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zenon driver manual

SqlDrv

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1 Welcome to COPA-DATA help

ZENON VIDEO-TUTORIALS

You can find practical examples for project configuration with zenon in our YouTube channel (https://www.copadata.com/tutorial_menu). The tutorials are grouped according to topics and give an initial insight into working with different zenon modules. All tutorials are available in English.

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2 SqlDrv

The driver `sqldrv.exe` serves to connect data to an SQL database via an ODBC driver.

3 SQLDRV - data sheet

General:	
Driver file name	SQLDRV.exe

General:	
Driver name	SQL Treiber
PLC types	ODBC-compatible SQL database
PLC manufacturer	SQL; Database; COPA-DATA

Driver supports:	
Protocol	SQL
Addressing: Address-based	Address based
Addressing: Name-based	--
Spontaneous communication	--
Polling communication	X
Online browsing	--
Offline browsing	--
Real-time capable	--
Blockwrite	X
Modem capable	--
RDA numerical	X
RDA String	--
Hysteresis	--
extended API	--
Supports status bit WR-SUC	--
alternative IP address	--

Requirements:	
Hardware PC	--
Software PC	ODBC driver for SQL database

Requirements:	
Hardware PLC	--
Software PLC	--
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	Change
07.07.08	1300	Created driver documentation

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

The following applies for setup and operation of the SqlDrv driver:

- ▶ The driver **sqldrv.exe** must be present in the zenon directory
- ▶ ODBC database (on page 23) must be defined
- ▶ SQL database (on page 23) must be defined
- ▶ Tables RECEIVE and SEND (on page 7) must be present

6 SQL database:

In the SQL database, two tables for data exchange with zenon have to be created:

- ▶ *RECEIVE*: zenon receives data from this table
- ▶ *SEND*: this table receives data from zenon

Both have the same format. The database and the names of the tables can be configured.

THE DEFINED FORMAT OF THE TABLES:

Name	Data Type	Use
ID	LINT	ID with autoincrement (is not set when pasting).
NAME	STRING	Name of the variable. Must be exactly as in the variable list (on page 24).
DATUMZEIT	DATE/TIME	Time stamp without milliseconds. Format: <i>DD.MM.YYYY HH:mm:ss</i> If the value <i>1970-01-01 00:00:00</i> is used, the driver sends the current date and the current time to Runtime.
ZEIT_MS	INT	Milliseconds for the time stamp.

Name	Data Type	Use
WERT	<i>STRING</i>	Value of the variable (format depends on data type).
STATUS	<i>INT</i>	<p>Represents the 32 status bits (main.chm::/24138.htm) of the variables as a decimal figure.</p> <p>For example, <i>131072</i> corresponds to the status SPONTANEOUS (bit 17)</p> <p>► 0: driver sends <i>SPONTAN</i> status in the Runtime.</p> <p>Note: Must not be empty.</p>

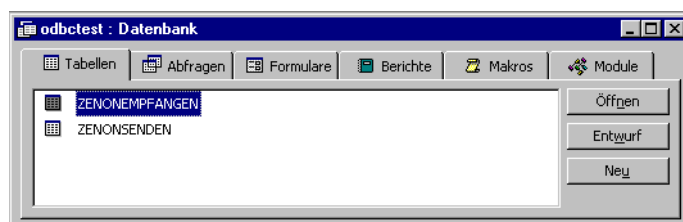
EXPANSION FOR REDUNDANT OPERATION (ONLY CONCERNS RECEIPT TABLE):

ACK_SRV	<i>INT</i>	Is set to 1 if the server has read
ACK_SB	<i>INT</i>	Is set to 1 if the standby server has read.
INSERTZEIT	<i>DATE/TIME</i>	Default: <i>Now()</i> , time of insertion of the line.

6.1 Examples

1ST ACCESS

- Table definition

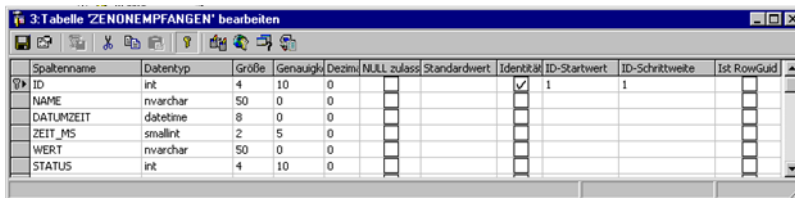


- Creation of receive table and send table

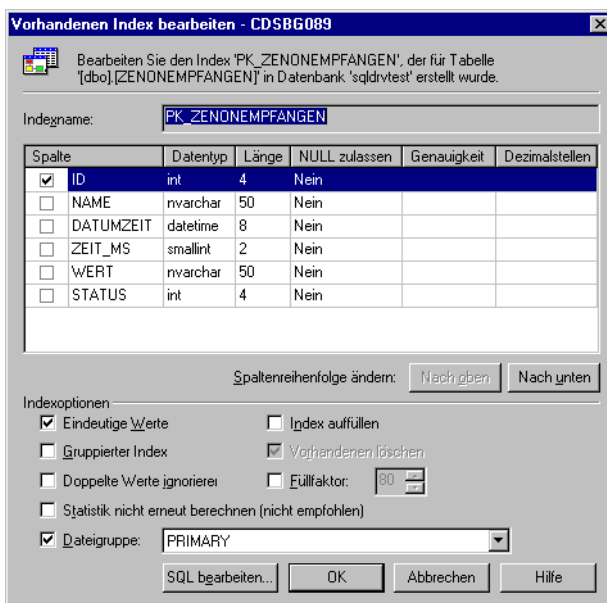


2ND MS-SQL SERVER

1. Create table
2. Format of the receive table



3. Settings for the index of the receive table



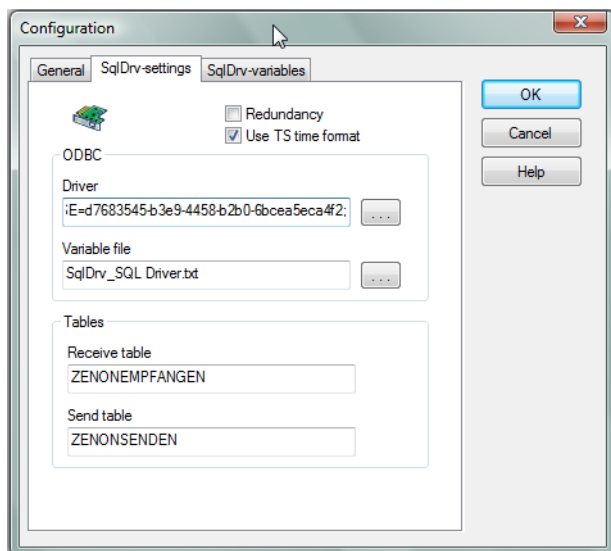
4. Similar to creating a table for SENDING.

If the database does not support the needed date format, the following definition can be used.

Parameter	Type	Description
DATUMZEIT	Text	Time stamp without milliseconds

If the database supports the operating system's standard date, the formatting can be changed under **START -> Control panel-> Region and language-> Formats**.

3RD MICROSOFT SQL SERVER MANAGEMENT STUDIO EXPRESS



RECEIVE

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Column Name	Data Type	Allow Nulls
ID	bigint	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAME	nvarchar(128)	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATUMZEIT	datetime	<input type="checkbox"/>
ZEIT_MS	int	<input type="checkbox"/>
WERT	nvarchar(4000)	<input type="checkbox"/>
STATUS	int	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACK_SRV	int	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ACK_SB	int	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INSERTZEIT	datetime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

Column Properties	
(General)	
(Name)	ID
Allow Nulls	No
Data Type	bigint
Default Value or Binding	
Table Designer	
Collation	<database default>
Computed Column Specification	
Condensed Data Type	bigint
Description	
Deterministic	Yes
DTS-published	No
Full-text Specification	
Has Non-SQL Server Subscriber	No
Identity Specification	
(Is Identity)	Yes
Identity Increment	1
Identity Seed	1

If this query is used in SQL Management Studio to create the table, the *database name* must be entered in "USE[]".

Query:

USE [Please put in the database name (e.g. project GUID) here]

GO

/***** Object: Table [dbo].[SEND] Script Date: 06/18/2011 15:52:29 *****/

SET ANSI_NULLS ON

GO

SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON

GO

```
CREATE TABLE [dbo].[SEND](
  [ID] [bigint] IDENTITY(1,1) NOT NULL,
  [NAME] [nvarchar](128) NOT NULL,
  [DATUMZEIT] [datetime] NOT NULL,
  [ZEIT_MS] [int] NOT NULL,
  [WERT] [nvarchar](4000) NOT NULL,
  [STATUS] [int] NOT NULL,
  CONSTRAINT [PK_SEND] PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED
```

```
([ID] ASC )WITH (PAD_INDEX = OFF, STATISTICS_NORECOMPUTE = OFF, IGNORE_DUP_KEY = OFF, ALLOW_ROW_LOCKS
= ON, ALLOW_PAGE_LOCKS = ON)
```

```
ON [PRIMARY] )
```

```
ON [PRIMARY]
```

SEND

Column Name	Data Type	Allow Nulls
ID	bigint	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAME	nvarchar(128)	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATUMZEIT	datetime	<input type="checkbox"/>
ZEIT_MS	int	<input type="checkbox"/>
WERT	nvarchar(4000)	<input type="checkbox"/>
STATUS	int	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACK_SRV	int	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ACK_SB	int	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INSERTZEIT	datetime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Column Properties	
(Name)	ID
Allow Nulls	No
Data Type	bigint
Default Value or Binding	
Table Designer	
Collation	<database default>
Computed Column Specification	
Condensed Data Type	bigint
Description	
Deterministic	Yes
DTS-published	No
Full-text Specification	
Has Non-SQL Server Subscriber	No
Identity Specification	Yes
(Is Identity)	Yes
Identity Increment	1
Identity Seed	1

If this query is used in SQL Management Studio to create the table, the *database name* must be entered in "USE[]".

Query:

```
USE [Please put in the database name (e.g. project GUID) here]
```

```
GO
```

```
/***** Object: Table [dbo].[RECEIVE] Script Date: 06/18/2011 15:52:29 *****/
```

```
SET ANSI_NULLS ON
```

```
GO
```

```
SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON
```

```
GO
```

```
CREATE TABLE [dbo].[RECEIVE](
[ID] [bigint] IDENTITY(1,1) NOT NULL,
[NAME] [nvarchar](128) NOT NULL,
[DATUMZEIT] [datetime] NOT NULL,
[ZEIT_MS] [int] NOT NULL,
```

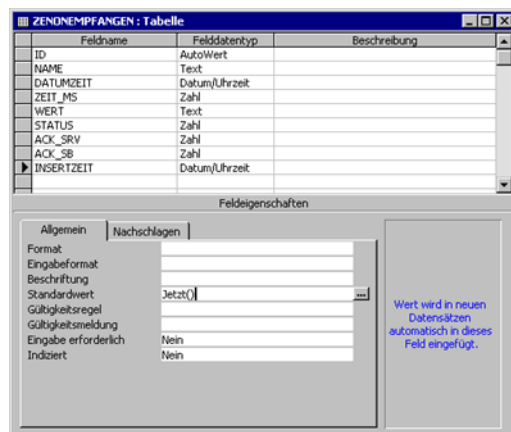
```

[WERT] [nvarchar](4000) NOT NULL,
[STATUS] [int] NOT NULL,
[ACK_SRV] [int] NULL,
[ACK_SB] [int] NULL,
[INSERTZEIT] [datetime] NULL,
CONSTRAINT [PK_RECEIVE] PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED
([ID] ASC )WITH (PAD_INDEX = OFF, STATISTICS_NORECOMPUTE = OFF, IGNORE_DUP_KEY = OFF, ALLOW_ROW_LOCKS
= ON, ALLOW_PAGE_LOCKS = ON)
ON [PRIMARY] )
ON [PRIMARY]

```

REDUNDANCY

If the driver is used in redundant operation, the following settings must be considered:



The following additional entries in the receive table are required:

Parameter	Type	Description
ACK_SRV	Number	Is set to 1 if the configured server has read
ACK_SB	Number	Is set to 1 if the configured standby has read
INSERTZEIT	Date/Time	Default: <i>Now()</i> , time the line was inserted.

Additional settings:

- ▶ The **Redundancy** field must be activated.
- ▶ The variable file **SQLDRV.txt** must be on the server and on the standby server. (to be specified separately for Remote Transport)

- ▶ You must make sure that the database path is the same for both server and standby server, especially when using Access databases. The same applies for the DNS file (e.g.: path statement with computer names).
- ▶ In redundancy operation, a data set is then deleted if
 - ▶ either **ACK_SRV** or **ACK_SB** are 1
 - ▶ or if **INSERTZEIT** is older than 5 minutes

7 Configuration

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

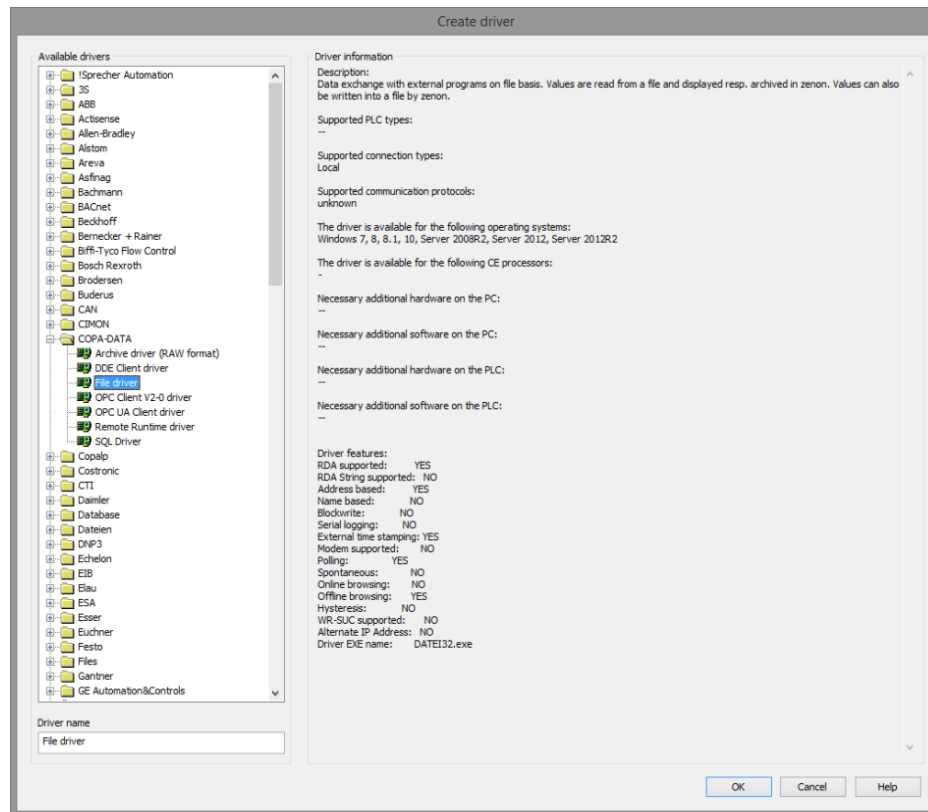


Information

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

7.1 Creating a driver

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



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

CLOSE DIALOG

Option	Description
OK	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:

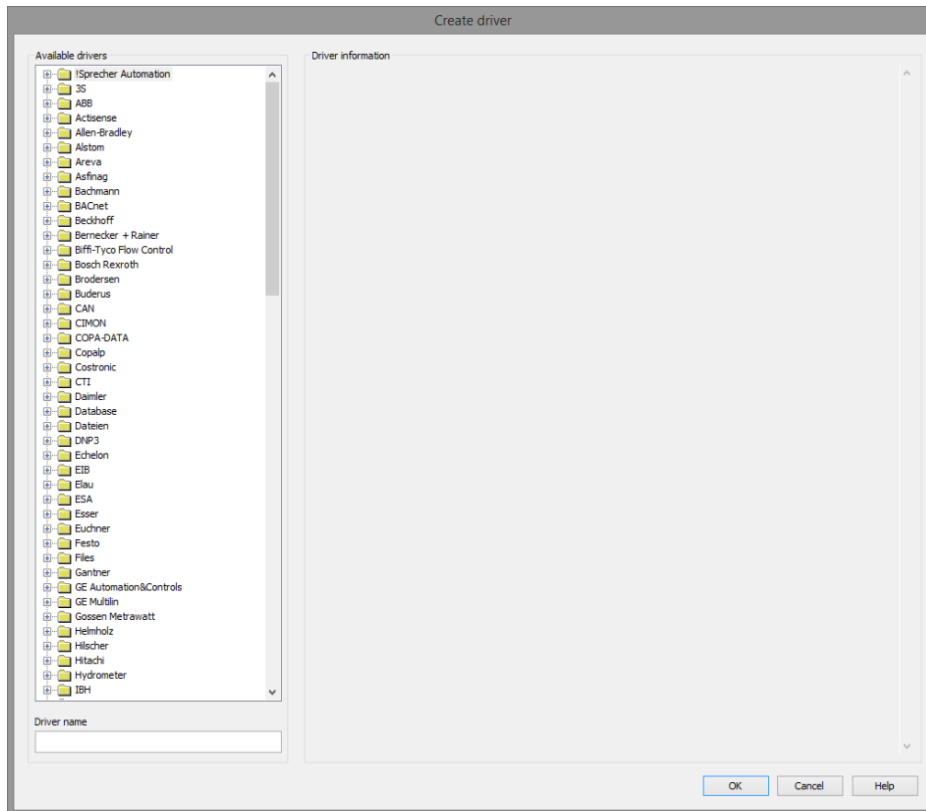
C:\ProgramData\COPA-DATA\zenon[version number].

CREATE NEW DRIVER

In order to create a new driver:

1. 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.

- The dialog offers a list of all available drivers.

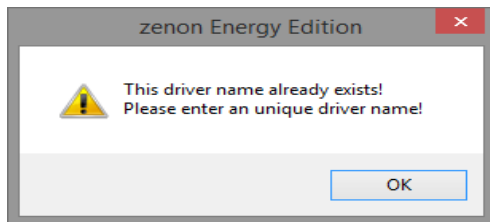


- Select the desired driver and name it in the **Driver name** input field.
This input field corresponds to the **Identification** property. The name of the selected driver is automatically inserted into this input field by default.
The following is applicable for the **Driver name**:
 - ▶ The **Driver 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 PROJECT

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

- ▶ **Intern**
- ▶ **MathDr32**
- ▶ **SysDrv**



Information

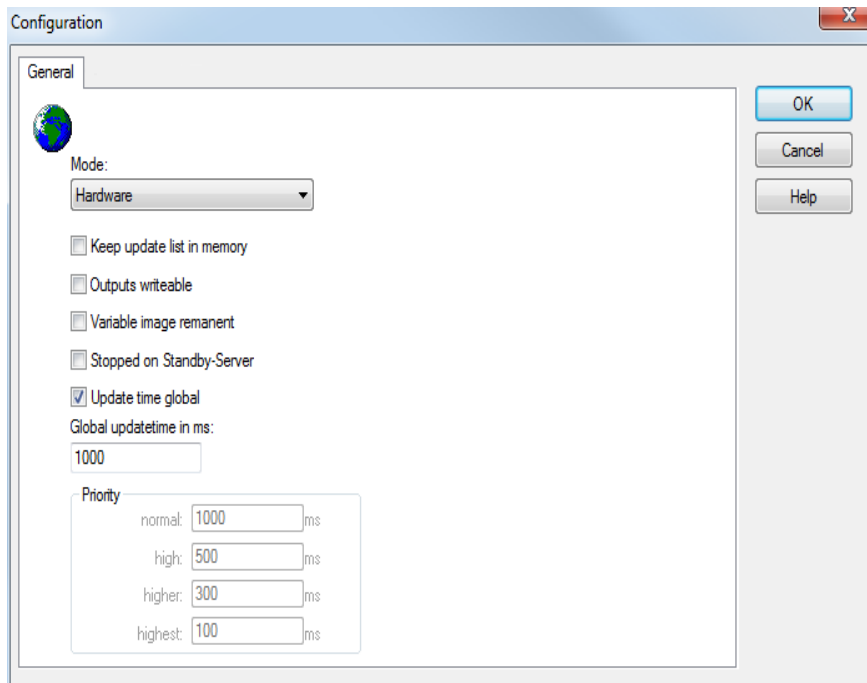
Only the required drivers need to be present in a zenon project. Drivers can be added at a later time if required.

7.2 Settings in the driver dialog

You can change the following settings of the driver:

7.2.1 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.



Option	Description
Mode	<p>Allows to switch between hardware mode and simulation mode</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <i>Hardware:</i> A connection to the control is established. ▶ <i>Simulation - static:</i> 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. ▶ <i>Simulation - counting:</i> 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
	<p>within a value range automatically.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <i>Simulation - programmed:</i> 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	<p>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.</p>
Output can be written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <i>Active:</i> Outputs can be written. ▶ <i>Inactive:</i> Writing of outputs is prevented. <p>Note: Not available for every driver.</p>
Variable image remanent	<p>This option saves and restores the current value, time stamp and the states of a data point.</p> <p>Fundamental requirement: The variable must have a valid value and time stamp.</p> <p>The variable image is saved in hardware mode if one of these statuses is active:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ User status <i>M1 (0)</i> to <i>M8 (7)</i> ▶ <i>REVISION(9)</i> ▶ <i>AUS(20)</i> ▶ <i>ERSATZWERT(27)</i> <p>The variable image is always saved if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ the variable is of the object type Driver variable ▶ the driver runs in simulation mode. (not

Option	Description
	<p>programmed simulation)</p> <p>The following states are not restored at the start of the Runtime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <i>SELECT(8)</i> ▶ <i>WR-ACK(40)</i> ▶ <i>WR-SUC(41)</i> <p>The mode Simulation - programmed at the driver start is not a criterion in order to restore the remanent variable image.</p>
Stop on Standby Server	<p>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.</p> <p>Attention: If this option is active, the gapless archiving is no longer guaranteed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <i>Active:</i> 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. <p>Default: <i>inactive</i></p> <p>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.</p>
Global Update time	<p>Setting for the global update times in milliseconds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <i>Active:</i> The set Global update time is used for all variables in the project. The priority set at the variables is not used. ▶ <i>Inactive:</i> 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	<p>The polling times for the individual priority classes are set here. All variables with the according priority are polled in the set time.</p> <p>The variables are allocated separately in the settings of the variable properties.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Attention: Priority classes are not supported by each driver, e.g. spontaneously communicating zenon drivers.</p>

CLOSE DIALOG

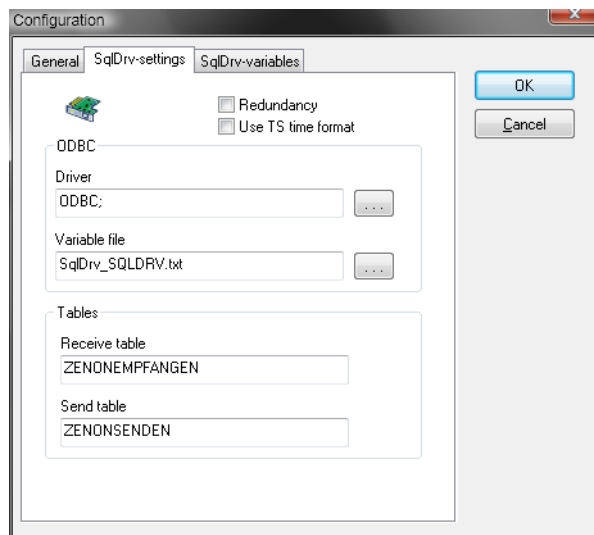
Option	Description
OK	Applies all changes in all tabs and closes the dialog.
Cancel	Discards all changes in all tabs and closes the dialog.
Help	Opens online help.

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**.

7.2.2 Driver dialog SqlDrv_Einstellungen

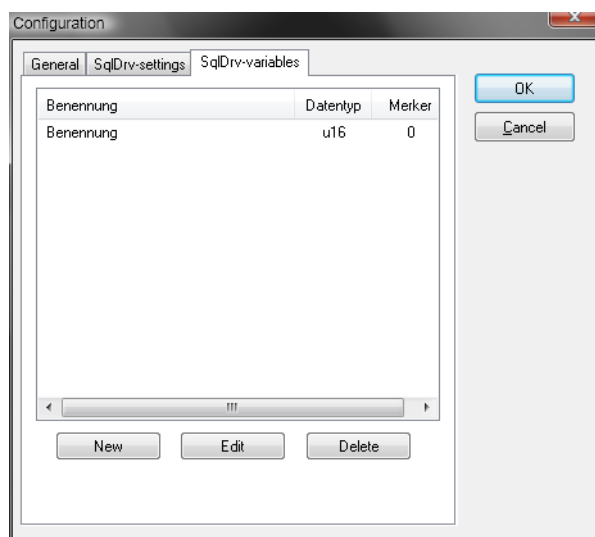


Parameter	Description
Drivers	<p>ODBC connection including all necessary parameters. Click on the ... button to open the dialog to select an existing connection or create a new connection.</p> <p>You can find help on creation in the Microsoft documentation by clicking on the Help button.</p>
Variable file	<p>File in which the variable assignment is saved. Clicking on the ... button opens the dialog to select an existing file.</p> <p>storage location: <i>zenon project directory</i>.</p>
Receive table	<p>Name of the database table from which zenon receives data.</p> <p>Recommendation: <i>RECEIVE</i></p>
Send table	<p>Name of the database table from which zenon receives data.</p> <p>Recommendation: <i>SEND</i></p>
Redundancy	<p>Must be activated if server and standby server are supposed to access the same receive table. In this case, there must be 3 additional columns in the receive table (on page 7):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ ACK_SRV ▶ ACK_SB ▶ INSERTZEIT
Use TS time format	Time stamp: ODBC date and time.

Parameter	Description
	Must be activated if using a Microsoft SQL server data base.

7.2.3 Driver dialog SqlDrv-Variablen

In the variable list, the allocation between the database variable (plain text name) and the zenon variable (memory number) is defined.



Parameter	Description
New	Creates new variables.
Name	<p>Variable name.</p> <p>Attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Is created using a unique relation between zenon variable and database variable and must therefore be unique. ▶ The string must be exactly identical to the string in the table for <i>RECEIVE</i> in the <i>NAME</i> column (including any possible spaces). Otherwise the row from the SQL database is read but the driver can then not assign this row any variables in Runtime. (error message in the LOG file "Variable not Defined: 'variable name from SQL table in the log file').
Marker number	<p>Marker number with which the variable is defined using the Offset property.</p> <p>Is created using a unique relation between zenon variable and</p>

Parameter	Description
	database variable and must therefore be unique.
Data type	For possible data types, see "Objects for process variables in zenon"
Change	Opens list elements for editing.
Delete	Deletes elements from the list.

8 Creating variables

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

8.1 Variables

Variables are created directly in the SqlDrv driver using the settings in Driver dialog SqlDrv variables (on page 24).

8.2 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.

8.2.1 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	X	X	REAL, BOOL, DINT, UDINT, USINT, INT, UINT, SINT, STRING	
<i>Communication details</i>	35	X	X	BOOL, SINT, USINT, INT, UINT, DINT,	Variables for the static analysis of the communication; is

Driver Object Type	Channel type	Read	Write	Supported data types	Comment
				<i>UDINT, REAL, STRING</i>	<p>transferred between driver and Runtime (not to the PLC).</p> <p>Note: The addressing and the behavior is the same for most zenon drivers.</p> <p>You can find detailed information on this in the Communication details (Driver variables) (on page 34) chapter.</p>

Channel name	Data type	Channel type	Object	Read	Write
String	12	8	7	X	--
float32	5	8	6	X	--
i/u32Bit_mV	3	8	5	X	--
i/u32Bit	4	8	5	X	--
i/u16Bit	2	8	4	X	--
i/u16Bit_mV	1	8	4	X	--
i/u8Bit_mV	10	8	3	X	--
i/u8Bit	9	8	3	X	--
boolean	8	8	2	X	--

Key:

X: supported

--: not supported

8.2.2 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.

EXAMPLE FOR ALL POSSIBLE ZENON DATA TYPES:

PLC	zenon
I8	i/u8Bit (signed)
I16	i/u16Bit (signed)
I32	i/u32Bit (signed)
U8	i/u8Bit
U16	i/u16Bit
U32	i/u32Bit
F32	float32
Boolean	Boolean
string	String

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.

8.3 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.

8.3.1 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.
- ▶ **Consistency**
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.

8.3.2 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



Attention

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	Type	Field size	Comment
KANALNAME	Character	128	Variable name. The length can be limited using the MAX_LAENGE entry in the project.ini file.
KANAL_R	C	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

Identification	Type	Field size	Comment
			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	C	128	Identification. The length can be limited using the MAX_LAENGE entry in the project.ini file.
EINHEIT	C	11	Technical unit
DATENART	C	3	Data type (e.g. bit, byte, word, ...) corresponds to the data type.
KANALTYP	C	3	Memory area in the PLC (e.g. marker area, data area, ...) corresponds to the driver object type.
HWKANAL	Num	3	Net address
BAUSTEIN	N	3	Datablock address (only for variables from the data area of the PLC)
ADRESSE	N	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

Identification	Type	Field size	Comment
SIGMIN	Float	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	N	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
MENTIEFE	N	7	Only for compatibility reasons
HDRATE	F	19	HD update rate for historical values (in sec, one decimal possible)
HDTIEFE	N	7	HD entry depth for historical values (number)
NACHSORT	R	1	HD data as postsorted values
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	C	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	C	128	Resources label. Free string for export and display in lists.

Identification	Type	Field size	Comment
			The length can be limited using the MAX_LAENGE entry in project.ini .
ADJWVBA	R	1	Non-linear value adaption: 0: Non-linear value adaption is used 1: Non-linear value adaption is not used
ADJZENON	C	128	Linked VBA macro for reading the variable value for non-linear value adjustment.
ADJWVBA	C	128	ed VBA macro for writing the variable value for non-linear value adjustment.
ZWREMA	N	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	Type	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

Identification	Type	Field size	Comment
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	C	3	Minimum, Maximum
FARBE1	N	10	Color as Windows coding
GRENZTXT1	C	66	Limit value text
A_DELAY1	N	10	Time delay
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.

8.4 Communication details (Driver variables)

The driver kit implements a number of driver variables. These 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 time.

INFORMATION

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

Name from import	Type	Offset	Description
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
LineStateOnHoldPendTransfer	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 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>;...;;

Name from import	Type	Offset	Description
			<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

CONFIGURATION

Name from import	Type	Offset	Description
ReconnectInRead	<i>BOOL</i>	27	If TRUE, the modem is automatically reconnected for reading
ApplyCom	<i>BOOL</i>	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	<i>BOOL</i>	37	Apply changes in the settings of the modem. Writing this variable immediately calls the method SrvDrvVarApplyModem. This closes the current connection and opens a new one according to the settings PhoneNumberSet and ModemHwAdrSet .
PhoneNumberSet	<i>STRING</i>	38	Telephone number, that should be used
ModemHwAdrSet	<i>DINT</i>	39	Hardware address for the telephone number
GlobalUpdate	<i>UDINT</i>	3	Update time in milliseconds (ms).
BGlobalUpdaten	<i>BOOL</i>	4	TRUE, if update time is global
TreiberSimul	<i>BOOL</i>	5	TRUE, if driver in sin simulation mode
TreiberProzab	<i>BOOL</i>	6	TRUE, if the variables update list should be kept in the memory
ModemActive	<i>BOOL</i>	7	TRUE, if the modem is active for the driver

Name from import	Type	Offset	Description
Device	<i>STRING</i>	8	Name of the serial interface or name of the modem
ComPort	<i>UINT</i>	9	Number of the serial interface.
Baudrate	<i>UDINT</i>	10	Baud rate of the serial interface.
Parity	<i>SINT</i>	11	Parity of the serial interface
ByteSize	<i>USINT</i>	14	Number of bits per character of the serial interface Value = 0 if the driver cannot establish any serial connection.
StopBit	<i>USINT</i>	13	Number of stop bits of the serial interface.
Autoconnect	<i>BOOL</i>	16	TRUE, if the modem connection should be established automatically for reading/writing
PhoneNumber	<i>STRING</i>	17	Current telephone number
ModemHwAdr	<i>DINT</i>	21	Hardware address of current telephone number
RxIdleTime	<i>UINT</i>	18	Modem is disconnected, if no data transfer occurs for this time in seconds (s)
WriteTimeout	<i>UDINT</i>	19	Maximum write duration for a modem connection in milliseconds (ms).
RingCountSet	<i>UDINT</i>	20	Number of ringing tones before a call is accepted
ReCallIdleTime	<i>UINT</i>	53	Waiting time between calls in seconds (s).
ConnectTimeout	<i>UINT</i>	54	Time in seconds (s) to establish a connection.

STATISTICS

Name from import	Type	Offset	Description
MaxWriteTime	<i>UDINT</i>	31	The longest time in milliseconds (ms) that is required for writing.

Name from import	Type	Offset	Description
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).
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	Type	Offset	Description
ErrorTimeDW	UDINT	2	Time (in seconds since 1.1.1970), when the last error occurred.

Name from import	Type	Offset	Description
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

9 Driver-specific functions

The driver supports the following functions:

The driver gets real-time values or real-time archive values from a receive table in the database and writes set values to a send table in the database. The identification of the variables is realized with a unique allocation between the zenon internal memory number and a plain text name in the tables. This allocation has to be projected in the driver. In zenon, the time entered in the database, i.e. realtime, will be used (e.g. CEL, AML,...).

LIMITATIONS

- At least one non-RDA variable must be registered for it to work without problems. This means: To be able to query real-time archive data, at least one variable with real-time values to query

must be registered. To do this, a screen that contains real-time values must be switched, or at least one (dummy) variable with limit monitoring must be created.

- ▶ The database is never polled if only RDA variables are created.
- ▶ The connection to an MySql database with "MySQL ODBC Driver 3.51" does not work; the ODBC driver of this version does not support any dynasets.

MAXIMUM STRING LENGTH

The maximum string length for reading and writing is 32767 characters. There are also limits due to the database used.

10 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

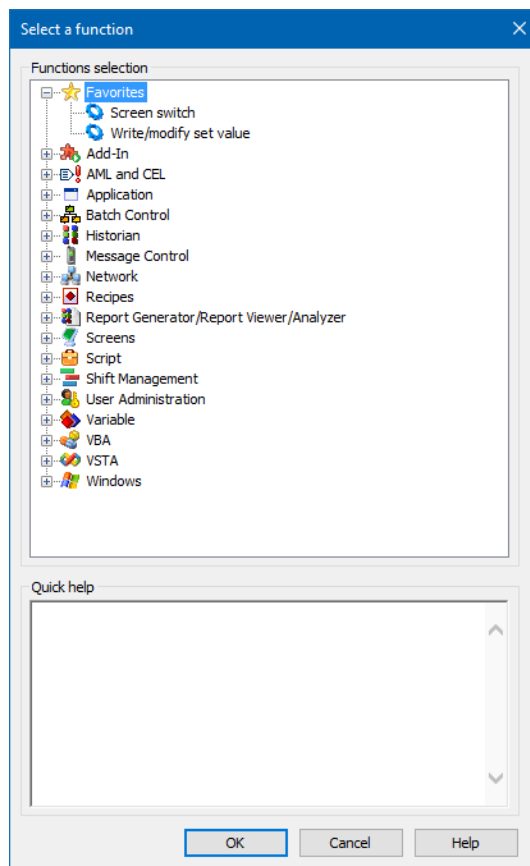
The zenon **Driver commands** function is not identical to driver commands that can be executed in the Runtime with Energy drivers!

CONFIGURATION OF THE FUNCTION

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

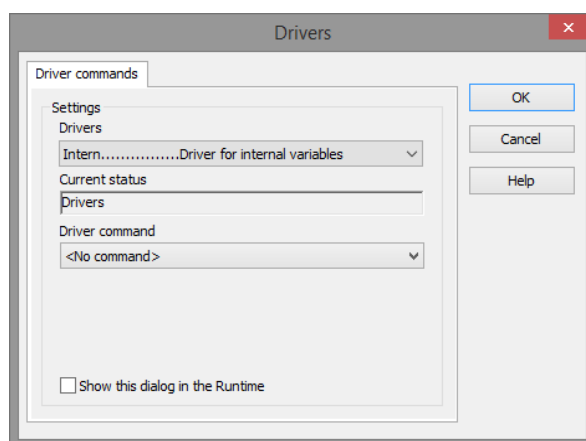
1. Create a new function in the zenon Editor.

The dialog for selecting a function is opened



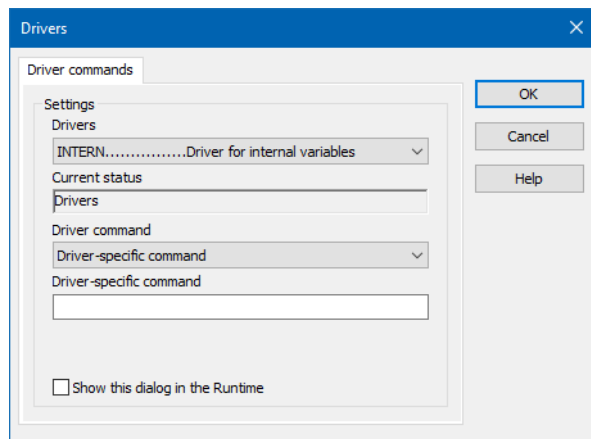
2. Navigate to the node **Variable**.
3. Select the **Driver commands** entry.

The dialog for configuration is opened



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



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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <i>Active</i>: 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: <i>inactive</i>

CLOSE DIALOG

Options	Description
OK	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 command is sent. A command that already exists can thus be removed from a configured function.
<i>Start driver (online mode)</i>	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.
<i>Stop driver (offline mode)</i>	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> (OFF; Bit 20).
<i>Driver in simulation mode</i>	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.
<i>Driver in hardware mode</i>	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.
<i>Driver-specific command</i>	Entry of a driver-specific command. Opens input field in order to enter a command.
<i>Activate driver write set value</i>	Write set value to a driver is possible.
<i>Deactivate driver write set value</i>	Write set value to a driver is prohibited.
<i>Establish connection with modem</i>	Establish connection (for modem drivers)

Driver command	Description
	Opens the input fields for the hardware address and for the telephone number.
<i>Disconnect from modem</i>	Terminate connection (for modem drivers)
<i>Driver in counting simulation mode</i>	Driver is set into counting simulation mode. All values are initialized with 0 and incremented in the set update time by 1 each time up to the maximum value and then start at 0 again.
<i>Driver in static simulation mode</i>	No communication to the controller is established. All values are initialized with 0.
<i>Driver in programmed simulation mode</i>	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.

11 Error analysis

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

11.1 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.

11.2 Check list

Check the following in the event of errors:

- ▶ Are sqldrv.txt on the server and standby?

- ▶ Have you analyzed the error text file (which errors did occur)?

For further analysis of errors, send the following to your support department in charge:

- ▶ Project Backup
- ▶ "Error text file" (this is in the project path under *RT\FILES\zenon\custom\log*)

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The following is required for further analysis of errors:

- ▶ The project backup
- ▶ LOG files

Send these to your support person after agreement with the customer service department.