

# zenon driver manual Ecsgw32

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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.

### **GENERAL HELP**

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# 2 Ecsgw32

For point-to-point communication, you can use one of the two standard RS232 interfaces at the OC/POC.

Dialling modem Open Controller:

connect an external dialling modem to one of the two RS232 interfaces and configure the device as a WM data coupling in the organisation parameters (ORG).

You can also use a PCMCIA (PC card adapter) by placing a PC card dialling modem in one of the two slots and configuring it accordingly in the organisation parameters (ORG).



Dialling modem Packaged Open Controller:

connect an external dialling modem to one of the two RS232 interfaces and configure the device as a WM data coupling in the organisation parameters (ORG).

Place a PC card dialling modem in one of the two integrated PCMCIA (PC card adapter) slots and configure it accordingly in the organisation parameters (ORG).

# 3 ECSGW32 - data sheet

General:	
Driver file name	ECSGW32.exe
Driver name	Eldatic
PLC types	Eldatic, OC, POC or ELFE Systems
PLC manufacturer	Elin

Driver supports:	
Protocol	unknown
Addressing: Address-based	Address based
Addressing: Name-based	
Spontaneous communication	
Polling communication	X
Online browsing	
Offline browsing	
Real-time capable	
Blockwrite	
Modem capable	X
RDA numerical	
RDA String	



Driver supports:	
Hysteresis	
extended API	
Supports status bit <b>WR-SUC</b>	
alternative IP address	

Requirements:	
Hardware PC	RS 232 interface, modem
Software PC	Ecsgw32.dll
Hardware PLC	An external dial-up modem for a dial-up modem connection
Software PLC	For spontaneous communication, sender modules (SNDD, SNDA, SNO) must be set up on the respective station.
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	100	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

### HARDWARE

Serial interface RS232, modem

### SOFTWARE

Ecsgw32.exe, Ecsgw32.dll

Copy the driver file Ecsgw32.EXE into the current installation directory (unless it is already there) and enter it into the TREIBER\_EN.XML file with the tool DriverInfo.exe.

Configure a station number in the organisation parameters

Configure the communication type (e.g. dialling modem) for the according communication device (default RS232; PC card dialling modem).

Enter the communication partners in the station table.

For spontaneous operation, you must configure send modules (SNDD, SNDA, SNO) on the stations.



# 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 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.

Available drivers	222	Driver information Description:
Buderus	^	Driver for read-only communication with a remote runtime system.
CAN CAN		Remote runtimes from version 5.50 are supported. No project
E CIMON		amendment is required on the remote system.
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Alternative Data Points		Supported PLC types: Remote Runtime
Archive driver (RAW format)		Renote Ranane
- DDE Client driver		Supported connection types:
- III File Driver		Ethernet interface
OPC Client V2-0 driver		
		Supported communication protocols: proprietary
Predictive Analytics Engine driver		bu obu ur onu 1
		The driver is available for the following operating systems:
SQL driver		Windows 10; Windows 7; Windows 8; Windows 8.1; Windows Server
straton NG driver		2008 R2; Windows Server 2012; Windows Server 2012 R2; Windows Server 2016
Costronic		Server 2016
🕀 🧰 СП		Necessary additional hardware on the PC:
😥 🦲 Daimler		
😥 🧰 Database		
🕀 🦳 Datelen		Necessary additional software on the PC:
DOE DOE		-
DNP3		Necessary additional hardware on the PLC:
🕀 🦳 Echelon		-
E EIB		
🗄 🦳 Elau		Necessary additional software on the PLC: SCADA connector container - can be found in the additional software
E SA		folder on the installation medium
Esser		
😟 🦳 Euchner		
the CANALO	~	Driver features: RDA supported: NO
Driver name		RDA supporteu: NO
	_	Addressing: Name based
Remote Runtime driver		Blockwrite: NO
		External time abandonis MC



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 <b>Identification</b> of the driver.
	Default: <i>empty</i> The input field is pre-filled with the pre-defined <b>Identification</b> 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:

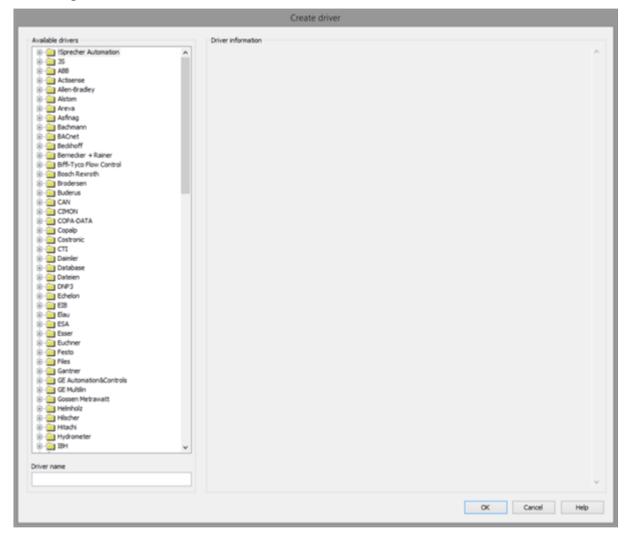
1. Right-click on **Driver** in the Project Manager and select **New driver** in the context menu.



Optional: Select the **New driver** button from the toolbar of the detail view of the **Variables**. The Create driver dialog is opened.

The Create simple data type dialog is opened.

2. 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 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	
General Mode: Hardware Keep update list in memory Outputs writeable Variable image remanent Stopped on Standby-Server Update time global Global updatetime in ms: 1000 Priority normal: 1000 ms highe: 500 ms highest: 100 ms	OK Cancel Help
Option	Description
Mode	<ul> <li>Allows to switch between hardware mode and simulation mode</li> <li><i>Hardware</i>: A connection to the control is established.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>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 within a value range automatically.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Simulation - programmed: No communication is established to the PLC. The</li> </ul>



Option	Description
	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.
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	<ul> <li>Active: Outputs can be written.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Inactive: Writing of outputs is prevented.</li> </ul>
	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:
	<ul> <li>the variable is of the Communication details object type</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>the driver runs in simulation mode. (not programmed simulation)</li> </ul>
	The following states are not restored at the start of the Runtime:



Option	Description
	► SELECT(8)
	► WR-ACK(40)
	► WR-SUC(41)
	The mode <b>Simulation - programmed</b> 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.
	<b>Attention:</b> If this option is active, the gapless archiving is no longer guaranteed.
	<ul> <li>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 but an empty value. This prevents that at the upgrade to the Server irrelevant values are created in the AML, CEL and Historian.</li> </ul>
	Default: inactive
	<b>Note:</b> 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:
	<ul> <li>Active: The set Global update time is used for all variables in the project. The priority set at the variables is not used.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Inactive: The set priorities are used for the individual variables.</li> </ul>
	<b>Exceptions:</b> Spontaneous drivers ignore this option. They generally use the shortest possible update time. For details, see the <b>Spontaneous driver update time</b> section.



Option	Description
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.
	<b>Attention:</b> 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 ECSGW

Link to the configuration file: \*.ECS – file



This file has to be created by the engineer.

Konfiguration	×
Allgemein Ecsgw	
Konfigurations Datei:           Default.ecs	Abbrechen
/hit Definition //init Definition //init J STATION=10 STATION=11 TIMEOUT=3000 RESEND=3 //init Definition aller Devices [DEVICE_0] - [DEVICE_X] //init Definition aller Devices [DEVICE_0] - [DEVICE_X]	

This file has to be created with the following structure:

### STRUCTURE

The variables with station addresses created in zenon relate to the number of the created stations linked to a device.

Two different types of devices are available: "COM" and "MODEM". Depending on the device, the following initialization data differs

e.g.( INIT=COM;PORT=2;BAUDRATE=9600;)

### **DEMO.ECS**

[INIT] Init block exists only once

;Attention! Must be configured on the other station as well (OC, POC etc.).

STATION=1 Own station number

TIMEOUT=3000 Timeout time for ACK

RESEND=3 Number of resends after timeout

REQUEST=1 Request on/off

; Definition of all devices [DEVICE\_0] - [DEVICE\_X]



[[DEVICE\_0] Device definition for serial

CONNECT=1 Connection is established automatically

; Device connected to Com interface port 2 baud rate 9600,8,N,2

INIT=COM;PORT=2;BAUDRATE=9600; device types = COM,MODEM

[[DEVICE\_1] Device definition for modem

; Device connected to a modem with the name " Creatix SG 2834" Default call number = 65776

; Incoming calls are not accepted ANRUFE=0; if 1, then only after 3 rings RINGS=3

INIT=MODEM;NAME=Creatix SG 2834;CALLS=0;RINGS=3;NUMBER=65776; device types = MODEM

\*\*\*\*\*

; Connecting all stations with one device

; from [STATION\_0] - [DEVICE\_255]

[STATION\_50] Station definition for station 50

DEVICE=0 Default link to device 0

TYPE=0 Default=0 for Elfe device =1

Elfe device:

Attention! For Elin Elfe devices, the parameter must be set to TYPE=1.

2. Extended addressing of the offset for the variable configuration box is calculated as follows e.g.: Station 34 P53 ((34+20)\*256)+53 = Offset 13877

Important for modem connection:

In zenon Editor, specify the status word '0' = "Connection variable". Send set value='1' to the driver for dialling, and set value='0' for disconnecting.



In the Editor, specify the status string '0' = "Telephone number variable". Send set value="0662432100223" to the driver to specify the telephone number.

3. When dynamically reestablishing the telephone connection, set the value CONNECT=1 to CONNECT=0 in the configuration file of the driver (\*.ecs).

Example: Establishing the telephone connection via screen switch. 1. Send the telephone number to the driver via the telephone number variable. 2. Send the set value '1' to the driver via the connection variable = (telephone connection will be established). 3. When leaving the screen, send the set value '0' to the connection variable = connection will be separated.

# 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
- as structure variables

### VARIABLE DIALOG

To create a new variable, regardless of which type:



Workspace C:\WSP6_PRJ ~	🄶 🤹   🕾	🖻 🐘 🗙   🎛 🔹 🌒 🚸		🏹 🗕 🛣   ,	🖌 🤨 👫 📄	1 🥑	
🗟 🌗 Variables	Status Name 🛆	na Unit	Net address	Data block	Offset Bit	num A	lignm
Driver     A Datatypes		Filter text 📝 Filter 🍸	Filter text 🗹 Fi	lter text 📝	Filter text 🛛 🖬 Filte	er 🗹 Fi	lter โ
Beaction m	drv_a <sup>sith</sup>		n	0	0	0	0
Allocations	drv_C	Variable new	Ins	0	0	0	(
🗉 🕕 Alarm	drv_E	Create standard function		0	0	0	0
🔍 👽 Units	drv_N			0	0	0	(
🕀 – 🛒 Screens	drv_N	Linked elements	•	0	0	0	(
🗈 🕥 Functions	drv_N	Сору	Ctrl+C	0	0	0	(
	drv_N			0	0	0	1
Historian	drv_N	Paste	Ctrl+V	0	0	0	1
⊕ Recipes	drv_S	Delete	Del	0	0	0	(
e e Programming interfa	+ Interr	E-man d/a allowana ana da		0	0	0	(
S straton (IEC 6113	+ Interr	Expand/collapse node	•	0	0	0	(
Production & Facility	+ Interr	Activate all		0	0	0	(
🗌 🔒 Interlockings		Activate					
🛢 Command		Deactivate					
- 👜 Energy Managemer		Desternate					
Message Control		Export XML selected					
Menus		Import XML					
- 21 Report Generator 		Extended import/export					
SAP interface		Extended importexport	,				
Files		Extended filter	•				
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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 depend on the type of variables



### CREATE VARIABLE DIALOG

eate variable	
Settings	
Name: S_Variable	
S_Variable	
Driver	
SIMUL32 - SIMUL_WIZ	•
Driver object type	
PLC marker	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Datatype REAL	
The second	
Array settings Start index is 0 Start index is 1	
Dim 1 Dim 2 0 • • 0 • •	Dim 3 0 <u>^</u>
Addressing options	
Automatic addressing	
<ul> <li>Addressing according to data type offset an</li> </ul>	d start offset
Manual addressing	
✓ Each datatype starts with new offset	
Automatic addressing	
Activate all elements     Activate a	
<ul> <li>Activate element manually</li> </ul>	
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 creat with this name.
	Maximum length: 128 characters
	Attention: the characters <b>#</b> and <b>@</b> are not permitted in varia names. If non-permitted characters are used, creation of varia cannot be completed and the <b>Finish</b> button remains inactive. <b>Note:</b> Some drivers also allow addressing using the <b>Symbolic</b> <b>address</b> property.
Driver	Select the desired driver from the drop-down list.
	<b>Note:</b> If no driver has been opened in the project, the driver internal variables ( <b>Intern.exe</b> ) is automatically loaded.
Driver Object Type	Select the appropriate driver object type from the drop-down
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
anay settings	Expensed settings for array variables. For carring details in th



Property	Description
	Arrays chapter.
Addressing options	Expanded settings for arrays and structure variables. You can find details in the respective section.
Automatic element activation	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
- EUROMAP63

#### 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.

Group/Property	Description
General	Property group for general settings.
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	
Net address	Bus address or net address of the variable.
	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 <i>0</i> to <i>4294967295</i> .
	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	Data type of the variable. Is selected during the creation of the variable; the type can be changed here.
Туре	Attention: If you change the data type later, all other properties of the variable must be checked and adjusted, if necessary.

### 7.2 Addressing



Group/Property	Description					
Driver connection/Driver Object Type	Object type of the variables. Depending on the driver used, is select when the variable is created and can be changed here.					
Driver connection/Priority	Assigns a vari	Assigns a variable a priority for the update time.				
Status word (offset)		Description	Rea d	Write		
0		Device Connect Start=1 Stop=0	Х	Х		
1		Start general interrogation	Х	Х		
2		Device status	Х	Х		
3		Out Que CountLow	Х			
4		Out Que CountHigh	Х			
5		Wildcard address (station number of the Eldatic, POC or Elfe system)	Х	Х		
6		Change device number to station (e.g. switch from direct communication mode to modem device)	Х	Х		
7		Request switched on=1/switched off=0	Х	Х		
8		Number of received telegrams	Х	Х		
9		Local station address (station number of the Runtime PC with zenon)	Х	Х		
10		Time hour	Х	Х		
11		Time minute	Х	Х		
12		Time second	Х	Х		
13		Time, day	Х	Х		



Group/Property	Description			
14		Time, month	Х	Х
15		Time, year	Х	Х
16		Time read = 1 write = 2	Х	Х

Status word (offset)	Description	Rea d	Writ e
0	Telefonnummer1	Х	Х

### 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:

Channel name	Data type	Channel type	Object	Read	Write
Bit Input(E)	8	80	2	Х	Х
Bit Output(A)	8	81	3	Х	Х
Bit Internal(I)	8	82	4	Х	Х
BBit Constant(C)	8	83	5	Х	Х
Analog Input(X)	2	84	6	Х	Х
Analog Output(Y)	2	85	7	Х	Х
Analog Internal(V)	2	86	8	Х	Х

### **OBJECTS FOR PROCESS VARIABLES IN ZENON**



Channel name	Data type	Channel type	Object	Read	Write
Analog Constant(P)	2	87	9	Х	Х
Status Word	2	73	11	Х	Х
Status String	12	74	12	Х	Х

#### Key:

**X**: supported

--: not supported

#### CHANNEL TYPE

The term **Kanaltyp** is the internal numerical name of the driver object type. It is also used for the extended DBF import/export of the variables.

"Kanaltyp" is used for advanced CSV import/export of variables in the "HWObjectType" column.

### 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.

### EXAMPLES FOR ALL POSSIBLE ZENON DATA TYPES

SPS	zenon
E	Bit Input(E)
Α	Bit Output(A)
1	Bit Internal(I)
с	Bit Constant(C)
X	Analog Input(X)
Υ	Analog Output(Y)
V	Analog Internal(V)
Р	Analog Constant(P)



#### 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 manual in the Variables 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:

<u>Backward compatibility</u>



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** 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 instructions of 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 instructions of the import 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	Тур е	Field size	Comment
KANALNAME	Cha	128	Variable name.
	r		The length can be limited using the <b>MAX_LAENGE</b> entry in the <b>project.ini</b> 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 <b>MAX_LAENGE</b> entry in the <b>project.ini</b> 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 <b>MAX_LAENGE</b> entry in the <b>project.ini</b> 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 e	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 <b>project.ini</b> .
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	N	16	Linked counter REMA.
MAXGRAD	Ν	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	Ν	10	ID number of the linked function (if "-1" is entered here, the existing function is not overwritten during import)
A_GRUPPE1	Ν	10	Alarm/Event Group
A_KLASSE1	Ν	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	Ν	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 <b>OFF</b> bit. After the driver has



Name from import	Туре	Offset	Description
			started, the variable has the value <i>FALSE</i> and no <b>OFF</b> bit.
SimulRTState	UDINT	60	Informs the state 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:
			<net address="">:<connection status="">;;;</connection></net>
			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. This closes the current connection and



Name from import	Туре	Offset	Description
			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)
WriteTimeout	UDINT	19	Maximum write duration for a modem connection in milliseconds (ms).



Name from import	Туре	Offset	Description
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	Offset	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
MaxUpdateTimeNor mal	UDINT	56	Time since the last update of the priority group <b>Normal</b> in milliseconds (ms).
MaxUpdateTimeHigh er	UDINT	57	Time since the last update of the priority group <b>Higher</b> in milliseconds (ms).
MaxUpdateTimeHigh	UDINT	58	Time since the last update of the priority group <b>High</b> in milliseconds (ms).
MaxUpdateTimeHigh	UDINT	59	Time since the last update of the priority group



Name from import	Туре	Offset	Description
est			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	Offset	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:



# 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.



Select a function	>
Functions selection	
Quick help	
OK Cancel	Help

The dialog for selecting a function is opened

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



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Driver commands          Settings         Drivers         InternDriver for internal variables         Current status         Drivers	OK Cancel Help	
Driver command No command>		

- 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	×
Driver commands Settings Drivers INTERNDriver for internal variables Current status	OK Cancel Help
Driver command Driver-specific command Driver-specific command	
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. no function in the current version.	
Driver command	no function in the current version.	
	For details on the configurable driver commands, see the <b>available driver commands</b> section.	
Driver-specific command	Entry of a command specific to the selected driver.	
	<b>Note:</b> Only available if, for the <b>driver command</b> 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 command is sent. A command that already exists can thus be removed from a configured function.



Driver command	Description
Start driver (online mode)	Driver is reinitialized and started. <b>Note:</b> 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.
	<b>Note:</b> If the driver is in offline mode, all variables that were created for this driver receive the status <i>switched off (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.
Driver - activate set setpoint value	Write set value to a driver is possible.
Driver - deactivate set setpoint value	Write set value to a driver is prohibited.
Establish connecton with modem	Establish connection (for modem drivers)
	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 program that was also installed with zenon. You can find it under **Start/All programs/zenon/Tools 8.20 -> 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 manual.

### 10.2 Driver monitoring

Runtime monitors the availability of the driver by means of a watchdog. If a driver is no longer available, the *INVALID* status bit is also set for all checked-in variables.

Possible causes for a triggering of the watchdog:

• The driver process is no longer running.

Check whether the driver EXE file is still running in the Task Manager.

• Operating system is busy with processes that have a higher priority.

Check the configuration of your system to see whether there is sufficient memory and CPU power. In this case, the driver only resets the *INVALID* status bit if there is a value change on the connected party. Static values retain the *INVALID* status bit until the next time the Runtime or the driver is started.

#### CONFIGURATION OF WATCHDOG

For the monitoring of communication in the Runtime, the connection to the driver is checked in a fixed, prescribed time period of 60 seconds. This process is repeated several times. If, within 5 attempts (= within 5 minutes), no valid connection to the driver is detected, the *INVALID* bit is set for the checked-in (*advised*) variables. In addition, the *INVALID* bit is also set when new variables are advised. The *INVALID* bit will no longer be reset.



Corresponding LOG entries are created for this.

#### LOG ENTRY

An error message is logged in the LOG when the watchdog is triggered:

Parameter	Description
Communication with driver: <drvexe>/<drvdesc>(id:<drvid>) timed out. No communication for <time> ms.</time></drvid></drvdesc></drvexe>	<ul> <li>No communication with driver within the given time.</li> <li><time>: Time (in milliseconds)</time></li> <li><drvdesc>: Driver name</drvdesc></li> <li><drvexe>: Driver EXE name</drvexe></li> <li><drvid>: Driver ID in the zenon project</drvid></li> </ul>
Communication with %s timed out. Invalid-Bit will be set.	Communication to the %s driver could not be established after 5 attempts within 60 seconds. The <i>INVALID</i> bit is set for the variable.
Communication with %s timed out. Timeout happened %d times	Communication to the %s driver could not be established after %d times within 60 seconds.

### 10.3 Check list

Check the following in the event of errors:

- ▶ Is the COM port in use by another application or are the settings incorrect?
- ▶ Is the device (PLC) that you are trying to communicate with connected to the power supply?
- ▶ Is the cable between PLC and PC/IPC connected correctly?
- ▶ Is the correct baud rate configured?
- Are the used datablocks defined correctly in the PLC?
- ▶ Have you analyzed the "driver communication error file" (which errors have occured)?

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. You can find more information on the Diagnosis Viewer in the Diagnosis Viewer manual.



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.