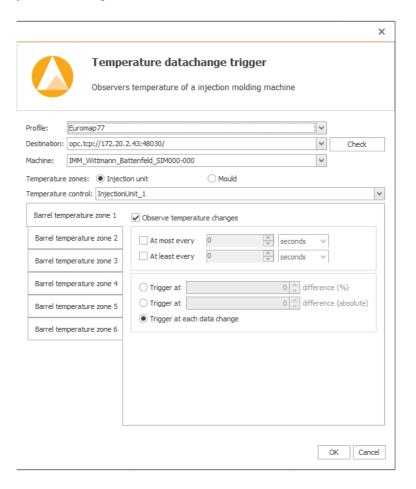
Script	Trigger script being executed.
Script parameters	Input parameters defined in the script. All parameters must
	be provided with a value or a template variable.

### Trigger Object "Euromap77"

The Euromap77 trigger triggers the data transfer when the temperature value changes of a data point. The following trigger applications are available:

• Temperature datachange trigger: Monitors temperature changes within the selected injection molding machine.

• Temperature deviation: To monitor temperature-threshold violations of the selected injection molding machine.



### The individual properties are:

Profil	Here the profiles are available as configured instances of the
	Euromap77 plug-in. Select a profile from the drop-down list.
Destination	Select an endpoint from the drop-down list. The "Check" but-
	ton allows you to verify that your connection is working.
Machine	Select a machine from the drop-down list. In the list below
	you will now get a selection list with all possible informati-
	on of this machine. Activate the areas that are necessary for
	your configuration. You can now use this selected informati-
	on as transfer information.

By selecting the temperature zone type "InjectionUnit" or "Mould" and selecting the appropriate temperature monitoring, you specify the following properties:

### Features temperature datachange trigger

At most every	Time interval in which data is transferred in any case, even if
	the value of the data point has not changed. Default always

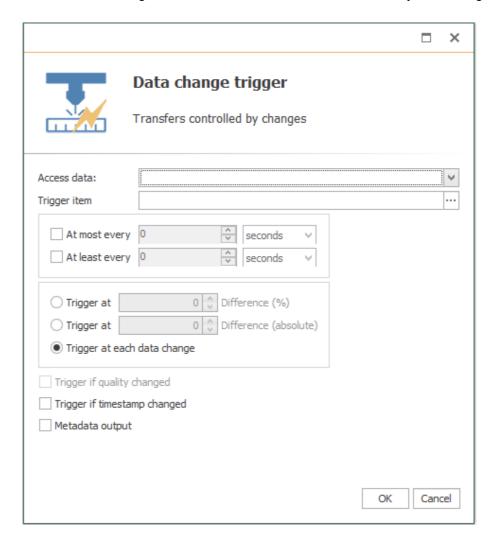
	as an integer, no decimal places. As units therefore milliseconds, seconds, minutes or hours are to be selected.
At least every	If the value of the data point changes frequently, the transfer number can be limited over an interval. The entry thus means: It is at most e.g. transmitted every second, even if the value changes more often  Default always as an integer, no decimal places. As units therefore milliseconds, seconds, minutes or hours are to be selected
Trigger at difference (%)	The transfer is only triggered if the value of the data point changes by this entry (relative).
Trigger at difference (absolute)	The transfer is only triggered if the value of the data point changes by this entry (absolute).
Trigger at each data change	Default setting, sets trigger at difference override.

### Features temperature deviation

Trigger if Low-Devia- tion-Temperature 1 de- ceeds	When activated, the temperature is only triggered when falling below the low deviation.
Trigger if High-De-	When activated, the temperature is triggered only when the
viation-Temperature 1	highest deviation is exceeded.
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## Trigger Object "Heidenhain-Data Change"

Data change trigger executes transfers with a changing Heidenhain value. You might specify tolerances and time intervals as to optimize the number of transfers – forced transfer, even if no change is made, or limitation of transfers with many data changes.



Access data	Select a set of Heidenhain access data.
Trigger item	Item whose change will execute the transfer. Browse items with tag browser ("" button).

### Use the extended button to define further properties

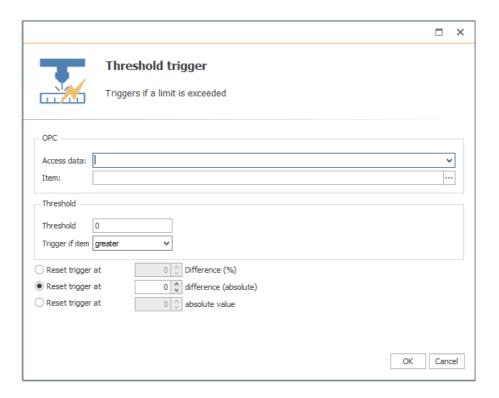
At most every	Minimum interval in which transfer will be executed even if no data change has occurred. Integers only, unit from milliseconds to hours.
At least every	If data change frequently the number of transfers can be limit. An entry means, e. g. Transfer every second maximum

	even if data changes more frequently. Integers only. Units from milliseconds to hours.
Trigger at difference (%)	Transfer will only execute if data changes by this difference.
Trigger at difference (absolute)	Transfer will only execute if data changes by this difference.
Trigger at each data change	Default. Overrides tolerance settings.
Trigger if quality changed	Activate the checkbox if you want to trigger at quality change.
Trigger if timestamp changed	Activate the checkbox if you want to trigger when the time- stamp is changed.
Metadata output	Activate the checkbox if you want the metadata to be output.

**Tip:** To set conditions for relative and absolute tolerance, project two data change triggers linked with AND or OR.

## Trigger Object "Heidenhain-Threshold Trigger"

Threshold trigger executes a data transfer with off-limit condition (of Heidenhain value)



The properties are:

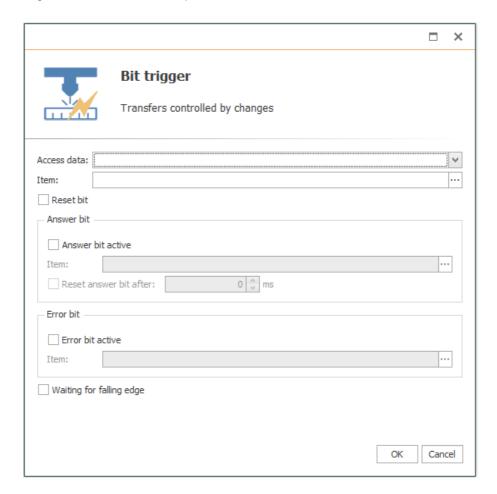
Access data	Select a set of Heidenhain access data.
Item	Item whose off-limit condition will execute the transfer. Browse items with tag browser ("" button).
Threshold	Absolute value.
Trigger if item	Set if threshold has to be under- or overrun.
Hysteresis	If the trigger has executed the transfer once, it might be required that the trigger is re-released only if the Heidenhain item's value is clearly different from threshold value. If this is the case, please specify the difference between Heidenhain item and threshold with which the trigger is set active again. Example: The threshold is 20 °C, to be triggered when overrun. Temperature varies between 19 and 21 degrees, but only the first overrun has to be transferred. Hysteresis could be set to 18 degrees absolute value. Thus, the trigger will only release after the temperature has fallen below 18 (after having overrun 20).

**Tip:** If the connection should be triggered permanently on off-limit condition, set hysteresis absolute value to the maximum value the item can take. Thus, it will trigger in OPC Routers cycle time interval as long as it is in off-limit condition. Combine with a data change trigger linked with AND to only trigger data changes above the limit. In the example above, the temperature will not exceed 100 degrees, then with threshold = 20 and trigger reset from 100 absolute value the trigger would always trigger when the temperature is between 20 and 100 degrees, in the frequency of the cycle time of the router (settings). You could limit this with an AND-linked datachange trigger to record only the data changes above the threshold.

### Trigger Object "Heidenhain-Bit"

The bit trigger triggers the data transfer when the assigned logical data point takes a value 1. If the assigned data point is not a logical data point, the trigger triggers when

the data point takes a different value as NULL. You can also send a reply and a fault message to two additional data points if the transfer is incorrect.

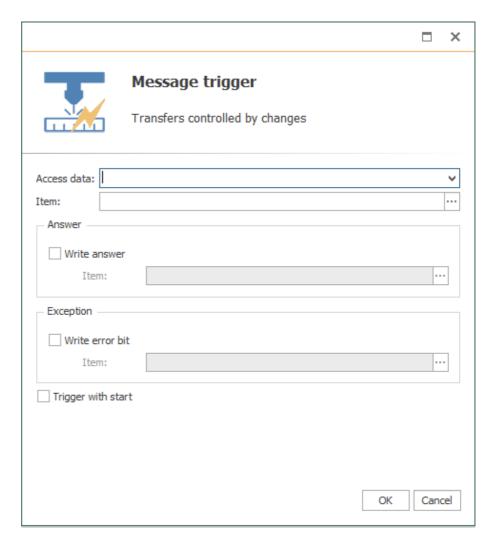


Access data	Heidenhain connection which the relevant data point is reached.
Item	Heidenhain data point that triggers the transfer as soon as it assumes a value other than 0. Use the button " " to open the tag browser (see below) for the interactive selection of an item.
Reset bit	Resets the Heidenhain item to zero after the transfer. Should usually be disabled because a bit should only be written from one side. Instead, use the <code>answer bit</code> to tell the controller that the transfer has completed.
Answer bit active	Sends one bit to another data point in response that the transfer has completed.
Item	Heidenhain data point to which the response is sent. It must be a logical (bit) data point that has state "0" or "1". Use the button "" to open the tag browser (see below) for the interactive selection of an item.

Reset answer bit after	After the set time, the response bit is reset.
Error bit active	Sends a bit to another data point if the data transfer was faul-
	ty.
Item	Heidenhain item (bit) that is set with transfer errors. It must
	be a logical (bit) data point that has state "0" or "1". Use the
	button "" to open the tag browser (see below) for the inter-
	active selection of an item.
Waiting for failing	If you don't want the OPC router to trigger continuously when
edge	the bit is active, activate this checkbox. This causes the OPC
	Router to trigger only once when the bit is active and then
	wait for a "falling edge" before triggering again.

# Trigger Object "Heidenhain-Message"

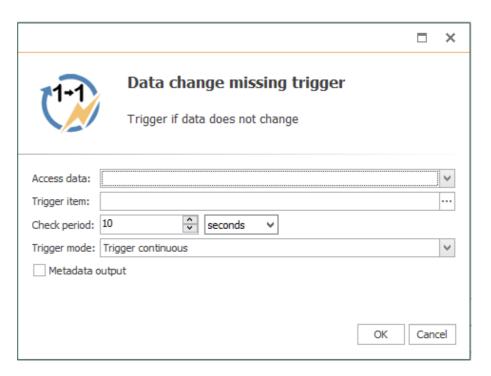
The message trigger triggers the data transfer if the assigned numeric data increments by 1. You can also send an answer and, if the transfer is incorrect, an error message to two other data points.



Access data	Select a set of Heidenhain access data.
Item	Item whose increase will execute the transfer. Browse items with tag browser ("" button).
Write answer	Will transfer Heidenhain item's value (or set a bit) to another item as confirmation that the transfer executes.
Ttem	Heidenhain item the answer is send to. It must be a logical (bit) data point that has state "0" or "1". Use the button "" to open the tag browser (see below) for the interactive selection of an item.
Write error bit	Activate to set a bit with transfer errors.
Item	Heidenhain item (bit) that is set with transfer errors. It must be a logical (bit) data point that has state "0" or "1". Use the button "" to open the tag browser (see below) for the interactive selection of an item.
Trigger with start	Release trigger once with OPC Router start.

## Trigger Object "Heidenhain Datachange Missing"

The Heidenhain Data-Change-Missing-Trigger triggers if a value does not change its value for a specified time.

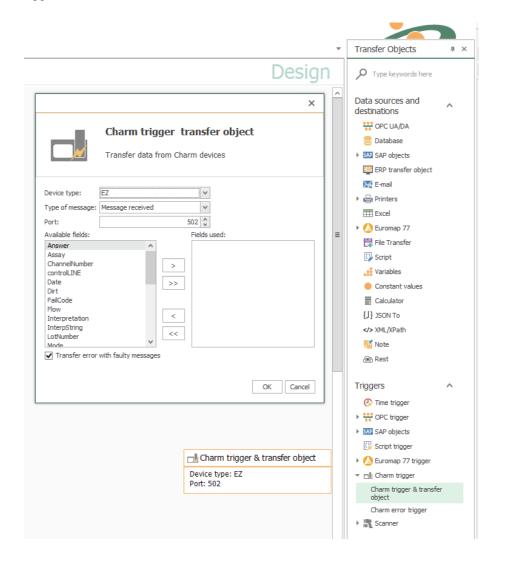


Access data	Select a set of Heidenhain access data.
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Trigger item	Item which should get observed. Browse items with tag browser ("" button).
Check period	If the data point does not change its value within this time, the trigger triggers.
Trigger mode	Select if the trigger should trigger once or continuous. (Continuous means the selected check period)
Metadata output	Activate this if you want to send the last known data of the data point. It includes the quality ID, the quality string, the timestamp and the name of the data point.

## Trigger Object "Charm"

The Charm trigger releases a transfer when new data are presented by the Charm device observed. In contrast to the OPC Router 3, which provided the transfer object and trigger separately, both functions are now combined in the Charm trigger object - the trigger is also the data source.



### Properties are:

Device type	Type of Charm-Reader. The devices "EZ", "EZ-M" and "EZ-M2" are predefined. However, you have the option of defining additional device types via an XML-file
Type of message	By default, "Message received" is set. When switching to "Heartbeat received", an internal device in the background receives a message.
Port	Port on this machine (with the OPC router) to which the Charm device sends the data.  Basically, a separate port must be created for each Charm device type. Recommended Action: All Charm devices of one type send to the same port. A single connection is created in the OPC router for this purpose. In addition to the results, the OPC router also transmits the information about the sending Charm device to the database. The logic of how the results are processed resides in the database (or other transfer destination). However, if a separate connection is to be created for each Charm device, a separate port must also be available for each device.
Available fields/ Fields used	From the available fields, select the fields you want to use for your connection. Use the arrows to transfer or remove your selection.
Transfer error with faulty messages	Activate to trigger a transfer error in case of erroneous messages. Deactivate to ignore erroneous messages (e.g. to intercept faulty messages with the charm-error-trigger in another connection, see there).

### Confirm your entries with "OK".

In addition to the message fields selected from the available fields, additional information about the message received is automatically output (message information). At "message information", the complete message, the IP address of the Charm device, the time stamp and a numbering of several consecutive messages are output.

#### News information

Complete message	The Complete Message of the Charm device.
Client address	IP address of the Charm device.
Message index	For multiple concurrent messages, the OPC Router will number each message.
Timestamp (UTC)	Timestamp of message (UTC).

**Note:** In the Charm device, the IP address of the computer with the OPC router must be announced together with the port number set here. That's where the charm device has to send its data. The OPC router then transmits the data record by

record.

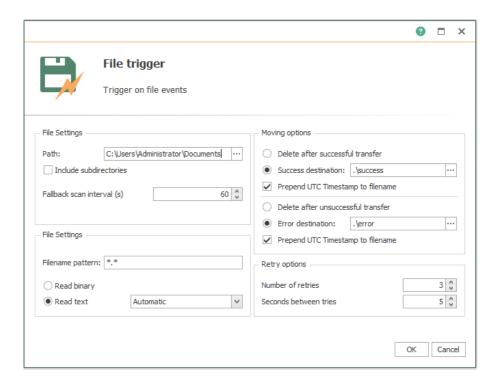
### Fields of predefined Charm device types

Name	EZ	EZ- M	EZ- M2	Description
Answer	Х	Х		Numerical test result including unit where necessary
Assay	Х	Х		sample type
ChannelNum-	Х	Х	х	EZ channel number
ber				
CommodityNa-		X	Х	Raw material / article
controlLINE	Х	Х	Х	Intensity of the Control Line
CurrentCom-		Х		
moditySelec-				
tIndex				
CurrentDilu-		X		
tionSelect- Index				
		X		
CurrentMa- trixSelect-		^		
Index				
CurrentTest-		Х		
SelectIndex				
Date	Х	Х	Х	Date of the test
DE_Name		Х	Х	
Dirt	Х	Х	Х	Degree of contamination of the lens
FailCode	Х	Х	Х	Error code on failed test
Flow	Х	Х	Х	Flow value (Correct application of the milk on the test strip)
Interpreta-	Х	Х	Х	Interpretation of test result (positive, negative, etc.)
tion				
InterpString	Х			(Interpretation in newer firmware)
LotNumber	Х	Х		LOT number (as entered on the unit)
MatrixNumber			Х	Matrix number of the test result

Mode	Х	Х	Х	Mode of the Charm device
OperatorID	Х	Х		Operator ID (as entered on the device)
Ratio		Х	Х	Ratio of Extraction Solvent to Extraction
Remmisions	Х	Х		
Result	Х	Х	Х	Test result (positive, negative, invalid)
RFID			Х	
SampleID	Х	Х	Х	Test ID (as entered on the device)
StructVersi-	Х	Х	Х	
on				
testLINE	Х	Х	Х	Intensity of the test line
TestOutput-	Х	Х	Х	
Name				
TestTempera-	Х	Х	Х	Incubator temperature at test time
ture				
TestType			Х	
Time	Х	Х	Х	Time of the test
TipBlue	Х	Х		Displays value "Blue" when the test color is identified
TipGreen	Х	Х		Displays value "Green" when the test color is identified
TipRed	Х	Х		Displays value "Red" when the test color is identified
UnitSN	Х	Х	Х	
XLine	Х	Х	Х	Intensity of the X Line
YLine	Х	Х	Х	Intensity of the Y Line
ZLine	Х	Х	Х	Intensity of the Z Line

# Trigger Object "File"

The File Trigger executes a transfer if a file gets changed or created.



After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Path	Select the path to observe.
Fallback scan interval	The OPC Router gets notifications if files get changed or being created. If it misses a notification, it will observe the directory additionally in this interval.
Filename pattern	Define a filename pattern. You can use placeholders like *.
Read binary	Select this option if you want to read a binary file like *.doc, *.jpg, * .xlsx,
Read Text, Encoding	Select if you want to read a simple text file and select the files encoding.

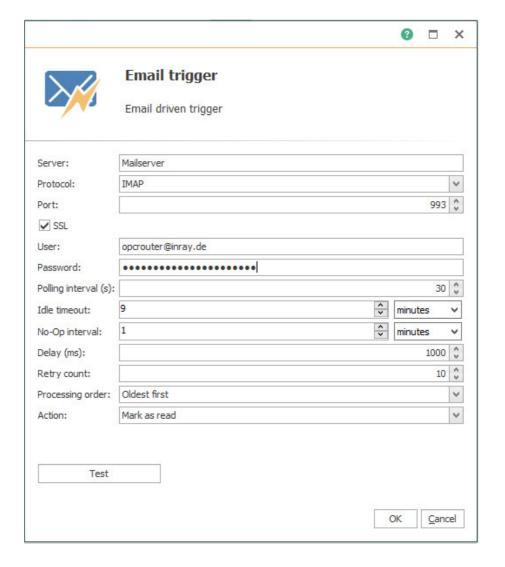
## Target options

Delete after successful trans- fer	Deletes the file which triggered the trigger after a successful transfer.
Success destination	Moves the file which triggered the trigger in a special folder
Prepend UTC Timestamp to fi-	Activate if you want to prepend the UTC timestamp to
lename	the file. For example the file "test.txt" gets renamend to
	"20191204_095646_test.txt".

Delete after error transfer	Deletes the file which triggered the trigger if a transfer aborts for some reason
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Error destination	Moves the file which triggered the trigger in a special folder if
	the transfer gets an error
Prepend UTC Timestamp to fi-	Activate if you want to prepend the UTC timestamp to
lename	the file. For example the file "test.txt" gets renamend to
	"20191204_095646_test.txt".
Number of retries	If the OPC Router can't access the selected file, it can retry
	for n times.
Seconds between tries	Select the time between the retries.

## Trigger Object »E-mail«

The e-mail trigger, starts a transfer after receiving an e-mail.

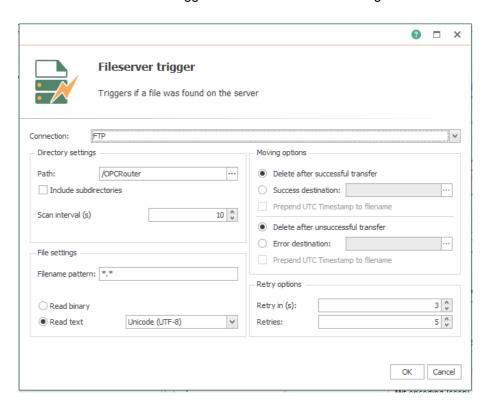


The options are:

Server	Enter address of an email server
Protocol	Select your preferred protocol
Port	Enter the TCP port of the mailserver
SSL	Activate to encrypt the datastream
User	Enter a username
Password	Enter a password
Polling interval	Select the interval to check for new mails
Retry count	Count of retries before a transfer gets cancelled
Processing order	Select which emails are processed first
Action	Select whats happening to the emails after the transfer

## Trigger Object "Network File Access-File trigger"

The Network File Access-File Trigger executes a transfer if a file gets created.



After double-clicking on the transfer object, set the following properties:

Path	Select the path to observe.
Scan interval	Observes the directory in this interval.
Filename pattern	Define a filename pattern. You can use placeholders like *.
Read binary	Select this option if you want to read a binary file like *.doc, *.jpg, * .xlsx,

Read Text, Encoding	Select if you want to read a simple text file and select the fi-
	les encoding.

#### Targetoptions:

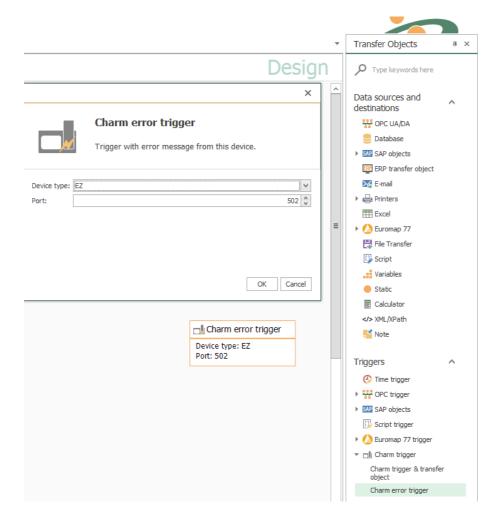
Delete after successful trans- fer	Deletes the file which triggered the trigger after a successful transfer
Success destination	Moves the file which triggered the trigger in a special folder.
Prepend UTC Timestamp to fi- lename	Activate if you want to prepend the UTC timestamp to the file. For example the file "test.txt" gets renamend to "20191204 095646 test.txt"

Delete after error transfer	Deletes the file which triggered the trigger if a transfer abort			
	for some reason			
Error destination	Moves the file which triggered the trigger in a special folder if			
	the transfer gets an error			
Prepend UTC Timestamp to fi-	Activate if you want to prepend the UTC timestamp to			
lename	the file. For example the file "test.txt" gets renamend to			
	"20191204_095646_test.txt"			

Seconds between tries	Select the time between the retries.
Number of retries	If the OPC Router can't access the selected file, it can retry
	for n times.

## Trigger Object "Charm-Error"

The charm error trigger triggers a data transfer in the event of a faulty telegram. Since the charm trigger works faster than the error trigger, the property of the trigger trigger for the corresponding port / device must be disabled. Then, in a further connection controlled by the charm error trigger, information about erroneous messages can be treated separately, e.g. a separate database table.



### The individual properties are:

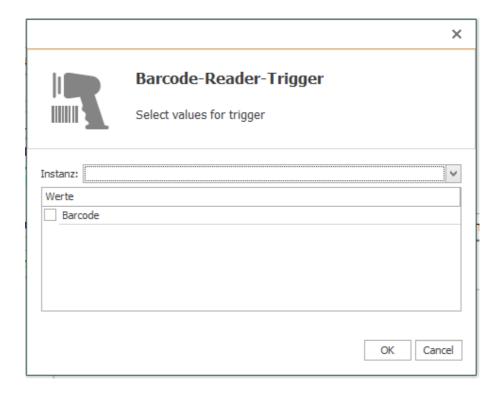
Device type	Type of charm reader.
Port	Port on this machine (with the OPC router) to which the
	Charm device sends its data.

Confirm your entries with "OK".

**Note:** In the Charm device, the IP address of the computer with the OPC router must be announced together with the port number set here. That's where the charm device has to send the data. The OPC router then transmits the data record by record.

# Trigger Object "Scanner"

Currently a trigger for the barcode reader is available.

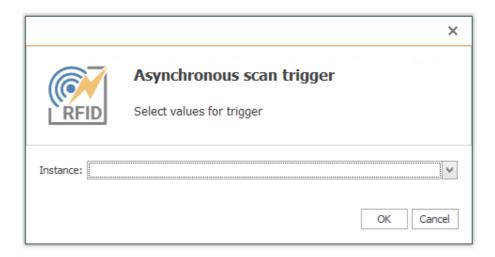


### The individual properties are:

Instance	Select an instance from the drop-down menu for the barcode				
	reader whose scan product you want to use.				
Values	Select the value to be read, in this case "Barcode".				

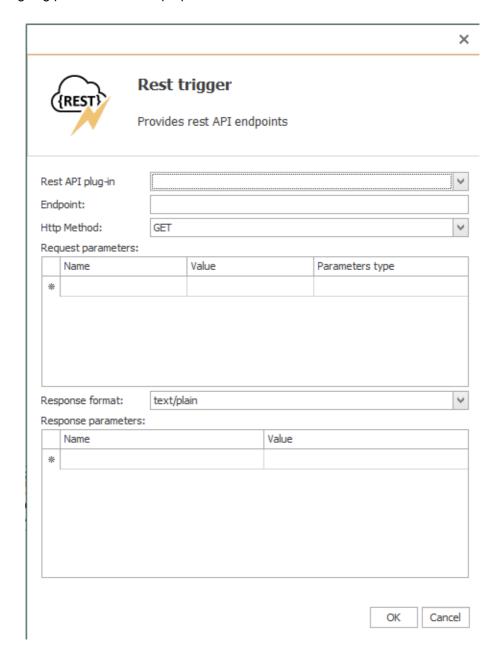
## Trigger Object "RFID Reader"

Scan asynchronous trigger of the RFID reader to trigger asynchronous scans. Select an instance from the drop-down menu after double-clicking.



## Trigger Object "Rest-Trigger"

The Rest trigger provides residual API endpoints. You can define the incoming and outgoing parameters in the properties mask:



### The individual properties are:

Rest API Plug-in	Selection of a Rest connection from the drop-down menu.			
Endpoint	Address of the OPC server (protocol: opc.tcp, http or https)			
Http Method	Selecting the Http method from the drop-down menu.			
Request parameters	Determine the parameters for the connection request.			

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Determine the parameters for the connection response.

Response parameters

Constant values

C:\Users\opctest\Documents\1.1.txt

🖥 Note Rest trigger Plug-in: Test Test Destination:/api/Tabelle Expect:TRUE HTTP-Method: GET Tolerance:0 Request Variables Request Body Test1 Method Test2 Client IP Test3 Response Response Body File Transfer Status Code Ouelldatei: Dynamischer Pfad Encoding: utf-8 Eingabe Dateinfad und -name

Working with templates

Many congenial connections are at best be projected with the template function. A typical example is the collection of dial count in a database, wich e. g. only differ by OPC item and the ID of the collection of data. With templates you work as follows:

 You create a template using the snap-in "Templates", in which you configure all immutable parts of the connection. At the adjustable parts define template variables. That can be OPC items, names or columns of tables, names of access data, constants or just parts of these names. The examples

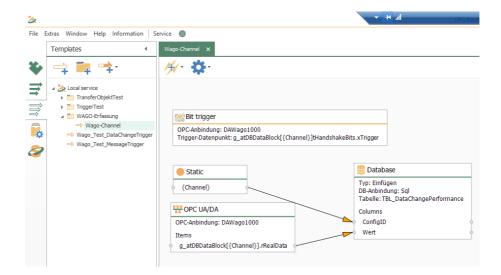
**Note:** To avoid errors in the configuration, the template variables are type-safe. A combination of multiple template variables or template variables with characters (e.g..  $g_atDBDataBlock[\{Variable\})]$  is only in type "string" possible.

in the following parts illustrate your possibilities.

- 2. From this template you create connections by going to the snap-in "Connections" and selecting the button "Create instance".
  - Either you create a single instance after another. You only fill in the value of the template variables and you are done.
  - Or you have a list of template variables and their values created in a CSV data. In that case you only have to import the CSV data. The OPC Router 4 offers a simple table editor to create the list without external program.
- 3. Make instances productive..

#### **Create Templates**

The following example assumes that OPC Server and data base are correctly connected. In this example the tags within the OPC Server are projected custom-fit, so that only one template variable is necessary, to collect the data.



- 1. In the snap-in "Templates", select the "New template" button or right-click on an existing entry and select there "New template".
- 2. Name it, e. g. like here "Wago Channel".
- 3. Define the connection properties for the template. The Properties will be applied for all instances.
- 4. Project the connection. In this example we want to collect data from a Wago controller The OPC Server is projected to name the items (tags) identically and to put them into different access paths. This path is to be created as template variable. So you have to place an OPC transfer object in the template and open it via double click. It opens a window for editing template variables at the same time.
- 5. Create a template variable Channel. To do that, click "Add" in the template variable dialouge and state *Name* ("Channel") and *Type* ("Integer").
- 6. Fill in the properties

OPC Access Data	<pre><name access="" configuration="" data="" from="" of="" plug-in="" the=""></name></pre>	
OPC-Items	g_atDBDataBlock[{Channel}].rRealData	

First insert the template variable via drag & drop. It is integrated into the transfer object with the correct syntax. Then add the static string.

- 7. Close the OPC transfer object.
- 8. Project a data base transfer object for recording. At this point a table <code>TBL\_Values</code> is to be used for collecting. The test series is defined by the field <code>ConfigID</code>, the time stamp is given from the data base.

DB-Access Data	<name access="" data="" from="" of="" plug-in<="" th="" the=""></name>
	Configuration>
Туре	Insert
Table	TBL_DataChangePerformance
Used Columns	ConfigID, Value

- Project a constant value with the value Channel. The constant must be of type
  Auto, so that at runtime the string can be converted to an integer (the ConfigID
  column is expected to do so).
- 10. Connect the constant value to the ConfigID and the item with the value.
- 11. Project a Bit Trigger, to start the transfer. Activate either reset bit or insert a response bit, depending on the PLC program.

OPC-Item	g_atDBDataBlock[{Channel}].tHandshakeBits.xTrigger
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With this the template is ready. You can sort templates to groups just like normal connections.

#### Handling template variables in objects

Template variables can be added

- via the "Add" button in the object dialogs.
- via the buttons with the blue plus sign next to the individual fields. This creates and enters a new variable of the correct type.

The button with the red minus sign removes the template variables from the fields. Existing template variables are drag & drop into the corresponding field.

#### Template variables with OPC-UA

Please note for the projection:

- If the OPC data access is a template variable itself, the router can't recognize
  the specification. It only states the property Item. If you create a connection
  from the template and the OPC data access is a OPC-UA data access, the Node ID must be stated under Item.
- Are the data accesses from OPC-Triggers (Bit, Datachange, Message, Grenzwert) template variables, the Node ID has to be stated as well, while creating a connection from the template.

#### Create templates from connections

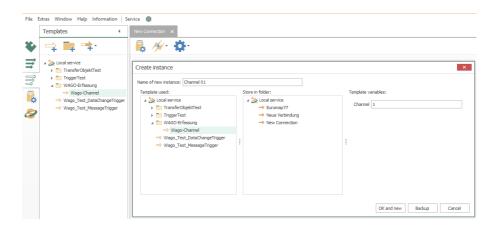
You can generate a template from a connection:

- 1. In the snap-in pane, select a connection.
- 2. Right-click to select "Create template from connection".

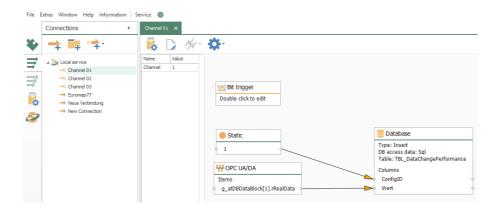
- 3. Give the new template a unique name and confirm with "OK".
- 4. If you activate the "Open template directly" checkbox at the bottom of the window, the template will be opened after it has been created.

## Creating Instances

To use the template for the data transfer, you have to create instances, thus actual connections.



- 1. Select in the snap-in-menu "Templates" and choose "Create Instance".
- 2. Name the template, e. g. "Aquisition\_Ch1"
- 3. Select the desired template.
- 4. Select the desired storage location.
- 5. Within the connection you can't change anything, you just have to state the value for the variables. In this case everything is done by entering "1". So just put in the "1" and close the connection.
- 6. Create a connection for channel 2, 3, 4, 5 ... the same way.
- 7. Make the instances productive.



The instances have been created, the data points are named correctly. The "Edit" button allows you to subsequently change the values of the template variables. You can also override some connection settings.

**Attention:** For template variables with relative time specifications (eg intervals in the time trigger), the time unit must also be written (ms, s, m, h, d, month, year).

**Note:** If you change the template later, the instances will be adjusted.

If a template has been selected and you select "New instance" the name "New instance" is preset and varibles and template displayed.

### Creating Instances from CSV Data

If you want to create many links from a template, you can

- · import a prepared Excel or CSV file
- · or create a corresponding table in the OPC router itself

Please note, that the names of the template variables have to be the same in CSV data and router template, and that in CSV data columns are seperated with a semicolon ";" . The CSV data is structured as follows:

InstanceName	Variable1	Variable2	
Connection Group.Connection Name1	Value	Value	Value
Connection Name2	Value	Value	Value
Connection Group.Sub Group1.Connection Name3	Value	Value	Value
	Value	Value	Value

There are the following time-offsets:

- · 1ms for milliseconds
- · 1s for seconds
- 1m for minutes
- 1h for hours
- · 1d for days

There must be no space between the number and the unit.

Stating a Connection Group is optional. You can spread the connections like this to several groups and sub groups.

- 1. In the "Templates" or "Connections" snap-in, select the "Create Instance" drop-down button and then "Create Multiple Instances".
- 2. Select the template to use
- 3. Select the destination folder.
- 4. Enter the values or open your CSV file.
- 5. Determine whether existing connections will be retained or over-written.

- 6. Select the "Create instance" button.
- 7. Make the new instances productive.

**Note:** If you change the template later, all instances will be adjusted.

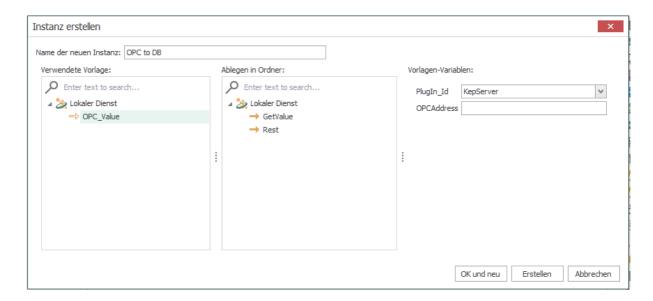
## Create a dynamic instance

**Attention:** Dynamic instances are tables which are created in the "OPCRouterRuntime" database of the OPC Router 4.

To connect to the database of the OPC Router 4, you need different type of connection strings relative to your environment. If you are running a Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows Server 2012 R1 or a Windows Server 2008 R2 operating system, you need to connect to "localhost\SQLExpress". If you are using a newer operating system you need to connect to "(localdb)\.\OPCRouter4".

If you want to generate dynamic connections please select the "Connections" snap-in and use the option "create instance" point "create dynamic instance"

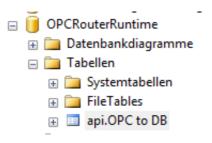
If you selected like described, you will see a dialog and you can, like you know from normal instances, select a name and default values for the dynamic instance.



If you entered everything you need, confirmed with "Create" and published the dynamic instance you will get a new table in the "OPCRouterRuntime" database. These tables will use the "api" schema. The table is named like the instance you created. Please do not change this name!

#### Note:

We recommend to create a database user which has access to the api tables only. For this you will find the "apiRole" in the database "OPCRouterRuntime".



Within these tables you will find a database field for every variable of your instance. Additional you will find the fields [ID], [OpcR\_Changed] and [InstanceName]. To create a new connection you need to insert a new row to this table and fill out the variables and the [InstanceName] field. If you didn't entered a value for a variable, the default value will be selected automatically.

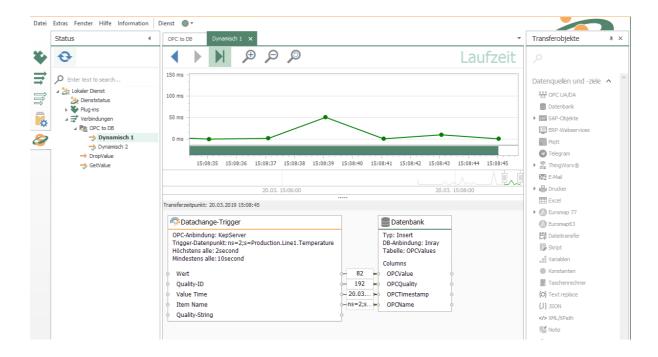
	ld	OpcR_Changed	InstanceName	Plugln_ld	OPCAddress
	1	2019-03-20 14:0	Dynamisch 1	2089	ns=2;s=Production.Line1.Temperature
	2	2019-03-20 14:0	Dynamisch 2	2089	ns=2;s=Production.Line1.Preassure
þ-w	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

**Note:** As you can see in the picture, some connections need a PlugIn\_Id. You will find the IDs of your plugins by using the view "api.View\_PlugInInstances" of the "OPCRouterRuntime" database.

The columns [ID] and [OpcR\_Changed] are filled out by the OPC Router, the value of [InstanceName] needs to be unique and is the name of your connection. You can use backslashes within the instance name to create folders for the runtime.

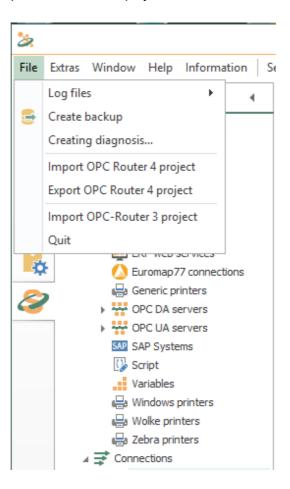
**Attention:** The created connections are active immediately and don't need to get publishes again!

Maybe you need to refresh the State snapin to display the dynamic instances.

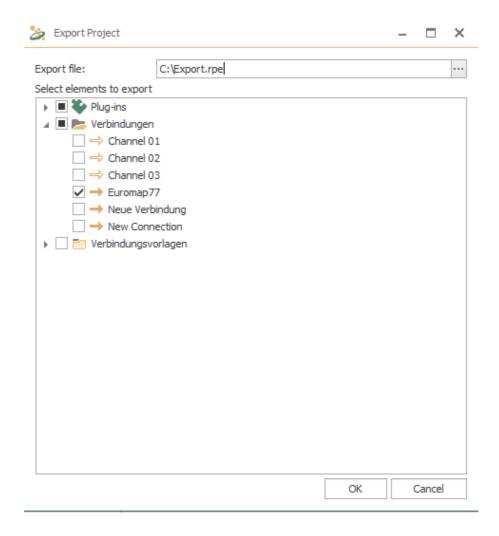


# Export OPC Router 4 project

You open the "Export OPC Router 4 project" function in the menu bar under "File".



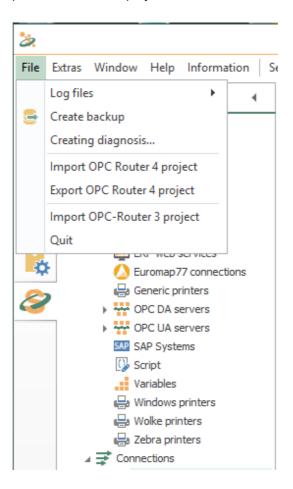
Select a file to export to and select all the connections and connections you want to export. If you select templates and connections, the corresponding structures are automatically selected as well.



Confirm your selection with "OK".

## Import OPC Router 4 project

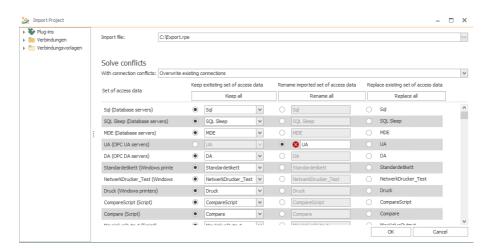
You open the "Import OPC Router 4 project" function in the menu bar under "File".



Select a file to import and resolve the conflicts of the bindings in the opening mask. Only connections in the conflict list are displayed, connections are automatically renamed and a consecutive number is added. In order to solve conflicts, you have the opportunity to eliminate all conflicts together in the mask that opens. Depending on which button you select, the appropriate selection is made for all conflicts. Of course you can continue to make individual decisions for individual connections, the respective button then "overwrites" each time previously selected option:

- Select "Keep all" if you want to use the application you are currently using.
- Choose "Rename all" if you want to keep your existing connection and want to receive the imported connection in parallel. Select a name for it until the red circle with the cross disappears.

Choose "Replace all" if your existing connection is to be replaced by the imported connection.



Confirm your selection with "OK".

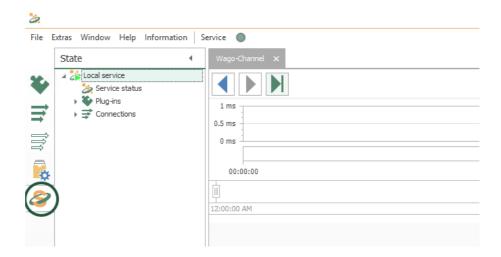
If connections cannot be carried out sensibly during the import, you get a message "Update import project" with the message "You can import this project if you apply following changes". If you accept the offered changes, confirm with the "Import with changes" button.

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# Status Indication

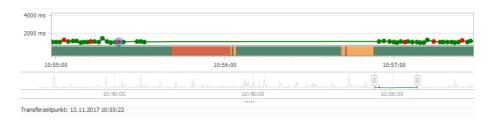
In the snap-in bar is the button for the status area.

After clicking on the button and a connection the status window opens:



#### The Status Window

The status chart provides detailed information about the individual data transfers. The status chart can be started via the corresponding snap-in in the left margin.

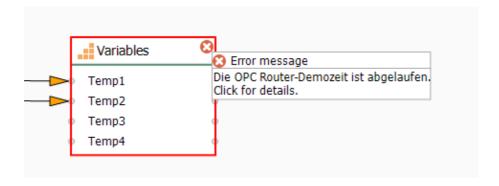


- You can limit the period to be displayed by moving the sliders under the status chart accordingly.
- Green transfer points represent the individual transfers that were in order and
  the transfer values are stored in the short storage. The lead time is defined in
  the settings. If you click on a transfer point where the lead time has expired, the
  message "Transfer values can not be displayed because the lead time of the values has expired". The red transfer points, however, indicate erroneous transfers
  and are kept permanently in the Long Storage.
- If you click on a transfer point, it will be shown in light blue and the data will be displayed under the status chart. With the arrow keys you can jump back and forth between the transfer points after marking a point.
- If you move the mouse to a transfer point, the execution time is displayed.
- Above the status chart, you will find the buttons "Previous Transfer" and "Next Transfer" to display the transfer next to the previously selected transfer. With

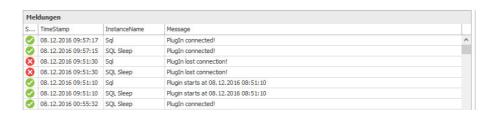
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the button "Switch to live view", you can observe the progress of the individual transfers.

- Above the status type you will also find buttons for the zoom functions (zoom in, zoom out and Reset zoom). The zoom can also be changed with the mouse wheel.
- In the status view, you cannot double-click on the individual elements. This is also indicated by the cursor, which turns into a forbidding sign when you move the mouse over an element in the status view.
- Errors are indicated by the red marking in the status chart and if you move the mouse over the transfer object field under the status chart, you will get detailed information about the error:



- The status bar changes color when an error occurs, a warning appears, or the connection is broken. The status bar turns orange (checking the connection) when the connection is checked and shown in red if the connection is not present (error in the plug-in). If everything is OK, the status bar will turn green (Ready).
- You can also view the messages of the plug-ins at Status snap-in.
- When you switch from status to plug-in snap-in, you automatically enter the edit mode of the open connection.
- In the status snap-in in the plug-in tree, select a connection and display the messages for it:



When the OPC router shuts down, all connections get the status "Shutdown" In the history, the status then appears in red.

In the status tree, you can start the transfer of a connection manually by right-clicking. It is not necessary for a trigger to be present in the connection. The manually started transfers are displayed in blue in the chart. In addition, it is recorded who started this transfer.

With a right mouse click you can make the pop-up menu Export view visible in the connection area of your status display. This menu allows you to export your connection

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as an image or copy it to the clipboard. On the screen, however, only the connection with the transferred values is displayed and not the status diagram. The images can be saved as Bitmap, PNG, JPEG or GIF.

#### Escalation levels for status recording

The OPC Router now detects when too many status data are recorded or the database memory is almost full. In order to prevent full RAM memory, the OPC Router automatically initiates ever-increasing countermeasures. The transmission of user data is NOT adjusted by these measures! The measures only affect the status records of the OPC router. The recording of the user data should be ensured. In the basic settings of the OPC router, you set how far the OPC router is allowed to fill the status databases.

The following escalation levels are available:

- · Escalation level 0:
  - · Normal behavior
- Escalation level 1:
  - · Ring buffer exceeded batch size
  - · Status database filled to 60%
  - Action: No more transfer values of successful transfers log (only for spam connections)
- · Escalation level 2:
  - · Ring memory batch size exceeded by three times
  - Status database filled to 80%
  - · Action: No more transfer values from successful transfers
- Escalation level 3:
  - Ring buffer size exceeded by six times
  - · Status database filled to 90%
  - · Action: No longer log transfer values
- · Escalation level 4:
  - · Status database filled to 100%
  - · Action: Disable status recording of transfers completely

If the status recording has been disabled, there is a warning in the progress bar. If the recording has been completely deactivated at escalation level 4, the affected period will be shaded in gray.

OPC Router 4.18 How can I ...

# How can I ...

### ... read out a current data set?

To read out a current data set from a data base table, sort the table descending from the time stamp field ans transfer just one data set. The data base has to be polled in the necessary range with a time trigger. In this model the current data set is submitted with every call, read more in the Next Chapter.

Of course you can set up optional strain criterions, e. g. B. if the table has several lists of measurement readings.

#### **Model 1: Time Stamp Sorting without Filter**

#### Erforderliche Felder/Spalten:

<time stamp=""></time>	Time stamp from type date/time, from which is sorted
<values></values>	Column(s) with relevant values

#### Project a data base transfer object with the following properties:

Data base access data	<pre><your access="" base="" data="" from="" in<="" plug="" pre="" the=""></your></pre>
	configuration>
Туре	Select

#### Registerkarte: Allgemein

Table	<table data="" includes="" which="" your=""></table>
Available Columns/Used	<all value-columns=""></all>
Columns	

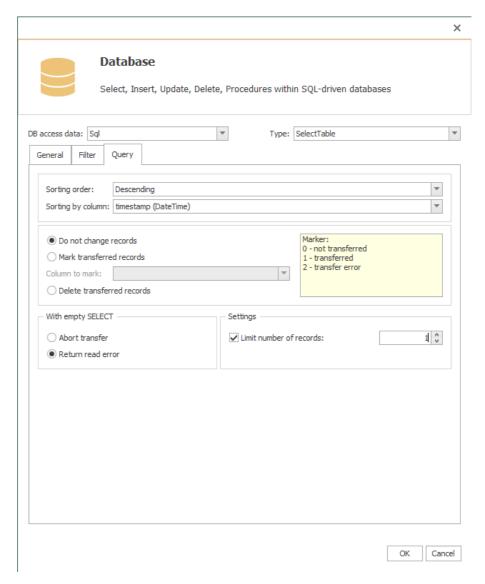
#### Registerkarte: Filter (Abfragen, Aktualisieren, Löschen)

Filter	No more filters in this model	

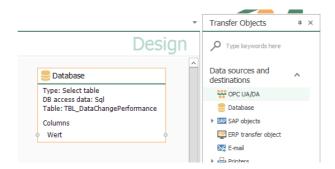
#### Registerkarte: Query

Sorting order	Descending (new value on top)
Sorting by column	<time stamp-column=""></time>
Do not change records	Activate if the records are not to be changed
Mark transferred re- cords	Activate if transferred datasets are to be used. In the column for marking the corresponding data records can be selected

Delete transferred re-	Activate if transferred records should be deleted.
Abort transfer	on demand
Return read error	on demand
Limit number of re-	1 (just the first data set = the latest shall be transfered)



Your transfer object looks in the connection! like shown in the next image. In the example the column value was used as the value column. It can be used now as data source. The sorting can't be seen in the connection projecting:



Project another time trigger with the necessary range, e. g. 10 seconbds. Then every ten seconds the latest data set from the table is transferred, no matter if it was allready transferred before.

#### Model 2: Time Stamp Sorting With Another Filter

In this model the table has several test series, which are each defined with a ConfigID. There has to be projected another filter.

#### Erforderliche Felder/Spalten:

<time stamp=""></time>	Time stamp from type date/time, from which is sorted
ConfigID	ID of the test series
<values></values>	Column(s) with relevant values

#### Project a data base transfer object with the following properties:

Type	configuration; Select
Data base access data	<pre><your access="" base="" data="" from="" in<="" plug="" pre="" the=""></your></pre>

#### Registerkarte: Allgemein

Table	<table, contains="" data;<="" th="" which="" your=""></table,>
Available Columns/Used	<all value-columns=""></all>
Columns	

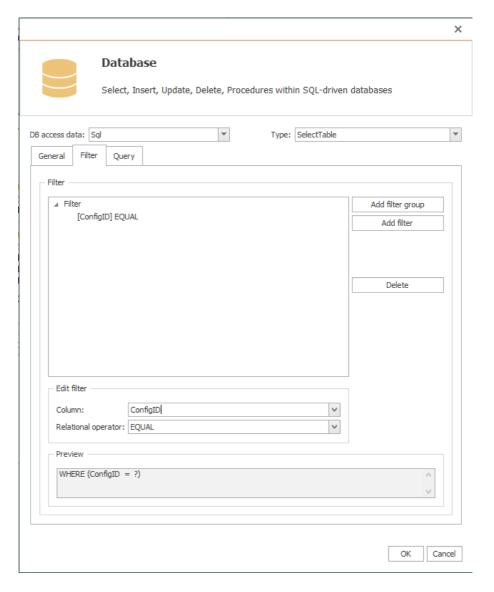
#### Registerkarte: Filter

Filter	"Add Filter" creates a new filter.
Filter/Filter group	Column: ConfigID
bearbeiten	Relational Operator: EQUAL

Preview	Here should be stated: WHERE	(ConfigID = ?)
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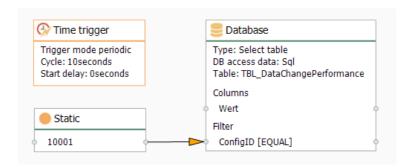
#### Registerkarte: Abfrage

Sorting by Columns	<time column="" stamp=""></time>
Order of Sorting	Descending (new value on top)
Reducing the number of data sets to	1 (just the first data set = the latest shall be transferred)
Error whith empty se- lect	on demand
Cancel transfer with empty select	on demand



Your transfer object looks like the one in the image. Remeber to fill in a value on the filter, e. g. with a constant object. The data base transfer object with the filter needs a two

step transfer. The first step (blue arrow) defines the filter, the second (green) reads out the value. Because the data destination is variable, it's not mentioned any further here.



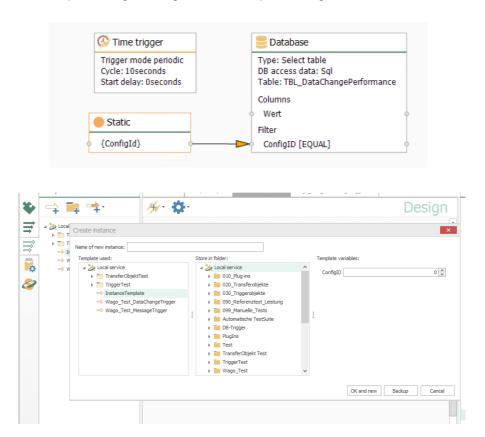
Project another time trigger with the necessary range, e. g. 10 seconds. Then every ten seconds the latest data set from the table will be transferred, no matter if it allready was transferred before or not.

#### Model 3: Time Stamp Sorting With Anonther Filter From a Template

Model 2 can be used as a projection over a connection template.

- 1. Don't project a connection, but a connection template with the same settings for the data base transfer object, as you did in model 2.
- 2. In the constant object you don't fill in the value, but a template variable [\$ConfigID\$].
- 3. Project a time trigger, as you did in model 2.
- 4. Create an instance from the template and fill in the value for the ConfigID.

This way you create quite simply connections for all existing test series (=ConfigIDs): One instance per ConfigID. Image above: Template; Image below Instance.



## ... Reading Out a New, Current Data Set?

In the preceding example the current data set from the table or the filtered result was transfered cyclicly. The following shows, how the current data set is transfered just when it's new, thus when it hasn't been transfered before. For this you need a second column beside the time stamp column, in which a succeeded data transfer is recorded. This example includes an additional filter (ConfigID used as ID of the test series) and a filter on the column Transfer, to filter just data sets which hasn't been transfered before. Just as the example before this connection could be realised alternatively as a template/instance. Shown here is just the simple model.

#### Erforderliche Felder/Spalten:

<time stamp=""></time>	Time stamp from type date/ time, from which is sorted
<transfer></transfer>	Column, in which a successfull transfer is shown (type: int, standard value: 0)
ConfigID	ID of the test series
<value></value>	Column(s) with the values of interest

### Project a data base transfer object with the following properties:

Type	Select	
	configuration>	
Data Base Access Data	<pre><your access="" base="" data="" from="" in<="" plug="" pre="" the=""></your></pre>	

### Registerkarte: Allgemein

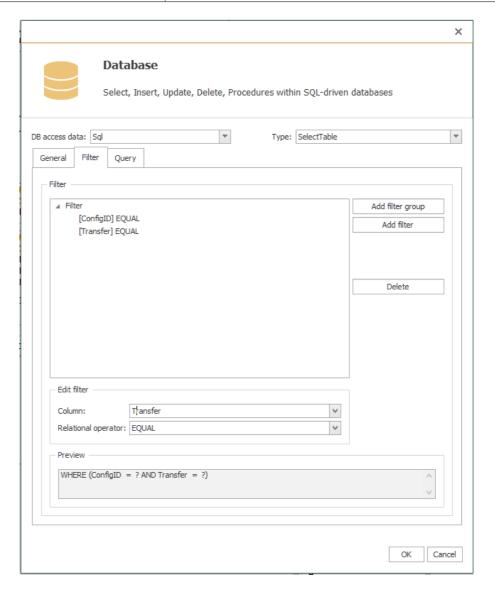
Table	<table, data="" includes="" which="" your=""></table,>
Available Columns/	<all columns="" value=""></all>
Used Columns	

### Registerkarte: Filter

Filter	"Add Filter" creates a new filter. You need 2 filters. The connections AND is standard.
Edit Filter/ Filter	Column: ConfigID
Group	Compare Operator: EQUAL
	Column: Transfer
	Compare Operator: EQUAL

Preview Here should be given out now: WHERE (ConfigID = ?

AND Transfer = ?)



#### Registerkarte: Abfrage

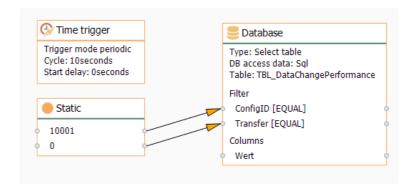
Sorting by Columns	<time column="" stamp=""></time>
Sorting Order	Descending (latest value on top)
Reduce number of data sets to	1 (just the first data set = just the latest is to be transfered)
Error With Empty Se- lect	deactivated. If no new, current data set is available, that shouldn't be counted as an error.
Cancel Transfer With Empty Select	activated. Nothing is transfered, if no new, current data set is available.

This transfer object thus filters the data from the ConfigID to enter and the transfer code. For the transfer code you have to enter "0". Create a constant object with:

#### Benötigte Konstanten

<configid></configid>	ID of the test series
0	for not transfered data sets

Connect the ConfigID value to the filter detail ConfigID and the 0 to the filter detail Transfer:



Project a time trigger, which polls the data base cyclic.

After transferring the OPC Router gives out "1" the column Transfer, with transfer error "2". In this projecting only the new, current data set is transfered with Transfer = 0.

**Note:** If the data comes into the data table faster, than the time trigger polls, it can happen, that the transfered data set is not current any more, because data sets are left out. Scale the needed precision and the needed ressources from the data base server. For data base server using a notification service you can use a script trigger, which starts the transfer as soon as the information comes from the data base server. But there would be another lag because of the cycle time of the OPC Router (max. 50 ms in the standard setting). If you want to have every data set available, you should read out all data sets, which havn't been transfered.

### ... Read Out All Data Sets, Which Havn't Been Transfered?

To read out all data sets which havn't been transfered from a table, you need a column, in which the OPC Router can mark a successfull transfer. You start a request with a filter on this transfer column.

#### Erforderliche Felder/Spalten:

<transfer></transfer>	Column, in which a successfull transfer is shown(Type: int, standard value: 0)
<values></values>	Column(s) with values of interest

# Project a data base transfer object with the following properties:

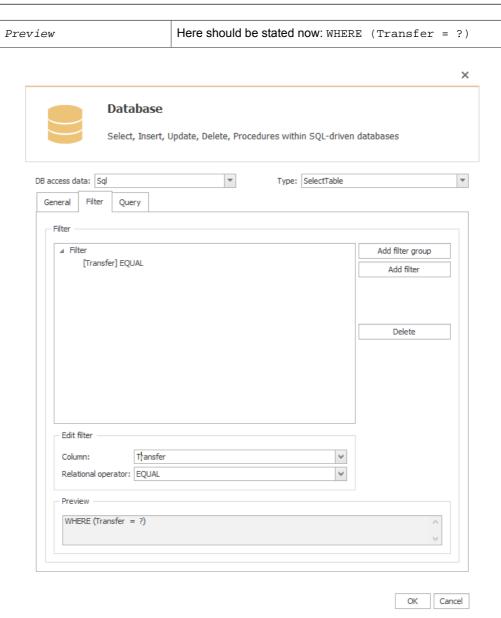
Туре	Select
	configuration>
Data Base Access Data	<pre><your access="" base="" data="" from="" in<="" plug="" pre="" the=""></your></pre>

### Registerkarte: Allgemein

Table	<table, data="" includes="" which="" your=""></table,>
Available Columns/	<all columns="" value=""></all>
Used Columns	

### Registerkarte: Filter

Filter	"Add Filter" creates a new filter.
Edit Filter/ Filter	Column: < Transfer>
Group	Compare Operator: EQUAL



### Registerkarte: Abfrage

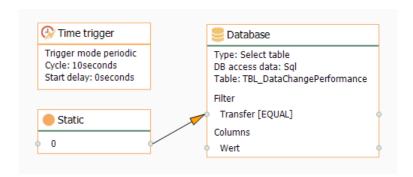
Sorting by Columns	as needed
Order of Sorting	as needed
Reducing the number of data sets to	deactivated. All data sets with <transfer> = 0 shall be transfered.</transfer>
Error with empty se-	deactivated. If no new, current data set is available, it should be no mistake.
Cancel transfer with empty select	activated. Nothing is transfered, if no new data set is available.

This transfer object filters the data by the transfer code. For the transfer code you have to enter "0". Create a constant object with:

#### Benötigte Konstanten

0 for data sets which havn't been transfered
--

Connect the 0 to the filter element Transfer:



Project a time trigger, which pollst the data base cyclicly.

After the transfer the OPC Router writes "1" the column Transfer, with transfer errors "2". With this projecting the new data sets with Transfer = 0 are transfered. Of course you can project more filters, as e. g. the ID of the test series from the previous example.

# **OPC** Router in distributed systems

It is common, that the systems connected by the OPC router are not installed on the same computer. This isn't a problem for the router. However vulnerable to errors is the correct Windows configuration of the computers involved. Start a distributed router project in any case together with your network administrator. Projecting and starting your system is by the way also a service of inray.

Basically we recommend to notice following:

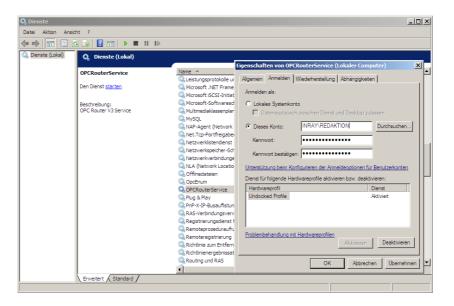
- Deactivate the Windows firewalls of the computers involved. Especially, if OPC server and OPC router run on different computers using the firewall is not possible just like that, because of the dynamic port placing with DCOM. If deactivating the firewalls isn't an option at all, please contact inray.
- Ask your network administrator to allow the communication between the systems involved. Often there are special approvals needed, if the linked server are not within the same network as the OPC router. (e. g. sending email over an external mail server).
- · Create a user,
  - who is logged in to your Windows domain
  - · who has administration rights on the computer with the OPC router
  - under whom the OPC router service is started
  - who gains the DCOM approvals on the computer with the OPC server
  - who is also logged in over the Windows authentification as user on the MS SQL or Oracle.

# Change User Account for Windows Services

If inray software should access other computers (e. g. with OPC servers or databases), the executing component, a Windows service as a rule, must log on this/these computer/s. It is recommended to create a Windows user within the Windows domain shared by all computers involved — especially if OPC is converned (DCOM, see below). This user should have administrative rights on the inray computer to use configuration environments as well.

- Open services administration via "Control Panel Administrative Tools Services".
- 2. Open service to be configured by double-click (OPCRouterService, FAS-Service, inMOVE-Service)
- 3. On tab "Log on", choose option "This account".
- 4. Via "Browse", select a user (object name). Important: With "Locations", select your Windows domain, not the local computer.

- 5. When having selected the user, click "OK". You're back in configuration dialog. Set the password.
- 6. Confirm with "Apply". Windows tries to log on your domain.
- 7. If logging on fails, change the user from <User>@<domain> to <domain>\<user> and retry. No error means "succeeded"
- 8. Confirm with "OK".
- 9. Restart service.



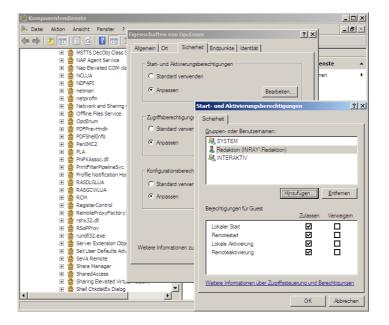
# Accessing Distributed OPC Servers with DCOM

If inray software should access OPC servers that are not installed loacally (on the "inray" computer), a correct DCOM configuration on the computer with OPC servers ("OPC" computer) is necessary. Requirements:

- a user account (Windows user) within the domain shared by the two computers (NT authentication). inray services will run under this user account. Should, however, no domain user be available, each of the computers needs a local user with exactly the same account name and password.
- the Windows firewall on both computers has to be deactivated (dynamic ports under DCOM!). Should this be impossible, please contact inray.

#### **DCOM Configuration**

Please note that this configuration has to be processed for objects both "OPCEnum" and each OPC server to connect. You need administrative rights on the OPC server's computer.



- 1. Open component service via "Start Run dcomcnfg".
- 2. Navigate to "Component Services Computers My Computer DCOM Config".
- 3. Open component "OPCEnum" (Right-click Properties).
- 4. Set the options as follows:

Tab: General

Authentication Level	Connect
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#### Tab: Security

Launch and Activation	Customize – "Edit": Add in dialog "Launch and Activation
Permissions	Permission" your Domain-User (which should be added
	at this point, s. above). All four permissions should be al-
	lowed.
Access Permissions	Customize – "Edit": Add in dialog "Access Permission"
	your Domain-User (which should be added at this point,
	s. above). Both permissions should be allowed.
Configuration Permis-	Customize – "Edit": Add in dialog "Configuration Permis-
sions	sion" your Domain-User (which should be added at this
	point, s. above). Both permissions should be allowed.

5. Confirm with "OK".

- 6. Set options accordingly for *each* OPC server. You'll find KEPServerEx filed under "Kepware Communications Server".
- Check whether DCOM is allowed on your computer by default: "Component Services – Computer – My Computer", "Right-click – properties", Tab "Default Properties"
- 8. Close Component Services.

#### Access on distributed data bases

Accessing non-local data bases with the OPC Router is not much of a challenge. Indeed administrating the rights on the data base servers is the part which could trouble you. Therefore call to your data base systems documentation.

Basically we recommend to notice following:

- Does the data base allow remote access? Does this have to be assigned to every single user?
- Does the log in procedure have to be defined (Windows-/NT-authentification or user/password)?
- Does the access to every single data base or table have to be assigned to the user?
- Do the needed functions have to be assigned explicit to the user?
- Is the needed port in the firewall open(we recommend to deactivate local firewalls)?
- Depending on the data base system the property Server/Data of the data base access data includes a different declaration (s. Properties of the data base access data).

#### Access to distributed mail server

The mail server should normally not be installed locally. Basically accessing is not different as from any other e-mail programm. This counts as well for mail server installed within the company network as for external ones e. g. installed server from the internet provider. The access data can be asked from your network administration.

Basically we recommend to notice following:

- The mail server must accept SMTP- or NT authentification as log in procedure.
- Does your network administrator have to explicit allow accessing an external mail server?

OPC Router 4.18 Error Diagnostics

# **Error Diagnostics**

There is – even with all coverage – always the possibility, that a connection doesn't "work". In most cases this are not a real errors, but only trivia, which can show while connecting foreign systems. In the following we collected several snares – and are always thankful for additions and hints.

Hardly any problems show, if router, OPC- and data base server run on the same computer. In the distributed system the right DCOM configuration is important for the OPC server, data base server allow or forbid even the remote access.

**Note:** Use in any case the tests offered in the configuration: "Test Connection" for the data base access data and "Test" for the mail server access. The OPC link works, if you can browse the OPC server in the configuration (see below). Please note, that configuration and service may run under a different user context and act differently.

In the Basic Set Ups the log levels "Error" and "Warning" should be activated as recommended. In case of a runtime error, call the log data with the tray icon and analyze the error message.

#### **OPC Links**

Sources for errors, which limit the access on local OPC server, are not known yet. However accessing distributed OPC server can be tricky.

#### Connection can't be set up - remote only

The property "OPC-Server" gives out <error browsing opc-servers>.

Check if the DCOM Configuration is correct:

- Does the configuration environment run under the same user, who has DCOM access to the OPC server?
- Are the components OPC Enum and OPC server on the destinated computer cleared for the user?
- Is DCOM in general activated on the destinated computer?
- · Are the local firewalls shut down on all computers involved?
- · Of course the destinated computer is switched on and accessable!

#### Connection is set up, but the OPC link doesn't show in the OPC transfer object.

The OPC server could be linked in the configuration, but the OPC link doesn't show up within the connection projecting in the OPC transfer object, or an error is given out.

You have to save the OPC link with the "OK" button, before you can use it.

#### Tag browser isn't able to connect with the OPC server

As far as the OPC link was configurated without problems, check if the OPC server has just been switched off manually, or has been initialised.

• Is the computer with the OPC server switched on an accessable?

#### No data transfer can be done during run time

The connection could be projected easily during concept time. During run time there is no transfer. Call the log data with the tray icon. Search for the error message at the end of the data. Does it look like this?

```
16.07.10 14:49:06.194 [Error:OPCConnectionManager]
Wasn't able to connect<Item> (E_INVALID_ITEM_NAME)
```

Most likely you've written the item name incorrectly, or your OPC server interprets the property Access Path wrong, which is deposited in the OPC link.
 Choose the item in the tag browser and/or configurate a link without Access Path for testing. Check if your OPC server runs without problems.

Error message in log data:

```
16.07.10 15:19:34.886 [Error:NoChannel] Timeout connect OPC Server!
```

In distributed systems: Is the computer with the OPC server switched on and accessable?

Error message in log data:

```
16.07.10 15:16:24.694 [Error:OPCConnectionManager] Wasn't able to connect to OPC server 
 <OPC-Server> on <IP>.
(Message: CoCreateInstanceEx: Access denied)
```

 If the connections runs during concept time, most likely the router configuration runs under the right user, but the router service doesn't. Check if the router service runs under the user, who has DCOM rights on the OPC computer.

#### **Database connections**

Not all database systems can be handled here. But maybe one or the other clue will come up with the solution for "your" system.

#### Connection does not materialize - local and remote

The "Test Connection" button returns an error. The error message often gives the correct hint.

- Is the server named correctly? For example, for MySQL or MS SQL the specification of the IP is sufficient, but for MS SQL Express the instance must be named, e.g..: localhost\SQLEXPRESS
- Is the name of the database spelled correctly? Does the user have access rights to the database? For example, in MS SQL, the databases are assigned to each logon. Ask your database administrator!
- MS SQL: Is the correct authentication set for the user (SQL and Windows on access with user / password)?
- Username and password are correct? Spend attention to upper and lower case!
- Integrated security is enabled. The connection test is not meaningful. Integrated security uses the local Windows or domain user where the program was started to log in. In the configuration environment, this is usually the user name with which you logged on to the computer, by contrast, the router service runs under system default (sufficient for local access to MS SQL, not for remote access).
- Are the required services started (MS SQL: SQL Server and SQL Server Browser, via Server Configuration Manager or Control Panel Administrative Tools Services).

#### Connection does not materialize - only remote

The "Test Connection" button returns an error. The error message often gives the correct hint. In addition to the above points, you have to check:

- Is the network connection active? Can you ping the database machine ("Start -Run - ping <IP>")? Ask your network administrator!
- Are the firewalls of the involved computers switched off? We recommend deactivating the Windows firewalls of the participating computers. Otherwise, please ensure correct port release. Ask your network administrator to allow unrestricted communication between the router and the database server.
- Is the server named correctly? For example, for MySQL or MS SQL the specification of the IP is sufficient, but for MS SQL Express the instance must be named, e.g.: 192.168.5.184\SQLEXPRESS or Rechnername\SQLEXPRESS
- Allows the database to allocate remote connections (e.g. in MS SQL this must be activated for the respective user)?
- Are the corresponding protocols activated? (MS SQL: Enable Named Pipes or TCP / IP in Network Configuration and Native Client Configuration in Server Configuration Manager depending on connection)?

#### Connection is established but no tables are visible (MS SQL)

The button "Test connection" returns OK. However, tables can not be selected in the configuration of the transfer object.

- Does the user have the appropriate rights to the database? "Listing tables" may not be allowed to the user, depending on the role.
  - At "Login Properties" of the corresponding login in the user mapping for the required database assign to "db\_datareader" and "db\_datawriter". Attention: "db\_owner" is required to run stored procedures.. – Ask your database administrator.
  - Of course, the user can also be assigned administrator rights on the database or on the system (e. g. the role "sysadmin"). But this should only happen for a short time for troubleshooting

#### Stored Procedures can not be executed. (MS SQL)

- · Does the user have the appropriate rights to the database?
  - At "Login Properties" of the corresponding login in the user mapping for the required database "db owner"

#### Stored Procedures are canceled.

- Are Command Time-out of the connection and Time-out of the corresponding connection set correctly?
  - At Properties of database connection increase the value of Command Time-out.
  - At Properties of the affected compound increase the value of Time-out.

# Connection is established, but the database connection does not appear in the database transfer object.

The connection test was successful, but the database connection in the connection configuration in the database transfer object does not appear or an error is returned.

You must save the database connection via the "OK" button before it is available.

#### At runtime, no data transfer occurs

The connection could be easily made at design time. At runtime, the status display indicates a connection error. Open the log file via the tray icon. Look for the error message at the bottom of the file. Look for the error message at the bottom of the file.

```
14.07.10 17:33:42.228 [Error:::SqlConstantConnection]
Error while opening the sql connection:
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException:
Error logging in for the user 'NT-AUTORITÄT\ANONYMOUS-ANMELDUNG'
```

 If you access the database server remotely and have "built-in security" enabled, you must not run the service as a system user. Configure the service so, that it runs at the domain user.

# Connections with DB (SQL) -selects

#### No data transfer from the database - but also no transfer error

Your connection should read data from the database. You have configured a DB object with SQL Select and Filter for this. The OPC router status does not show an error, but no data is transmitted at the set time.

In the DB transfer object, there is the tab "Query". Set the option here "With empty SELECT - Return read error". If the cause for the failed transfers is an empty SELECT result, the status will now display an error.

# Creating diagnosis

#### Create a diagnostic report with the router surface

Using the menu "File - Creating diagnosis", you can select different areas that should be taken into account for the diagnosis and placed in a folder as a complete package.

#### E-Mail Einstellungen

Save as	Enter the path where the diagnostic report will be saved.
Project files	Activate the checkbox if the project configuration is to be exported.
Runtime database	Activate the checkbox if you want to create a backup at runtime for the diagnostic report.
State database	Activate the checkbox if you want to make a backup of the status of the database for the diagnostic report.
Log files	Activate the checkbox if you want to include the log files for the report.
Include windows event	Select the checkbox if you want the windows event log to be included in the report.
Logfile of last days	Activate the checkbox if you want to include the log files of the last X days for the report.

The file is packed in the desired directory and can be opened with any zip program.