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1 About this documentation

This documentation describes the function and application of the software interface *ibaPDA-Interface-IEC61850-Client*.

Other documentation



This documentation is a supplement to the *ibaPDA* manual. Information about all the other characteristics and functions of *ibaPDA* can be found in the *ibaPDA* manual or in the online help.

1.1 Target group and previous knowledge

This manual is aimed at qualified professionals who are familiar with handling electrical and electronic modules as well as communication and measurement technology. A person is regarded as professional if he/she is capable of assessing safety and recognizing possible consequences and risks on the basis of his/her specialist training, knowledge and experience and knowledge of the standard regulations.

This documentation in particular addresses persons who are concerned with the configuration, test, commissioning or maintenance of IEC 61850-compliant devices in the area of substation automation. For the handling of *ibaPDA-Interface-IEC61850-Client* the following basic knowledge is required and/or useful

- Windows operating system
- Basic knowledge of *ibaPDA*
- Knowledge of configuration and operation of the relevant target system/device

1.2 Notations

In this manual, the following notations are used:

Action	Notation
Menu command	Menu <i>Logic diagram</i>
Calling the menu command	<i>Step 1 – Step 2 – Step 3 – Step x</i> Example: Select the menu <i>Logic diagram – Add – New function block</i> .
Keys	<Key name> Example: <Alt>; <F1>
Press the keys simultaneously	<Key name> + <Key name> Example: <Alt> + <Ctrl>
Buttons	<Key name> Example: <OK>; <Cancel>
Filenames, paths	<i>Filename, Path</i> Example: <i>Test.docx</i>

1.3 Used symbols

If safety instructions or other notes are used in this manual, they mean:

Danger!



The non-observance of this safety information may result in an imminent risk of death or severe injury!

Observe the specified measures.

Warning!



The non-observance of this safety information may result in a potential risk of death or severe injury!

Observe the specified measures.

Caution!



The non-observance of this safety information may result in a potential risk of injury or material damage!

Observe the specified measures.

Note



A note specifies special requirements or actions to be observed.

Tip



Tip or example as a helpful note or insider tip to make the work a little bit easier.

Other documentation



Reference to additional documentation or further reading.

2 System requirements

The following system requirements are necessary for the use of the IEC 61850 client:

- *ibaPDA* v8.14.1 or higher
- License for *ibaPDA-Interface-IEC61850-Client*
- If you need more than 64 modules, you will require additional *one-step-up-Interface-IEC61850-Client* licenses for each additional 64 modules.

Requirement for the analysis of the data:

- *ibaAnalyzer* v8.0.2

For further requirements for the computer hardware used and the supported operating systems, please refer to the *ibaPDA* documentation.

License information

Order no.	Product name	Description
31.001090	ibaPDA-Interface-IEC61850-Client	Extension for an ibaPDA system to include an IEC 61850 client interface Number of modules: 64
31.101090	one-step-up-Interface-IEC61850-Client	Extension license for an existing interface ibaPDA-interface-IEC61850-Client for another 64 modules

One module is required per configured IEC 61850 device.

Note



In order to use more than 64 modules per interface, extension licenses one-step-up...are required. Up to 64 further modules can be added on each one-step-up-license. These licenses can be purchased or released multiple times.

Consider the limitation of the number of signals by the *ibaPDA* base license.

3 IEC 61850-Client

3.1 General Information

The standard IEC 61850 of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) describes a general transmission protocol for protection and control technology in electrical switchgear of medium and high-voltage technology (station automation).

The data interface *ibaPDA-Interface-IEC61850-Client* is suitable for the measured data recording from an IEC 61850-compliant server via standard network cards.

The following protocols are supported:

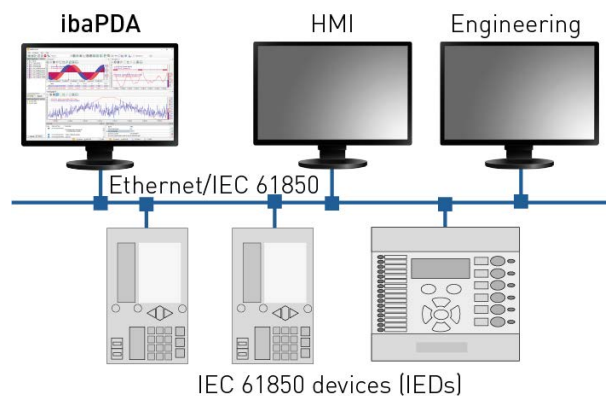
- Manufacturing Messaging Specification (MMS)
- Generic Object Oriented Substation Events (GOOSE)

The selection of the signals to be measured is hereby conveniently carried out by means of symbolic names supported by the IEC 61850 symbol browser. This makes it possible to access all measurable data attributes based on the imported server object list of the IEC 61850 device.

Furthermore, *ibaPDA* supports retrieval, transfer and renaming of COMTRADE files according to IEC 61850-7-2 by means of a so called file module, which can be configured for each IEC 61850 device.

3.2 System topologies

The connections to the data servers can be established via the computer's standard Ethernet interfaces. Topology example with protective relay:



Note



It is recommended carrying out the TCP/IP communication on a separate network segment to exclude a mutual influence by other network components.

3.3 Configuration and engineering for IEC 61850 server

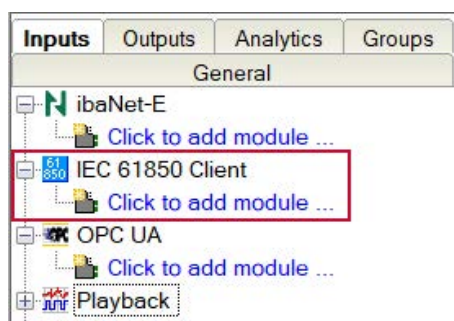
The configuration and engineering of the IEC 61850 server requires special tools from the device manufacturer and is not part of this data interface.

Some of the functions provided in the standard IEC 61850 are deliberately not used in the data interface. This ensures that unintentional changes to the server-side configuration will not disrupt the link to other devices. For example, it is not possible to generate dynamic data sets with GOOSE modules or to assign a different data set to a GOOSE control block.

3.4 Configuration and engineering for ibaPDA

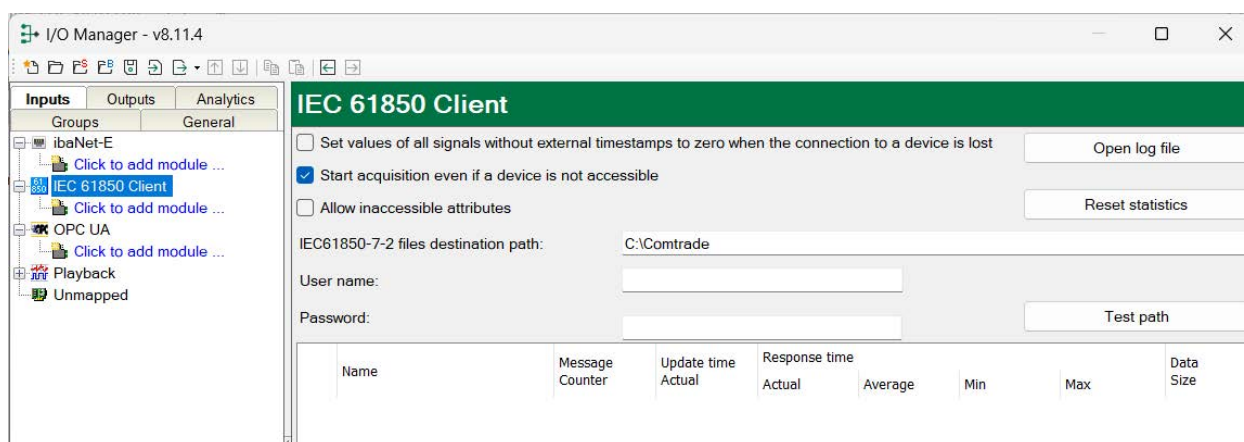
Open the I/O manager, e.g. from the toolbar .

If all system requirements are at hand (see chapter [System requirements](#), page 8) the interface “IEC 61850 Client” is displayed in the signal tree.



3.4.1 Interface settings

The interface IEC 61850 client has the following functions and configuration possibilities:



Set values of all signals without external timestamps to zero when the connection to a device is lost

If this option is enabled, all measured values of a device without external timestamp are set to zero as soon as the connection is lost. If this option is disabled, *ibaPDA* will keep last valid measured value in the memory at the time the connection was lost.

Start acquisition even if a device is not accessible

If this option is enabled, the acquisition will start even if the device is not accessible. Instead of an error, a warning is indicated in the validation dialog. If the system has been started without a connection to the device, *ibaPDA* will periodically try to connect to the device.

Allow inaccessible attributes

Enable this option to start the acquisition, even if no attributes are accessible. The inaccessible symbols are issued as warnings in the validation dialog. This can only occur if the address book is not up-to-date!

If you do not enable this option, then the measurement will not start in the presence of inaccessible symbols.

IEC61850-7-2 files destination path

Enter here the path to the destination directory if you want to use the *File module* in order to transfer COMTRADE files from an IEC 61850 device. This directory will be the base directory to store the files. The path should be given from the *ibaPDA* server's point of view. A UNC-path is permitted. In order to access network shares add user name and password. Use the <Test path> button to check *ibaPDA*'s ability to access the path.

Connection table

The table shows different diagnostic values of the individual connections during data measurement. To reset the calculated times and error counters to zero, simply click on the <Reset statistics> button. All modules of an IEC 61850 device use the same connection.

The telegram counter is a continuous counter that is incremented by one with each received telegram.

The update time is only shown for modules that automatically query data from the IEC server with the set update time. This is only the case with MMS modules without report control blocks. The currently measured update time indicates whether the desired set update time is reached. In the case of overload of the IEC server, the desired update time cannot be reached. The corresponding line in the connection table is then colored in yellow.

For MMS modules without a report control block, the response time describes the time that passes between the data query by *ibaPDA* and the receipt of the response.

For all other module types, the IEC server automatically sends data according to different criteria. In this case, the response time describes the duration between two received telegrams.

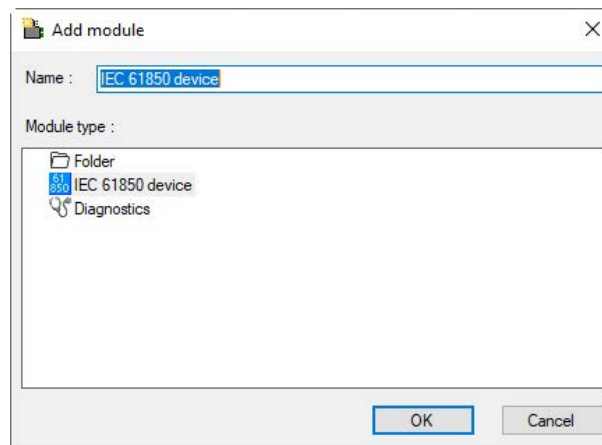
Also see the chapter  *Connection table, page 36*

<Open log file> button

If connections to IEC 61850 devices have been established, then all connection specific actions are recorded in a text file. With this button, you can open and have a look at this file. In the file system on the hard drive, you will find the log files of this interface in the path `...\ProgramData\iba\ibaPDA\Log\`. The file name of the current log file is `lec61850Log.txt`, the name of the archived log files is `lec61850Log_yyyy_mm_dd_hh_mm_ss.txt`.

3.4.2 Add device module

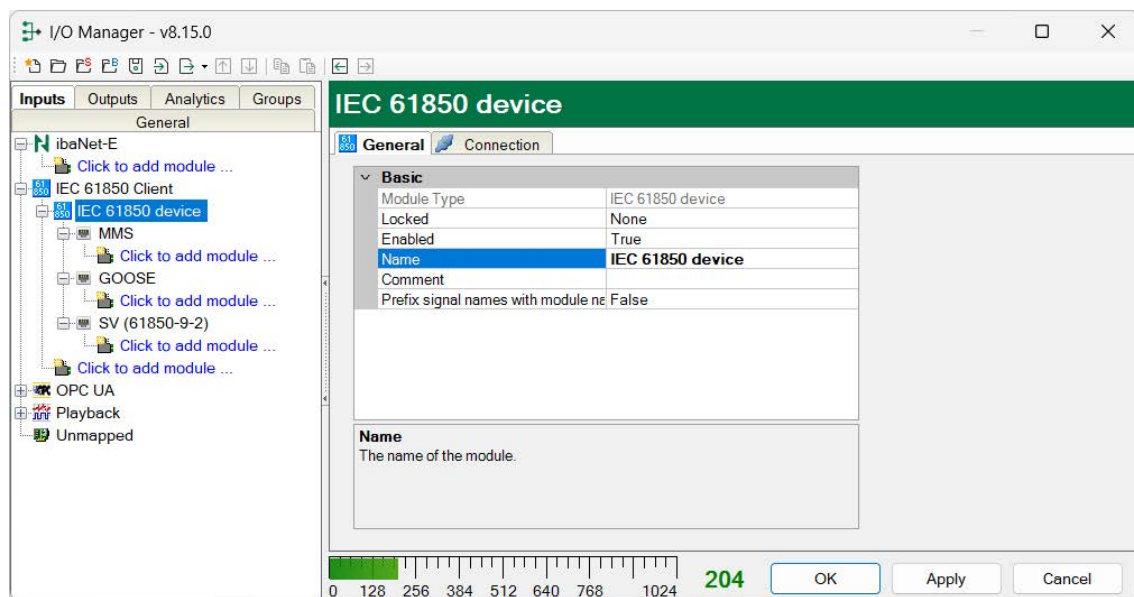
IEC 61850 devices are shown in *ibaPDA* as device modules.



Add a module by clicking below the interface. Select the module type “IEC 61850 device” and click on <OK>.

3.4.3 General device module settings

All devices have the following common setting possibilities.



Basic settings

Module Type (information only)

Indicates the type of the current module.

Locked

You can lock a module to avoid unintentional or unauthorized changing of the module settings.

Enabled

Enable the module to record signals.

Name

You can enter a name for the module here.

Comment

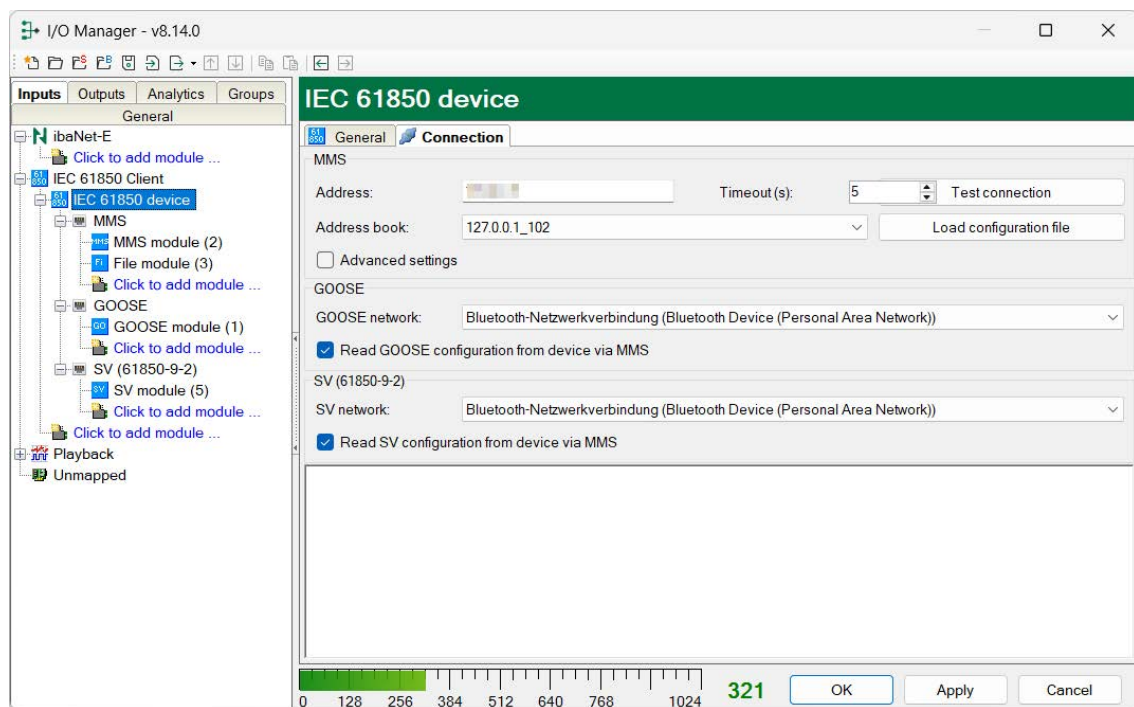
You can enter a comment or description of the module here. This will be displayed as a tooltip in the signal tree.

Prefix signal names with module name

Prefix the signal names of this module with the module name.

3.4.4 Connection Settings

In the *Connection* tab, the corresponding connection of the device module is configured for the IEC 61850 device.

**MMS****Address**

The IP address of the IEC 61850 device is to be entered here to establish the connection.

Timeout

You can set the value for the timeout here in seconds for the connection establishment and read accesses. When the timeout is exceeded, the device is considered as inaccessible or unresponsive.

<Test connection>

With the set connection parameters, it is attempted to establish the connection to the IEC 61850 device. If successful, information about the device is shown, such as detected logical devices, nodes, data sets and control blocks.

Address book

Selection of the linked address book. If address books have already been created, they are offered for selection here. *ibaPDA* can also create address books.

<Load configuration file>

The button opens the file browser and the SCL file can be selected, with which *ibaPDA* creates an address book.

When you click on the <Test connection> button, *ibaPDA* connects to the IEC 61850 device and loads the address book from the device itself. The name of the address book is then the IP address and port number of the device.

Address books are managed in I/O Manager, on the *General* tab, in the *Address books* node. See chapter [➤ Address books, page 33](#).

Advanced settings

The advanced settings can be shown in order to configure additional parameters.



- Port
Number of the port used on the server side

Note



Port 102 is used by default. If S7 communication based on RFC 1006 is present in the same network, this may lead to problems, since this also uses port 102 as the default port.

- Password
If access to the IEC server is password-protected, enter the password here.
- Maximum number of objects to read in a single command
If neither a data set nor a report control block is used for an MMS module, *ibaPDA* reads the configured signals with individual commands. Ensure here how many objects should be read in a command, since several signals are combined in an MMS message if this is possible. If the value is set to 1, a separate MMS message is in fact sent to the server for each value.

GOOSE

GOOSE network

Network card to be used to receive GOOSE messages. Only relevant when using GOOSE telegrams.

Read GOOSE configuration from device via MMS

This option is enabled by default.

However, it is also possible that GOOSE messages are received without MMS communication to the IEC 61850 device.

This means that the *ibaPDA* server does not necessarily have to be located in the network of IEC 61850 devices, as long as the GOOSE messages are forwarded to the network where the *ibaPDA* server is located.

To make sure that the *ibaPDA* server does not support MMS communication anymore, disable the option *Read GOOSE configuration from device via MMS*.

In this case, you must configure additional properties in the GOOSE module, such as the application ID and a source and/or destination MAC address.

See chapter [➤ GOOSE module, page 22](#).

SV (61850-9-2)

SV network

Network card to be used to receive the IEC 61850-9-2 streams (Sampled Values).

Read SV configuration from the device via MMS

This option is enabled by default.

However, it is also possible that SV messages are received without MMS communication to the IEC 61850 device.

Note

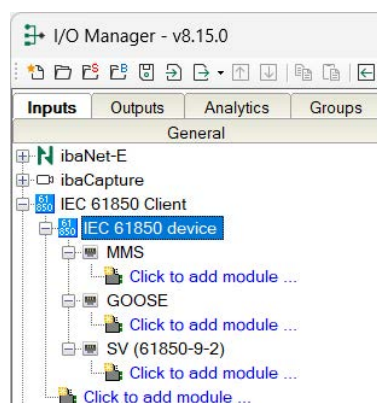


A separate *ibaPDA-Interface-IEC61850-9-2* license is required for the acquisition of sampled values streams.

Information on using the *IEC61850-9-2* data interface can be found in a separate manual.

3.4.5 Add module

The various modules of an IEC 61850 device are grouped according to bus type. Click the blue command *Click to add module* under the respective bus type.



The following module types can be selected with the *ibaPDA-Interface-IEC61850-Client* license:

■ MMS

- File module
Download, rename and save a COMTRADE file from the IEC 61850 device (according to IEC 61850-7-2)
- MMS module
Communication according to IEC 61850 Manufacturing Messaging Specification (MMS) protocol

■ GOOSE

- GOOSE module
Communication according to IEC 61850 Generic Object Oriented Substation Events (GOOSE) protocol

A separate *ibaPDA-Interface-IEC61850-9-2* license is required for the *SV (61850-9-2)* module. The description can be found in a separate manual.

Select the desired module type, assign a name and click <OK>.

All modules together use the connection defined in the superordinate IEC 61850 device.

3.4.6 General Module Settings

All modules have the following common settings:

Basic settings

Module Type (information only)

Indicates the type of the current module.

Locked

You can lock a module to avoid unintentional or unauthorized changing of the module settings.

Enabled

Enable the module to record signals.

Name

You can enter a name for the module here.

Comment

You can enter a comment or description of the module here. This will be displayed as a tooltip in the signal tree.

Module No.

This internal reference number of the module determines the order of the modules in the signal tree of *ibaPDA* client and *ibaAnalyzer*.

Timebase

All signals of the module are sampled on this timebase.

Prefix signal names with module name

This option puts the module name in front of the signal names.

Module structure

Number of analog and digital signals

Presets the number of the configurable analog/digital signals in the signal tables. A maximum of 1000 signals is possible.

The description of the module type-specific IEC 61850 settings can be found in the chapters

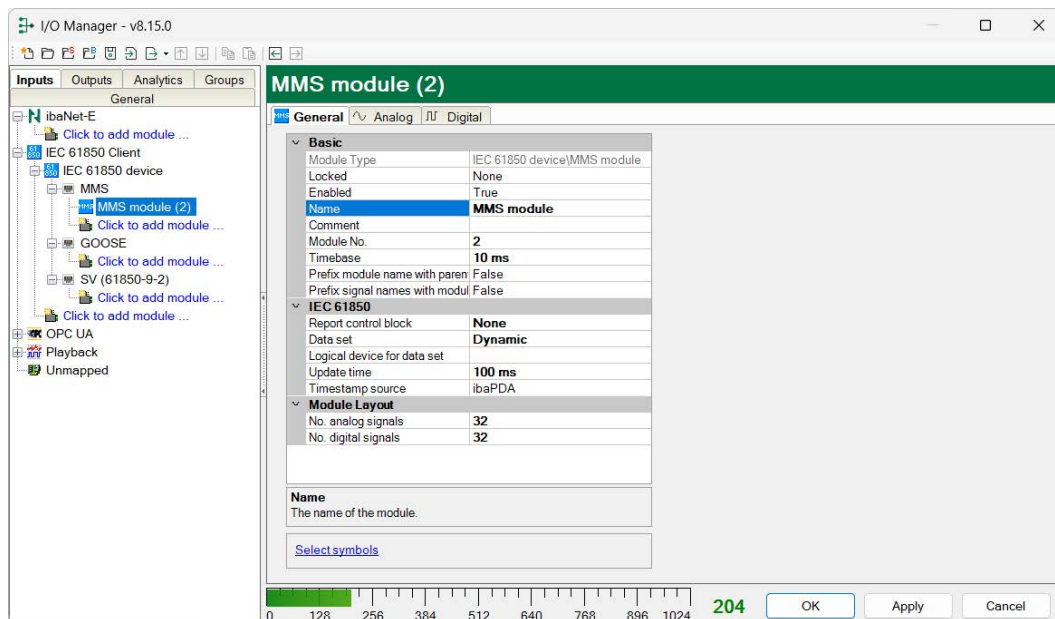
➤ *MMS module, page 17* and ➤ *GOOSE module, page 22*

3.4.6.1 MMS module

The MMS module offers communication as per IEC 61850 manufacturing messaging specification (MMS) protocol.

The module supports 3 services:

1. Cyclical reading of individual data attributes
2. Cyclical reading of data sets
Data sets are groups of data attributes that can be read together using a single command.
3. Receiving of reports when changing the value within a data set
Buffered and unbuffered reports are supported.
This is the most efficient method of data transmission, since no cyclical data transmission occurs.



Basic

See ➤ *General Module Settings, page 16*

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Report control block

- *None*: No report control block is used. The data is queried cyclically (see above service 1 and 2).
- *Preconfigured report control block* (only visible with server connection): The server transmits data changes using the report control block. There is no need to poll the data (see above service 3). If Report Control Block instances are already being used in the current configuration of the current *ibaPDA* client, they will no longer be displayed when the RCB is selected in other MMS modules.

Data set

Selection of the data sets to be used:

- *None*: In this case, no data set is used and the data attributes to which the signals refer are read individually (see above service 1), relatively slow.
- *Dynamic*: A new data set will be created which contains all the data attributes referenced by the signals (see above service 2). This data set will be deleted from the server when data acquisition is finished.
- *Configured data set* (only visible with server connection): The preconfigured data set will be read and the data attributes referenced by the signals will be extracted from it (see above service 2 and 3).

Logical device for the data set

Select the logical device you want to create the dynamic data set in. Can only be selected with data set = dynamic.

Update time

The update time determines how fast *ibaPDA* tries to read data from the IEC 61850 device. The actual resulting update time can be higher depending on the load of the device. Please check the diagnostic overview for measured update rates as overload will result in lost samples.

Timestamp source

Here you determine which timestamp is associated with the data. The following options are available:

- *ibaPDA*: The data is resampled by *ibaPDA*. This way, equidistant data is generated that is synchronized to data coming from other sources.
- *Data attribute*: For each signal individually, a data attribute from the data set can be configured which corresponds to the signal's timestamp.
- *Report*: For all signals, the timestamp from the report is used.

When using *Data attribute* or *Report* as timestamp source, you will have to select the "As is" profile in the data store to store the data as non-equidistant data with the external timestamp. When calculations are done with the data then it will be resampled.

3.4.6.2 File module

According to standard IEC 61850-7-2, IEC 61850 devices can create COMTRADE files when a trigger occurs. The file module enables *ibaPDA* to download, rename and copy these files from an IEC 61850 device to a destination directory. You can configure the file module as sub module under an IEC 61850 device.

File module – Basic settings

See [➤ General Module Settings, page 16](#)

File module – Files tab

On this tab, you can make the settings for the file handling.

The screenshot shows the 'File module (0)' configuration window with the 'Files' tab selected. The window is divided into two main sections: 'Source' and 'Destination'.

Source Section:

- Check for new files:** Radio buttons for 'Every' (selected) and 'On rising edge of'. The 'Every' option has a spin box set to '10' and a unit 's'. The 'On rising edge of' option has a dropdown menu showing 'Unassigned' with a warning icon.
- Directory to monitor:** A text box containing 'Comtrade'.
- Buttons:** 'Reprocess files' and 'Browse files on device'.

Destination Section:

- Base directory:** A text box containing 'C:\Comtrade' with an 'Edit' button.
- Sub directory:** Radio buttons for 'Use module names as directory names' (selected) and 'Custom:'. The 'Custom' option has an empty text box.
- Actual directory:** A text box containing 'C:\Comtrade\IEC 61850 device\File module'.
- File name:** Radio buttons for 'Use source file name' (selected) and 'Custom:'. The 'Custom' option has a table for file naming format.

Source	Format
File time (local)	yyyyMMdd_HHmms

Below the table are buttons for '+', 'X', '↑', and '↓'.

Test file name: A text box containing 'FRA00010.dat'.

Actual file name: A text box containing 'FRA00010.dat'.

Source

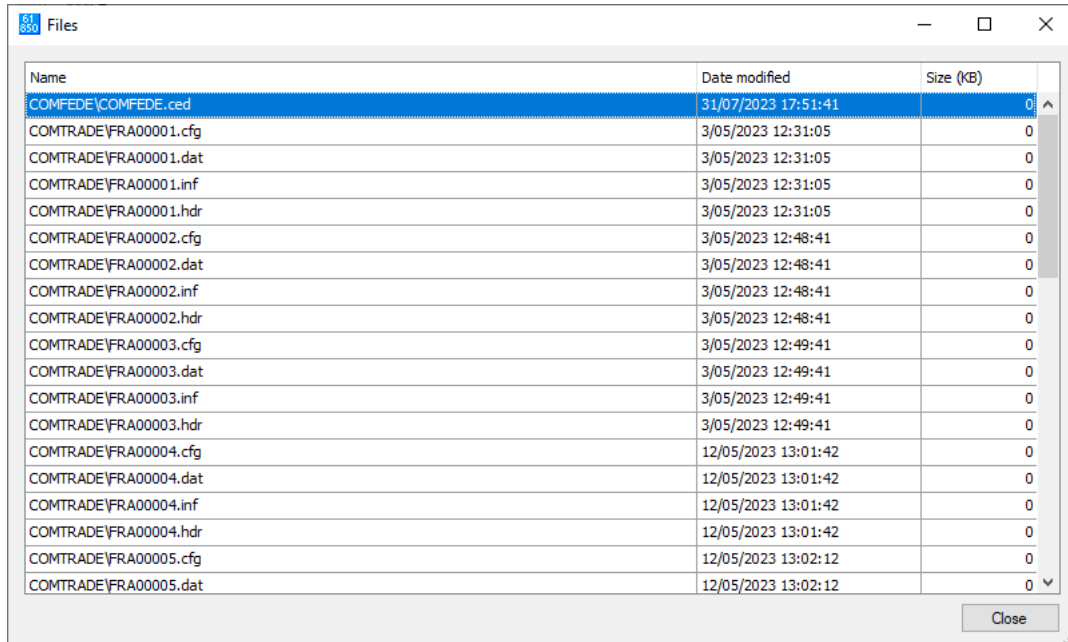
Here you can set when a scan for new files should be performed. If you want to scan periodically, you can set the scan interval, given in seconds, here. Alternatively, you can trigger a scan by a rising edge of a trigger signal. The drop-down list offers all digital signals in the signal tree. Select the desired signal here. A reasonable choice is a signal which indicates when the file

creation is finished on the IEC 61850 device, e.g. the *RcdMade.stVal* data attribute of the RDRE logical node.

Furthermore, enter the name of the directory to be monitored for new files on the IEC 61850 device.

<Browse files on device> button

Use this button to get an overview of the current files on the device. This might look as follows:



Name	Date modified	Size (KB)
COMFEDE\COMFEDE.ced	31/07/2023 17:51:41	0
COMTRADE\FRA00001.cfg	3/05/2023 12:31:05	0
COMTRADE\FRA00001.dat	3/05/2023 12:31:05	0
COMTRADE\FRA00001.inf	3/05/2023 12:31:05	0
COMTRADE\FRA00001.hdr	3/05/2023 12:31:05	0
COMTRADE\FRA00002.cfg	3/05/2023 12:48:41	0
COMTRADE\FRA00002.dat	3/05/2023 12:48:41	0
COMTRADE\FRA00002.inf	3/05/2023 12:48:41	0
COMTRADE\FRA00002.hdr	3/05/2023 12:48:41	0
COMTRADE\FRA00003.cfg	3/05/2023 12:49:41	0
COMTRADE\FRA00003.dat	3/05/2023 12:49:41	0
COMTRADE\FRA00003.inf	3/05/2023 12:49:41	0
COMTRADE\FRA00003.hdr	3/05/2023 12:49:41	0
COMTRADE\FRA00004.cfg	12/05/2023 13:01:42	0
COMTRADE\FRA00004.dat	12/05/2023 13:01:42	0
COMTRADE\FRA00004.inf	12/05/2023 13:01:42	0
COMTRADE\FRA00004.hdr	12/05/2023 13:01:42	0
COMTRADE\FRA00005.cfg	12/05/2023 13:02:12	0
COMTRADE\FRA00005.dat	12/05/2023 13:02:12	0

<Reprocess files> button

If you click on this button then all files, which are available on the IEC 61850 device, will be processed again. This may be useful if you have changed the destination settings.

Destination

In the *Destination* section you set the directory where the files should be transferred to and how they should be named.

The path of the destination directory consists of two parts:

■ Base directory

The directory as it is configured in the settings of the interface *IEC 61850 Client*, in the field *IEC61850-7-2 files destination path*. Click on the <Edit> button to get there directly.

■ Sub directory

The name of the sub directory can be created from the module name or manually. Select the desired option and enter a directory name if needed. If you enter a relative directory name (e.g. Test) in the *Custom* field, then this directory will be created relatively to the base directory. If you enter a full path (e.g. C:\Test), then the base directory will be ignored. UNC-path entries are permitted.

The line *Actual directory* shows the name according to the settings.

The name of the source file or a customized name can be used for the destination file. You can assemble the customized name from different parts.

Use the table below to configure the file name.

Next to the table, there are buttons with the following features:

	Add a new part to the file name. By clicking on this button you get a menu for selecting the desired information type (see below).
	Delete selected row.
	Move selected row up in sequence. The icon is not available (gray), if the operation is not possible.
	Move selected row down in sequence. The icon is not available (gray), if the operation is not possible.

The sequence of the parts in the table from top to bottom is transferred to the file name from left to right. A later change of sequence in the table will respectively change the file name.

You can insert the following information into the file name:

Information	Description
File time (local)	Inserts the local file time. Open the drop-down list in the <i>Format</i> column to select the preferred time format. File time (local) is set by default in the first row. After you have added more information you can shift file time (local) to another position or delete it.
File time (UTC)	Inserts the file time as UTC value. Open the drop-down list in the <i>Format</i> column to select the preferred time format.
Original file name	Inserts a part of or the complete file name of the source file. A little drop-down list in the <i>Format</i> column helps. For single characters enter a single number (index). "0" refers to the first character in the file name. For multiple consecutive characters enter a range. "0-2", for example, will use the first three characters of the file name. In order to use the complete file name select <i>Full</i> in the drop-down list.
Static text	Any text, which remains unchanged. Allowed are all characters, which can be used in file names.

In order to check how the final file name would look like, you can enter a file name as it would be on the IEC 61850 device, in the *Test file name* field. The line *Actual file name* then shows the result.

File module – Analog tab

The module has two diagnostic signals:

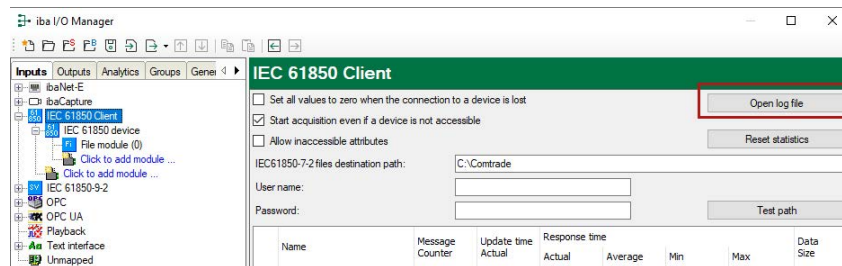
- Number of files downloaded
This is a 32 bit integer counter (DWORD), that is incremented with each downloaded file.
- Last retrieved file
This is a text signal (STRING) containing the full name of the last file, which was saved in the destination directory.

The signals and their actual values are shown in the *Analog* tab of the IEC 61850 device module.

Log file

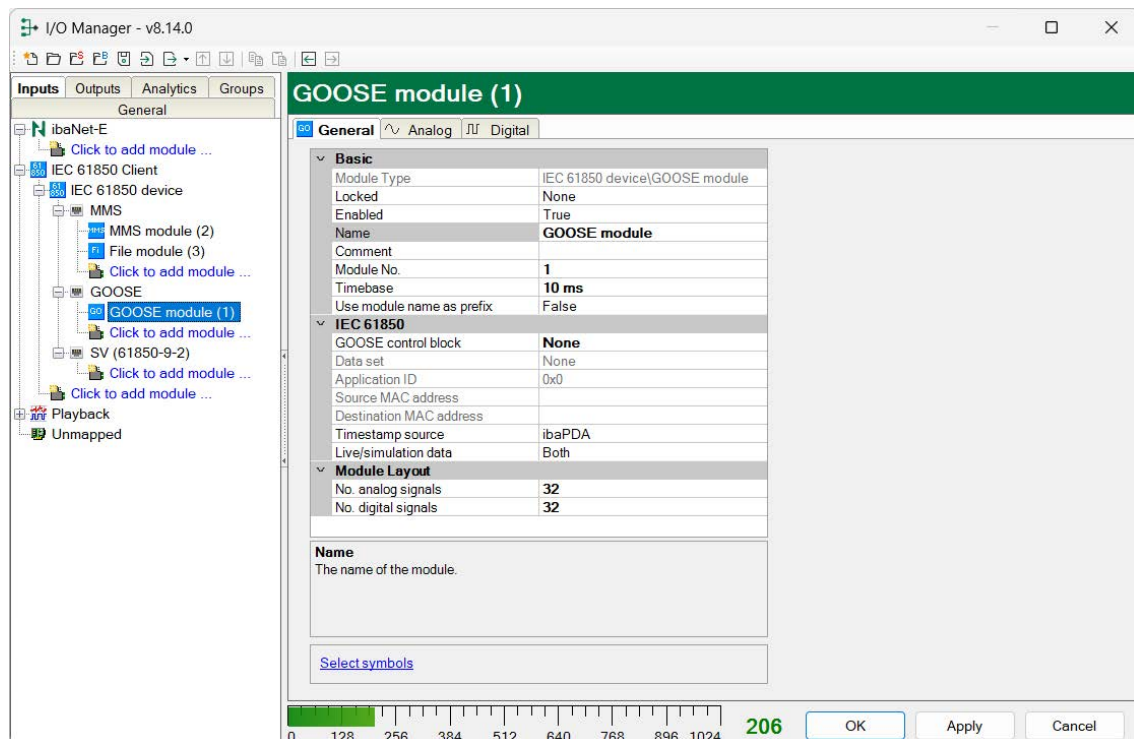
The log file of the IEC 61850 client interface will contain entries for each file that is transferred and for any error that might have occurred.

Click on the <Open log file> button in the IEC 61850 client interface dialog to view the log file.



3.4.6.3 GOOSE module

The GOOSE module offers communication as per IEC 61850 Generic Object Oriented Substation Events (GOOSE) protocol.



Basic settings

See [General Module Settings](#), page 16

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GOOSE Control Block

Selection of the GOOSE control block to be used that is preconfigured on the server. A GOOSE control block must always be selected. It is essential to select a GOOSE control block that is not already used by another client.

If you have an address book, you can select the GOOSE control block from the address book. The application ID is filled in automatically. If you do not have an address book, you must enter the GOOSE control block and the application ID. Optionally, you can also configure a source and/or destination MAC address to identify the correct GOOSE messages.

You can also leave the field blank if the GOOSE messages can be identified, for example, by the application ID, the source MAC address, or the destination MAC address.

Data set

The data set that is sent via GOOSE.

Application ID, Source/Destination MAC address

Display of GOOSE connection properties, see *GOOSE Control Block*. These fields can be edited if the device does not support MMS communication, i.e. if the option *Read GOOSE configuration from device via MMS* is disabled. See also ↗ *Connection Settings, page 13*.

Timestamp source

Here you determine which timestamp is associated with the data. The following options are available:

- *ibaPDA*: The data is resampled by *ibaPDA*. This way, equidistant data is generated that is synchronized to data coming from other sources.
- *Data attribute*: For each signal individually, a data attribute from the data set can be configured which corresponds to the signal's timestamp.
- *GOOSE*: For all signals, the timestamp from GOOSE is used.

When using *Data attribute* or *GOOSE* as timestamp source, you will have to select the "As is" profile in the data store to store the data as non-equidistant data with the external timestamp. When calculations are done with the data then it will be resampled.

Live/simulation data

Here you determine which type of source data will be allowed. The following options are available:

- *Both*: Live and simulation data will both be processed.
- *Live data only*: Only live data, where the simulation flag is not set, will be processed.
- *Simulation data only*: Only simulation data, where the simulation flag is set, will be processed.

3.4.7 Signal configuration

In the *Analog* and *Digital* tabs, the variables to be measured are configured.

The length of the signal table or the number of signals per table is determined in the general settings of the modules, module structure (see ↗ *General Module Settings, page 16*).

Note



Observe the maximum permissible signal number based on your license.

Note



Take into consideration that the number of signals, which are read by a device, influences the minimum achievable read cycle. The more signals recorded, the slower the reachable reading cycle.

Selection of measuring signals

You have two options to select the measuring signals:

1. Click on the *Select symbols* hyperlink in the *General* tab of the module.

MMS module (2)

General Analog Digital

Basic	
Module Type	IEC 61850 device\MMS module
Locked	None
Enabled	True
Name	MMS module
Comment	
Module No.	2
Timebase	10 ms
Prefix module name with paren	False
Prefix signal names with modul	False
IEC 61850	
Report control block	None
Data set	Dynamic
Logical device for data set	
Update time	100 ms
Timestamp source	ibaPDA
Module Layout	
No. analog signals	32
No. digital signals	32
Name The name of the module.	
Select symbols	

Use the mouse to click on the link and open the symbol browser.

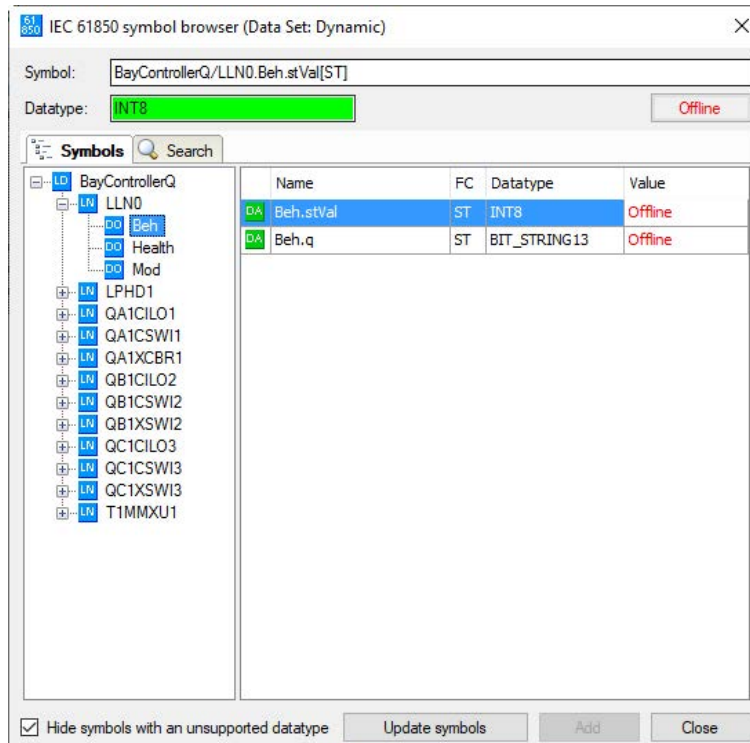
2. Click on a field in the “Symbol” column in the *Analog* or *Digital* tab.

The icon  will become visible. A click on the icon opens the symbol browser.

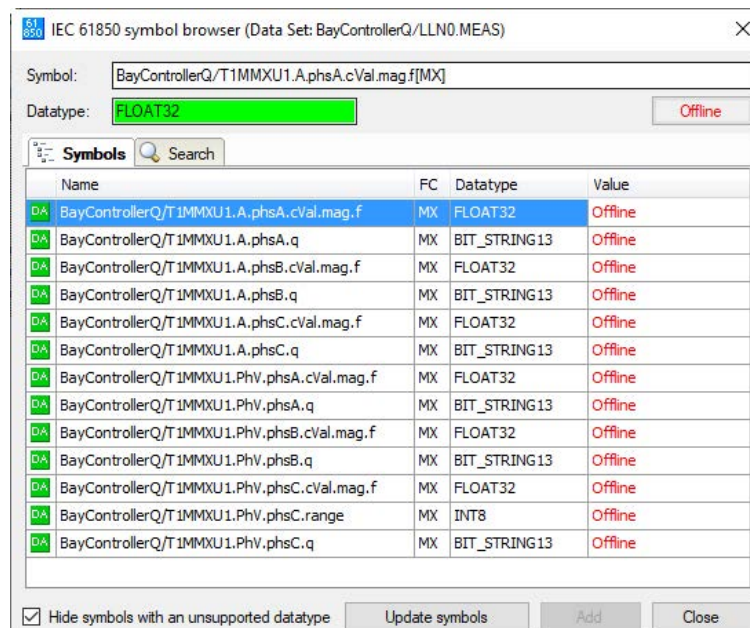
If you open the symbol browser via the hyperlink in the *General* tab, all available signals are contained there. Depending on whether you select an analog or digital signal in the browser's signal tree, the *Analog* or *Digital* tab will be opened in the background. If you add a signal, it will be inserted in the next open line of the matching signal table.

If you have selected "None" or "Dynamic" under *Data Set* in the general module properties, you will be shown a tree in the symbol browser with all logical devices, nodes and data objects of the server.

The table view shows the data attributes of the selected object. Use the <Offline> button to switch the system <Online>. The current values can then be shown here. In the event of error indications, see chapter [Error messages, page 37](#).



If you have selected a preconfigured data set in the general module properties under *Data Set* in the symbol browser you will see a flat view of all of the assigned data objects of the data set.



You can select individual or several signals in the signal tree.

Click on <Add> to add them to the corresponding analog or digital signal table. If you select an individual signal, then the next signal is marked after clicking on <Add>. In this way, you can add several successive signals by pressing <Add> several times. You can also add a signal to the signal table by double clicking on the signal.

You can also search by symbol name in the *Search* tab of the symbol browser. The signal tree of the search result can be operated like the complete signal tree.

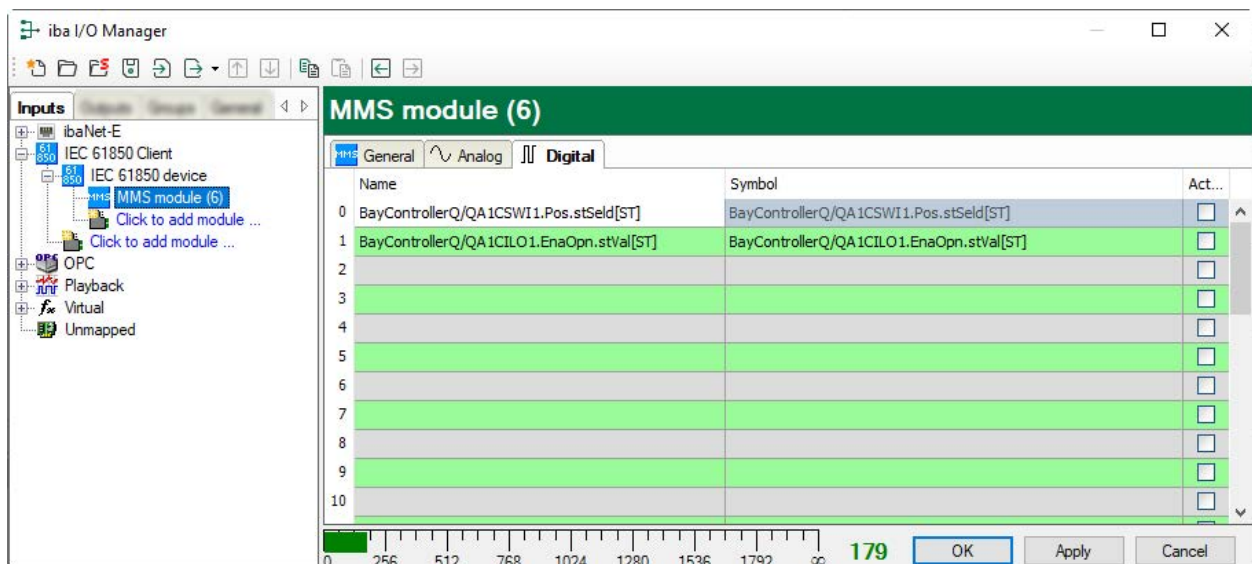
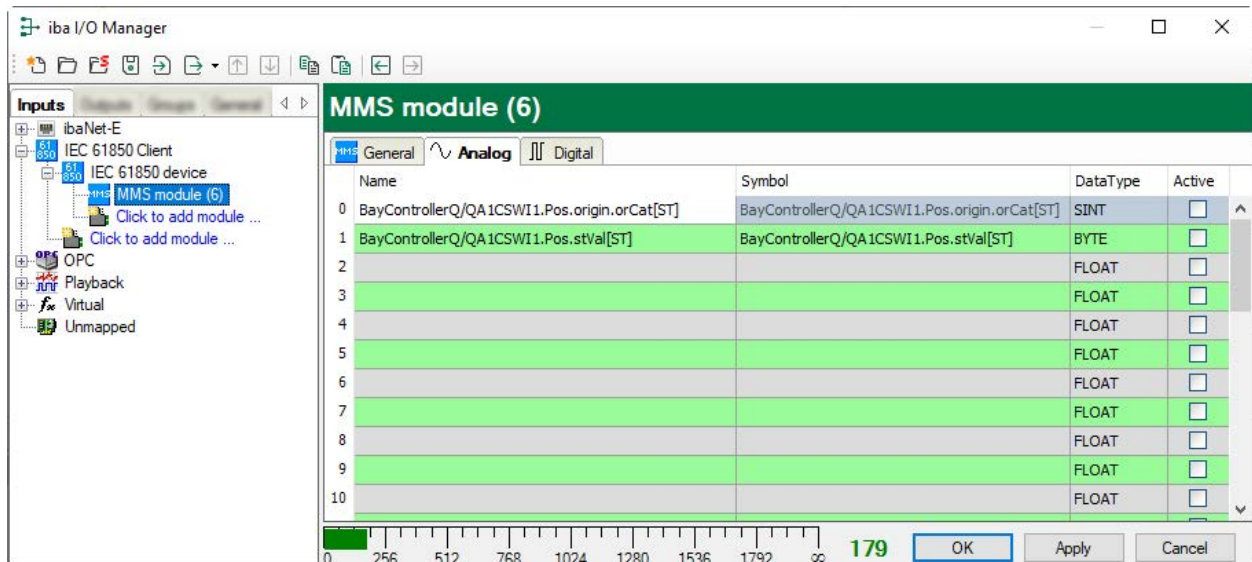
Note



By means of the checkbox “Hide symbols with an unsupported datatype” you can hide all not supported data types.

Description of the tables

The analog signals to be measured must be entered in the signal tables with the complete name (symbol) and the data type. This is done automatically when selecting via the symbol browser. You can assign any signal name.



The following data types are supported:

- BOOLEAN
- Enums
- Coded Enums (e.g. Check, Dbpos)
- Int8
- Int8U
- Int16
- Int16U
- Int32
- Int32U
- Int64, see chapter [Int64](#), page 28

- Float32
- Float64
- Quality, see chapter [↗ Quality, page 28](#)
- Timestamp (UTC_Time, BINARY_TIME), see chapter [↗ Timestamp, page 29](#)

Special note for GOOSE module without selected GOOSE control block

GOOSE module (57)							
Go General Analog Digital							
	Name	Unit	Gain	Offset	Index	DataTy...	Active
0	TestLD1/GGIO0.DPCSO1.stVal[ST]		1	0	2,0	BYTE	☒
1			1	0	1	FLOAT	☐

If no GOOSE control block is used (MMS communication is not supported), then the signal is not assigned via the symbol, but via the index of the data in the telegram. The data type must also be selected manually.

Index 0 means the first element in the dataset, *index 1* the second element, If an element in the dataset is a structure, it is also necessary to define which element from the structure should be used. This is done via "Index,Subindex".

Example: Index 4,2 means the fifth element in the dataset. This is a structure, the third subelement of the structure is used.

3.4.7.1 Int64

Due to the internal data handling in *ibaPDA* conversion from Int64 to Double is done. Therefore, values at the end of the value range may cause a data deviation.

3.4.7.2 Quality

The data types *Quality* and *Coded Enums* are bit strings. Each bit or sometimes two bits describe a status.

Bit 0	00 -> good
Bit 1	01 -> invalid 10 -> none 11 -> questionable
Bit 2	Overflow
Bit 3	OutOfRange
Bit 4	BadReference
Bit 5	Oscillatory
Bit 6	Failure
Bit 7	OldData
Bit 8	Inconsistent

Bit 9	Inaccurate
Bit 10	Source (0 -> process, 1 -> substituted)
Bit 11	Test
Bit 12	OperatorBlocked

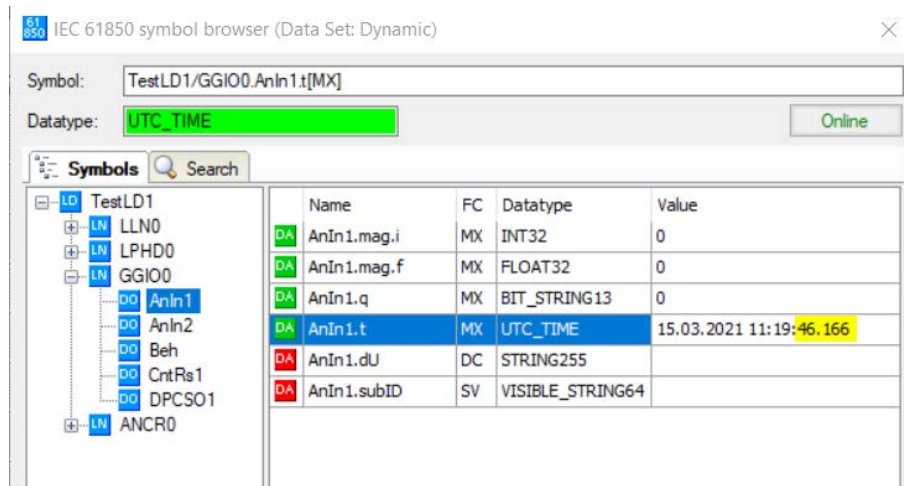
In *ibaPDA*, the values are displayed as decimal value in the trend graph, for example. For a better readability, a representation by means of 16 bit decoder, which represents the individual bits, is clearer.

16 bit decoder (8)	
General	Digital
Name	
0	Validity (Good = 00, Invalid = 01, Reserved = 10, Questionable = 11)
1	Validity
2	Overflow
3	Out Of Range
4	Bad Reference
5	Oscillatory
6	Failure
7	Old Data
8	Inconsistent
9	Inaccurate
10	Source (Process = 0, Substituted = 1)
11	Test
12	Operator Blocked
13	na
14	na
15	na

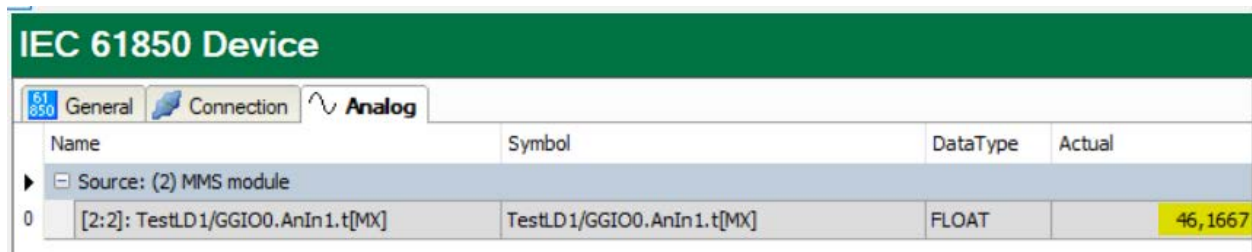
3.4.7.3 Timestamp

The IEC61850 data type *Timestamp* is an 8 byte value where the first 4 bytes indicate the seconds since 1/1/1970 00:00:00. The next 3 bytes represent the fraction of a second. The last byte contains various quality flags (including time accuracy).

The timestamp is displayed in the IEC 61850 Symbol Browser in the format "dd.mm.yyyy hh:m-m:ss.ms".



ibaPDA does not internally support a *Timestamp* data type. In order to still be able to measure time information, e.g. for checking the latency period and the jitter of IEC 61850 data, the seconds and milliseconds fraction is acquired from a *Timestamp* as a float value.



3.4.7.4 Recording of non-equidistant data

With the function of non-equidistant data acquisition, the signals are saved in the data file with the timestamp which is sent from the IEC 61850 server or included in the telegram. In the first case, IEC 61850 uses the possibility, that a measurement value or status value includes a quality value and a timestamp. This triple always belongs together.

This function of non-equidistant data acquisition is particularly useful when it is important to know exactly when a new data point is received. For example, for cascaded circuit breakers to know which one triggered first.

To use non-equidistant data acquisition, you can set the following options for the *Timestamp source* parameter:

In GOOSE module:

- Data attribute: For each signal, a data attribute from the data set can be configured individually that corresponds to the signal's timestamp.
- GOOSE: The timestamp of the GOOSE telegram is used for all signals.

In MMS module:

- Data attribute: For each signal, a data attribute from the data set can be configured individually that corresponds to the signal's timestamp.

- Report: The timestamp from the report is used for all signals. To do this, the timestamp must be enabled via the “Optional Fields” (optional report fields). This ensures that all data is recorded non-equidistant

MMS module (2)

General Analog Digital

Basic

Module Type	IEC 61850 device\MMS module
Locked	None
Enabled	True
Name	MMS module
Comment	
Module No.	2
Timebase	10 ms
Prefix module name with paren	False
Prefix signal names with modul	False

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Report control block	None
Data set	Dynamic
Logical device for data set	
Update time	100 ms
Timestamp source	ibaPDA

Module Layout

No. analog signals	Data attribute
No. digital signals	Report

Display in the signal table

If you have selected “Data attribute” as the timestamp source, a new column *Time symbol* is added in the signal table. A time stamp can additionally be defined for the signals in this column. When selecting a symbol, it is checked whether an associated timestamp exists in the data model for the signal. If one is defined the timestamp is automatically added. If a time stamp is defined for the signal, it is sampled non-equidistantly. All other signals without an additional timestamp are recorded equidistantly.

iba I/O Manager

Inputs

- ibaFOB-2o-Dep
- ibaNet-E
- ibaCapture
- IEC 61850 Client
 - IEC 61850 device
 - equidistant (24)
 - non-equidistant (25)**
 - Click to add module ...
 - IEC 61850-9-2
 - OPC

non-equidistant (25)

Name	Unit	Gain	Offset	Symbol	Time symbol	DataType	Active
TestLD1/GGIO0.DPCSO1.stVal[ST]		1	0	TestLD1/GGIO0.DPCSO1.stVal[ST]	TestLD1/GGIO0.DPCSO1.t[ST]	BYTE	☒
TestLD1/GGIO0.AnIn2.mag.f[MV]		1	0	TestLD1/GGIO0.AnIn2.mag.f[MV]	TestLD1/GGIO0.AnIn2.t[MV]	DOUBLE	☒
		1	0			DOUBLE	☒
		1	0			FLOAT	☐
		1	0			FLOAT	☐

Data store configuration

Additionally, the signals must be added to a time-based data store. The “As is” and the “Time” profile can be used. A data storage can contain both equidistant and non-equidistant signals.

Data storage

Profiles

- Stop prevention
- Diagnostics
- Certificates
- IEC 61850
 - Trigger Mode
 - Signal selection**
 - Files
 - Add data store ...

IEC 61850 - Signal selection

Profiles	Linked signals
As is	6A + 0D = 6

Signals

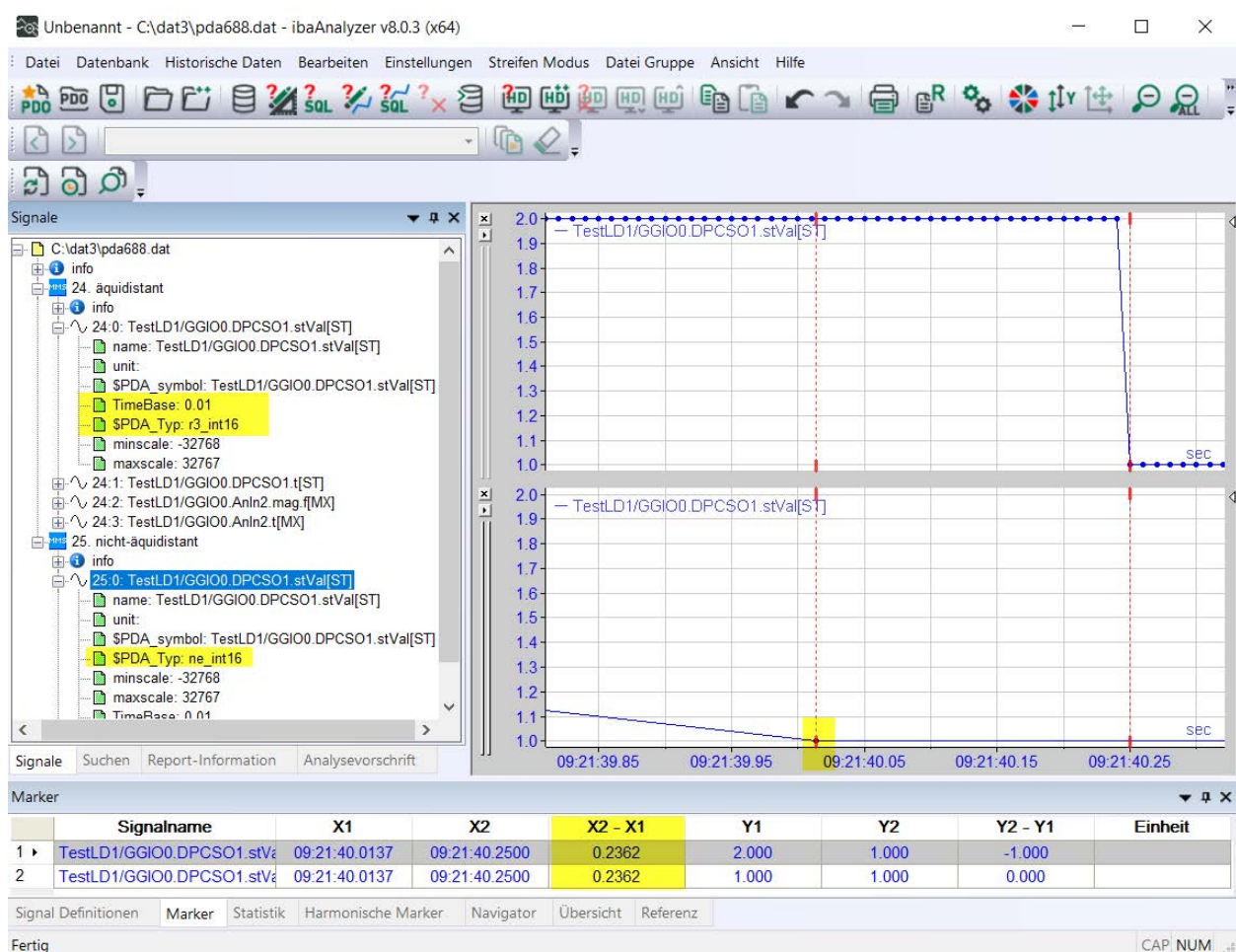
- ☐ 0. Virtual
- ☐ 11. ibaQPanel input
- ☒ 15. VIP_TCP/UDP_Generic
- ☒ 24. equidistant
- ☒ 25. non-equidistant

Display in ibaAnalyzer

The example in the figure below shows the difference between equidistant (module 24) and non-equidistant (module 25) signals in *ibaAnalyzer*.

When recording non-equidistant data only one measuring value is written to the data file when a report or GOOSE message is received. This measuring value is written with the original time-stamp to the data file, which is sent from the IEC 61850 server.

Additional information is added for each signal in the data file, e.g. the signal type \$PDA_Typ. Based on the signal type, *ibaAnalyzer* detects whether the signal is equidistant (r3_...) or non-equidistant (ne_...).



Special aspects when recording non-equidistant signals

- The signals are only recorded in the data file as non-equidistant data. In all other places (e.g., in virtual signals, in trendgraphs) the signals are used equidistantly.

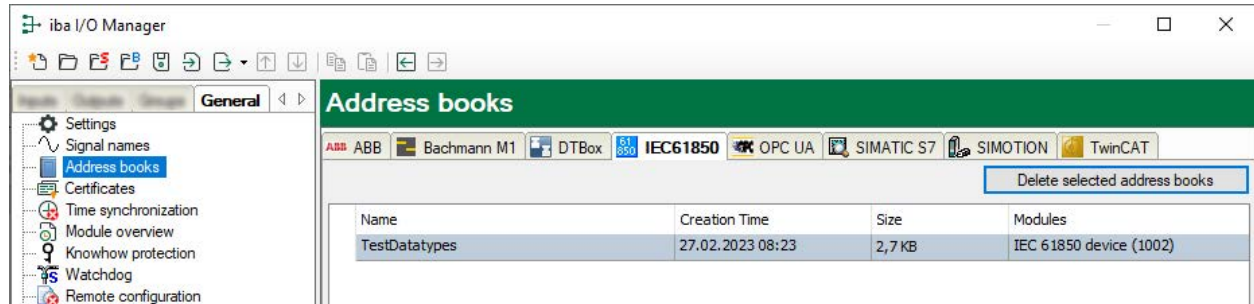
If you have selected “Data attribute” as the timestamp source, the following also applies:

- In order to record signals non-equidistantly, the dataset on server-side must be created with data objects (like XCBR.Pos) and not with data attributes (like XCBR.Pos.stVal). If data attributes are used in the dataset only the changed value is sent in the telegram and not the timestamp. This is also the case if dynamic datasets are used. The behaviour of the data objects and data attributes in a dataset is explained in the standard IEC 61850-7-2 chapter 17.2.3.2.2.9.

- Not all signals have an associated timestamp and these signals must be sampled as equidistant signals. The standard IEC61850-7-3 describes, which signals have an associated timestamp.

3.4.8 Address books

The IEC 61850 address books are listed in the *General* tab of the *Address books* node.



The *Modules* column displays the modules that use a specific address book. You can double-click on it to jump to this module.

<Delete selected address books>

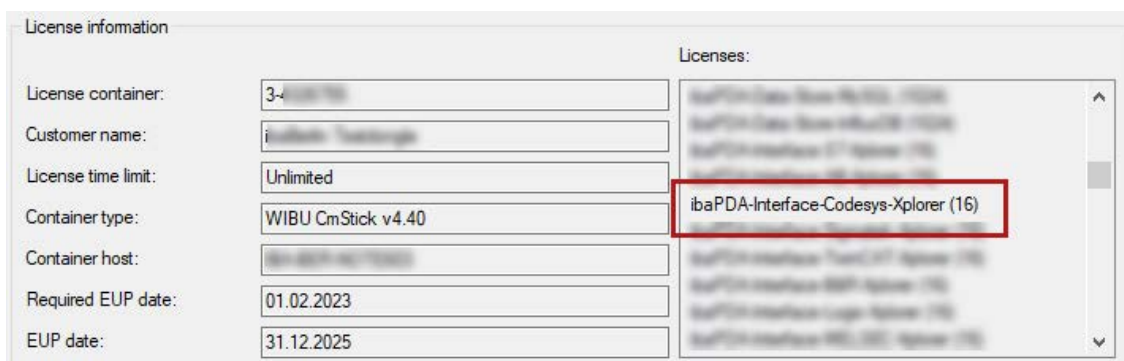
Selected address books are deleted from the directory of the *ibaPDA* server.

4 Diagnostics

4.1 License

If the interface is not displayed in the signal tree, you can either check in *ibaPDA* in the I/O Manager under *General – Settings* or in the *ibaPDA* service status application whether your license for the interface *ibaPDA-Interface-IEC61850-Client* has been properly recognized. The number of licensed connections is shown in brackets.

The figure below shows the license for the *Codesys Xplorer* interface as an example.



4.2 Log files

If connections to target systems or clients have been established, all connection-specific actions are logged in a text file. You can open this (current) file and, e.g., scan it for indications of possible connection problems.

You can open the log file via the button <Open log file>. The button is available in the I/O Manager:

- for many interfaces in the respective interface overview
- for integrated servers (e.g. OPC UA server) in the *Diagnostics* tab.

In the file system on the hard drive, you can find the log files of the *ibaPDA* server ([...\ProgramData\iba\ibaPDA\Log](#)). The file names of the log files include the name or abbreviation of the interface type.

Files named [interface.txt](#) are always the current log files. Files named [Interface_yyyy_mm_dd_hh_mm_ss.txt](#) are archived log files.

Examples:

- [ethernetipLog.txt](#) (log of EtherNet/IP connections)
- [AbEthLog.txt](#) (log of Allen-Bradley Ethernet connections)
- [OpcUAServerLog.txt](#) (log of OPC UA server connections)

4.3 Connection diagnostics with PING

PING is a system command with which you can check if a certain communication partner can be reached in an IP network.

1. Open a Windows command prompt.



2. Enter the command "ping" followed by the IP address of the communication partner and press <ENTER>.

→ With an existing connection you receive several replies.

A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window titled 'Administrator: Command Prompt'. The window shows the following text:

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\system32>ping 192.168.81.10

Pinging 192.168.81.10 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.81.10: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL30
Reply from 192.168.81.10: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL30
Reply from 192.168.81.10: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL30
Reply from 192.168.81.10: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL30

Ping statistics for 192.168.81.10:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 1ms, Average = 0ms

C:\Windows\system32>
```

→ With no existing connection you receive error messages.

A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window titled 'Administrator: Command Prompt'. The window shows the following text:

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0]
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C:\Windows\system32>ping 192.168.81.10

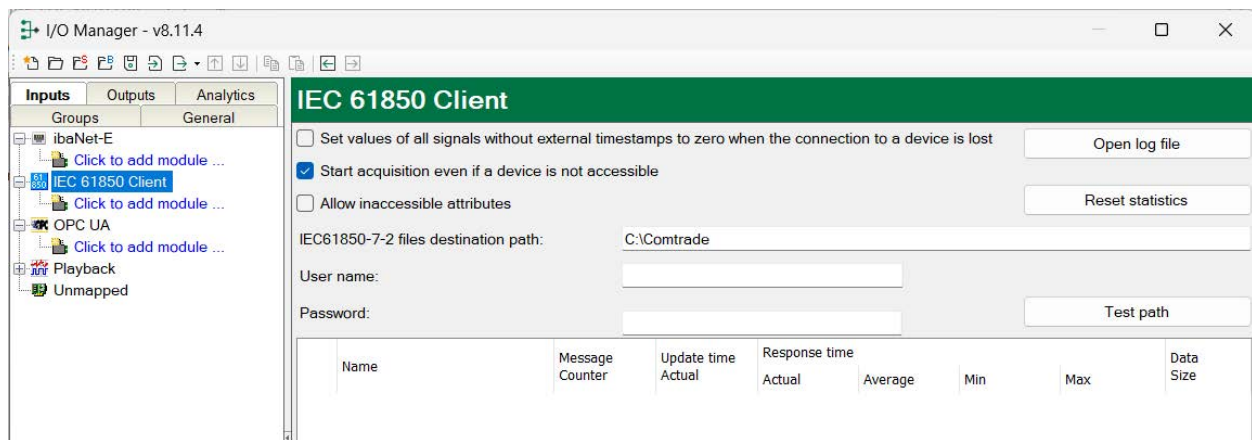
Pinging 192.168.81.10 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.81.10: Destination host unreachable.
Reply from 192.168.81.10: Destination host unreachable.
Reply from 192.168.81.10: Destination host unreachable.
Reply from 192.168.81.10: Destination host unreachable.

Ping statistics for 192.168.81.10:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),

C:\Windows\system32>
```

4.4 Connection table

All Ethernet-based interfaces have a table available in the I/O manager that shows the status of each connection. Each line represents one connection.



The modules for which the connections exist are identified by name in the first column (left) grouped by IEC 61850 devices.

The telegram counter is a continuous counter that is incremented by one with each received telegram. The response time is the time that a device requires to answer a data request. In the case of cyclical transmission, this corresponds to the time to read the data. In the case of MMS reports or GOOSE events, this corresponds to the time between events. The data size is the net data size of the transmitted telegrams.

Click the <Reset counters> button to reset the error counters and the calculation of the response times.

Additional information is provided by the background color of the table rows:

Color	Meaning
Green	The connection is OK and the data are read.
Yellow	The connection is OK, however the data update is slower than the configured update time (only for MMS and no report control block).
Red	The connection has failed or was interrupted

4.5 Error messages

The following error messages may be shown:

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_NO_RESPONSE = -2, /* for server internal purposes only! */

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_SUCCESS = -1

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_OBJECT_INVALIDATED = 0

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_HARDWARE_FAULT = 1

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_TEMPORARILY_UNAVAILABLE = 2

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_OBJECT_ACCESS_DENIED = 3

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_OBJECT_UNDEFINED = 4

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_INVALID_ADDRESS = 5

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_TYPE_UNSUPPORTED = 6

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_TYPE_INCONSISTENT = 7, /* A data type is inconsistent. Please check the data types to ensure they are correct. */

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_OBJECT_ATTRIBUTE_INCONSISTENT = 8

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_OBJECT_ACCESS_UNSUPPORTED = 9

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_OBJECT_NONE_EXISTENT = 10

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_OBJECT_VALUE_INVALID = 11

DATA_ACCESS_ERROR_UNKNOWN = 12

5 Support and contact

Support

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Note



If you need support for software products, please state the number of the license container. For hardware products, please have the serial number of the device ready.

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