

zenon driver manual 3S_Arti

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2 3S_Arti

The driver establishes a connection to the zenon Logic Runtime system with the set communication parameters.

Information

This driver will be superseded from zenon 7.50 by **3S_V3**. Please only use the **3S_V3** driver for new projects.



CONVERTING FROM VERSION 5 TO VERSION 6

After converting the driver configuration should be opened again and be confirmed with OK.

After this, the **drivers** folder is created in \ED\FILES\zenon\custom.

Do not browse the PLC and add the variables, before the old variable file has been copied as described below.

LIMITATIONS OF USE UNDER VERSION 5

In version 5 the driver writes an allocation table with the name <projectname>_codesys.cmp; this file is in the project directory.

The driver cannot be started several times, because only one such file can exist.

EXTENSIONS OF THE DRIVER IN VERSION 6.01 SERVICE PACK 2

With version 6.01 Service Pack 2 the variable name is preceded by the station address acting as an index. This means that when the variables are imported again from the symbol table, these variables are created twice. Thus it can happen that there are two variables with the same name in one project, distinguished only by the station index.

This extension of the variable name is however no functional restriction of the existing variable.

3 3S_Arti - data sheet

General:	
Driver file name	3S_Arti.exe
Driver name	Codesys Arti Treiber
PLC types	Codesys Soft PLCs, Moeller XControl PLs XC200 and XC600, as well as Elau PacDrive controllers MAX 4, C200, C400, C600, P600.
PLC manufacturer	3S; Elau; Moeller

Driver supports:	
Protocol	3S-Arti
Addressing: Address-based	Name based
Addressing: Name-based	



Driver supports:	
Spontaneous communication	
Polling communication	Х
Online browsing	Х
Offline browsing	Х
Real-time capable	
Blockwrite	
Modem capable	
RDA numerical	
RDA String	
Hysteresis	
extended API	
Supports status bit WR-SUC	
alternative IP address	

Requirements:	
Hardware PC	Standard network card
Software PC	Codesys software from version 2.12 incl. ARTI interface; Windows CE: SymArticlient.dll and Articlient.dll necessary, obtain from 3S.
Hardware PLC	
Software PLC	Codesys Software from version 2.12 incl. ARTI interface.
Requires v-dll	

Platforms:	
Operating systems	Windows 10; Windows 7; Windows 8; Windows 8.1; Windows Server 2008 R2; Windows Server 2012; Windows Server 2012 R2; Windows Server 2016



4 Driver history

Date	Driver version	Comment
2/8/2002		Creating the documentation
5/5/2003		Text file created on browsing the variable list
8/9/2004		Name of the allocation table file changed. Driver now can be started several times. Since driver version 6.1.1.1600
3/3/2005		Added information about the name change of the variables in 6.01 SP2
8/14/2008	2500	

DRIVER VERSIONING

The versioning of the drivers was changed with zenon 7.10. There is a cross-version build number as of this version. This is the number in the 4th position of the file version,

For example: **7.10.0.4228** means: The driver is for version **7.10** service pack **0**, and has the build number **4228**.

Expansions or error rectifications will be incorporated into a build in the future and are then available from the next consecutive build number.

Example

A driver extension was implemented in build **4228**. The driver that you are using is build number **8322**. Because the build number of your driver is higher than the build number of the extension, the extension is included. The version number of the driver (the first three digits of the file version) do not have any significance in relation to this. The drivers are version-agnostic

5 Requirements

This chapter contains information on the requirements that are necessary for use of this driver.



5.1 PC

Copy the driver file 3S_ARTI.EXE to the current zenon directory (unless it is already there).

The driver needs the DLLs ArtiClient.dll and SymArtiClient.dll. These DLLs should be installed along with the CoDeSys software (they are liable to pay costs and are not provided by COPA-DATA).

CE

Under CE the driver 3S_ARTI.DLL is automatically copied to the CE device by the Editor via Remote Transport. The DLLs ArtiClient.dll and SymArtiClient.dll are also needed on the CE device. But there are own DLLs for Windows CE! At the moment there are DLLs for X86 and StrongArm processors. Also these DLLs should be obtained from 3S. On the CE device these files have to be copied to the Runtime directory. (This is also where the files zenon6.ini and zenonrce.exe are stored).

Adding the variables from the PLC in the driver configuration creates a file in the project directory on the PC: 3S_Arti_Treiberbezeichnung.dat. On the CE device this file has to be copied to the project directory. Otherwise the communication is displayed as disturbed.

Under Windows CE it is not possible to use several drivers of the same type.

6 Configuration

In this chapter you will learn how to use the driver in a project and which settings you can change.

Information

Find out more about further settings for zenon variables in the chapter Variables (main.chm::/15247.htm) of the online manual.



6.1 Creating a driver

In the **Create driver** dialog, you create a list of the new drivers that you want to create.

	Create driver
wailable drivers	Driver information
valable drivers	Description: Description: Data exchange with external programs on file basis. Values are read from a file and displayed resp. archived in zenon. Values can also be written into a file by zenon. Supported PC types:
BB ⊕ ⊕ ⊕ ⊕ ⊕ Bser ⊕ ⊕	Poling: YES Spontaneous: NO O'filie browsing: NO O'filie browsing: TES Hydreesis: NO Miternate Brodes: NO No Alternate Brodes: NO Driver EVE name: DATE132,exe
eriver name File driver	
	OK Cancel Help

Parameter	Description
Available drivers	List of all available drivers.
	The display is in a tree structure: [+] expands the folder structure and shows the drivers contained therein. [-] reduces the folder structure
	Default: no selection
Driver name	Unique Identification of the driver.
	Default: <i>Empty</i> The input field is pre-filled with the pre-defined Identification after selecting a driver from the list of available drivers.
Driver information	Further information on the selected driver. Default: <i>Empty</i> The information on the selected driver is shown in this area after selecting a driver.



CLOSE DIALOG

Option	Description
ок	Accepts all settings and opens the driver configuration dialog of the selected driver.
Cancel	Discards all changes and closes the dialog.
Help	Opens online help.

Information

The content of this dialog is saved in the file called Treiber_[Language].xml. You can find this file in the following folder: C:\ProgramData\COPA-DATA\zenon[version number].

CREATE NEW DRIVER

In order to create a new driver:

 Right-click on Driver in the Project Manager and select New driver in the context menu. Optional: Select the New driver button from the toolbar of the detail view of the Variables. The Create driver dialog is opened.



2. The dialog offers a list of all available drivers.

	Create driver
Available drivers	Driver information
Sprecher Automation	
🕀 🧰 3S	
🔬 💼 ABB	
Actisense	
😥 🧰 Allen-Bradley	
🕀 💼 Alstom	
🗄 👘 💼 Areva	
Bachmann	
BACnet	
Beckhoff	
⊕ Bernecker + Rainer ⊕ Biffi-Tyco Flow Control	
Bosch Rexroth	
Brodersen	
Buderus	
⊞ CAN	
COPA-DATA	
E Copalp	
Costronic	
👜 🛅 СП	
🐵 💼 Daimler	
🕀 💼 Database	
🚊 💼 Dateien	
👜 ·· 🧰 DNP3	
🗄 💼 Echelon	
EIB EIB	
🖲 💼 Elau	
B- BA	
Esser	
B Euchner	
ie in Festo ie in Files	
Burger Ganther	
⊕ - GE Automation&Controls	
Gossen Metrawatt	
🗄 📲 Helmholz	
🗄 🚈 Hilscher	
🐵 💼 Hitachi	
Hydrometer	
IBH V	
Driver name	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	OK Cancel Help
	on taite nep

- Select the desired driver and name it in the Driver name input field. This input field corresponds to the Identification property. The name of the selected driver is automatically inserted into this input field by default. The following is applicable for the Driver name:
 - The Driver name must be unique.
 If a driver is used more than once in a project, a new name has to be given each time.
 This is evaluated by clicking on the OK button. If the driver is already present in the project, this is shown with a warning dialog.
 - The Driver name is part of the file name.
 Therefore it may only contain characters which are supported by the operating system.
 Invalid characters are replaced by an underscore (_).
 - Attention: This name cannot be changed later on.
- Confirm the dialog by clicking on the OK button.
 The configuration dialog for the selected driver is opened.

Note: The language of driver names cannot be switched. They are always shown in the language in which they have been created, regardless of the language of the Editor. This also applies to driver object types.



DRIVER NAME DIALOG ALREADY EXISTS

If there is already a driver in the project, this is shown in a dialog. The warning dialog is closed by clicking on the **OK** button. The driver can be named correctly.

	zenon Energy Edition	×
	This driver name already exists! Please enter an unique driver name!	
	ОК	

ZENON PROJECT

The following drivers are created automatically for newly-created projects:

- Intern
- MathDr32
- SysDrv

Information

Only the required drivers need to be present in a zenon project. Drivers can be added at a later time if required.

6.2 Settings in the driver dialog

You can change the following settings of the driver:



6.2.1 General

The configuration dialog is opened when a driver is created. In order to be able to open the dialog later for editing, double click on the driver in the list or click on the **Configuration** property.

Configuration				X
General	_			
				ОК
Mode:				Cancel
Hardware	•			Help
Keep update list	in memory			
Outputs writeable				
Variable image re	Variable image remanent			
Stopped on Stan	dby-Server			
🔽 Update time glob				
Global updatetime in 1000	ms:			
Priority normal:	1000 m	IS		
high:	500 m	IS		
higher:		IS		
highest:		IS		
			,	

Option	Description
Mode	Allows to switch between hardware mode and simulation mode
	 Hardware: A connection to the control is established.
	 Simulation - static: No communication between to the control is established, the values are simulated by the driver. In this modus the values remain constant or the variables keep the values which were set by zenon Logic. Each variable has its own memory area. E.g. two variables of the type marker with offset 79 can have different values in the Runtime and do not influence each other. Exception: The simulator driver.
	 Simulation - counting: No communication between to the control is established, the values are simulated by the driver. In this modus the driver increments the values



Option	Description
	within a value range automatically.
	 Simulation - programmed: No communication is established to the PLC. The values are calculated by a freely programmable simulation project. The simulation project is created with the help of the zenon Logic Workbench and runs in a zenon Logic Runtime which is integrated in the driver. For details see chapter Driver simulation (main.chm::/25206.htm).
Keep update list in the memory	Variables which were requested once are still requested from the control even if they are currently not needed. This has the advantage that e.g. multiple screen switches after the screen was opened for the first time are executed faster because the variables need not be requested again. The disadvantage is a higher load for the communication to the control.
Output can be written	 Active: Outputs can be written.
	 Inactive: Writing of outputs is prevented.
	Note: Not available for every driver.
Variable image remanent	This option saves and restores the current value, time stamp and the states of a data point.
	Fundamental requirement: The variable must have a valid value and time stamp.
	The variable image is saved in hardware mode if one of these statuses is active:
	► User status <i>M1</i> (0) to <i>M8</i> (7)
	► REVISION(9)
	► AUS(20)
	► ERSATZWERT(27)
	The variable image is always saved if:
	• the variable is of the object type Driver variable
	• the driver runs in simulation mode. (not



Option	Description
	programmed simulation)
	The following states are not restored at the start of the Runtime:
	► SELECT(8)
	► WR-ACK(40)
	► WR-SUC(41)
	The mode Simulation - programmed at the driver start is not a criterion in order to restore the remanent variable image.
Stop on Standby Server	Setting for redundancy at drivers which allow only one communication connection. For this the driver is stopped at the Standby Server and only started at the upgrade.
	Attention: If this option is active, the gapless archiving is no longer guaranteed.
	 Active: Sets the driver at the not-process-leading Server automatically in a stop-like state. In contrast to stopping via driver command, the variable does not receive status switched off (statusverarbeitung.chm::/24150.htm) but an empty value. This prevents that at the upgrade to the Server irrelevant values are created in the AML, CEL and Historian.
	Default: inactive
	Note: Not available if the CE terminal serves as a data server. You can find further information in the zenon Operator manual in the CE terminal as a data server chapter.
Global Update time	Setting for the global update times in milliseconds:
	 Active: The set Global update time is used for all variables in the project. The priority set at the variables is not used.
	 Inactive: The set priorities are used for the individual variables.



Option	Description
	Exceptions: Spontaneous drivers ignore this option. They generally use the shortest possible update time. For details, see the Spontaneous driver update time section.
Priority	The polling times for the individual priority classes are set here. All variables with the according priority are polled in the set time.
	The variables are allocated separately in the settings of the variable properties. The communication of the individual variables can be graded according to importance or required topicality using the priority classes. Thus the communication load is distributed better.
	Attention: Priority classes are not supported by each driver, e.g. spontaneously communicating zenon drivers.

CLOSE DIALOG

Option	Description
ОК	Applies all changes in all tabs and closes the dialog.
Cancel	Discards all changes in all tabs and closes the dialog.
Help	Opens online help.

UPDATE TIME FOR SPONTANEOUS DRIVERS

With spontaneous drivers, for **Set value**, **advising** of variables and **Requests**, a read cycle is triggered immediately - regardless of the set update time. This ensures that the value is immediately available for visualization after writing. The update time is generally 100 ms.

Spontaneous drivers are ArchDrv, BiffiDCM, BrTcp32, DNP3, Esser32, FipDrv32, FpcDrv32, IEC850, IEC870, IEC870_103, Otis, RTK9000, S7DCOS, SAIA_Slave, STRATON32 and Trend32.

6.2.2 Driver dialog CoDeSys

RUNTIME

Setting the communication parameters



Local: Runtime system runs on the same computer

Remote: Runtime system runs on another computer; select the computer with the button « ... »

Port: Default 1200

Protocol: TCP/IP Level 2 Route or Level 4

Buffer size: Default 5000

VARIABLE DEFINITION

Selection from which Runtime system the symbol table should be read

	Configuration	×
General CodeSys		
Connection name	Net address New Edit	ок
		Cancel
	Delete	Help
	Save Cancel	
Connection settings		
Connection name:	Net address: 0	
Runtime	Variable definition	
Remote:	Port 1200 Remote	
	E_TCPIP_L2ROU V from PLC	
Buffer size 5000	✓ Use login from File	
Codesys Address range:		
Name	Type Refld Offset Size Ac	
zenOn Address range:		
Name	Type Address Insert	
	Delete	

6.3 Speeding up the starting of Runtime

If there are a large amount of variables on the PLC, this can delay the start of zenon Runtime or the initial switching of a screen in the Runtime. The delay is caused by the following behavior:

- The symbol table of the PLC is read in to the file **SymArtiClient.dll** when the connection is first made
- This symbol table can be very large, depending on the variables on the PLC



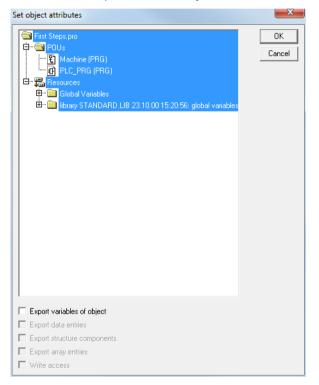
• The size of the file determines the duration of the delay

To reduce the connection time, the symbol table can be reduced in the **EPAS/CodeSys** software. To do this, only the variables that are to communicate with zenon are integrated.

REDUCING THE SYMBOL TABLE

To reduce the symbol table:

- 1. Start the EPAS/CodeSys software
- 2. Deactivate all options for the symbol table





3. Select the modules of the PLC that are to have their variables integrated into the symbol table

Set object attributes	×
Image: Steps.pro Image: Steps.pro	OK Cancel
 ✓ Export variables of object ─ Export data entries ✓ Export structure components ✓ Export array entries ✓ Write access 	

4. You can also select individual variables, for example from the group of global variables.

The possibility to select **global variables** can differ with different software versions.

Set object attributes	×
First Steps.pro POUs PLC_PRG (PRG) PLC_PRG (PRG) Global Variables Global Variables Variablen_Konfiguration (VAR_CONFIG) Wariablen_Konfiguration (VAR_CONFIG) B- Ibrary STANDARD.LIB 23.10.00 15:20:56: global variables	OK Cancel
Export variables of object Export data entries Export structure components Export array entries Write access	

5. If all variables required for communication with zenon are selected, the configuration can be confirmed as usual.



Since there are now fewer variables integrated in the symbol table, this is significantly smaller once it has been transferred to the PLC again. It therefore takes considerably less time to load this file to the **SymArtiClient.dll** file and initial communication between Runtime and the PLC is quicker.

7 Creating variables

This is how you can create variables in the zenon Editor:

7.1 Creating variables in the Editor

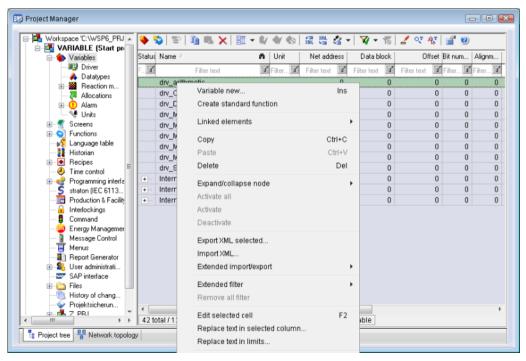
Variables can be created:

- as simple variables
- in arrays (main.chm::/15262.htm)
- as structure variables (main.chm::/15278.htm)

VARIABLE DIALOG

To create a new variable, regardless of which type:

1. Select the **New variable** command in the **Variables** node in the context menu



The dialog for configuring variables is opened

2. Configure the variable



3. The settings that are possible depends on the type of variables

CREATE VARIABLE DIALOG

ate variable	×
Settings	
Name: S_Variable	
S_Variable	
Driver	
SIMUL32 - SIMUL_WIZ	
Driver object type	
PLC marker 👻	
Datatype	
REAL	
Array settings Start index is 0 Start index is 1	
Dim 1 Dim 2 Dim 3 0 • • •	
Addressing options	
Automatic addressing	
Addressing according to data type offset and start offset	
Manual addressing	
Each datatype starts with new offset	
Automatic addressing	
Activate all elements	
Activate element manually	
Back Finish Cancel Help	

Property	Description
Name	Distinct name of the variable. If a variable with the same name already exists in the project, no additional variable can be created with this name.
	Maximum length: 128 characters
	 Attention: the characters # and @ are not permitted in variable names. If non-permitted characters are used, creation of variables cannot be completed and the Finish button remains inactive. Note: For some drivers, the addressing is possible over the property Symbolic address, as well.
Drivers	Select the desired driver from the drop-down list.
	Note: If no driver has been opened in the project, the driver for internal variables (Intern.exe (Main.chm::/Intern.chm::/Intern.htm)) is automatically loaded.
Driver Object Type (cti.chm::/28685.htm)	Select the appropriate driver object type from the drop-down list.



Property	Description
Data Type	Select the desired data type. Click on the button to open the selection dialog.
Array settings	Expanded settings for array variables. You can find details in the Arrays chapter.
Addressing options	Expanded settings for arrays and structure variables. You can find details in the respective section.
Automatic addressing	Expanded settings for arrays and structure variables. You can find details in the respective section.

SYMBOLIC ADDRESS

The **Symbolic address** property can be used for addressing as an alternative to the **Name** or **Identification** of the variables. Selection is made in the driver dialog; configuration is carried out in the variable property. When importing variables of supported drivers, the property is entered automatically.

Maximum length: 1024 characters.

The following drivers support the **Symbolic address**:

- ► 3S_V3
- AzureDrv
- BACnetNG
- ▶ IEC850
- KabaDPServer
- OPCUA32
- Phoenix32
- **POZYTON**
- RemoteRT
- S7TIA
- SEL
- SnmpNg32
- PA_Drv

INHERITANCE FROM DATA TYPE

Measuring range, Signal range and Set value are always:

• derived from the datatype



• Automatically adapted if the data type is changed

Note for signal range: If a change is made to a data type that does not support the set **signal range**, the **signal range** is amended automatically. For example, for a change from **INT** to **SINT**, the **signal range** is changed to *127*. The amendment is also carried out if the **signal range** was not inherited from the data type. In this case, the **measuring range** must be adapted manually.

7.2 Addressing

Group/Property	Description
General	
Name	Freely definable name.
	Attention: For every zenon project the name must be unambiguous.
Identification	Freely definable identification. E.g. for Resources label, comments,
Addressing	Property group for addressing
Net address	Network address of variables.
	This address refers to the bus address in the connection configuration of the driver. This defines the PLC, on which the variable resides.
Data block	For variables of object type <i>Extended data block</i> , enter the datablock number here.
	Adjustable from 0 to 4294967295.
	You can take the exact maximum area for data blocks from the manual of the PLC.
Offset	Offset of variables. Equal to the memory address of the variable in the PLC. Adjustable from <i>0</i> to <i>4294967295</i> .
Alignment	not used for this driver
Bit number	Number of the bit within the configured offset.
	Possible entries: 0 to 65535.
String length	Only available for String variables. Maximum number of characters that the variable can take.
Driver connection/Data Type	Data type of the variable. Is selected during the creation of the variable; the type can be changed here.



Group/Property	Description
	Attention: If you change the data type later, all other properties of the variable must be checked and adjusted, if necessary.
Driver connection/Driver Object Type	Object type of the variables. Depending on the driver used, is selected when the variable is created and can be changed here.
Driver connection/Priority	Assigns a variable a priority for the update time.

CODESYS ADDRESS RANGE

With the button "Update list" the list is filled with the contents of the symbol table of the selected Runtime system. For this the SoftPLC has to be in "Run" mode.

ZENON ADDRESS RANGE:

With the button "Add" entries from the symbol table can be transferred to the list. The entries in the list are provided with an index, which is used for the addressing of the zenon variables. The "Delete" button deletes entries from the list. On closing the window with "OK" the list is saved to a file. This file is in the project directory and has the name: 3S_Arti_Treiberbezeichnung.dat.

Information

On transporting a project to another computer (network projects) this file also has to be transported!

TEXT FILE WITH LOCAL ADDRESS LIST

From driver version 5.2.0.4 onwards, a text file is automatically created when the **Add** button is pressed. This file has the name **3S_Arti_driver-name.txt** and contains the following structure:

Name	Туре	Refld	Size	Address
.Testvar4	BOOL	4	1	13

- **Refld** and **Size** are only used by **CodeSys**, but not in zenon.
- A DBF import file can be created with **Name**, **Type** and **Address**. This facilitates the creation of the zenon variables.

Allocation to DBF columns:

Text file	DBF file	Comment
Name	KANALNAME	



Text file	DBF file	Comment
Туре	DATATYPE, CHANNELTYPE, OBJECT	All 3 columns must be defined
Address	ADDRESS	

ADDRESSING OF INDIVIDUAL BITS, BINARY VARIABLES

The 3S_Arti driver uses an assignment file in which the information for communication with the PLC is saved. The variable offset is used in zenon to read off information from the assignment file. To address individual bits in an INT:

- 1. An INT with the offset 4 is imported from the PLC and
- 2. 16 binary variables with the offset 4 and the bit numbers 0 to 15 are created manually

7.3 Driver objects and datatypes

Driver objects are areas available in the PLC, such as markers, data blocks etc. Here you can find out which driver objects are provided by the driver and which IEC data types can be assigned to the respective driver objects.

7.3.1 Driver objects

The following object types are available in this driver:

Driver Object Type	Channel type	Read	Write	Supported data types	Comment
PLC marker	8	Х	Х	LREAL, BOOL, REAL, DINT, UDINT, INT, UINT, STRING, USINT, SINT	

Key:

X: supported

--: not supported



Object	Channel type	Data type	Name
2	8	8	Marker (M)BOOL
3	8	9	Marker - (MB)BYTE/CHAR
4	8	2 or 1	Marker - (MW)WORD/INT
5	8	4 or 3	Marker - (MD)DWORD/DINT
6	8	5	Marker – (DF)FLOAT
7	8	6	Marker – (DD)DOUBLE
8	8	12	Marker – (DS)STRING

OBJECTS FOR PROCESS VARIABLES IN ZENON

7.3.2 Mapping of the data types

All variables in zenon are derived from IEC data types. The following table compares the IEC datatypes with the datatypes of the PLC.

Control	zenon	Data type
	BOOL	8
	USINT	9
	SINT	10
	UINT	2
	INT	1
	UDINT	4
	DINT	3
	ULINT	27
	LINT	26
	REAL	5
	LREAL	6
	STRING	12



Control	zenon	Data type
	WSTRING	21
	DATE	18
	TIME	17
	DATE_AND_TIME	20
	TOD (Time of Day)	19

DATA TYPE

The term **data type** is the internal numerical identification of the data type. It is also used for the extended DBF import/export of the variables.

7.4 Creating variables by importing

Variables can also be imported by importing them. The XML and DBF import is available for every driver.

Information

You can find details on the import and export of variables in the Import-Export (main.chm::/13028.htm) manual in the Variables (main.chm::/13045.htm) section.

7.4.1 XML import

During XML import of variables or data types, these are first assigned to a driver and then analyzed. Before import, the user decides whether and how the respective element (variable or data type) is to be imported:

Import:

The element is imported as a new element.

- Overwrite: The element is imported and overwrites a pre-existing element.
- Do not import:

The element is not imported.

Note: The actions and their durations are shown in a progress bar during import. The import of variables is described in the following documentation. Data types are imported along the same lines.



REQUIREMENTS

The following conditions are applicable during import:

Backward compatibility

At the XML import/export there is no backward compatibility. Data from older zenon versions can be taken over. The handover of data from newer to older versions is not supported.

<u>Consistency</u>

The XML file to be imported has to be consistent. There is no plausibility check on importing the file. If there are errors in the import file, this can lead to undesirable effects in the project.

Particular attention must be paid to this, primarily if not all properties exist in the XML file and these are then filled with default values. E.g.: A binary variable has a limit value of *300*.

Structure data types

Structure data types must have the same number of structure elements. Example: A structure data type in the project has 3 structure elements. A data type with the same name in the XML file has 4 structure elements. Then none of the variables based on this data type in the file are imported into the project.

🗉 🖌 Hint

You can find further information on XML import in the **Import - Export** manual, in the **XML import (main.chm::/13046.htm)** chapter.

7.4.2 DBF Import/Export

Data can be exported to and imported from dBase.

Information

Import and Export via CSV or dBase supported; no driver specific variable settings, such as formulas. Use export/import via XML for this.

IMPORT DBF FILE

To start the import:

- 1. right-click on the variable list
- 2. in the drop-down list of Extended export/import... select the Import dBase command
- 3. follow the import assistant



The format of the file is described in the chapter File structure.

Information

Note:

- Driver object type and data type must be amended to the target driver in the DBF file in order for variables to be imported.
- dBase does not support structures or arrays (complex variables) at import.

EXPORT DBF FILE

To start the export:

- 1. right-click on the variable list
- 2. in the drop-down list of Extended export/import... select the Export dBase... command
- 3. follow the export assistant



DBF files:

- must correspond to the 8.3 DOS format for filenames (8 alphanumeric characters for name, 3 character suffix, no spaces)
- must not have dots (.) in the path name.
 e.g. the path C:\users\John.Smith\test.dbf is invalid.
 Valid: C:\users\JohnSmith\test.dbf
- must be stored close to the root directory in order to fulfill the limit for file name length including path: maximum 255 characters

The format of the file is described in the chapter File structure.

Information

dBase does not support structures or arrays (complex variables) at export.

FILE STRUCTURE OF THE DBASE EXPORT FILE

The dBaseIV file must have the following structure and contents for variable import and export:



Attention

dBase does not support structures or arrays (complex variables) at export.

DBF files must:

- conform with their name to the 8.3 DOS format (8 alphanumeric characters for name, 3 characters for extension, no space)
- Be stored close to the root directory (Root)

STRUCTURE

Identification	Тур e	Field size	Comment
KANALNAME	Cha	128	Variable name.
	r		The length can be limited using the MAX_LAENGE entry in the project.ini file.
KANAL_R	С	128	The original name of a variable that is to be replaced by the new name entered under "VARIABLENNAME" (variable name) (field/column must be entered manually). The length can be limited using the MAX_LAENGE entry in the project.ini file.
KANAL_D	Log	1	The variable is deleted with the 1 entry (field/column has to be created by hand).
TAGNR	С	128	Identification. The length can be limited using the MAX_LAENGE entry in the project.ini file.
EINHEIT	С	11	Technical unit
DATENART	С	3	Data type (e.g. bit, byte, word,) corresponds to the data type.
KANALTYP	С	3	Memory area in the PLC (e.g. marker area, data area,) corresponds to the driver object type.
HWKANAL	Nu m	3	Net address
BAUSTEIN	Ν	3	Datablock address (only for variables from the data area



Identification	Тур е	Field size	Comment
			of the PLC)
ADRESSE	Ν	5	Offset
BITADR	N	2	For bit variables: bit address For byte variables: 0=lower, 8=higher byte For string variables: Length of string (max. 63 characters)
ARRAYSIZE	N	16	Number of variables in the array for index variables ATTENTION: Only the first variable is fully available. All others are only available for VBA or the Recipegroup Manager
LES_SCHR	L	1	Write-Read-Authorization 0: Not allowed to set value. 1: Allowed to set value.
MIT_ZEIT	R	1	time stamp in zenon (only if supported by the driver)
OBJEKT	N	2	Driver-specific ID number of the primitive object comprises TREIBER-OBJEKTTYP and DATENTYP
SIGMIN	Floa t	16	Non-linearized signal - minimum (signal resolution)
SIGMAX	F	16	Non-linearized signal - maximum (signal resolution)
ANZMIN	F	16	Technical value - minimum (measuring range)
ANZMAX	F	16	Technical value - maximum (measuring range)
ANZKOMMA	Ν	1	Number of decimal places for the display of the values (measuring range)
UPDATERATE	F	19	Update rate for mathematics variables (in sec, one decimal possible) not used for all other variables
MEMTIEFE	Ν	7	Only for compatibility reasons
HDRATE	F	19	HD update rate for historical values (in sec, one decimal possible)
HDTIEFE	Ν	7	HD entry depth for historical values (number)
NACHSORT	R	1	HD data as postsorted values



Identification	Тур e	Field size	Comment
DRRATE	F	19	Updating to the output (for zenon DDE server, in [s], one decimal possible)
HYST_PLUS	F	16	Positive hysteresis, from measuring range
HYST_MINUS	F	16	Negative hysteresis, from measuring range
PRIOR	N	16	Priority of the variable
REAMATRIZE	С	32	Allocated reaction matrix
ERSATZWERT	F	16	Substitute value, from measuring range
SOLLMIN	F	16	Minimum for set value actions, from measuring range
SOLLMAX	F	16	Maximum for set value actions, from measuring range
VOMSTANDBY	R	1	Get value from standby server; the value of the variable is not requested from the server but from the Standby Server in redundant networks
RESOURCE	С	128	Resources label. Free string for export and display in lists. The length can be limited using the MAX_LAENGE entry in project.ini .
ADJWVBA	R	1	Non-linear value adaption: <i>0</i> : Non-linear value adaption is used <i>1</i> : Non-linear value adaption is not used
ADJZENON	С	128	Linked VBA macro for reading the variable value for non-linear value adjustment.
ADJWVBA	С	128	ed VBA macro for writing the variable value for non-linear value adjustment.
ZWREMA	Ν	16	Linked counter REMA.
MAXGRAD	N	16	Gradient overflow for counter REMA.

Attention

When importing, the driver object type and data type must be amended to the target driver in the DBF file in order for variables to be imported.



LIMIT VALUE DEFINITION

Limit definition for limit values 1 to 4, or status 1 to 4:

Identification	Туре	Field size	Comment
AKTIV1	R	1	Limit value active (per limit value available)
GRENZWERT1	F	20	technical value or ID number of a linked variable for a dynamic limit value (see VARIABLEx) (if VARIABLEx is 1 and here it is -1, the existing variable linkage is not overwritten)
SCHWWERT1	F	16	Threshold value for limit value
HYSTERESE1	F	14	Is not used
BLINKEN1	R	1	Set blink attribute
BTB1	R	1	Logging in CEL
ALARM1	R	1	Alarm
DRUCKEN1	R	1	Printer output (for CEL or Alarm)
QUITTIER1	R	1	Must be acknowledged
LOESCHE1	R	1	Must be deleted
VARIABLE1	R	1	Dyn. limit value linking the limit is defined by an absolute value (see field GRENZWERTx).
FUNC1	R	1	Functions linking
ASK_FUNC1	R	1	Execution via Alarm Message List
FUNC_NR1	N	10	ID number of the linked function (if "-1" is entered here, the existing function is not overwritten during import)
A_GRUPPE1	N	10	Alarm/Event Group
A_KLASSE1	N	10	Alarm/Event Class
MIN_MAX1	С	3	Minimum, Maximum
FARBE1	Ν	10	Color as Windows coding
GRENZTXT1	С	66	Limit value text
A_DELAY1	N	10	Time delay



Identification	Туре	Field size	Comment
INVISIBLE1	R	1	Invisible

Expressions in the column "Comment" refer to the expressions used in the dialog boxes for the definition of variables. For more information, see chapter Variable definition.

7.5 Communication details (Driver variables)

The driver kit implements a number of driver variables. This variables are part of the driver object type *Communication details*. These are divided into:

- Information
- Configuration
- Statistics and
- Error message

The definitions of the variables implemented in the driver kit are available in the import file **DRVVAR.DBF** and can be imported from there.

Path to file: %ProgramData%\COPA-DATA\zenon<Versionsnummer>\PredefinedVariables

Note: Variable names must be unique in zenon. If driver variables of the driver object type *Communication details* are to be imported from **DRVVAR.DBF** again, the variables that were imported beforehand must be renamed.

Information

Not every driver supports all driver variables of the driver object type *Communication details*.

For example:

- Variables for modem information are only supported by modem-compatible drivers.
- Driver variables for the polling cycle are only available for pure polling drivers.
- Connection-related information such as ErrorMSG is only supported for drivers that only edit one connection at a a time.

INFORMATION

Name from import	Туре	Offset	Description
MainVersion	UINT	0	Main version number of the driver.



Name from import	Туре	Offset	Description
SubVersion	UINT	1	Sub version number of the driver.
BuildVersion	UINT	29	Build version number of the driver.
RTMajor	UINT	49	zenon main version number
RTMinor	UINT	50	zenon sub version number
RTSp	UINT	51	zenon Service Pack number
RTBuild	UINT	52	zenon build number
LineStateIdle	BOOL	24.0	TRUE, if the modem connection is idle
LineStateOffering	BOOL	24.1	TRUE, if a call is received
LineStateAccepted	BOOL	24.2	The call is accepted
LineStateDialtone	BOOL	24.3	Dialtone recognized
LineStateDialing	BOOL	24.4	Dialing active
LineStateRingBack	BOOL	24.5	While establishing the connection
LineStateBusy	BOOL	24.6	Target station is busy
LineStateSpecialInfo	BOOL	24.7	Special status information received
LineStateConnected	BOOL	24.8	Connection established
LineStateProceeding	BOOL	24.9	Dialing completed
LineStateOnHold	BOOL	24.10	Connection in hold
LineStateConferenced	BOOL	24.11	Connection in conference mode.
LineStateOnHoldPendConf	BOOL	24.12	Connection in hold for conference
LineStateOnHoldPendTransfe r	BOOL	24.13	Connection in hold for transfer
LineStateDisconnected	BOOL	24.14	Connection terminated.
LineStateUnknow	BOOL	24.15	Connection status unknown
ModemStatus	UDINT	24	Current modem status
TreiberStop	BOOL	28	Driver stopped
			For <i>driver stop</i> , the variable has the value <i>TRUE</i> and an OFF bit. After the driver has



Name from import	Туре	Offset	Description
			started, the variable has the value <i>FALSE</i> and no OFF bit.
SimulRTState	UDINT	60	Informs the status of Runtime for driver simulation.
ConnectionStates	STRING	61	Internal connection status of the driver to the PLC.
			Connection statuses:
			0: Connection OK
			1: Connection failure
			2: Connection simulated
			Formating:
			<netzadresse>:<verbindungszustand>;;;</verbindungszustand></netzadresse>
			A connection is only known after a variable has first signed in. In order for a connection to be contained in a string, a variable of this connection must be signed in once.
			The status of a connection is only updated if a variable of the connection is signed in. Otherwise there is no communication with the corresponding controller.

CONFIGURATION

Name from import	Туре	Offset	Description
ReconnectInRead	BOOL	27	If TRUE, the modem is automatically reconnected for reading
ApplyCom	BOOL	36	Apply changes in the settings of the serial interface. Writing to this variable immediately results in the method SrvDrvVarApplyCom being called (which currently has no further function).
ApplyModem	BOOL	37	Apply changes in the settings of the modem. Writing this variable immediately calls the method SrvDrvVarApplyModem.



Name from import	Туре	Offset	Description
			This closes the current connection and opens a new one according to the settings PhoneNumberSet and ModemHwAdrSet .
PhoneNumberSet	STRING	38	Telephone number, that should be used
ModemHwAdrSet	DINT	39	Hardware address for the telephone number
GlobalUpdate	UDINT	3	Update time in milliseconds (ms).
BGlobalUpdaten	BOOL	4	TRUE, if update time is global
TreiberSimul	BOOL	5	TRUE, if driver in sin simulation mode
TreiberProzab	BOOL	6	TRUE, if the variables update list should be kept in the memory
ModemActive	BOOL	7	TRUE, if the modem is active for the driver
Device	STRING	8	Name of the serial interface or name of the modem
ComPort	UINT	9	Number of the serial interface.
Baudrate	UDINT	10	Baud rate of the serial interface.
Parity	SINT	11	Parity of the serial interface
ByteSize	USINT	14	Number of bits per character of the serial interface Value = 0 if the driver cannot establish any serial connection.
StopBit	USINT	13	Number of stop bits of the serial interface.
Autoconnect	BOOL	16	TRUE, if the modem connection should be established automatically for reading/writing
PhoneNumber	STRING	17	Current telephone number
ModemHwAdr	DINT	21	Hardware address of current telephone number
RxIdleTime	UINT	18	Modem is disconnected, if no data transfer occurs for this time in seconds (s)



Name from import	Туре	Offset	Description
WriteTimeout	UDINT	19	Maximum write duration for a modem connection in milliseconds (ms).
RingCountSet	UDINT	20	Number of ringing tones before a call is accepted
ReCallIdleTime	UINT	53	Waiting time between calls in seconds (s).
ConnectTimeout	UINT	54	Time in seconds (s) to establish a connection.

STATISTICS

Name from import	Туре	Offse t	Description
MaxWriteTime	UDINT	31	The longest time in milliseconds (ms) that is required for writing.
MinWriteTime	UDINT	32	The shortest time in milliseconds (ms) that is required for writing.
MaxBlkReadTime	UDINT	40	Longest time in milliseconds (ms) that is required to read a data block.
MinBlkReadTime	UDINT	41	Shortest time in milliseconds (ms) that is required to read a data block.
WriteErrorCount	UDINT	33	Number of writing errors
ReadSucceedCount	UDINT	35	Number of successful reading attempts
MaxCycleTime	UDINT	22	Longest time in milliseconds (ms) required to read all requested data.
MinCycleTime	UDINT	23	Shortest time in milliseconds (ms) required to read all requested data.
WriteCount	UDINT	26	Number of writing attempts
ReadErrorCount	UDINT	34	Number of reading errors
MaxUpdateTimeNormal	UDINT	56	Time since the last update of the priority group Normal in milliseconds (ms).
MaxUpdateTimeHigher	UDINT	57	Time since the last update of the priority group Higher in milliseconds (ms).



Name from import	Туре	Offse t	Description
MaxUpdateTimeHigh	UDINT	58	Time since the last update of the priority group High in milliseconds (ms).
MaxUpdateTimeHighest	UDINT	59	Time since the last update of the priority group Highest in milliseconds (ms).
PokeFinish	BOOL	55	Goes to 1 for a query, if all current pokes were executed

ERROR MESSAGE

Name from import	Туре	Offse t	Description
ErrorTimeDW	UDINT	2	Time (in seconds since 1.1.1970), when the last error occurred.
ErrorTimeS	STRING	2	Time (in seconds since 1.1.1970), when the last error occurred.
RdErrPrimObj	UDINT	42	Number of the PrimObject, when the last reading error occurred.
RdErrStationsName	STRING	43	Name of the station, when the last reading error occurred.
RdErrBlockCount	UINT	44	Number of blocks to read when the last reading error occurred.
RdErrHwAdresse	DINT	45	Hardware address when the last reading error occurred.
RdErrDatablockNo	UDINT	46	Block number when the last reading error occurred.
RdErrMarkerNo	UDINT	47	Marker number when the last reading error occurred.
RdErrSize	UDINT	48	Block size when the last reading error occurred.
DrvError	USINT	25	Error message as number
DrvErrorMsg	STRING	30	Error message as text
ErrorFile	STRING	15	Name of error log file



8 Driver-specific functions

The driver supports the following functions:

With the defined communication parameters the driver establishes a connection to the Runtime system of the SoftPLC.

9 Driver command function

The zenon **Driver commands** function is to influence drivers using zenon. You can do the following with a driver command:

- Start
- Stop
- Shift a certain driver mode
- Instigate certain actions

Note: This chapter describes standard functions that are valid for most zenon drivers. Not all functions described here are available for every driver. For example, a driver that does not, according to the data sheet, support a modem connection also does not have any modem functions.

Attention

The zenon **Driver commands** function is not identical to driver commands that can be executed in the Runtime with Energy drivers!

CONFIGURATION OF THE FUNCTION

Configuration is carried out using the **Driver commands** function. To configure the function:

1. Create a new function in the zenon Editor.



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The dialog for selecting a function is opened

- 2. Navigate to the node Variable.
- 3. Select the **Driver commands** entry.

The dialog for configuration is opened

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Show this dialog in the Runtime	

- 4. Select the desired driver and the required command.
- 5. Close the dialog by clicking on **OK** and ensure that the function is executed in the Runtime. Heed the notices in the **Driver command function in the network** section.



DRIVER COMMAND DIALOG

Drivers X	ł
Driver commands Settings OK Drivers Cancel INTERNDriver for internal variables V Current status Help Driver command Driver-specific command Driver-specific command V Driver-specific command Image: Show this dialog in the Runtime]

Option	Description
Driver	Selection of the driver from the drop-down list. It contains all drivers loaded in the project.
Current condition	Fixed entry that is set by the system. Has no function in the current version.
Driver command	Selection of the desired driver command from a drop-down list.
	For details on the configurable driver commands, see the available driver commands section.
Driver-specific command	Entry of a command specific to the selected driver.
	Note: Only available if, for the driver command option, the <i>driver-specific command</i> has been selected.
Show this dialog in the Runtime	Configuration of whether the configuration can be changed in the Runtime:
	• Active: This dialog is opened in the Runtime before executing the function. The configuration can thus still be changed in the Runtime before execution.
	• <i>Inactive</i> : The Editor configuration is applied in the Runtime when executing the function.
	Default: inactive



CLOSE DIALOG

Options	Description
ОК	Applies settings and closes the dialog.
Cancel	Discards all changes and closes the dialog.
Help	Opens online help.

AVAILABLE DRIVER COMMANDS

These driver commands are available - depending on the selected driver:

Driver command	Description
<no command=""></no>	No command is sent. A command that already exists can thus be removed from a configured function.
Start driver (online mode)	Driver is reinitialized and started. Note: If the driver has already been started, it must be stopped. Only then can the driver be re-initialized and started.
Stop driver (offline mode)	Driver is stopped. No new data is accepted.
	Note: If the driver is in offline mode, all variables that were created for this driver receive the status <i>switched off</i> (<i>OFF</i> ; Bit <i>20</i>).
Driver in simulation mode	Driver is set into simulation mode. The values of all variables of the driver are simulated by the driver. No values from the connected hardware (e.g. PLC, bus system,) are displayed.
Driver in hardware mode	Driver is set into hardware mode. For the variables of the driver the values from the connected hardware (e.g. PLC, bus system,) are displayed.
Driver-specific command	Entry of a driver-specific command. Opens input field in order to enter a command.
Activate driver write set value	Write set value to a driver is possible.
Deactivate driver write set value	Write set value to a driver is prohibited.
Establish connection with modem	Establish connection (for modem drivers)



Driver command	Description
	Opens the input fields for the hardware address and for the telephone number.
Disconnect from modem	Terminate connection (for modem drivers)
Driver in counting simulation mode	Driver is set into counting simulation mode. All values are initialized with <i>0</i> and incremented in the set update time by <i>1</i> each time up to the maximum value and then start at <i>0</i> again.
Driver in static simulation mode	No communication to the controller is established. All values are initialized with <i>0</i> .
Driver in programmed simulation mode	The values are calculated by a freely-programmable simulation project. The simulation project is created with the help of the zenon Logic Workbench and runs in the zenon Logic Runtime.

DRIVER COMMAND FUNCTION IN THE NETWORK

If the computer on which the **Driver commands** function is executed is part of the zenon network, further actions are also carried out:

- A special network command is sent from the computer to the project server. It then executes the desired action on its driver.
- In addition, the Server sends the same driver command to the project standby. The standby also carries out the action on its driver.

This makes sure that Server and Standby are synchronized. This only works if the Server and the Standby both have a working and independent connection to the hardware.

10 Error analysis

Should there be communication problems, this chapter will assist you in finding out the error.

10.1 Analysis tool

All zenon modules such as Editor, Runtime, drivers, etc. write messages to a joint log file. To display them correctly and clearly, use the Diagnosis Viewer (main.chm::/12464.htm) program that was also installed with zenon. You can find it under **Start/All programs/zenon/Tools 8.10 -> Diagviewer**.



zenon driver log all errors in the LOG files.LOG files are text files with a special structure. The default folder for the LOG files is subfolder **LOG** in the folder **ProgramData**. For example:

%ProgramData%\COPA-DATA\LOG.

Attention: With the default settings, a driver only logs error information. With the Diagnosis Viewer you can enhance the diagnosis level for most of the drivers to "Debug" and "Deep Debug". With this the driver also logs all other important tasks and events.

In the Diagnosis Viewer you can also:

- Follow newly-created entries in real time
- customize the logging settings
- change the folder in which the LOG files are saved

Note:

- 1. The Diagnosis Viewer displays all entries in UTC (coordinated world time) and not in local time.
- 2. The Diagnosis Viewer does not display all columns of a LOG file per default. To display more columns activate property **Add all columns with entry** in the context menu of the column header.
- 3. If you only use **Error-Logging**, the problem description is in the column **Error text**. For other diagnosis level the description is in the column **General text**.
- 4. For communication problems many drivers also log error numbers which the PLC assigns to them. They are displayed in **Error text** or **Error code** or **Driver error parameter (1** and **2)**. Hints on the meaning of error codes can be found in the driver documentation and the protocol/PLC description.
- 5. At the end of your test set back the diagnosis level from **Debug** or **Deep Debug**. At **Debug** and **Deep Debug** there are a great deal of data for logging which are saved to the hard drive and which can influence your system performance. They are still logged even after you close the Diagnosis Viewer.

Attention

In Windows CE errors are not logged per default due to performance reasons.

You can find further information on the Diagnosis Viewer in the Diagnose Viewer (main.chm::/12464.htm) manual.

10.2 Error numbers

Error code	Description
-1	Common ARTI error.



Error code	Description
-101	The type of protocol is not supported.
-102	The communication channel is not valid or open.
-103	A channel with the specified parameters is already open.
-104	The wrong type of message was received.
-105	There was not any message received.
-106	There was not enough data for this message type received.
-201	There is too much data in the send queue.
-202	There is too much data in the receive queue.
-203	Only in the synchronous mode if last service has not finished yet.
-301	Common communication error in the system –dependent level.
-401	There wasn't such a file on the target or it could not be opened.
-402	The file data doesn't fit completely in the provided buffer.
-501	A strictly necessary function parameter is NULL or invalid.
-502	The maximum number of open channels is exceeded.
-503	There is no SDD assigned to the channel.
-504	There is no type table assigned to the SDD.
-505	The end of symbol table is reached.
-506	There is no symbol with that name found in the SDD.
-507	The data stream for reading the variables is bigger than the target's buffer.
-508	The data stream for writing the variables in the VarList is bigger than the target's buffer.
-509	Another VarList is still active with reading / writing its values.
-510	Writing various VarList blocks is not supported.
-511	The variable's swap size doesn't fit with the number of bytes



Error code	Description
	to be written
-512	Error in parsing the symbol file.
-513	There is a new project on the runtime system so symbols data have changed.
-514	Error in sorting the symbol file.
-515	There is no project downloaded to the runtime system.

10.3 Check list

- Have you analyzed the error text file (which errors did occur)?
- ▶ Do the files "projectname_codesys.cmp" and "3S_Arti_drivername.dat" exist on the CE device?

Send the zenon project to support@copadata.com