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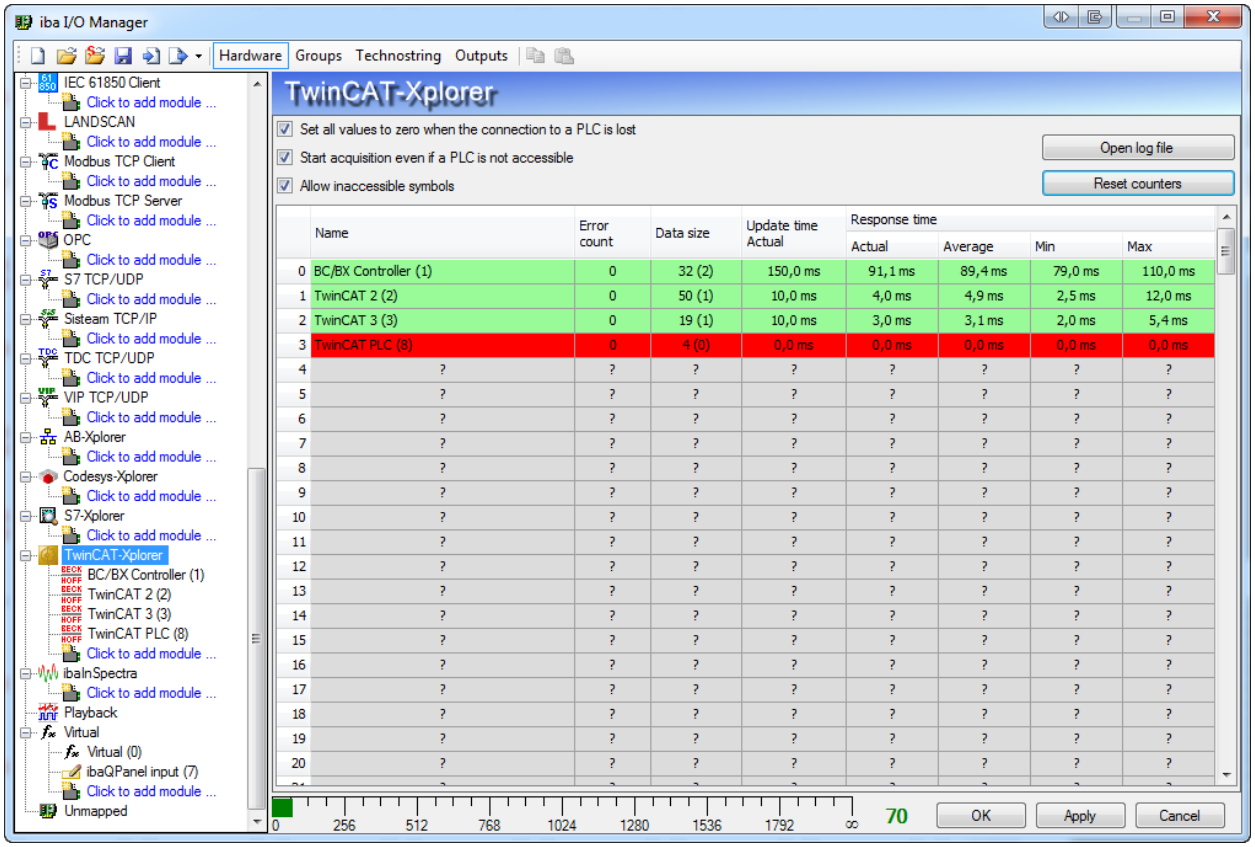
The TwinCAT-Xplorer interface in ibaPDA is used to measure data from Beckhoff PLCs. The interface supports TwinCAT versions 2 and 3 running on industrial PCs, embedded PCs (CX series) and bus controllers (BC/BX series). It is an Xplorer interface which means that the data is cyclically read by ibaPDA instead of being sent by the PLC. ibaPDA uses the Beckhoff ADS protocol to communicate with the PLCs.



The TwinCAT-Xplorer interface shows a table of the available connections. Per TwinCAT-Xplorer license you get 16 connections. A maximum of 240 connections is allowed. This means that maximum 15 licenses can be used. Each connection corresponds with a row in the table. The row is green when the connection is ok and data is being read. The row is orange when the connection is ok but the data is coming in slower than the configured update time. The row is red when the connection could not be established. The row is grey when there is no connection configured. The response time is the time it takes to read the data for a connection. The table shows the actual, average, minimum and maximum of the response time. The update time is the time between 2 reads. The data size shows how much data is read per read. The number in brackets shows how many ADS commands are required to read the data. The higher the number of required ADS commands is the slower the response time will be. You can use the “Reset counters” button to clear the counters for all connections.

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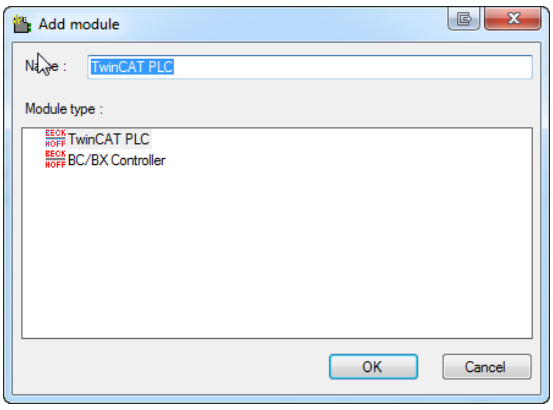
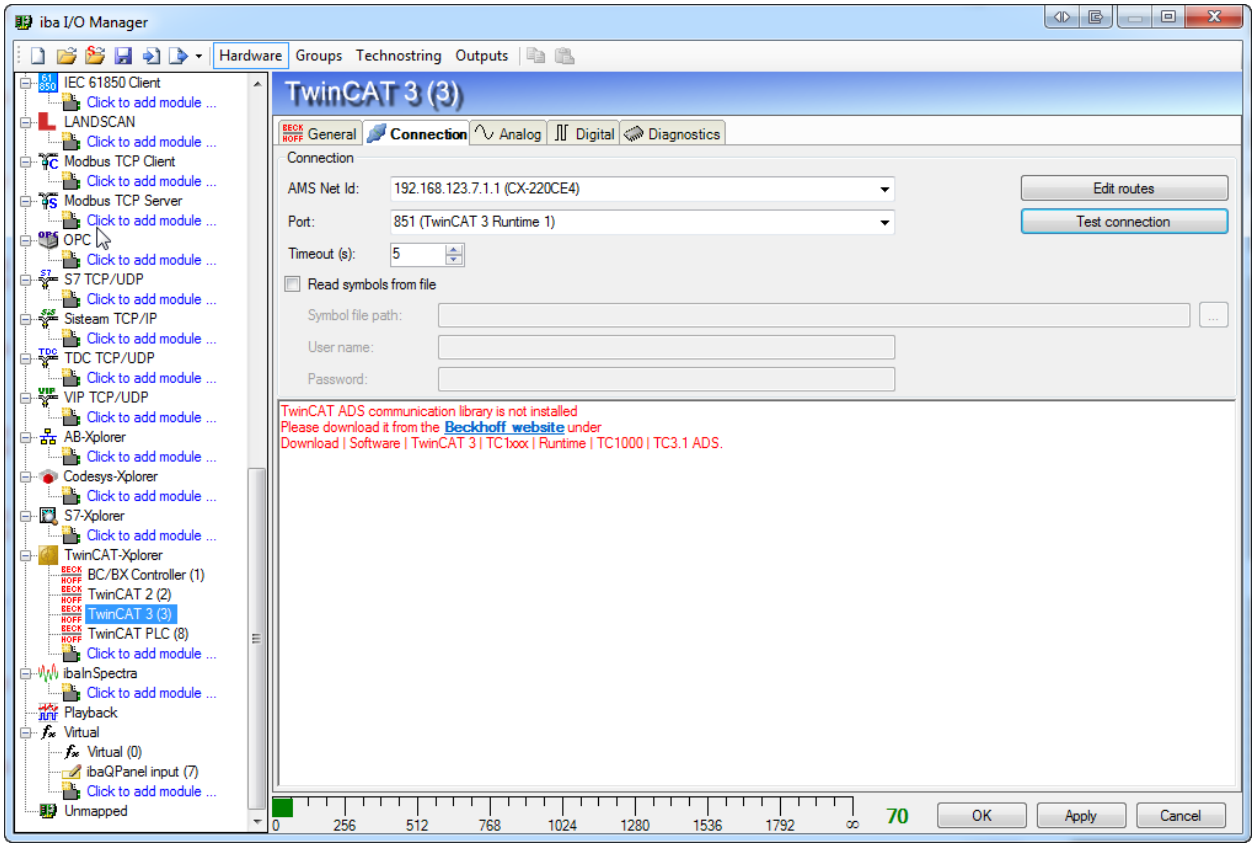


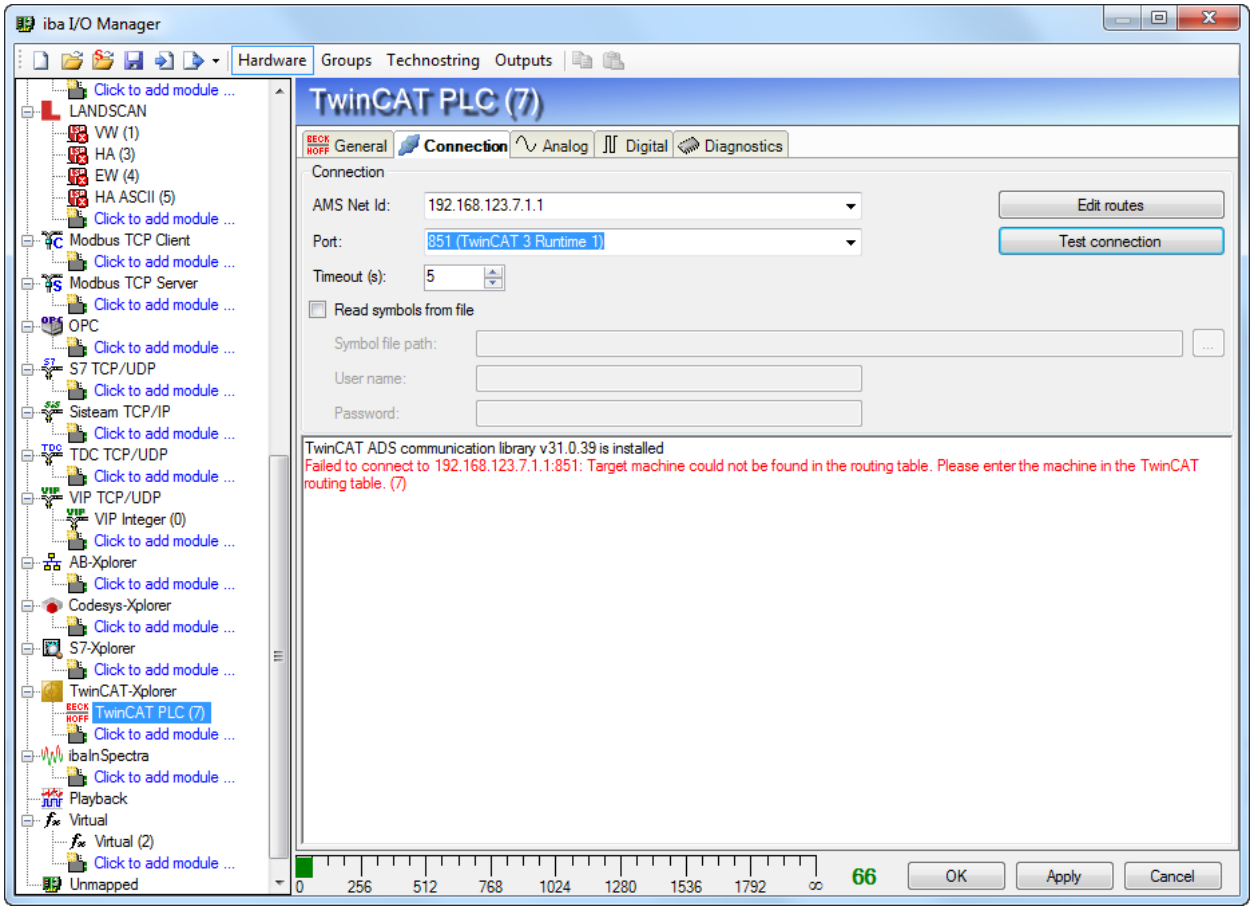
There are 2 types of modules that you can add to the TwinCAT-Xplorer interface:

- TwinCAT PLC: Use this when you want to measure from an industrial PC or embedded PC (CX series).
- BC/BX Controller: Use this when you want to measure from a bus controller.



ibaPDA uses the TwinCAT ADS communication library of Beckhoff to connect to the PLCs. This library is not included in the ibaPDA installation. If TwinCAT v2 or v3 is installed on the PC where the ibaPDA service is running then the library will be available. If TwinCAT is not installed

then you will have to download the TwinCAT 3 ADS runtime from the Beckhoff website (http://www.beckhoff.com). Navigate to Dowload | Software | TwinCAT 3 | TC1xxx | Runtime | TC1000 | TC3.1 ADS. Start the installer and select full install.

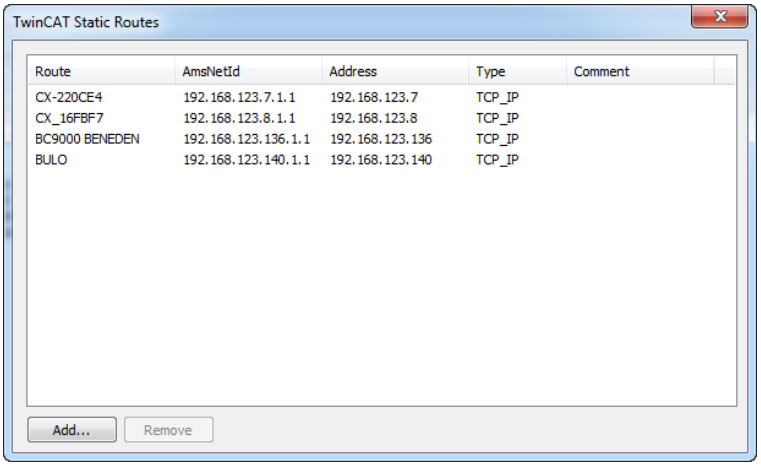


On the connection tab you have to configure the address of the PLC you want to connect to. In ADS the address consists of an AMS Net Id and a port number. The AMS Net Id is the address of an ADS router. It is an extension of the IP address. It consists of 6 bytes. Usually the first 4 bytes are the IP address and the last 2 bytes are 1. The port number determines the ADS device that is connected to the router. There are predefined port numbers for the TwinCAT runtimes:

- 800: for BC/BX bus controllers
- 801, 811, 821, 831: for the 4 possible TwinCAT 2 runtimes
- 851, 852, 853, 854: for the 4 possible TwinCAT 3 runtimes

On the ibaPDA server PC there is also an ADS router installed when the TwinCAT ADS library is installed. An entry to the remote PLC needs to be entered in the routing table of this ADS router. Also an entry for the ibaPDA server PC's AMS Net Id needs to be entered in the routing table of the remote ADS router. This can be done by the ADS router configuration tool. The tool can be started via the *Edit routes* button when you are on the ibaPDA server PC.

This will open the following dialog when TwinCAT 3 or the TwinCAT 3 ADS runtime is installed.



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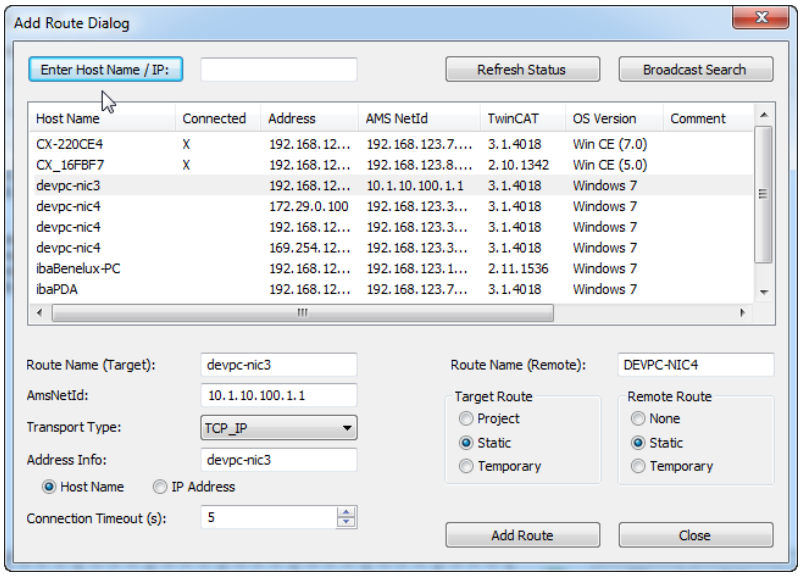
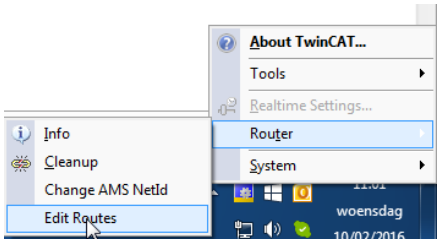


Use the *Broadcast Search* button to look on the local network for compatible TwinCAT PLCs. Then either select a found PLC or enter the *Route Name*, *AmsNetId* and *Address Info* manually. Select *Static* for *Target Route*. Select *Static* for *Remote Route* when connecting to a TwinCAT PLC. Select *None* for *Remote Route* when connecting to a bus controller. Finally click the *Add Route* button to add the route into the routing table. The router will try to connect to the remote ADS router and might require a user name and password. If the connection was successful then an X will appear in the *Connected* column.

You can also open the configuration tool via the context menu on the TwinCAT system tray icon. Use the command *Router -> Edit Routes*.



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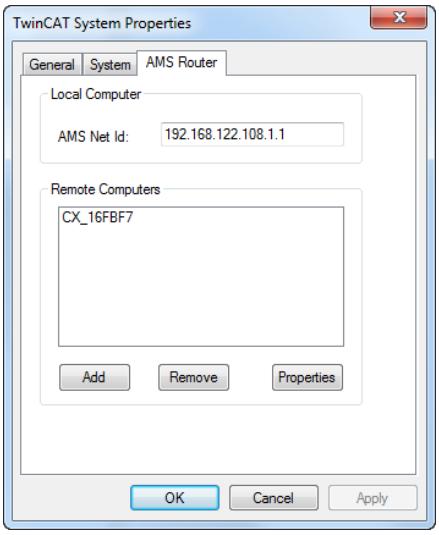

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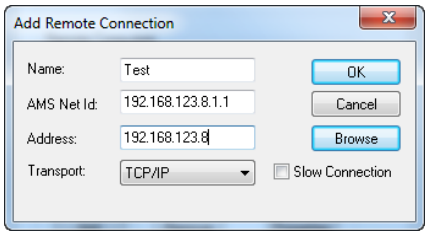
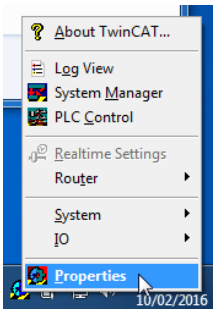
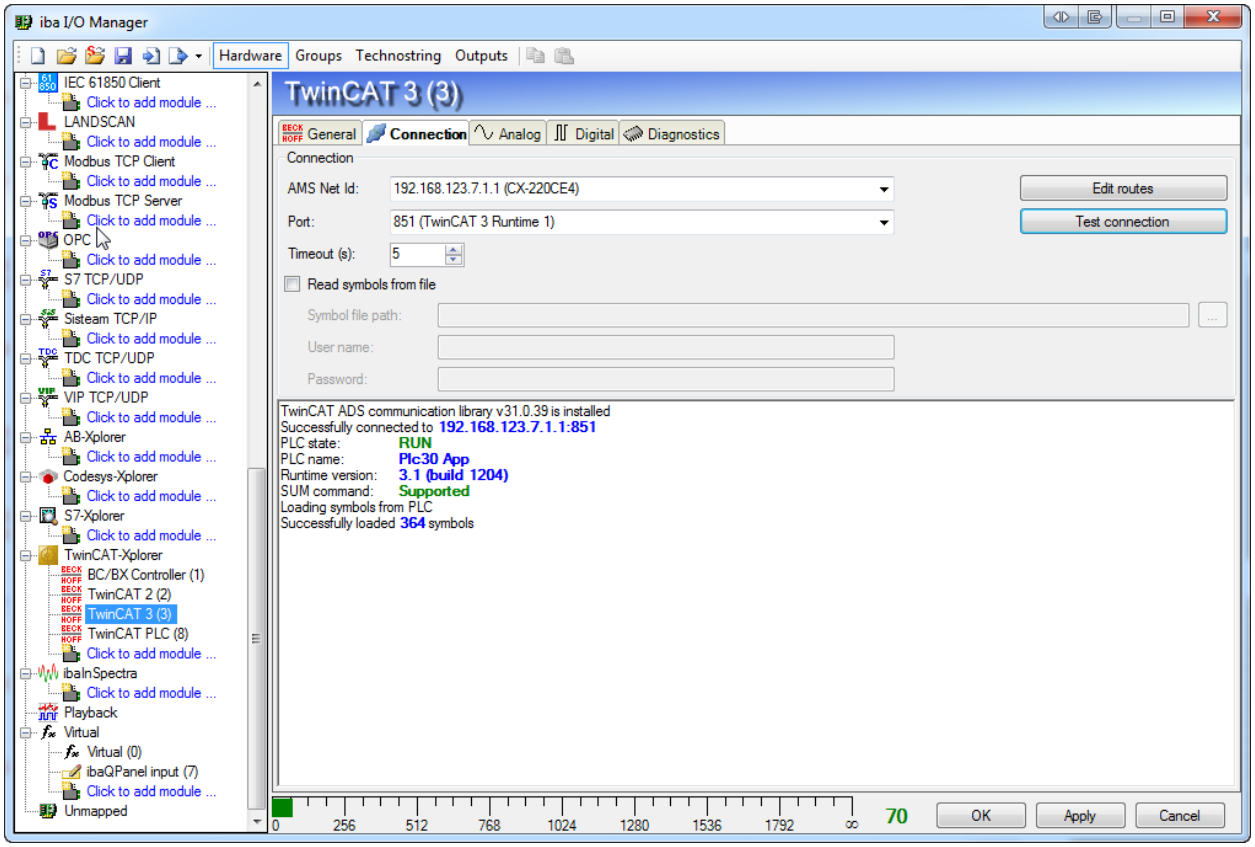


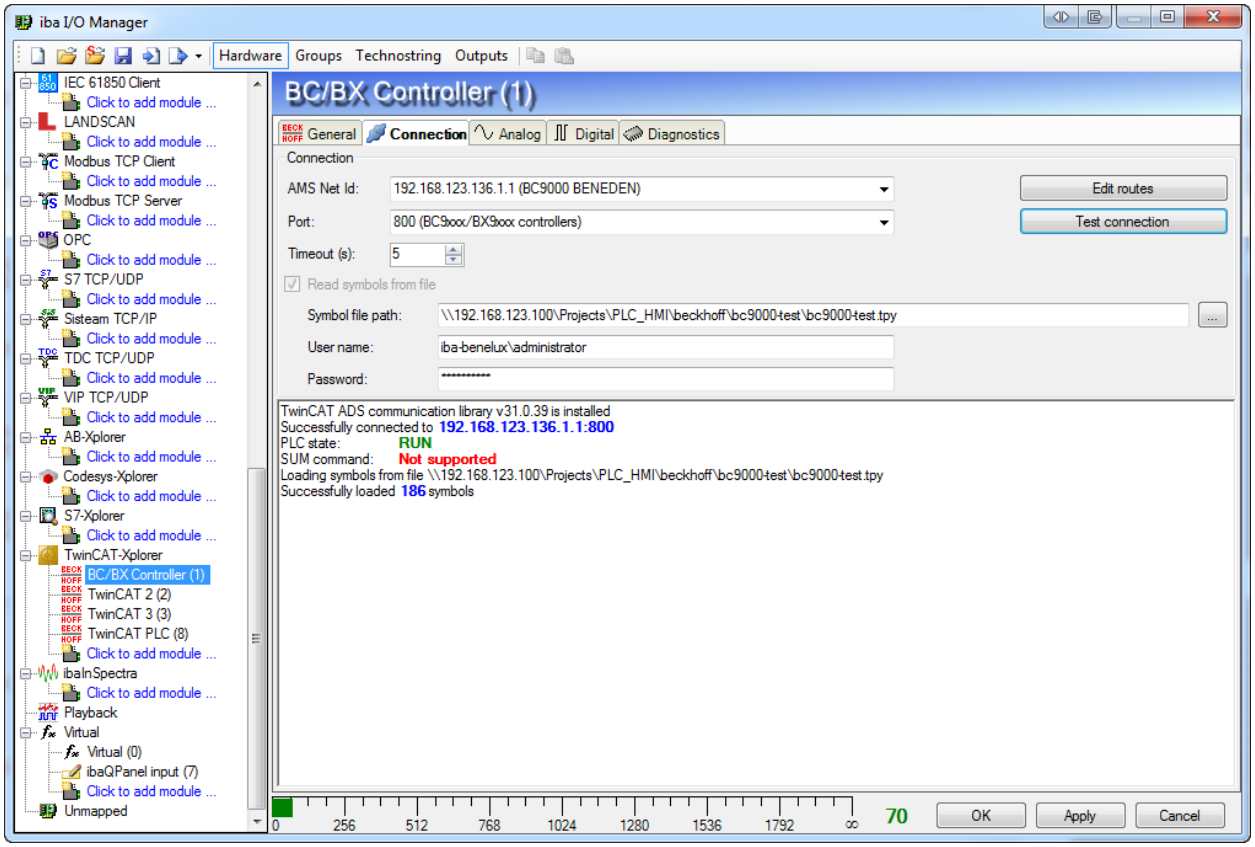
You have to manually enter the *Name*, *AMS Net Id*, *Address* fields. Click the *OK* button to add the route into the routing table.



You can also open the configuration tool via the context menu on the TwinCAT system tray icon. Use the command *Properties*.

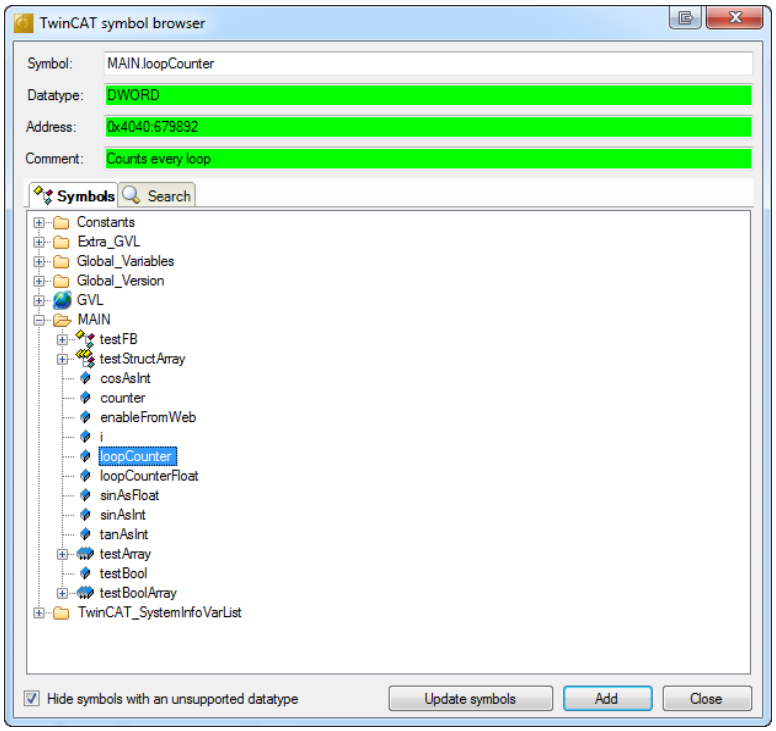


Once the routing tables are correct you can connect to the PLC in ibaPDA. Use the *Test connection* button on the *Connection* tab. When you test the connection you get some information about the connected PLC like its current state, its name, the runtime version and whether it supports the SUM command. The SUM command is used to send multiple ADS read commands inside of a single ADS SUM command. This speeds up the response time a lot. On most TwinCAT PLCs the symbols are stored on the PLC itself. If this is the case then ibaPDA will load the symbols from the PLC during the connection test.

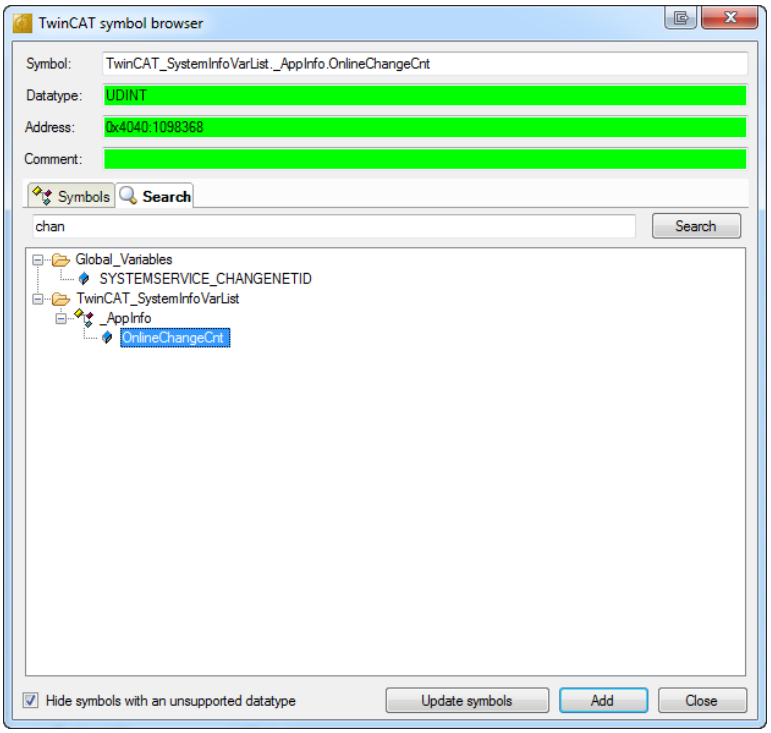


If the symbols are not stored on the PLC, this is the case for bus controllers, then a symbol file needs to be specified. The symbol file is a .tpy file that is generated by the TwinCAT compiler. It is normally located in the same directory as the project file. It is the ibaPDA service that is going to access the symbol file. This means that if the symbol file is located on a network share then you need to specify the UNC path and proper user credentials for it.

On the general tab click the *Select symbols* hyperlink to open the symbol browser.



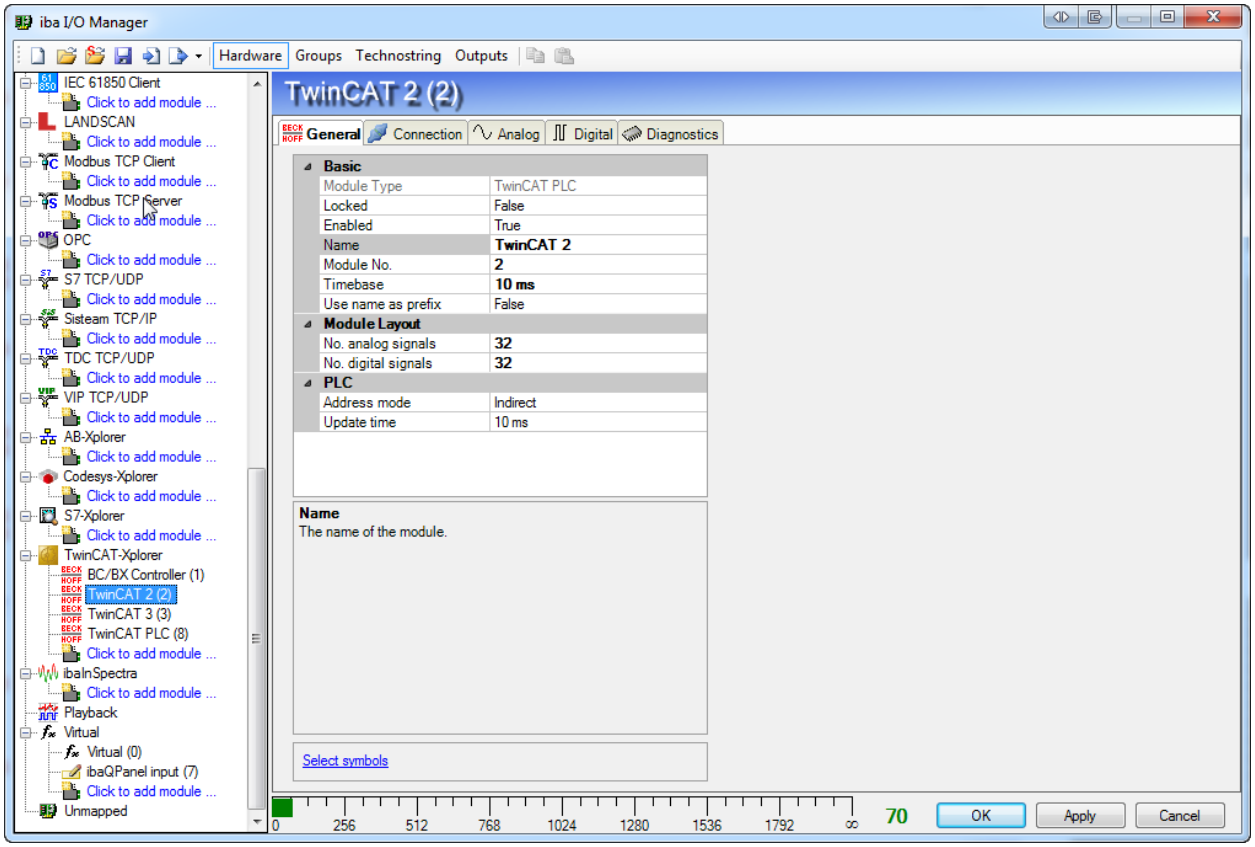
The symbol browser shows all the symbols that were loaded from the PLC or imported from the symbol file. You can select single or multiple symbols in the tree. Click the *Add* button to add them to the corresponding analog or digital signal grid. If you selected a single symbol then the next symbol will be selected after you clicked the *Add* button. This allows you to hit add multiple times in order to add consecutive symbols. You can also double click a symbol to add it to the signal grid. Use the *Update symbols* button to read the symbols again from the PLC or to read the symbol file again.



On the search tab you can search symbols by name. The search result tree works in the same way as the complete symbol tree.

The data type, address and comment of the selected symbol are also shown in the browser. The address consist of an Index Group (in hex) followed by an Index Offset (in decimal). The address of a symbol can change when a project is recompiled or when the project is changed and extra symbols are added or symbols are removed. ibaPDA can read the data for a symbol via the symbol address or via the symbol name. When ibaPDA reads via the symbol name then it first requests a handle to the symbol from the PLC. This handle then points to the actual address of the symbol. When a new version of the project is loaded on the PLC then the addresses that the handles point to are updated automatically by the PLC. This way ibaPDA will always read the correct data for the symbol when it reads via the handle. This addressing mode is called *Indirect*. The other addressing mode is called *Direct*. In direct mode ibaPDA uses the symbol address directly to read data for a symbol. In this case ibaPDA could read incorrect data after a project download to the PLC. You can configure the addressing mode that ibaPDA will use on the *General* tab of the module. It is recommended to use the *Indirect* address mode. Bus controllers don't have symbol information on them so they only support *Direct* address mode.

ibaPDA is able to detect that a symbol download occurs on a bus controller. It will then periodically check if the symbol file has updated. When the symbol file is updated then ibaPDA will reload it and update the addresses of the requested symbols. From then on ibaPDA will use the correct addresses again for the symbols and the data will be read correctly.



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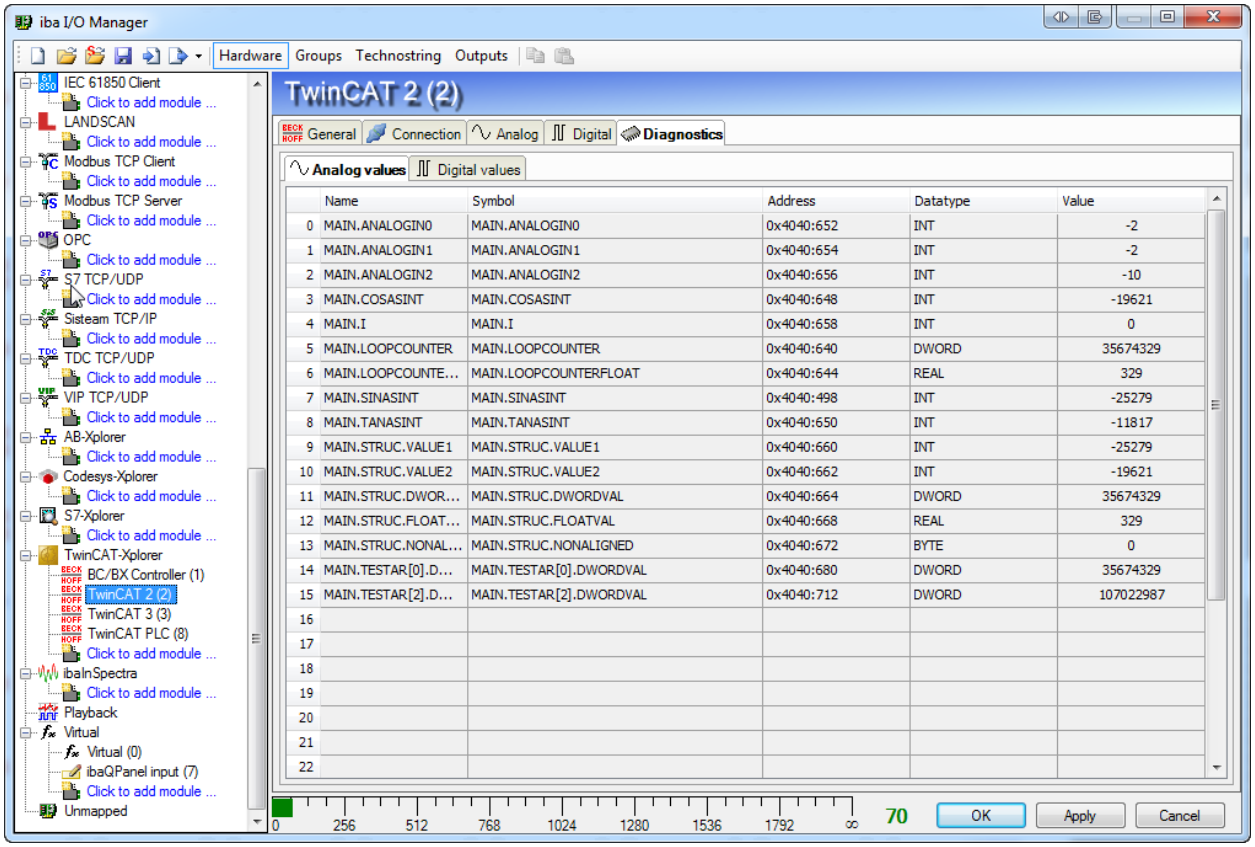

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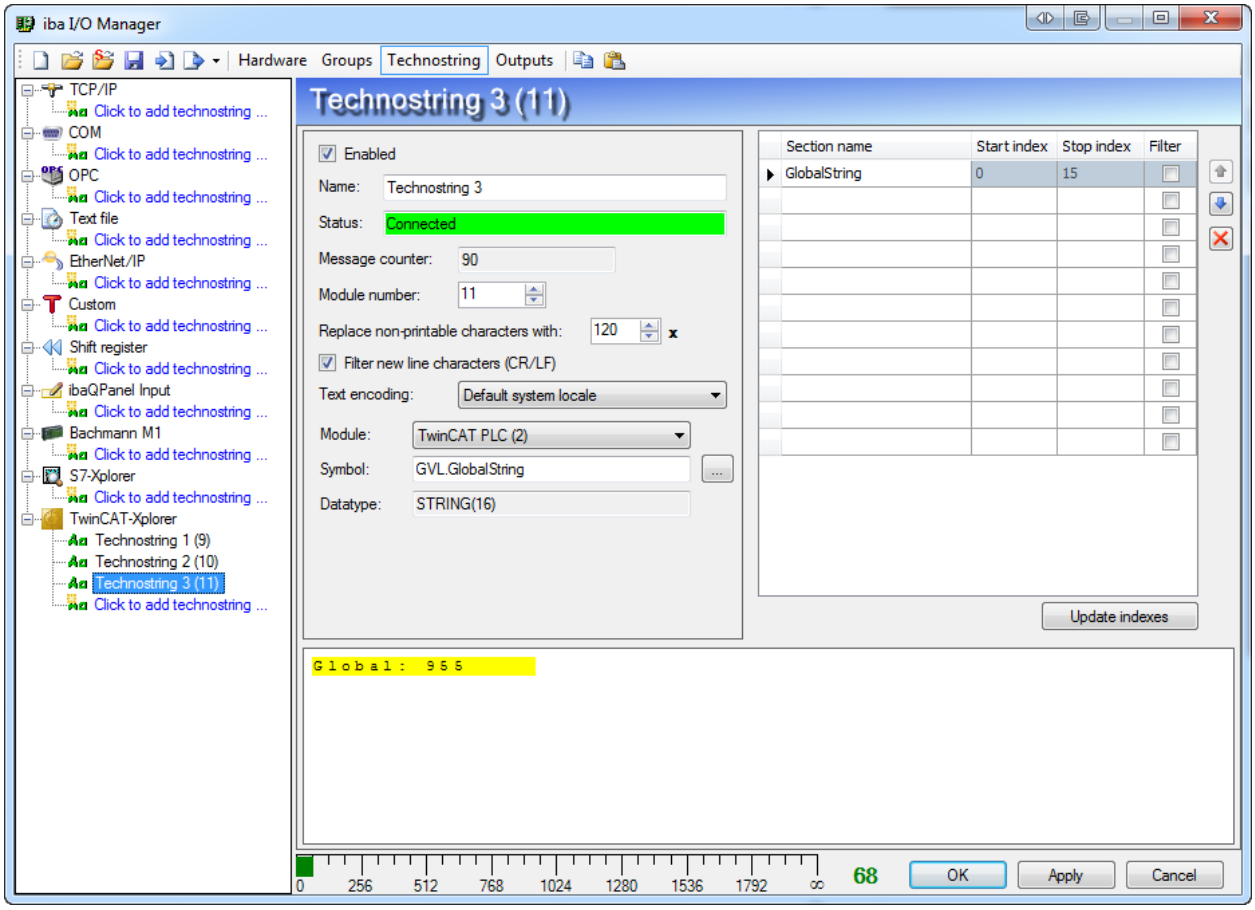

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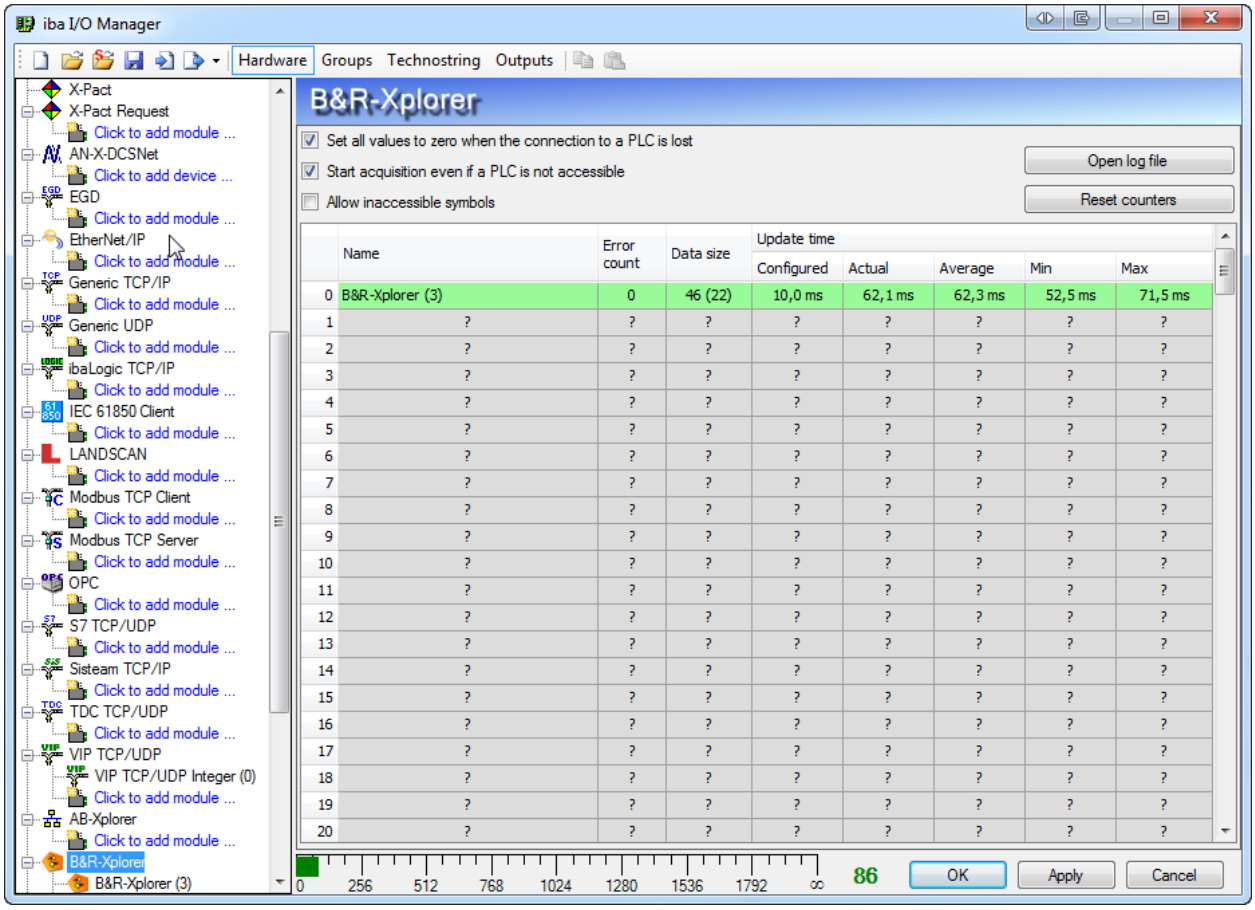
2 B&R-Xplorer

The B&R-Xplorer interface in ibaPDA is used to measure data from B&R PLCs. The interface supports B&R industrial PCs and control systems like the X20 system. It is an Xplorer interface which means that the data is cyclically read by ibaPDA instead of being sent by the PLC. ibaPDA uses the B&R PVI library to communicate with the PLCs.



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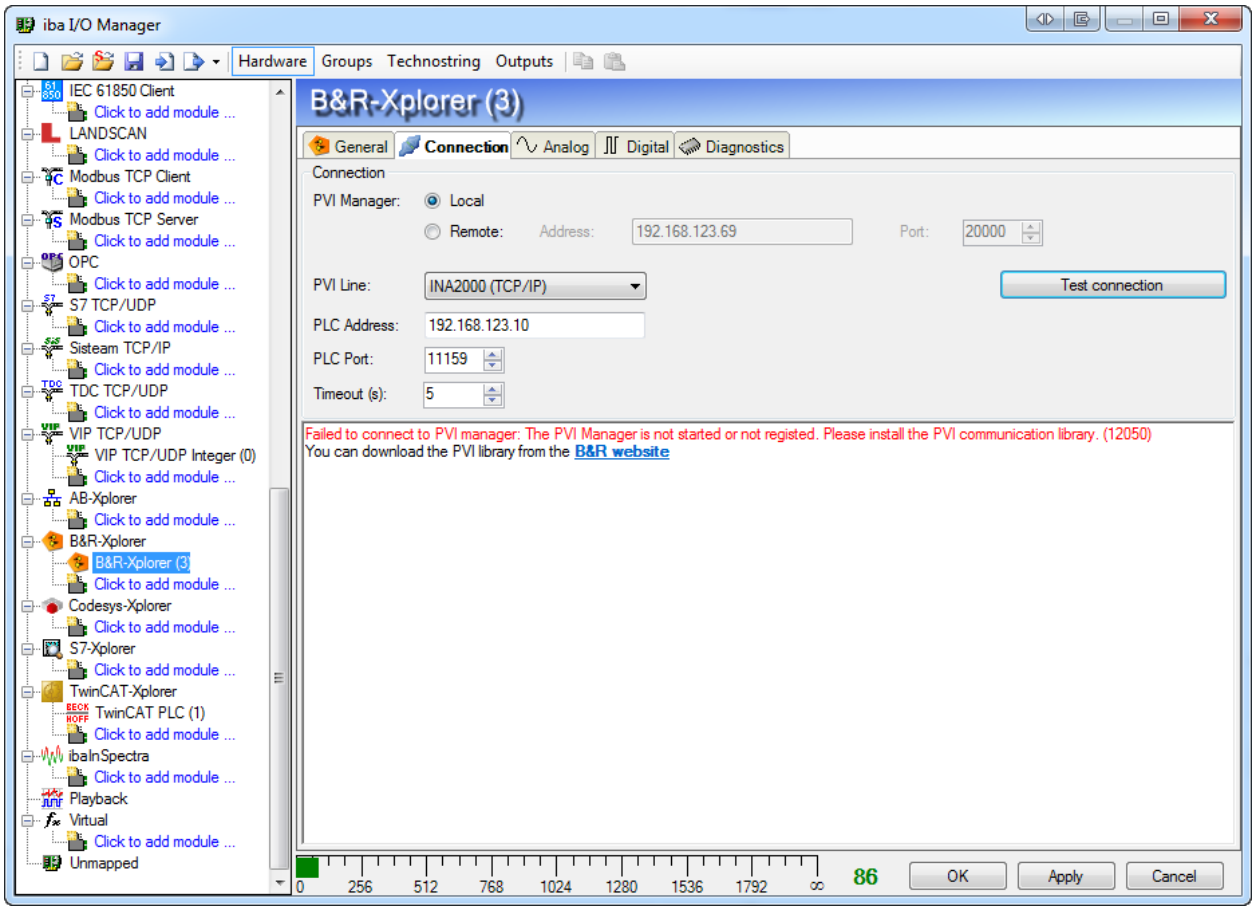

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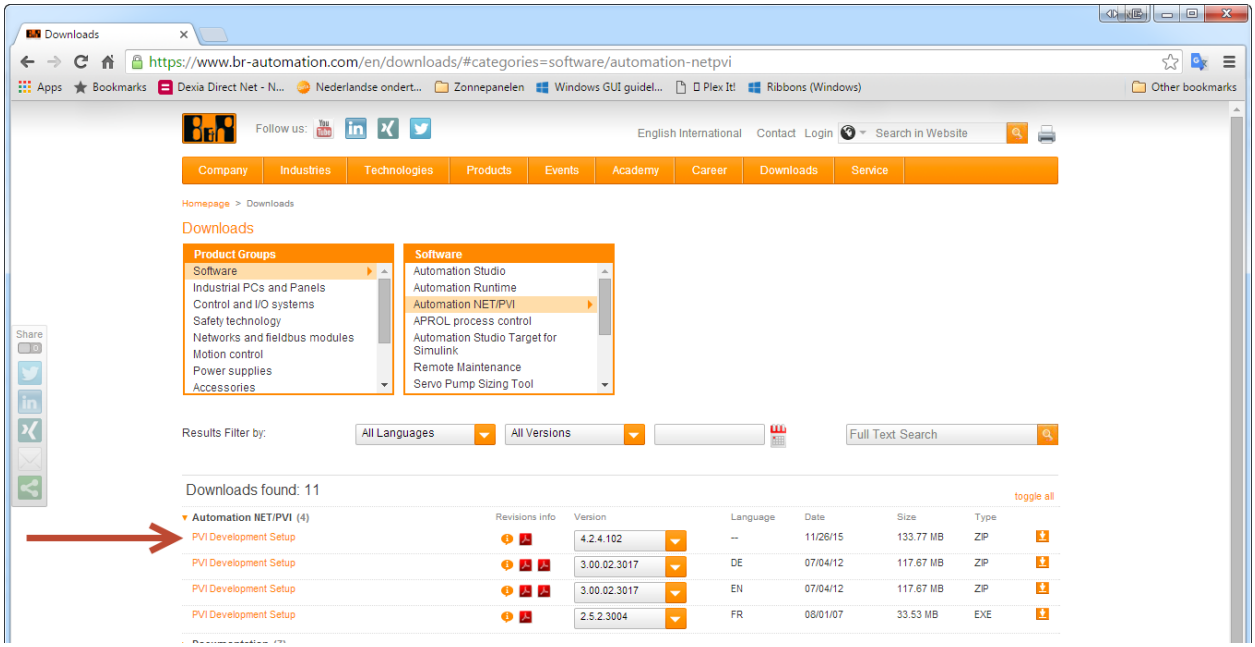
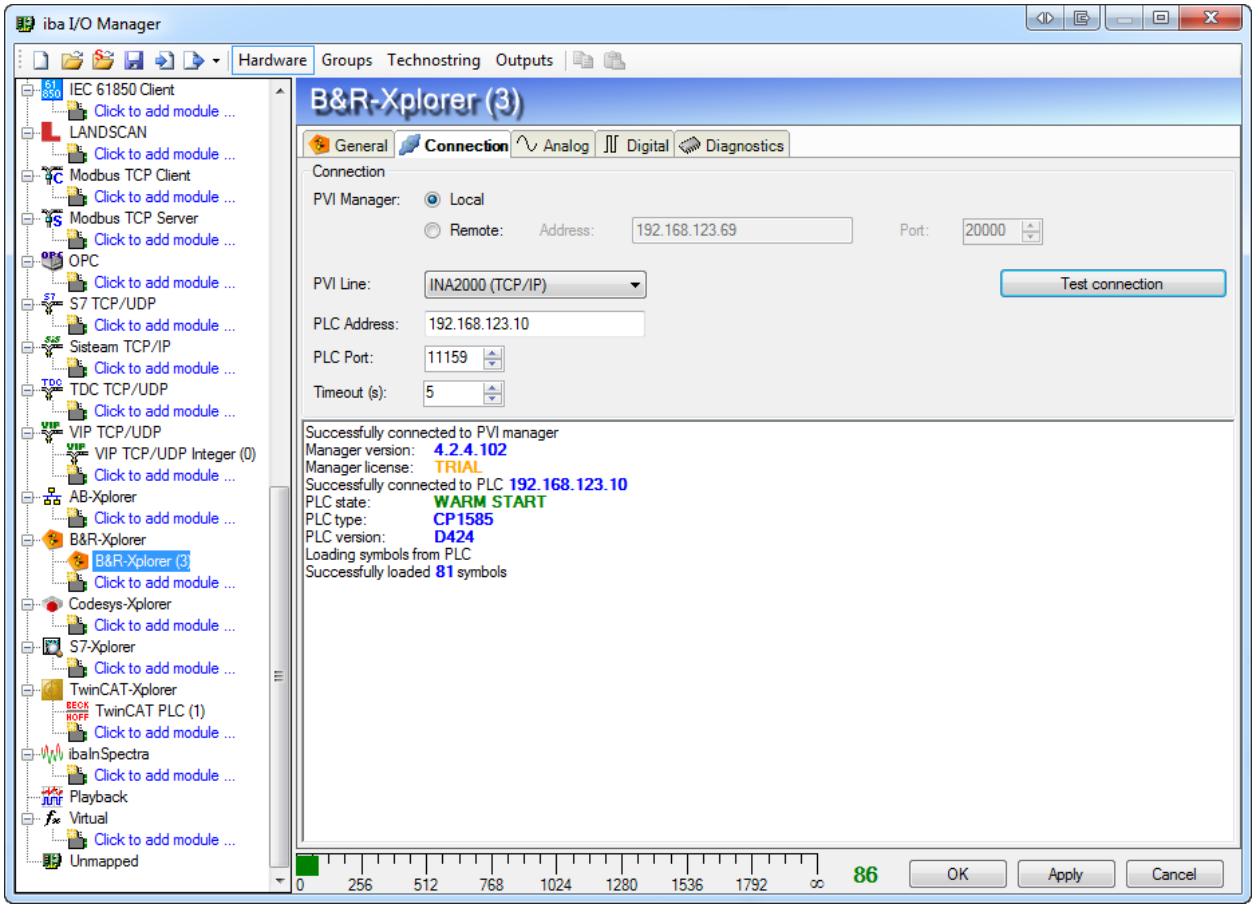


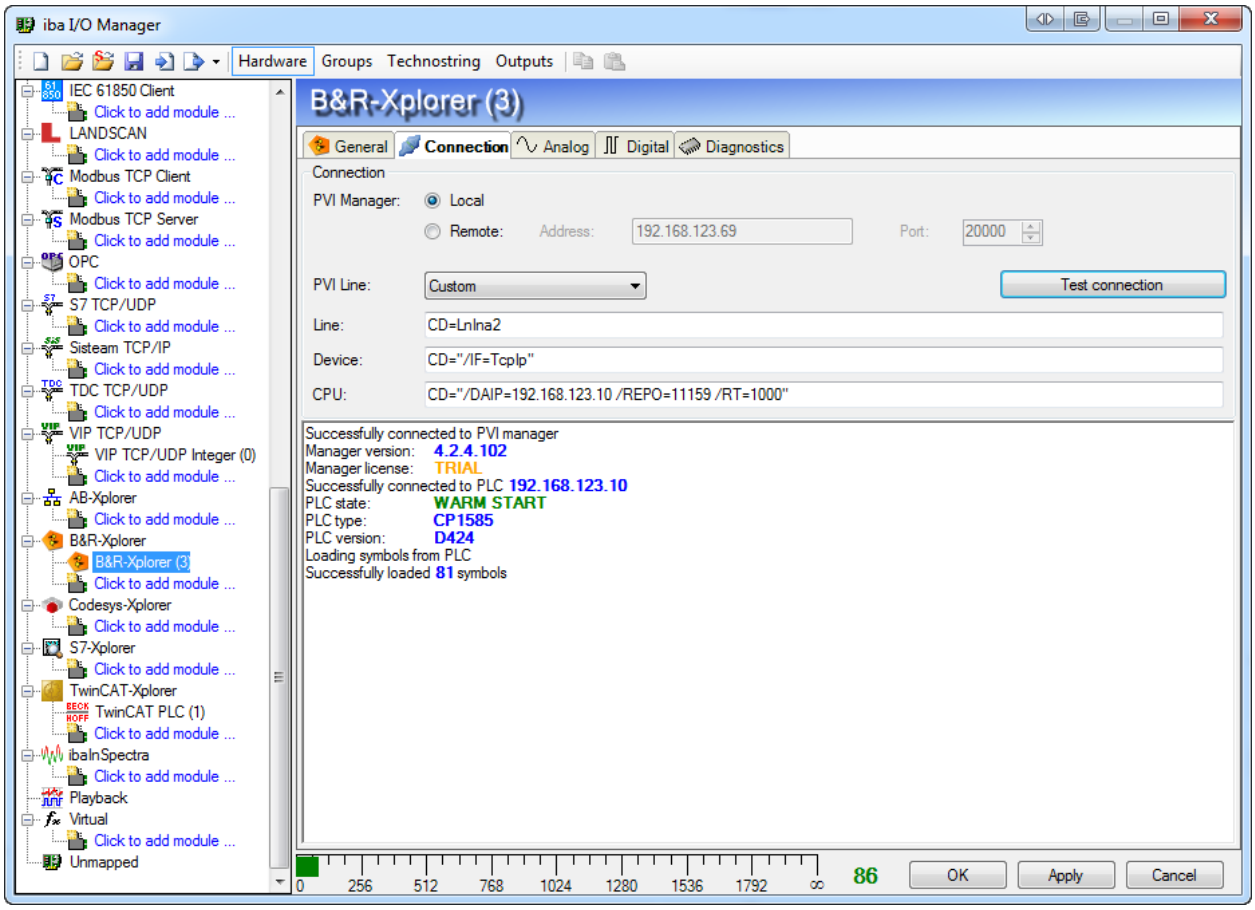


On the connection tab you have to configure the PVI manager you want to use to connect to the PLC. You can use a local PVI manager or a remote one. If the PVI manager is running on non-B&R hardware then you require a license from B&R to use it.

The next step is configuring the PVI line to use. The PVI line determines which protocol the PVI manager will use to connect to the PLC. There are 3 options:

- INA2000 (TCP/IP): This interface uses the INA2000 protocol over TCP and UDP. It is supported by control generations SGC, SG3 and SG4. The automation runtime version needs to be 2.10 or higher.
- ANSL: This interface is the successor to the INA2000 protocol. It also uses TCP and UDP. It is only supported by control generations SG4. The automation runtime version needs to be 4.08 or higher.
- Custom: In this mode you can configure the PVI line yourself by entering the connection description strings for the line, device and CPU.

In case of the INA2000 and ANSL lines you have to configure the IP address or host name of the PLC. You also have to configure the port number. The timeout determines how long a connection attempt will take.



Use the *Test connection* button on the *Connection* tab to try the connection to the PLC. When you test the connection you get some information about the connected PVI manager and PLC. ibaPDA will also load the symbols that are available on the PLC.

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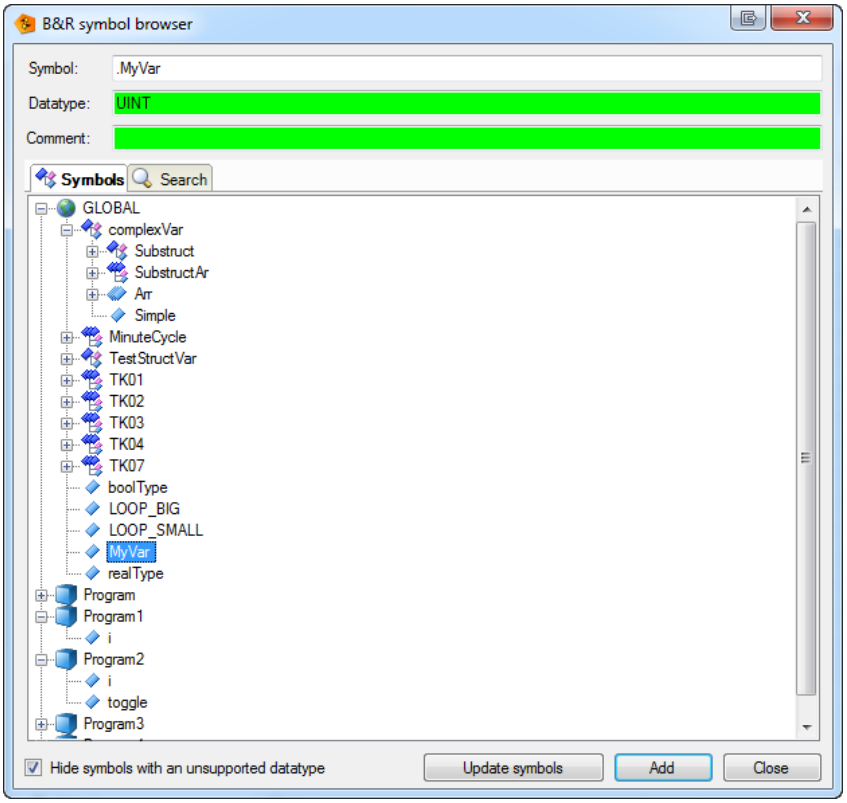

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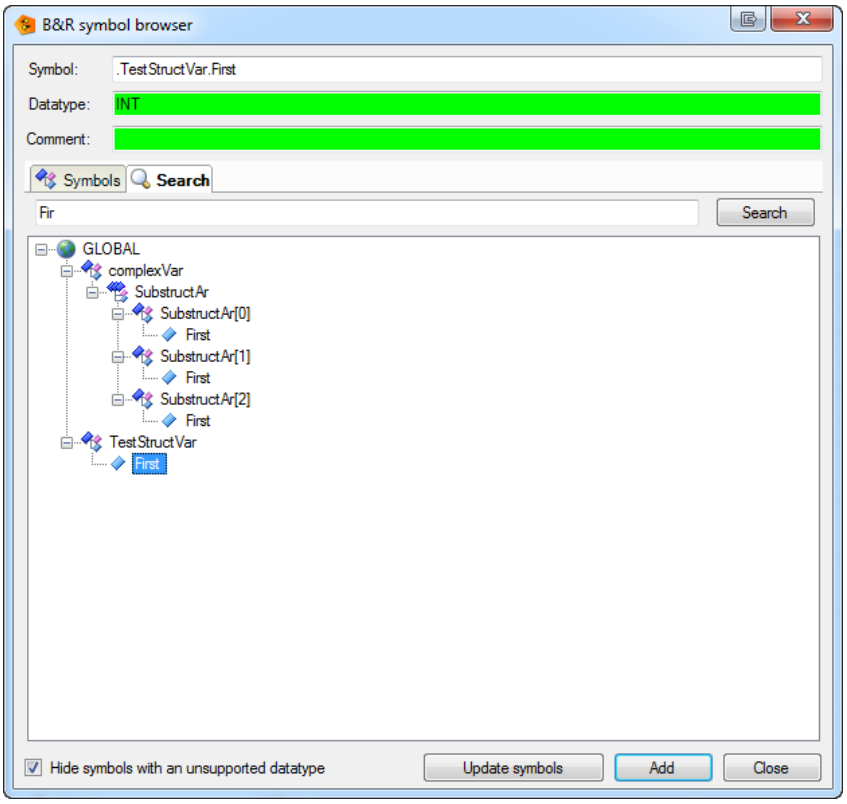

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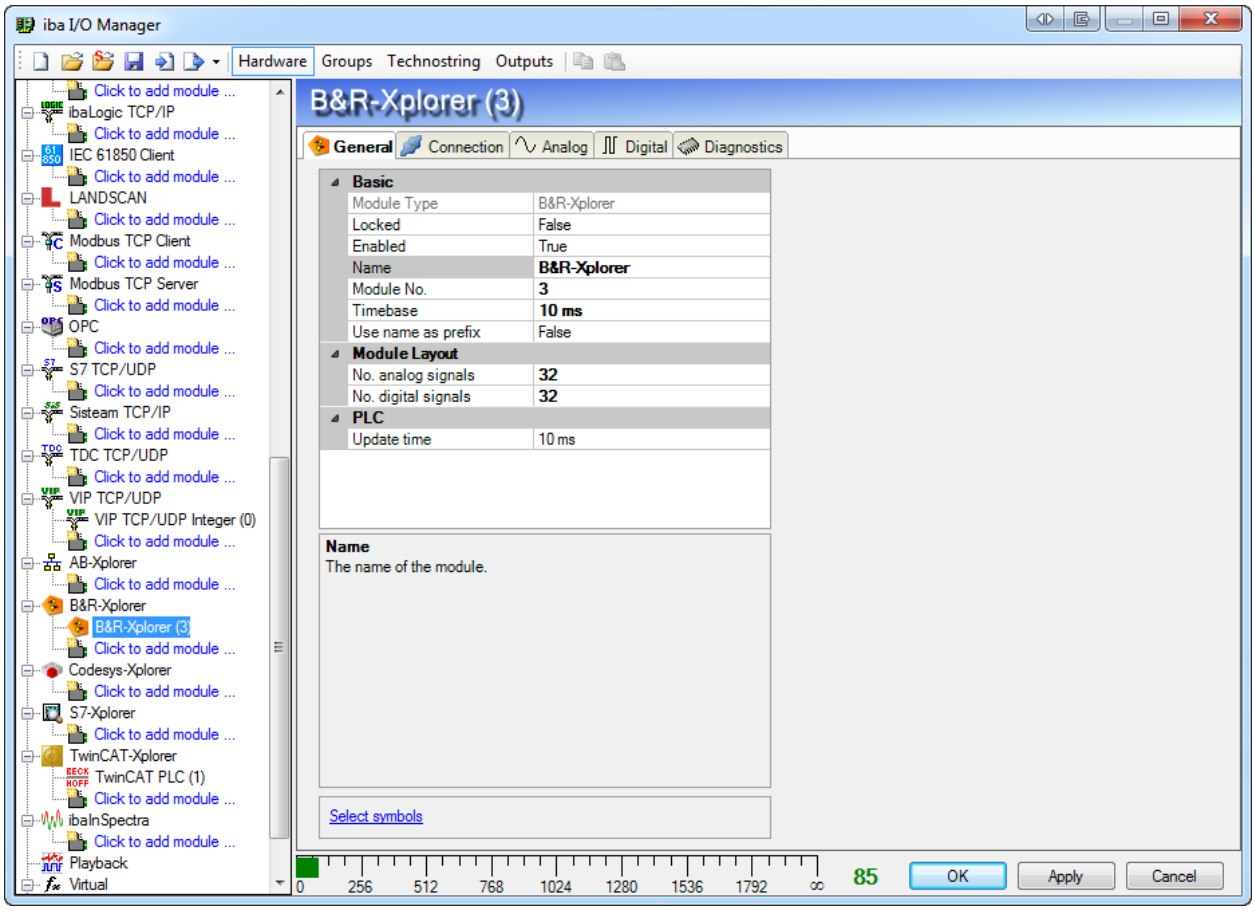

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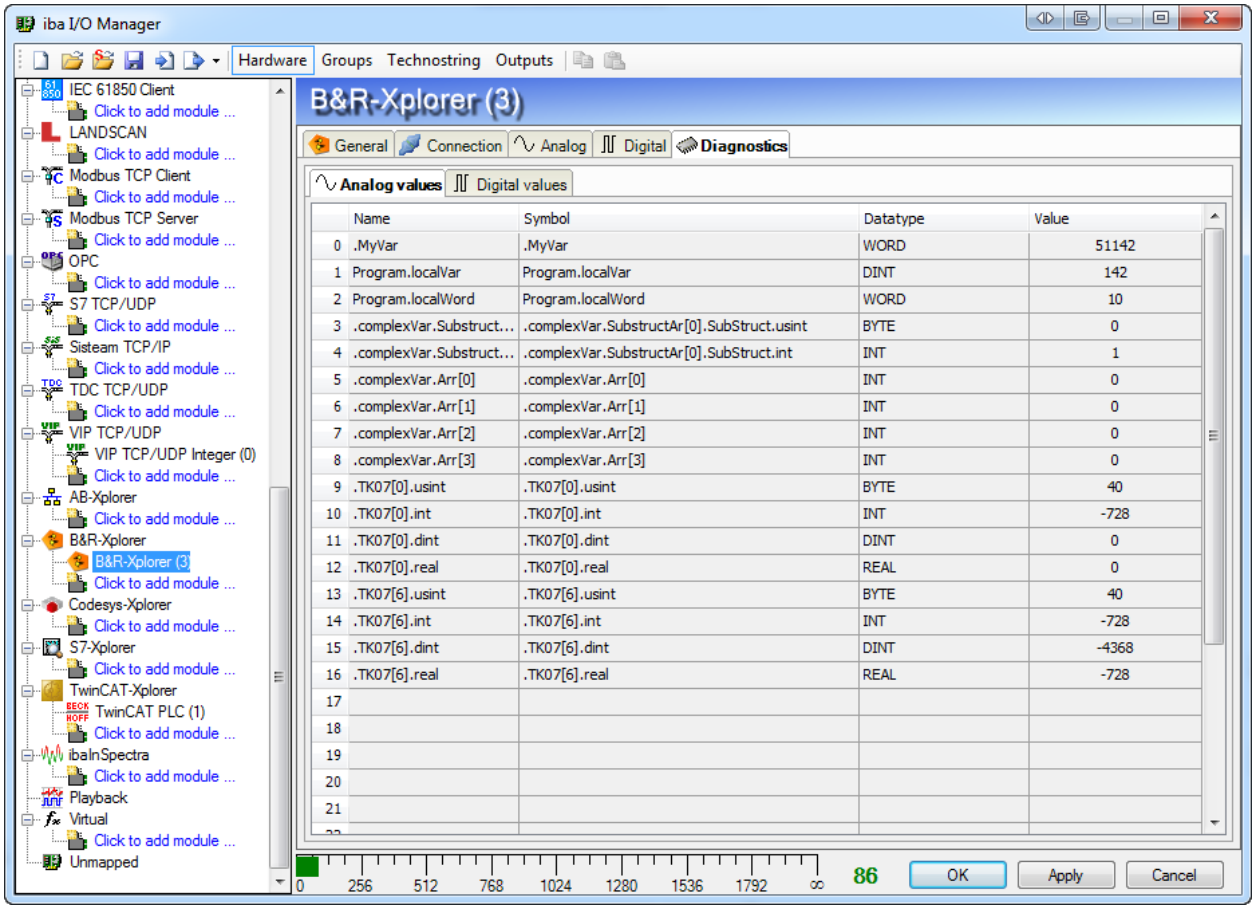

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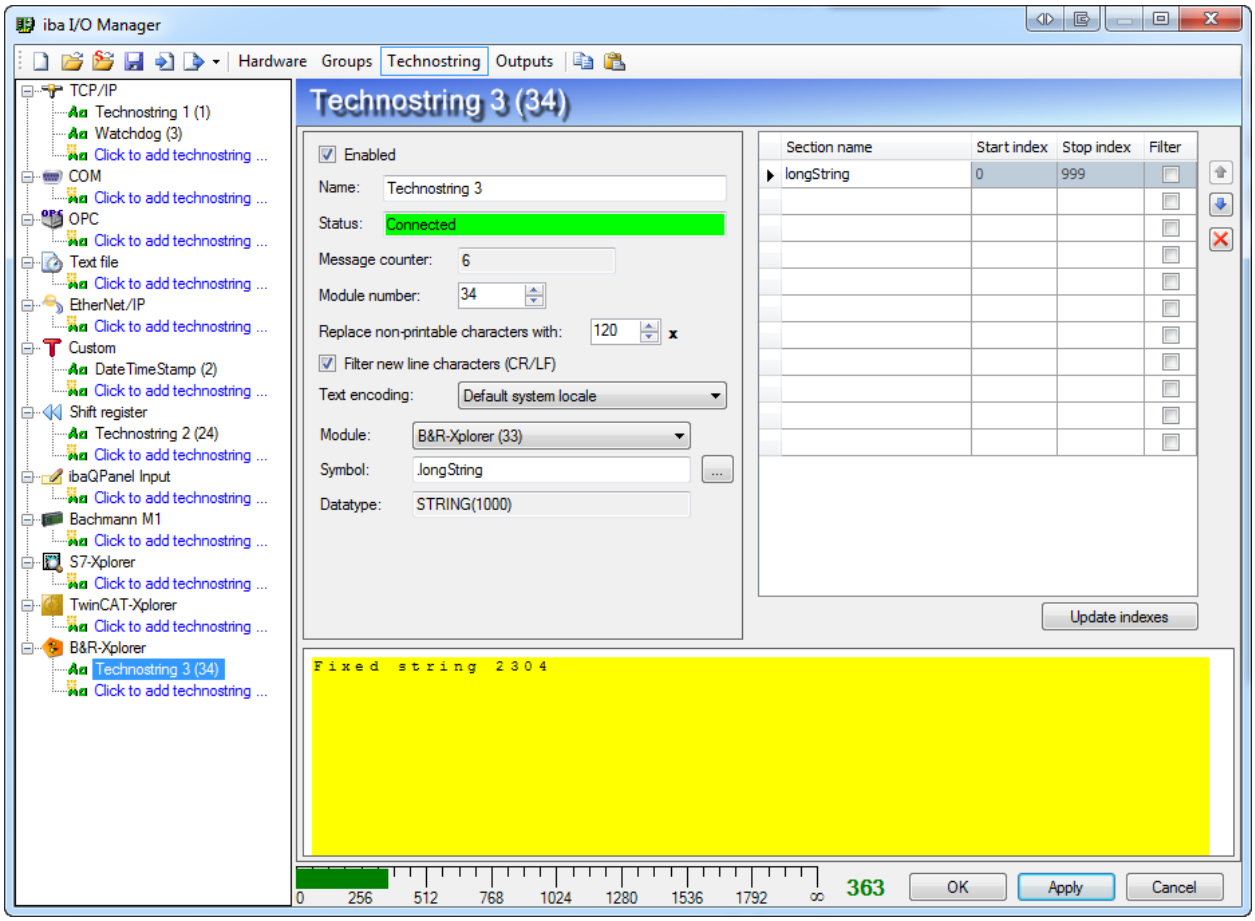

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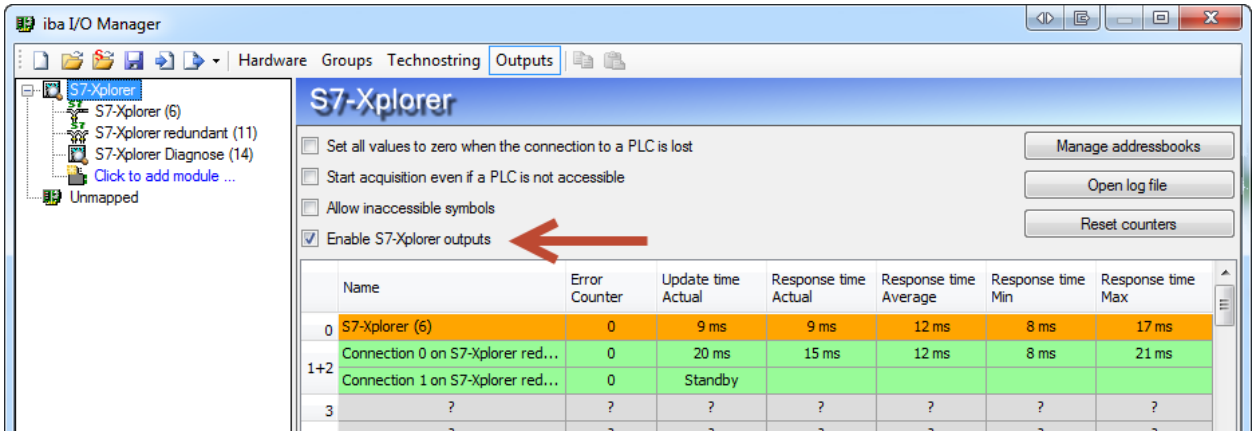
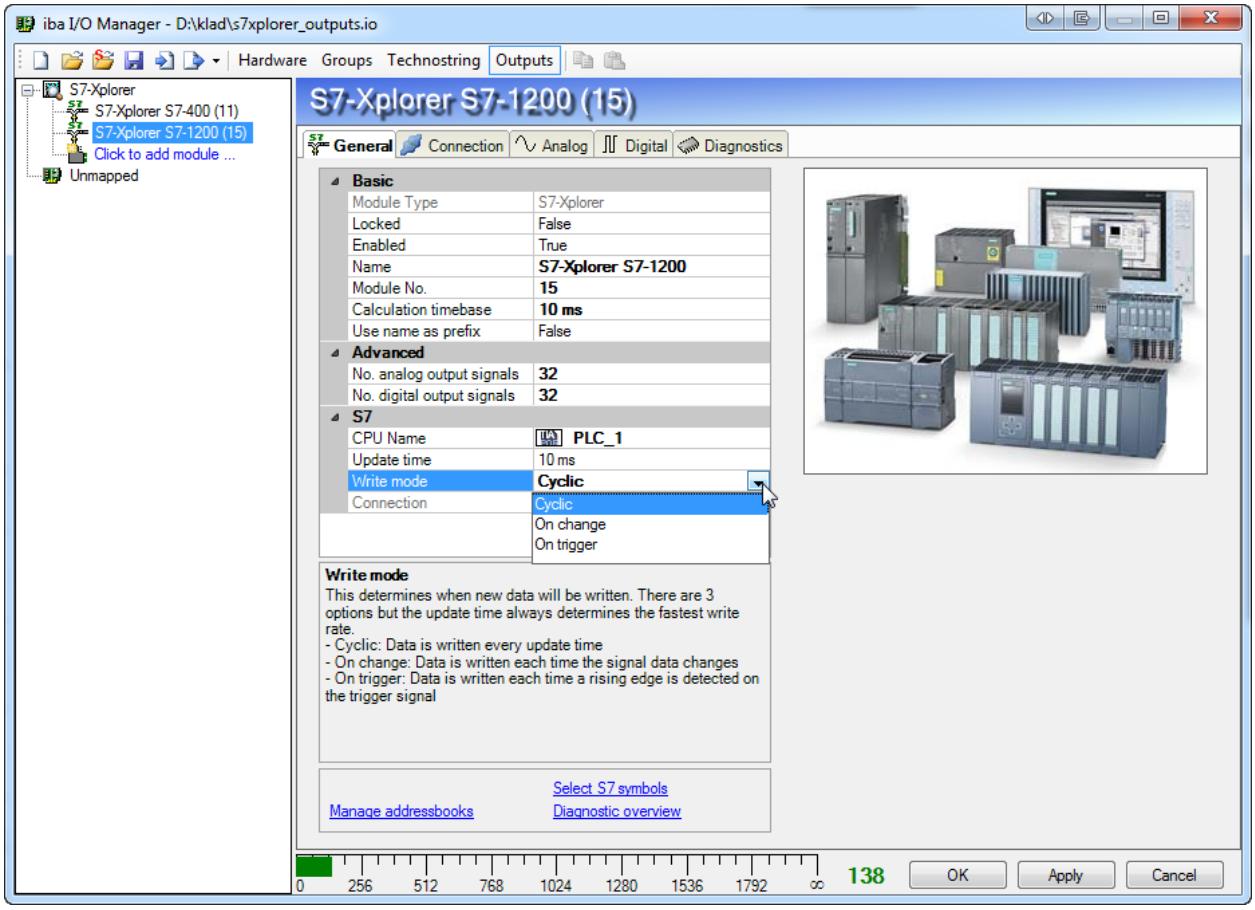
3 S7-Xplorer outputs

The S7-Xplorer module can now also write back data to a connected PLC. Since this is a potentially dangerous feature you first have to enable it on the S7-Xplorer interface.



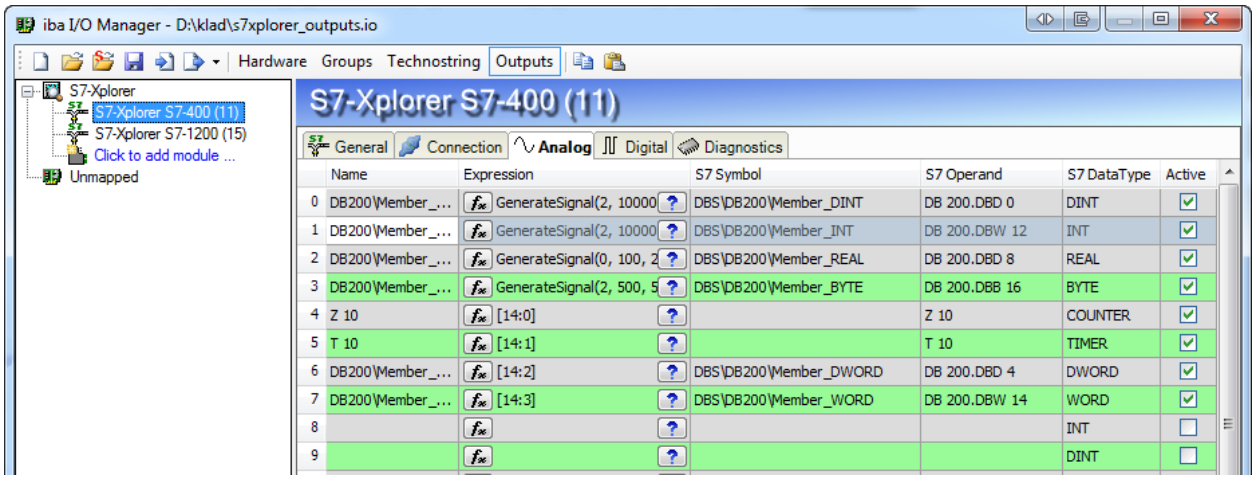
Select the *Outputs* section in the I/O manager. On the general tab of the S7-Xplorer module you can configure the number of analog and digital output signals.



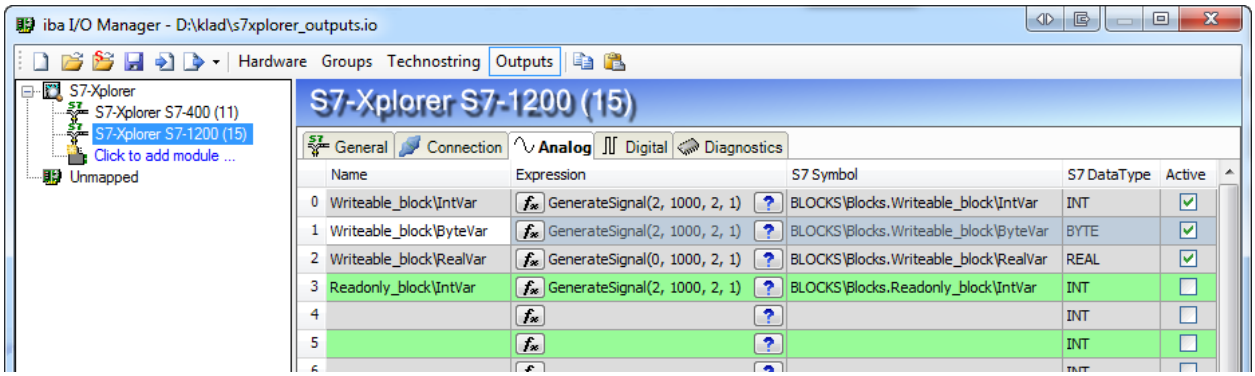
There is a single connection used for both reading and writing data from/to the PLC. So the more you write to the PLC the slower the data will be read. You can determine when data is written to the PLC by setting the *Write mode* property. These are the possible modes:

- Cyclic: Data is written every update time. So for every read also a write is done.
- On change: Data is only written when one of the values of the output signals has changed.

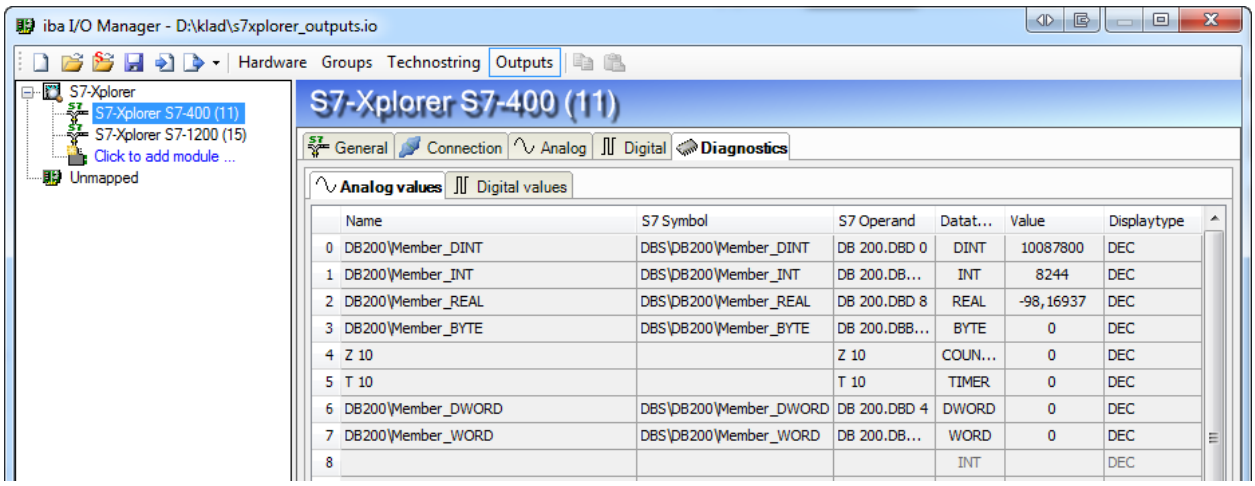
- On trigger: Data is only written when a rising edge on the trigger signal is detected. The values of the output signals are taken at the trigger timestamp.



On the analog and digital tabs you can configure the S7 operands or S7 symbols that need to be written to. When using S7 operands you also have to configure the data type. In the expression column you configure the value that will be written to the PLC. You can enter any expression you want. It will be calculated using the calculation timebase on the general tab. The calculation timebase is the same as the sample timebase of the input signals.



Writing is also supported when using the TCP/IP S7-1x00 connection mode. In this case you have to select the S7 symbols you want to write to.



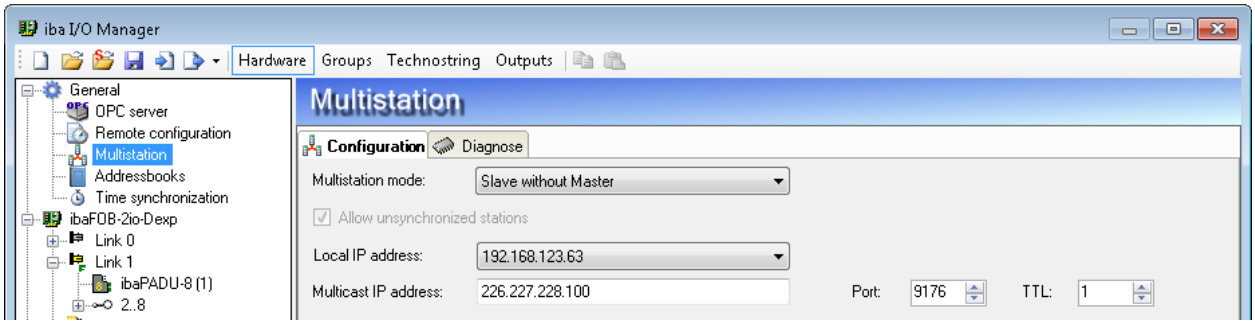
The diagnostics tab shows the last values that have been written to the PLC.

4 Multistation: unsynchronized stations

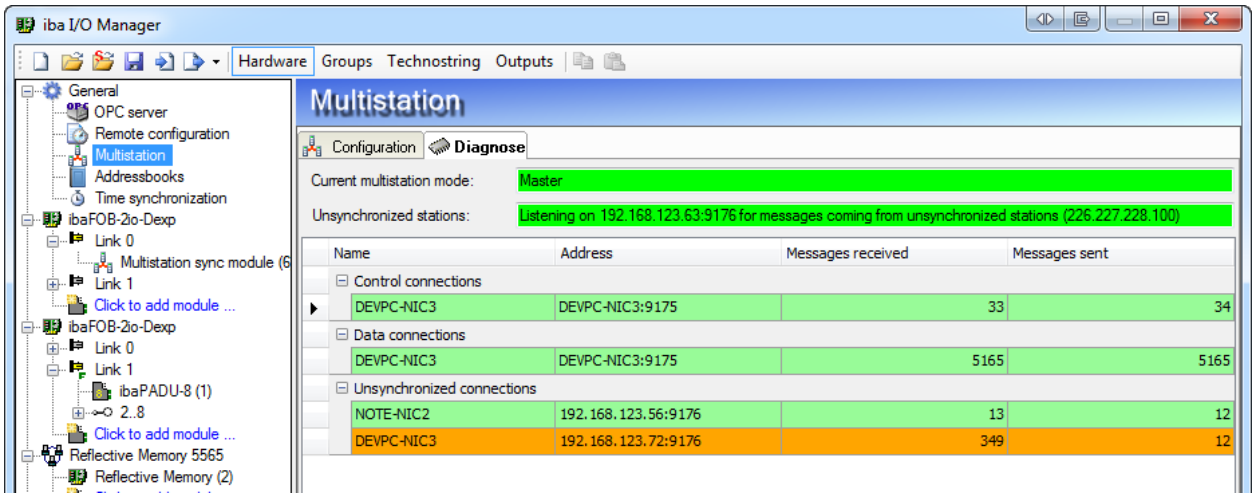
The multistation system allows the synchronous recording of data on multiple ibaPDA stations. The different ibaPDA stations are coupled via a FO (fiber optic) connection and via the network. They start and stop simultaneously and they can exchange triggers. The data in the dat files generated by the different ibaPDA stations is perfectly aligned.

This multistation system has been extended in ibaPDA v6.36.0 with the concept of unsynchronized stations. Unsynchronized stations are only connected to the other stations via the network. They don't have a FO connection. This means that they perform the data acquisition asynchronous from each other. They don't start and stop together. The only thing they can do is exchange triggers.

Unsynchronized stations can be configured in *Master* and in *Slave* mode. There is also a new mode called *Slave without master* that only has unsynchronized stations.



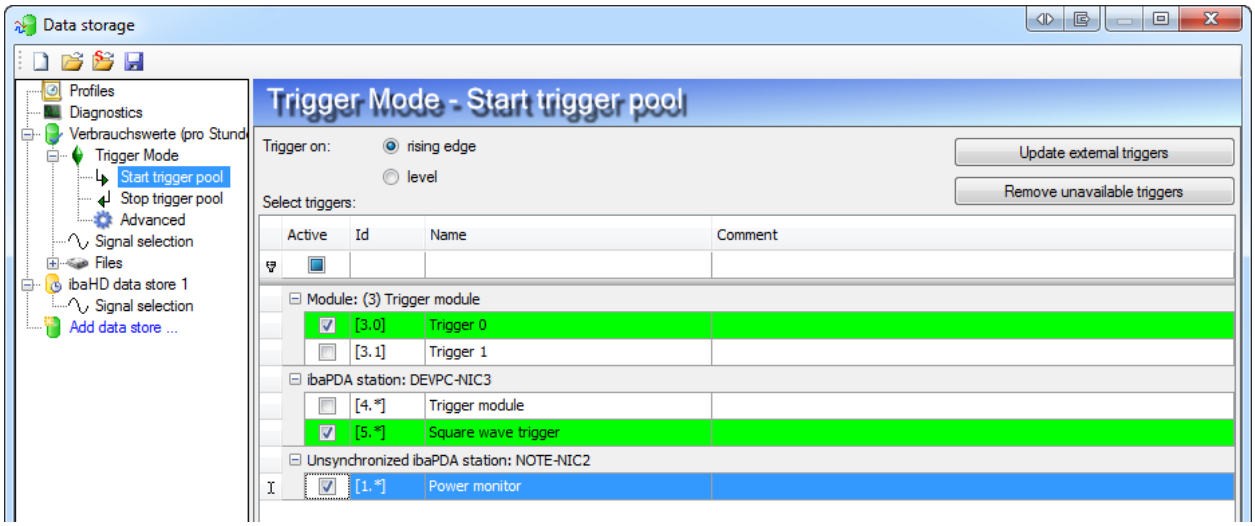
The unsynchronized stations communicate with each other via UDP multicast. You first have to configure which network card you want to use to communicate with the unsynchronized stations. You do this by selecting the local IP address. The list contains all the IP addresses configured on the ibaPDA server. You have to configure the *multicast IP address* and the *port* number that the stations should use to exchange multicast messages. The *TTL* (Time To Live) parameter determines how many routers the multicast messages can pass.



On the Diagnose tab you can see all connections that are made. There are 3 types:

- Control connections: These are connections between the master and its synchronized slave stations. They are used to start/stop the acquisition synchronized and to exchange trigger definitions.
- Data connections: These are connections between synchronized stations (both master and slave) that are used to exchange trigger events. These connections only exist when the acquisition is running.

- Unsynchronized connections: These are connections between unsynchronized stations. They are used to exchange trigger definitions and trigger events. The unsynchronized connections have a green background when they are actively being used to exchange trigger events. They have an orange background when they are not being used to exchange trigger events because e.g. there is already a data connection to the same station or the trigger pools in the data stores aren't configured to react on triggers from that station.

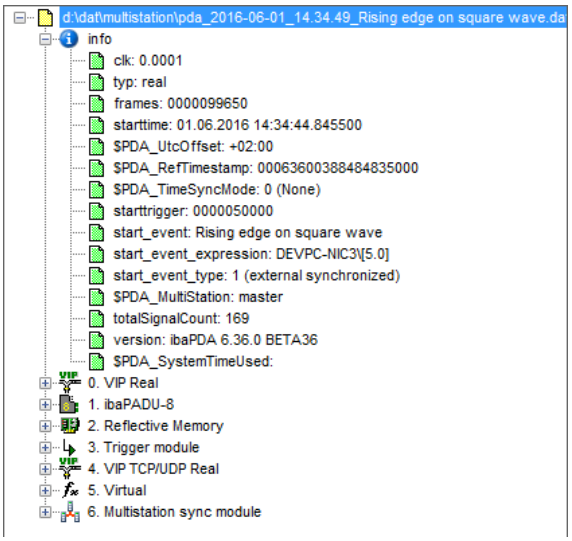


In the trigger pool configuration of a data store you can see the list of available triggers. There are 3 types of triggers:

- Local triggers: These are the triggers coming from the trigger modules of the I/O configuration of the local ibaPDA station.
- Synchronized external triggers: These are triggers coming from global trigger modules configured in the I/O configurations of the other synchronized ibaPDA stations.
- Unsynchronized external triggers: These are triggers coming from global trigger modules configured in the I/O configurations of the other unsynchronized ibaPDA stations.

The triggers of the synchronized stations are automatically updated when the acquisition is started. The unsynchronized stations and their triggers are not updated automatically. You have to manually click the *Update external triggers* button to let ibaPDA search for unsynchronized stations and their trigger definitions.

When a trigger event occurs on a station that has unsynchronized stations support enabled then it will send the event to the multicast address so that all other stations are able to receive it. The source station doesn't need to know all the receiver stations. The event message contains the name of the event, its ID (=module number and signal number) and the absolute UTC time when the event occurred. The unsynchronized stations that receive such an event compare the received absolute UTC time with their own UTC system time to synchronize the event with their own acquired data. It is very important that the system time of all unsynchronized stations is accurate. The more accurate it is the better the trigger event can be synchronized to the local data.



There is a new infofield added to the dat file. It is called start_event_type or stop_event_type for stop triggers. It determines what type of trigger was used to trigger this dat file. The possible values are:

- 0 (local): This is a local trigger.
- 1 (external synchronized): This is a synchronized external trigger.
- 2 (external unsynchronized): This is an unsynchronized external trigger whose timestamp was able to be synchronized to the local data.
- 3 (external unsynchronized invalid time): This is an unsynchronized external trigger whose timestamp differed more than 5 seconds from the current UTC system time when it was received. A dat file has been generated but the trigger timestamp was changed to the current UTC system time.

The new unsynchronized station feature can also be used as a fallback mechanism for regular synchronized stations in case of a failure. In order for this to work all stations in a multistation system have to have unsynchronized station support enabled. When a slave station starts without a master connection then it will automatically switch to slave without master mode. In this mode it will still try to exchange trigger events with the other stations. When a slave starts and there is no FO connection to the master then it will also automatically switch to slave without master mode.

5 ibaDAQ-S

The ibaDAQ-S is a new type of central unit for the modular ibaPADU-S system. The main difference with other ibaPADU-S central units is that it is an integrated measurement system running ibaPDA server.

In essence, the ibaDAQ-S is a fanless PC running Windows 7 Embedded so when attaching a monitor using the DisplayPort (X26) you will see the standard Windows desktop.

5.1 Hardware

The following connectors, LEDs are currently available on the ibaDAQ-S:

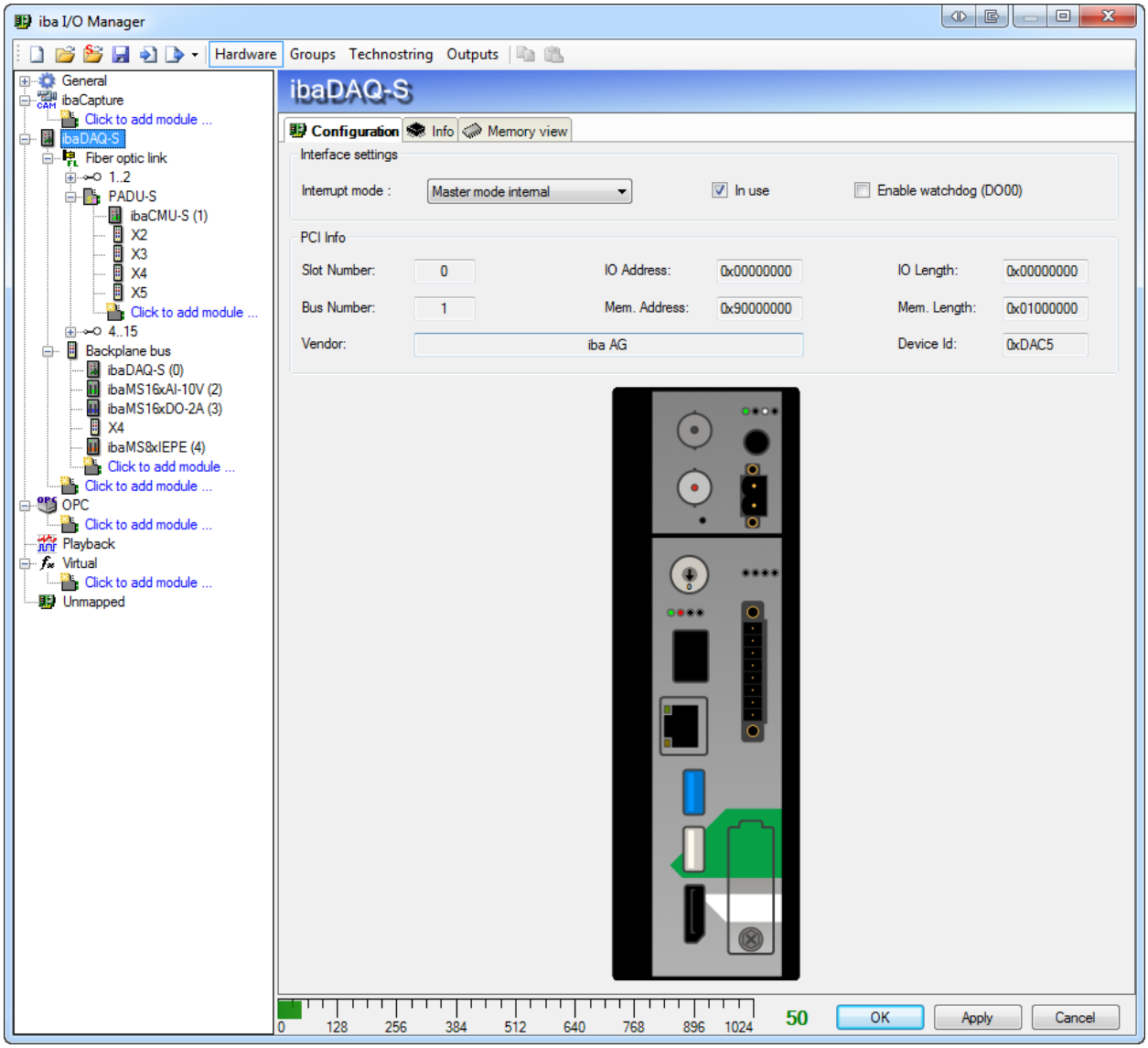
- X10: transmitconnector for Fiber optic link
- X11: receive connector for Fiber optic link
- Run LED (green): this LED blinks from the moment the ibaDAQ-S is powered up
- PDA LED (orange): will be illuminated when the ibaPDA service is running. The LED will blink when S10 is pressed during power up (see also S10).
- Flex LED (white): this is illuminated when the Fiber optic link is configured and available. It will blink when 3 Mbit/32 Mbit input is available
- Error LED (red): in case of an FPGA error, this LED will start blinking. Contact iba support in case it does.
- S11: power button with similar functionality to that of the power button on a computer
- X14: 24V DC power supply input

- S10: when pressed during power up, automatic start of the ibaPDA server acquisition and the automatic shutdown functionality (see also DI00) will be disabled. The button should be pressed until the orange PDA LED starts blinking. The button can be released afterwards.
  When pressed when the system is running, pushing this button for more than 3 seconds will cause a system reboot after closing all applications (including the ibaPDA server acquisition) properly
- S1: controls the IP address of the network adapter related to X22
  - 0: The IP address can be configured using the ibaPDA client
  - 1: Get IP address from DHCP server
  - 2: IP address is set to 192.168.1.1 with subnet mask 255.255.255.0
  - 3-F: Currently unused
- X5: connector for 2 digital inputs and 2 digital outputs. The status of each input or output can be checked using the 4 LEDs above the connector.
  - DI00: the first of two digital inputs on the ibaDAQ-S module. This input can also be used to automatically shutdown the ibaDAQ-S (see also 5.2) (e.g. this input could be triggered by a UPS module in case of a power supply failure).
  - DI01: the second digital input
  - DO00: the first of two digital outputs on the ibaDAQ-S module. This output can also be configured to generate a signal when a watchdog alarm is generated (see also 5.2).
  - DO01: the second digital output
- Lic LED: shows the status of the ibaPDA license
  - Off: undefined
  - Red: no dongle/license
  - Yellow: a temporary/demo license is used
  - Green: license OK
- Dat LED: shows the status of the Data store manager
  - Off: no data stores configured
  - Red: at least one data store not recording
  - Orange: all data stores waiting for trigger
  - Green: all data stores recording or waiting
- PDA1 LED: the first of two LEDs that can be configured in ibaPDA using digital signals (see also 5.2)
- PDA2 LED: the second of two LEDs that can be configured in ibaPDA using digital signals (see also 5.2)
- X20: currently unused SFP port
- X22: RJ45 1 Gigabit Ethernet connector
- X24: USB 3.0 connector

- X25: USB 2.0 connector
- X26: DisplayPort for connecting an external monitor
- X30: backup battery to preserve time and date information when no power is available

5.2 Configuration in ibaPDA

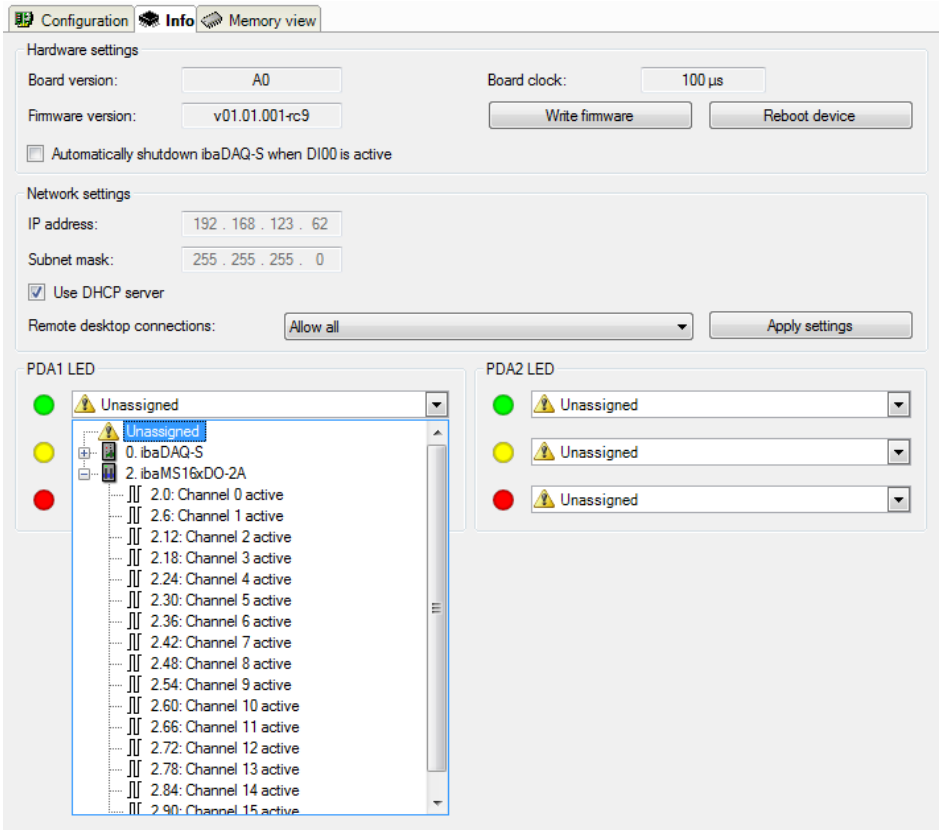
Where other ibaPADU-S modules need to be configured on an external computer running ibaPDA server, here only an ibaPDA client is required to configure the ibaDAQ-S hosting its own ibaPDA server. This client can either be running on a separate computer (provided that the ibaDAQ-S is connected through a network) or on the ibaDAQ-S itself (when a monitor, keyboard and mouse are connected).



When opening the I/O Manager in the ibaPDA client, the ibaDAQ-S interface should appear. The ibaDAQ-S interface contains two nodes: the Fiber optic link and the Backplane bus. The Fiber optic link represents an integrated ibaFOB-io-D board in the ibaDAQ-S hardware and is also configured as such. The Backplane bus node always contains the ibaDAQ-S module itself, apart from other modules connected to the bus. These modules can either be added manually, or by using the Autodetect feature when right-clicking on the Backplane bus node.

The Configuration tab of the ibaDAQ-S interface node is similar to that of an ibaFOB-D board with a few exceptions:

- Since no extra iba PCI boards can be added to the ibaDAQ-S, the Interrupt mode cannot be set to Slave mode: the ibaDAQ-S is always in Master mode (internal or external)
- The Enable watchdog (DO00) checkbox: the ibaDAQ-S also implements the watchdog functionality of ibaFOB-D boards. However, when this checkbox is activated, the first digital output on the ibaDAQ-S module (DO00) will be asserted in case of a watchdog alarm
- The schematic representation of the ibaDAQ-S: as is the case for ibaFOB-D boards, this drawing shows the status of the LEDs on the ibaDAQ-S module as well as the position of the rotary switch (S1). The state of the LEDs of the RJ45 connector are not shown.



The Info tab shows more specific ibaDAQ-S settings. The hardware board version is displayed as well as the current firmware version. The ibaDAQ-S firmware can be updated here by clicking the Write firmware button and selecting the appropriate iba-file in the dialog that will appear. Note that after a firmware update, the DAQ-S should be powered off and on manually so the FPGA can completely reset.

When the checkbox Automatically shutdown ibaDAQ-S when DI00 is active is enabled, a high input signal on DI00 will cause the ibaDAQ-S to automatically shutdown. This can be useful when, for example, a UPS asserts an alarm signal when a power failure has occurred. The ibaDAQ-S can then perform a graceful shutdown.

The Network settings group allows the user to manually configure the IP address of the network adapter connected to X22. The IP address can only be configured manually in the ibaPDA client when rotary switch S1 is set to 0.

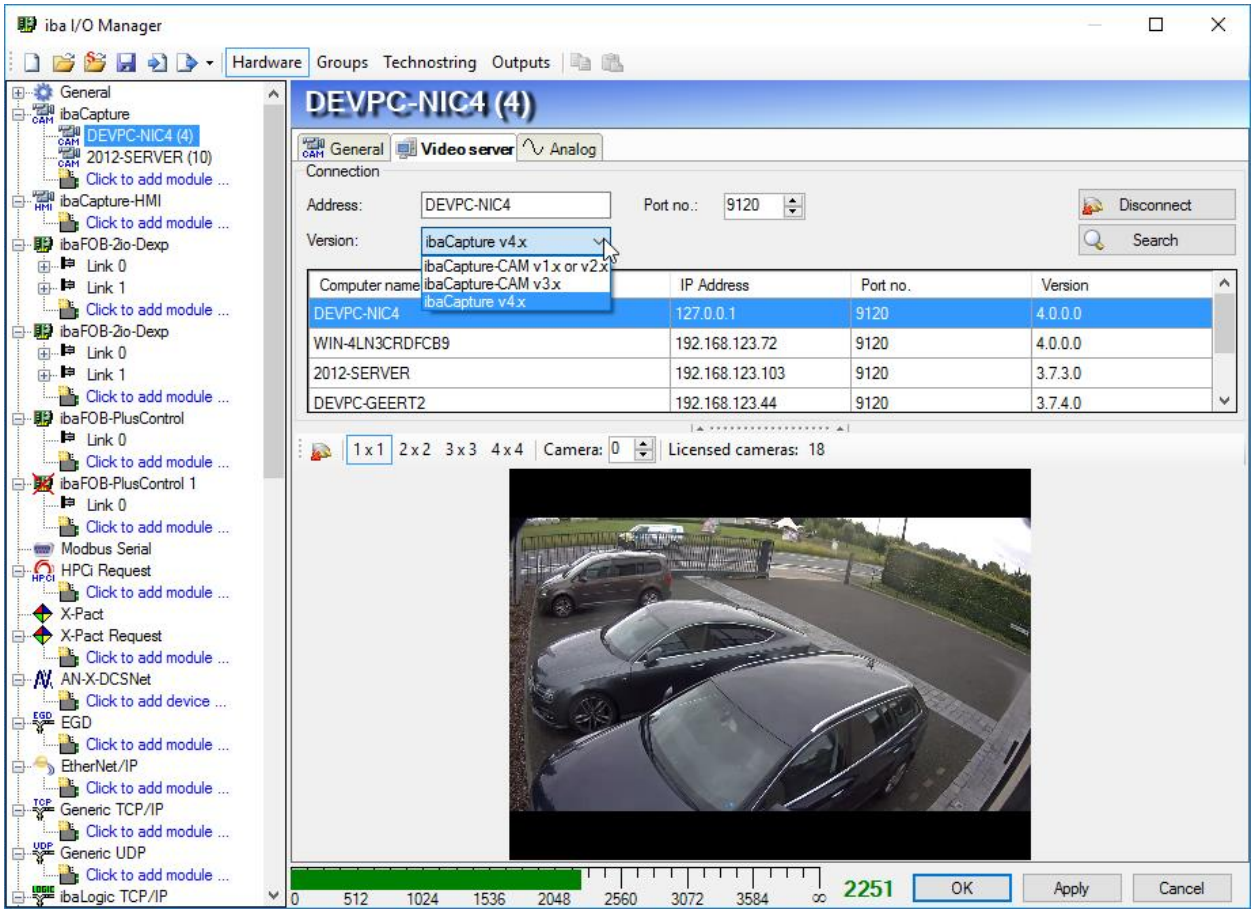
Apart from that, the Remote desktop settings can also be configured here.

Settings are only applied after the user manually clicks the Apply settings button.

Finally, LEDs PDA1 and PDA2 can be configured here. Each LED can be green, orange, red or off with each color controlled by a digital signal. The red color has priority over orange, which has priority over green. In case the three signals for an LED are not asserted, inactive or unassigned, the LED will be off.

6 ibaCapture v4 support

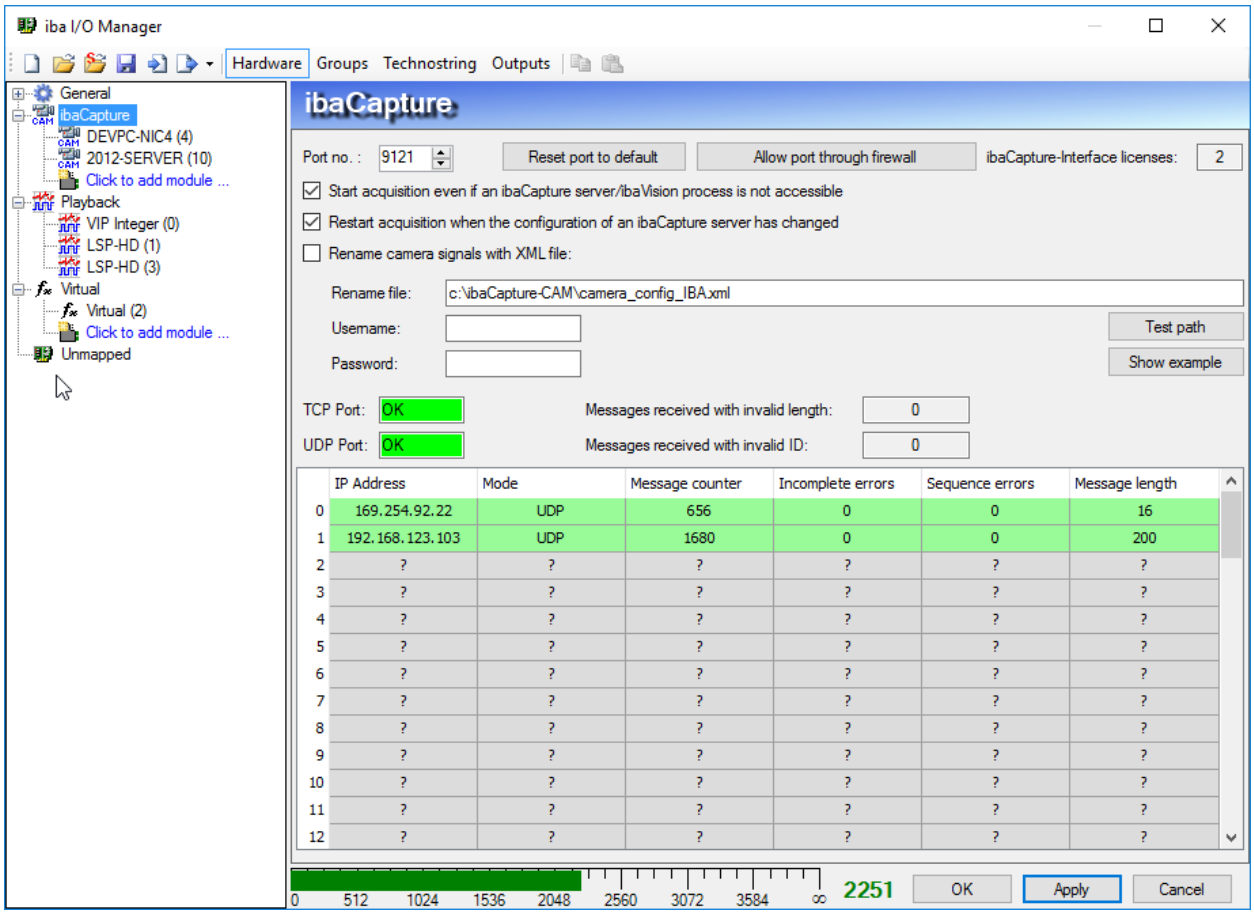
IbaPDA supports all versions of ibaCapture(-CAM). On the video server connection tab you can manually select the version. But for your convenience it will be automatically set when you connect to the video server.



There are some differences between ibaCapture-CAM v3 and ibaCapture v4 that have an influence on ibaPDA.

First of all the maximum number of cameras has been increased from 16 to 64. In ibaPDA you can configure the number of cameras on the general tab of the ibaCapture module. The minimum value is 16. When you connect to the video server in the I/O manager then ibaPDA will automatically set the number of cameras to the correct value.

Secondly the license for the connection between ibaPDA and ibaCapture (*ibaCapture-Interface-PDA* license) is now checked by the ibaCapture v4 server instead of the ibaPDA server. IbaPDA server still checks the license for ibaCapture-CAM v1, v2 and v3 servers. This also means that the ibaCapture interface is always available in the I/O manager even when there is no ibaCapture-Interface-PDA license on the ibaPDA dongle.



Thirdly ibaPDA can now get a notification from the ibaCapture v4 server that the camera configuration has changed. If ibaPDA detects a change in camera name or a change in index for one of its active cameras then the acquisition can be automatically restarted. You have to enable the option *"Restart acquisition when the configuration of an ibaCapture server has changed"* on the ibaCapture interface.

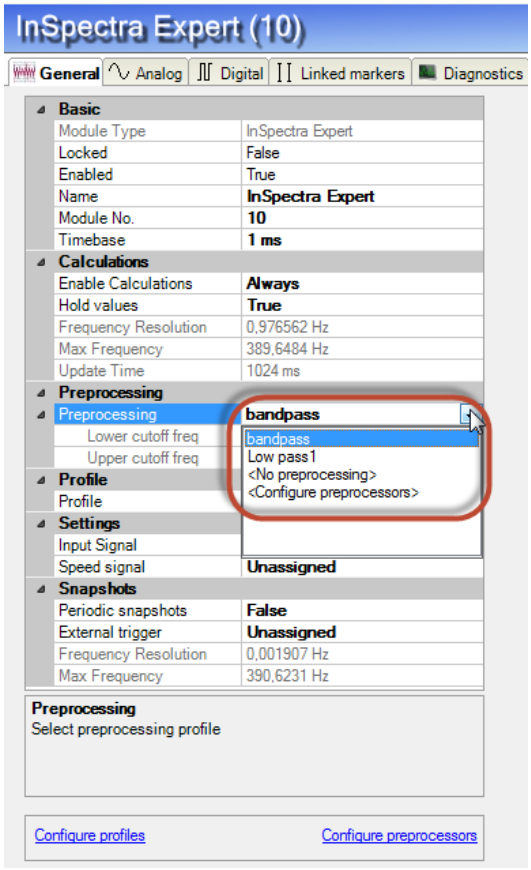
Finally the size of the synchronization messages has changed. For ibaCapture-CAM v3 servers the size was fixed 200 bytes. For ibaCapture v4 servers the size is 8 + 8 * the number of cameras bytes.

7 InSpectra Expert preprocessing

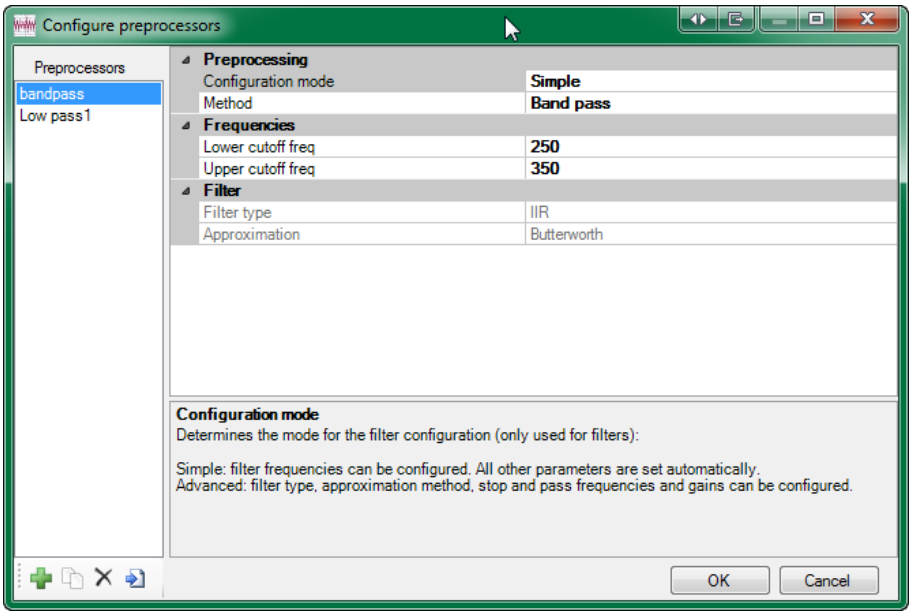
Since ibaPDA 6.35.5, the InSpectra Expert module allows preprocessing the input signal with a custom FIR or IIR filter. The following filter methods are available:

- Low pass
- High pass
- Band pass
- Band stop

You can select and manage the filters in the general TAB of the module:



By clicking <Configure preprocessors> in the drop down, you can access the preprocessing manager. In the left part you can create, delete or rename filters which you can reuse in other InSpectra Expert modules.



You can create your own filters or import a filter designed by ibaAnalyzer.

- Importing a filter from ibaAnalyzer:

  ibaAnalyzer has a filter design tool. You can access it via “Setup” -> “Digital filter design…”. You can export the generated filter to a .fil file. In the ibaPDA preprocessing manager, you can import the filter using the right most button at the bottom.

- Creating your own filter:

  Two filter configuration modes are supported:

  - Simple:
    - Low/high pass: one cutoff frequency needs to be specified
    - Band pass/stop: two cutoff frequencies need to be specified
  - Advanced:
    - Low/high pass: two (frequency, amplitude) spectrum points need to be specified
    - Band pass/stop: four (frequency, amplitude) spectrum points need to be specified

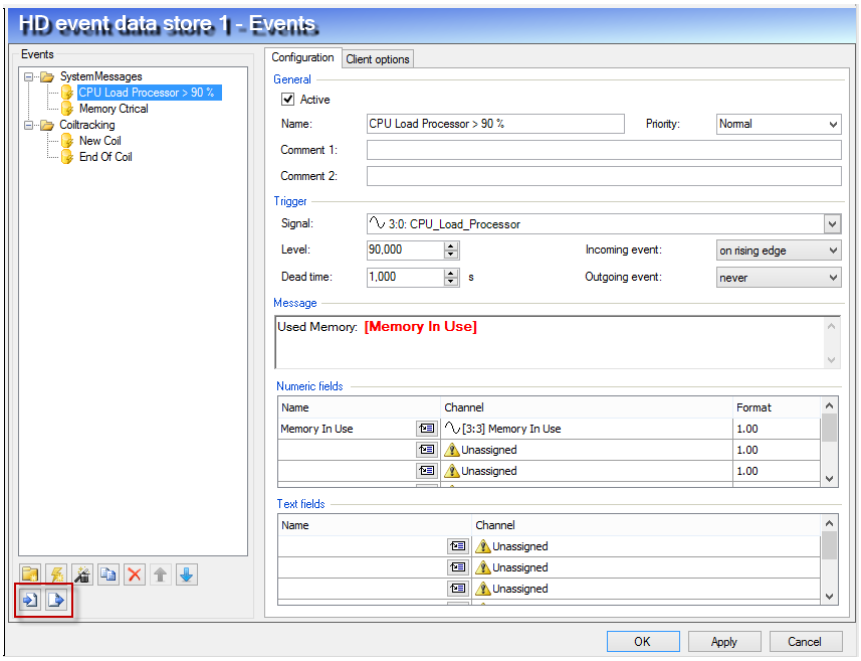
In case of simple mode, the cutoff frequencies are automatically converted to spectrum points. Based on the given spectrum points and the timebase of the input signal, the actual filter coefficients are calculated at run-time when starting the acquisition. The resulting filter coefficients are stored temporarily in your installation directory: “iba\ibaPDA\Server\temp\filters”. They are stored as Matlab files so you can analyse them with Matlab easily. The number in the filename corresponds with the InSpectra module number.

In case of an IIR filter, one can choose the approximation type (Butterworth, Chebyshev, Elliptic, Inv-Chebyshev). In case of a FIR filter, a window can be specified (default is rectangular).

8 ibaHD event store improvements

8.1 Export and import of ibaHD Server event data store configuration

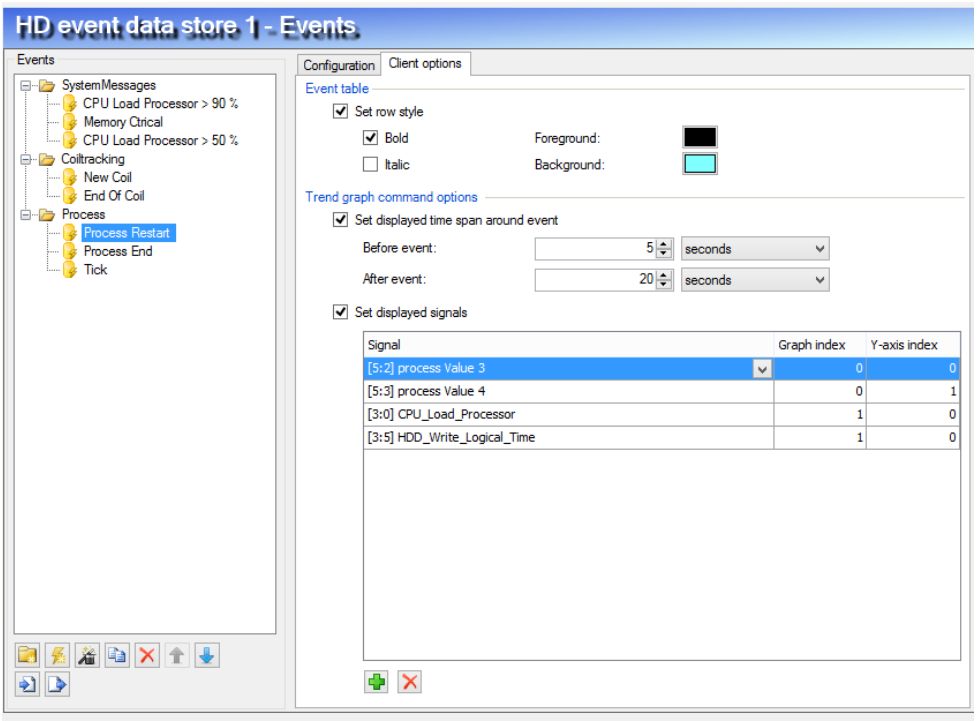
The export of the actual event data store configuration will generate a .txt file with tab separation. The exported .txt file could be opened with any text editor or imported to MS Excel for editing purposes.



The import of an event data store configuration from a .txt file will replace the existing one.

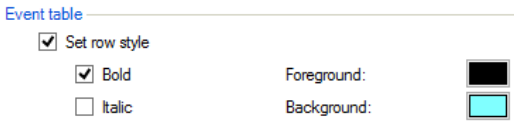
8.2 Client options for ibaHD Events

Client options are optional settings for each configured ibaHD Event. The options affect the trendview in case the user selects or clicks a row at the event table. The options can be set for each event individually. The settings are part of the event data store configuration and are present in all connected ibaPDA Clients.

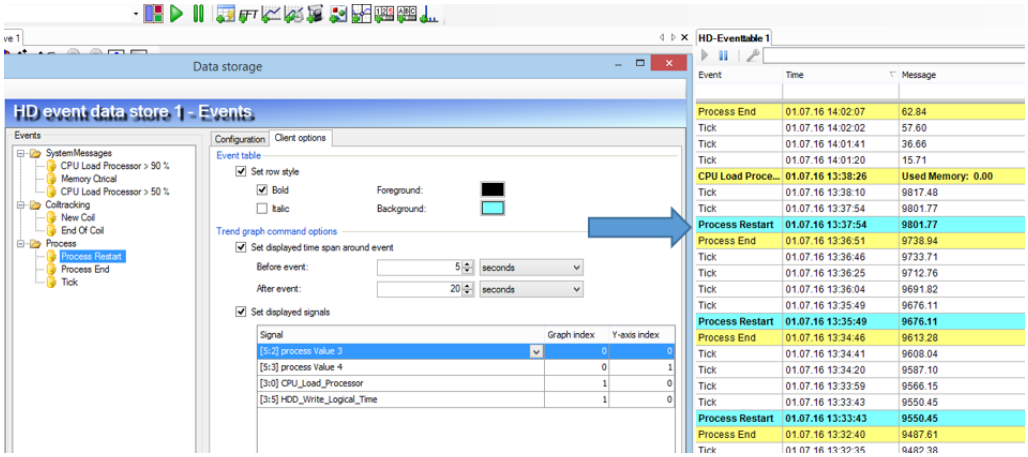


8.2.1 Table row style

For each event you can configure how it will look by default in the event table. You can set the font style (bold, italic). You can also configure the foreground and background colors of the event table row.

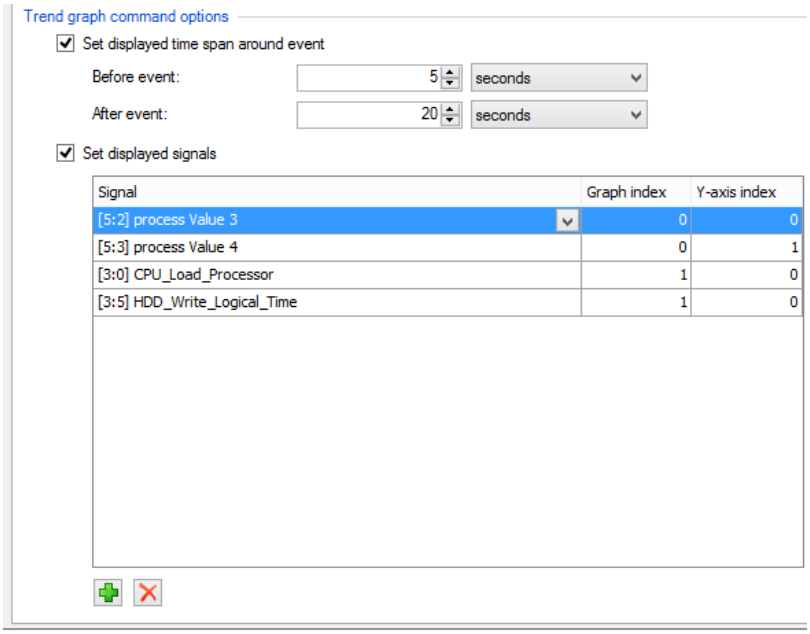


Styles defined in event table properties will override styles configured in event data store configuration.



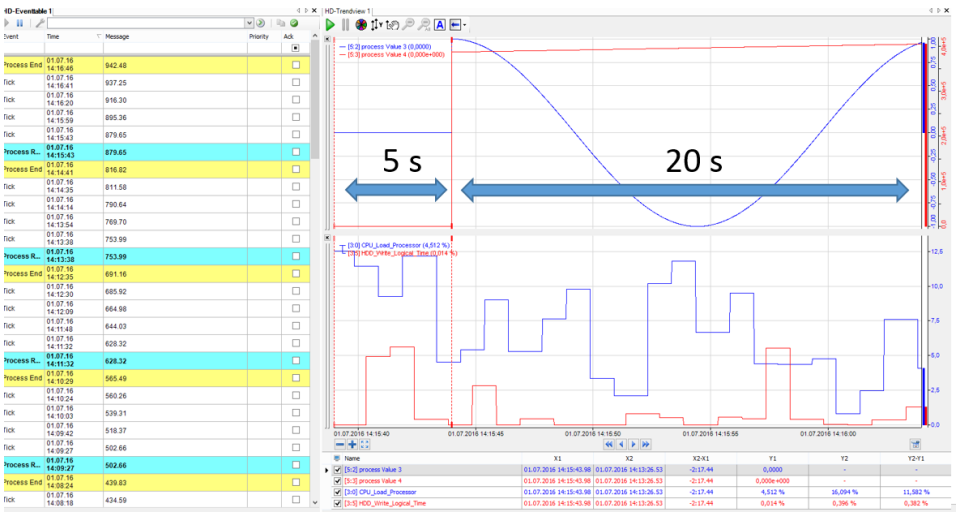
8.2.2 Trend graph command options

Clicking on events in the event table can command trend views to jump to the timestamp of the event and pause the trend graph. You can also configure a list of ibaHD signals that are linked to the event.



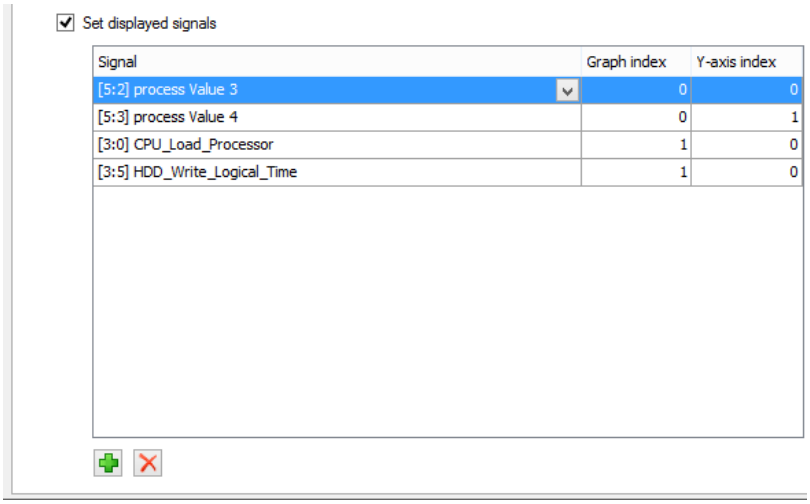
8.2.2.1 Set displayed time span around event

The commanded trendview will open with selected time span around the selected event.

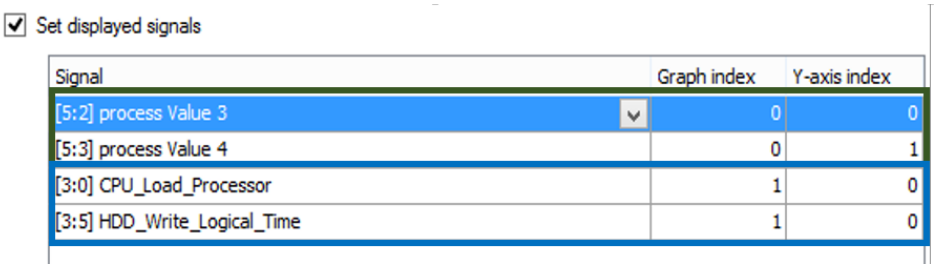


When there is no time span defined in the event configuration then the trend graph will just put the event timestamp in the middle of the X-axis and it won't change the size of the X-axis.

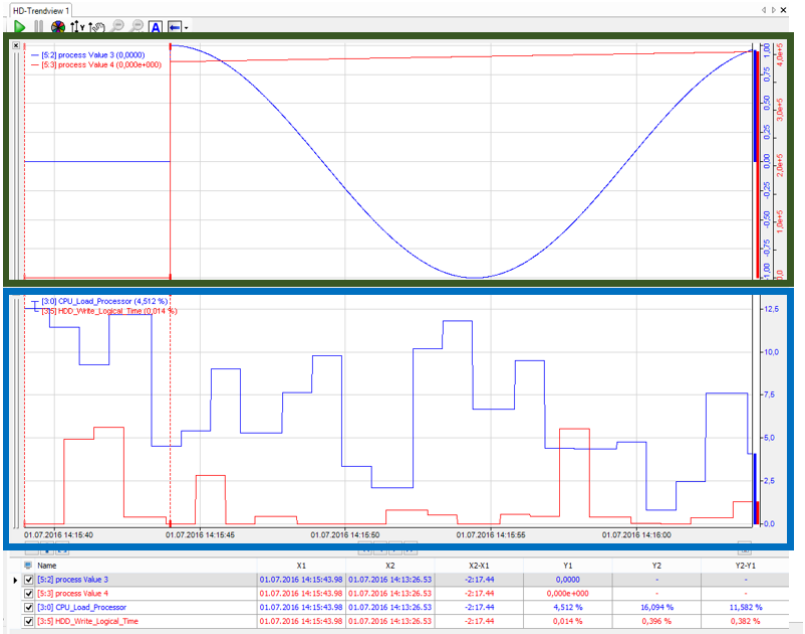
8.2.2.2 Set displayed signals



The commanded trendview will open with the configured signals for the display. Events can be combined with related signals. E.g. Events related to a machine state are going to display signals of the machine in a trendview.

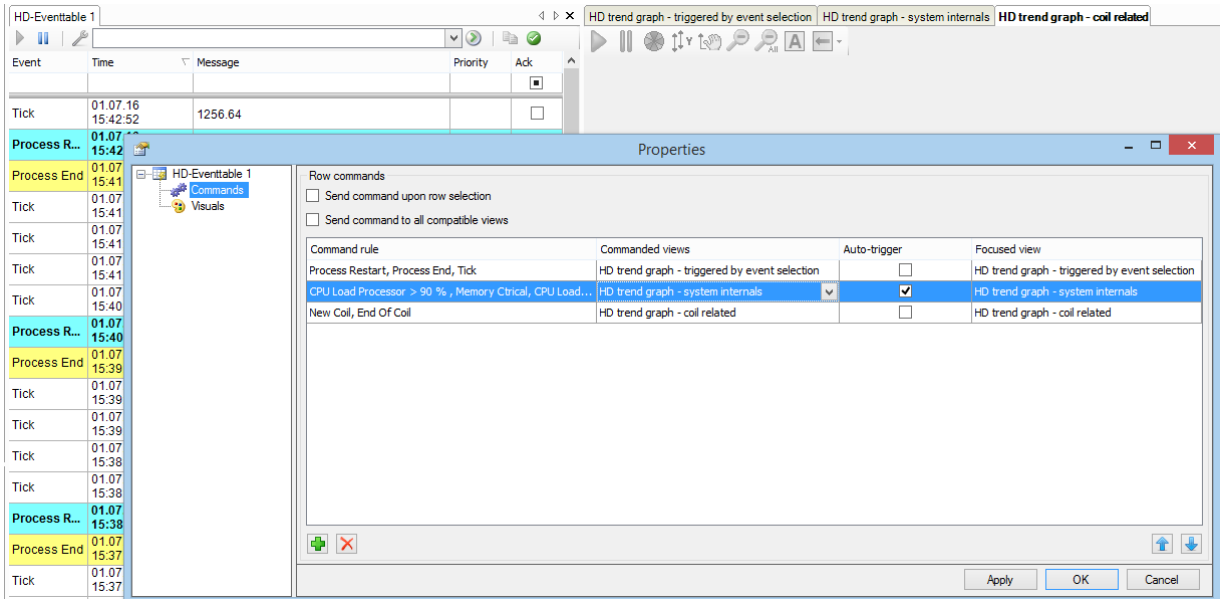


With the example configuration above the commanded trendview is going to display 2 trend graphs. Each graph will show 2 signals from the connected HD Server. Each signal in the first graph will have an own Y-axis and in the second graph they will be using the same Y-axis.

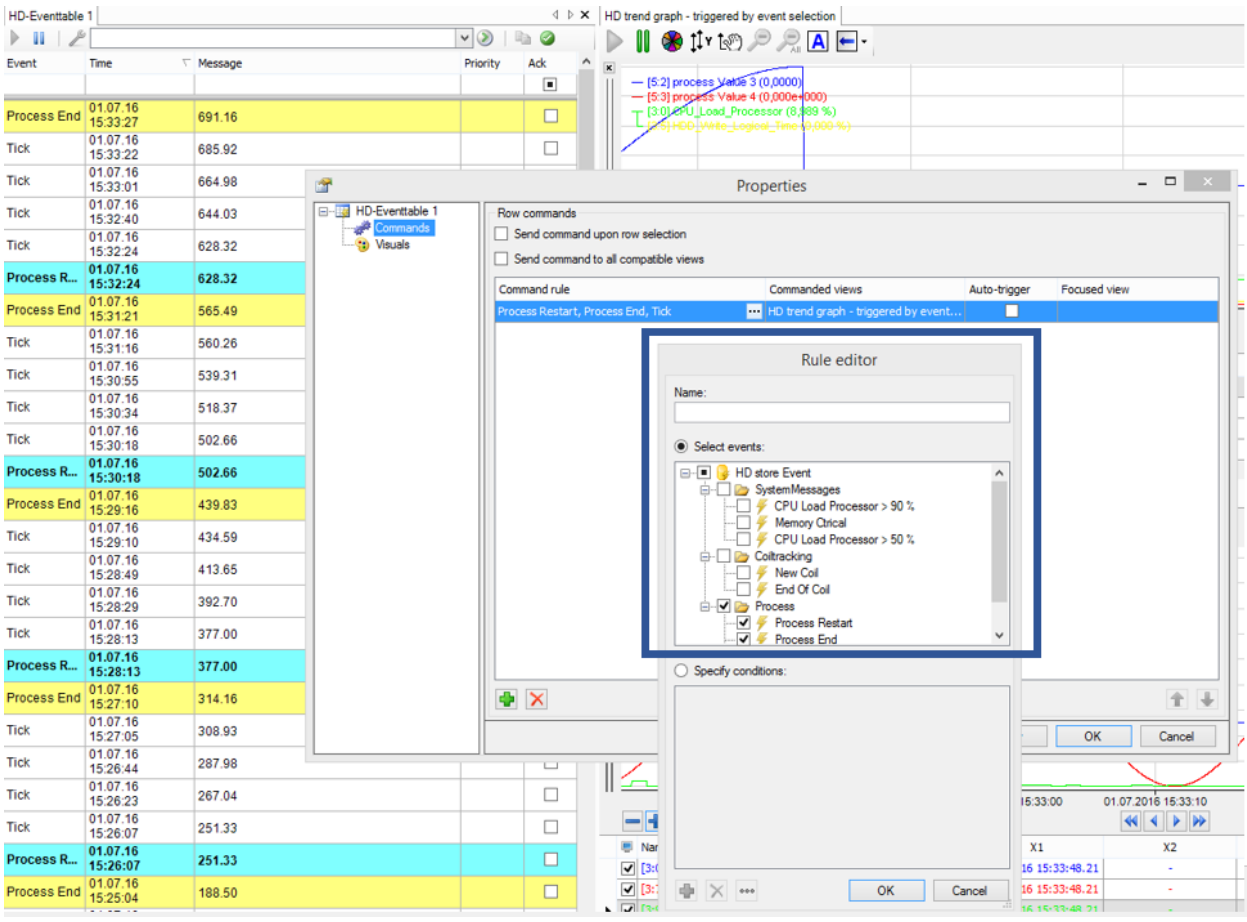


Use  to add or remove signals from the list of displayed signals.

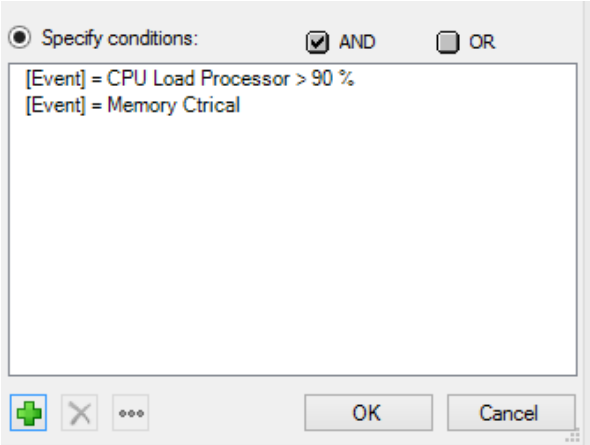
8.3 Improved command configuration in ibaHD event table



The commands are presented as a table in the event table properties. The rule editor of the ibaHD event table has been modified. You can now easily select one or more events for a command via the event signal tree.



Rules can now be combined with *AND* and *OR* conditions.



8.4 Send command upon row selection in ibaHD event table

Normally the event table commands are executed when you doubleclick a row in the event table. When you enable the *"Send command upon row selection"* option then the command will be executed as soons as you select the row, either by clicking it or by navigating to it via the arrow keys on the keyboard.