New features in ibaPDA v6.15.0

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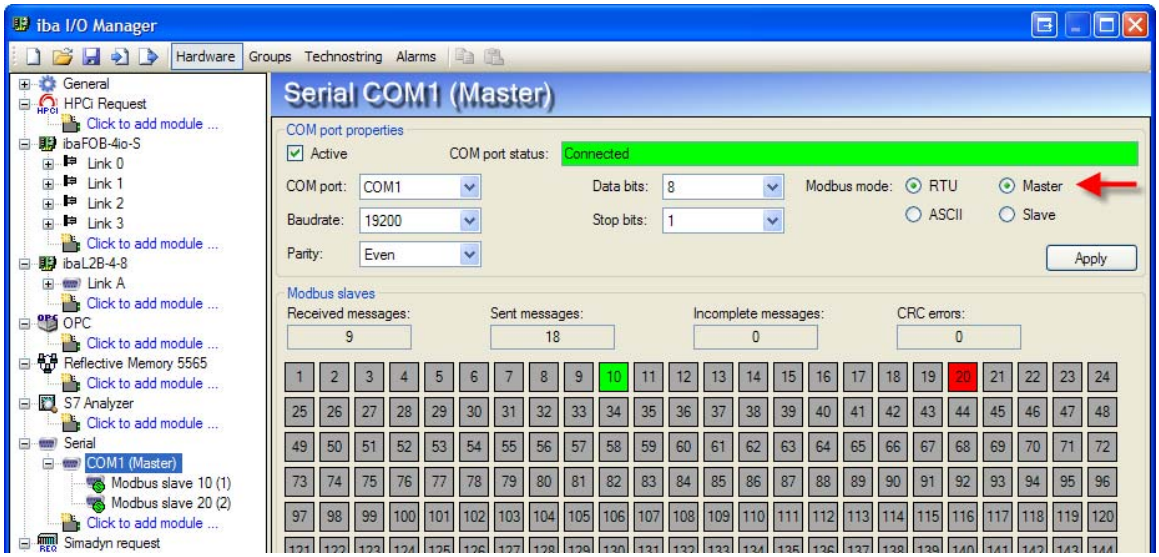
1 Modbus serial master

The modbus COM port can be switched between master and slave mode via radio buttons.



If the COM port is in slave mode then pda responds to requests from the modbus master. If the COM port is in master mode then pda will periodically send requests to the modbus slaves that have been configured.

The screenshot shows pda as modbus master with 2 configured slaves: 10 and 20. A slave can be in following states:

State	Master mode	Slave mode
Connected (green)	The slave responds to the periodic requests from pda.	The master is sending periodic requests to pda.
Disconnected (red)	The slave does not respond to periodic requests from pda.	The master doesn't send any requests to this slave.
Disabled (gray)	This slave is not configured.	This slave is not configured.

See the document about ibaPDA 6.14.0 for more information about the serial interface and the modbus slave module.

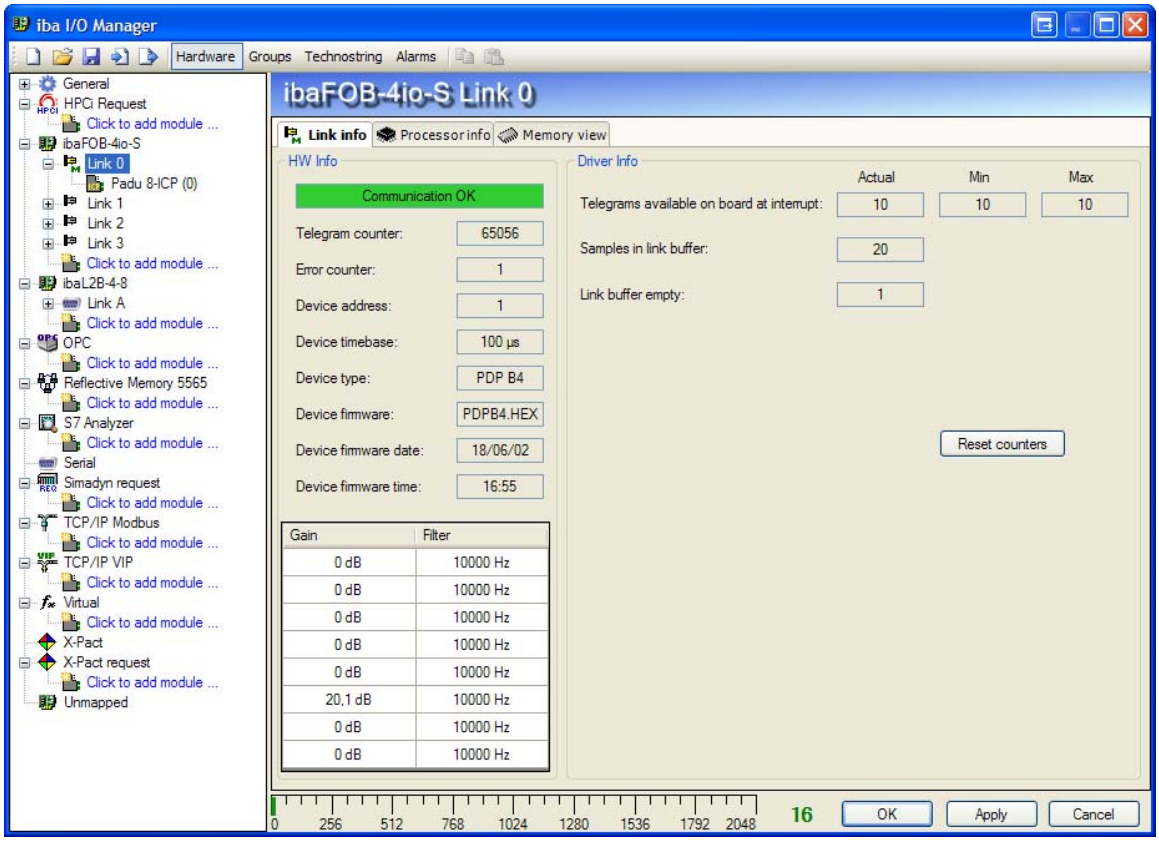
2 X-Pact request interface

See separate document sw_man_ibaPDA-XPact-Request_V1.0_en_A4.doc

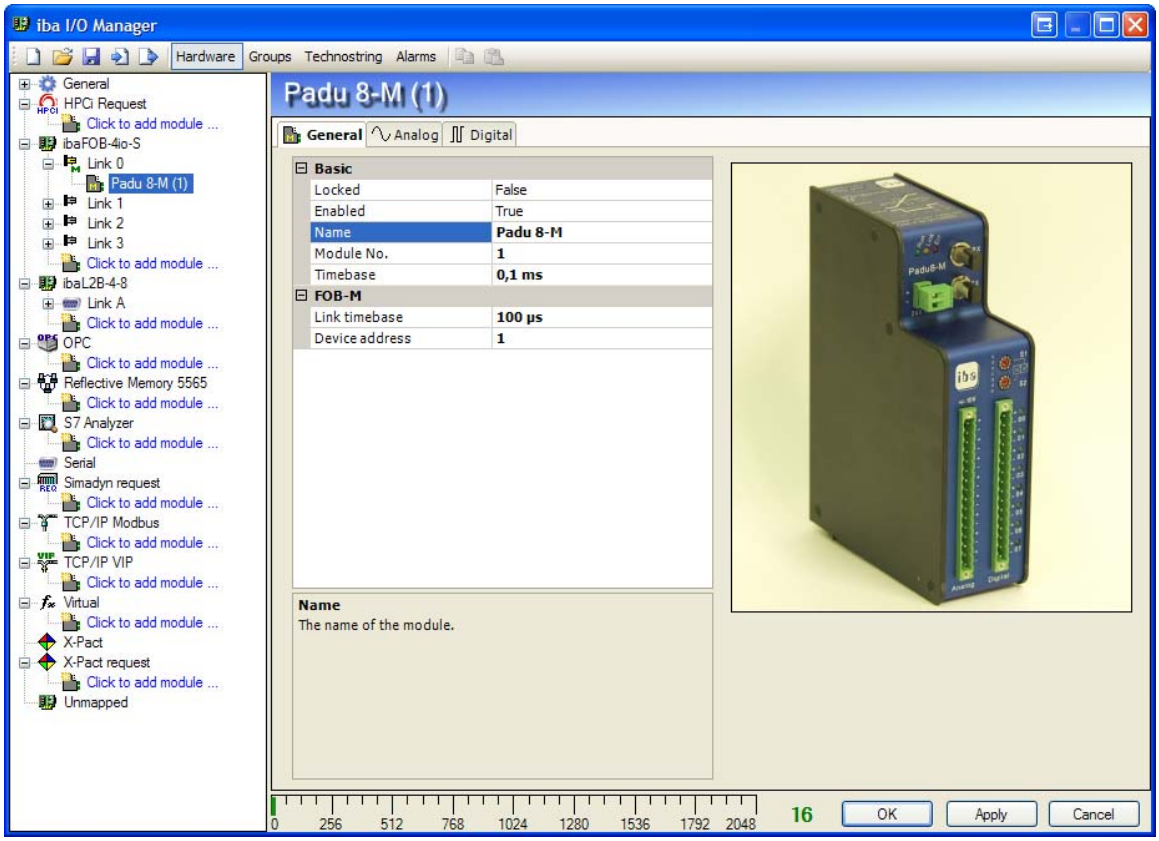
3 FOB-M mode

ibaPDA supports *synchronous* FOB-M mode. This mode is only supported on ibaFOB-4io-S and ibaFOB-io-S boards. It is not supported on old FOB boards and on FOB-X boards.

The FOB link is switched to FOB-M mode automatically when you add a Padu8-M, Padu8-ICP or Padu16-M module to the link. The following screenshot shows a link in FOB-M mode.



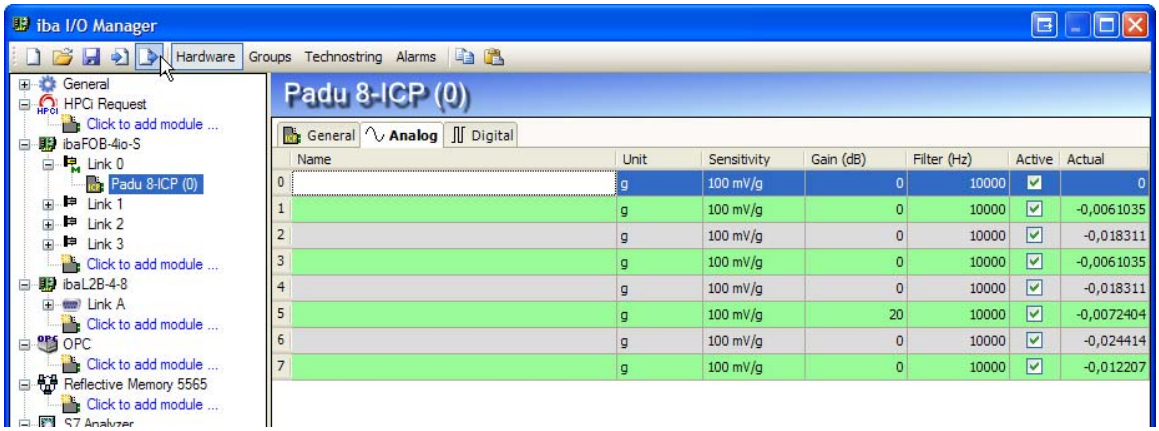
You can see the status of the link, some counters, some information about the connected device and the configured gains and filters. The driver info groupbox contains some counters that are only for internal use (debugging the driver).



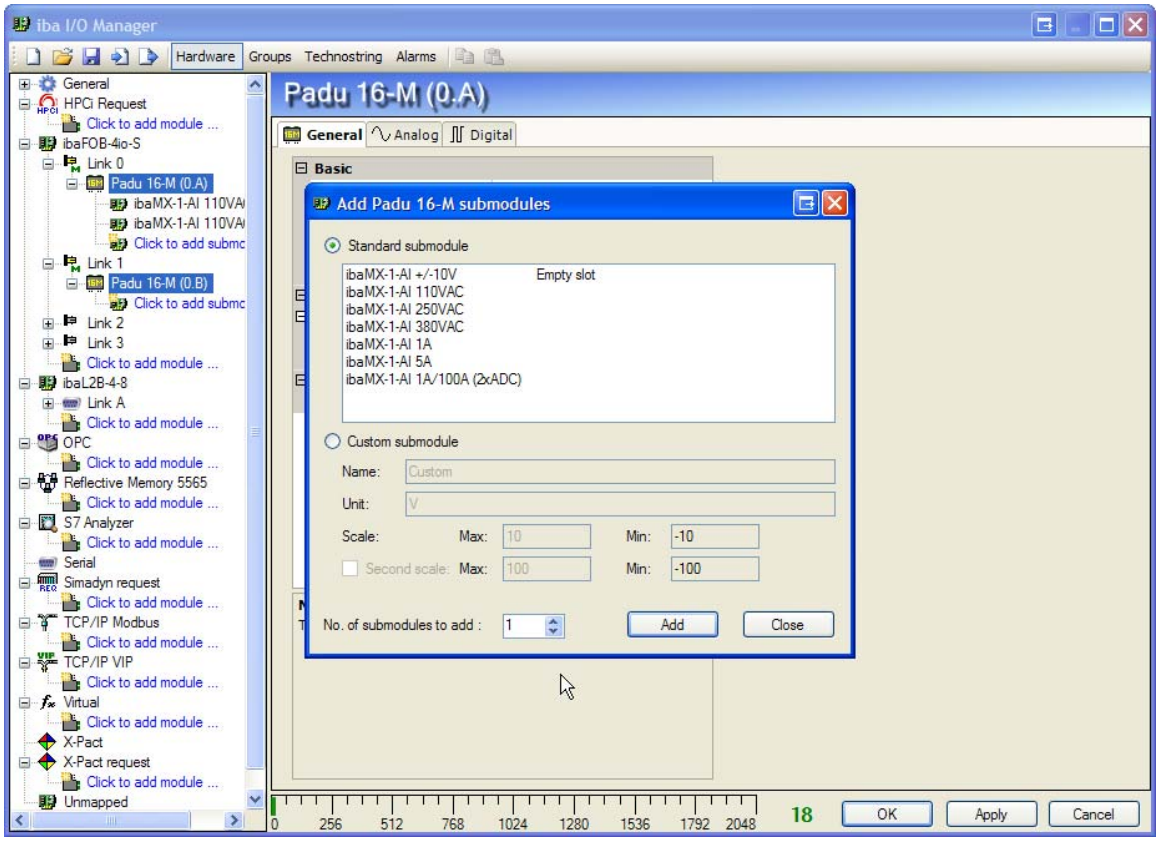
ibaPDA only supports the synchronous FOB-M mode. This means that all FOB-M devices connected to the pda system all use the same clock. The FOB-M devices sample their inputs all at the same time. You have to specify the period of this clock by filling in the link timebase on a FOB-M module. All FOB-M modules use the same link timebase. If you want to measure one of the devices at a slower rate then you can set the timebase property of the FOB-M module to a multiple of the link timebase.

You also have to specify the device address on the Padu8-M and Padu8-ICP modules.

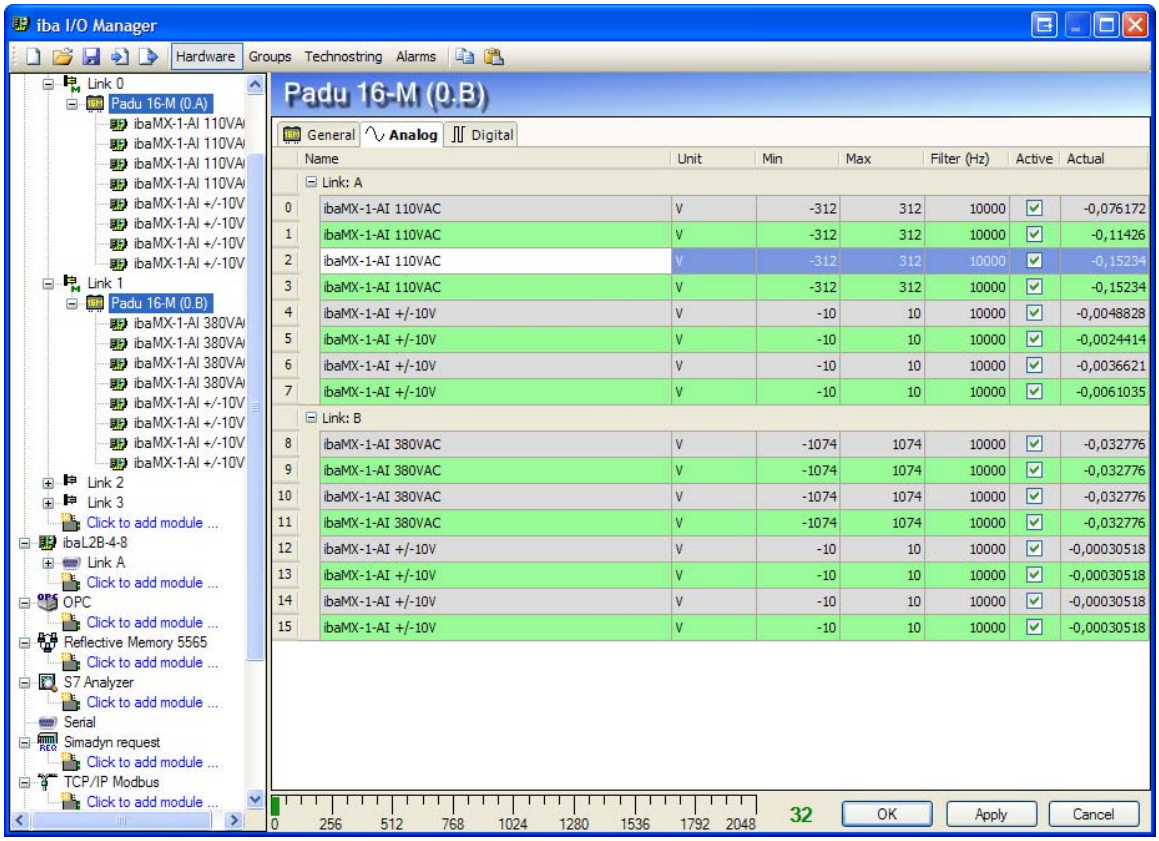
The Padu8-ICP module supports gains and filters on the analog inputs. These can be specified in the analog signal grid.



The Padu16-M module has 2 links. Each link can contain up to 8 submodules. In ibaPDA you can select the submodules by clicking the “Click to add submodule” node in the tree. This will open a small wizard where you can add the standard submodules or add a custom one.



Each submodule corresponds to 1 analog input. The correct scaling is applied automatically.



ibaPDA has a new function: FobMLinkStatus(‘BoardNr’, ‘LinkNr’). This function returns the status of the FOB link in FOB-M mode:

- 0 = link not active
- 1 = link ok
- 2 = link broken

This function can be used to write the status of the link to the dat file or to generate alarms.

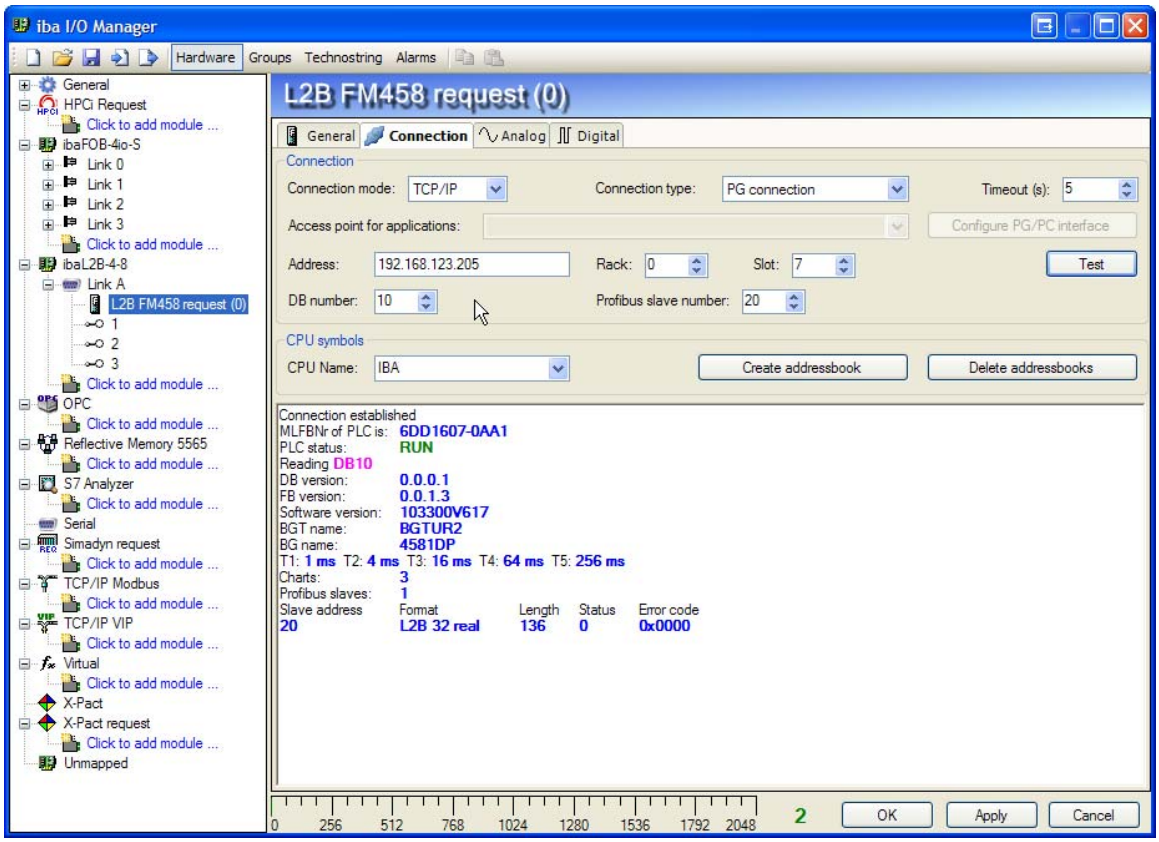
4 FM458 request

The FM458 request system uses 2 types of connections between PC and FM458:

- Control connection via TCP/IP or via a PC/CP connection (MPI, profibus, ISO or TCP/IP)
- Data connection via profibus

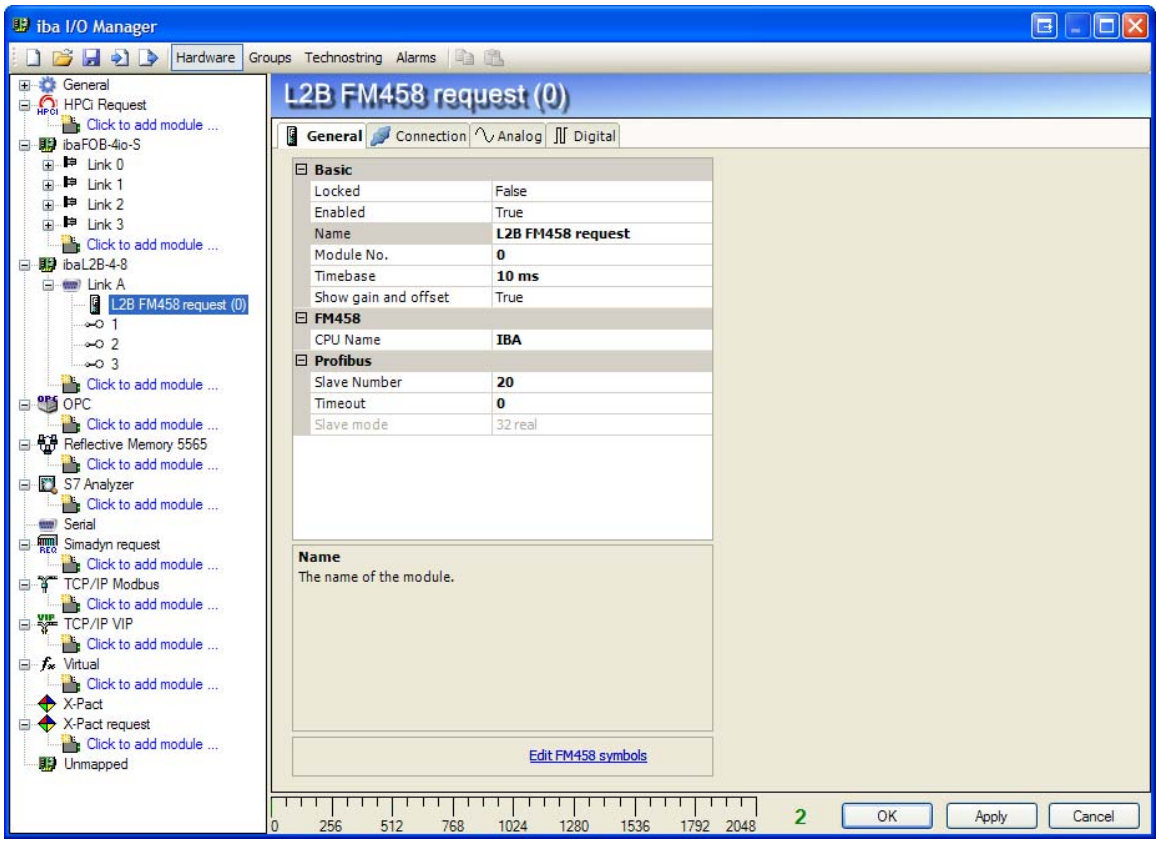
The control connection is used to create the addressbook and to request signals. The data connection is used to cyclically transfer the data for the requested signals. Currently only the L2B board is supported for the data connection. In the future ibaPDA will also support the ibaBM-DPM-S.

You can add a L2B FM458 request module to an L2B board. On the connection tab you can setup the control and data connection to the FM458.

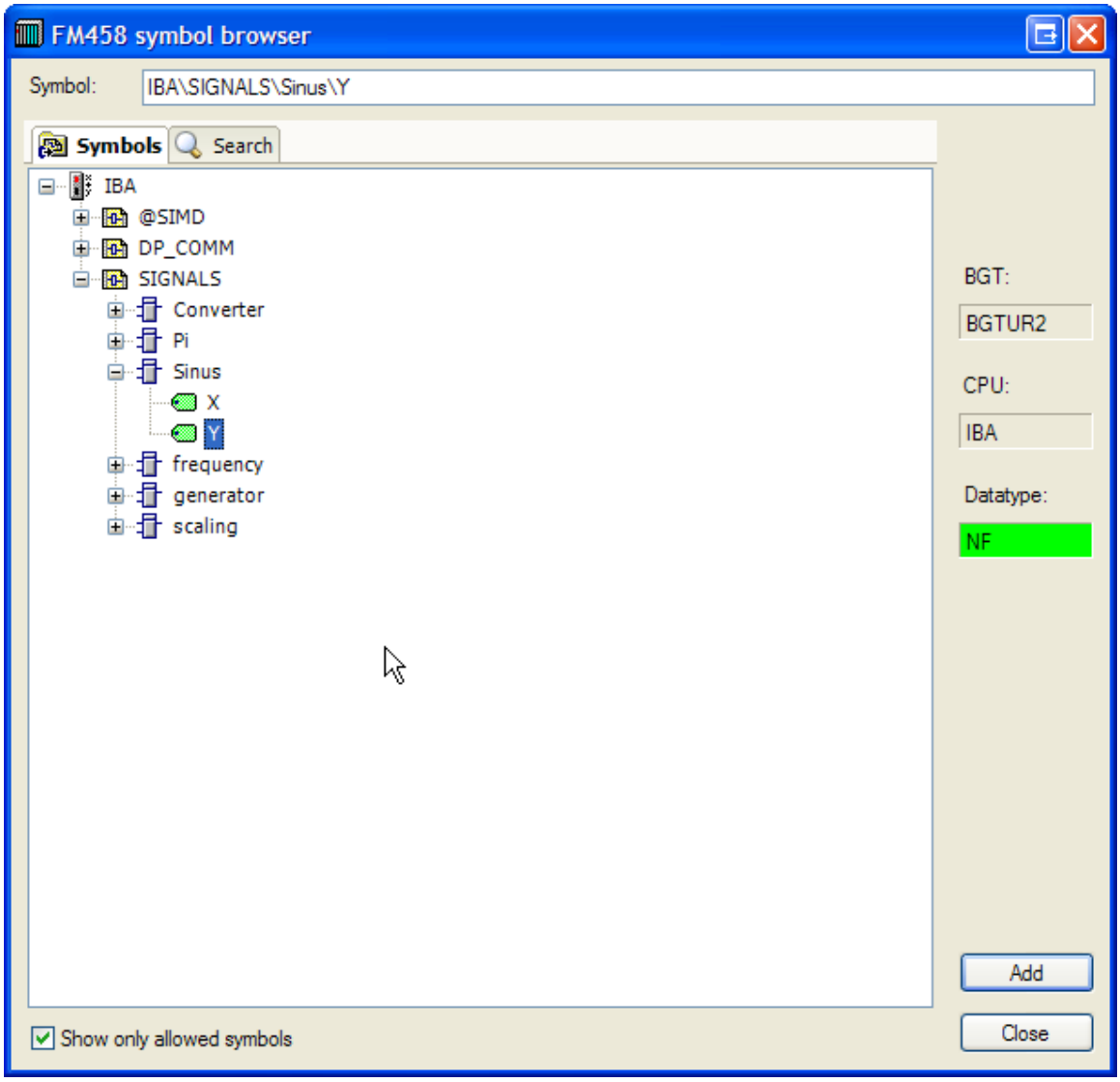


First you can choose between TCP/IP and PC/CP. If you choose PC/CP then you will have to select the access point. You can then fill in address, rack and slot number. You will also have to fill in the DB number that will be used for the communication. Now you can click the Test button to test the connection. If an FM458 is connected then ibaPDA will check that the DB is valid and it will also display some diagnostic information. The diagnostic information contains the profibus slave number. This slave number is automatically copied to the connection properties. See the S7 analyzer documentation for more information about the connection properties.

If the communication with the FM458 is OK then you can create the addressbook. You first have to give the FM458 a symbolic name. The CPU name combobox contains a list of the already available FM458s. You can also type in a new name. Click the create addressbook button to create the addressbook.



On the general tab you can click the “Edit FM458 symbols”. This will open the FM458 symbol browser where you select the signals you want to measure.



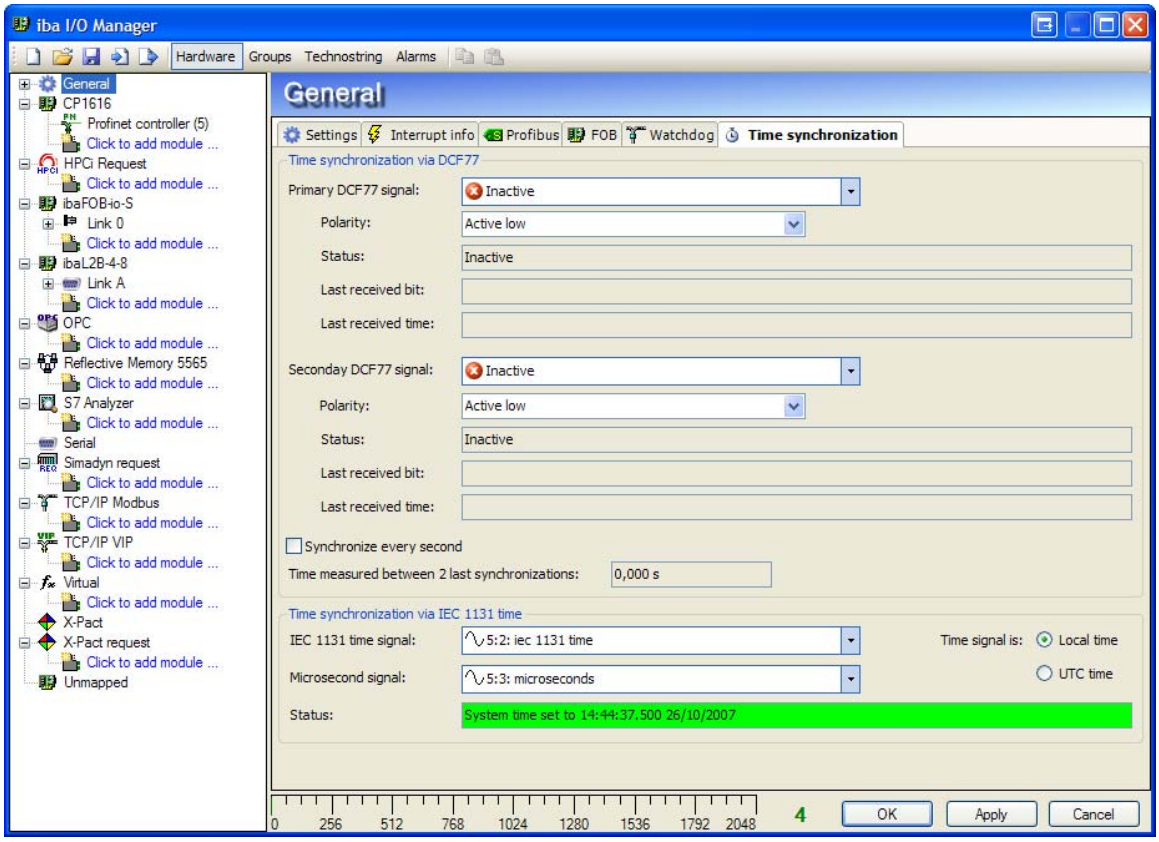
The symbol browser looks and acts the same as the TDC symbol browser.

When you have made your selection of signals then you can start the measurement. During validation you will first see the status of the profibus slave and then you will see the request communication between pda and the FM458.

The signals are transferred from the FM458 to ibaPDA in their native datatypes. There is no conversion to float done by the agent.

5 IEC 1131 time synchronization

On the general node there is a new time synchronization tab. There are 2 types of time synchronization supported: DCF77 and IEC 1131 time. Both types can use any signal for the time information. It doesn't matter via which interface the signals are being measured.



Pda needs 2 time signals in IEC 1131 mode:

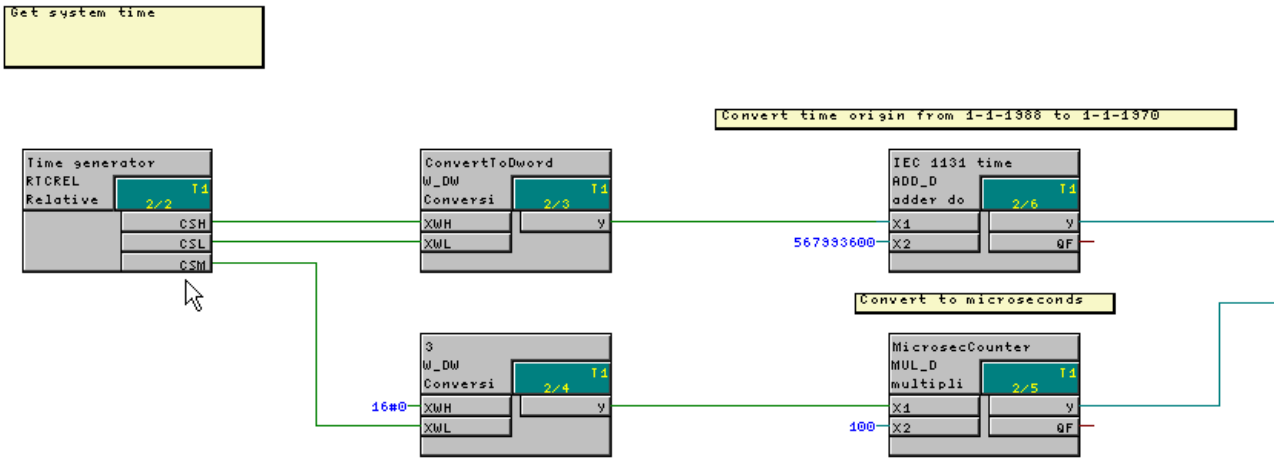
- A DWORD with the IEC 1131 time. This time represents the number of seconds that have passed since 00:00 on January 1st 1970.
- A DWORD with a microsecond counter that goes from 0 to 999999. The counter is reset at the start of every second.

You also have to specify if the received time is a local time or a UTC time. If it is a local time then pda will take that time without any conversions. If it is a UTC time then pda will convert it to a local time on the PC according to the time zone settings of the PC.

The status field shows the current status of the time synchronization. The time synchronization only works when the acquisition is running.

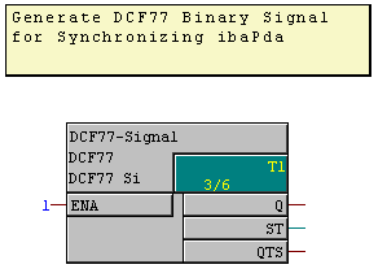
You should use the "Use system time" option on the datastore when time synchronization is active. Otherwise the dat file start time will not be accurate.

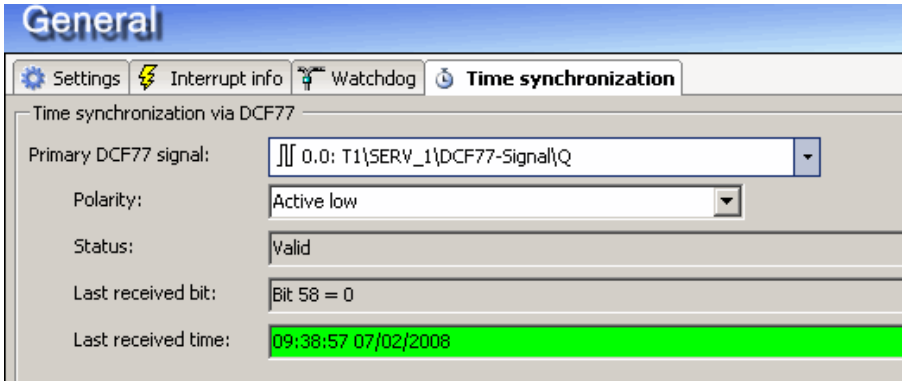
Example for FM458:



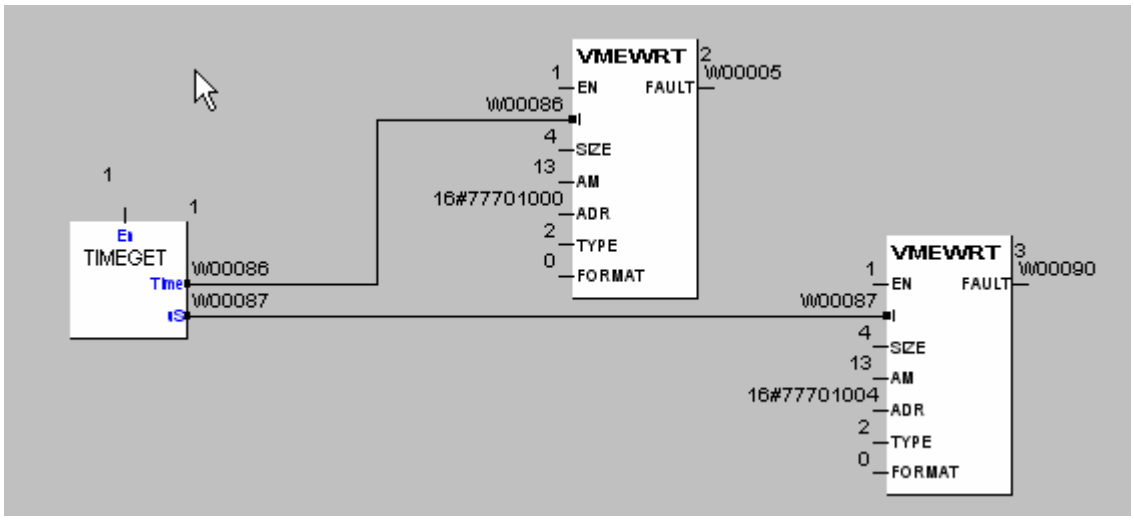
Example for Simadyn (CFC) and Simatic TDC:

Use the DCF77 function block to generate a binary decoded time signal. The functionblock can be delivered by iba AG.





Example for HPCi:



Example for Simotion:

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PROGRAM pda_timesync

VAR
systemtime: DT;
myRetTime : TOD;
myRetDate : DATE;
myRtc :rtc;

timeAsDWORD: DWORD;
timeInSecSince1992: DWORD;
secondsToday : DWORD;

timeArray: ARRAY[0..3] OF BYTE;
dateArray: ARRAY[0..3] OF BYTE;
END_VAR

//Get current system time
myRtc(set:=0,read:=1,pdt:=DT#0001-01-01-0:0:0);
systemtime := myRtc.cdt;

//Extract time of day from system time and convert it to a DWORD
//(milliseconds since midnight)
myRetTime:= DT_TO_TOD( systemtime);
timeArray:= ANYTYPE_TO_LITTLEBYTEARRAY(myRetTime,0);
timeAsDWORD := LITTLEBYTEARRAY_TO_ANYTYPE(timeArray,0);

//Extract date from system time and convert it to a DWORD
//(seconds since 1 jan 1992)
myRetDate:= DT_TO_DATE(systemtime);
dateArray:= ANYTYPE_TO_LITTLEBYTEARRAY(myRetDate,0);
timeInSecSince1992 := LITTLEBYTEARRAY_TO_ANYTYPE(dateArray,0);

//Create IEC 1131 datetime: seconds since 1 jan 1970
secondsToday := timeAsDWORD /1000 ; // get seconds from today
pn_pda_unixtime := timeInSecSince1992 * 24*3600 + 694224000 + secondsToday;

//Create microsecond counter
pn_pda_usec := (timeAsDWORD MOD 1000) * 1000 ; // from msec to usec

END_PROGRAM
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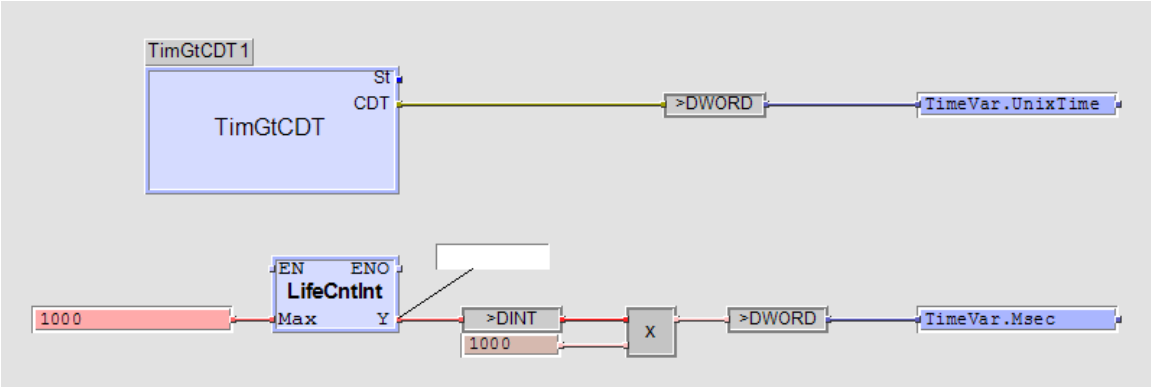
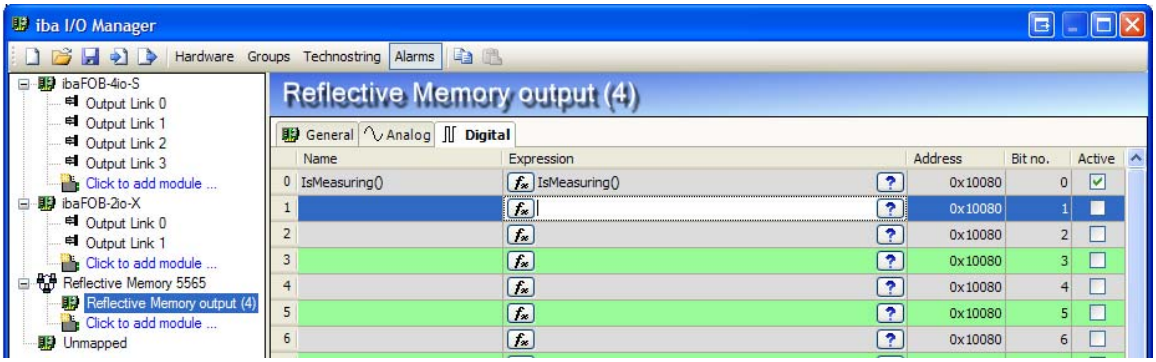
Example for X-Pact:



Use the TimeGtCDT block to get the system time and the ANY_TO_DWORD2 block to convert it into IEC 1131 format. The DWORD is then written on the reflective memory board. The LifeCntInt block can be used to generate a microsecond counter. The counter is also written on the reflective memory board.

6 Reflective memory output module

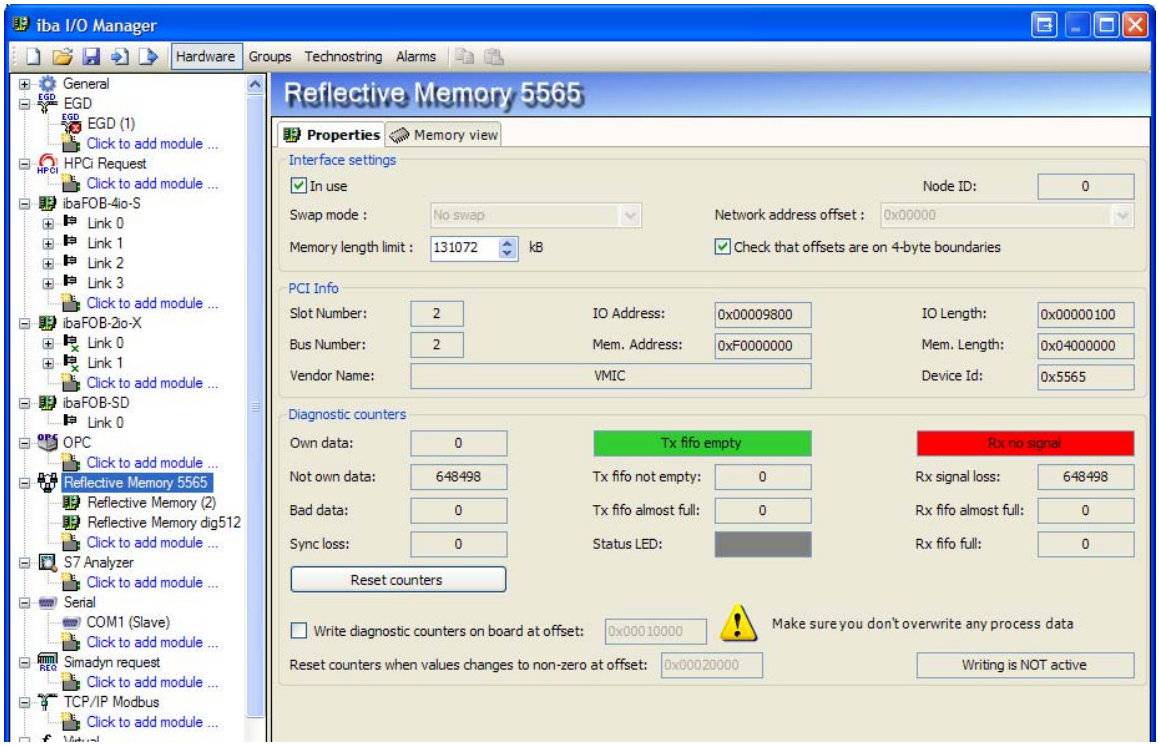
Pda can write analog and digital values on the reflective memory via a reflective memory output module.



The values that are written to the reflective memory board are the results of expressions. Like with all output modules the data is written at a maximum rate of 50ms.

7 Diagnostic counters on VMIC-5565 board

Pda monitors the status registers on the VMIC-5565 board. Pda calculates some counters based on some bits in the status registers. The calculations follow the specification received from Alcoa.

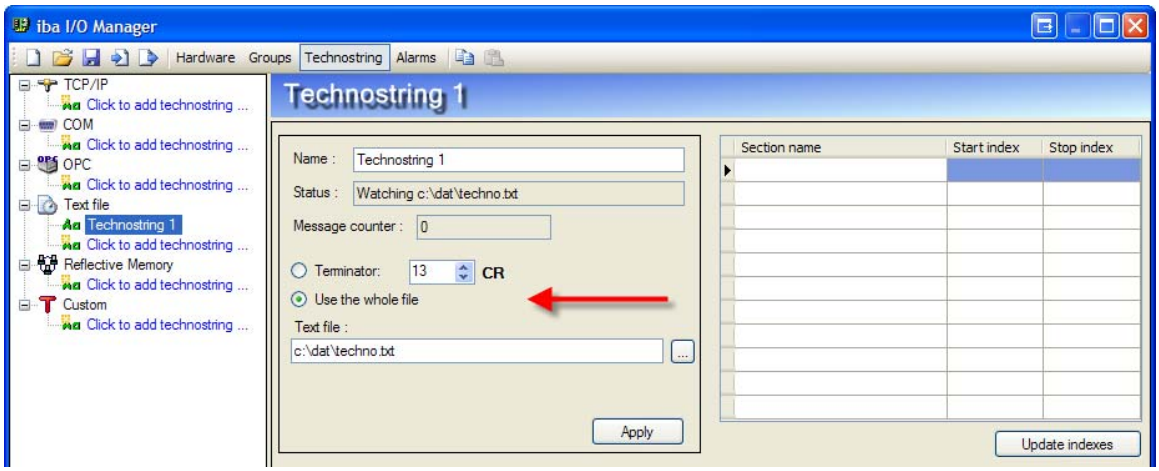


The counters are always displayed on the reflective memory interface. Pda can also write them back to the reflective memory board. Pda only writes them when the acquisition is running. When pda writes to the reflective memory then it also monitors a DWORD at the reset offset. When the DWORD changes to a non-zero value then the counters are reset.

8 EGD

See separate EGD description: sw_COMM_ibaPDA-EGD_v1.0_en_A4.pdf

9 Text file technostring



The text file technostring now has 2 ways to end the string. It can use a terminator or it can just use the whole file.