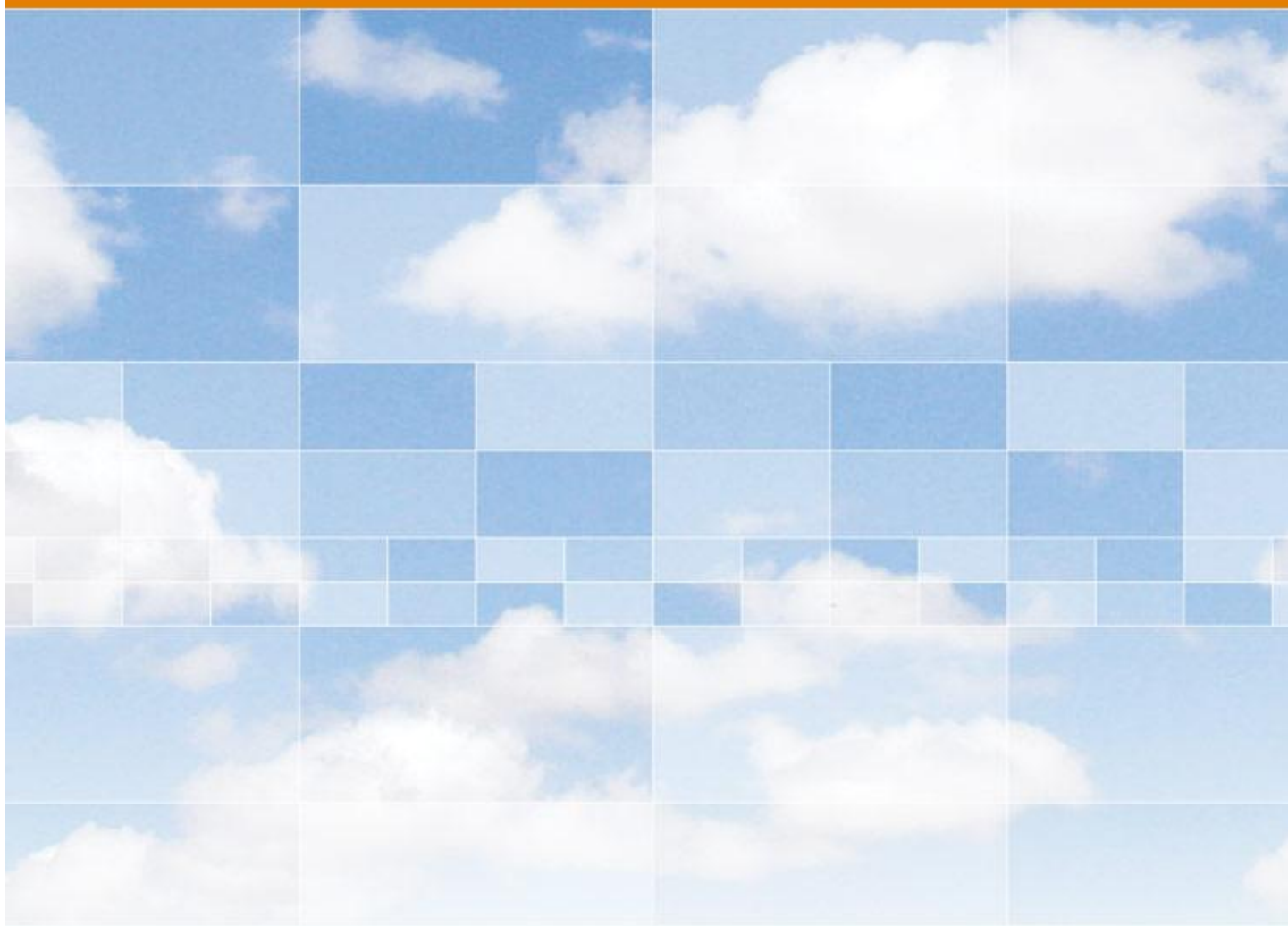




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Introduction

This MatrikonOPC™ server communicates with Mitsubishi PLCs. Currently, the following communication types are supported:

- FX PLC via a Direct Serial connection
- FX PLC via an FX/Net connection
- A Series PLC via A Series Serial Protocol (1C1 through 1C4)
- Q Series PLC via Q Series Serial Protocol (3C1 through 3C4)
- Q Series PLC via Q Series Ethernet Protocol

Who Should Use This Manual

This manual is intended for use by all users of the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs.

This manual explains how to install and configure the software, and how to perform common tasks. In addition, technical information about OPC data items is included, along with sections on diagnostics and troubleshooting.

Overview of Manual

This document uses icons to highlight valuable information. Remember these icons and what they mean, as they will assist you throughout the manual.

	This symbol denotes important information that must be acknowledged. Failure to do so may result in the software not functioning properly.
BOLD	Font displayed in this color and style indicates a hyperlink to the applicable/associated information within this document, or if applicable, any external sources.

The *User's Manual* has been designed as such so that you can click on references in the document to jump to that referenced point without having to scroll through several pages (in some cases). For example, if you were to see the sentence "Refer to Figure 1 for more information", pressing the **CTRL** key and clicking your mouse on the text "Figure 1" automatically takes you to the location of Figure 1 within the document.

This manual consists of several sections and is structured as follows:

- **Introduction** – this introductory chapter.
- **Getting Started** – provides information on the minimum system requirements, supported protocols, tested devices, and how to set up your hardware.
- **Configuration** – shows the Configuration Wizard, how to start and configure the server, and describes each component in detail, including windows/screens, panels, tabs, and menu commands.
- **OPC Data Items** – describes the server's items.
- **Diagnostics** – explains how to use logging, statistical items, data qualities, timestamps, and result codes to get the most efficiency from the user's system.

- **Limitations** – provides information on specific performance and operational limitations of the software.
- **Troubleshooting** – provides licensing, MatrikonOPC Support contact information, solutions for common problems that may be encountered, and answers to frequently asked questions.
- **OPC Compliance** – details supported interfaces with regard to installation, common interfaces, and data access.
- **Appendices:**
 - **A** - DCOM
 - **B** – Aliases
 - **C** – Standard Data Types
 - **D** – Microsoft Excel as a DDE Client
 - **E** – Configuring Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE)
 - **F** – Security
 - **G** – Offline Mode
 - **H** – Installation
 - **I** – Installed Files
 - **J** – Un-Installation
 - **K** – Mitsubishi NAK Error Codes

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- www.opcsupport.com
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- *OPC Common Definitions and Interfaces 1.0*
- *OPC Data Access Specification 2.05a*
- *OPC Data Access Specification 3.00*
- *OPC Historical Data Access Specification 1.2*
- *OPC Alarms and Events Specification 1.10*
- *Mitsubishi FX Communication User's Manual (MELSEC-F)*
- *Mitsubishi A Series Communication User's Manual (MELSEC-A)*
- *Mitsubishi Q Series Communication User's Manual (MELSEC-Q)*

Document Terminology

The following terms are used interchangeably throughout this document:

- *screen* and *window*
- *tab* and *panel*

Table 1 provides a list of definitions for terms used throughout this document.

Term/Abbreviation	Description
A&E	OPC Alarms and Events. Provides access to process alarm and event data.
COM	Component Object Model. A method for organizing software, specifying how to build components that can be dynamically interchanged.
DA	OPC Data Access. Provides access to real-time process data.
DCOM	Distributed Component Object Model. An extension of COM that allows communication between COM components over a network.
DDE	Dynamic Data Exchange. Allows the transfer of data between two running applications.
FX Configurator	Mitsubishi software that can program Mitsubishi FX PLCs.
GX Configurator	Mitsubishi software that can program all types of Mitsubishi PLCs.
HDA	OPC Historical Data Access. Provides access to historical process data.
HMI	Human Machine Interface. Device that allows interaction between the user and machine. Typically used in process control applications.
Matrikon	Matrikon Inc.
MatrikonOPC	Matrikon's brand name for its OPC servers and clients.
MELSEC	Mitsubishi communications protocols.
MELSECNET	The network connecting Mitsubishi PLCs to other Mitsubishi PLCs.
Mitsubishi FX Direct	A Mitsubishi FX PLC connection one-to-one to a serial port.
Mitsubishi FX Net	One or more Mitsubishi FX PLCs connected to a serial port.
Mitsubishi A Series	A Mitsubishi PLC model starting with the letter A .
Mitsubishi Q Series	A Mitsubishi PLC model starting with the letter Q .
OPC	A communication standard. Refer to www.opcfoundation.org for more information.
PLC	Programmable Logic Controller.

Table 1 - Terms and Definitions

Getting Started

This chapter contains important information about installing the server and how to contact the MatrikonOPC Support team.

The **System Requirements** section shows how to avoid future problems by ensuring that the system meets the minimum software and hardware requirements. Detailed step-by-step instructions in **Appendix H - Installation** walks you through the installation process. **Appendix I – Installed Files** lists the files that are installed during this process.

Once the software is installed, refer to the **Licensing** section for information on how to obtain the appropriate license. The *Licensing* section will refer you to the *Licensing Procedures* document that was installed along with the server and this *User's Manual*. If any problems are encountered during installation or licensing, refer to the **Contacting Support** section for information about how to contact the MatrikonOPC Support team for assistance.

System Requirements

The software has minimum **Software** and **Hardware** system requirements. These requirements must be met for the software to function properly.



Note: To install and configure a MatrikonOPC server, you must be set up as an administrative user account rather than a restricted user account.

Software Requirements

The server requires the following software:

- Microsoft Windows XP SP2, or
- Microsoft Windows 2003 SP0



Note: It is recommended that the most current service packs are installed.

Hardware Requirements

The server requires the following hardware:

- Intel® Pentium® 4 Processor
- 512 MB RAM
- 40 GB 7200 RPM Hard Drive

The server requires the following additional hardware to make use of the following functionality:

- At least one method of communicating to one or more Mitsubishi PLCs is required.

Supported Protocols and Tested Devices

Information about the supported protocols and devices they were tested on is in Table 2 and Table 3.

Mitsubishi Device Series	Communication Medium	Protocols	Sub-Protocols	Tested Devices
FX	Direct to CPU	FX Direct	N/A	FX24MR CPU via USB

Mitsubishi Device Series	Communication Medium	Protocols	Sub-Protocols	Tested Devices
FX	Serial	1C	1-4	Untested.
A	Serial	1C	1-4	A1SJH CPU with A1SJ71C24-R2 serial module
Q	Serial	3C	1-4	Q00J CPU with QJ71C24-R2 serial module
Q	Ethernet	3E	N/A	Q00J CPU with QJ71E71-100 Ethernet module

Table 2 - Supported Mitsubishi Protocols and Sub-Protocols

Mitsubishi Device Series	Communication Medium	Protocols	Sub-Protocols
A	Ethernet	1E	N/A
Q	Serial	4C	1-5

Table 3 - Non-Supported Mitsubishi Protocols and Sub-Protocols

Setting Up Your Hardware

It may be necessary to set several configuration options for the PLC to be compatible with the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs. A summary of what needs to be done is listed below:

- **FX Series:** Refer to your *FX Series User's Manual* for information on communication settings. The OPC server cannot detect the PLC type using FX Direct protocol; it uses a generic FX template. The OPC server can auto-detect the following PLC types on FX Net: **FX0N, FX1N, FX1S, FX2C, FX2N, FX2NC**.
- **A Series:** The protocol number is the protocol rotator switch setting on your A series communications module. Settings higher than **4** are for loopback, pass-through, and self-test. Refer to the *Mitsubishi A Series Communication Module User's Manual* for more information.

The OPC server can auto-detect the following A series PLC types: **A0J2H, A1, A1N, A1S, A1SJ, A2, A2A, A2A1, A2AS1, A2C, A2N, A2S, A2S2, A2US, A3, A3A, A3N, A3H, A3M, A3U, A4U, A73, A7LMSF, A52G, AJ72, AJ72L**.
- **Q Series:** For Q series PLCs, you must configure your communications module (serial or Ethernet) in GX Developer to use ASCII protocol.

To configure a Q-Series PLC for Ethernet communication, make sure the card has the following settings:

- Ensure the card is online.
- Ensure the following **Operational Settings** of the card:
 1. Communication is set to ASCII.
 2. Always wait for OPEN (Communication possible at STOP time).
 3. Enable Write at Run Time.
- In **Open Settings**, it is recommended that at least one slot be used for a MELSOFT connection.
- In **Open Settings** you need at least one Unpassive TCP port set up as follows:

1. Set the **Protocol** to **TCP**.
2. Set the **Open System** to **Unpassive**.
3. Set the **Host Station Port Number**.

Note: The **Host Station Port Number** field accepts a hexadecimal number, not decimal as is common for port numbers. For example, if the port number is **5000**, it must be entered as the hexadecimal equivalent **1388**.

4. Any setting can be used for the **Fixed Buffer Type**.
5. Use **Procedure Exist** for **Fixed Buffer Communication Procedure**.
6. Use **Disable** for **Pairing Open**.
7. Existence confirmation for the port may be set based on user preference.
8. Note the port number from step 3. The OPC server requires the decimal version of this number.

To configure a Q-series PLC for Serial communication, use GX Developer as follows:

1. Select the **I/O Assignment** tab on the **PLC Parameters** screen. Click on **Switch Setting**.
2. Consult the serial card user's manual and note which switch settings you select (the OPC server supports all of the baud rates, data bits, stop bits, and parities, both checksum and no checksum modes, and all four sub-protocols).
3. Using GX Configurator, configure your serial port(s) for ASCII conversion mode

The OPC server auto-detects Q series PLCs as either **Q00/Q00J/Q01** or **Other (Generic) Q series PLCs**.

For more information about auto-detection, refer to **Creating and Configuring a Mitsubishi PLC Settings Object** in this manual.

Configuration

The server's Graphical User Interface (GUI) allows users to view and alter configuration parameters at run time. When you view a configuration parameter, the information is retrieved and displayed. The updated parameters are sent as a group to the server when submitted.

Minimal configuration of the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs is required for the server to function properly, but you can customize the server's behaviour as required. This section of the manual shows you how to start and configure the server and describes each component in detail, including the windows, panels, and menu commands.

The **Starting the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs** section of this manual shows you how to start the software. The next four sub-sections describe the **Tool Tray Menu**, **Control Panel**, **Configuration** window, and the **Options** window, in detail.

The **Server Configuration** section describes in detail how to configure the server. Instructions for configuring the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs as a DDE service appear in **Appendix D - Microsoft Excel as a DDE Client**. The **Alias Configuration** section explains how to create user-defined aliases in place of regular OPC items, followed by four sub-sections that cover saving, clearing, and loading configuration settings, and shutting down the server.

Starting the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs

To launch the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs, choose the appropriate shortcut from the **Start** menu.

To start the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs:

1. Click on the Windows **Start** button and select **Programs** -> **MatrikonOPC** -> **MitsubishiPLCs**, and choose **MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs**.

By default, the server is installed as a Windows service. When the server is installed as a service, the splash screen does not appear, nor does the logo appear in the **Tool Tray**. Instead, the main **Configuration** window is immediately displayed. If the server is installed as a Windows service, users can also start it using the **Service Control Manager** applet (under the Windows **Control Panel**).

2. If the server is not installed as a Windows service, the server starts and the **Matrikon** logo  appears in the **Tool Tray** (Figure 1), located by default in the system tray.



Figure 1 - Tool Tray

If the server is not installed as a Windows service, the **Welcome** screen appears briefly when the server starts up.

Notes:



- If the server is not installed as a service, the server will automatically start up when a client (such as MatrikonOPC Explorer) first tries to connect to it.
- If the server is installed as a service, users can choose to run it as an application by re-registering the OPC server executable using the **/REGSERVER** command-line switch.

Tool Tray Menu

Note: If the server is installed as a Windows service, the **Tool Tray** and **Tool Tray Menu** are not available.

The **Tool Tray Menu** provides access to the **Control Panel**, the **Configuration** window, and the **About** screen. It also contains the commands to shut down the server.

To view the Tool Tray Menu:

1. Right-click your mouse on the **Matrikon logo** .
2. The **Tool Tray Menu** appears (Figure 2).

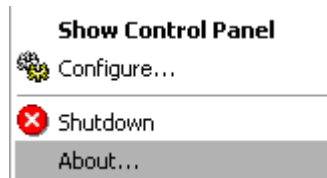


Figure 2 - Tool Tray Menu

Table 4 describes the commands in the **Tool Tray Menu**.

Command	Description
Show Control Panel	Displays the configuration control panel .
 Configure	Displays the main Configuration window .
 Shutdown	Shuts down the server.
About	Displays the server's Welcome screen, which includes information about the software.

Table 4 - Tool Tray Menu Commands

Control Panel

Note: If the server is installed as a Windows service, the **Control Panel** is not available.

The **Control Panel** displays the server's status, system time, and number of clients connected to the server. The **Control Panel** allows users to:

- Access the **Configuration** window.
- Access the **About** screen.
- Execute the command to shut down the server.

The **Control Panel** stays on top of every other window on the desktop to help monitor the status of the server.

To view the Control Panel:

1. Right-click your mouse on the **Matrikon logo** .
2. The **Tool Tray Menu** appears.
3. From the **Tool Tray Menu**, select the **Show Control Panel** menu option.
4. The **Control Panel** (Figure 3) appears.



Figure 3 - Control Panel

5. To “window shade” the **Control Panel** so that it displays only the client count, double-click your mouse on the title bar.

Table 5 describes the commands in the **Tool Tray Menu**.

Command	Description
Status	Displays the current status of the server.
Time	Displays the current time.
Clients	Displays the total number of OPC clients presently connected to the server.
Configure	Displays the main Configuration window.
Shutdown	Shuts down the server.
About	Displays the server’s Welcome screen, which includes information about the software.

Table 5 - Control Panel Commands

Configuration Wizard

The **Configuration Wizard** (Figure 4) is, by default, launched once the installation process is complete. It allows a step-by-step initial configuration of the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs. The Configuration Wizard can also be launched by clicking on the Windows **Start** button and selecting **Programs -> MatrikonOPC -> Mitsubishi PLCs -> Mitsubishi PLCs Configuration Wizard**.

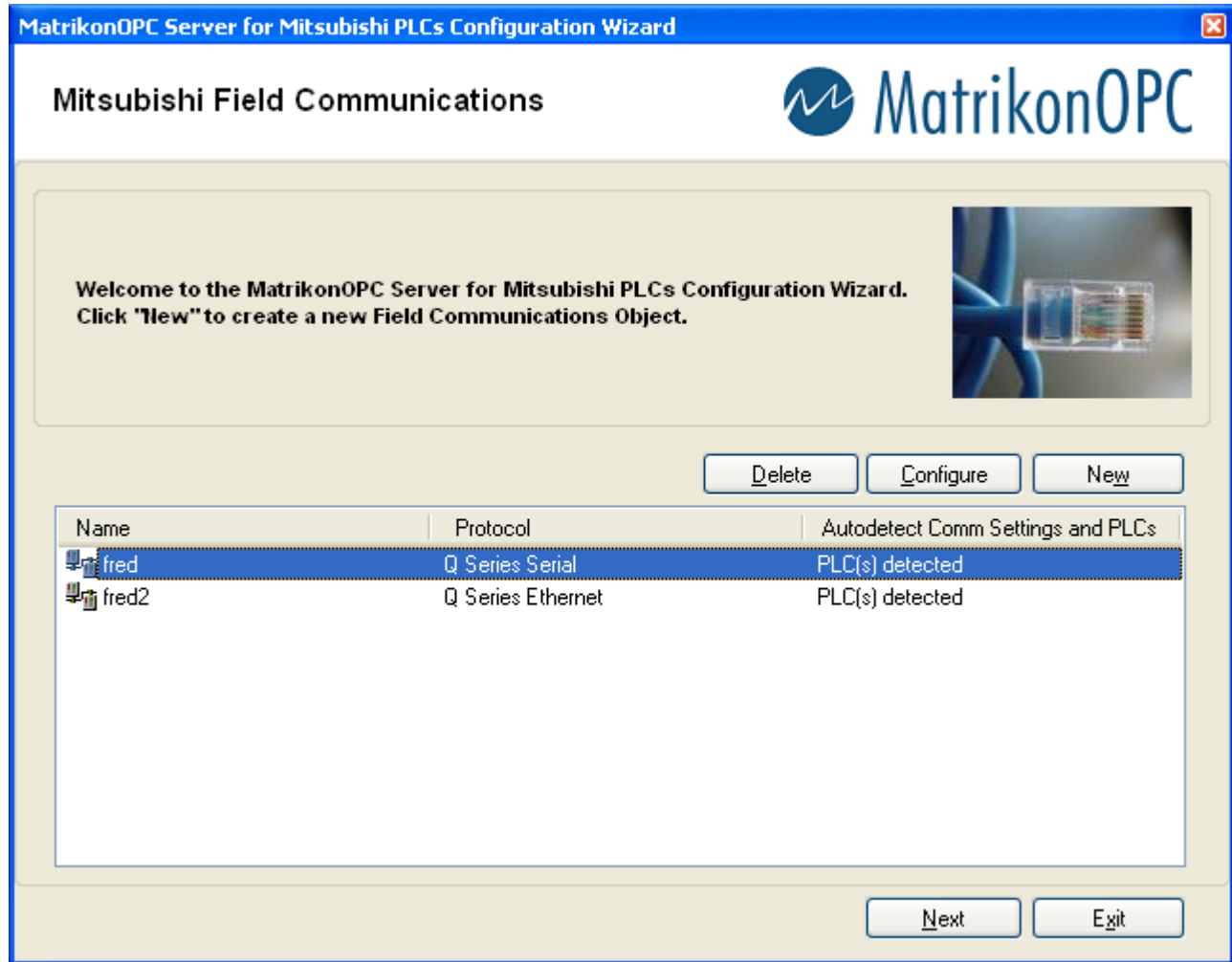
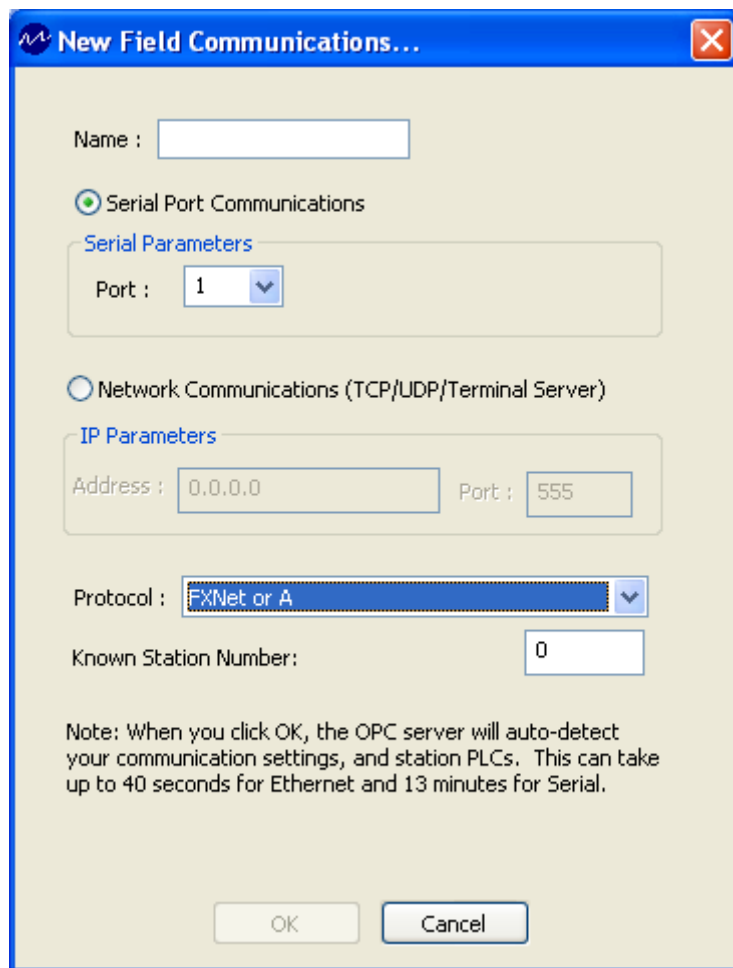


Figure 4 - Configuration Wizard

To create a new Field Communications object, click on the **New** button. To configure an existing object, select it and click on the **Configure** button. To delete an existing object, select it and then click on the **Delete** button. Multiple objects may be deleted by multi-selecting them using the Shift-Click and/or Control-Click feature before you click **Delete**. Select a Field Communications object and click on **Next** to proceed to the next screen where you can configure the PLCs that can be reached on this communications channel.

Create or Configure the Field Communications Using the Wizard

Figure 5 shows the **New Field Communications** window which appears upon either clicking **New** to create a new Field Communications object, or selecting a Field Communications object and clicking **Configure**.



The dialog box is titled "New Field Communications...". It contains the following fields and options:

- Name :** A text input field.
- Serial Port Communications:** A radio button that is selected.
- Serial Parameters:** A group box containing a **Port :** dropdown menu with "1" selected.
- Network Communications (TCP/UDP/Terminal Server):** A radio button that is not selected.
- IP Parameters:** A group box containing an **Address :** text input field with "0.0.0.0" and a **Port :** text input field with "555".
- Protocol :** A dropdown menu with "FXNet or A" selected.
- Known Station Number:** A text input field with "0".

At the bottom, there is a note: "Note: When you click OK, the OPC server will auto-detect your communication settings, and station PLCs. This can take up to 40 seconds for Ethernet and 13 minutes for Serial." Below the note are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

Figure 5 - New Field Communications Window

Table 6 describes the components (i.e., fields) available in the **New Field Communications** window.

Component	Description
Name	Name of the Field Communications.
Serial Port Communications	Select the Serial Port Communications option if you are communicating with the field through one of your computer's serial (COM) ports.
Port (serial)	If applicable, select which serial port you are using to communicate to the field.
Network Communications	Select the Network Communications option if you are communicating via Ethernet to a PLC, network, or Ethernet-to-Serial Terminal Server.
Address	If applicable, type in the IP address of the target device (PLC or terminal server).
Port (TCP/UDP)	If applicable, type in the IP port to which to connect.
Known Station Number	If you are using serial communications, the OPC server needs the address of a known station to detect communications settings.

Component	Description
	Enter the station number here. If the serial communications path has only one PLC on it, use station number 0 .
Protocol	Select from the drop-down list, the protocol your network speaks. Direct communications to an FX PLC's programming port use FXDirect . FX and A series PLCs configured in a single or multi-drop communication channel use FXNet or A protocol. Q series PLCs use Q Series Ethernet or Q Series Serial depending on whether you are connecting to a Q Series Serial or Ethernet module.
OK	Select this button to save any changes and close the window.
Cancel	Select this button to close the window without saving any changes made.

Table 6 - New Field Communications Window Components

After the OPC server completes auto-detection, either **PLC(s) detected** or **No PLCs detected** appears in the main panel along with the connection name you chose. If PLCs have been detected, then your communication settings are correct (or have been automatically set). If no PLCs have been detected, check your cables and settings. You can have the OPC server re-discover PLCs by selecting the connection and selecting the **Configure** button to re-configure the connection. The OPC server tries to re-discover the PLCs even if no changes have been made to the values.

Figure 6 shows the **Connection(s) to Mitsubishi PLC(s)** screen. This allows configuring connections to **Mitsubishi PLCs** through the field communications selected in the previous screen. To add a new connection, click on the **New** button. To disable (or enable) an existing connection, select it and click on the **Disable (or Enable)** button. To delete an existing connection, select it and press the **Delete** key. Click on the **Next** button to continue the configuration.

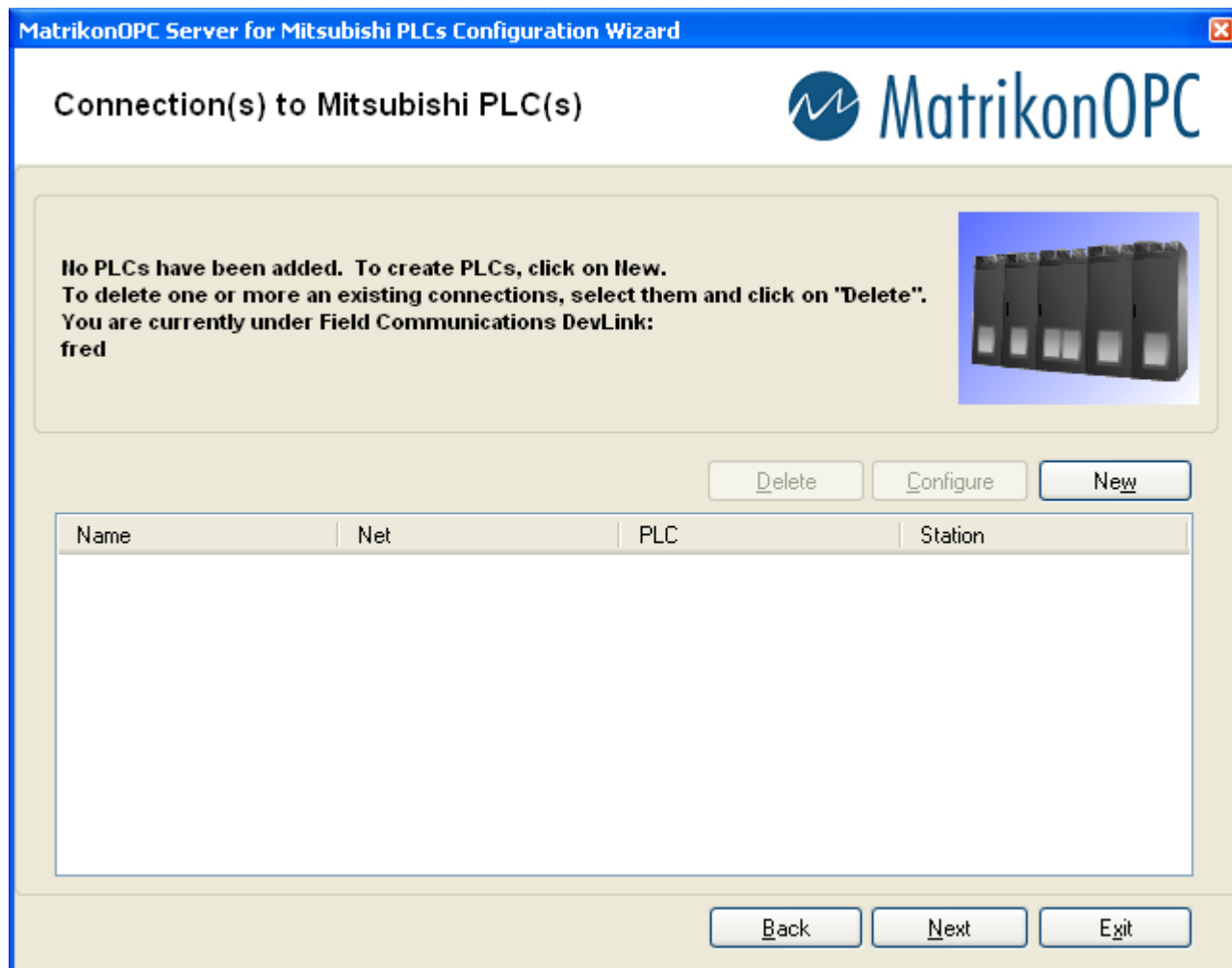
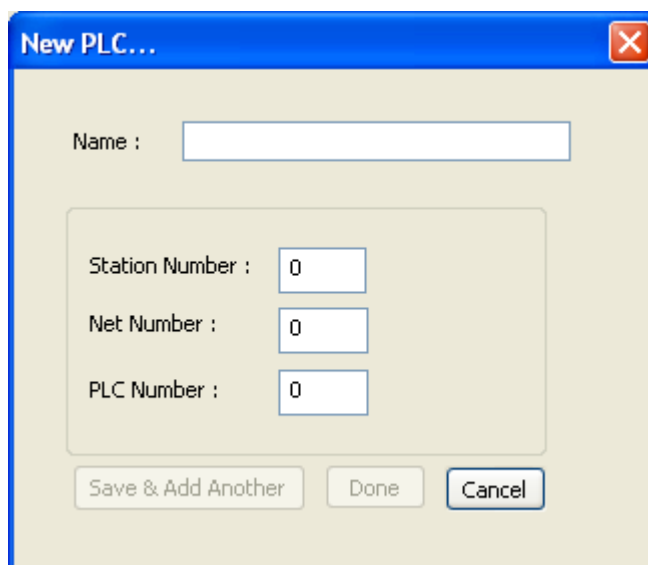


Figure 6 - Connection(s) to Mitsubishi PLC(s) Screen

Creating a New PLC Connection Using the Wizard

Figure 7 shows the **New PLC** window which appears upon clicking the **New** button.



The image shows a 'New PLC...' dialog box with a blue title bar and a close button (X). It contains the following fields and buttons:

- Name :** A text input field.
- Station Number :** A numeric input field with the value '0'.
- Net Number :** A numeric input field with the value '0'.
- PLC Number :** A numeric input field with the value '0'.
- Buttons:** 'Save & Add Another', 'Done', and 'Cancel'.

Figure 7 - New PLC Window

Table 7 describes the components of the **New PLC** window.

Component	Description
Name	Name of the PLC Connection.
PLC Number Net Number Station Number	These fields determine which PLC to which you will talk to. Consult your FX, A, or Q Series communication manual for the correct settings to access the PLC(s). If a field is not valid for the protocol selected on the previous page, it will not be visible. Station Number is valid for FXNet, A Serial, and Q Serial. Net Number is valid for Q Serial and Q Ethernet. PLC Number is valid for all configurations.
Save & Add Another	This option creates the selected PLC and returns you to this screen to create another PLC. The PLC Number field is incremented and the Name appends the new PLC Number . This button is not present if you have selected a link using FX Direct as FX Direct connects to only one PLC, or if you are re-configuring an existing PLC.
Done	Select this button to create the selected PLC and exit this window.
Cancel	Select this button to close the window without saving any changes made.

Table 7 - New PLC Window Components

Figure 8 shows the **Are You Done?** window. If you are done adding PLCs, click **Yes**. If you wish to go back to the **Field Communications** screen to add another Field Communications object, click **No**.

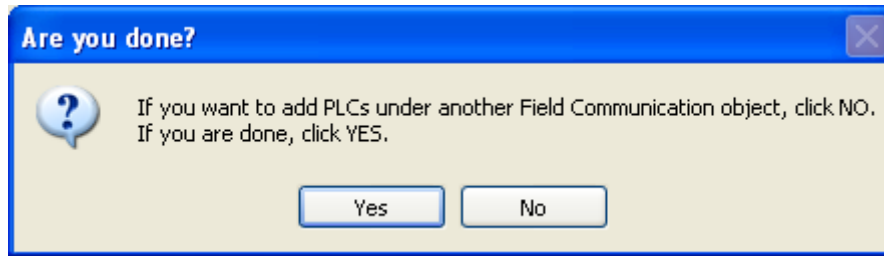


Figure 8 - Confirmation Message Window

Figure 9 shows the **Configuration Complete** screen. Click on the **Finish** button to close the **Configuration Wizard**. If **Read Data from OPC Explorer** is checked, OPC Explorer starts and a default group created so that you can view data from your PLC(s).



Figure 9 - Configuration Complete Screen

Modifying an Existing Connection Using the Wizard

To modify an existing connection:

1. Select the connection in the list and click on the **Configure** button, or
 - Double-click the connection in the list, or
 - Right-click the connection in the list and then select **Configure** from the displayed menu.

Deleting an Existing Connection Using the Wizard

To delete an existing connection:

1. Select the connection in the list and click on the **Delete** button, or
 - Select the connection in the list and press the **Delete** key, or
 - Right-click the connection in the list and then select **Delete** from the displayed menu.

Using the Connections List Menu

The menu shown in Figure 10 is displayed by right-clicking on a connection. The menu can be used to add a new connection, modify, delete, duplicate an existing one, or refresh the connections list.

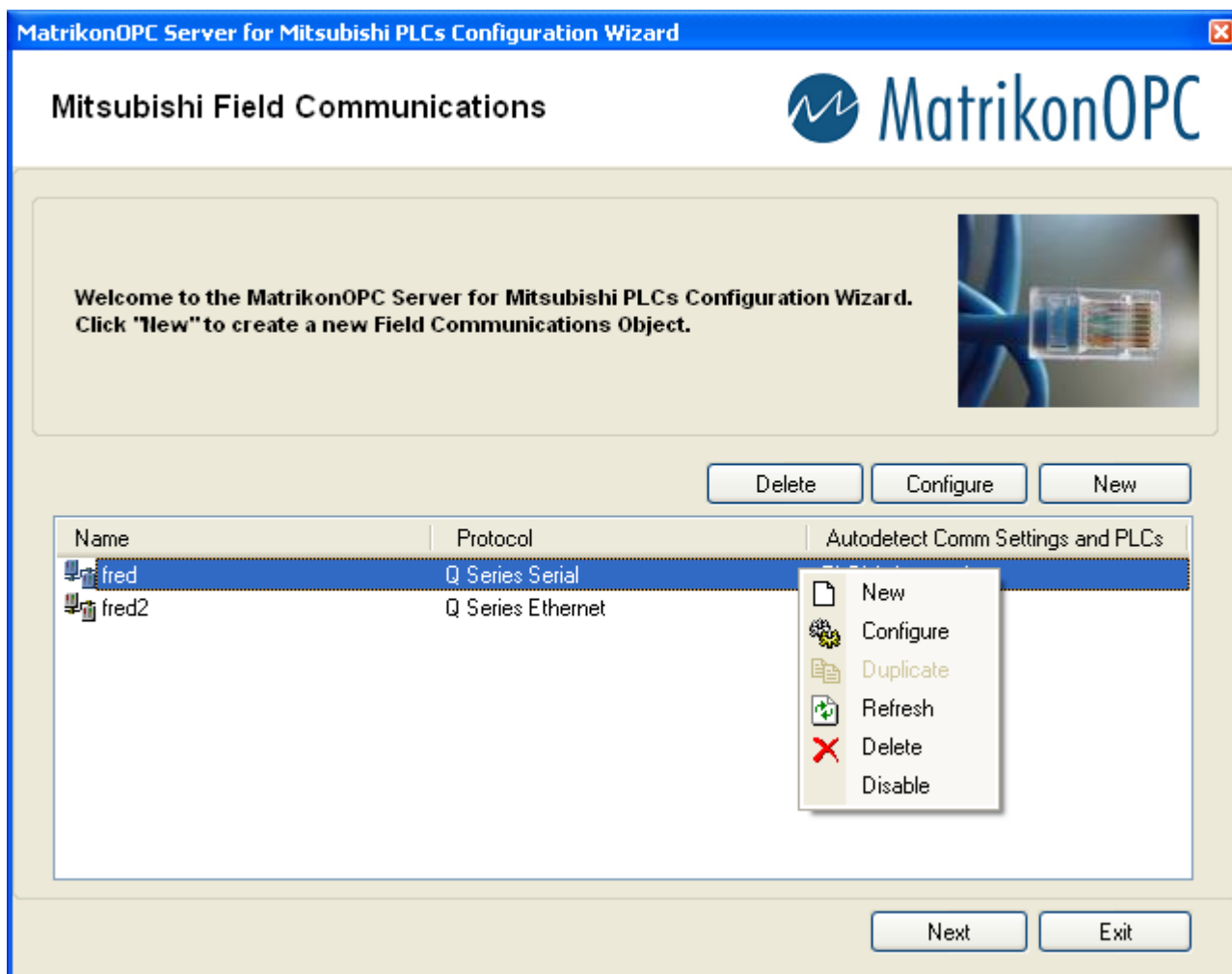


Figure 10 - Connections List Menu

Table 8 describes the commands available in the **Connections List Menu**.

Command	Description
New	Creates a new connection.
Configure	Modify the selected connection.

Command	Description
Duplicate	Makes a copy of the selected connection.
Refresh	Refreshes the connections list.
Delete	Deletes the selected connection.
Disable/Enable	Disables or enables the selected connection.

Table 8 - Connections List Menu Commands

Configuration Window

Note: If the server is installed as a Windows service, the **Tool Tray Menu** and **Control Panel** are not available. In this case, the **Configuration** window is then accessed via the Windows **Start** menu.

The **Configuration** window displays a tree view of objects configured in the server. Select an object to display its current configuration, which appears on the right-hand side of the window.

If the server runs as a local executable, it will remain running even after the main configuration window is closed, even if no clients are connected. Displaying the control panel or main configuration window for the server will "lock" it so that it will not shut down while configuration is being performed.

If the server runs as an NT service, it will remain running so long as there are clients connected to it. Closing the main configuration window will shut down the configuration utility, but will not interfere with the normal operation of the server.

To view the Configuration window:

1. From the **Tool Tray Menu** or the **Control Panel**, select **Configure**.
2. The **Configuration** window (Figure 11) appears.

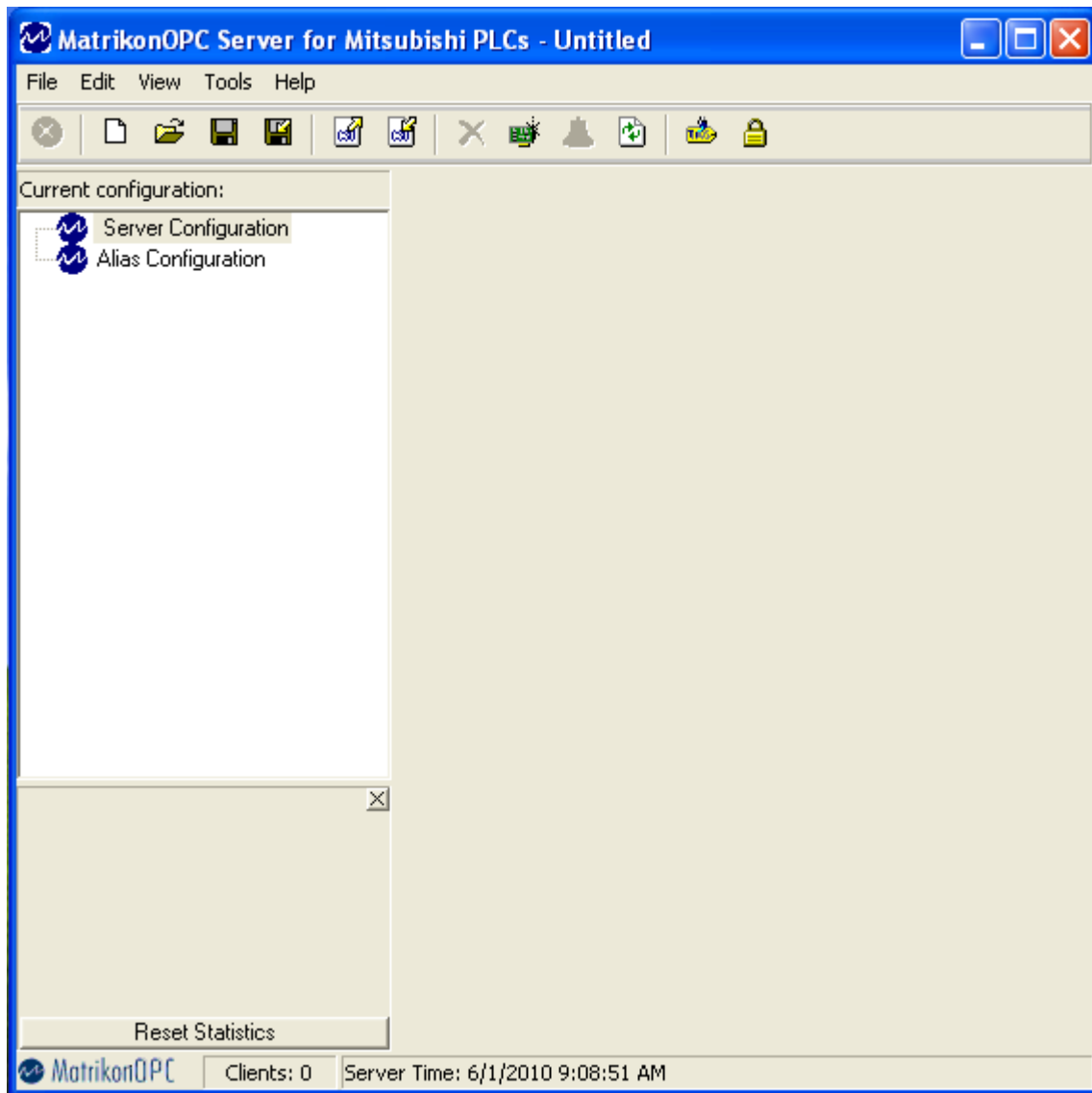


Figure 11 - Configuration Window

Table 9 describes the commands in the **Configuration** window.

Command	Description
Main Menu	Provides access to the File , Edit , View , Tools , and Help menus.
Main Toolbar	Provides shortcut buttons for commands in the Main Menu .
Current Configuration	Displays a tree of configuration objects currently defined in the server. Select an object to display its current settings in the right-hand panel.
Server Configuration	Objects under this node affect how the server communicates with the data source.
Alias Configuration	Define aliases and alias groups under this node.
Object Settings Panel	Displays the current settings of the object presently selected in the tree.
Statistics Panel	Displays available statistics for the object presently selected in the tree:

Command	Description
	<i>Sent, Received, Timed Out, Retried, Failed, Overrun.</i>
Reset Statistics	Resets statistics on the object presently selected in the configuration tree.
Matrikon Logo	Opens a link to the Matrikon web site.
Clients	Displays the total number of OPC clients presently connected to the server.
Server Time	Displays the current time.

Table 9 - Configuration Window Commands

The following sections describe the menus available from the **Configuration** window, and what they are used for.

File Menu

Table 10 describes the **File** menu commands.

Command	Description
 New	Clears the current configuration and starts a new one. If OPC clients are still connected to the server, the user is prompted for confirmation before continuing.
 Open	Clears the current configuration and loads a new one from an existing file. Displays the Open Configuration window to prompt for the file name. If OPC clients are still connected to the server, the user is prompted for confirmation before continuing.
 Save	Saves the current configuration to an XML file. Displays the Save Configuration window to prompt for a new file name if the configuration is new and has not been saved before.
 Save As	Saves the current configuration to an XML file. Displays the Save Configuration window to prompt for a new file name.
 Export Aliases	Exports all currently configured aliases to a CSV file. Displays the Export Aliases window to prompt for a file name.
 Import Aliases	Clears all aliases and imports new ones from a CSV file. Displays the Import Aliases window to prompt for an existing file name.
 Shutdown Server	Closes the current configuration and shuts down the server after signalling the shutdown event to all connected clients. If OPC clients are still connected to the server, the user is prompted for confirmation before continuing.
Close	Hides the main Configuration window. The server shuts down after a short delay if no OPC clients are currently connected to the server.

Table 10 - File Menu Commands

Edit Menu

Table 11 describes the **Edit** menu commands that appear when the currently selected object appears under the **Server Configuration** node.

Command	Description
Undo/Can't Undo	Not implemented.

Command	Description
 Delete	Removes the currently selected object from the server configuration. Prompts the user for confirmation before continuing to see if the OPC clients have reference to items associated with the selected object or one of its children. Does not remove such objects but simply disables them and sets them to "marked for deletion".
 Define New	Displays the Insert New Object window used to create a new configuration object under the currently selected configuration object.

Table 11 - Edit Menu Commands (Server Configuration)

Table 12 describes the **Edit** menu commands that appear when the currently selected object appears under the **Alias Configuration** node.

Command	Description
Undo/Can't Undo	Not implemented.
 Rename	Renames the currently selected alias group.
 Delete Alias Group	Removes the currently selected alias group and all subordinate groups and aliases.
Delete Alias	Removes the currently selected aliases.
 Insert Alias Group	Creates a new alias group under the currently selected alias group.
Insert New Alias	Displays the Insert New Alias window used to create a new alias under the currently selected alias group.

Table 12 - Edit Menu Commands (Alias Configuration)

View Menu

Table 13 describes the **View** menu commands.

Command	Description
Statistics	Displays/hides general communication statistics for the currently selected object.
Reset Statistics	Resets all statistics for the currently selected object to zero.
Defaults	Displays the Server Defaults window used to configure the default settings for the various types of communication objects available in the server.
 Refresh	Rebuilds the tree display of the server configuration and fully expands all branches.
Options	Displays the Options window used to change general server options.

Table 13 - View Menu Commands

Tools Menu

Table 14 describes the **Tools** menu commands.

Command	Description
 DCOM Configurator	Launches the Microsoft Distributed COM Configuration Properties utility. This utility can be used to edit DCOM settings for specific COM

Command	Description
	servers to allow client applications on remote computers to connect to the server.
 View Tags	Launches MatrikonOPC Explorer, which is a general-purpose OPC client included with all MatrikonOPC servers that may be used to test the capabilities of the software. For more information, refer to the <i>MatrikonOPC Explorer User's Manual</i> .
 Security Settings	Launches the Enter server password window where you are asked to enter the security password set during the installation of the server. The default password set during the installation of this server is MatrikonOPC . The MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility screen is then displayed which allows you to configure security settings. For more information, refer to Appendix F – Security .

Table 14 - Tools Menu Commands

Help Menu

Table 15 describes the **Help** menu commands.

Command	Description
MatrikonOPC on the Web	Opens a link to the MatrikonOPC web site.
About	Displays the Welcome screen, which includes information about the software version.

Table 15 - Help Menu Commands

Options Window

The **Options** window is used to edit the server's options and contains four tabs: **General**, **General Logging**, **Interface Logging**, and **Advanced**.

General Options

The **General** tab allows users to edit general server options (i.e., settings).

To view the General options:

1. On the **Configuration** window, from the **View** menu, select the **Options** menu item.
2. The **Options** window appears.
3. From the **Options** window, select the **General** tab (Figure 12).

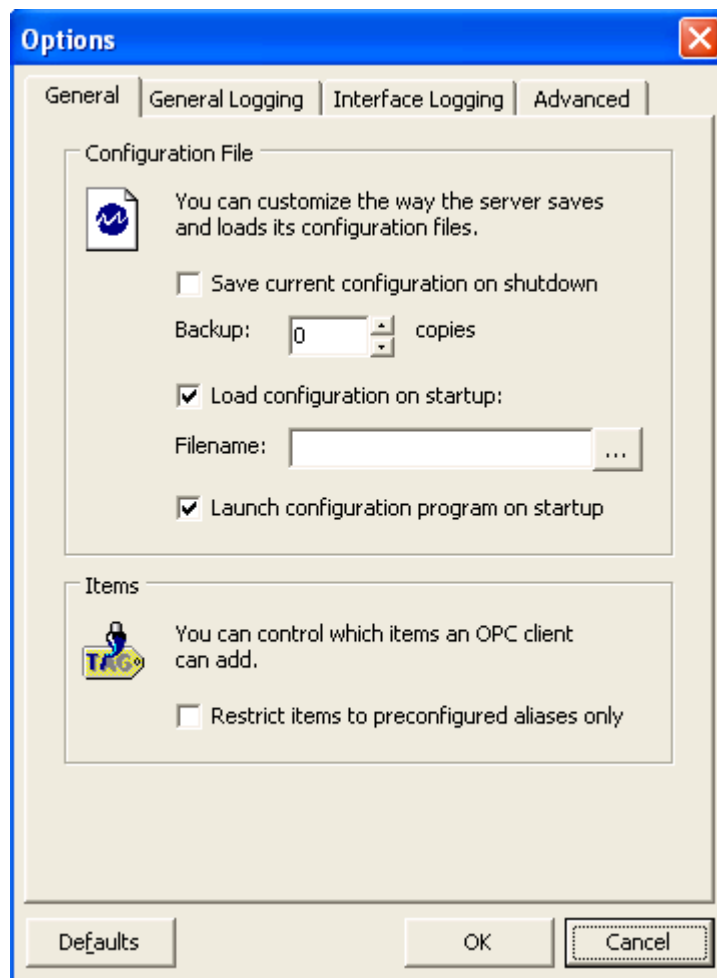


Figure 12 - General Options Tab

Table 16 describes the fields available on the **General** tab.

Field	Description
Save current configuration on shutdown	Automatically saves the current configuration to the specified file before shutting down, if selected.
Backup: X copies	Automatically keeps up to the specified number (i.e., X) of backup copies of the configuration file when saving the configuration.
Load configuration on setup	Automatically loads a configuration from the specified file when starting up, if selected.
Filename	Displays the full path of an existing file for load and save operations. Click on the ellipsis button (...) to display the Open window used to select an existing file name.
Launch configuration program on startup	Automatically launches the configuration utility when starting up as a local executable (rather than a Windows service), if selected.
Restrict items to preconfigured aliases	Prevents OPC clients from adding items other than configured aliases, if selected. Selecting this option will cause clients to see only aliases when

Field	Description
only	browsing this server. Note: As is the case with any changes to General options, if this option is changed you will need to restart the server for the change to take effect.

Table 16 - General Options Tab Components

Note: The server loads these settings from the Windows registry upon start-up. Changes to the **General** options settings take effect when the server is restarted.

General Logging Options

The **General Logging** tab allows users to edit general logging options.

To view the General Logging options:

1. On the **Configuration** window, from the **View** menu, select the **Options** menu item.
2. The **Options** window appears.
3. From the **Options** window, select the **General Logging** tab (Figure 13).

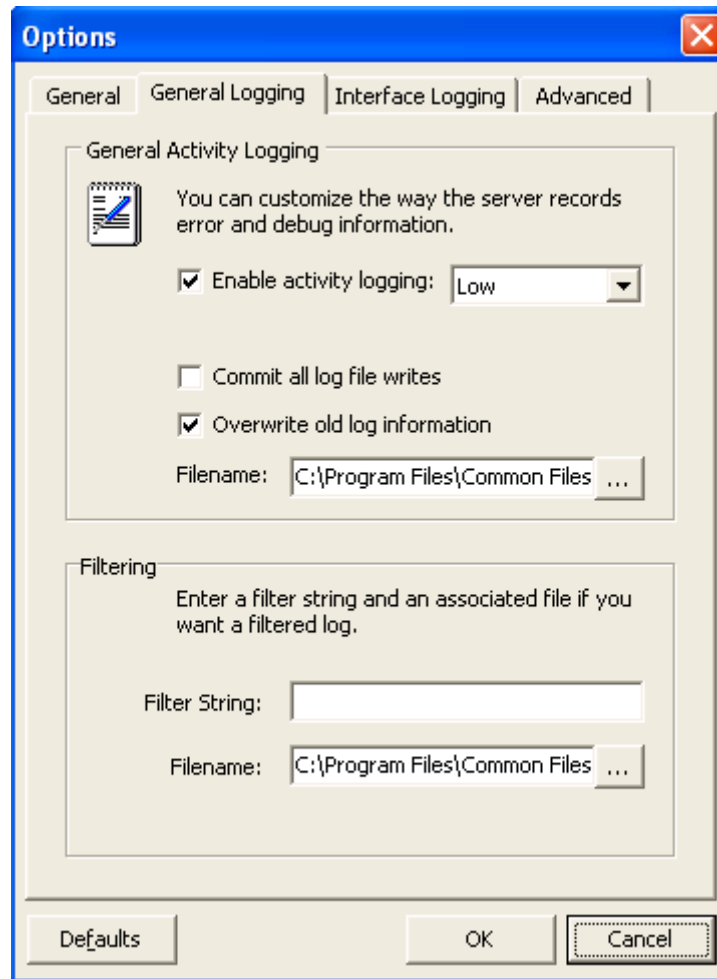


Figure 13 - General Logging Options Tab

Table 17 describes the fields available on the **General Logging** tab.

Field	Description
Enable activity logging	Enables/disables general activity logging at the specified detail level (High , Medium , Low , or None), if selected. Note: This option should not be selected unless users are debugging a problem as this will have a negative effect on performance of the OPC server. Always set this back to None when not in use.
Commit all log file writes	Purges the file buffer after each message is logged in the event of an unexpected server shut down.
Overwrite old log information	Overwrites the old log file each time the server starts up, if selected. Otherwise, rename the old log file with a (*.bak) suffix.
General Activity Logging Filename	Displays the full path for the general activity log file. Click on the ellipsis button (...) to display the Open window used to select an existing file name. The default path is C:\Program Files\Common Files\MatrikonOPC\Common\PSTCFGMatrikon.OPC.MitsubishiPLCs.1.LOG .
Filter String	Match string for filtered log is displayed.
Filtering Filename	Displays the full path for the filtered log file. Click on the ellipsis button (...) to display the Open window used to select an existing file name.

Table 17 - General Logging Options Tab Components

Note: General Logging options settings take effect immediately.

Interface Logging Options

The **Interface Logging** tab allows users to view and edit COM interface logging options.

To view the Interface Logging options:

1. On the **Configuration** window, from the **View** menu, select the **Options** menu item.
2. The **Options** window appears.
3. From the **Options** window, select the **Interface Logging** tab (Figure 14).

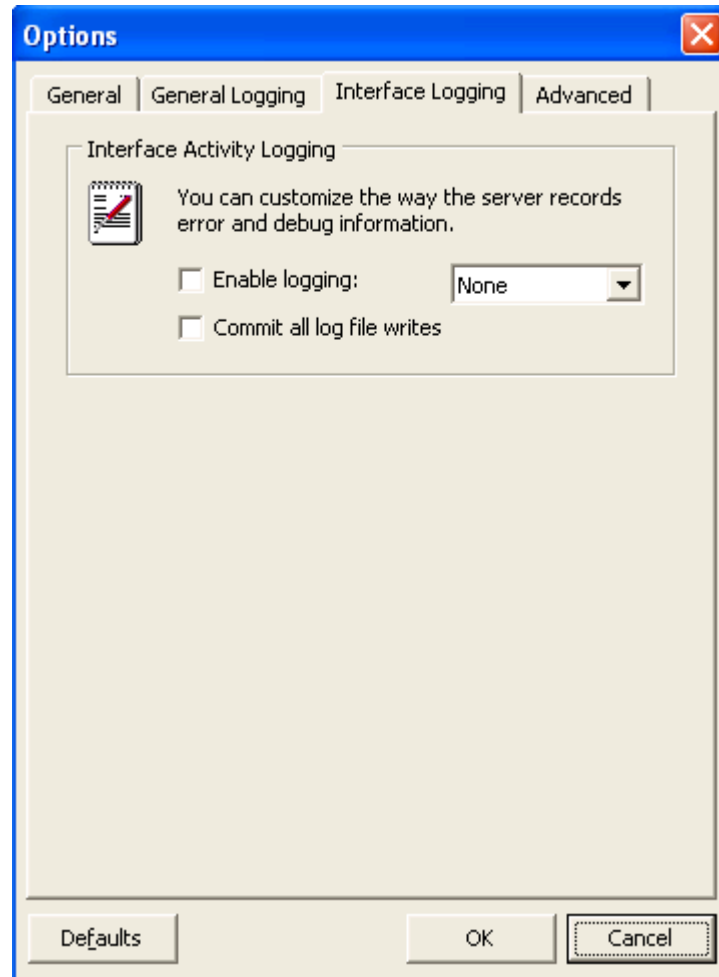


Figure 14 - Interface Logging Options Tab

Table 18 describes the fields available on the **Interface Logging** tab.

Field	Description
Enable logging	Enables/disables interface logging at the specified detail level (High , Medium , Low , or None), if selected. Generates a separate log file for each client named <i>PST###.TMP</i> in the server installation directory. Note: This option should not be selected unless users are debugging a problem as this will have a negative effect on performance of the OPC server.
Commit all log file writes	Purges the file buffer after each message is logged in the event of an unexpected server shut down.

Table 18 - Interface Logging Options Tab Components

Note: Interface Logging options settings take effect when the next OPC client connects to the server.

Advanced Options

The **Advanced** tab allows users to view and edit advanced server options.

To view the Advanced options:

1. On the **Configuration** window, from the **View** menu, select the **Options** menu item.
2. The **Options** window appears.
3. From the **Options** window, select the **Advanced** tab (Figure 15).

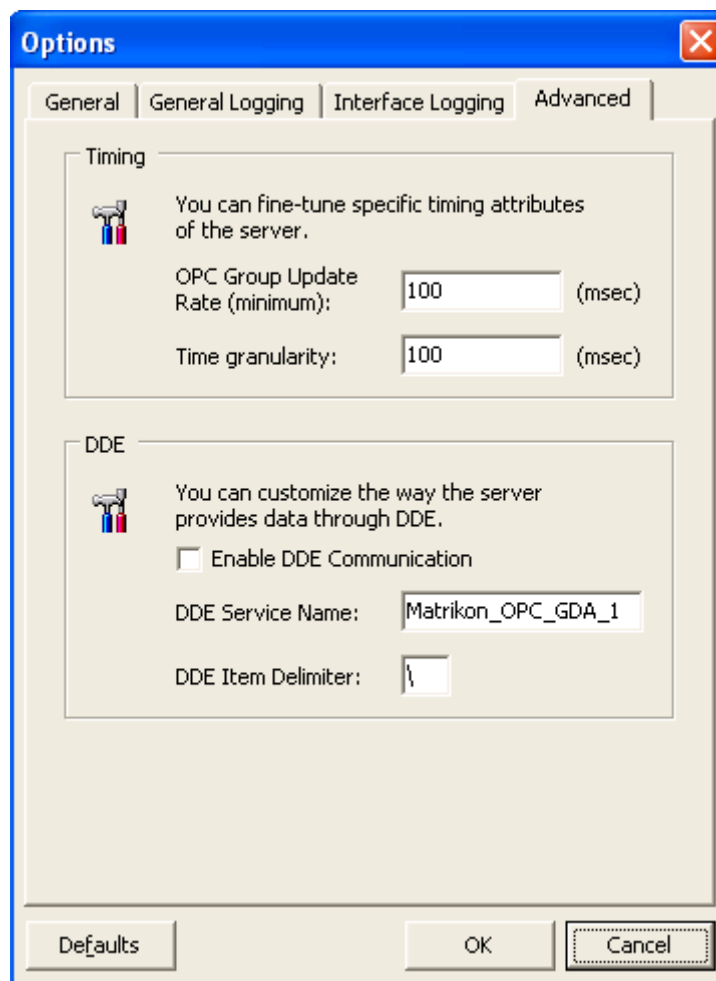


Figure 15 - Advanced Options Tab

Table 19 describes the fields available on the **Advanced** options tab.

Field	Description
OPC Group Update Rate (minimum)	Minimum update rate (milliseconds) allowed for an OPC group. Prevents OPC clients from requesting update rates that are impossible to achieve or that cause heavy CPU loads. The default value is 100 ms.
Time granularity	OPC server group scan thread interval (milliseconds). Determines the maximum resolution for data change detection. Time granularity should always be equal to or less than the minimum group update rate.
Enable DDE Communication	Selecting this checkbox this will allow the server to accept Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) connections.
DDE Service Name	The DDE service name that should be used by clients to connect to

Field	Description
	this program.
DDE Item Delimiter	The character to be used to indicate the start of a new item in the DDE data request.

Table 19 - Advanced Options Tab Components

Note: The server loads these settings from the Windows registry on start-up. Changes to **Advanced** options settings take effect when the server is shut down and restarted.

Server Configuration

The server requires minimal configuration for it to run properly. You can customize the server's behaviour as required. This section shows you how to create and edit objects, using the **Configuration** window.

Creating Objects

The **Insert New Object** and **Create New** windows are used to create Mitsubishi PLCs device link objects.

Insert New Object Window

The **Insert New Object** window (Figure 16) displays a different set of options depending on the type of object selected and the types of objects already configured under it.



Figure 16 - Insert New Object Window

Table 20 describes the types of objects that are available for insertion as a child in the **Insert New Object** window, depending on which object is currently selected.

Selected Object	Insert New Object Window Options
Root Device Link (Server Configuration)	Field Communications Redundancy Group Server Status List
Field Communications	Mitsubishi PLC Settings
Mitsubishi PLC Settings	<None>
Redundancy Group	<None>
Server Status List	<None>

Table 20 - Insert New Object Window Options

To insert a new object:

1. On the **Configuration** window, select the **Server Configuration** node and either:
 - Right-click your mouse and select **Define New** from the menu that appears, or
 - Select the **Define New** menu option from the **Edit** menu, or
 - Click on the  icon.
2. The **Insert New Object** window (Figure 16) appears.
3. From the displayed list, select the type of object to be created.
Note: Different objects may be available depending on which object is currently selected in the tree view.
4. Click on the **OK** button.
5. The **Create New** window appears.

To create a newly inserted object:

1. From the **Create New** window, enter a name for the object. This name is part of the item ID that globally identifies data items from under the object. You may also choose to enter a description of the object.
2. Edit the configuration components as desired.
3. Click on the **OK** button. The object is created.

Note: For the object to be used for communication, it must be enabled. This can be done at any time.

Create New Window

The **Create New** window (Figure 17) displays the settings available for a new object.

The following sub-sections contain information on the types of objects available and how to configure them.

Creating and Configuring a Field Communications Object

Figure 17 displays the **Create New Field Communications** window with the **Communications** tab selected.



Note: The OPC server has not been tested with the FX Net protocol. However, it has been tested with a Series A PLC through a serial connection which has a protocol similar to the FX Net.

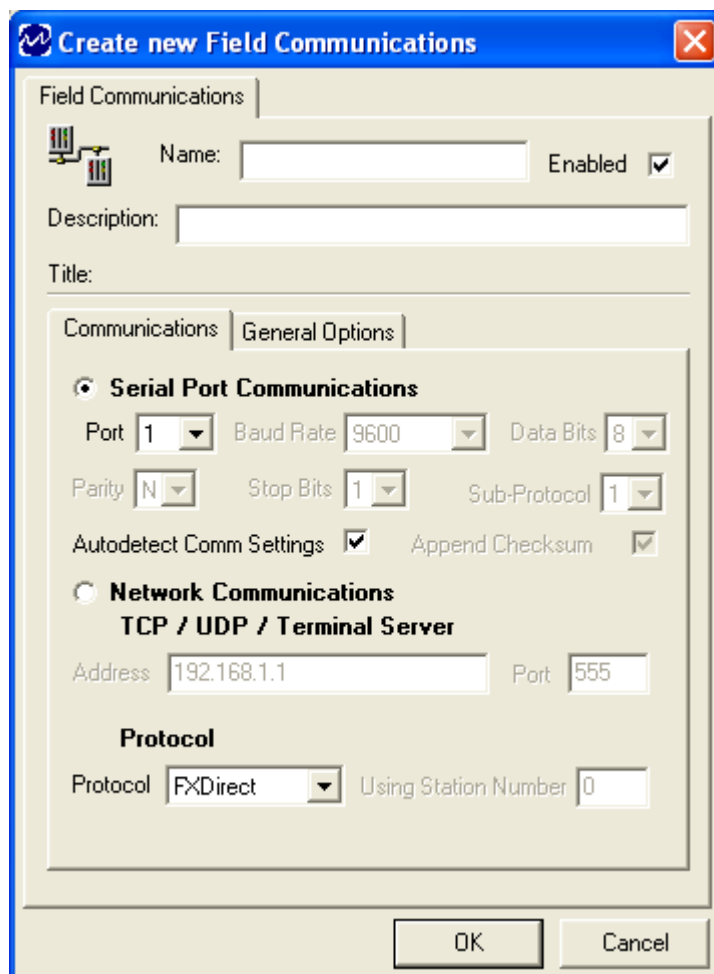


Figure 17 - Create New Field Communications Window (Communications Tab)

Table 22 describes the components of the **Create New Field Communications – Communications** tab.

Component	Description
Name	Name of the object, which becomes an element of the item ID for data items under the object. Automatically converted to title case for display purposes. Note: This information stays consistent across both tabs.
Enabled	Use this checkbox to enable (i.e., checkbox is selected) or disable (i.e., checkbox is cleared) communication for the object. By default, the checkbox is selected. Note: This information stays consistent across both tabs.
Description	This field is optional, takes any user-defined text (64-character maximum) for documentation purposes. By default, this field is blank. Note: This information stays consistent across both tabs.
Serial Port	Select the Serial Port Communications option if you are communicating with

Component	Description
Communications	the field through one of your computer's serial (COM) ports. Selecting this option enables the Port field.
Port	To enable this field, the Serial Port Communications option must be selected. If this field is available, it allows you to select the number of the serial port that is connected to the field device or devices, from the drop-down list. Default = 1 .
Baud Rate	To enable this field, the Serial Port Communications option must be selected and the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox must be cleared. If this field is available, it allows you to select the serial line's baud rate, from the drop-down list. If the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox is selected, a value is automatically detected and the field is greyed out. Default = 9600 .
Data Bits	To enable this field, the Serial Port Communications option must be selected and the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox must be cleared. If this field is available, it allows you to select the number of data bits the serial line uses, from the drop-down list. If the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox is selected, a value is automatically detected and the field is greyed out. Default = 8 .
Parity	To enable this field, the Serial Port Communications option must be selected and the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox must be cleared. If this field is available, it allows you to select the parity the serial line uses, from the drop-down list. If the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox is selected, a value is automatically detected and the field is greyed out. Default = N .
Stop Bits	To enable this field, the Serial Port Communications option must be selected and the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox must be cleared. If this field is available, it allows you to select the number of stop bits the serial line uses, from the drop-down list. If the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox is selected, a value is automatically detected and the field is greyed out. Default = 1 .
Sub-Protocol	To enable this field, the Serial Port Communications option must be selected and the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox must be cleared. For FXNet, A, and Q Serial protocols, if this field is available, it allows you to a value that indicates the sub-protocol (1 through 4) that your network speaks, from the drop-down list. This option is irrelevant and therefore greyed out for the FXDirect protocol. Default = 1 .
Autodetect Comm Settings	To enable this checkbox, the Serial Port Communications option must be selected. Select this checkbox to have the OPC server automatically detect the serial port settings. When this option is selected, the OPC server sends a test

Component	Description
	message using all possible communication settings to see which one works. Notes: - This checkbox is not available when the Network Communications option has been selected. Due to the number of possible settings, this feature may take up to 5 minutes to determine your communications port settings. The time required is cumulative with the Browse for Devices time.
Append Checksum	This checkbox is available when the Autodetect checkbox is cleared. Select this checkbox if your serial interface is set to require a checksum to be added to the end of the protocol. By default, this checkbox is selected.
Network Communications	Select the Network Communications option if you are communicating via Ethernet to a PLC, network, or Ethernet-to-Serial Terminal Server. When this option is selected, the Address and Port fields are enabled.
Address	To enable this field, the Network Communications option must be selected. If this field is available, it allows you to specify the IP address of the device to which you are connecting. If the Network Communications option is not selected, a value is automatically detected and the field is greyed out.
Port	To enable this field, the Network Communications option must be selected. If this field is available, it allows you to specify the TCP port of the device to which you are connecting. If the Network Communications option is not selected, a value is automatically detected and the field is greyed out.
Protocol	Select from the drop-down list, the protocol your network speaks. Direct communications to an FX PLC's programming port use FXDirect. FX and A series PLCs configured in a single or multi-drop communication channel use FXNet or A protocol. Q series PLCs use Q Series Ethernet or Q Series Serial depending on whether the Q series module you wish to connect to is a Q Series Ethernet module or Q Series Serial module.
Using Station Number	When the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox is selected, you need to enter a known station number so that Autodetect Comm Settings can succeed when it tries to correct port settings to connect to this device. Note: To enable this field, the Network Communications option must be selected, or the Autodetect Comm Settings checkbox.
OK	Select this button to save any changes and close the window. Note: This information stays consistent across both tabs.
Cancel	Select this button to close the window without saving any changes made. Note: This information stays consistent across both tabs.

Table 21 - Create New Field Communications Window (Communications Tab) Components

Figure 18 displays the **Create New Field Communications – General Options** tab.

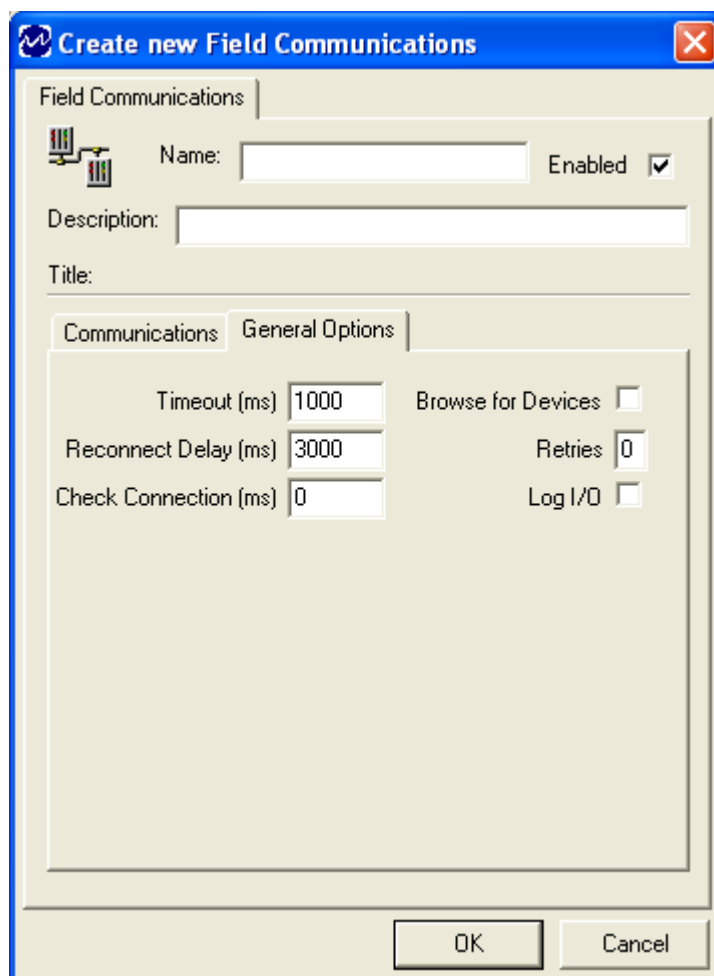


Figure 18 - Create New Field Communications Window (General Options Tab)

Table 22 describes the components of the **Create New Field Communications – General Options** Tab.

Component	Description
Timeout	Allows you to enter a value defining how long (in milliseconds) you wish to wait for the PLC to respond before assuming a message has been lost. Default = 1000 .
Browse for Devices	Select this checkbox if you wish the OPC server to send out messages to each possible station to see if it exists. Each device that replies before the specified Timeout is automatically created. By default, this checkbox is cleared. This can take up to 40 seconds. For Serial Ports, this is cumulative with the Autodetect Comm Settings. Note: The OPC server will not browse for PLCs underneath each station. They can be added manually, as desired.
Reconnect Delay	Allows you to enter a value defining how long (in milliseconds) you wish the OPC server to wait between attempts to reconnect to a PLC when a connection has been lost. The first reconnection attempt always occurs immediately after losing connection.

Component	Description
	Default = 3000 .
Retries	If a message fails (e.g., reply is corrupt, times out, or the PLC sends an NAK), this field allows you to enter a value specifying how often to try re-sending the message and receiving a reply before considering the operation failed. Default = 0 .
Check Connection	Allows you to enter a value specifying how often (in milliseconds) you wish the OPC server to check its connection to the device. A value of 0 means never check . Default = 0 .
Log I/O	Select this checkbox if you wish all OPC Server to Field communications to be logged in the OPC server's log file. A log level of HIGH automatically logs I/O even if this checkbox is not selected. This checkbox is irrelevant if the log level is set to NONE or logging is turned off. By default, this checkbox is cleared.

Table 22 - Create Field Communications Window (General Options Tab) Components

To create a Computer to Field Communications Method:

- On the **Configuration** window, select the **Mitsubishi PLCs** root configuration item and either:
 - Right-click your mouse and select **Define New** from the menu that appears, or
 - Select the **Define New** menu option from the **Edit** menu, or
 - Click on the  icon.

2. The **Insert New Object** window (Figure 1626) appears.

3. From the displayed list, select **Field Communications**.

4. Click on the **OK** button.

5. The **Create New** window appears (Figure 17).

Note: The item selected in the **Insert New Object** window will determine which **Create New** window is displayed. For example, when **Field Communications** is selected, then the **Create New Field Communications** window is displayed.

6. From the **Create New** window, enter a name for the object.

Note: An error message is displayed when a valid name is not entered. If the entered name is a duplicate of an existing device link, the new device link will not be created. The **Description** field is optional.

7. Edit the configuration components as desired.

Note: For the object to be used for communication, it must be enabled (i.e., the **Enabled** checkbox is selected). This can be done at any time.

8. Click on the **OK** button. The object is created and will appear as a child of the **Mitsubishi PLCs** root configuration item.

Creating and Configuring a Mitsubishi PLC Settings Object

Figure 19 displays the **Create New Mitsubishi PLC Settings** window.

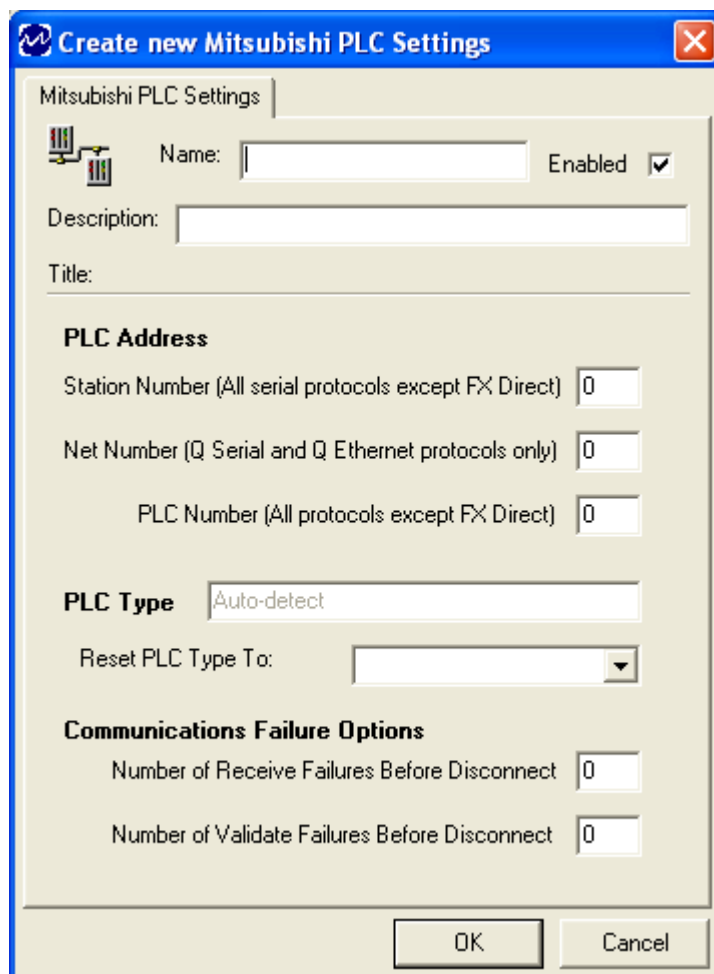


Figure 19 - Create New Mitsubishi PLC Settings Window

Table 23 describes the components of the **Create New Mitsubishi PLC Settings Method** window.

Component	Description
Name	Name of the object, which becomes an element of the item ID for data items under the object. Automatically converted to title case for display purposes.
Enabled	Use this checkbox to enable (i.e., checkbox is selected) or disable (i.e., checkbox is cleared) communication for the object. By default, the checkbox is selected.
Description	This field is optional, takes any user-defined text (64-character maximum) for documentation purposes. By default, this field is blank.
PLC Number Net Number Station Number	These three fields determine which PLC you will talk to. Consult your FX, A, or Q series communication manual for the correct settings to access the PLC you wish to talk to. Station Number is valid for FXNet, A, and Q Serial. Net Number is valid for Q Ethernet and Q Serial. PLC Number is valid for FXNet, A Serial, Q Ethernet, and Q Serial. Invalid boxes are not greyed out,

Component	Description
	but the data is not used. The values are used if you change the protocol type on the superior Field Communications device link to one that uses those fields. Default = 0 .
PLC Type	This field displays your PLC type. It is auto-detected when the OPC server connects to the PLC. This is used to validate your OPC items against the ones supported by that PLC type.
Reset PLC Type To	If you want to again auto-detect the PLC type or if auto-detect failed and you wish to set the PLC type manually, select the type of PLC you have.
Number of Receive Failures Before Disconnect	Allows you to enter the number of consecutive PLC data receive failures after which you wish the parent serial port to disconnect. A value of 0 indicates never disconnect . Default = 0 .
Number of Validate Failures Before Disconnect	Allows you to enter the number of consecutive PLC reply validation failures after which you wish the parent serial port to disconnect. A value of 0 indicates never disconnect . Default = 0 .
OK	Select this button to save any changes and close the window.
Cancel	Select this button to close the window without saving any changes made.

Table 23 - Create New Mitsubishi PLC Settings Window Components

To create a Mitsubishi PLC Settings object:

- On the **Configuration** window, in the **Current configuration** pane, select the previously-created **Field Communications** object and either:
 - Right-click your mouse and select **Define New** from the menu that appears, or
 - Select the **Define New** menu option from the **Edit** menu, or
 - Click on the  icon.
- The **Insert New Object** window (Figure 20) appears.

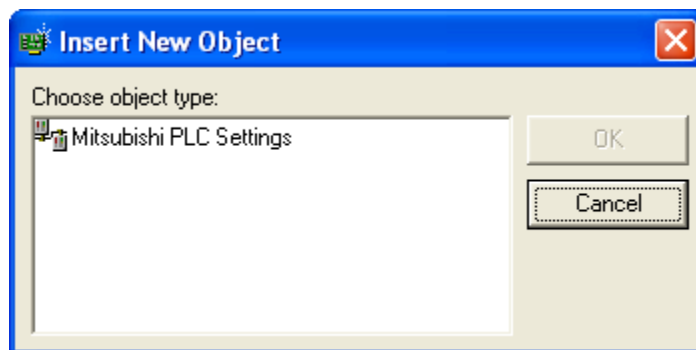


Figure 20 - Insert New Object Window

- From the displayed list, select **Mitsubishi PLC Settings**.
- Click on the **OK** button.
- The **Create New** window appears (Figure 19).

Note: The item selected in the **Insert New Object** window will determine which **Create New** window is displayed. For example, when **Mitsubishi PLC Settings** is selected, then the **Create New Mitsubishi PLC Settings** window is displayed.

6. From the **Create New** window, enter a name for the object.

Note: An error message is displayed when a valid name is not entered. If the entered name is a duplicate of an existing device link, the new device link will not be created. The **Description** field is optional.

7. Edit the configuration components as desired.

Note: For the object to be used for communication, it must be enabled (i.e., the **Enabled** checkbox is selected). This can be done at any time.

8. Click on the **OK** button. The object is created and will appear as a child of the **Field Communications** object.

Creating and Configuring a Redundancy Group Object

The Redundancy Group contains a list of device links that can exist anywhere in the OPC server hierarchy. The Redundancy Group assigns one of the device links in the list as the active device link. Depending on the selected redundancy mode (see Table 24), the non-active device links are placed in communicating, standby or disabled states. As operations (e.g., adding items, reading/writing) are performed on the Redundancy Group, these actions are forwarded through to the active device link. If the active device link enters a failure condition (e.g., becomes disconnected), the Redundancy Group assigns a new active device link by iterating through its list until it can find a device link that is connected.

Multiple Redundancy Groups can exist, and there can be one or more device links contained within a Redundancy Group. A particular device link may only be a member of one redundancy group at a time. The group tries to make one of the device links within itself, the active device link (i.e., the device link that the Redundancy Group is reading/writing data from/to).

Each device link within a Redundancy Group will have an assigned priority. When deciding which device link to make active, the Redundancy Group goes through the list of its device links in order of priority, from highest to lowest. When not in **Cold** redundancy mode, if a device link that has a higher priority than the active device links becomes connected, the Redundancy Group makes that particular device link active.

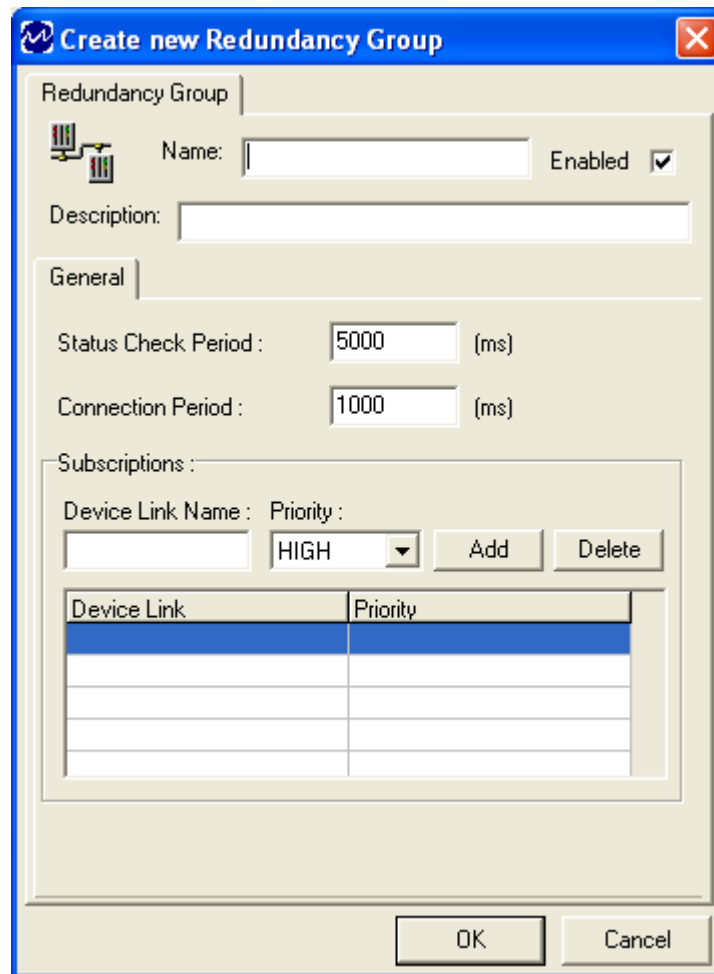
Items within the Redundancy Group are added with the same item ID as those in its redundant device links with the name of the redundant device link being replaced with the name of the Redundancy Group. Therefore, redundant device links should have identical hierarchy layout and naming conventions below their level. The success of a redundancy item addition depends on whether the Redundancy Group can add the mapped item to the active device link. OPC reads and writes performed on the redundancy item are forwarded to the mapped item in the active device link.

The **Create New Redundancy Group** window (Figure 21) displays the settings available for configuring a Redundancy Group object.

Mode	Description
Classic	All device links are connected. Items are added only to the active device link, but are not removed when a fail over occurs. As failovers occur and cause multiple device links to become active, the collection state becomes the same as Hot .
Hot	All device links are connected. When items are added they are added to all

Mode	Description
	device links in the redundancy group. This means that all device links are actively collecting all the time.
Warm	All device links are connected. When items are added they are added to the active device link. When a failover occurs the items will be removed from the formerly active device link.
Cold	Only the active device link is connected. When items are added they are added to the active device link. When a failover occurs the items will be removed from the formerly active device link. Note: When a device link is a member of a Cold mode redundancy group and not the active device link, then all communication through that device link is disabled.

Table 24 - Redundancy Modes



The dialog box titled "Create new Redundancy Group" has a blue title bar with a close button. It contains a "Redundancy Group" tab with a tree icon. Below the icon are fields for "Name:" and "Description:". To the right of the "Name:" field is an "Enabled" checkbox which is checked. Below these fields is a "General" tab. Under the "General" tab, there are two numeric input fields: "Status Check Period:" with a value of 5000 (ms) and "Connection Period:" with a value of 1000 (ms). Below these is a "Subscriptions:" section containing a "Device Link Name:" field, a "Priority:" dropdown menu set to "HIGH", and "Add" and "Delete" buttons. At the bottom of the dialog are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons. A table with two columns, "Device Link" and "Priority", is located below the subscription fields.

Figure 21 - Create New Redundancy Group Window

Table 25 describes the components of the **Create New Redundancy Group** window.

Component	Description
Name	Allows you to enter the name of the device link, which becomes an element of the item ID for data items. The full path of the device link must

Component	Description
	be entered. Automatically converted to title case for display purposes.
Enabled	Use this checkbox to enable (i.e., checkbox is selected) or disable (i.e., checkbox is cleared) communication for the object. By default, the checkbox is selected.
Description	This field is optional and takes any user-defined text (64-character maximum) for documentation purposes. By default, this field is blank.
Status Check Period	Allows you to enter a value to define how often (in milliseconds) to check connected device links to make sure they are still actively communicating with a device. Default = 5000 ms.
Connection Period	Allows you to enter a value to define how often (in milliseconds) to check connections that have failed (i.e., communication is down) to determine if connections have been restored. Default = 1000 ms.
Mode	Allows you to select, from the drop-down list, the style (Classic , Hot , Warm , Cold) of redundancy management that should be used by this group.
Subscriptions	This section of the General tab displays those device links defined as part of this particular redundant set, and the priorities of the device links. The Subscriptions section contains the following fields and buttons which are described below: Device Link Name , Priority , Add , Delete .
Device Link Name	Allows you to enter the name of the device link that is going to be added.
Priority	Allows you to select a priority (High , Medium , or Low) for the current device link from the drop-down list. Device links of higher priority are preferred to lower priority device links.
Add	After entering a Device Link Name and selecting a Priority , use the Add button to add the device link to the list of redundant device links that appears at the bottom of the General tab. Note: Once you have added a device link, you can make changes to it or delete it (see Delete for more information). To update a device link, from the list, highlight the one you want to change. Notice that the Add button now reads Update . Make the necessary changes and click on the Update button.
Delete	From the list of redundant device links that appears at the bottom of the General tab, select the device link you want to remove and click on the Delete button to delete it from the list.
OK	Select this button to save any changes and close the window.
Cancel	Select this button to close the window without saving any changes made.

Table 25 - Create New Redundancy Group Window Components

To create a Redundancy Group object:

1. On the **Configuration** window, select the **Server Configuration** node and either:
 - Right-click your mouse and select **Define New** from the menu that appears, or
 - Select the **Define New** menu option from the **Edit** menu, or
 - Click on the  icon.

2. The **Insert New Object** window (Figure 16) appears.

3. From the displayed list, select **Redundancy Group**.

4. Click on the **OK** button.

5. The **Create New** window appears (Figure 21).

Note: The item selected in the **Insert New Object** window determines which **Create New** window is displayed. For example, when **Redundancy Group** is selected, then the **Create New Redundancy Group** window is displayed.

6. From the **Create New** window, enter a name for the object.

Note: An error message is displayed when a valid name is not entered. If the entered name is a duplicate of an existing device link, the new device link is not created. The **Description** field is optional.

7. Edit the configuration components as desired.

Note: For the object to be used for communication, it must be enabled (i.e., the **Enabled** checkbox is selected). This can be done at any time.

8. Click on the **OK** button. The object is created and appears as a child of the **Server Configuration** item as shown in Figure 22.

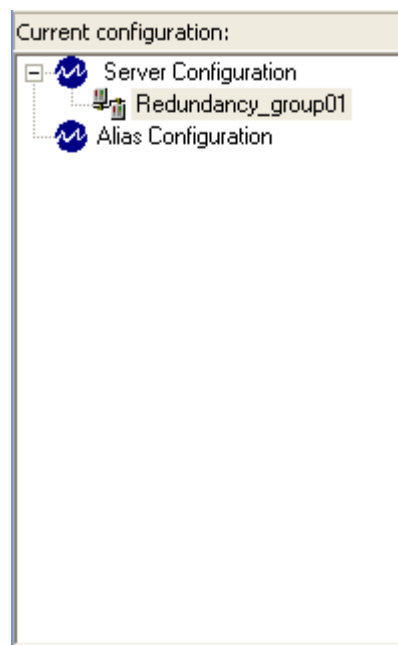


Figure 22 - New Redundancy Group Object

Creating and Configuring a Server Status List Object

Some OPC clients use the OPC call, **GetServerStatus()**, to monitor the state of an OPC server. MatrikonOPC's Server Status List object makes it possible to monitor an OPC server status in a customizable way.

The Server Status List object contains a list of subscribed device links that can exist anywhere in the OPC server hierarchy. The status of the server is checked every configured status check period by examining the status of the subscribed device links. Device links can be added to the Server Status List in one of two ways:

1. **Direct** – the device link is added directly to the subscription list.
2. **Parent** – the device link's sub-ordinates are added to the subscription list.

There are two options for the logic that will determine the server status. For the **Server Status** to be **Running**, the first option requires that there is at least one subscribed device link that is running. In this case, if all subscribed device links enter a failure condition (e.g., become disconnected), the **Server Status** will be **Failed**. The second option is stricter as it is required that all subscribed device links be running. In this case, if any subscribed device links enter a failure condition, the **Server Status** will be **Failed**.

Multiple Server Status Lists can exist and there can be one or more device links contained within a Server Status List. There is no restriction on having a particular device link contained within more than one Server Status List.

The **Create New Server Status List** window (Figure 23) displays the settings available for configuring a Server Status List object.

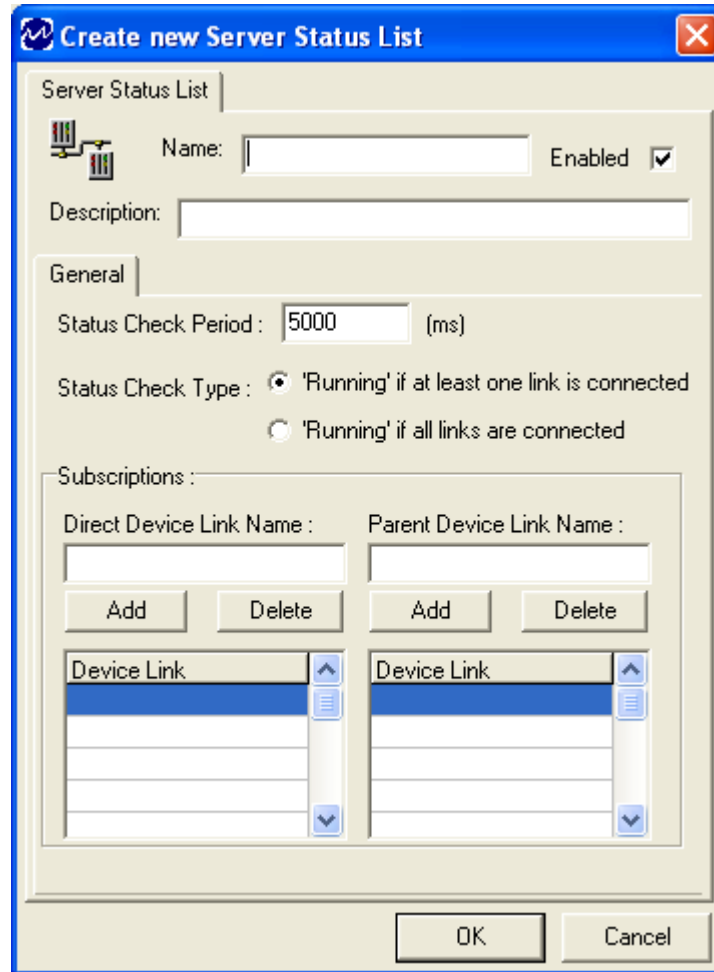


Figure 23 - Create New Server Status List Window

Table 26 describes the components of the **Create New Server Status List** window.

Component	Description
Name	Allows you to enter the name of the device link, which becomes an element of the item ID for data items. Automatically converted to title case for display purposes.
Enabled	Use this checkbox to enable (i.e., checkbox is selected) or disable (i.e., checkbox is cleared) communication for the object. By default, the checkbox is selected.
Description	This field is optional and takes any user-defined text (64-character maximum) for documentation purposes. By default, this field is blank.
Status Check Period	Allows you to enter a value to define how often (in milliseconds) to check connected device links to make sure they are still actively communicating with a device. Default = 5000 ms.
Status Check Type	Allows you to select the type of logic used to determine Server Status . Selecting the first option, 'Running' if at least one link is

Component	Description
	connected, results in a Server Status of Running (rather than Failed) if there are one or more device links with a status of Running. Selecting the second option, 'Running if all links are connected', results in a Server Status of Failed if there are one or more device links with a status of Failed.
Subscriptions	This section of the General tab displays those device links defined as part of the server status list. The Subscriptions section contains the following fields and buttons which are described below: Direct Device Link Name , Parent Device Link Name , Add , Delete .
Direct Device Link Name	Allows you to enter the name of the device link that is going to be added to the list of Direct Device Links. These device links have their state monitored directly. The full path of the device link must be entered.
Parent Device Link Name	Allows you to enter the name of the device link that is going to be added to the list of Parent Device Links. The subordinates of these device links will have their state monitored directly. The full path of the parent device link must be entered. Note: Only immediate subordinates are monitored. If a parent device link named Parent has a subordinate Child that is the parent of another device link, Grandchild, only the Child device link is monitored. For Grandchild to be monitored, it may be added to the Direct Device Link list, or Child may be added to the Parent Device Link list.
Add	After entering a device link name into either the Direct Device Link Name field, or the Parent Device Link Name field, use the Add button for that particular list to add the device link to the list. Note: Once you have added a device link, you can make changes to it or delete it (see Delete for more information). To update a device link, from the list, highlight the one you want to change. Notice that the Add button now reads Update. Make the necessary changes and click on the Update button.
Delete	Select the device link you want to remove from a particular list (either a Direct Device Link Name, or a Parent Device Link Name) and click on the Delete button.
OK	Select this button to save any changes and close the window.
Cancel	Select this button to close the window without saving any changes made.

Table 26 - Create New Server Status List Window Components

To create a Server Status List object:

- On the **Configuration** window, select the **Server Configuration** node and either:
 - Right-click your mouse and select **Define New** from the menu that appears, or
 - Select the **Define New** menu option from the **Edit** menu, or
 - Click on the  icon.

2. The **Insert New Object** window (Figure 16) appears.
3. From the displayed list, select **Server Status List**.
4. Click on the **OK** button.
5. The **Create New** window appears (Figure 23).

Note: The item selected in the **Insert New Object** window determines which **Create New** window is displayed. For example, when **Server Status List** is selected, then the **Create New Server Status List** window is displayed.

6. From the **Create New** window, enter a name for the object.

Note: An error message is displayed when a valid name is not entered. If the entered name is a duplicate of an existing device link, the new device link is not created. The **Description** field is optional.

7. Edit the configuration components as desired.

Note: For the object to be used for communication, it must be enabled (i.e., the **Enabled** checkbox is selected). This can be done at any time.

8. Click on the **OK** button. The object is created and appears as a child of the **Server Configuration** item as shown in Figure 24.



Figure 24 - New Server Status List Object

Changing Objects

To change an object's configuration:

1. Once an object is created, select it in the tree view (i.e., **Current configuration**) panel.
2. In the configuration panel (i.e., pane on the right), make the applicable changes.
3. Click on the **Apply** button to accept the changes, or click on the **Cancel** button to discard them.

Removing Objects

Note: Users can easily remove any object that they have created, but a warning message (Figure 25) will appear when users remove an object that has data items to which one or more OPC clients hold reference.

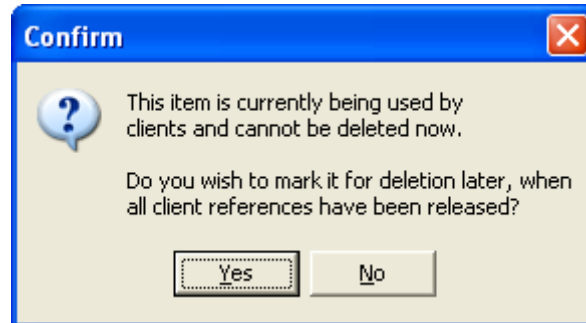


Figure 25 - Client Reference Warning Message

To remove an object:

1. In the **Configuration** window, under **Server Configuration**, select the object to be removed.
2. From the **Edit** menu, select the **Delete** menu option (or click on the  button).

Note: If one or more OPC clients hold references to data items somewhere under the selected object, a warning message (Figure 25) appears.

3. To mark the object for later deletion, click on the **Yes** button. To leave the object unmodified, click on the **No** button.

Note: Items marked for deletion are disabled and a red X appears over the icon on the right side of the window when the object is selected.

Alias Configuration

MatrikonOPC servers, including this one, provide the ability to create user-defined aliases that can be used in place of regular OPC items. This feature is particularly useful when the item path for a given server is very complex or difficult to remember, for example: *Com1.Radio1.Unit1.41.4.123*.

Servers can also be configured so that client applications have access to configured aliases only, rather than every available item.

This section of the manual describes how to create and edit aliases using the **Configuration** window.

Note: It is not necessary to define aliases before accessing server data items from an OPC client.

Inserting Alias Groups

Note: Alias Groups are used to contain one or more configured aliases.

To insert an Alias Group:

1. On the **Configuration** window, select **Alias Configuration** or a previously configured **Alias Group**.
2. From the **Edit** menu, choose **Insert Alias Group** or click on the  button.
3. A new **Alias Group** folder appears.

4. Enter a new name for the **Alias Group**, and press **Enter**.
5. The **Alias Group** is renamed.

Renaming Alias Groups

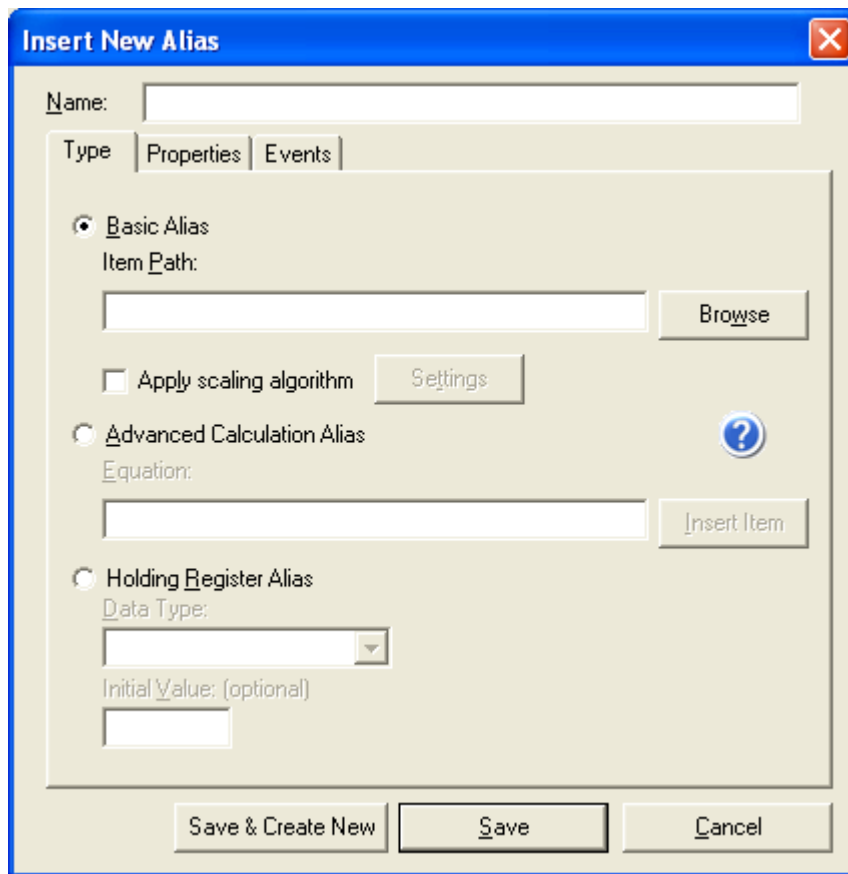
Note: Alias Groups can be renamed after they have been created.

To rename an Alias Group:

1. On the **Configuration** window, select an **Alias Group**.
2. From the **Edit** menu, choose **Rename** or click on the  button.
3. The **Alias Group** is renamed.

Inserting New Aliases

Use the **Insert New Alias** window (Figure 26) to insert a new alias into an Alias Group, or insert a new alias on its own directly under the Alias Configuration node.



The 'Insert New Alias' window is a dialog box with a blue title bar and a close button (X). It contains the following elements:

- Name:** A text input field at the top.
- Tabbed Interface:** Three tabs are visible: 'Type' (selected), 'Properties', and 'Events'.
- Basic Alias Section:**
 - A radio button labeled 'Basic Alias' is selected.
 - Item Path:** A text input field with a 'Browse' button to its right.
 - Apply scaling algorithm:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked, with a 'Settings' button to its right.
- Advanced Calculation Alias Section:**
 - A radio button labeled 'Advanced Calculation Alias' is unselected.
 - Equation:** A text input field with an 'Insert Item' button to its right.
 - A blue question mark icon is located to the right of this section.
- Holding Register Alias Section:**
 - A radio button labeled 'Holding Register Alias' is unselected.
 - Data Type:** A dropdown menu.
 - Initial Value: (optional):** A text input field.
- Buttons:** At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Save & Create New', 'Save', and 'Cancel'.

Figure 26 - Insert New Alias Window – Alias Type

Table 27 describes the components of the **Insert New Alias** window.

Component	Description
Name	Allows you to enter a name for the alias (which must be unique within the alias group).
Basic Alias	A basic alias is an alias that renames a data item in the server and

Component	Description
	optionally allows the configuration of simple scaling. This Alias type is typically used when trying to simplify a servers address space.
Item Path	Fully-qualified item ID for the OPC item to which the alias refers. Click on the Browse button to display the Item Path Browser window used to select an existing OPC item on the server. Note: If Events are enabled, the alias creates a data subscription to the configured item at the Alias Subscription Rate. This rate is configured in the Advanced Options window.
Apply Scaling Algorithm	Basic Aliases can be configured to have scaling calculations applied to the value of the mapped item ID configured under Item Path . To enable the use of a scaling algorithm check the Apply scaling algorithm checkbox. Click on the Settings button to display the Configure Scaling window used to configured the scaling algorithm used.
Advanced Calculation Alias	An Advanced Calculation Alias allows the user to configuration a data point whose value is the result of a mathematical equation that can involve values from multiple data items in the server. See Appendix B – Aliases – Advanced Calculations or click on the Help icon for information on how to write equations and the functions available.
Equation	The equation to apply to calculate the data value of the alias. Use the Insert Item button to display the Item Path Browser window used to select an existing OPC item on the server and insert a reference into the equation.
Holding Register Alias	A Holding Register Alias is a data item that is not associated with any data items in the server. These registers can be read from and written to like any other data item. Typically Holding Register Aliases are used as temporary data locations or for configuration testing during system deployment.
Data Type	The canonical data type of the holding register. All values written to this alias will be converted to this data type. By default, clients will be sent data as this data type.
Initial Value	By default, a holding register will initially contain a value of 0 or the closest value to zero that applies to the data type. If this value requires a different initial value it can be entered here. Note: Not all data types support the configuration of an initial value. This field may be disabled depending on the data type chosen for the holding register.
Save	Save changes to the alias and close the window.
Save & Create New	Save changes to the alias and begin configuring a new one.
Cancel	Discards changes to (abandon creation of) the alias and closes the window.

Table 27 - Insert New Alias Window – Alias Type Options

Component	Description
Data Type	Allows you to select, from the drop-down list, the value of the OPC item to the specified type unless Default is selected. Also serves as the "canonical" data type for the alias. Default = (Default) .
Update Rate	Allows you to enter a value defining the update rate (in milliseconds) to use with the Poll when inactive option. Default = 0 .
Read only	When this checkbox is selected, it prevents OPC clients from writing values to the alias. Note: This option is not available for Calculation aliases, as they are read-only. By default, this checkbox is cleared.
Poll when inactive	If selected, continues updating the value for the alias at the specified update rate even if there are no OPC clients currently accessing the alias.

Table 28 - Insert New Alias Window – Alias Properties Options

To insert a new alias:

Note: It is recommended that you create a new alias under an **Alias Group** rather than directly under the **Alias Configuration** node.

1. On the **Configuration** window, select **Alias Configuration** or a previously configured **Alias Group**.
2. The **Contents** table for that **Alias Group** is displayed on the right side of the **Configuration** window (Figure 27), listing the aliases it contains.

Contents of alias group 'New Alias 1':				
Name	Item Path	Data Type	R/W	Update Rate
Alias1	Net1.Host1.Unit1.041.4.123	(Default)	R/W	
Alias2	Net1.Host1.Unit1.041.4.124	(Default)	R/W	
Alias3	Net1.Host1.Unit1.041.4.125	(Default)	R/W	

Figure 27 - Contents Table

3. From the **Edit** menu, choose **Insert New Alias**.
4. The **Insert New Alias** window (Figure 26) appears.
5. Enter a name for the alias in the **Name** field.
6. Select **Basic Alias**.
7. Enter the item **Path** and **ID** for the item to which the alias refers, or click on the **Browse** button to navigate to the item.
8. If scaling is desired, check the **Apply scaling algorithm** checkbox and click on the **Settings** button to **Configure Scaling**.
9. From the **Insert New Alias** window, click on the **Save** button to save the alias.

Editing Aliases

Note: Aliases can be edited after they have been created using the **Edit Alias** window. This is virtually the same as the **Insert New Alias** window (Figure 26) with the exception that it appears after the alias has been created.

To edit an alias:

1. On the **Configuration** window, select the alias you want to change, and then double-click or press **Enter**.
2. The **Edit Alias** window appears.
3. Make the changes as required.

Removing Aliases

Note: Any alias that was created can be removed.

To remove an alias:

1. On the **Configuration Window**, select one or more aliases that you want to remove.
2. From the **Edit** menu, choose the **Delete Alias** menu option.
3. The alias is removed.

Removing Alias Groups

Note: Any Alias Group that was created can be removed.

To remove an Alias Group:

1. On the **Configuration** window, select the Alias Group you want to remove.
2. From the **Edit** menu, select the **Delete Alias Group** menu option or click on the  button.
3. The **Alias Group** is removed.

Exporting Aliases

Note: Use the **Export Aliases** window to export all currently configured aliases to a CSV file.

To export all currently configured aliases:

1. From the **File** menu, select the **Export Aliases** menu option or click on the  button.
2. The **Export Aliases** window appears.
3. Enter a file name for the CSV export file.
4. Click **Save**.
5. The aliases are exported.

Importing Aliases

Note: Use the **Import Aliases** window to clear all aliases and import new ones from a CSV file. The CSV file format does not support event generation settings. All imported aliases will be configured to **not** generate events.

To import aliases from a CSV file:

1. From the **File** menu, select the **Import Aliases** menu option or click on the  button.
2. The **Import Aliases** window appears.

3. Browse to the CSV file name.
4. Click **Open**.
5. The old aliases are cleared and the new ones are imported.

Configure Alias Scaling

An alias can be configured to apply a scaling algorithm to the data. Below is a description of how to configure the scaling algorithms.

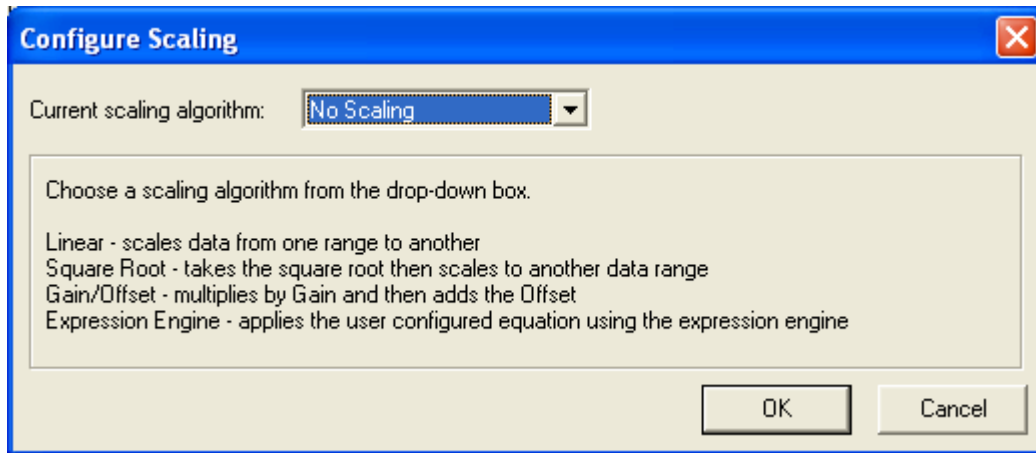


Figure 28 - Configure Scaling Window

Table 29 describes the **Scaling Options** for the **Configure Scaling** window.

Selection	Component	Description
Linear and Square Root	Raw High	Maximum expected raw value of the OPC item.
	Raw Low	Minimum expected raw value of the OPC item.
	Scaled High	Maximum desired scaled value for the alias (corresponds to Raw High).
	Scaled Low	Minimum desired scaled value for the alias (corresponds to Raw Low).
	Clamp High	Clamp the scaled value at the high limit to prevent it from going out of range.
	Clamp Low	Clamp the scaled value at the low limit to prevent it from going out of range.
Gain/Offset	Gain	Scaling factor. (No limits are assumed.)
	Offset	Scaling offset.
Expression	Input	Simple text equation to apply to incoming values (reads). Click on the ellipsis button (...) to display the Expression Wizard screen used to help build a formula. For more information, refer to the Expression Wizard section in this manual.
	Output	Simple text equation to apply to outgoing values (writes). Click on the ellipsis button (...) to display the Expression Wizard screen used to help build a formula. For more information, refer to the Expression Wizard section in this manual.

Table 29 - Configure Scaling Window Options

Notes:



- The data type for scaled values is double-precision real unless the alias data type is specified.
- Using invalid settings, such as **zero-zero** for the high-low range in **Linear** scaling, may be fatal to the server, OPC clients, and communications.
- The OPC item values must be numeric for **Linear**, **Square Root**, and **Gain/Offset** scaling to work.
- The OPC item values must be non-negative for **Square Root** scaling to work. Otherwise, the scaled value will be **-1** with a bad quality.
- The server may be unable to load configuration files containing invalid scaling expressions, and may fail to start up properly. If this occurs, rename the configuration file so that the server will not load it upon start-up. Alternatively, edit the XML file to correct the invalid alias settings.

Configure Alias Events

Note: Alias Events needs to be licensed separately, and by default, is delivered with only a 30-day demo. To purchase a full Alias Events license, please contact your MatrikonOPC Account Manager.

Use the **Generate Events** (Figure 29) window to configure whether or not aliases generate OPC A&E events when their value changes. Access the **Generate Events** tab through the **Insert New Aliases** window (Figure 29).

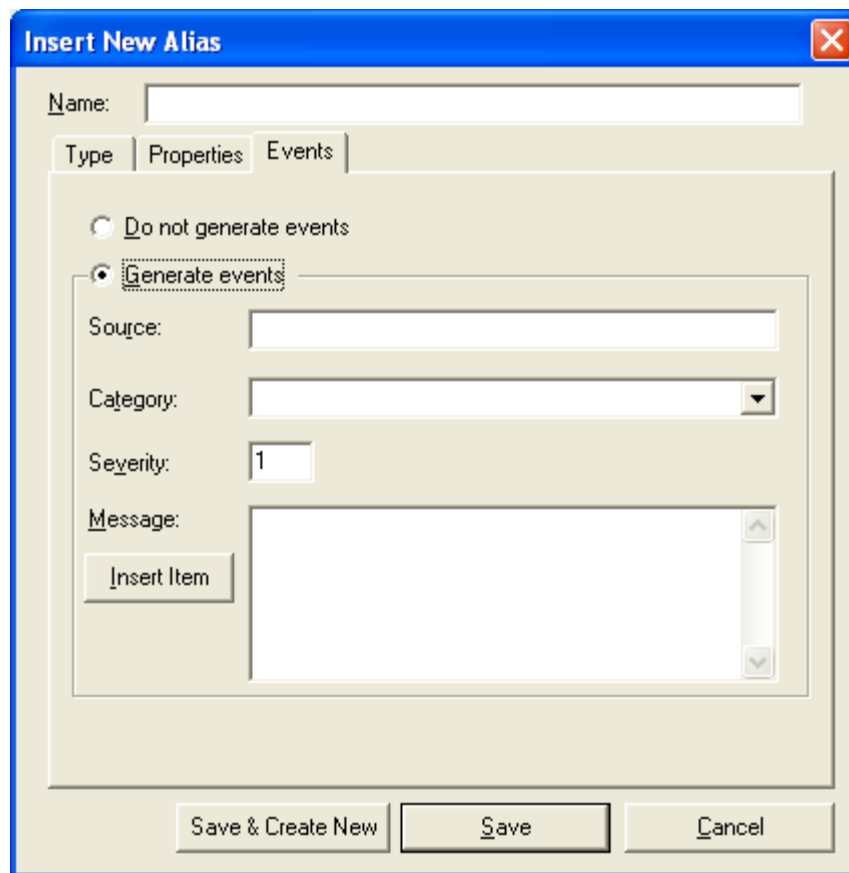


Figure 29 - Generate Events Options

Table 30 describes the **Events** tab fields.

Component	Description
Source	Allows you to enter the name of the source of the event. By default, this field is the Alias Group name, or if there is no Alias Group then the Alias name.
Category	Allows you to select from the drop-down list, the event category under which the event is to be registered. Select either the New Category or Edit Category option to configure the registered categories in the server. For more information, refer to the Configure Categories section for more information.
Severity	Allows you to enter a value defining the severity of the alarm. The allowable range is 1 through 1000 .
Message	Allows you to enter a message that is to appear in the posted event. This message can contain references to data item in the server. These references are replaced with the values of those items at the time the event was generated. Click the Insert Item button to display the Item Path Browser screen used to add item paths to this field. For more information, refer to the Item Path Browser section in this manual. Note: If items are referenced, the alias creates a data subscription to the referenced items at the Alias Subscription Rate. This rate is

Component	Description
	configured in the Advanced Options window.

Table 30 - Generate Events Window Options

Configure Categories

The **New Category** window (Figure 30) is presented when you choose to add a new category to the server from the **Generate Events** window (Figure 29).

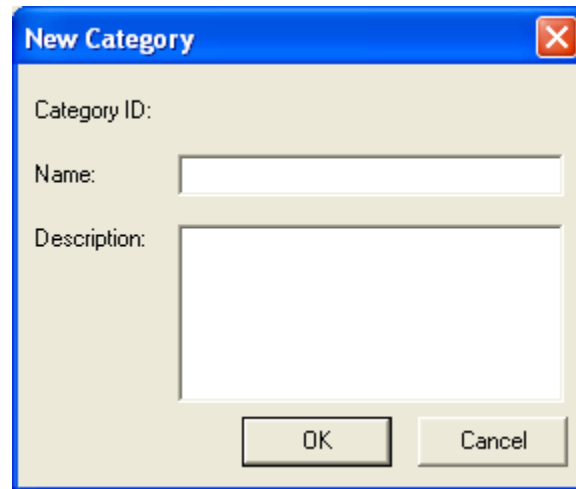


Figure 30 - New Category Window

Table 31 describes the **New Category** window fields.

Component	Description
Category ID	Displays the ID number that appears in the event that is registered under this category. This numbered field is blank until the category is created. Once the category is created the server assigns a unique ID.
Name	Allows you to enter the name that is to be used to refer to the category.
Description	Allows you to enter a description of what the category represents in the system. The name and the description appear together as the category description in OPC clients that support retrieving category information.

Table 31 - New Category Window Options

The **Edit Categories** window is displayed when you choose to edit categories from the **Generate Events** window (Figure 29).

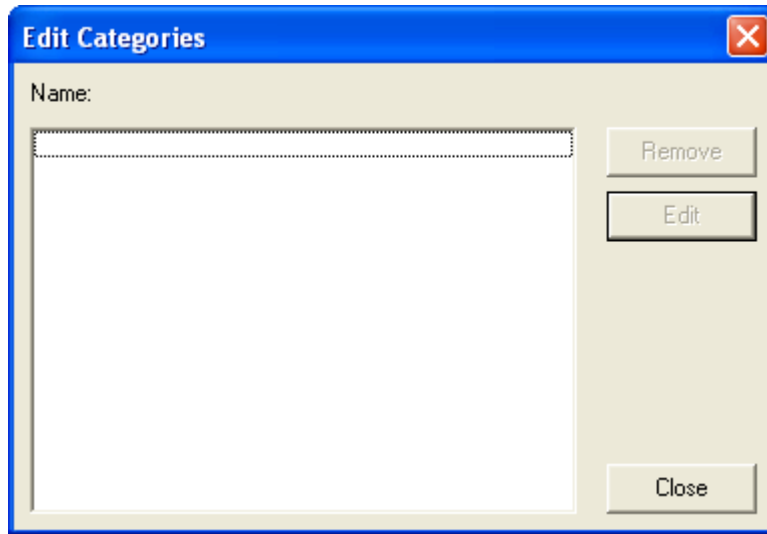


Figure 31 - Edit Categories Window

When presented with the **Edit Categories** window, select the category to edit and click the **Edit** button. This causes the **Edit Category** window to appear which is virtually identical to the **New Category** window.

Note: Some categories cannot be edited. These categories are marked as *Read Only* and can be viewed, but not edited. From the **Edit Categories** window, if you wish to view existing category details, select the required category. Click on the **View** button. The **View Category** window is displayed, which again, is virtually identical to the **New Category** window.

Expression Wizard

The **Expression** form of scaling uses an **Expression Wizard** to build formulas. The created formula is a simple text equation that is applied to either incoming values (i.e., reads), or outgoing values (i.e., writes).

Examples

Example 1:

The following turns any number into a Boolean value. Any non-zero value shows up as a **1**.

IF(INPUT = 0,0,1)

OUTPUT

Example 2:

The following takes the text out of **SAMPLE** and converts it to **ON**. All other values show as **OFF**. If **OUTPUT** is specified in the **Output** field, then the value is transferred to the end OPC item. Using this alias, you can write **SAMPLE** or any other value to the alias to get the display to changed from **OFF** to **ON**.

String comparisons are case-sensitive.

IF(INPUT = 'SAMPLE','ON','OFF')

OUTPUT

Table 32 describes the **Expression Wizard** fields.

Component	Description
Input/Output Expression	Displays the expression as it is created. This field is free-form which allows you to manually enter or edit information. This field reads Input Expression when creating an input or "read" expression. It reads Output Expression when creating an output or "write" expression.
Database field	This button is reserved for future enhancements.
Function	Select this button to display the Select function window which allows you to select the necessary function from those available.
Variable	Select this button to display the Select variable window which allows you to select the necessary variable from those available.
Operators	Select the applicable button to add the corresponding operator or operators to the expression.
Clear	Select this button to clear the Input/Output Expression field.
Validate	Select this button to validate the expression that appears in the Input/Output Expression field. If the expression is invalid, an error message is displayed. If the expression is valid, a message is displayed indicating there are no errors and also stating what the result is.
OK	Select this button to accept changes to (or the creation of) the expression.
Cancel	Select this button to discard changes to (or abandon the creation of) the expression.

Table 32 - Expression Wizard Options

Notes:

- The **Expression Wizard** appears and functions the same for an input expression as it does for an output expression. The differences being the expression field label: **Input Expression**, **Output Expression**, and that one is for reads and the other for writes.
- If you are expecting to read a particular alias, create an **Input Expression**. If you are expecting to write to a particular alias, create an **Output Expression**.

To create an Input or Output Expression:

- On the **Configuration** window, select **Alias Configuration** or a previously configured **Alias Group**.
- The **Contents** table for that alias group is displayed on the right side of the **Configuration** window, listing the aliases it contains.
- Either create a new alias (for instructions, refer to **Inserting New Aliases**), or Double-click your mouse on an existing alias, or
Click on the **Edit the selected alias item** () button.
- The **Edit Alias** window appears.
- Check the **Apply scaling algorithm** checkbox and then click the **Settings** button.
- Select the **Expression Engine** option (Figure 32).

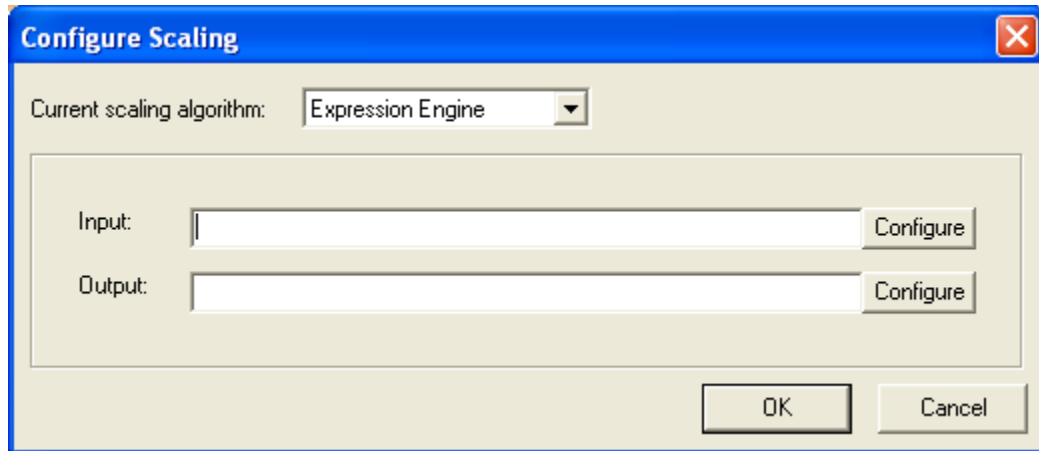


Figure 32 - Expression Engine Configuration

7. Click on the **Configure** button adjacent to the **Input** field (or **Output** field).
8. The **Expression Wizard** (Figure 33) is displayed.



Figure 33 - Expression Wizard

9. Manually enter your new expression in the **Input/Output Expression** field and proceed to step 14.
- Or,
- Perform steps 9 through 13 using a combination of the **Function**, **Variable**, and **Operators** buttons to create your expression, which will be displayed in the **Input/Output Expression** field as you build it.
10. Click on the **Function** button to go to the **Select function** (Figure 34) window. After selecting the required function, click on the **Continue** button to close the **Select function** window and return to the **Expression Wizard**.

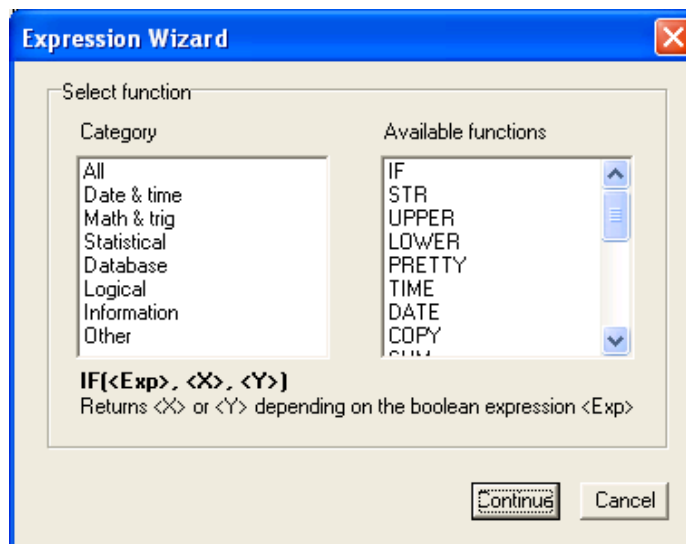


Figure 34 - Select Function Window

11. Click on the **Variable** button to go to the **Select variable** (Figure 35) window. After selecting the required variable, click on the **OK** button to close the **Select variable** window and return to the **Expression Wizard**.

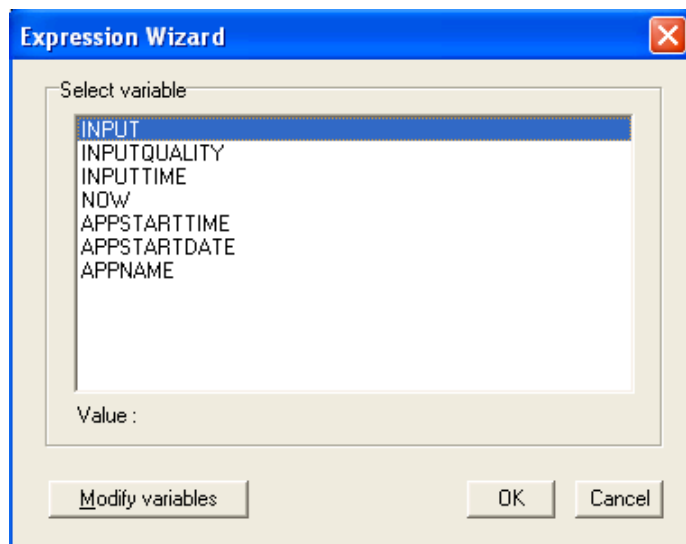


Figure 35 - Select Variable Window

12. If required, from the **Select variable** window, click on the **Modify variables** button to access the **User Defined Functions Editor** (Figure 36) which allows you to add, change, or delete variables.

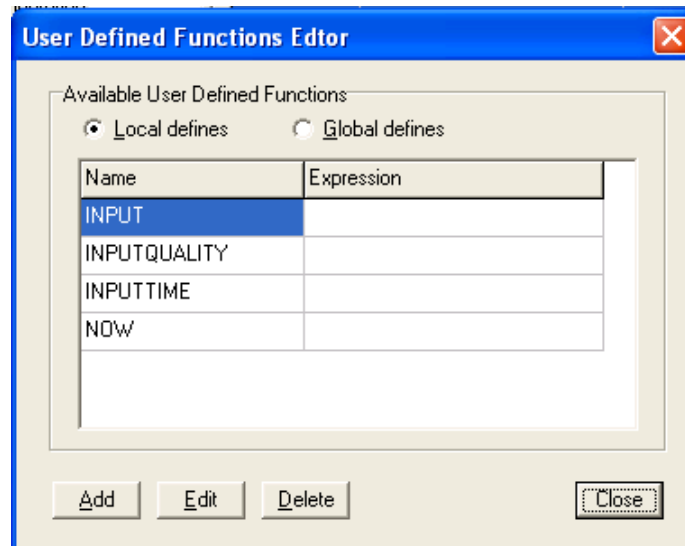


Figure 36 - User Defined Functions Editor

13. The **Operators** buttons (Figure 37) allow you to enter an operation descriptor based on the selected button.

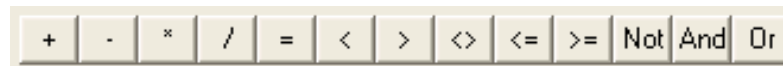


Figure 37 - Operators Buttons

14. Click on the **Validate** button to determine whether or not the expression is valid.
15. If the expression is valid (i.e., a confirmation message is displayed), click on the **OK** button to close the message window and return to the **Expression Wizard** screen.
16. Click on **OK** button on the **Expression Wizard** screen to close the wizard and display the expression in either the **Input** or **Output** field, depending on which expression you defined.
17. From the **Edit Alias** window, click on the **Save** button.
18. The **Edit Alias** window closes and you are returned to the **Configuration** window.

Item Path Browser

The **Basic Alias** and **Advanced Calculation Alias** configuration uses the **Item Path Browser** to add item paths.

Table 33 describes the **Item Path Browser** fields.

Component	Description
Branch Hierarchy	Displays the branch hierarchy of the OPC server when browsing actions are being performed. The +/- symbols can be used to display/hide the branches below the specified branch. Left-clicking a branch displays its leaves in the Leaf List component.
Leaf List	Displays the list of leaves belonging to a selected branch from the Branch Hierarchy . Left-clicking a leaf enables the OK button.
OK	Select this button to add the selected item from the Leaf List to the Input/Output component of the Insert New Alias form.
Cancel	Select this button to exit the Item Path Browser without adding any

Component	Description
	item paths.
Refresh	Select this button to refresh the browsing hierarchy in the Branch Hierarchy component.

Table 33 - Item Path Browser Options

Saving a Configuration

Note: When the server configuration is complete, use the **Save Configuration** window to save the configuration to an XML file.

To save a configuration to an XML file:

1. From the **File** menu, select the **Save As** menu option or click on the  button (alternatively, users can choose **Save** or click .
2. The **Save Configuration** window appears.
3. Enter a file name if saving the file for the first time.
4. Click **Save**.
5. The configuration is saved.

Clearing a Configuration

Note: Starting a new configuration will clear the existing one.

To clear a configuration:

1. From the **File** menu, choose the **New** menu option or click on the  button.
2. If OPC clients are still connected to the server, a warning message appears.
3. Click **OK**.
4. The configuration is cleared.

Loading an Existing Configuration

Note: If you have previously saved a configuration, you can clear the current configuration and then load the saved configuration file.

To load an existing configuration file:

1. From the **File** menu, select the **Open** menu option or click on the  button.
2. The **Open Configuration** window appears.
3. Browse for the configuration file that you want to load.
4. Click **Open**.
5. If OPC clients are still connected to the server, a warning message appears.

Notes:

- At this stage, the connection between the server and the client needs to be broken.
- When the new configuration is completely loaded, the changes will take effect in the OPC client.

6. Click **OK**.
7. The old configuration is cleared and the new configuration is loaded from the file.

Shutting Down the Server

Note: Ordinarily, the server shuts down automatically shortly after the last OPC client disconnects from it. However, if the **Configuration** window is displayed, the configuration utility locks the server so that it will not shut down.

To shut down the server:

1. On either the **Control Panel** or the **Tool Tray Menu**, select **Shutdown**. If the server is running as a local executable, choose **Shutdown Server** from the **File** menu or click on the  button.
2. If OPC clients are still connected to the server, a warning message appears.
3. Click **OK**.
4. The server is shut down.



Note: The shutdown command is not available for the server if it runs as a Windows service. Services can be shut down only from the **Service Control Manager** applet in the Windows **Control Panel**.

OPC Data Items

This section describes the OPC data items used in the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs.

Mitsubishi PLCs Items

The OPC item ID syntax of this OPC server is as follows with field descriptions defined in Table 34:

CommunicationsDevLink.PLCDevLink.ItemNameOptionalModifiers

Field	Description
CommunicationsDevLink	The name of the appropriate Field Communications device link the item resides under.
PLCDevLink	The name of the appropriate PLC device link the item resides under.
ItemName	The name of the item itself. Refer to Table 35, Table 36, and Table 37.
OptionalModifiers	An item is naturally of the type listed in Table 35, Table 36, and Table 37. The following modifiers can be appended to any VT_UI2 register bank item: :D : combine 2 registers into a DWORD, high word first. :DX : combine 2 register into a DWORD, low word first. :F : combine 2 registers into an IEEE float, high word first. :FX : combine 2 registers into an IEEE float, low word first. :Sn or :Snn, n=1..9 or nn=01..63 : combine (nn+1)/2 registers into an ASCII string. :SXn or :SXnn, n=1..9 or nn=01..63 : combine (nn+1)/2 registers into an ASCII string, swapping each pair of bytes.

Table 34 - Item ID Field Descriptions

The item name follows standard Mitsubishi syntax, supporting the item IDs listed in Table 35, Table 36, and Table 37.

Note: Registers may be numbered in decimal, octal, or hexadecimal, according to the tables, so the point just before point 70 may be 67, 69, or 6F. See the Mitsubishi protocol manuals for details.

The OPC plug-in does not require that you append an asterisk (*) to any register that has only one character. You may do so if you wish. The OPC server ignores any leading zeroes in the location number and pre-pads the location with zeroes to the correct number of digits for the requested communication type.

Note: These are general limits based on information given in PLC and communication documentation. Your PLC may contain fewer (or no) registers in any particular register bank depending upon the configuration downloaded from GX Developer.

Register Bank	Type	Start	End Item by PLC Type					Format
			FX0N	FX1S	FX, FX2C	FX1N	FX2N, FX2NC	
CN (Counters)	VT_UI2	000	000-031	000-031	255	255	255	Decimal

Register Bank	Type	Start	End Item by PLC Type					Format
			FX0N	FX1S	FX, FX2C	FX1N	FX2N, FX2NC	
			235-254	235-254				
CS (Counter Bits)	VT_BOOL	000	000-031 235-254	000-031 235-254	255	255	255	Decimal
D (Data Regs)	VT_UI2	0000	0255	0255	0999	7999	7999	Decimal
D (File Regs)	VT_UI2	1000	2499		2999			Decimal
D (RAM Regs)	VT_UI2	6000			7999			Decimal
D (Special Regs)	VT_UI2	8000	8255	8255	8255	8255	8255	Decimal
M (Aux Relays)	VT_BOOL	0000	0511	0511	1535	1535	3071	Decimal
M (Special Aux R)	VT_BOOL	8000	8254	8254	8255	8255	8255	Decimal
S (States)	VT_BOOL	0000	0127	0127	0999	0999	0999	Decimal
TN (Timers)	VT_UI2	000	063	063	255	255	255	Decimal
TS (Timer Bits)	VT_BOOL	000	063	063	255	255	255	Decimal
X (Input)	VT_BOOL	0000	0177	0017	0337	0177	0267	Octal
Y (Output)	VT_BOOL	0000	0177	0015	0337	0177	0267	Octal

Table 35 - FX PLC Items

Register Bank	Type	Start	End	Format
B (Link Relay)	VT_BOOL	0000	03FF	Hexadecimal
CC (Counter Coil)	VT_BOOL	000	255	Decimal
CN (Counter)	VT_UI2	000	255	Decimal
CS (Counter Contact)	VT_BOOL	000	255	Decimal
D (Data Register)	VT_UI2	0000 9000	1023 9255	Decimal
F (Annunciator)	VT_BOOL	0000	0255	Decimal
L (Latch Relay)	VT_BOOL	0000	2047	Decimal
M (Aux Relay)	VT_BOOL	0000 9000	2047 9255	Decimal
S (Step Relay)	VT_BOOL	0000	2047	Decimal (Read Only)
TC (Timer Coil)	VT_BOOL	000	255	Decimal
TN (Timer)	VT_UI2	000	255	Decimal
TS (Timer Contact)	VT_BOOL	000	255	Decimal
W (Link Register)	VT_UI2	0000	03FF	Hexadecimal

X (Input)	VT_BOOL	0000	07FF	Hexadecimal
Y (Output)	VT_BOOL	0000	07FF	Hexadecimal

Table 36 - A Series PLC Items

Register Bank	Type	Start	End		Format
			Q00/01	Others	
B (Link Relay)	VT_BOOL	000000	0007FF	001FFF	Hexadecimal
CC (Counter Coil)	VT_BOOL	000000	000511	002047	Decimal
CN (Counter)	VT_UI2	000000	000511	002047	Decimal
CS (Counter Contact)	VT_BOOL	000000	000511	002047	Decimal
D (Data Register)	VT_UI2	000000	011135	012287	Decimal
DX (Latch Relays)	VT_BOOL	000000	0007FF	001FFF	Hexadecimal
DY (Latch Relays)	VT_BOOL	000000	0007FF	001FFF	Hexadecimal
F (Annunciator)	VT_BOOL	000000	001023	002047	Decimal
L (Latch Relay)	VT_BOOL	000000	002047	008191	Decimal
M (Aux Relay)	VT_BOOL	000000	008191	008191	Decimal
R (File Register)	VT_UI2	000000	032767	032767	Decimal
S (Step Relay)	VT_BOOL	000000	002047	008191	Decimal (Read Only)
SB (Special Link Relays)	VT_BOOL	000000	0003FF	0007FF	Hexadecimal
SC (Rententive Timer Coils)	VT_BOOL	000000	000511	002047	Decimal
SD (Special Registers)	VT_UI2	000000	000FFF	001FFF	Hexadecimal
SM (Special Relays)	VT_BOOL	000000	001023	002047	Decimal
SN (Rententive Timer Values)	VT_UI2	000000	000511	002047	Decimal
SS (Rententive Timer Contacts)	VT_BOOL	000000	000511	002047	Decimal
SW (Special Registers)	VT_UI2	000000	0003FF	0007FF	Hexadecimal
TC (Timer Coil)	VT_BOOL	000000	000511	002047	Decimal
TN (Timer)	VT_UI2	000000	000511	002047	Decimal
TS (Timer Contact)	VT_BOOL	000000	000511	002047	Decimal
V (Edge Relay)	VT_UI2	000000	001023	002047	Decimal
W (Link Register)	VT_UI2	000000	0007FF	001FFF	Hexadecimal
X (Input)	VT_BOOL	000000	0007FF	001FFF	Hexadecimal
Y (Output)	VT_BOOL	000000	0007FF	001FFF	Hexadecimal

Table 37 - Q Series PLC Items

Examples:

MyMitsubishiNetwork.BoilerPLC.CN020

MyOtherMisubishiNetwork.PipePLC.X0010

Table 38 describes the statistical items available at the Communications and PLC device link levels.

Field	Description
Failed	The number of times a write attempt has failed on the port (Communications device link) or device (PLC device link).
Received	The number of messages successfully received from the port (Communications device link) or device (PLC device link).
Retried	The number of times a send or receive has been retried. Retries are currently not implemented so this number will always be 0 .
Sent	The number of messages successfully sent to the port (Communications device link) or device (PLC device link).
Timeout	The number of times a receive attempt has failed on the port (Communications device link) or device (PLC device link).

Table 38 - Statistical OPC Items

The MatrikonOPC Server Framework creates a number of standard data items which can be used for monitoring and controlling certain behaviour.

Table 39 describes the standard items available for most device links.

Field	Description
#Enabled	This is a Boolean OPC tag which indicates whether or not the Device Link to which it belongs is enabled. If the value is True or a value of True is written to this item then the Device Link is enabled.
#OfflineMode	Adding this item allows an OPC client to monitor the offline mode for that location using read operations and provide the ability to toggle offline mode for that location using write operations. For more information, refer to Appendix G - Offline Mode .
@Connected	This is a Boolean OPC tag which indicates whether or not the Device Link is connected to its resources. Typically True indicates that a connection of an end device has been established.

Table 39 - Standard Data Items

Table 40 describes the standard items available for at the root branch of the server browse tree.

Field	Description
#MonitorACLFile	This is a Boolean OPC tag that has a default value of True when the server starts which indicates that the tag security permissions are monitored and applied while the server is running. By adding this item to an OPC group and writing a value of False to this item, the server no longer applies tag security configuration changes while the server is running. The server would need to be stopped and restarted for the changes to take effect. For more information, refer to Appendix F - Security .
@Clients	This is a read-only string item which lists the name of every client currently connected to the OPC server.

Table 40 - Server Data Items

Table 41 describes the statistical and control items available for the Redundancy Group device link.

Field	Description
#Manual Device Link	Write to this control item to indicate which device link, of the device links to which the Redundancy Group is subscribed, is forced to be active, whether or not it is available. Clear the value of this control item in order to allow the OPC server to decide which of the subscribed device links should be active, according to their configured priorities and availabilities.
@Active Device Link	The current active device link, which will be the highest-priority of the available device links on the Redundancy Group device link's subscription list.
@Redundancy Group	A numbered list of device links to which the Redundancy Group device link is subscribed. They are ordered from highest to lowest priority.

Table 41 - Redundancy Device Link OPC Items

Table 42 describes the statistical and control items available for the Server Status List device link.

Field	Description
@Monitor List	A numbered list of the device links being monitored by the Server Status List device link. The full path of the device link is provided, as entered in the Server Status List device link's subscription list.
@Server Status	Indicates the customized status of the server based on the settings for the Server Status List device link. The status options are: Running , Failed , or No Configuration (if the monitor list is empty).

Table 42 - Server Status List Device Link OPC Items

Getting Data without Being Connected to a Device

The MatrikonOPC Server Framework supports "offline mode", which allows OPC clients to obtain changing good quality data without being connected to a device. This is useful if you wish to test an HMI or other OPC client without worrying about the connection to the device, or the quality of the data provided. For more information, refer to **Appendix G - Offline Mode**.

Diagnostics

The server supplies diagnostic information to assist operators and support personnel with troubleshooting communication problems and software faults.

Logging

All MatrikonOPC servers produce log files that record errors and debugging information. The log files can be extremely valuable for troubleshooting. As such, it is important to note that the default log level is set to low. The **General Logging** tab of the **Options** dialogue in the main configuration window contains settings to control server logging.

General Activity Logging records information about the internal workings of the OPC server. It is useful for troubleshooting problems with configuration and device communication. Interface Activity Logging records information about the client/server OPC communication. It is useful for troubleshooting compliance issues.

For General logging, the higher the log level, the more information that is recorded. However, server performance may decrease at higher log levels. The recommended operating level is **Medium**. More log levels are available for both types of logging which record more detailed information, as well as the ability to output log statements to a console window at run time. Contact MatrikonOPC support for further instructions on how to enable the higher log levels and console logging.

For Interface logging, the log level can be considered very high and therefore should never be used during normal operation of the OPC server unless specifically working on problems related to interfacing.

MatrikonOPC Sniffer is a useful tool for logging OPC client/server communication. It enhances the Interface Activity Logging by recording the client-side transactions. It can also be used with other OPC servers. MatrikonOPC Sniffer is a utility used to troubleshoot OPC client/server interoperability issues. Contact the MatrikonOPC Sales department for further information about this product, or use the following link to access the **Matrikon Sniffer Download**.

In general, the server logs all errors and other information of immediate importance to the user at the low detail level, all warnings and other information of moderate importance to the user at a medium detail level, and additional information concerning the normal functioning of the software at a high detail level. The server also logs further information of concern to support personnel at the debug log level.



Note: The higher the log level, the slower the performance of the server. It is recommended that the log level be left at the default, unless troubleshooting needs to be performed.

Limitations

The MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs has the following limitations:

1. **FX Net has not been verified** – as of yet, we have not obtained an FX PLC that supports FX Net. However, the protocol is identical to A Series, which has been verified.
2. **R and ZR Registers have not been verified** – R and ZR registers could not be verified. Contact Matrikon if you need support for Z and ZR registers.
3. **A Series PLCs Ethernet Protocol 1E** - not supported.
4. **Q Series PLCs Serial Protocol 4 sub-protocols 1 through 5** - not supported.
5. **ASCII versions of protocols 1C, 3C, and 3E** – are supported.

Refer to the *MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs Release Notes* for known issues.

Troubleshooting

This section is intended to assist you by providing **licensing** information and **MatrikonOPC Support** contact information. Also addressed here are some of the most common problems encountered, and questions asked, while using this OPC server. Please check the following **Problems/Solutions** and **Questions/Answers** sections before contacting the MatrikonOPC Support team.

Problems and Solutions

"aprxdist" error on install

Problem: What is this "aprxdist" error on install?

Solution: For our installations to work correctly, the install must be able to access the **C:\WINDOWS\system32** directory to add, use, and remove the file called *aprxdist.exe* and add the file *opcenum.exe*. Generally, we will see this error on Windows 2003 SP1 system where this is not possible. To resolve the issue, **download these files**, and place them in **C:\WINDOWS\system32**, and rerun the install.

Tags have a quality of *Bad* when PLC recovers from network failure

Problem: My PLC recovered from network failure, but my server will not reconnect to it.

Solution: Mitsubishi PLCs reject TCP connections for a set time after recovering from network failure. To have the tags recover, restart the PLC whenever it loses network connectivity.

Logged in as Administrator to run install

Problem: Why do I need to be logged in as an Administrator to run the install?

Solution: For MatrikonOPC software to install correctly, you must be logged in as a user with access to the registry. If you are not an Administrator on the system, the installation will not be able to register the software correctly.

PSTCFG error

Problem: After my OPC server died, I tried to access the **Configuration** screen and now I am experiencing access violations and PSTCFG errors.

Solution: If your OPC server process stops and you leave the PSTCFG running, when you attempt to access the **Configuration** screen to do anything to your configuration items (add, change, delete, and so on), you will experience access violations. You will need to kill the configuration and restart the server.

Server stops updating client with item values after two hours

Problem: The server stops updating the client with item values after two hours.

Solution: The server may be licensed with a hardware key and the hardware key may not be properly detected, or the software license has expired. Alternatively, try running the **MatrikonOPC Licensing** utility from the shortcut menu. Click on the **Check Licenses** button to see the status of all MatrikonOPC product

licenses.

Check that the correct HASP hardware key is securely fastened to the parallel port. If it is, run the HINSTALL program that is located in the **Program Files\Common Files\MatrikonOPC\Common** directory.

Server stops updating client with item values after 30 days

Problem: The server stops updating the client with item values after 30 days.

Solution: The evaluation period for the license has expired. Please contact **MatrikonOPC Support**.

Server shuts down after five minutes when no clients connected

Problem: The server automatically shuts down after five minutes when there are no clients connected.

Solution: This is standard behaviour for COM servers. However, this behaviour can be overridden as shown in the following example:



Note: Microsoft highly recommends that you back up the registry before editing it or making changes to it.

1. From the **Run** command, enter **REGEDIT**.
2. The **Registry Editor** (Figure 38) is launched.
3. In the **Registry Editor**, under **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT**, look for the required program ID (e.g., *Matrikon.OPC.Simulation.1*).

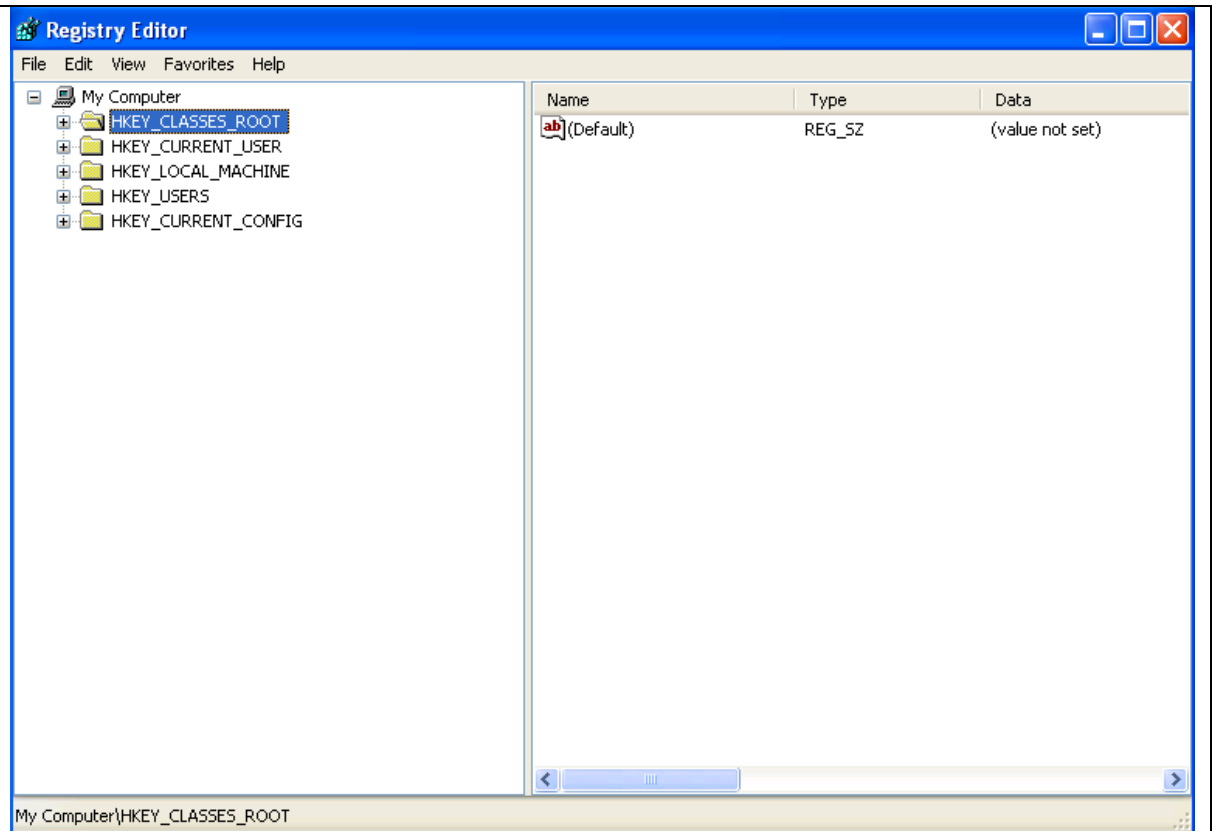


Figure 38 - Registry Editor

4. Expand the program ID branch.
5. Click on the CLSID branch.
6. Record the global universal ID (GUID).

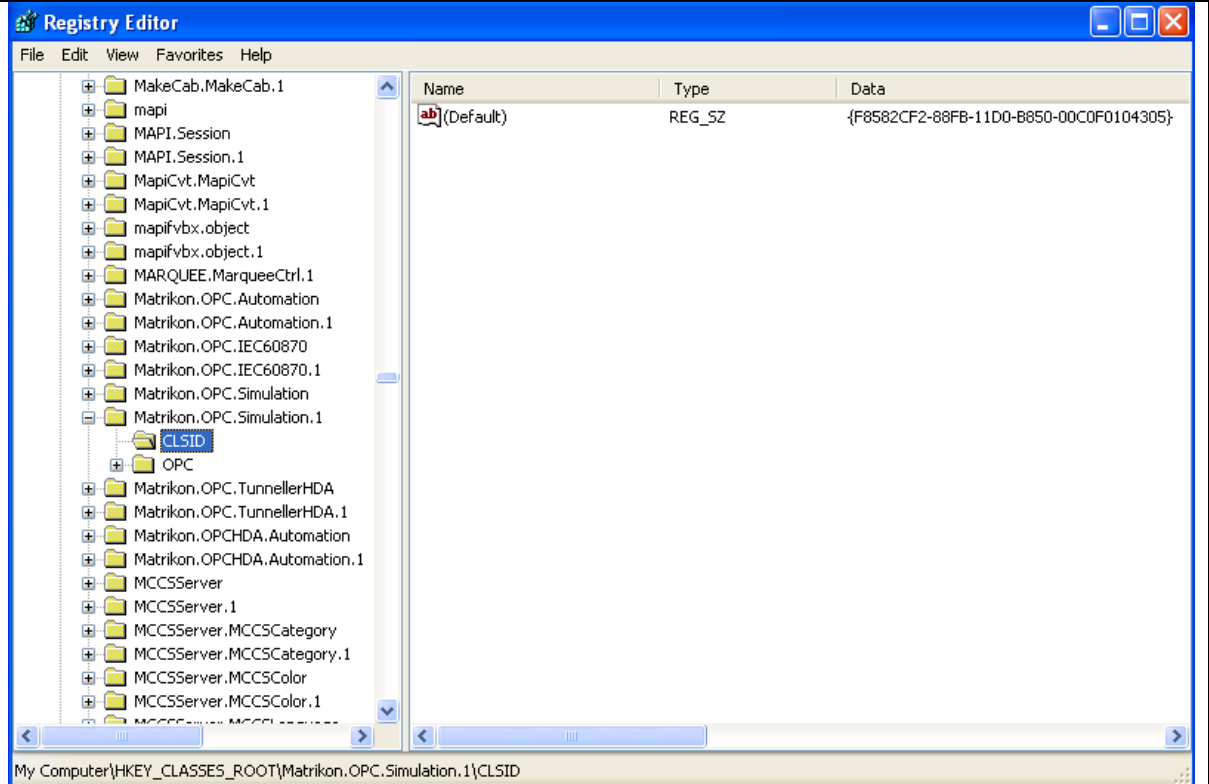


Figure 39 - Program ID Branch

7. Under the **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID** branch, search for the GUID retrieved in the previous step (e.g., **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{024C7FFC-9CC3-476f-867A-BC3CAD79F4FE}**).
8. Create a string value called **LockServer** in the **Options** branch underneath the GUID (e.g., **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{024C7FFC-9CC3-476f-867A-BC3CAD79F4FE}\Options**).
9. Create a new value using the context menu and choose **New String Value** from the menu.
10. Set the value of the **LockServer** entry to **1**.
Note: To edit the value, select the entry and select the **Modify** menu option from the **Edit** menu.
11. Shut down the server and restart it for the change to take effect.

Cannot configure client access paths, so cannot configure item options

Problem: The OPC client does not provide a means to configure access paths, making it difficult to correctly specify the data acquisition options for the items.

Solution: The server provides a global parameter for configuring an escape character, to allow users to append communication options to the end of an item ID which would accommodate clients that do not support access paths.

Perform the following steps as shown (with example) below:



Note: Microsoft highly recommends that you back up the registry before editing it or making changes to it.

1. From the **Run** command, enter **REGEDIT**.
2. The **Registry Editor** is launched.
3. In the **Registry Editor**, under **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT**, look for the required program ID (e.g., Matrikon.OPC.Simulation.1).
4. Expand the program ID branch.
5. Click on the CLSID branch.
6. Record the global universal ID (GUID).
7. Under the **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID** branch, search for the GUID retrieved in the previous step (e.g., **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{024C7FFC-9CC3-476f-867A-BC3CAD79F4FE}**).
8. Create a string value called **ItemIDEscapeCharacter** in the Options branch underneath the GUID (e.g., **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{024C7FFC-9CC3-476f-867A-BC3CAD79F4FE}\Options**).
Note: To create a new value, use the context menu and select the **New String Value** menu option.
9. Set the value of **ItemIDEscapeCharacter** to a single character, such as "|" (pipe).
Note: To edit the value, select the entry and select the **Modify** menu option from the **Edit** menu.
10. Shut down the server and restart it for the change to take effect.
11. Configure the **ItemIDEscapeCharacter Item ID** in the OPC client with the access path appended to the end with the configured escape character (e.g., **ITEMID|ACCESSPATH**).

Server cannot be configured; no Matrikon logo in Tool Tray

Problem: The server cannot be configured because there is no Matrikon logo  in the **Tool Tray**.

Solution: If the server is running as a service, the Matrikon logo  does not appear in the **Tool Tray**.
To configure the server, start the configuration utility by using the shortcut to the OPC server in the Windows **Start** menu (this shortcut starts the **Configuration** utility as well as the OPC server).



Note: If the server configuration utility generates an "access denied" error on launch, the DCOM permissions have not been configured properly.

OPC client unable to create or read items under configured object (device)

Problem: The OPC client is unable to create or read items under a configured object (device).

Solution: Check the object configuration (for more information, refer to **Server Configuration**). Ensure the **Enabled** checkbox is selected.

Server does not retain settings

Problem: The server does not retain its previous settings and needs to be reconfigured each time it starts up.

Solution: In the **Configuration** window, choose **Options** from the **View** menu. Under the **General** tab, ensure that the **Load configuration on start-up** checkbox is selected and that the correct file name appears in the edit box (see **General Options**).

Server cannot save configuration in XML format

Problem: The OPC server cannot save the configuration in XML format.

Solution: Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.01 (or later) must be installed to use the XML format.

Server does not show up in the list of locally available program IDs in OPC client application

Problem: The server does not show up in a list of locally available program IDs in the OPC client application.

Solution: Make sure that a user with local administrative rights installs the OPC server so that it can create the necessary entries in the registry.
Ensure OPCEnum is registered as a service, DCOM permissions are configured properly, and the OPCEnum service is running.
Also, especially for older OPC clients that do not use the OPC server browser, make sure the client is running as a user that has *read* access to the registry.

Server does not show up as remote program in OPC client application

Problem: The OPC server does not show up in a list of remotely available program IDs in my OPC client application.

Solution: Follow the steps found in **Appendix A – Distributed COM (DCOM)** to copy the program ID from the server machine to the client machine.

Access denied or time-out error when connecting to remote server via DCOM

Problem: **Access Denied** error message appears, or time out occurs when trying to connect to a remote OPC server via DCOM.

Solution: Ensure that the access and launch permissions for the OPC server are set correctly on the server machine. For more information, refer to **Appendix A – Distributed COM (DCOM)**.

Server does not start up or client cannot connect

Problem: A client tries to connect to the server and fails, or the server does not start up.

Solution: Ensure that the access and launch permissions for the OPC server are set correctly. For more information, refer to **Appendix A – Distributed COM (DCOM)**.

About screen and Configuration window do not show up

Problem: The **About** screen and **Configuration** window do not show up when a remotely connecting client or a client that runs as a service (such as the *Aspen Technologies CIMIO OPC Manager*) tries to launch the OPC server.

Solution: Either set the identity for the OPC server to the interactive user, or consider running the server as a service. For more information, refer to **Appendix A – Distributed COM (DCOM)**.

DA 2.05 asynchronous I/O does not work

Problem: After installing an older OPC server, DA 2.05 asynchronous I/O no longer works.

Solution: The old installation program installed and registered its own (older) version of the OPC proxy/stub DLL.
Reinstall the standard OPC proxy/stub DLLs, using an up-to-date installation program or re-register them using the **REGSVR32** command-line utility (refer to the **OPC Compliance - Installation** section in this manual).

Server is using a large portion of CPU resources

Problem: Server is using 99% of CPU resources.

Solution: Check the server's Time Granularity settings in the servers **Advanced Options**. Ensure the granularity is not set to 0. It is recommended that you not set the value lower than 100.

Trouble communicating through a network

Problem: Experiencing problems communicating to the product's device through a network.

Solution: Make sure users can ping the device. Use the **Start -> Run** with command **CMD** to bring up a command window and type:

```
Ping ipaddress ( e.g., C:\temp>ping 127.0.0.1
Pinging 127.0.0.1 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 127.0.0.1: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=128
Reply from 127.0.0.1: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=128
Reply from 127.0.0.1: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=128
Reply from 127.0.0.1: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=128
Ping statistics for 127.0.0.1:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms)
```

Where ipaddress is the IP address of the user's <System X> device. If it says "no response", then there are likely network issues between user's computer and the product.

Note: Refer to the **DCOM Manual** to further diagnose any DCOM issues.

Events are not being generated

Problem: Aliases have been configured to generate events, but a subscribed A&E client is not receiving events as expected.

Solution: It is possible to disable event generation at the Alias Group level. Make sure that all of the Alias Groups are set to have events enabled.

Value not written to the PLC

Problem: The OPC server returns a success code, but the value is not written to the PLC

Solution: Check the OPC server log file. Some PLC registers may simply ignore writes to them even though the PLC acknowledges the write (meaning the write is accepted). In addition, the PLC's program may alter register values after they are written to the PLC. Check to make sure the PLC's program is not altering the value after it is written.

Writing many values takes a long time when using FX Direct protocol

Problem: Writing many values takes a large amount of time when using the FX Direct protocol. The OPC server may increase its memory usage as write requests continue to queue.

Solution: Lower the write frequency. The FX Direct protocol is a serial protocol and appears to be able to only handle writing one item per request. A large number of writes takes a longer time.

OPC server does not display data changes when writing several values

Problem: Writing many values stops data from changing in the OPC client.

Solution: The OPC specification states that writes take priority over reads. Thus, the OPC server must service all write requests before reading any new values. Values update once all writes are processed so that the OPC server can start reading data again.

Questions and Answers

Which protocol should I use?

Problem: FX, A and Q Series Serial MELSEC networks support many different protocol variants. Which one should I choose?

Solution: We recommend setting Checksum to **ON** to have a way of ensuring data integrity, but other than that no protocol is strictly better than any other.

I have an FX PLC. Does it use FX Direct or FX Net?

Problem: FX PLCs can be FX Direct or FX Net. Which one should I choose?

Solution: FX Net is used if you are connecting to a serial communications module with a multi-drop station number setting. FX Direct is used by FX if you are connecting directly to the PLC processor or base unit.

How do I remove the server as a service?

Problem: How do I remove the server as a service?

Solution: Re-register the OPC server executable using the **/REGSERVER** command-line switch.

Does the server need to be started manually when installed as a service?

Problem: Does the server need to be started manually when it is installed as a service?

Solution: No, the first OPC client that tries to connect will start the OPC server.

How can I get OPC data into other applications?

Problem: How can I get OPC data into *Microsoft Excel*, *Microsoft Word*, or another application with support for *Visual Basic*, *VBA*, or *VB Script*?

Solution: Use the MatrikonOPC **Automation Component** to create a *Visual Basic* script that connects to a server, creates groups and items, and receives data change updates. Contact **Support** for examples of how to do this in *Excel*, *Visual Basic*, or an *HTML* document.

How can I access individual bits from an integer item?

Problem: How can I access individual bits from an integer item?

Solution: In order to do this, users will have to apply a mask to the value, which will null all of the bits in the integer value except the one that users want to keep.

For example, if the user wanted to isolate the third bit, they would have to apply a mask that is in binary which will only have the third bit present. In binary, this is the number 4 (0100).

To apply the mask, users must use the AND operator, which will leave a 1, if and only if, both the bits in that position are 1.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0110 \text{ 1}100 \\ + 0000 \text{ 0}100 = 0000 \text{ 0}100 \end{array}$$

Data bit we want to access

In decimal notation, this would be expressed as $108 \text{ AND } 4 = 4$.

To do this in an OPC server, users would configure an alias to use the IF operator. With the example above, where the user wishes to access the third bit in the integer, the statement would appear as:

IF (INPUT AND 4 = 4, 1, 0)

Therefore, if the bit in position 3 is a 1, since $1 \text{ AND } 1 = 1$, the IF statement would be true and would return a 1. If the bit in position is 0, $0 \text{ AND } 1 = 0$, the IF statement would return a false value, which is a 0.

Search the *MatrikonOPC Support Knowledge Base* at www.opcsupport.com to find the answers to other commonly-asked MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs questions.

Licensing

Most MatrikonOPC products require that some form of licensing criteria be met for it to function correctly.

The MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs supports software licensing **only**.

Note: Alias Events needs to be licensed separately, and by default, is delivered with only a 30-day demo. To purchase a full Alias Events license, please contact your MatrikonOPC Account Manager.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

The following licensing information is described in detail within the *Licensing Procedures* document which accompanies the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs software and *User's Manual*:



- Software key licensing information.
- Information about the MatrikonOPC Licensing Utility that is used to license driver software, and the variety of ways in which licenses can be obtained (e.g., Internet Connection, Web Page, Email).
- Licensing Q&A and Troubleshooting.

Contacting Support

The MatrikonOPC Customer Services department (www.opcsupport.com) is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Contact MatrikonOPC Support using the information below, or send an email (support@MatrikonOPC.com).

For Monday to Friday **daytime support** requests, contact MatrikonOPC Support using the regional phone numbers provided in Table 43.

Region	Office Hours	Contact Information
North America UTC/GMT -7 hours (MST)	8:00 am-5:00 pm	+1-877-OPC-4-ALL
Europe /Africa * UTC/GMT +1 hours (CET)	9:00 am-5:00 pm	+49-221-969-77-0 (Request OPC Support)
Australia/Asia * UTC/GMT +10 hours (AEST)	9:00 am-5:00 pm	+61-2-4908-2198 (Request OPC Support)

* Toll-free regional numbers coming soon!

Table 43 - MatrikonOPC Support Regional Contact Information

For **after-hours support** in all regions, please use either of the following numbers. There is no extra charge from MatrikonOPC for calling their after-hours support numbers.

Region	Contact Information
All	+1-780-231-9480 +1-780-264-6714

Table 44 - After-Hours Support

OPC Compliance

For more information on OPC, view the documents listed below (as well as other OPC Specifications) at <http://www.opcfoundation.org>. MatrikonOPC supports the following interfaces:

- *OPC Overview 1.0*
- *OPC Common Definitions and Interfaces 1.0*
- *OPC Data Access Specification 2.05a*
- *OPC Data Access Specification 3.00*
- *OPC Historical Data Access Specification 1.2*
- *OPC Alarms and Events Specification 1.10*

Installation

The server is by default installed as a local out-of-process COM server and enters its registration information in the Windows registry when instructed to do so with the **/REGSERVER** command-line option. The server installs itself as a Windows service and enters its registration information in the Windows registry when instructed to do so with the **/SERVICE** command-line option.

- Version-independent program ID is **Matrikon.OPC.MitsubishiPLCs**.
- Version-specific program ID is **Matrikon.OPC.MitsubishiPLCs.1**.
- OPC sub-key and vendor information string.
- Globally unique application ID (e.g., **D7CA0556-C317-4512-8B8C-7543DD7F1626**).
- Globally unique class ID number (e.g., **C33ABAC0-15F9-44bb-B303-1424B2C13C7C**).
- Full path of 32-bit local server executable.
- OPC Data Access Server 2.05a and 3.00 implemented component categories.

The server removes its registration information from the Windows registry when commanded to do so with the **/UNREGSERVER** command-line option.

Common Interfaces

The server supports the mandatory functionality specified in *OPC Common Definitions and Interfaces*. The server supports the following locales for result code translation:

- US English (0x0409)
- System default (0x0800)
- User default (0x0400)
- Neutral (0x0000).

The server allows the client to set the client name for each connection. The server supports the shutdown event notification client-side interface.

Data Access

The server supports the mandatory functionality specified in the *OPC Data Access Custom Interface Standard*.

Groups

The server supports the addition, removal, and cloning of private groups. The server allows the client to manage group state.

- Name
- Active state
- Update rate (100 millisecond resolution)
- Time bias
- Dead-band (percent of analog item high-low range)

Items

The server supports the addition, removal, and validation of items in a group. The server allows the client to manage item configuration.

- Active state
- Requested data type
- Dead-band (percent of analog item high-low range)
- Sampling rate
- Buffer values (used only when sampling rate is enabled and is sampling faster than the group update rate).

Browsing and Item Properties

The server supports address space browsing.

- Hierarchical address space
- Simulate flat address space
- Branch/leaf name filter (pattern matching)
- Item data type filter
- Item access rights filter

The server supports the following mandatory item properties.

- Value, quality, and timestamp
- Canonical data type
- Access rights
- Scan rate

I/O Operations

The server supports synchronous I/O operations.

- Read active item values from cache.
- Read item values from device.
- Read items value from device based on how old the cache items value is.
- Read items without adding the item to an OPC group.
- Write control values to items (on device).

- Write control value, quality, and/or timestamp to items (if the server supports such features).
- Write control values without adding the item to an OPC group.

The server supports asynchronous I/O operations as defined for **DA 3.00**.

- Read items value from device based on how old the cache items value is.
- Write control value, quality, and/or timestamp (if the server supports such feature).

The server supports the data change event notification client-side interface as defined for **DA 3.00**.

- Keep-alive call-back indicating server is alive.

The server supports asynchronous I/O operations as defined for **DA 2.05a**.

- Read items value from device.
- Write control values to items (on device).
- Refresh active items from cache.
- Cancel outstanding operations.
- Enable/disable event notifications.

The server supports the data change event notification client-side interface as defined for **DA 2.05a**.

- Data change or dead-band exceeded.
- Asynchronous refresh operation complete.
- Asynchronous read operation complete.
- Asynchronous write operation complete.
- Asynchronous operation cancellation complete.

The server supports asynchronous I/O operations as defined for **DA 1.0**.

- Read items values from device.
- Read items values from cache.
- Write control values to items (on device).
- Refresh active items from cache.
- Cancel outstanding operations.

The server supports the data change event notification client-side interface as defined for **DA 1.0**.

- Data change or dead-band exceeded – data with timestamps.
- Data change or dead-band exceeded – data without timestamps.
- Asynchronous write operation complete.

Appendix A Distributed COM (DCOM)

DCOM is an object protocol that enables COM components (such as OPC clients and servers) to communicate directly with each other across a network. A certain amount of configuration is required on the system where the OPC server is installed to allow remote clients to connect to it over the network.

Readers should be familiar with DCOM and with Windows 2000 security features and security administration. Information regarding Distributed COM and various links to related sites, white papers, specifications, and so on, can be found at

<http://www.microsoft.com/com/default.msp>.

Notes:



- The following steps are suggestions only. Ask your Windows Network Administrator for more information about the settings that you should use, especially between different domains.
- The steps provided in this appendix apply to Windows NT operating systems only. For information on how to configure DCOM settings for newer Windows operating systems, please refer to the MatrikonOPC Online Support page on **DCOM Settings**.

DCOM Configuration Utility

Start the DCOM configuration utility either from the server configuration utility or from the command-line (**DCOMCNFG**). Answer, **yes** to any message boxes that appear (allowing the utility to assign application ID entries to those servers that do not already have them).

The main window for **DCOMCNFG** allows the user to either configure default settings for all COM servers or else to configure settings for a specific server chosen from the list. The former will affect all servers configured to use the default settings. The latter will affect the selected server only.



Note: DCOM settings are stored in the registry and loaded by COM (and OPC) servers at start-up. Therefore, server processes must be shut down and re-started for these changes to take effect.

Default Properties

The **Default Properties** tab contains settings that affect all DCOM communication on the machine.

- First of all, ensure that the **Enable Distributed COM on this computer** is selected in so that the machine is available to others via DCOM.
- Select the **Enable COM Internet Services on this computer** to allow DCOM access to the machine from the Internet (check with your administrator).
- In general, the other settings do not need to be changed.

The **Authentication Level** specifies when COM should authenticate the identity of calling clients (each call, each packet, etc).

- Normally, it should be set to **Connect**, indicating that COM should authenticate clients when they first connect to a server. If it is set to **None**, then COM performs no authentication and ignores any access permission settings.

The **Impersonation Level** specifies whether servers can ascertain the identity of calling clients and whether they can then perform operations on the client's behalf (as if the server is the client).

- Normally, it should be set to **Identify**, allowing the server to identify the calling client to see if it is allowed access to a certain resource but not to actually access any of these resources as the client.
- Select the **Provide additional security for reference tracking** to make even the reference counting on COM objects secure. This setting is not generally required.

Security Permissions

The most important DCOM settings for an OPC server are the security permissions. There are two ways for you to set these:

1. Change the specific settings for the server (recommended).
2. Change the default settings (not recommended) and make sure that the OPC server will use these.

Either way, be certain that the access and launch permissions are correct for the server.

Setting Security Permissions

To set the security permissions for an OPC Server:

1. Open the DCOM configuration utility.
2. Select the OPC server, and then click **Properties**.
3. The **Distributed COM Configuration Properties** window (Figure 40) appears.

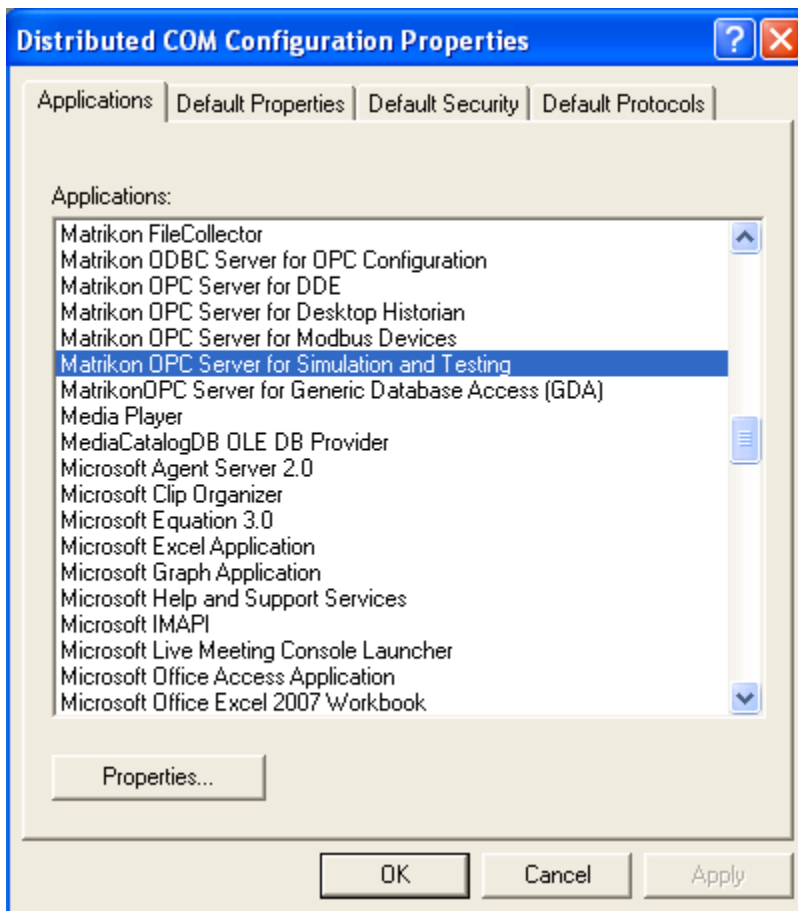


Figure 40 - Distributed COM Configuration Properties Window

4. Click on the **Security** tab to set the security for the server.
5. The **Distributed COM Configuration Security** tab (Figure 41) appears.

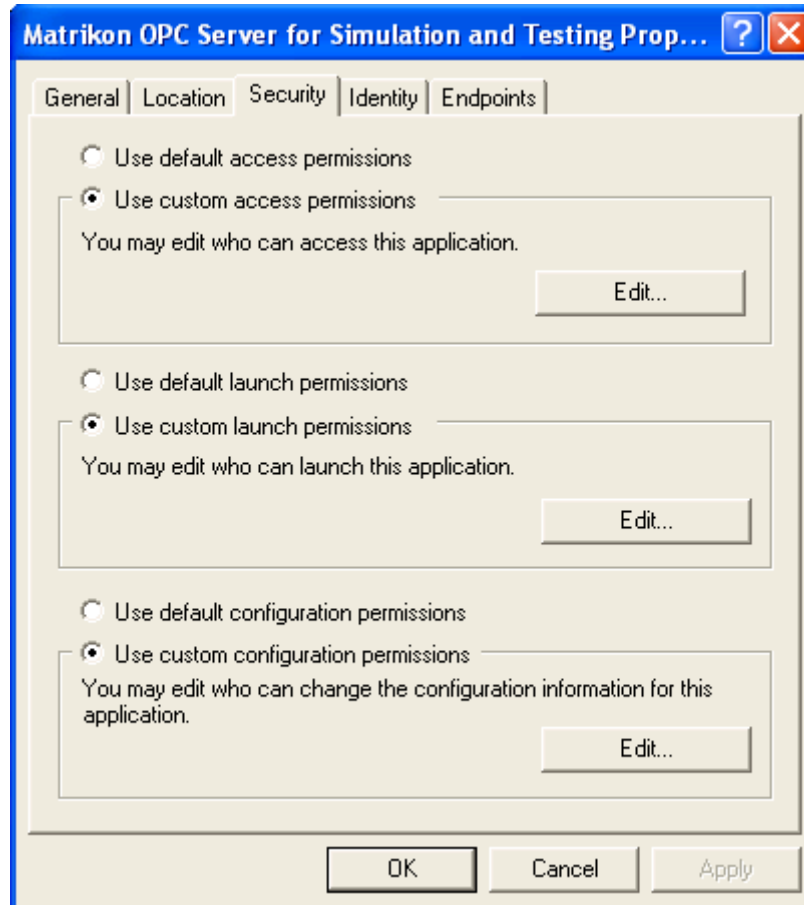


Figure 41 - Distributed COM Configuration Security Tab

Notes:

- The **Access Permissions** contain an *Access Control List* of principals that are allowed to interact with objects supplied by a server.
 - The **Launch Permissions** contain an *Access Control List* of principals that are allowed to start up a server process or service.
6. Include the names of users or user groups from trusted domains that you wish to be able to use the OPC server on this machine. Include the **Everyone** group to allow access to all users on a particular domain.
 7. To set the Access permissions, click **Use custom access permissions** and then click **Edit**.
 8. The **Registry Value Permissions** window (Figure 42) appears.

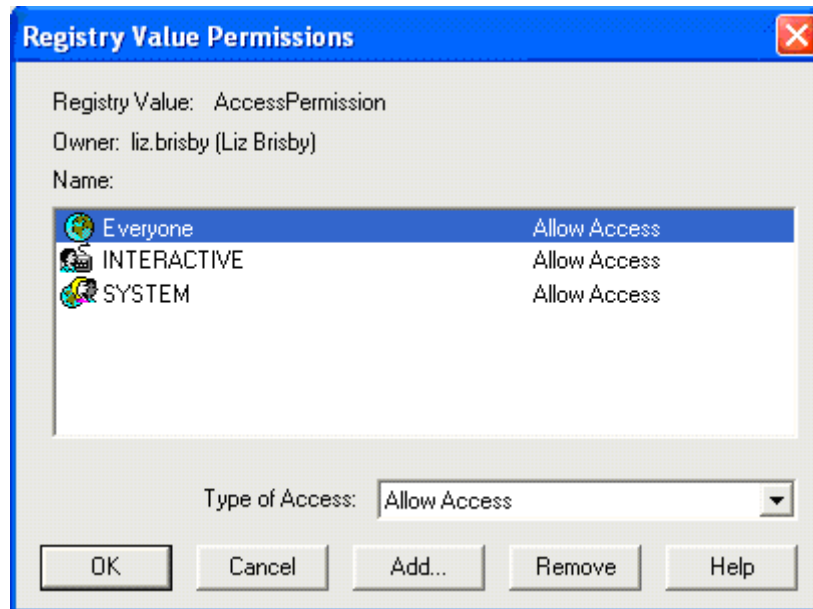


Figure 42 - Registry Value Permissions Window

9. To add users to the list click **Add**.
10. The **Add Users and Groups** window (Figure 43) appears.

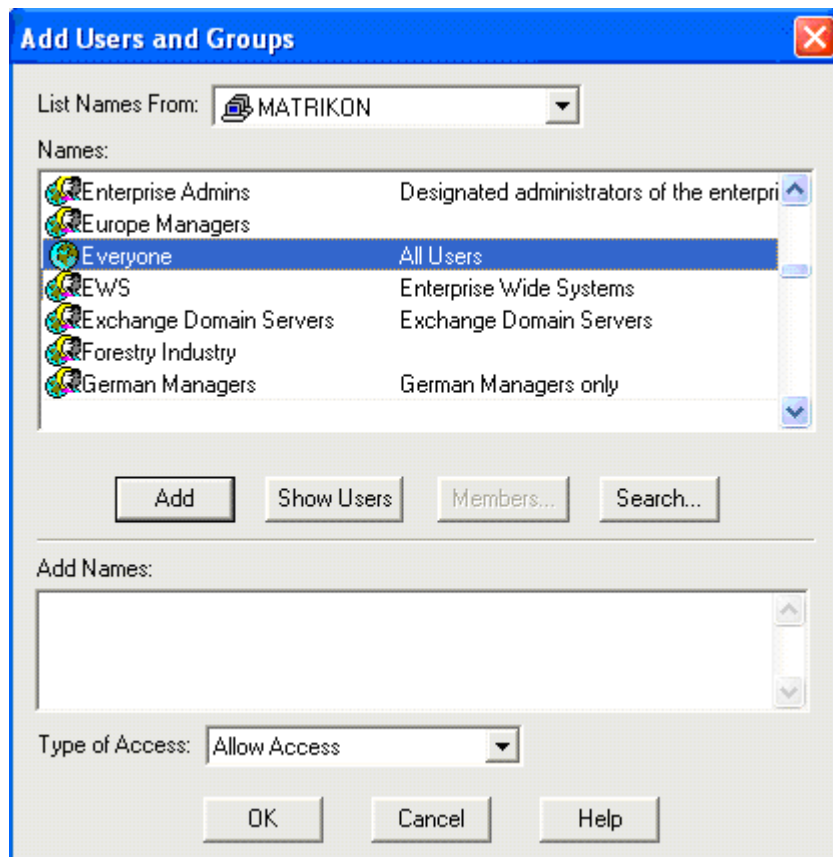


Figure 43 - Add Users and Groups Window

11. To add a user to the list, select the user, and then click **Add**. If the user you wish to add does not appear then click **Show Users**.

12. When you are done adding users, click **OK** to close the **Add Users and Groups** window. You can then choose to **Allow Access** or **Deny Access** for each user.

Notes:

- The procedure to set the launch permissions is similar to the above, but instead of choosing **Allow Access** for a user you would choose **Allow Launch**.
 - The Configuration Permissions contain an *Access Control List* of principals that are allowed to modify the configuration information for a server. In other words, it indicates who is allowed to alter the registry entries for installed servers as well as who is able to access the registry for the purposes of installing new servers. It is usually simpler to install and configure servers as a user with local administrative rights.
13. To connect to an OPC server from outside of the domain, create a local user account on both the server and the client machine with identical *username* and *password*. Then, add the local user on the OPC server to the DCOM permissions. Use the local account on the client machine to connect to the OPC server.

Server Identity

The **Identity** tab for a selected COM (or OPC) server specifies the user account that should be used when COM starts up the process. The available settings are different for servers that run as local executables as opposed to those that run as NT services.



Note: It is strongly recommended that OPC servers should be installed to run as NT services if they are going to be accessed by remote clients via DCOM. This ensures that the server can always be accessed even if no one is presently logged on to the machine, and only one server process ever starts up. It also adds a greater degree of security in terms of who is able to shut down the server process.

Servers that run as local executables have the option of running as the launching user (the calling client—this is the default), the interactive user (the one currently logged onto the machine), or a specified user. It is usually best to use the interactive user or a specified user. Otherwise, remote clients might start up multiple separate server processes that are not accessible to others.

Servers that run as NT services should generally run as the local **System** account. Alternatively, the server can be set to run as a specified user, although this is usually done from the **Service Control Manager** applet rather than DCOMCNFG. *Access* and *Launch* permissions are particularly important when installing a server to run as an NT service.

Default Protocols

The **Default Protocols** tab specifies the communication protocols available to DCOM. The order that protocols appear in the list indicates the priority in which they will be used (the topmost having the highest priority).

The more protocols that appear in the list, the better the chances of connecting to an OPC server on an unknown remote machine (such as at an OPC Interoperability Workshop). However, it may also take longer for DCOM to time out if a server machine is not present since it has to try each protocol in turn.

For most situations, it is best to remove all unused protocols from the list and only include those that are necessary for your network. For example, on a TCP/IP network, one would include the **Connection-oriented TCP/IP** protocol. Contact your IT personnel for more information about your network.



Note: Evidence indicates that there are problems with the datagram-oriented protocols (such as UDP/IP) that can cause memory leaks in DCOM. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that these protocols be removed from the list of default protocols. Datagram-oriented protocols are not supported under Windows 2000 at all (although the DCOM configuration utility still allows you to configure them).

Remote Program ID

Before the **OPC Server Browser** became available, OPC client applications had to search the registry to generate a list of available OPC servers. Therefore, some older OPC clients need to have a program ID in the local registry in order to connect to a particular OPC server.

The simplest solution is to install the OPC server software on the client machine even if it is not used. Alternatively, use the following steps to copy a program ID to the client machine.

Note: This method may not work for every OPC client. Please check the client documentation for more information.



WARNING: Any changes made to the registry must be made with **extreme caution!**

1. Back up your registry.
2. On the server machine, run **REGEDIT** as a user that has access rights to the local registry.
3. Expand the **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT** key.
4. Find the program ID(s) for the desired OPC server(s).

Note: In the case of Matrikon OPC Servers, the ID has the form *Matrikon.OPC.Device*. If you quickly type the first few letters then **REGEDIT** should jump to the location of that key. Some servers may have both a version-specific as well as a version-independent program ID. In this case both IDs should be copied to the client machine.
5. For each program ID, select the key and choose **Export Registry File** from the **Registry** menu. Enter a file name, and then click **Save**. Be careful not to overwrite other export files that you are creating.
6. Copy the exported **REG** files to the client machine.
7. Merge the **REG** files into the registry of the client machine.

Note: This should simply be a matter of double clicking on the file from the desktop of the client machine. Alternatively, run **REGEDIT** on the client machine and choose **Import Registry File** from the **Registry** menu, selecting each file in turn. This must be done as a user who has write access to the local registry.
8. Use **REGEDIT** to check that the program IDs have in fact, been copied.
9. Delete the **REG** files since they are no longer needed.

Appendix B Aliases

Scaling Expressions

Alias scaling expressions may use any of the expression constructs listed in Table 45.

Construct	Description	Examples
'text'	Text value (single quotation marks).	'hello' 'Joe's Alias'
+ - * /	Addition (or Append), Subtraction, Multiplication, and Division.	(3 * 7 + 1) / 8 - 2 'hi' + 'there'
= < > <> <= >=	Equal To, Less Than, Greater Than, Unequal To, Less or Equal To, Greater or Equal To.	3 < 4
Not And Or	Logical Not, Logical And, Logical Or. May also be used for binary math.	(7 >= 3) And (1 <> 0) (12 And 5) = 4
TIME	Current time as text.	'The time is' + TIME
DATE	Current date as text.	'Today is' + DATE
INT(x)	Returns the integer part of x.	INT(3.14) = 3
FRAC(x)	Returns the fractional part of x.	FRAC(3.14) = 0.14
SQRT(x)	Returns the square root of x.	SQRT(16) = 4
DIV(x, y)	Divides x by y.	DIV(42, 7) = 6
IF(expr, x, y)	Returns x if expression evaluates to TRUE, otherwise returns y.	IF(6 <= 12, 'OK', 'Bad') = 'OK'
TRUE FALSE	Constant Boolean true and false.	(5 > 6) = FALSE
TYPEOF(x)	Returns the data type of x as a text description ('STRING', 'INTEGER', 'FLOAT', 'BOOLEAN', 'ERROR').	TYPEOF('hello') = 'STRING'
STR(x)	Converts the numeric value x to text.	STR(3.14) = '3.14'
UPPER(x) LOWER(x) PRETTY(x)	Converts the text value x to all upper case or lower case letters, or the first letter upper case and the rest lower.	UPPER('alarm') = 'ALARM' LOWER('ALARM') = 'alarm' PRETTY('ALARM') = 'Alarm'
COPY(x, start, length)	Returns a sub-string of the x, copying length characters starting at start.	COPY('FIDDLE', 2, 4) = 'IDDL'
FORMATNUMERIC(mask, x)	Converts the numeric value x to text using the format mask.	FORMATNUMERIC('####.#', 123.4567) = '123.5'
INPUT	The incoming value read from OPC.	INPUT * 3.1415
OUTPUT	The outgoing value written to OPC.	OUTPUT / 3.1415

Construct	Description	Examples
'text'	Text value (single quotation marks).	'hello' 'Joe's Alias'

Table 45 - Expressions Constructs for Alias Scaling

Advanced Calculations

Calculations may contain references to any OPC item in the server's syntax. However, they may not contain references to other alias items. There are no limits on how many items can be used in a calculation. The only limiting factor may be performance related. To reference another OPC item in the calculation, wrap the items full item path in square brackets. For example to add the items **Com1.Rtu.Reg1** and **Com1.Rtu.Reg2** together, the correct expression would be:

[Com1.Rtu.Reg1] + [Com1.Rtu.Reg2]

If the OPC item being referenced in a calculation is not found within the servers address space, the server attempts to add it. If successful, the OPC server uses the **Alias Subscription Rate** to update the OPC item. The **Alias Subscription Rate** is configured in the **Advanced Options** panel.

In the event that the server cannot create a subscription to the OPC item, the alias quality reports *Bad, bad configuration*.

Advanced alias calculations may use any of the operators listed in Table 46.

Construct	Description	Examples
-	Minus operator.	x - y
-	Unary minus operator.	-x
!	Not logical operator. Returns 1 if x is 0, else returns 0.	!x
!=	Not equal logical operator. Returns 1 if true, 0 if false.	x != y
%	Modulo; find remainder of the division of x by y.	x % y
&	And logical operator. Returns 1 if true, 0 if false.	x & y
*	Multiplication operator.	x * y
/	Division operator.	x / y
^	Calculates x raised to the power of y.	x ^ y
	Or logical operator. Returns 1 if true, 0 if false.	x y
+	Addition operator.	x + y
<	Lesser than logical operator. Returns 1 if true, 0 if false.	x < y
<=	Lesser than or equal logical operator. Returns 1 if true, 0 if false.	x <= y

Construct	Description	Examples
==	Equal logical operator. Returns 1 if true, 0 if false.	$x == y$
>	Greater than logical operator. Returns 1 if true, 0 if false.	$x > y$
>=	Greater than or equal logical operator. Returns 1 if true, 0 if false.	$x >= y$

Table 46 - Calculation Operators for Alias Scaling

Alias scaling calculations may use any of the functions listed in Table 47.

Construct	Description	Examples
abs	Absolute value.	<code>abs(x)</code>
acos	Arccosine	<code>acos(x)</code>
asin	Arcsine	<code>asin(x)</code>
atan	Arctangent	<code>atan(x)</code>
avg	Returns the average of a set of values.	<code>avg(v1,v2,v3,...)</code>
bin	Converts a binary number to a decimal number.	<code>bin(binNumber)</code>
ceil	Ceiling.	<code>ceil(x)</code>
cos	Cosine.	<code>cos(x)</code>
cosh	Hyperbolic cosine.	<code>cosh(x)</code>
fact	Returns the factorial of x: $x*(x-1)*(x-2)*...(x-x+1)$.	<code>fact(x)</code>
floor	Floor.	<code>floor(x)</code>
hex	Converts an hexadecimal number to a decimal number.	<code>hex(hexNumber)</code>
if	If the condition is true, returns val1 else returns val2.	<code>if(condition, val1, val2)</code>
isNaN	Returns 1 if the number is a NaN value.	<code>isNaN(value)</code>
log	Natural logarithm.	<code>log(x)</code>
log10	Base-10 logarithm	<code>log10(x)</code>
max	Returns larger of a set of values.	<code>max(v1,v2,v3,...)</code>
max	Returns larger of two values.	<code>max(x,y)</code>
max	Returns larger of three values.	<code>max(x,y,z)</code>
min	Returns smaller of a set of values.	<code>min(v1,v2,v3,...)</code>

Construct	Description	Examples
min	Returns smaller of two values.	min(x,y)
min	Returns smaller of three values.	min(x,y,z)
rand	Random value between 0 and 1.	rand()
rand	Random value between min and max.	rand(min, max)
round	Round the fractional part of a number.	round(x)
sin	Sine.	sin(x)
sinh	Hyperbolic sine.	sinh(x)
sqrt	Square root.	sqrt(x)
sum	Returns the sum of a set of values.	sum(v1,v2,v3,...)
tan	Tangent.	tan(x)
tanh	Hyperbolic tangent.	tanh(x)

Table 47 - Calculation Functions for Alias Scaling

CSV File Format

Note: The CSV file format does not support Alias Event configuration settings. If aliases are exported to CSV and then re-imported, all event generation settings will be lost.

The alias import/export file contains lines of comma-separated values. Each line contains the fields listed in Table 48.

- Values containing commas or spaces are enclosed in double-quotation marks (" ").
- Double-quotation marks occurring inside quoted values are escaped with an extra double-quotation mark.
- Lines beginning with a hash mark (#) are ignored (used for comments).

Field	Description
Alias Group	Name of the alias group folder where the alias belongs. Periods in the name indicate subfolders below the root (e.g., North.FIC101 = alias group North under the Alias Configuration root and alias group FIC101 under that).
Alias Name	Name of the alias. Full alias path name composed of the alias group path, a period, and the alias name (e.g., North.FIC101.CV for an alias named CV).
Item Path	Fully qualified item ID for the OPC item to which the alias refers.
Data Type	Decimal number indicating the data type for the alias.
Read-only	Specifies whether the alias is read-only or read-write. 0 = read-write 1 = read-only
Poll Always	Specifies whether the alias is polled continuously or not. 0 = only poll as requested by an OPC client (normal) 1 = poll continuously at the specified update rate

Field	Description
Update Rate	Update rate (milliseconds) to use with the Poll Always option.
Scaling	Scaling type for the alias. 0 = none 1 = linear 2 = square root 3 = gain/offset 4 = expression 5 = calculation

Table 48 - File Import/Export Field Descriptions

When the scaling field specifies linear (1) or square root (2) scaling, the line contains the additional fields listed in Table 49.

Field	Description
High Raw	Raw value range (double-precision real).
Low Raw	
High Scaled	Scaled value range (double-precision real).
Low Scaled	
Clamp	Clamp options. 0 = none 1 = clamp low value 2 = clamp high value 3 = clamp both high and low values

Table 49 - Additional File Import/Export Field Descriptions - Linear/Square Root Scaling

When the scaling field specifies gain/offset (3) scaling, the line contains the additional fields listed in Table 50.

Field	Description
Gain	Scaling factor (double-precision real).
Offset	Scaling offset (double-precision real).

Table 50 - Additional File Import/Export Field Descriptions - Offset Scaling

When the scaling field specifies expression (4) scaling, the line contains the additional fields listed in Table 51.

Field	Description
Input Expression	Simple formula applied to the value read from the OPC item.
Output Expression	Simple formula applied to values written to the OPC item. The output formula should be the reciprocal of the input formula.

Table 51 - Additional File Import/Export Field Descriptions - Expression Scaling

When the scaling field specifies calculation (5) scaling, the line contains the additional fields listed in Table 52.

Field	Description
Input Calculation	Calculation applied to the value read from the OPC item.

Table 52 - Additional File Import/Export Field Descriptions - Calculation Scaling

Scaling Algorithms

For each type of scaling, a different algorithm (Table 53) is applied to values read from the OPC item. A reverse algorithm is applied to any values written to the OPC item.

Scaling	Algorithm/Example	Reverse Algorithm/Example
Linear	$\leftarrow Raw_{Low} \left(\frac{Scaled_{High} - Scaled_{Low}}{Raw_{High} - Raw_{Low}} \right) + Scaled_{Low}$	$\leftarrow Scaled_{Low} \left(\frac{Raw_{High} - Raw_{Low}}{Scaled_{High} - Scaled_{Low}} \right) + Raw_{Low}$
Square Root	$\sqrt{x - Raw_{Low}} \left(\frac{Scaled_{High} - Scaled_{Low}}{\sqrt{Raw_{High} - Raw_{Low}}} \right) + Scaled_{Low}$	$\leftarrow Scaled_{Low} \left(\frac{Raw_{High} - Raw_{Low}}{\sqrt{Scaled_{High} - Scaled_{Low}}} \right) + Raw_{Low}$
Gain/Offset	$Gain \cdot x + Offset$	$\frac{x - Offset}{Gain}$
Expression	$SQRT(INPUT) + 5$	$(OUTPUT - 5) * (OUTPUT - 5)$

Table 53 - Scaling Algorithms

Appendix C Standard Data Types

The Standard data types and their descriptions are listed in Table 54.

Hex	Dec	Data Type	Description
0000	0	VT_EMPTY	Default/Empty (nothing)
0002	2	VT_I2	2-byte signed integer
0003	3	VT_I4	4-byte signed integer
0004	4	VT_R4	4-byte (single-precision) real
0005	5	VT_R8	8-byte (double-precision) real
0006	6	VT_CY	Currency
0007	7	VT_DATE	Date
0008	8	VT_BSTR	Text (UNICODE)
000A	10	VT_ERROR	Error code
000B	11	VT_BOOL	Boolean (TRUE = -1, FALSE = 0)
0011	16	VT_I1	1-byte signed integer
0012	17	VT_UI1	1-byte unsigned integer
0013	18	VT_UI2	2-byte unsigned integer
0014	19	VT_UI4	4-byte unsigned integer
2002	8194	VT_ARRAY VT_I2	Array of 2-byte signed integers
2003	8195	VT_ARRAY VT_I4	Array of 4-byte signed integer
2004	8196	VT_ARRAY VT_R4	Array of 4-byte (single-precision) real
2005	8197	VT_ARRAY VT_R8	Array of 8-byte (double-precision) real
2006	8198	VT_ARRAY VT_CY	Array of currency values
2007	8199	VT_ARRAY VT_DATE	Array of dates
2008	8200	VT_ARRAY VT_BSTR	Array of text values
200A	8202	VT_ARRAY VT_ERROR	Array of error codes
200B	8203	VT_ARRAY VT_BOOL	Array of Boolean values
2011	8208	VT_ARRAY VT_I1	Array of 1-byte signed integers
2012	8209	VT_ARRAY VT_UI1	Array of 1-byte unsigned integers
2013	8210	VT_ARRAY VT_UI2	Array of 2-byte unsigned integers
2014	8211	VT_ARRAY VT_UI4	Array of 4-byte unsigned integers

Table 54 - Standard Data Types

Appendix D Microsoft Excel as a DDE Client

Microsoft Excel can act as both DDE client and DDE server. When using Excel as the client, DDE items can be bound to specific cells in a spreadsheet, creating a read-only “hot link” to the DDE items. Using Visual Basic, Excel can also be used to transmit (write) the data contained in a specific cell of a spreadsheet to a DDE server.

DDE Read

To perform a DDE Read using Excel, simply enter a DDE Item as a formula in some spreadsheet cell:

=SERVICE|TOPIC! NAME

Excel will initiate a DDE Advise loop, or “hot link”, to the topic and item within the service. The DDE Management system (in this case, Windows) will forward any update sent by the DDE service, to the appropriate DDE client (in this case, Microsoft Excel). The DDE service is responsible for update rate/behaviour.

To disable a specific hotlink in Excel, use the **Links** menu option under the **Edit** menu.

Special Characters in Excel

Excel reserves the use of specific characters for use in any cell. If a **SERVICE**, **TOPIC**, or **NAME** contains any special characters, surround the specific field with single quotation characters (' '):

=SERVICE|TOPIC!'NAME'

=SERVICE|'TOPIC'!'NAME'

=SERVICE|'TOPIC'!NAME

To include single quotation characters in the name, enter two simultaneous single quotation characters:

=matrikon_opc_simulation_1|'Power.Generator's Value'!'1000\'

DDE Write

To perform any DDE command other than requests (read) or advise (hot link), a Visual Basic (VB) function must be used. Most DDE commands are available by using the application object. For example, the following function will poke (write) the contents of column 1, row 1 to an item in the OPC Simulation server:

```
Sub WriteToDDE()  
  
' open a DDE channel. Field 1 = SERVICE, Field 2 = TOPIC  
'channel = DDEInitiate("matrikon_opc_simulation", "Bucket Brigade.Real4")  
  
' poke to the Item 1000\, the value of cell A1  
DDEPoke channel, "1000\ ", Worksheets("Sheet1").Range("A1")  
  
' close the channel  
DDETerminate channel  
  
End Sub
```

Net DDE

Since DDE commands are routed by the operating system, it is not possible to establish a DDE session between two computers unless some transport mechanism is used. This is usually supplied as a plug-in component of the operating system. In the Windows Environment, the NetDDE Windows Service allows DDE communication between two computers.

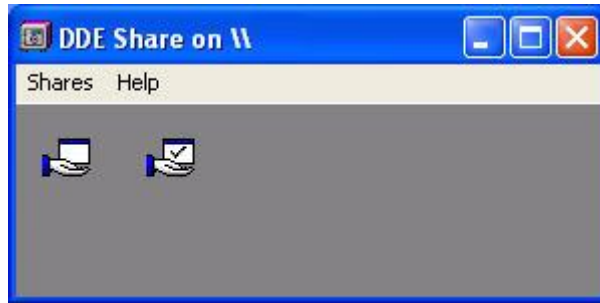


Figure 44 - DDE Share

NetDDE must first be configured using the DDEShare application (*DDEShare.exe*) as shown in Figure 44. Each SERVICE and TOPIC pair, or "NetDDE Share", that is to be available through NetDDE must be assigned a unique name.

Appendix E Configuring Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE)

The server may act as a DDE service. In this way, a DDE client can request data from the server using the following DDE commands:

XTYP_POKE	Write data to an item in the server.
XTYP_REQUEST	Read data from an item in the server.
XTYP_ADVREQ	Read latest data from an active advice loop.
XTYP_ADVSTART	Create and activate an advice loop on a single item in the server.
XTYP_ADVSTOP	Stop and destroy an advice loop on a single item in the server.

DDE service can be enabled or disabled using a checkbox (refer to **Advanced Options** for more information, including the location of, this checkbox). Note that these options will not be available if the server does not support DDE.

Items within the server can be referenced using the following syntax:

SERVICE_NAME | ITEM! SCANDETAILS

SERVICE_NAME represents the name of the DDE service. The first edit box specifies the service name used by this server.

ITEM refers to an Item ID of a point within the server.

SCANDETAILS is a combination of the desired scan rate of the item, and an access path. One or more delimiting characters separate the scan rate and access path. The second edit box can be used to change the delimiters. The delimiting characters must be provided when referencing an item in the server. However, the scan rate and access path are optional. If no scan rate is specified, only data contained in the server cache is available through DDE, and an advice loop is not created.

Changes to the DDE options do not take effect until the server is restarted.



Note: DDE Name Syntax – DDE Names may be described in the following syntax: **SERVICE|TOPIC|NAME**

In this case, consider the **TOPIC** to be the item ID, and the **NAME** to be a combination of the scan rate and access path.

Appendix F Security

Introduction

The OPC Framework has implemented the OPC Security Customer Interface version 1.0 of the specification. Both the *IOPCSecurityNT* and *IOPCSecurityPrivate* interfaces are fully supported (there are no optional pieces).

IOPCSecurityNT describes how NT authentication is used in OPC Security. *IOPCSecurityPrivate* describes how proprietary user credentials are used in OPC Security. The OPC Security specification defines how user credentials are passed from client to server, but very little else. The type of functionality in an OPC server that is controlled by OPC Security is vendor-determined.

Appendix Structure

This appendix is structured as follows:

- **Introduction** – this introductory section.
- **OPC Security Implementation** – description of user access dependencies.
- **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** – describes the utility that is used to configure security for MatrikonOPC servers.
- **Security Details** – describes how permissions are applied, how security settings are stored, and other important details.

OPC Security Implementation

Whether a user has access or not will depend on:

1. **Identity** – the user behind the OPC client's actions.
2. **Location** – the OPC item ID or hierarchy path being accessed.
3. **Type** – the type of functionality the user is trying to perform.

Identity

Using the *IOPCSecurityNT* interface for OPC Security, the identity of the OPC client is the domain user that is running the OPC client and connecting to the OPC server. The OPC Framework will attempt to impersonate the client that is connected to the server, and use the name from those credentials for access control. This method does not require any implementation of OPC Security by the OPC client, since no interface calls are necessary.

Using the *IOPCSecurityPrivate* interface for OPC Security, the OPC client must make a call to the OPC server to log on with a user name and password. In this scenario, the OPC client must implement and follow the OPC Security specification in terms of following the calls necessary to provide credentials. The credentials provided through the private interface override those provided from the NT interface. The OPC client may choose to log off, at which point the NT credentials are used until the log on call is made again.

Location

Some of the interface calls made from an OPC client to an OPC server require the client to provide an OPC item ID. The OPC Framework will take the OPC item ID provided, and determine whether access to that location is allowed or not. A particular server installation may want to control access to a particular device or branch in the hierarchy, and is able to do so by setting permissions for a partial item ID or path.

Other interface calls do not provide an ID, but may depend on the state of the server with respect to previous calls. OPC Browsing (DA 2.0) is an example of this. In this case, the full path up to that particular location is used for determining access rights.

Type

There are four types of interface functionality in the OPC Framework (specifically the OPC Outer Layer) that are controlled using OPC Security:

1. Browsing
2. Adding items
3. Reading
4. Writing

Browsing is the least intrusive, followed by adding items, reading values from the items, and finally writing to the items being the most intrusive. There are multiple interfaces, and functions within those interfaces, that can be used to perform the types of functionality listed above. Thus, security control has been added to each possible entry. For example, read control has been added to group subscriptions call-backs as well as synchronous reads and asynchronous reads – denying read control would disable reads for the possible types.

A location that is being accessed by an OPC client may have different permissions for the different types of access. For example, one particular item may be browseable, added, and read, but the writing permissions might be restricted so that the user cannot interfere with the operation of the end device.

Note: Of the four functionality types listed above, three of them make use of the full OPC item ID when an interface call is made from the client to the server: Adding Items, Reading, or Writing. When browsing, only a partial path leading to an OPC item may be known at any location in the browsing hierarchy.

MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility

The tag security settings for MatrikonOPC servers are configured and managed via the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility**, a tool that is installed with the server. This utility allows users to define, per MatrikonOPC server, the following:

- Who has permission
- Which tags/locations they have permissions for
- The type of permissions for those locations

Security settings configured using this utility are read by the OPC Framework and populated in memory upon server start-up, and are monitored for changes.

Note: In order for the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** to work properly, the windows user running the utility must have Administrator rights to the computer.

The **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** is a component of an OPC server installation, and is installed in the following location:

C:\Program Files\Common Files\MatrikonOPC\Common\ACLConfig.exe

The **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** can be run either directly from its installed location, or from a shortcut found in the **Start Menu**. If the utility is run from the installed location, then the user must select the OPC server for which security will be configured. If the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** is run from the shortcut, then it will configure security for the OPC server to which the shortcut belongs.

To run the MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility from its shortcut:

1. Click on the Windows **Start** button.
2. Select **Programs -> MatrikonOPC -> <OPC Server Name> -> Tag Security**.

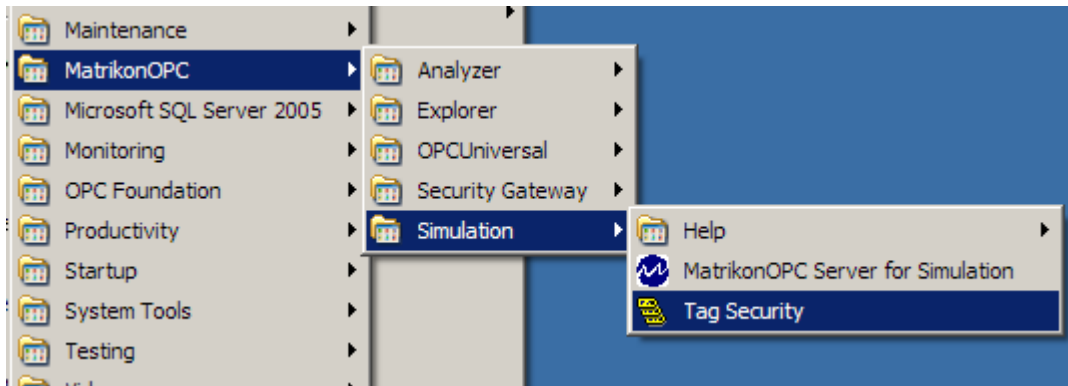


Figure 45 - Start Menu Navigation

After the MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility is run:

1. A window appears asking for a password to be entered. This protects the security settings and prevents unauthorized individuals from accessing these settings. For servers that required a security password to be entered during their installation, the **Enter server password** window (Figure 46) appears.



Figure 46 - Enter Server Password Window

2. Enter the password created during the installation of the OPC server.
Note: The default password provided for you during installation (if you chose to use the default) is **MatrikonOPC**.
3. Click on the **OK** button.
4. The **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** screen (Figure 47) appears.

Layout

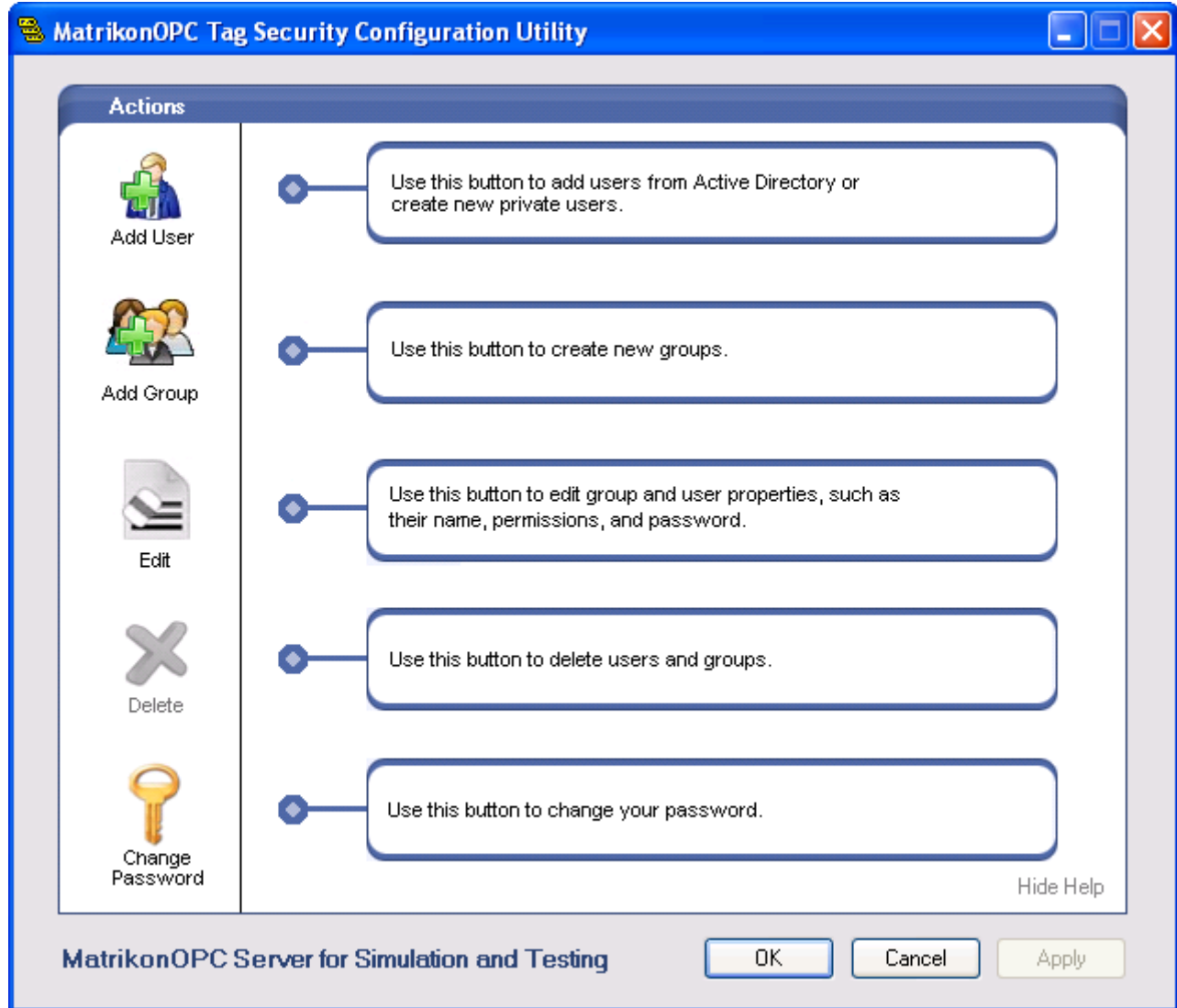


Figure 47 - MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility Main Screen

The **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** screen displays the name of the OPC server that is being configured for tag security. In Figure 47 above, the **Utility** screen shows that the **MatrikonOPC Server for Simulation and Testing** tag security is being configured.

The left-hand side of the **Utility** screen shows a column of action icons that can be clicked upon. These actions are further described later in this appendix. Some actions may not be applicable, depending on the context in which they are used, and are identified by greyed-out icons.

In the center of the **Utility** screen there are descriptions for each of the actions that can be performed. The appearance of these descriptions can be toggled at any time by clicking on the **Hide Help/Show Help** link that exists in the bottom-right corner of the **Utility** screen. When the **Help** screen is hidden, a list of users and groups that have been added appears (Figure 48). By default, there is always a user named **Everyone** in the **Users & Groups** list. This user defines the permissions used for other NT users that are not configured.

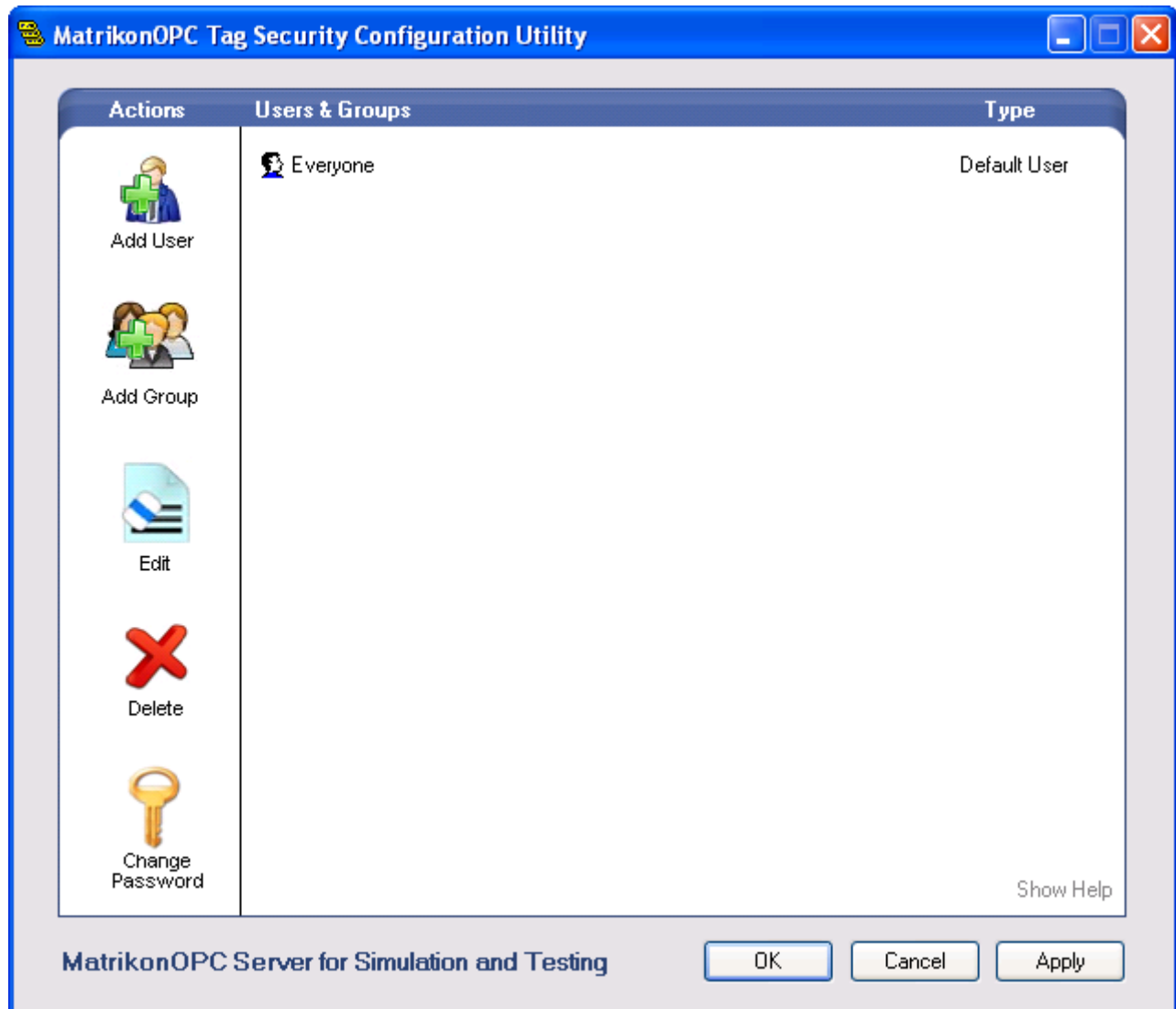


Figure 48 - MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility Main Screen: Users & Groups

Note: After any action is performed, the changes made do not take effect until either the **OK** or **Apply** button has been selected. Clicking on the **OK** button saves the changes and closes the **Utility** screen. Clicking on the **Apply** button saves the changes and keeps the **Utility** screen open. Clicking on the **Cancel** button or the **X** button on the top-right of the screen, discards any changes made.

Add User

There are two types of users for which security can be configured: *NT Users* and *Private Users*. Adding a user to the configuration will allow permissions to be defined for that user. For NT users, the *IOPCSecurityNT* interface is used, and for Private users, the *IOPCSecurityPrivate* interface is used.

NT User

To add an NT user:

1. From the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** main screen, click on the **Add User** button.

2. The **Add User** window (Figure 49) appears. The **NT User** option button is selected by default. This will allow the addition of a user from a Windows NT Domain.

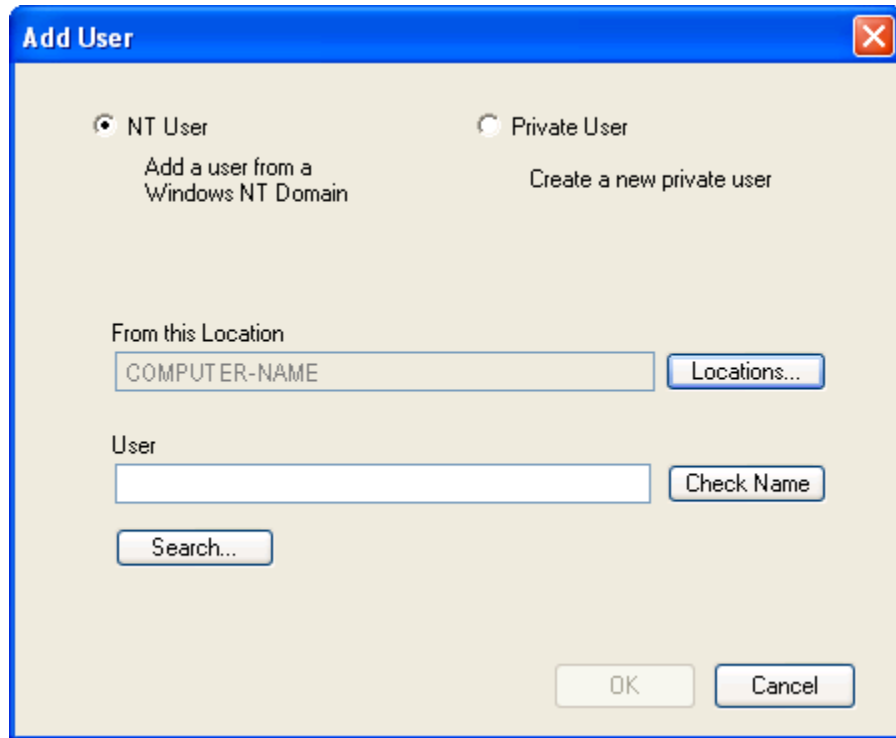


Figure 49 - Add User Window (NT)

3. By default, the local machine name appears in the **From this Location** field. To browse to a different location, click the **Locations** button.
4. The **User** field can be entered manually. Clicking on the **Check Name** button performs validation on the entered user. The user names are the same as the Windows NT domain names used on the network. To avoid manually entering a user, click on the **Search** button, and select a user from the displayed list of users.
5. To add the selected user, click on the **OK** button. The user is then added to the list of users and/or groups currently defined (refer to Figure 50 for a sample list of defined users and groups).
6. The **Edit <Username>** window (Figure 55) appears. Follow the instructions in the **Edit User** section for adding permissions.

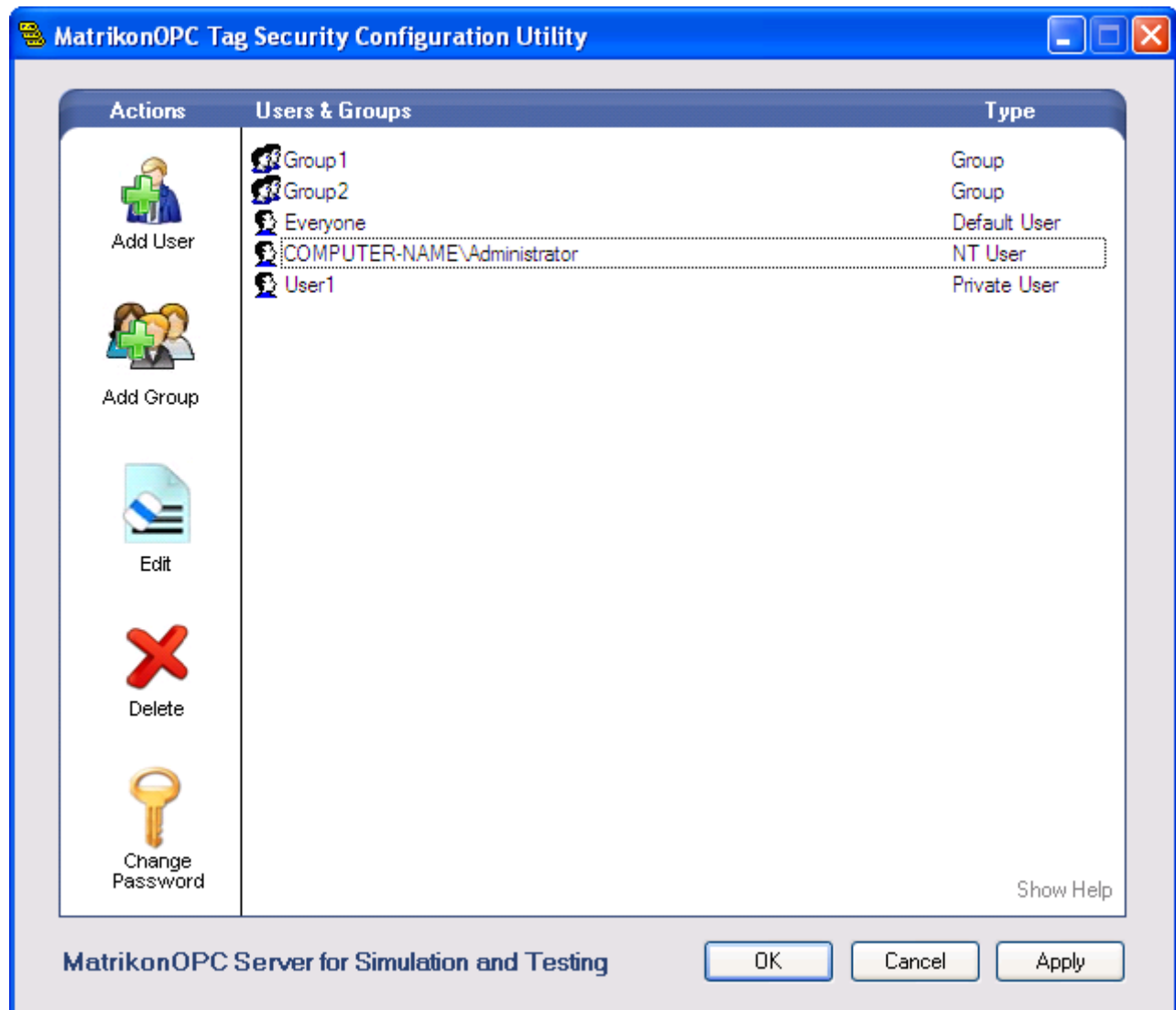


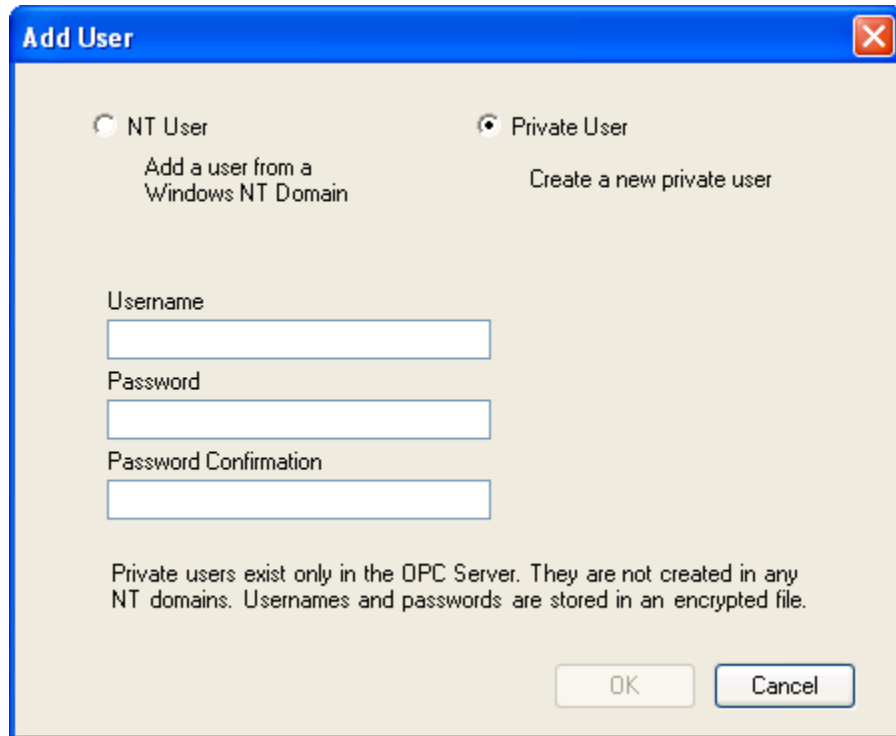
Figure 50 - Defined Users and Groups

Private User

Private users have names and passwords associated with them, custom to the OPC client application, which must implement the OPC Security Private interface for this section to be meaningful. Private users exist only in the OPC server. They are not created in any NT domains.

To add a Private user:

1. From the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** main screen, click on the **Add User** button.
2. The **Add User** window (Figure 49) appears.
3. Select the **Private User** option button (Figure 51).



The dialog box is titled "Add User" and has a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains two radio buttons: "NT User" (unselected) and "Private User" (selected). Below "NT User" is the text "Add a user from a Windows NT Domain". Below "Private User" is the text "Create a new private user". There are three text input fields: "Username", "Password", and "Password Confirmation". At the bottom, there is a note: "Private users exist only in the OPC Server. They are not created in any NT domains. Usernames and passwords are stored in an encrypted file." and two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

Figure 51 - Add User Window (Private)

4. In the **Username** field, enter a user name.
5. In the **Password** field, enter a password.
6. In the **Password Confirmation** field, re-enter the new password.
7. Click **OK** to create the Private user. It will be added to the list of users and/or groups currently defined (refer to Figure 50 for a sample list of defined users and groups).

Note: The user name cannot be added if there is already a configured User or Group with that same name.

Add Group

Groups are used to group users together so that they can share common permissions. Groups are not necessary to use OPC Security. However, they are convenient when you need to apply common permissions to multiple users. A group must contain at least one user, and any combination of users can be grouped together.

Note: A user can exist in multiple groups, but if two or more of the groups have the same configured path (refer to the **Edit User** section), and each group defines a permission (Allow/Deny) for the type of access, then the group whose name alphabetically comes first is used.

There are two types of groups for which security can be configured: **NT Groups** and **Private Groups**.

NT Group

To add an NT group:

1. From the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** main screen, click on the **Add Group** button.

2. The **Add Group** window (Figure 52) appears. The **NT Group** option button is selected by default. This will allow the addition of an NT group from a Windows NT Domain.

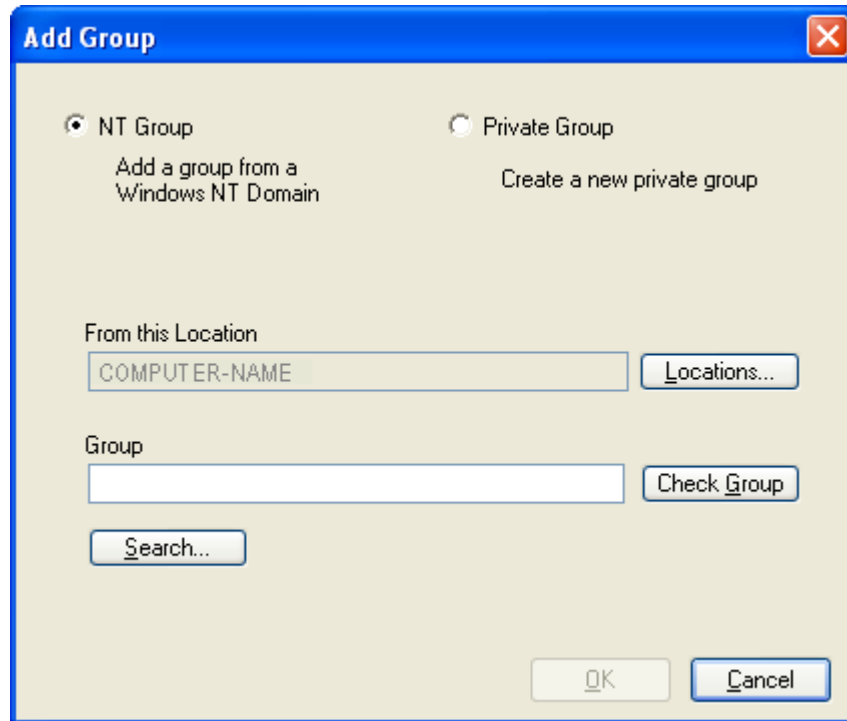


Figure 52 - Add Group Window (NT)

3. By default, the local machine name appears in the **From this Location** field. To browse to a different location, click the **Locations** button.
4. The **Group** field can be entered manually. Clicking on the **Check Group** button performs validation on the entered group. The group names are the same as the Windows NT domain group names used on the network. To avoid manually entering a group, click on the **Search** button, and select a group from the displayed list of groups.
5. To add the selected group, click on the **OK** button. The group is then added to the list of users and/or groups currently defined (refer to Figure 50 for a sample list of defined users and groups).
6. The **Edit <Groupname>** window (Figure 62) appears (for NT Groups, there is only the **Permissions** tab). Follow the instructions in the **Edit Group** section for adding permissions.

Private Group

To add a Private Group:

1. From the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** main screen, click on the **Add Group** button.
2. The **Add Group** window (Figure 52) appears.
3. Select the **Private Group** option button (Figure 53).

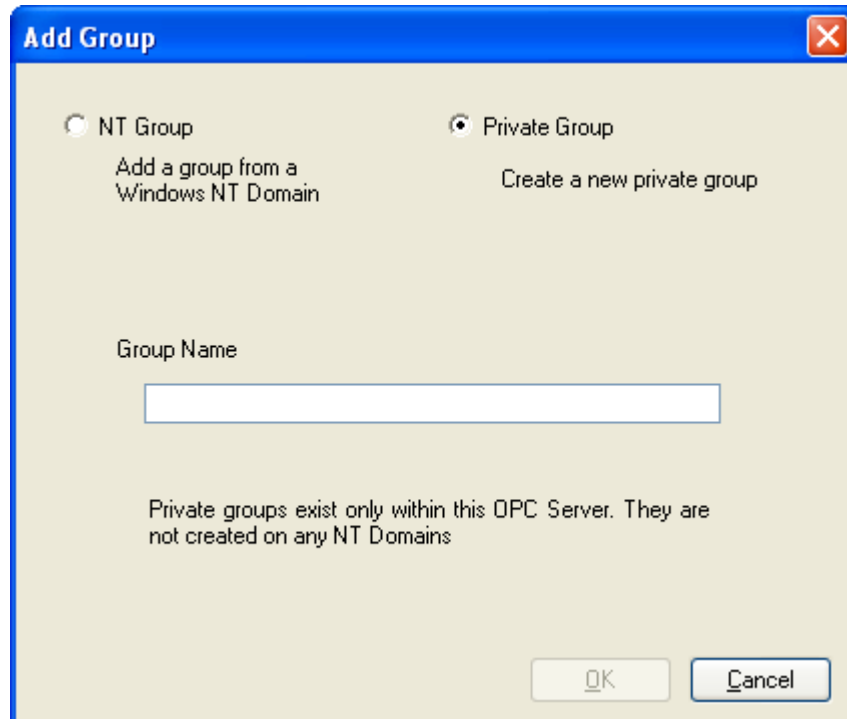


Figure 53 - Add Group Window (Private)

4. Enter a name for the group to be created. The group is private and will only exist in the OPC server. The group cannot be created if there is already a configured user or group with that same name.
5. Click on the **OK** button to create the group. It will be added to the list of users and/or groups currently defined (refer to Figure 50 for a sample list of defined users and groups).
6. The **Edit <Groupname>** window (Figure 62) appears. Follow the instructions in the **Edit Group** section for adding permissions.

Duplicate

Another way to create a new user or group is to duplicate an existing one.

To create a new user or group via duplication:

1. From the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** main screen, right-click your mouse on the user or group you wish to duplicate.
2. From the displayed menu, select **Duplicate**.
3. The **Enter New Name** window (Figure 54) appears.

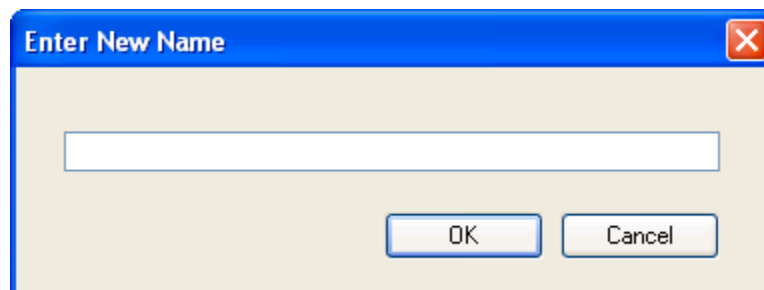


Figure 54 - Enter New Name Window

4. Enter a name for the new user or group to be created.
5. Click on the **OK** button. There must not already be a configured user or group with that same name. The new user or group will then appear in the list, and will contain the same properties as the duplicated parent (i.e., original) user or group.

Edit

Once the desired users and/or groups are defined, they must be edited to configure their respective permissions.

Note: Permissions can also be defined for the user **Everyone**, which is defined as the default user. For every NT user not configured in the MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility, the user **Everyone** is used for determining security permissions.

Permissions for allowing/denying browsing, adding items, reading items, and writing items can be configured. Permissions are defined for users and groups for a particular location in the server's address space hierarchy. A location can either be a tag (i.e., OPC Item ID) or a path leading up to an item.

Edit User

To edit a user:

1. From the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** main screen, either:
 - Double-click your mouse on the user you wish to edit, or
 - Right-click your mouse on the required user and select **Edit User** from the displayed menu, or
 - Click your mouse on the required user, and then select the **Edit** button.
2. The **Edit <Username>** window (Figure 55) appears.

Notes:

- In this example, the user being edited is **User1** so the window's title reads **Edit User1**.
- There are two tabs on this window: **Permissions** and **General**. The **General** tab only appears for private users.

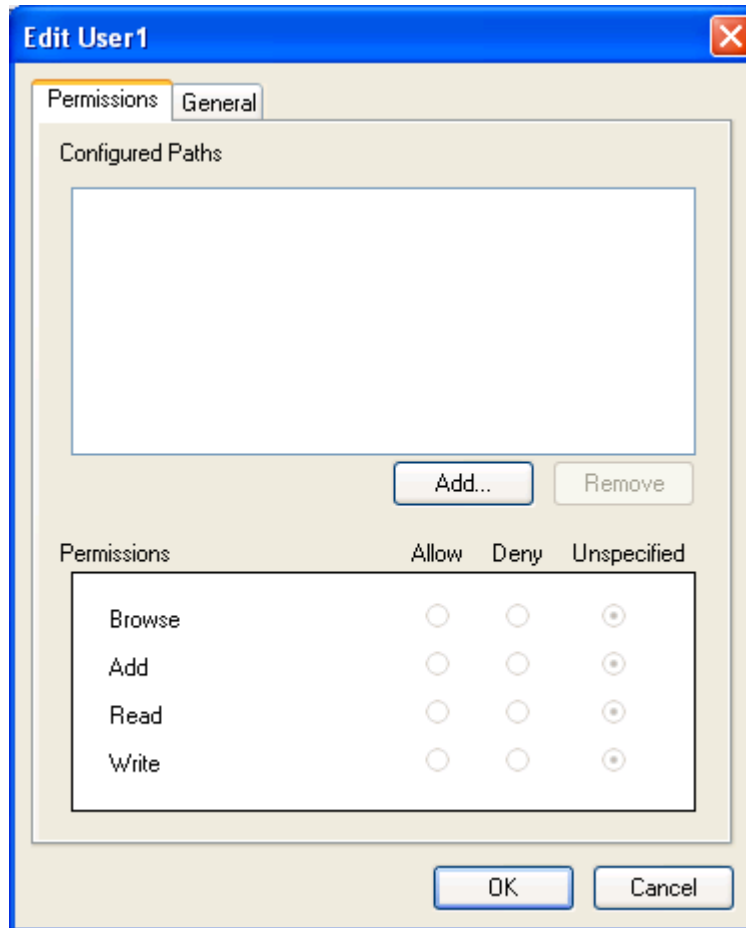


Figure 55 - Edit <Username> Window (Permissions Tab)

Permissions

On the **Permissions** tab, the permissions associated with this user relating to browsing, adding, reading, and writing for any specific paths or OPC items are configured. The **Configured Paths** screen section lists the paths and/or OPC items for which permissions are defined. The **Permissions** screen section indicates those permissions with option buttons, which can be set to **Allow**, **Deny**, or **Unspecified**. Selecting **Unspecified** directs the OPC Framework to look for the permission higher up in the hierarchy.

From the **Permissions** tab, when the **Add** button is selected, the **Add Permission** screen is displayed. In the **Server Address Space** screen section, folders and items are shown as nodes are selected and expanded.

Red folders indicate a null branch. This means that the item names below this branch do not contain the branch name, so permissions set on the branch will not reflect on **Add**, **Write**, and **Read** permissions for the items below the branch. To properly set permissions on the items below the branch, they have to be set on the items themselves.

Figure 56 provides an example of a null branch and items below it, all of which are outlined in black.

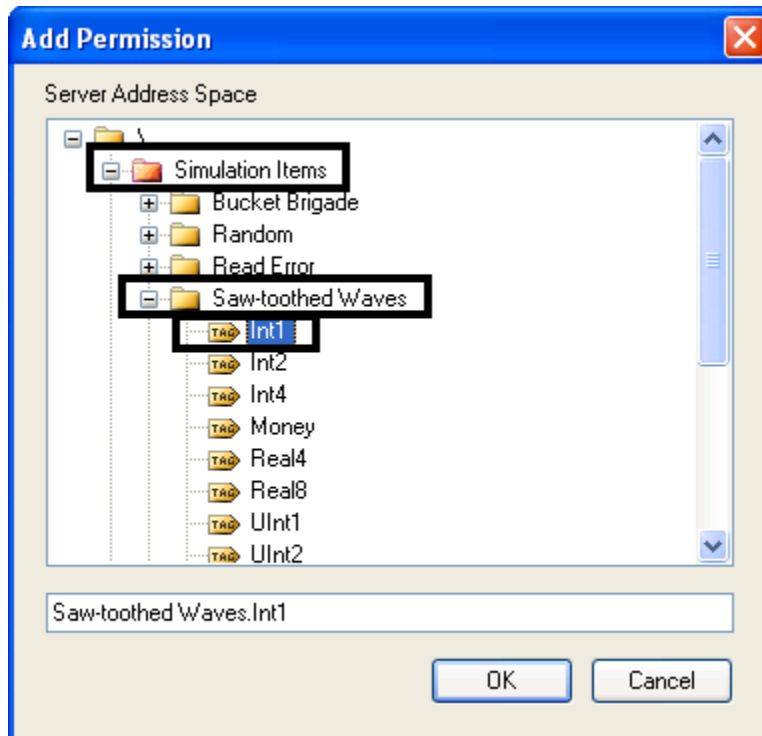


Figure 56 - Add Permission Screen (Server Address Space)

When browsing, using the example in the diagram above, **Simulation Items** is a null branch (identified by the red folder), **Saw-toothed Waves** is a non-null branch, and **Int1** is an item.

Setting permissions on the **Simulation Items** branch does not affect **Read**, **Write**, and **Add** permissions for the **Saw-toothed Waves** branch of the **Int1** item below that. This is because when adding the **Int1** item, the item ID of the **Int1** item is actually **Saw-toothed Waves.Int1** and not **Simulation Items\Saw-toothed Waves.Int1**.

Setting **Read**, **Write**, and **Add** permissions for the **Saw-toothed Waves** branch will affect the items below as **Saw-toothed Waves** is part of the item ID of the **Int1** item (**Saw-toothed Waves.Int1**), and therefore the **Saw-toothed Waves** folder does not appear as a red folder like the **Simulation Items** folder does.

Note: User permissions override group permissions. For example, if a defined group is denied writing privileges to an OPC item, **Random.Int4**, while a defined user (a member of that group) is allowed writing privilege to Random items (**Random.<itemID>**), then the user permissions would take precedence for that OPC item (even though the permissions relating to the group are a better match for the OPC item, **Random.Int4**).

To edit a user's permissions:

1. Click on the **Add** button to begin configuring permissions for the current user.
2. The **Add User Permission** window (Figure 57) appears. This window allows you to browse the OPC server address space to find either a path in the hierarchy, or a particular OPC item.

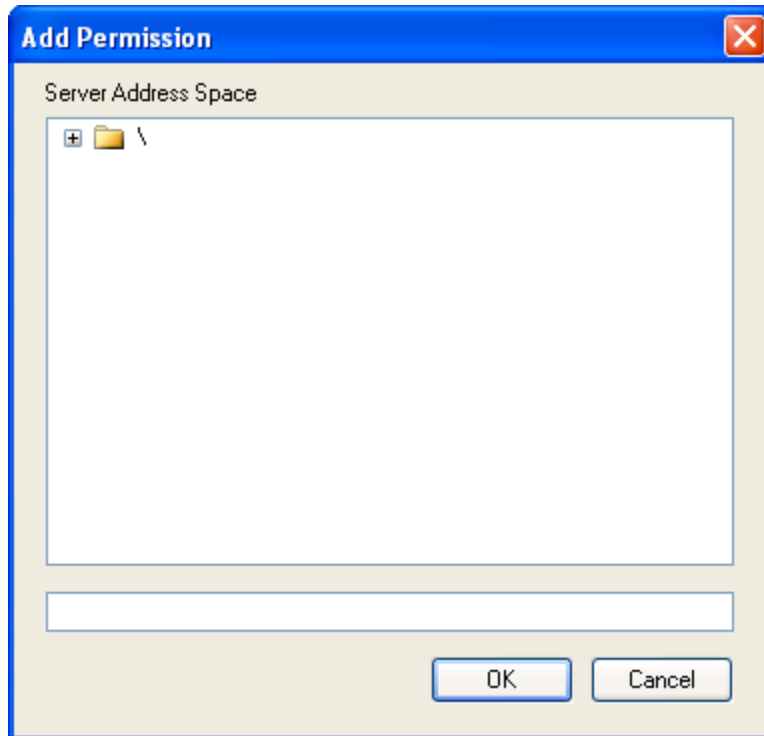


Figure 57 - Add User Permission Window

3. Expand on the server address space's root node and continue to browse to the desired path in the hierarchy, or the desired OPC item.

Note: Branches (i.e., folders) that are red in colour (see Figure 58) are not part of an item's path, but rather are used for browsing organization. Configuring permissions for adding, reading, and writing will not affect items below it. For more information, refer to **Permissions**.

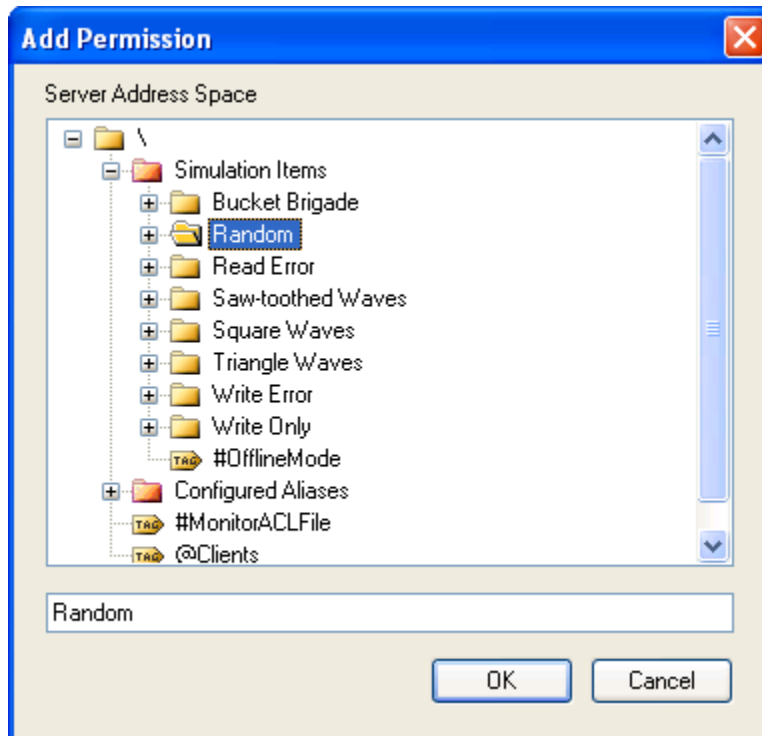


Figure 58 - Add Permission Window: Browsing Server Address Space

4. Click on the **OK** button.
5. The selected path or item will be listed in the **Configured Paths** screen section of the **Edit User** window. Permissions can now be assigned, as in the example depicted in Figure 59.

Note: In this example, **User1** is allowed to browse the **Random** path of the OPC server's address space. Adding privileges are denied, and Reading and Writing privileges are unspecified.

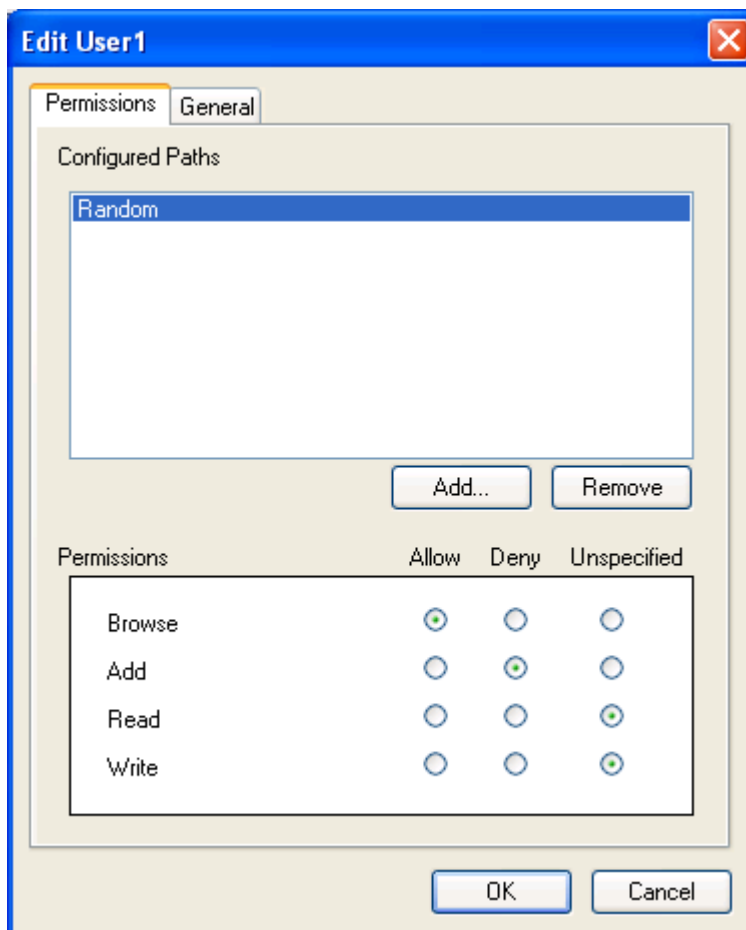


Figure 59 - Edit <Username>: Example

On the **General** tab (Figure 60) of the **Edit <Username>** window, the name and password of the user can be changed.

To edit a user's name:

1. Enter a new name in the **Name** field.
2. Click on the **OK** button.

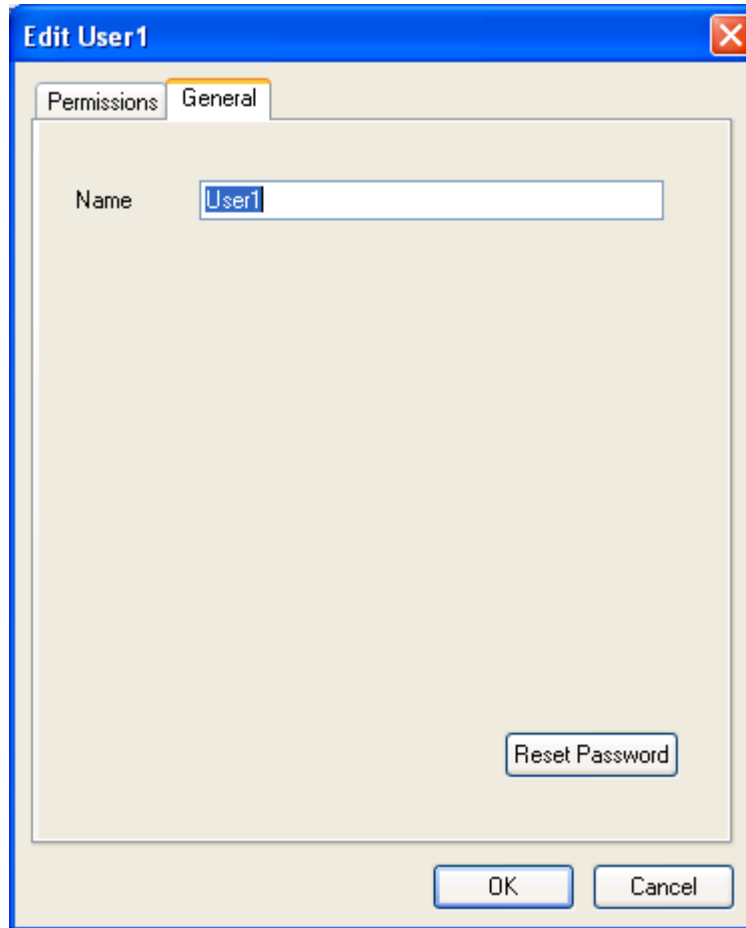


Figure 60 - Edit <Username> Window (General Tab)

To change the user's password:

1. Click on the **Reset Password** button. The **Reset Password** window (Figure 61) appears.

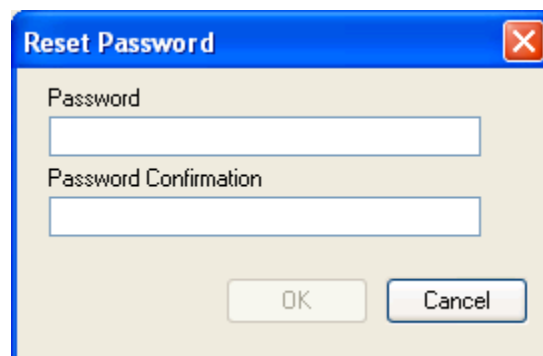


Figure 61 - Reset Password Window

2. Enter the new password in the **Password** field.
3. Re-enter the password in the **Password Confirmation** field.
4. Click on the **OK** button.

Edit Group

To edit a group:

- From the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** main screen, either:
 - Double-click your mouse on the group you wish to edit, or
 - Right-click your mouse on the required group and select **Edit Group** from the displayed menu, or
 - Click your mouse on the required group and then select the **Edit** button.
- The **Edit <Groupname>** window (Figure 62) appears.

Notes:

- In this example, the group being edited is **Group1** so the window's title reads **Edit Group1**.
- For Private Groups, there are three tabs on this window: **Permissions**, **General**, and **Members**. For NT Groups, there is only the **Permissions** tab.

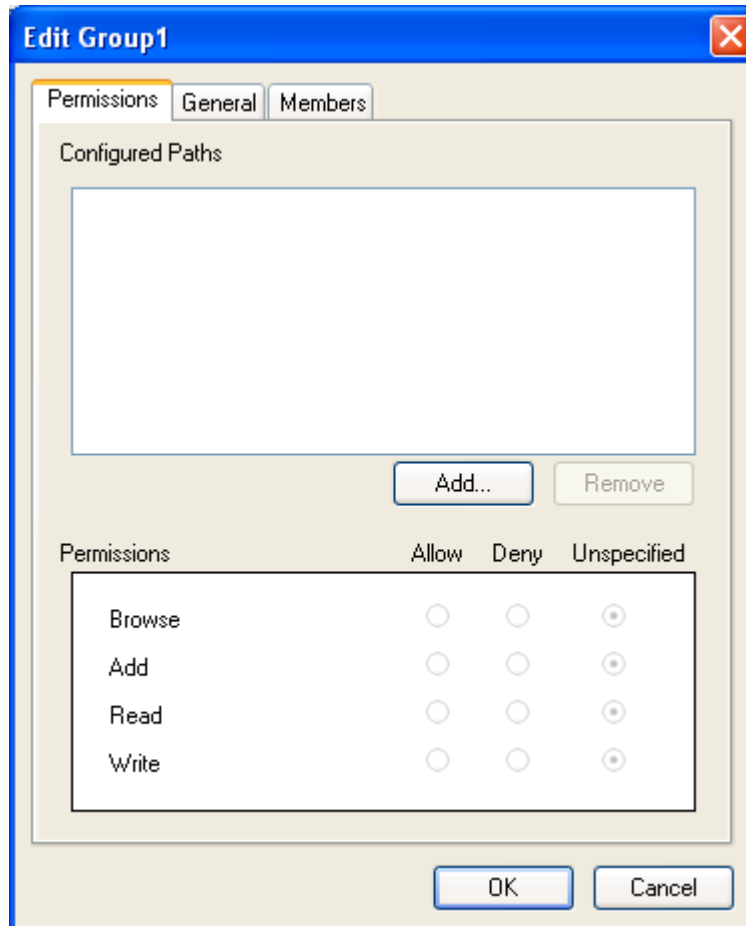


Figure 62 - Edit <Groupname> Window (Permissions Tab)

On the **Permissions** tab, the permissions associated with this group relating to browsing, adding, reading, and writing for any specific paths or OPC items are configured. Refer to the **Edit User** section regarding configuration on the **Permissions** tab. Group and user permissions are configured in the same way.

On the **General** tab (Figure 63) of the **Edit <Groupname>** window, the name of the group can be changed.

To edit a group's name:

1. Enter a new name in the **Name** field.
2. Click on the **OK** button.

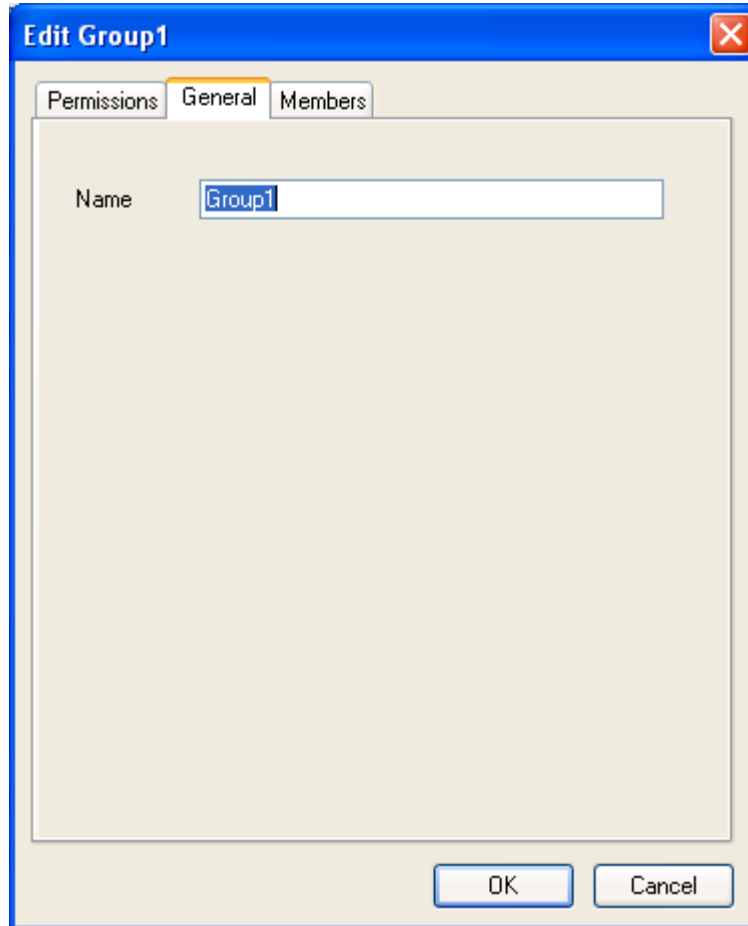


Figure 63 - Edit <Groupname> Window (General Tab)

On the **Members** tab (Figure 64), the users that are part of the current group are defined. By default, the **Group Members** screen section is empty. In Figure 64, **User1** has been added to **Group1**.

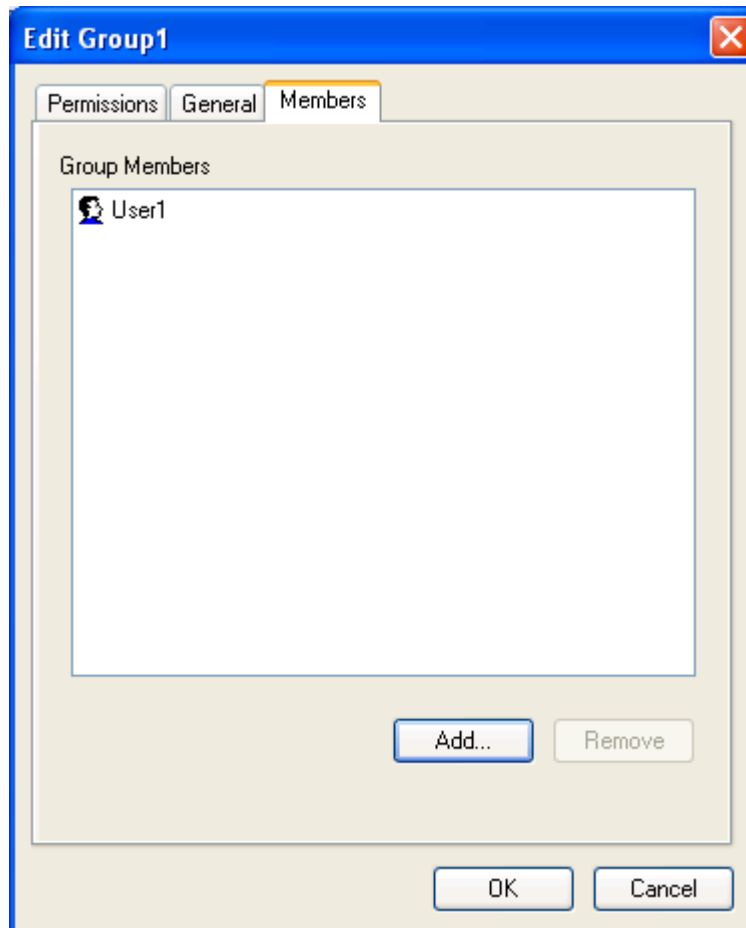


Figure 64 - Edit <Groupname> Window (Members Tab)

To add one or more members to the group:

1. Click on the **Add** button. The **Add Existing User** window (Figure 65) appears.

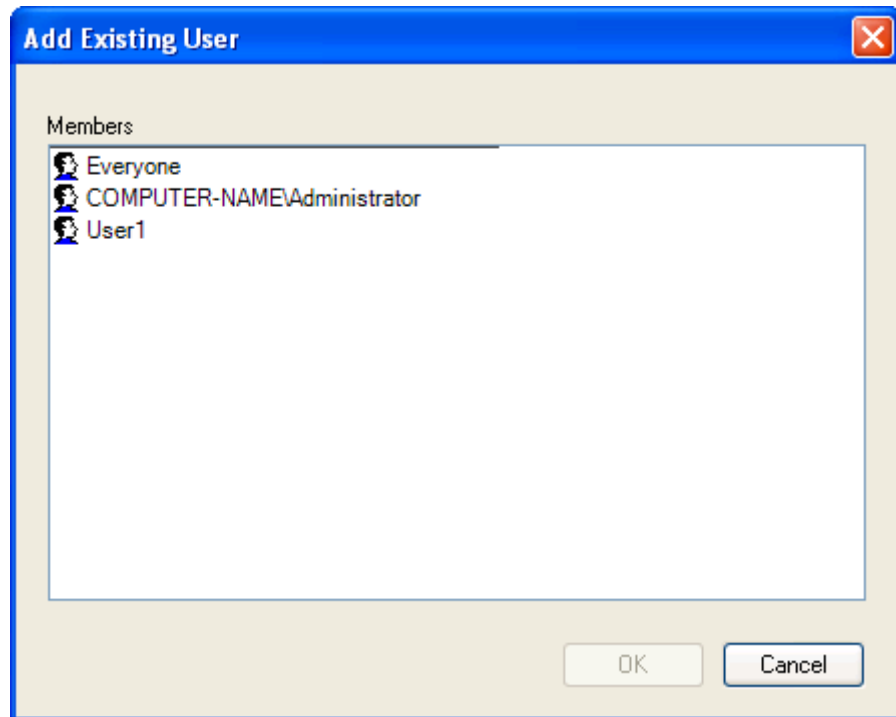


Figure 65 - Add Existing User Window

2. The **Members** screen section lists all the defined users from which you may choose. Select one or more desired users to become members of the group.
3. Click on the **OK** button. The selected user or users appear in the **Group Members** screen section on the **Members** tab (Figure 64).

To remove a user from the group:

1. Select that user in the **Group Members** screen section.
2. Click on the **Remove** button.

Notes:

- If a user name and a group name (to which the user belongs) have permissions defined for the same location, the user name will be used. If a user belongs to two groups that have permissions defined for the same location, the group that is alphabetically first will be used.
- The exact location (full item ID for reading, writing, and adding, or the full path for browsing) is always looked for first when determining the permission for a particular user. If the exact location is not found, or is found but does not contain a defined permission, then the closest match in location is looked at next, and so on. The root location (i.e., empty string) will always match, and is used if no partial location match is made.

Delete

To delete a previously added user or group:

1. From the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** main screen, either:
 - Select the required user or group from the list and click on the **Delete** button (Figure 50), or

- For a group, right-click your mouse on the required group and select **Delete Group** from the displayed menu, or
- For a user, right-click your mouse on the required user and select **Delete User** from the displayed menu

Change Password

To change the security password for the OPC server:

1. From the **MatrikonOPC Security Configuration Utility** main screen, click on the **Change Password** button (Figure 47).
2. The **Change Password** window (Figure 66) appears.



Figure 66 - Change Password Window

3. Enter the old password for the current OPC server.
4. Enter and confirm the desired new password.
5. Click on the **OK** button.

Note: Changes are applied in the Utility main window by clicking on either the **OK** or **Apply** button.

Examples

This section contains examples of tag security settings made via the MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility, and the impact of these settings.

Default

The default tag security configuration provided is quite simplistic as is shown in Table 55:

User/Group	Configured Paths	Browse	Add	Read	Write
Everyone	\	Allow	Allow	Allow	Allow

Table 55 - Default Tag Security

As no users or groups are defined, any NT user connecting to the OPC server will use the **Everyone** default user for permissions. Only the root level location is defined under the **Configured Paths** list, which gives full permissions to the entire OPC server. An administrator will want to change these default settings for the OPC server to provide more security on its tags.

Example 1

Table 56 contains a possible tag security configuration enforces complete restricted access except for the NT user **DOMAIN\Admin**:

User/Group	Configured Paths	Browse	Add	Read	Write
Everyone	\	Deny	Deny	Deny	Deny
DOMAIN\Admin	\	Allow	Allow	Allow	Allow

Table 56 - Example 1

At this point, more users can be added which belong to a more restricted group. This group may be denied write capability or restricted to certain areas in the server hierarchy.

Example 2

Following is an example of a tag security configuration for the MatrikonOPC Server for Simulation and Testing, with sample use-cases. Table 57 lists all defined users and groups and their associated permissions. Table 58 indicates which users are members of the defined groups.

Unspec. permission indicates *Unspecified*. Groups in this example are Private Groups.

User/Group	Configured Paths	Browse	Add	Read	Write
Everyone	\	Allow	Deny	Deny	Deny
Everyone	Configured Aliases	Deny	Unspec.	Unspec.	Unspec.
DOMAIN\john.doe					
DOMAIN\fred.stone					
DOMAIN\sally.simpson					
DOMAIN\the.admin					
Supervisor	\	Deny	Allow	Allow	Deny
Restricted (group)					
Common (group)	\	Allow	Allow	Allow	Deny
Common (group)	Triangle Waves	Deny	Deny	Deny	Deny
Admin (group)	\	Allow	Allow	Allow	Allow
Admin (group)	Bucket Brigade.Int4	Unspec.	Unspec.	Unspec.	Deny

Table 57 - Example 2: Permissions

User/Group	Configured Paths
Restricted	DOMAIN\john.doe
Common	DOMAIN\fred.stone, DOMAIN\sally.simpson
Admin	DOMAIN\the.admin

Table 58 - Example 2: Groups and Members

Tip 1

Adding a user name and not defining any permissions for that user name (or any group it belongs to), will completely restrict their access to information in the OPC server.

Case 1

User **DOMAIN\john.doe** connects. The user is unable to perform any function at any level, since no permissions have been defined for this user name or the **Restricted** group to which it belongs.

Tip 2

Use the root location to define permissions for locations that have not been defined. Use the default user to define permissions for users that are not listed.

Case 2

User **DOMAIN\no.name** connects. This name is not defined so the default user permissions are used. At the root level location, the default user can browse but no more. The only other location where permissions are defined for the default user is **Configured Aliases** – here browsing is denied and adding, reading, and writing permissions are not defined. Thus, **DOMAIN\no.name** will be able to browse the entire server except the **Configured Aliases** branch and all aliases under it. Also, **DOMAIN\no.name** will not be able to do any item addition, reading, or writing. Since item addition, reading, and writing permissions were not defined for the default user for under **Configured Aliases**, it would use the permissions defined at the root level.

Case 3

User **DOMAIN\fred.stone** connects. This user belongs to the defined group **Common**. At the root level, the group Common can browse, add, and read items, but writing is denied. The only other location which defines permissions for this group is **Triangle Waves**. This location has denied all permissions for the **Common** group.

Case 4

User **Supervisor** connects through the private security interface and logs on. This user does not belong to any group, but its name has a root level permission which allows it to add and read items. No other locations have permissions defined. Since the user cannot browse, it will need to know the item syntax for any items it wishes to add and read.

Case 5

User **DOMAIN\the.admin** connects. This user belongs to the **Admin** group, which at the root level has all permissions allowed. The only other location where the **Admin** group has permissions defined, is the full item ID **Bucket Brigade.Int4**. This user is unable to write to that item. However, the root permissions for browsing, adding, and reading the item apply as they are not defined at this level.

Security Details

ACL File

The permissions that the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility** creates are stored in a file named **ACL.sec** that is located in the same directory as the MatrikonOPC server executable: **C:\Program Files\Matrikon\OPC\< OPC Server Name >**.

ACL.sec is encrypted with 256-bit AES using the password key that was provided during installation (or changed in the security utility).

While the server is running, if the **ACL.sec** file is moved or deleted from its location above, security functions as it did before the file was moved. If the server is re-started with the **ACL.sec** file missing, no users will have permissions to do anything (i.e., browsing, adding, reading, writing) and must re-configure their security settings.

Note: It is advised that this file is backed up and stored somewhere safe, once tag security configuration has been completed. In the event that this file is lost or deleted by accident, simply

transfer the stored backup (if one was made) to the directory stated above. If **ACL.sec** becomes deleted and no backup was made, tag security will need to be re-configured.

Run-Time Tag Security Configuration

Tag security can be configured and updated while a MatrikonOPC server is running. This run-time security configuration can be controlled using the **#MonitorACLFile** OPC item (found in the root branch when browsing the server).

The **#MonitorACLFile** is a boolean OPC tag that has a default value of **True** when the server starts which indicates that the tag security permissions are monitored and applied while the server is running. By adding this item to an OPC group and writing a value of **False** to this item, the server no longer applies tag security configuration changes while the server is running. The server would need to be stopped and restarted for the changes to take effect.

By disabling the ability of run-time tag security configuration, a malicious user that has access to the machine cannot delete the ACL file and thus remove all user permissions for OPC security. Run-time tag security configuration can be re-enabled when changes to the tag security need to be made, and then disabled again once they have been applied.

Security should be applied to the **#MonitorACLFile** tag so that unauthorized users are unable to control this ability described above.

Client Connections and Private Log On

When an OPC client connects to the server, the OPC Framework impersonates the client and determines the name of the NT user that is running the client. This client name (consisting of the domain name and the user for that domain) is what the OPC Framework uses when checking permissions set in the **MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility**. If this NT user was not added in the **Users & Groups** list (Figure 50), then the user **Everyone** is used instead.

If the OPC client chooses to use the *IOPCSecurityPrivate* interface, it must call the *Logon()* function and provide a name and password. The OPC Framework will immediately look for the private user in the **Users & Groups** list (Figure 50). If the user is found and the password provided is correct, the *Logon()* result is successful and the user name provided replaces the NT user that was obtained through impersonation. If not found, the *Logon()* result is failure and the NT user remains as the name used for security permissions. When the OPC client calls *Logoff()*, the NT user becomes the name used for security permissions.

Determining Permission

Whenever a browsing, item addition, read, or write operation is performed by the OPC client, the OPC Framework will call a permission routine to determine if permission is allowed or denied. Three pieces of information are always sent to this routine call:

1. Identity
2. Location
3. Type

Identity is the user name described in the previous section – either the NT domain name, a private name, or the default user **Everyone**. In addition, identity includes any groups (private or NT) that the user belongs to. Location is either the full item ID or a partial path in the server hierarchy. Type is the access type: browsing, item addition, reading, or writing. Each piece of information is checked in the order listed above.

The following information details the procedure used in determining permission rights:

1. Look for a permission match with the NT domain name or private name. This step occurs only if the NT domain name or private name has been defined in the **Users & Groups** list.
2. If a permission match was not yet found, look for one using each group defined in the **Users & Groups** list that the NT domain name or private name belongs to. The first group that contains a permission match will be the one used. An NT domain name does not need to be defined in the **Users & Groups** list for a group it belongs to, to have a permission match. The NT domain name must be part of **Group Members** for private groups, or in the Active Directory for NT groups.
3. If a permission match was not yet found, look for a permission match using the default user **Everyone**.

The procedure used in finding a permission match for a particular identity is as follows:

1. Check whether the exact location is found in the **Configured Paths** list for the **identity**. If found:
 - a. Check whether the permission type (**browse**, **add**, **read**, or **write**) is specified (Figure 59). If the permission type is specified for the action being performed, a match is found and the permission (either allow or deny) is used.
2. If a permission match was not found in step 1a, check whether a partial match of the location is found in the **Configured Paths** list for the **identity**. A partial match is always a sub-string of the given location that starts with the same characters. This represents starting from the root location and moving down the browsing hierarchy.

For example, the location **Random** is a partial match of the full item ID **Random.String**. However, **String** is not a partial match (even if it is a sub-string) because it does not match the first seven characters. The root location **** is considered a partial match for every full item ID.

For each partial match from step 2, apply step 1a. The best partial match (i.e., the one that has the most characters) that is successful in step 1a is the one whose permission is used.

Example

The following is an example of a tag security configuration. Table 59 lists all defined users and their associated permissions.

User/Group	Configured Paths	Browse	Add	Read	Write
Everyone					
DOMAIN\john.doe	\	Allow	Allow	Allow	Allow
DOMAIN\john.doe	Random	Allow	Deny	Deny	Deny
DOMAIN\john.doe	Random.Int	Allow	Allow	Allow	Allow

Table 59 - Example 2: Permissions

The user **DOMAIN\john.doe** wants to read the item **Random.Int4**. The permission routine would not be able to find an exact location match under the **Configured Paths** list. However, it would loop through each partial match in the Configured Paths list looking for a defined permission. The location **Random.Int** would be the closest match and the permission would be **ALLOW**.

The user **DOMAIN\john.doe** wants to read the item **Random.Real4**. The permission routine would not be able to find an exact location match under the **Configured Paths** list. However, it would loop through each partial match in the Configured Paths list looking for a defined permission. The location **Random** would be the closest match and the permission would be **DENY**.

Appendix G Offline Mode

Introduction

Offline mode allows the MatrikonOPC Server Framework to be disconnected to the end device, but still return data as if the data was coming from it. This is useful in two situations:

1. A configuration can be set up with to interact with any hardware, allowing any problems in the configuration to be worked out without having them affect the device.
2. Diagnosing problems becomes much simpler when an implementer can remove the device hardware from the architecture.

Offline mode can be applied to the entire configuration of a MatrikonOPC server or to a portion of it.

Offline Mode Toggling

A Boolean control item, named **#OfflineMode**, is provided at each branch in a MatrikonOPC server browsing hierarchy. Adding this item will allow an OPC client to monitor the offline mode for that location using read operations and provide the ability to toggle offline mode for that location using write operations.

When reading the item **#OfflineMode**, the value **True** represents enabled and the value **False** represents disabled. Likewise, writing a value of **True** to **#OfflineMode** enables offline mode and writing a value of **False** to **#OfflineMode** disables offline mode. When offline mode is toggled at a particular location in the hierarchy, it also toggles offline mode for all branches underneath it in hierarchy. For example, if offline mode was enabled at the root in the hierarchy, every branch would have its offline mode enabled. Upon server start-up, every branch has the **#OfflineMode** item set to **False** (i.e., offline mode is disabled).

Offline Mode Item Values

When offline mode is enabled at a particular location in the browsing hierarchy, all OPC items at that location generate random values according to their data type (the **Date** data type is the one exception to this). Table 60 shows the value behaviour for each data type:

Data Type	Behaviour
Boolean (VT_BOOL)	True or False .
Character (VT_I1)	Value between -128 and 127 .
16-bit Integer (VT_I2)	Value between -32768 and 32767 .
32-bit Integer (VT_I4 and VT_INT)	Value between -2147483648 and 2147483647 .
Byte (VT_UI1)	Value between 0 and 255 .
Word (VT_UI2)	Value between 0 and 65525 .
Double Word (VT_UI4 and VT_UINT)	Value between 0 and 4294967295 .
Float (VT_R4)	Value between -13388.5962 and 13388.5962 .
Double (VT_R8)	Value between -8345.512588035 and 8345.512588035 .
Date (VT_DATE)	Current system time.

Data Type	Behaviour
String (VT_BSTR)	<i>Simulated</i> or <i>Data</i> .

Table 60 - Offline Mode Item Values

Operational Effects

When offline mode is enabled at a particular location in a server's hierarchy, there is no communication between the server and the end-device/application to which the location refers.



Note: Some servers allow communication to multiple devices/applications. To ensure there is no communication in the entire server, offline mode should be enabled at the root level.

To ensure that there is no communication when offline mode is enabled, the MatrikonOPC Server Framework will disable the object associated with that branch. When an object is disabled due to offline mode, the **Enabled** checkbox will be cleared (i.e., unselected) in its panel within the configuration utility. Enabling the object will have no effect while the object has offline mode enabled. When offline mode is disabled for that particular object, the MatrikonOPC Server Framework will re-enable it and the **Enabled** checkbox will be selected (i.e., checked) once again.

Appendix H Installation

Once the system requirements have been met, you are ready to install the software.



Note: As part of the installation process, the **MatrikonOPC Analyzer** tool is installed and used to detect the system settings that affect the use of this software. No information is communicated back to Matrikon. Information is stored on this system **only** for future use by MatrikonOPC Support to assist with troubleshooting, if required.

To install the software:

1. Insert the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs CD into the CD drive.
2. If the MatrikonOPC InstallAware screen does not automatically appear, double-click the installation .exe file. The **MatrikonOPC Server – InstallAware Wizard** verifies its contents (Figure 67).

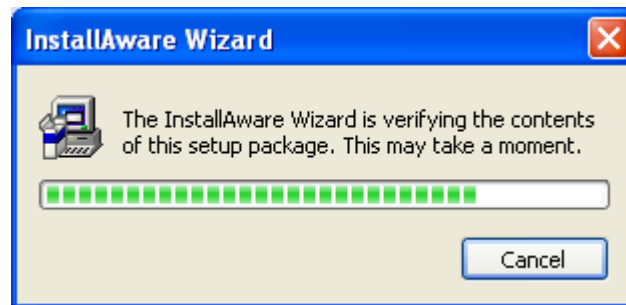


Figure 67 - InstallAware Wizard Verification Window

3. Either a **Pre-Requisites** screen (Figure 68) appears, or you are taken directly to the **Licensing Agreement** (Figure 69) screen. If the **Licensing Agreement** screen is the displayed screen, go to step 5.
4. If the **Pre-Requisites** screen appears, then click on the **Next** button to install the listed pre-requisites.

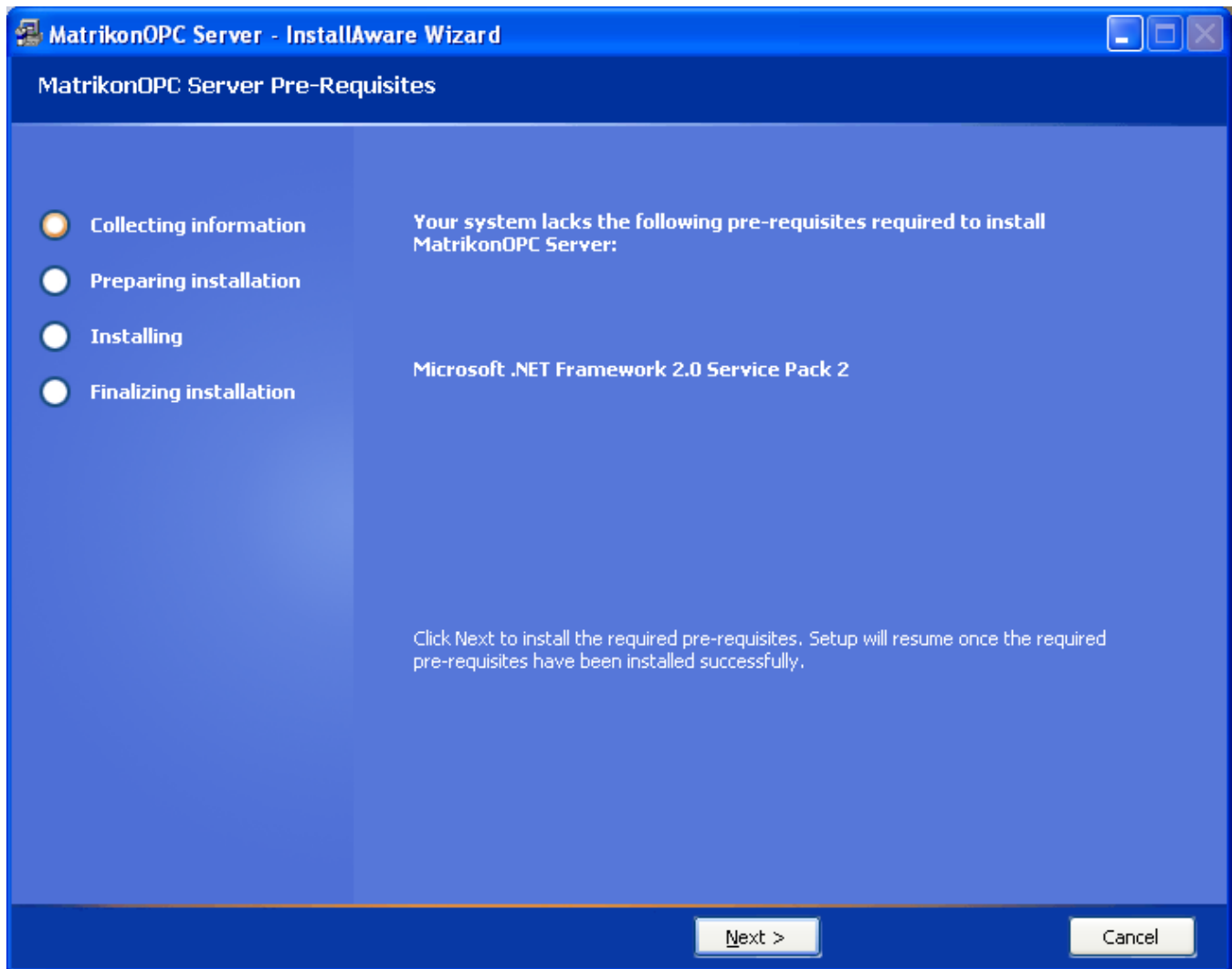


Figure 68 - Pre-Requisites Screen

5. After all pre-requisites have been installed, the **License Agreement** screen (Figure 69) appears.

Note: From the **License Agreement** screen, you have the option of selecting the **I reject the license agreement** option. Selecting the **I reject the license agreement** option button disables the **Next** button so your options are to return to the previous screen, cancel the install by clicking on the **Cancel** button, or select the **I accept the license agreement** option button enabling you to proceed through the install.

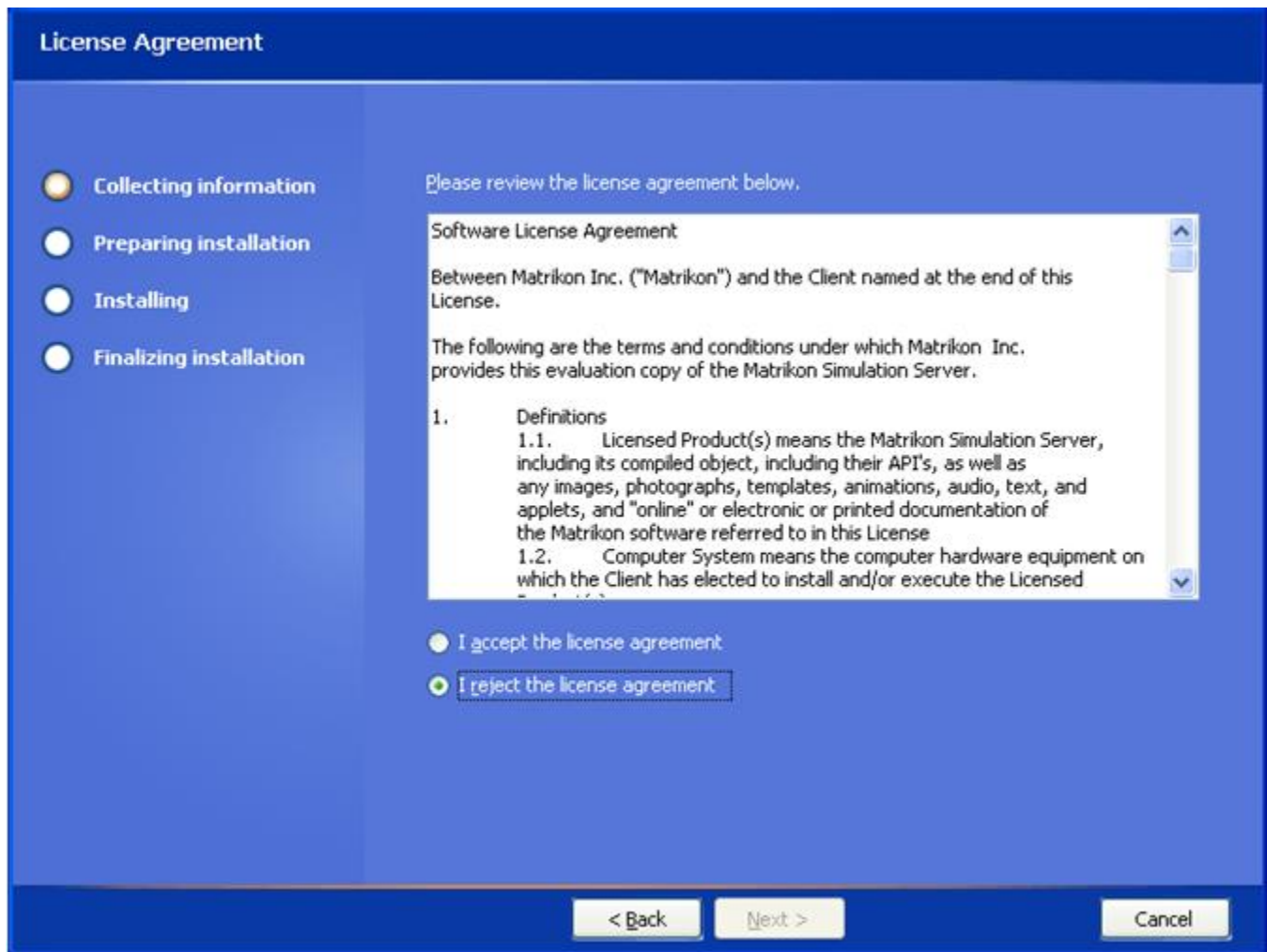


Figure 69 - License Agreement Screen

6. Read the **Software License Agreement**, using the scroll bar to view the entire message.
7. Select the **I accept the license agreement** option button.
8. Click on the **Next** button. The **Setup Type** screen (Figure 70) appears.

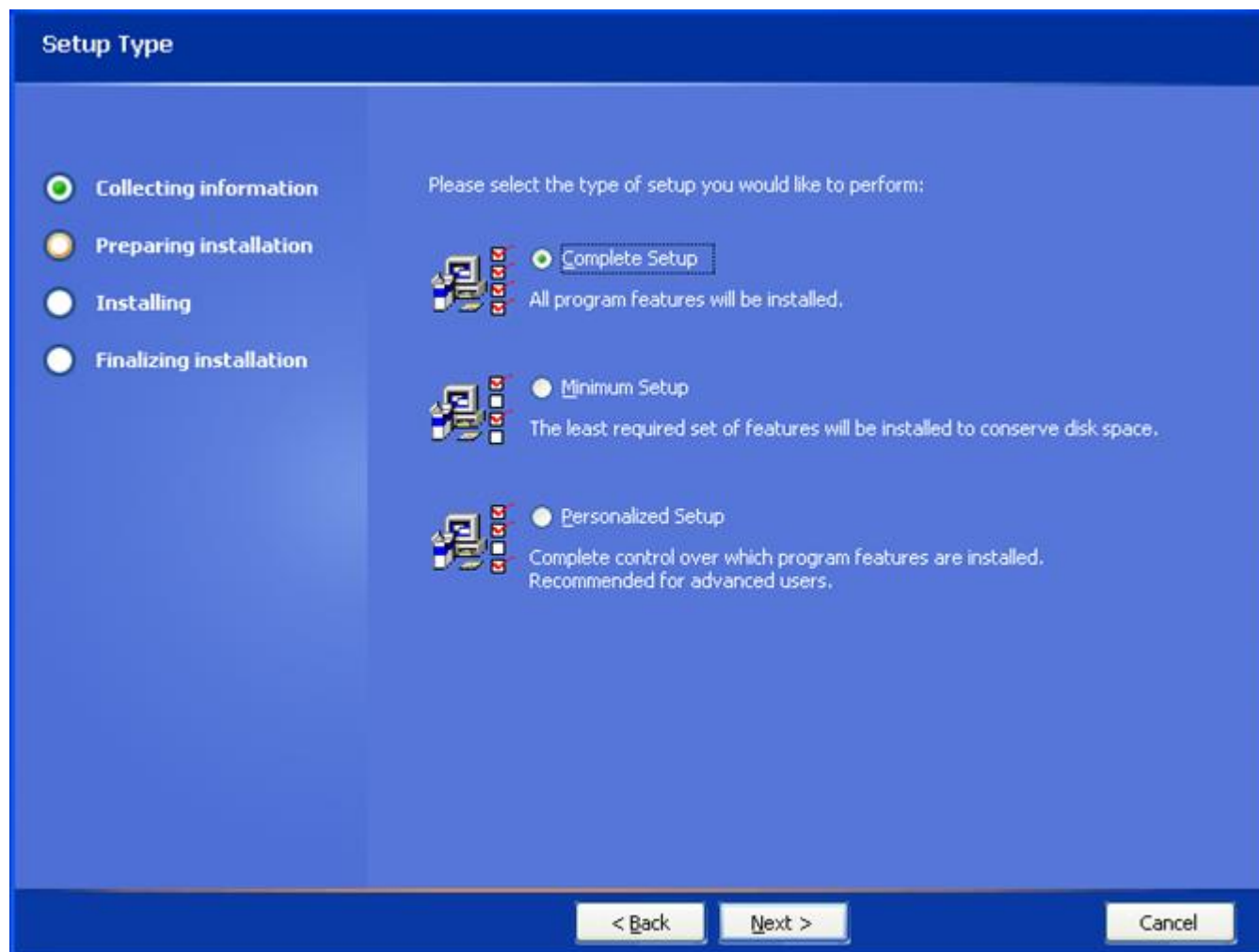


Figure 70 - Setup Type Screen

9. Select the type of setup to be performed.

Note: Matrikon recommends that you select the **Complete Setup** option.

10. Click on the **Next** button. The **Destination Folder** screen (Figure 71) appears.

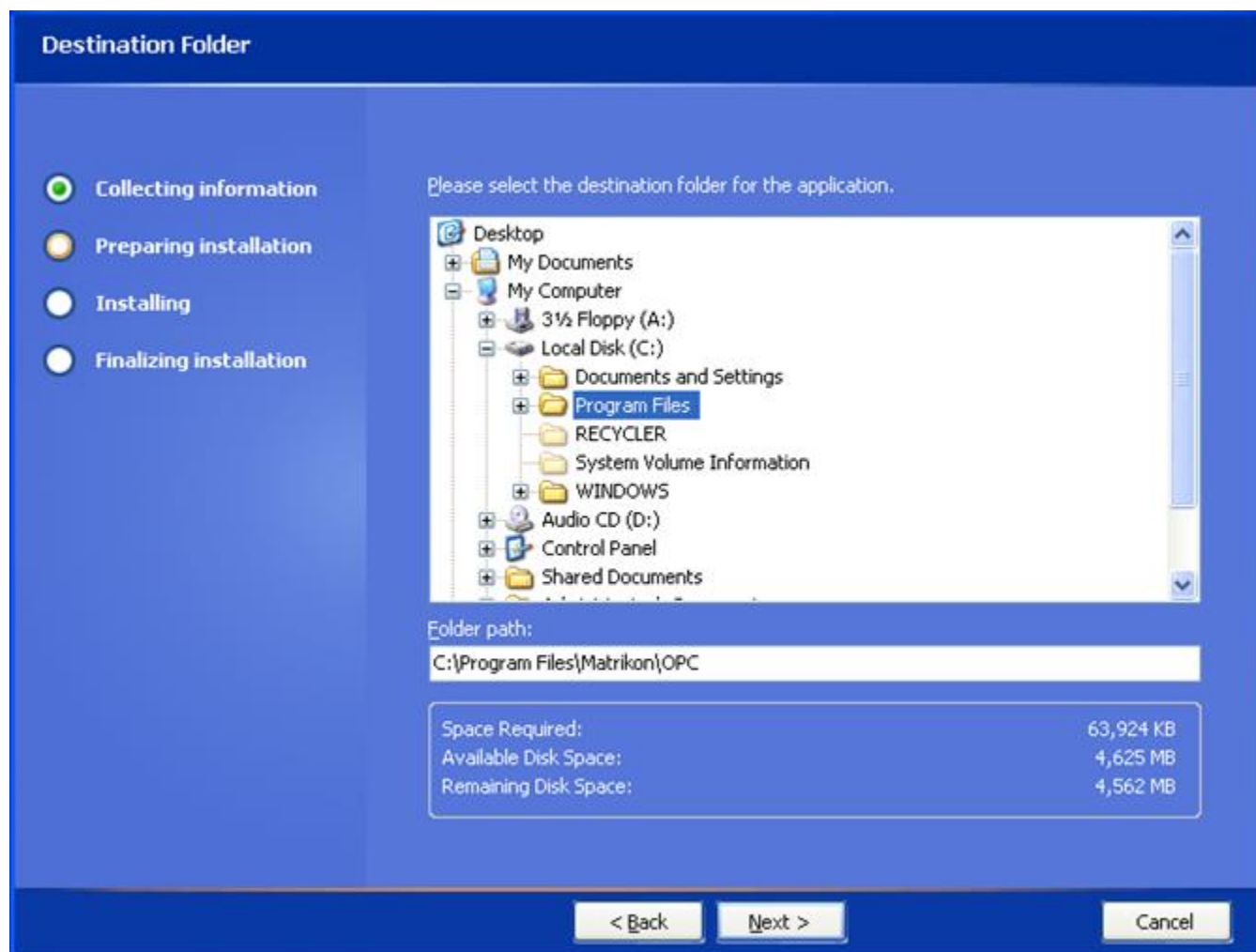


Figure 71 - Destination Folder Screen

11. Select the folder in which to install the MatrikonOPC server, or accept the default location displayed in the **Folder path** field.
12. Click on the **Next** button. The **Start Menu** screen (Figure 72) appears.

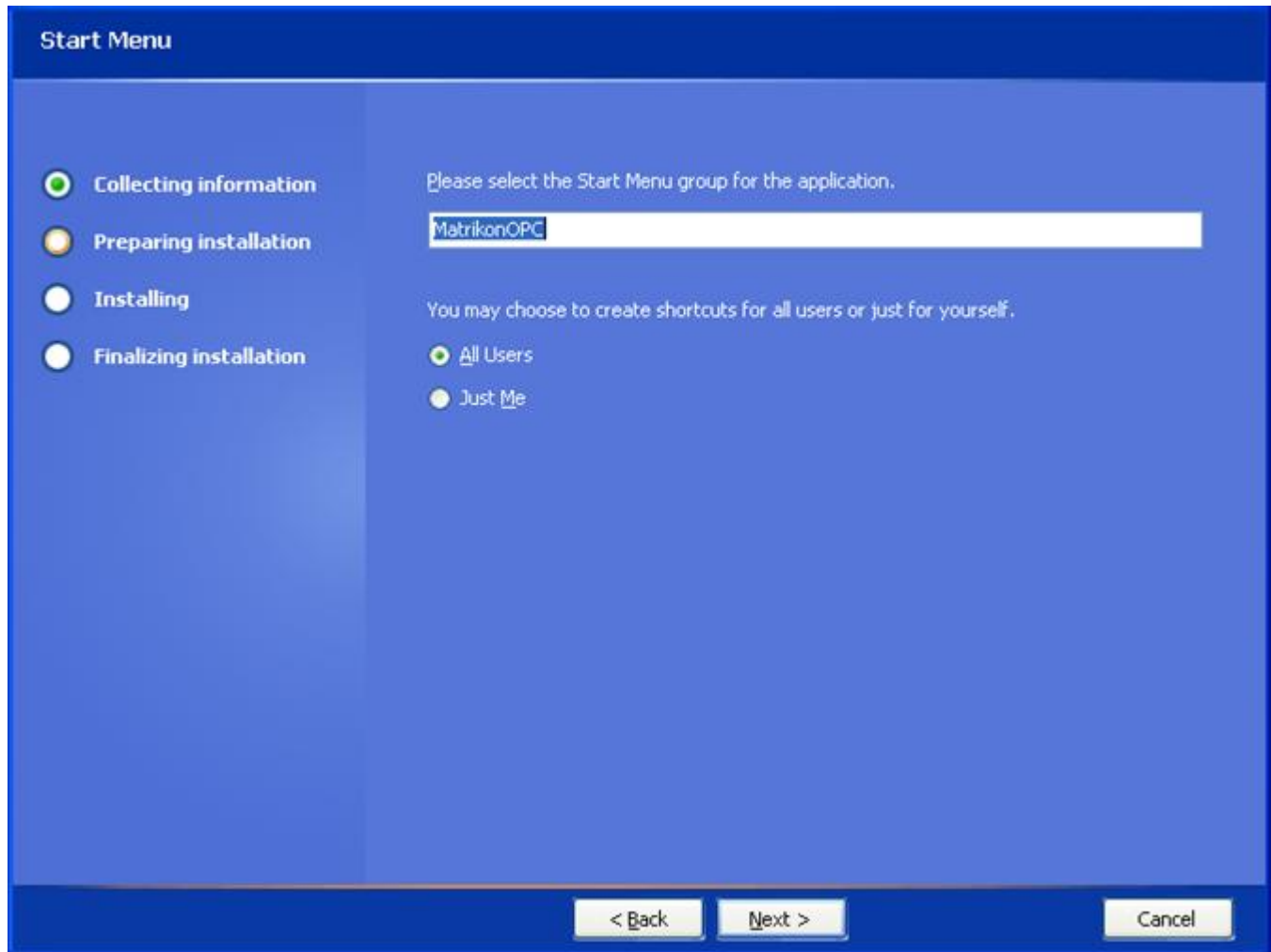
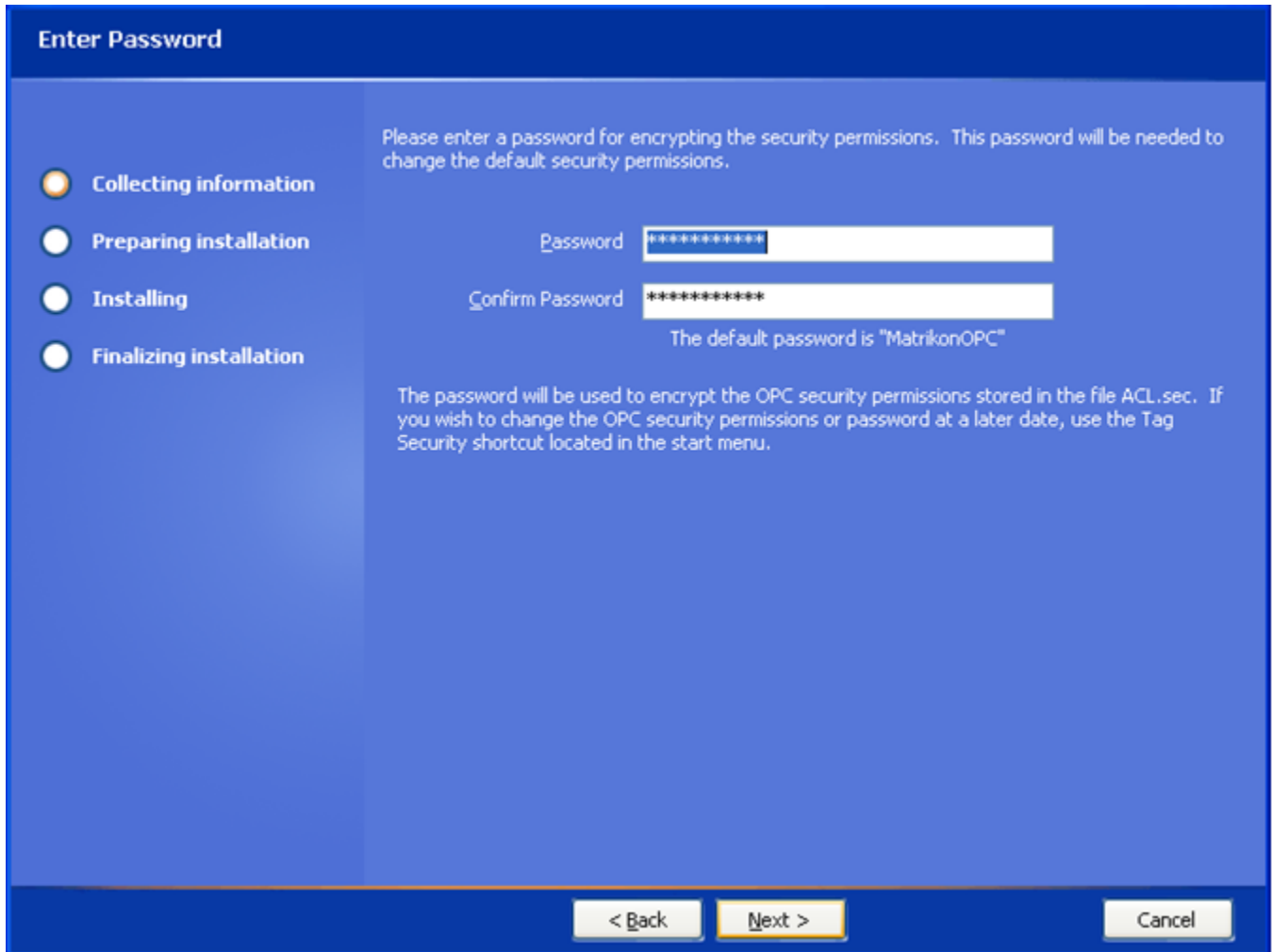


Figure 72 - Start Menu Screen

13. Select the **Start Menu** group and specify whether you want shortcuts created only for yourself, or for all users, by selecting the applicable option button.
14. Click on the **Next** button. The **Enter Password** screen (Figure 73) appears.



Enter Password

Please enter a password for encrypting the security permissions. This password will be needed to change the default security permissions.

☒ Collecting information
☐ Preparing installation
☐ Installing
☐ Finalizing installation

Password:
 Confirm Password:

The default password is "MatrikonOPC"

The password will be used to encrypt the OPC security permissions stored in the file ACL.sec. If you wish to change the OPC security permissions or password at a later date, use the Tag Security shortcut located in the start menu.

Figure 73 - Enter Password Screen

15. A default password is supplied for you in the **Password** and **Confirm Password** fields.

Notes:



- The default password provided for you is **MatrikonOPC**. Note this password for future reference.
- If you need to change the password at a later date, access the **Tag Security** shortcut from the **Start** menu. Click on the Windows **Start** button. Select **Programs** -> **MatrikonOPC** -> **<OPC Server Name>** -> **Tag Security**. For more information, refer to **Appendix F – Security**.

16. Click on the **Next** button to accept the default password. The **Licensing** screen (Figure 74) appears.

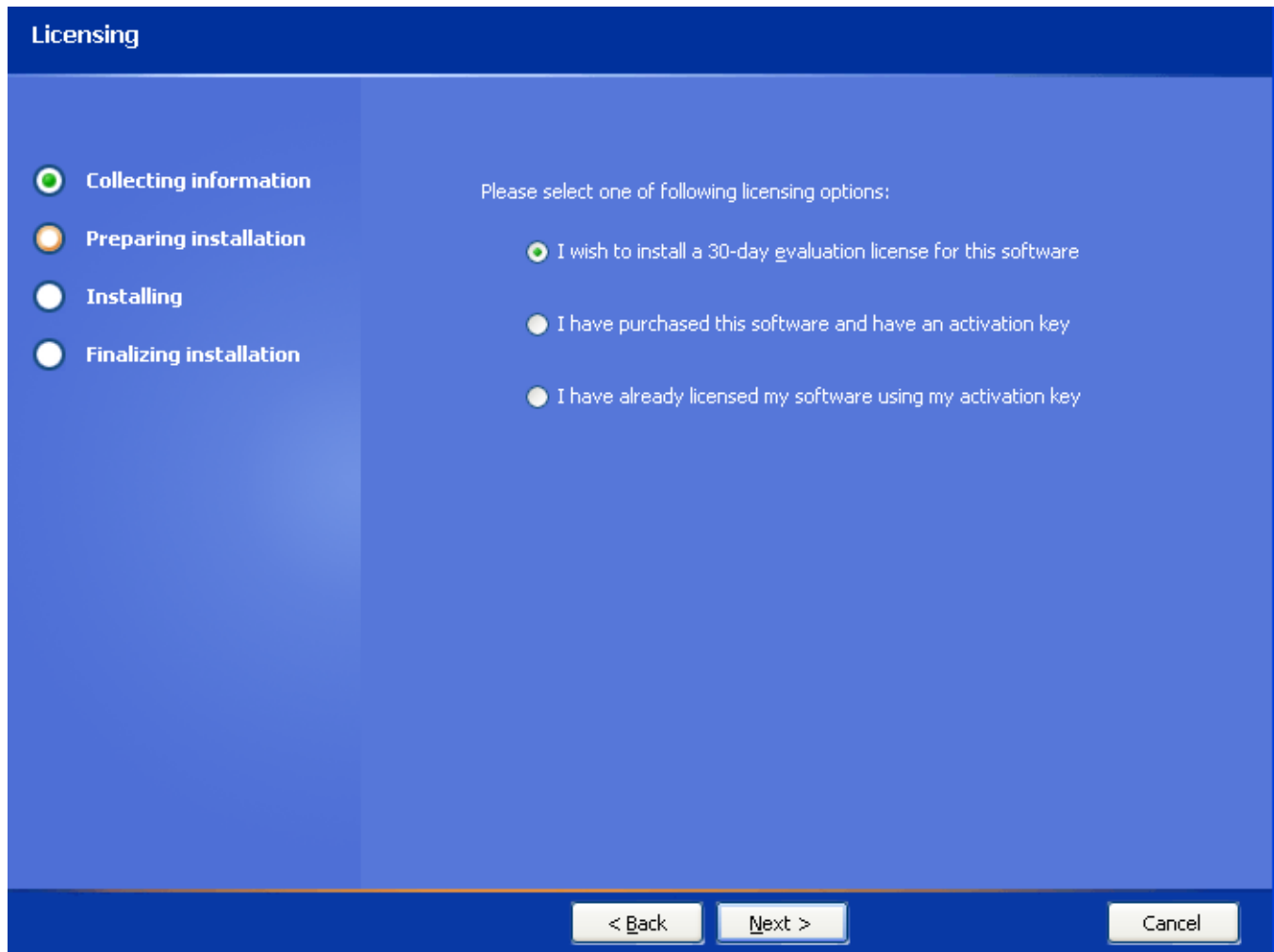


Figure 74 - Licensing Screen

17. Select the applicable licensing option.
18. Click on the **Next** button. The **Ready to Install** screen (Figure 75) appears.

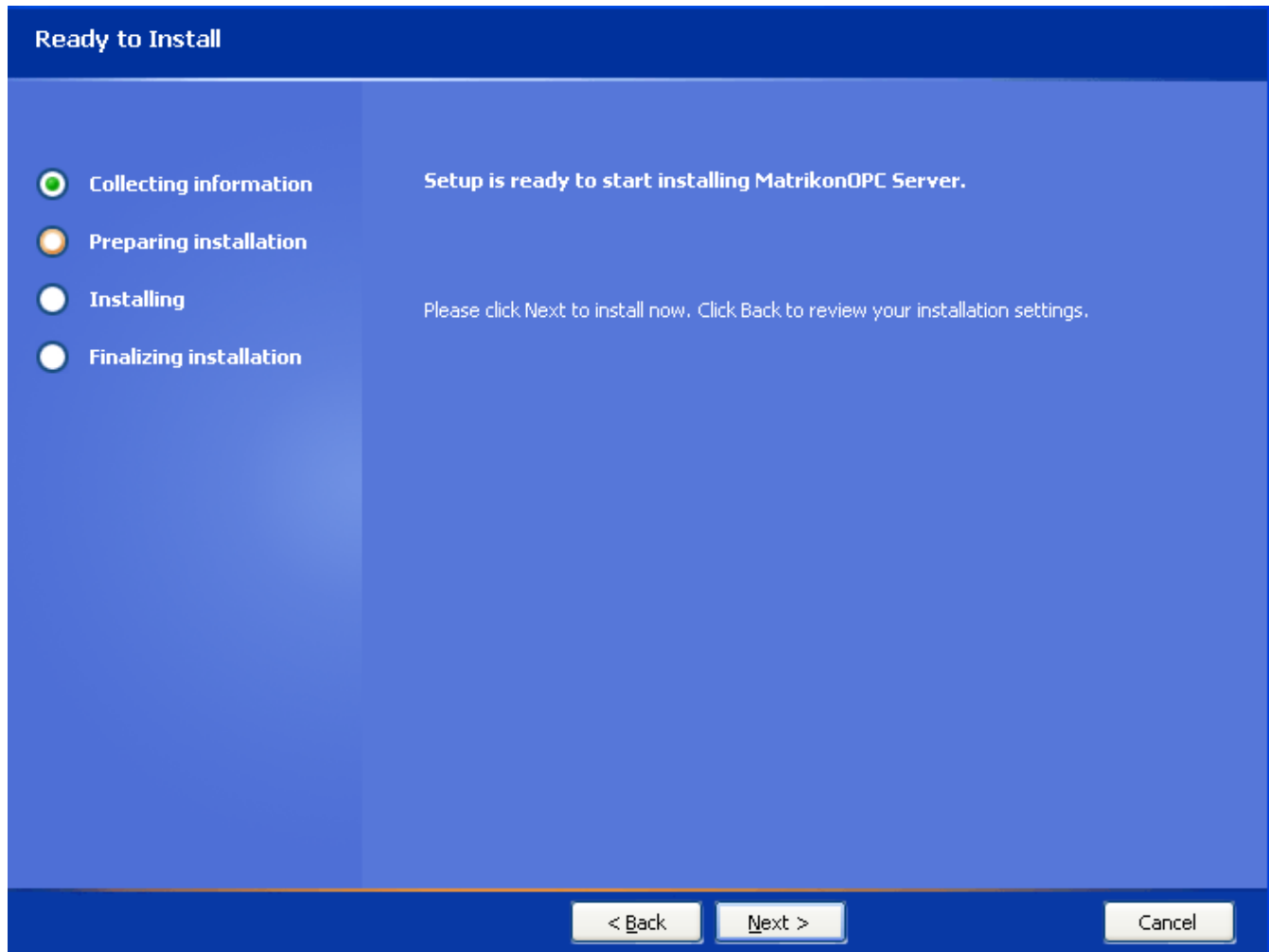


Figure 75 - Ready to Install Screen

19. Click on the **Next** button. The **Installing MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs** screen (Figure 76) appears, installation begins, and the product files are copied to the computer.

Note: Prior to starting the installation, you have the option of clicking on the **Back** button to change any of the installation information. Click on the **Cancel** button if you wish to stop or cancel the installation.

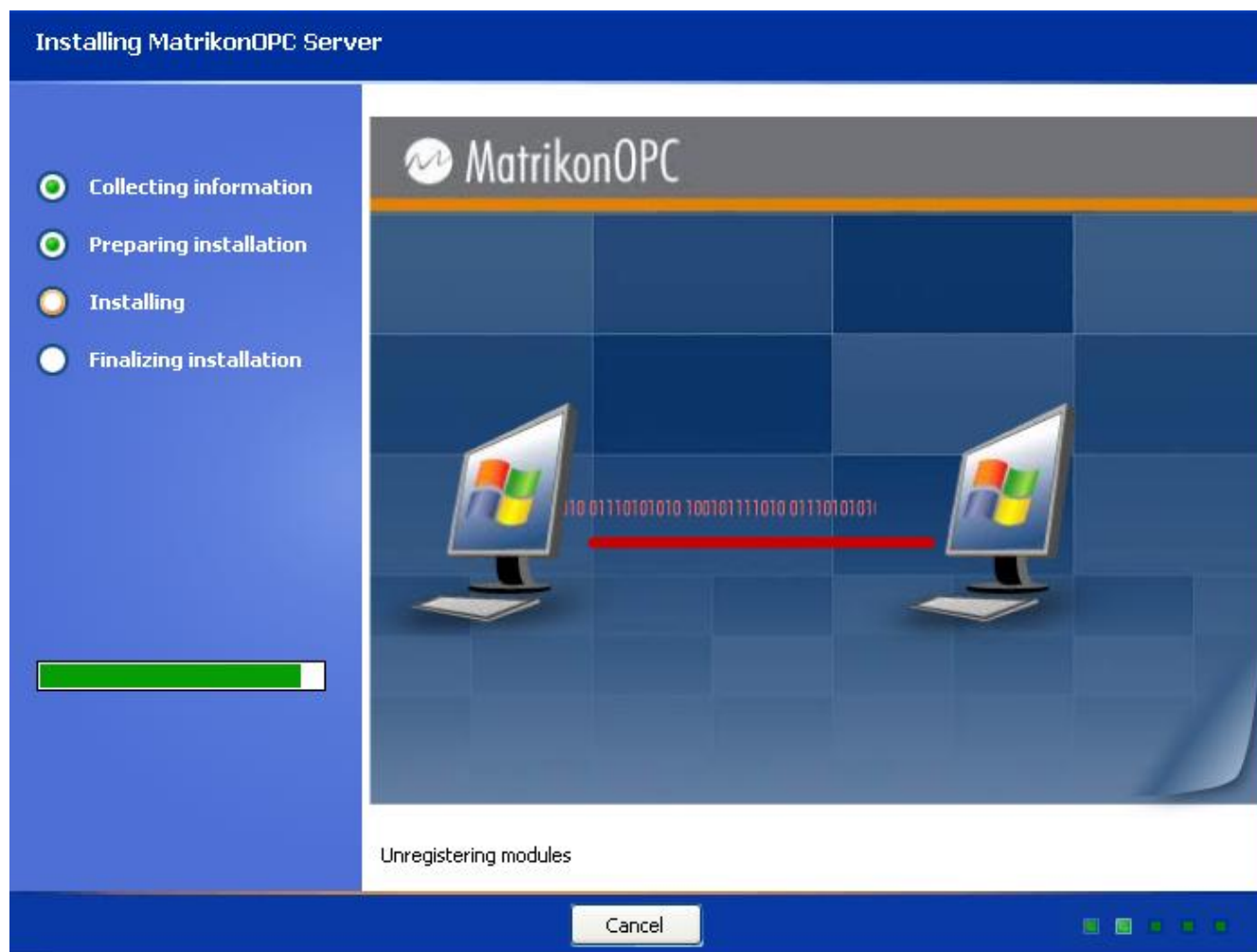


Figure 76 - Installing MatrikonOPC Server Screen

20. When the installation has finished, the **MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs Setup Complete** screen (Figure 77) appears stating that the MatrikonOPC server has been successfully installed.

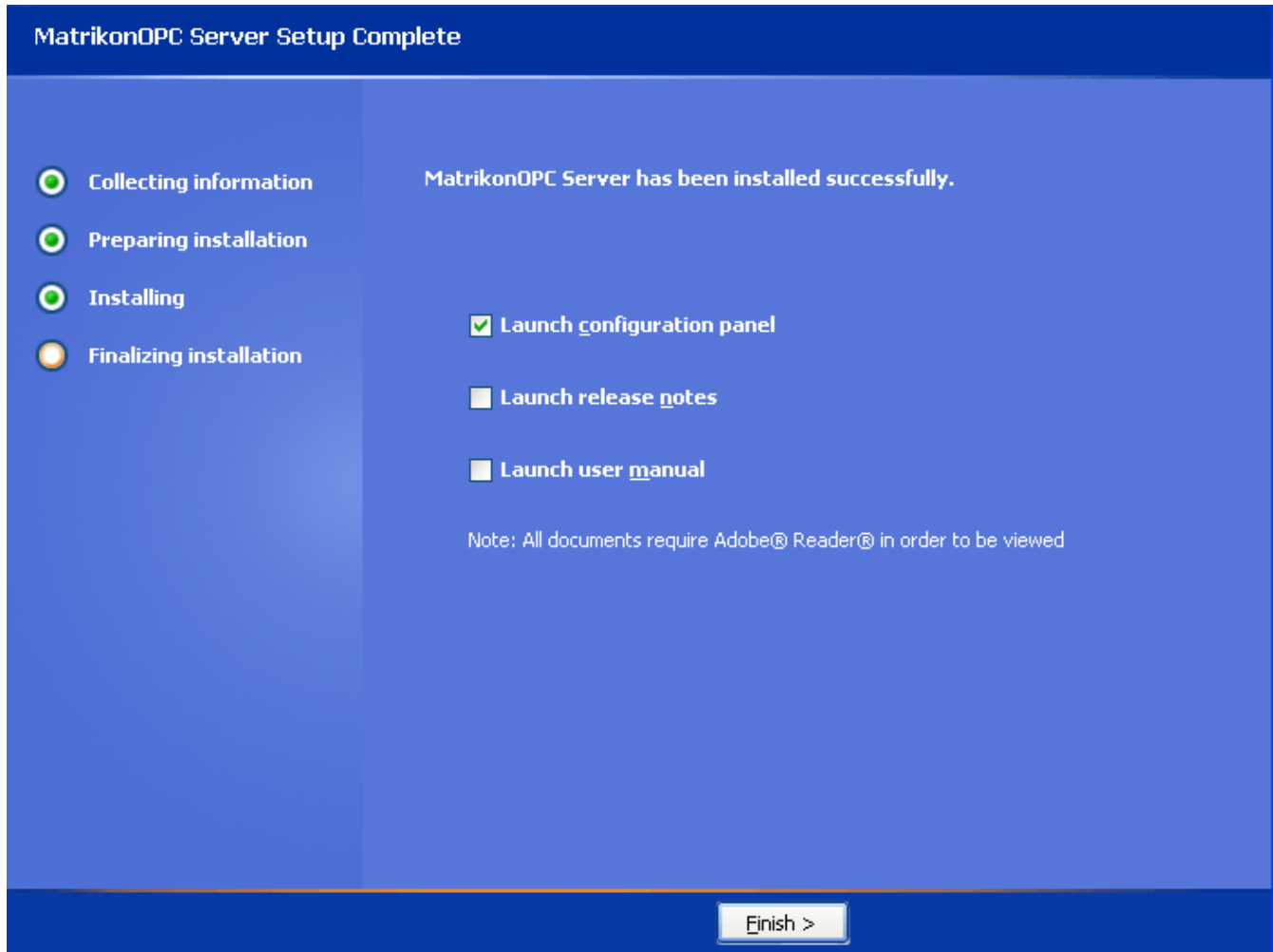


Figure 77 - MatrikonOPC Server Setup Complete Screen

21. At this point, you have the option of launching any or all of the following by selecting the necessary checkbox or checkboxes:

- Configuration panel
- *Release Notes*
- *User's Manual*

22. Click on the **Finish** button to complete the installation and exit the Wizard.

23. The necessary files have now been copied to the target computer, the software components are registered, and shortcut icons are created in the **Start** menu.



Note: At this point, it is recommended that you verify the DCOM settings. Reference to the DCOM configuration can be found in the **DCOM Manual**. This configuration varies for different operating systems.

Appendix I Installed Files

The installation program copies all necessary files to the target computer and creates shortcut icons in the **Start** menu.

The files listed in Table 61 are installed by default, in the following location:

C:\Program Files\Matrikon\OPC\MitsubishiPLCs

File Name	Description
ACL.sec	Access control list containing users and permissions configured for the server.
ACLSecure.exe	Command-line security utility used to encrypt/decrypt the ACL file.
Altova.dll AltovaXML.dll CalcEngine.dll CalcEngineResource.dll CalcEngineServerPS.dll CalcEngineWrapper.dll CalculationGraph.dll clipsdll.dll dbghelp.dll icudt40.dll icuin40.dll icuuc40.dll log4cxx.dll lsapiw32.dll NetPortalQueryServerPS.dll ProcessNetDataDelivery_u.dll RmsApiProxy.dll Scheduler.dll ScriptLibrary.dll Xerces-c_2_8.dll	Calculation Engine binary files.
OPCMitsubishiPLCs.exe	MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs executable.
OPCMitsubishiWiz.exe	MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs Configuration Wizard.
Licensing Procedures.pdf	<i>Licensing Procedures</i> document.
MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs Release Notes.pdf	<i>Release Notes</i> for this product.
MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs Quick Start Guide.pdf	<i>Quick Start Guide</i> for this product.
MatrikonOPC Mitsubishi PLCs User Manual.pdf	This <i>User's Manual</i> .
ProgID.txt	Security information file used by the encryption utility.

File Name	Description
PSTCFG MitsubishiPLCsLib.ocx	ActiveX configuration panels.
security.cfg	Security settings.

Table 61 - Files Installed in "MitsubishiPLCs" Folder

The files listed in Table 62 are installed by default, in the following location:

C:\Program Files\Common Files\MatrikonOPC\Common

File Name	Description
OPCAalyzer Logs\	Logs generated by MatrikonOPC Analyzer.
ACLConfig.exe	MatrikonOPC Tag Security Configuration Utility that configures tag-level security in MatrikonOPC servers.
EULA.pdf	License document.
OEM_Matrikon OPC.dll	MatrikonOPC OEM Badge Library.
OPCAuto.dll	MatrikonOPC Automation Component – enables developers to access OPC data from client applications developed using Automation tools such as <i>Visual Basic, VBA, and VB Script</i> .
opcda20_auto.doc	MatrikonOPC Automation Component Interface Standard
OPCDAAuto.dll	MatrikonOPC Automation Component – enables developers to access OPC data from client applications developed using Automation tools such as <i>Visual Basic, VBA, and VB Script</i> .
opchda10_auto.doc	Developer documentation for the HDA Automation Component.
opchda_ps.dll	The proxy-stub file to allow OPC Clients to make remote connections to an OPC HDA server.
OPCHDAAuto.dll	MatrikonOPC HDA Automation Component – enables developers to access OPC HDA data from client applications developed using Automation tools.
PSTCFG.exe	Matrikon Product Configuration Utility.
PSTCFGBasicInnerLayerLib.ocx	Server ActiveX configuration panel.
PSTcfgps.dll	Matrikon Product Configuration Marshalling Library.
PXPComfigps.dll	Matrikon Product Configuration Library.

Table 62 - Files Installed in "Common" Folder

The files listed in Table 63 are installed in the **WINDOWS\system32** folder:

File Name	Description
EXPREVAL.DLL	Expression Evaluation Library for Alias Equations.
OPC_AEPS.DLL	OPC Alarms and Events 1.0 Interfaces Marshalling Library.
OPCBC_PS.DLL	OPC Batch Custom 2.00 Proxy/Stub Library.
OPCCOMN_PS.DLL	OPC Common Interfaces and Marshalling Library.
OPCDXPS.DLL	OPC Data eXchange 1.00 Proxy/Stub Library.

File Name	Description
OPCENUM.EXE	OPC Server List Component.
OPCHDA_PS.dll	OPC Historical Data Access 1.20 Proxy/Stub Library.
OPCPROXY.DLL	OPC Data Access 2.0 and 1.0a Interfaces and Marshalling Library.
OPCSEC_PS.DLL	OPC Security 1.00 Proxy/Stub Library.
ACTXPRXY.DLL	ActiveX Interface Marshalling Library.

Table 63 - Files Installed in "system32" Folder

Appendix J Un-Installation

To successfully un-install MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs, using the **Add or Remove Programs** from the Microsoft Windows **Control Panel** is recommended.

To un-install MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs:

1. Click on the **Start** button and highlight the **Control Panel** item.
2. From the displayed menu, select **Add or Remove Programs**.
3. The **Add or Remove Programs** window (Figure 78) is displayed.
4. Scroll through the list of currently installed programs and updates to find and select **MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs**.

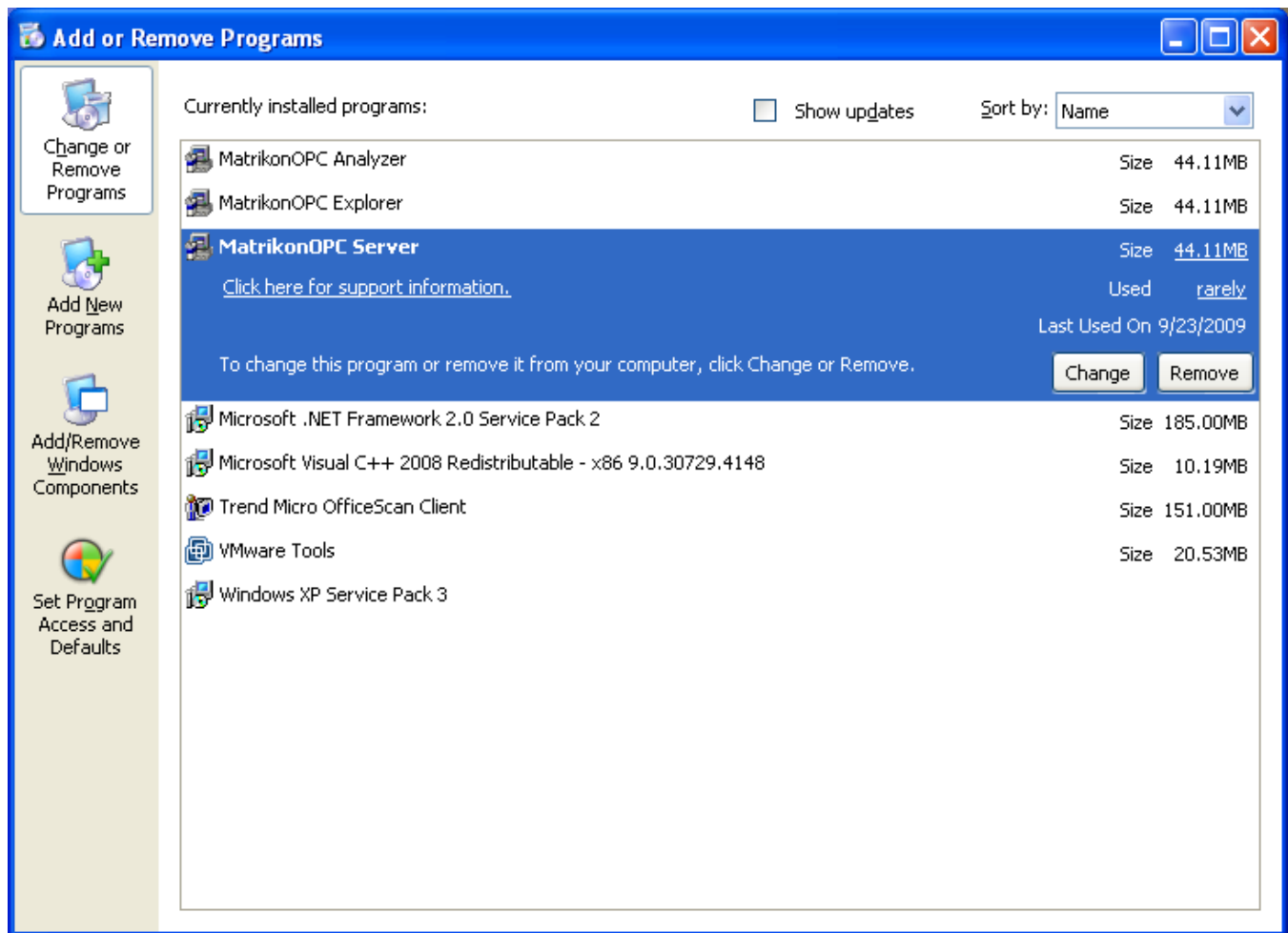


Figure 78 – Add or Remove Programs

5. Click on the **Remove** button associated with the MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs program to initiate the un-install process.
6. The **MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs – InstallAware Wizard** appears, and the **Welcome to MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs Maintenance** screen (Figure 79) is displayed.

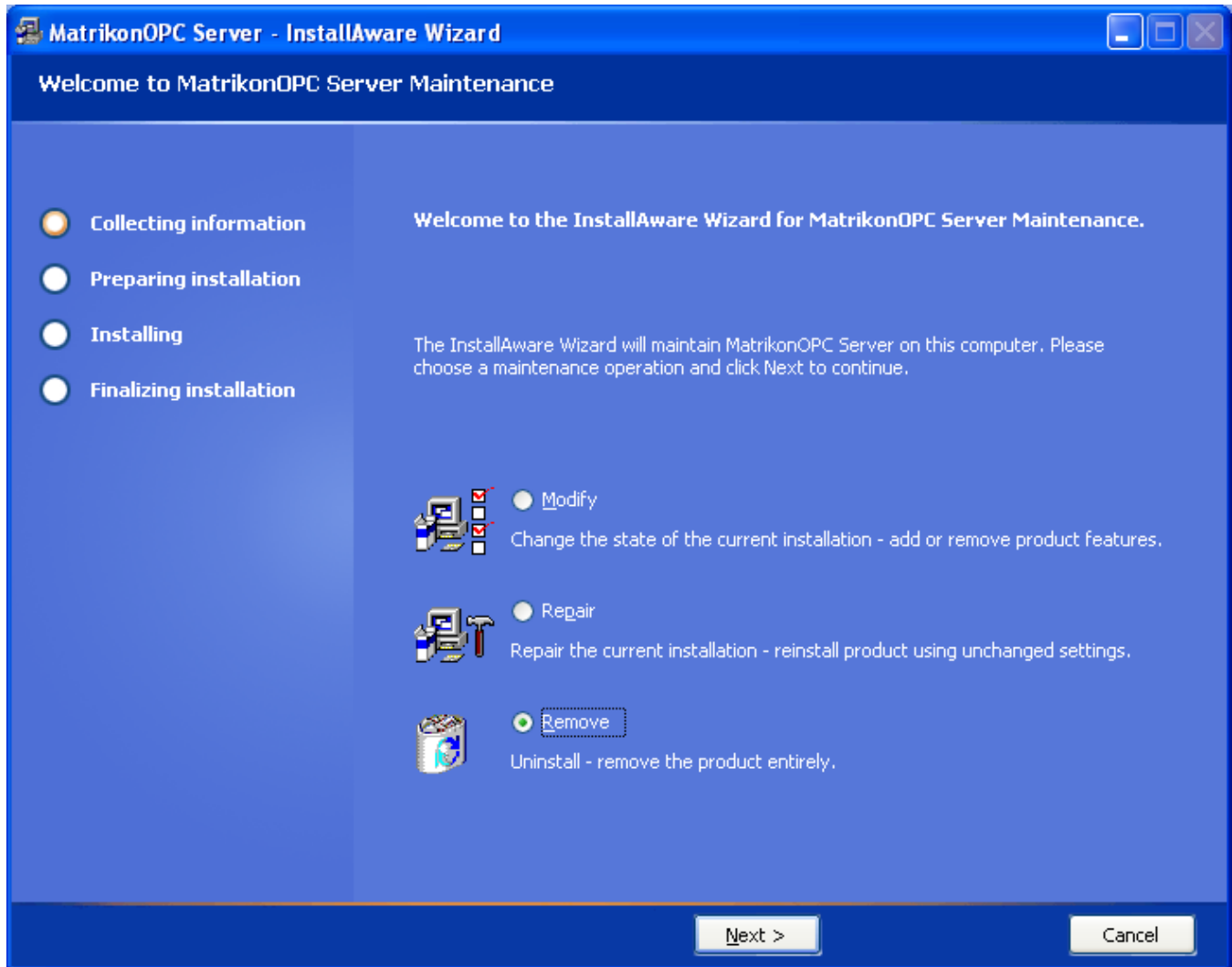


Figure 79 - Welcome to MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs Maintenance Screen

7. Select the **Remove** option button to un-install MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs entirely.
8. Click on the **Next** button. The **Ready to Uninstall** screen (Figure 80) is displayed.

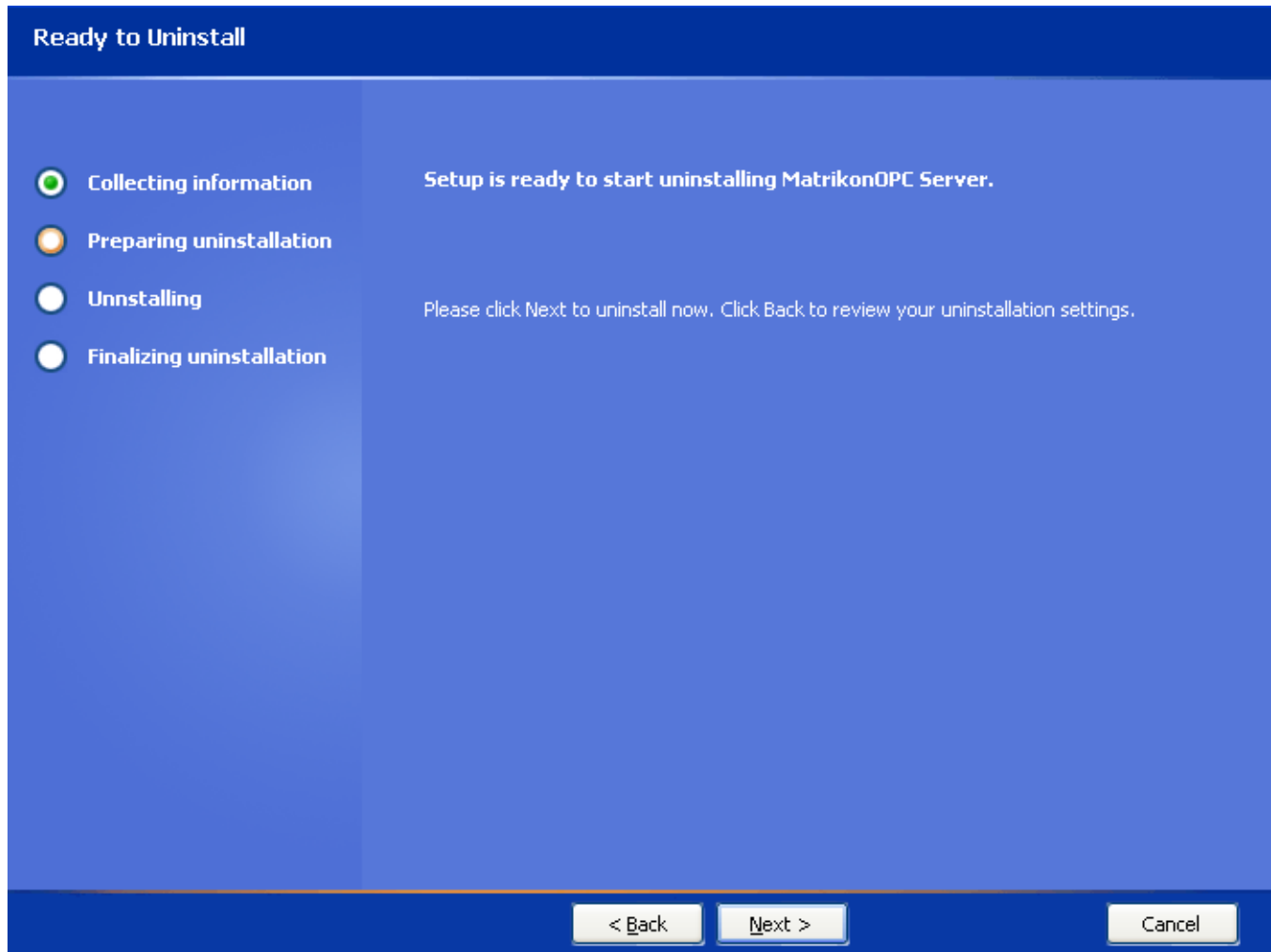


Figure 80 - Ready to Uninstall Screen

9. Click on the **Next** button.
10. The **Uninstalling MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs** screen (Figure 81) appears and the un-install takes place.

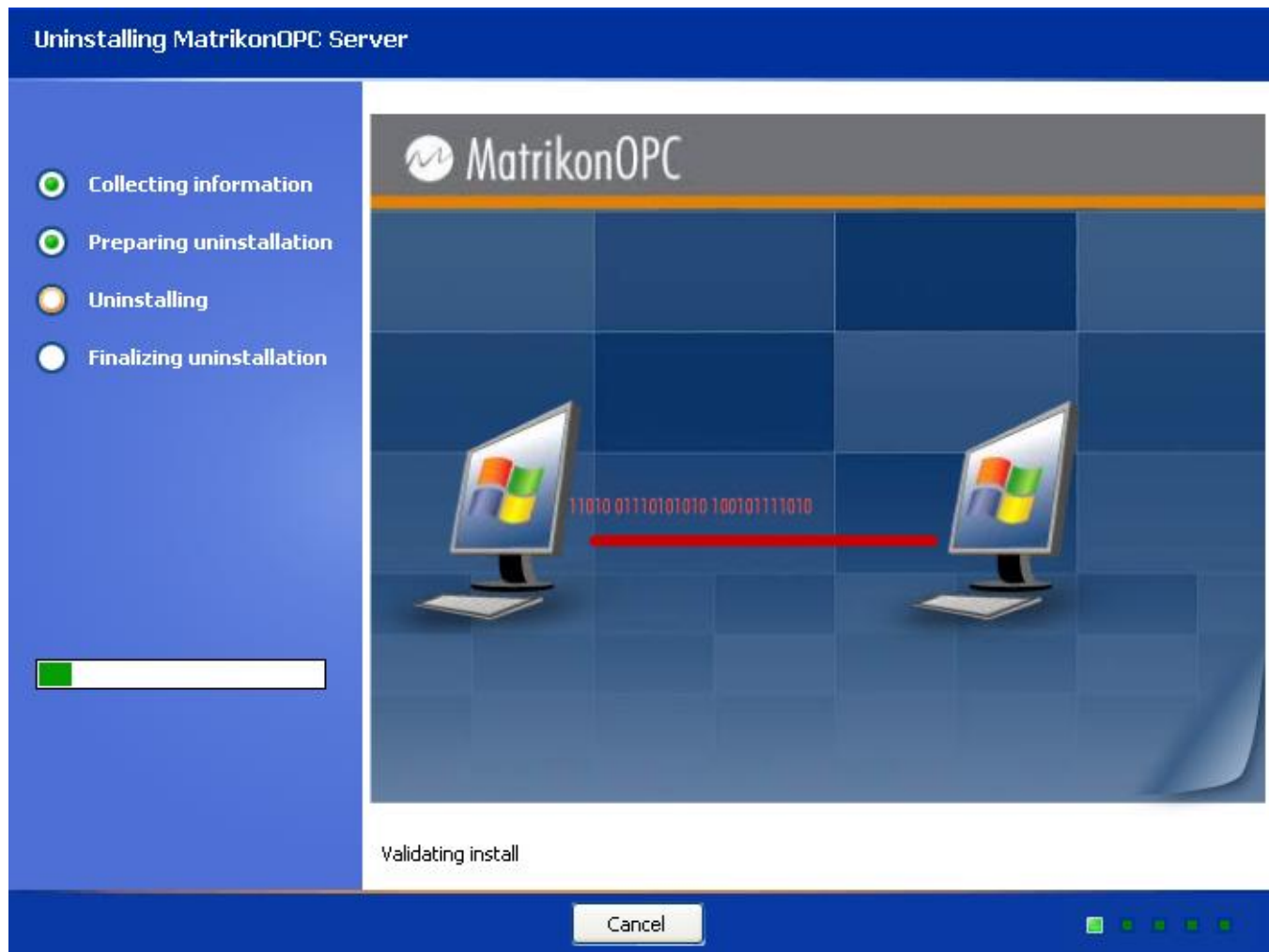


Figure 81 - Uninstalling MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs Screen

11. When the un-install has finished, the **MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs Setup Complete** screen (Figure 82) appears stating that MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs was successfully un-installed.

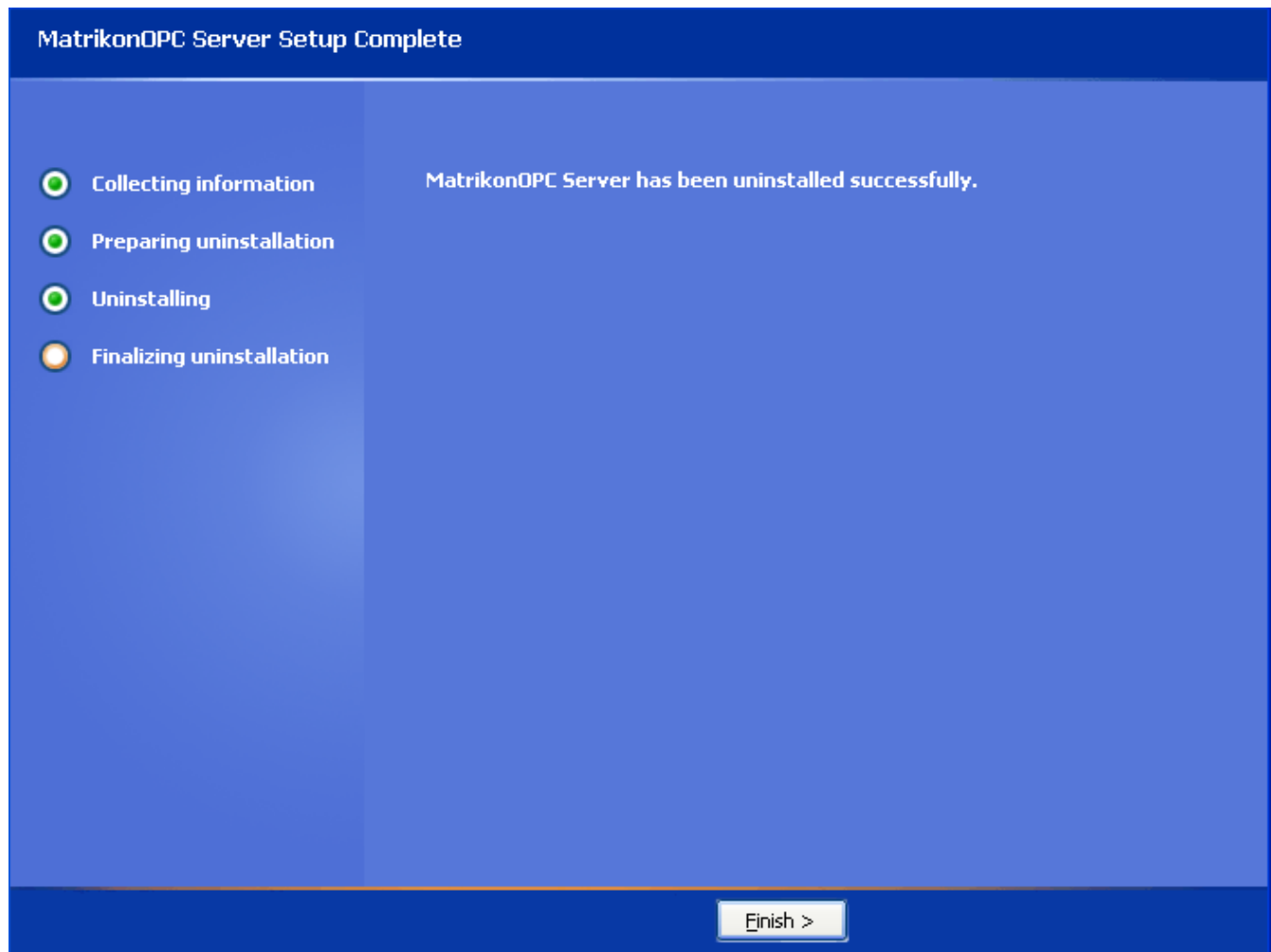


Figure 82 - MatrikonOPC Server for Mitsubishi PLCs Setup Complete Screen

12. Click on the **Finish** button to complete the un-install and exit the Wizard.
13. The program no longer appears listed in the **Add or Remove Programs** window.

Appendix K Mitsubishi NAK Error Codes

Code (Hex)	Meaning
00	Attempt to write during RUN with PLC "allow write during RUN" switch set OFF.
01	Parity error.
02	Checksum error.
03	Protocol error (invalid protocol format).
04	Framing error (Stop bit wrong).
05	Overrun error (new message started before previous message finished).
06	Read Location or Length error, or Data Not Available (can occur when trying to read a register that does not exist).
07	Non-hexadecimal characters detected in hexadecimal locations, or inappropriate characters received in other sections.
08	Buffer memory cannot access PLC CPU.
0A	Invalid PLC Number.
10	Invalid PLC Number.
11	Comm module received garbled message from PLC CPU.
12	Special functional module designation, number, or position wrong.
13	Program step number designation error.
18	Remote Run or Stop disabled on PLC; cannot execute these commands from computer.
20	MELSECNET communications accessed; but MELSECNET failed.
21	Special function module data bus error or module failure.
31	Invalid command for this CPU type.
32	Cannot access the designated device on the MELSECNET.
40	Error in MELSECNET/10 communications.
41	MELSECNET/10 communications to the PLC are OK, but error accessing the CPU on the target PLC.

Table 64 - NAK Error Codes